



Supplemental Guide to 2020-2021 Open Contests for Poets and Judges
"Musts and Shoulds" for May 2021

Deadline: May 15, 2021
Sponsor: Melanie Eulberg
Theme: Haikuartet
Form: Traditional Haiku (set of 4)
Line Limit: Exactly 12

MUSTS:

- Each entry must contain 4 haiku, related by a theme
- Each haiku must be composed of three lines
- Each line must have a syllable count of 5/7/5
- The haiku lines must not rhyme
- The haiku set must be focused on images from nature
- The haiku set **must be titled**

SHOULD:

Each haiku should include two juxtaposed images

EXAMPLE: on following page

Seasons of Haiku

Snowflakes falling soft
weigh down old forsythia
into a dark creek

A sudden spring wind
ruffles the cherry blossoms
scattering sparrows

Breathless heat today
no breeze in rose garden but
petals fall softly

Under harvest moon
fallen leaves go hop-scotching
over sidewalk cracks

~ Marilyn C. Blinn