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In honor of the fine work submitted to the 2014 TLP Haiku Chapbook Competition, we have selected a handful of poems that we most enjoyed and have made them available for you in this free e-book.

The 2014 TLP Haiku Chapbook contest was won by Chad Lee Robinson, of Pierre, South Dakota, for his entry, [*The Deep End of the Sky*](#). His poems convey a sense of daily life on the North American prairie and take us deep into the heartland of America.

In 2016, the Haiku Society of America named [*The Deep End of the Sky*](#) a Merit Book Award Winner.

We hope that you will enjoy this wide cross-section of haiku.

Rick Black
Publisher

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S.M. Abeles
Washington, D.C.

the first bite
is all I want
wild pear

a grown man
on a swing . . .
nightfall

Ludmila Balabanova
Sofia, Bulgaria

family album . . .
lights of a passing train
in the night

Modern Haiku, Autumn 2009

Brett Brady
Haiku, Hawaii

winter diner—
the smell of oxtail soup
and wet wool

David Cobb
Essex, England

a new neighbour
and a good beginning
his lost ginger cat

Aubrie Cox
Louisville, Kentucky

country church
forget-me-nots
between the floorboards

[Out of Translation, Kattywompus Press](#)

toys
my father couldn't fix
summer rain

black water bayou
whispering names
of old gods

Margaret Dornaus

Ozark, Arkansas

endless rain . . .
mother's silver beginning
to tarnish

The Heron's Nest, 16:3, September 2013

Andrea Eldridge

Claremont, California

the fly
flying with us
no longer a local

Bottle Rockets, #31

Lois J. Funk

Manito, Illinois

whisper of rain
ladybug shells spill
from umbrella pleats

Duro Jaiye

Hirakata, Japan

lonely dinner—
the saxophone solo
joins me

P.M.F. Johnson
Minneapolis, Minnesota

chocolate
his eyes follow her wrapper
to the floor

Frogpond, Spring/Summer 2008

Michael Henry Lee
Saint Augustine, Florida

winter solitude
rethinking the church
of my choice

Chen-Ou Liu
Ontario, Canada

winter rain
I fall asleep
holding myself

A Hundred Gourds, June 2013

budding lotus
when did I become
who I am

Frogpond, Winter 2013

Kate MacQueen

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

freeze warning
the young widow drapes
tender plants

David McCann

Cambridge, Massachusetts

the old hotel
at the sand's edge—
five days of August rain

K. J. Munro

Whitehorse, Canada

at the wake his dog
searches room after room one
person another

Kathe Palka

Flemington, New Jersey

winter shadows—
the whirl of starlings
through empty rooms

paper wasp, Spring 2012

Joan Prefontaine
Cottonwood, Arizona

bark beetles
in the Ponderosa pine
these gnawing doubts

Tinywords, Winter 2013

dementia unit
the old therapy dog
remembers everyone

Frogpond, Winter 2013

Chad Lee Robinson
Pierre, South Dakota

at
the
deep
end
of
the
sky
prairie

meadowlark—
all you'll ever need to know
about sunrise

stars at dusk:
the tractor's radio
crackles

The Deep End of the Sky

Alexis Rotella
Annapolis, Maryland

Fig Newtons
an offering to Buddha
and the temple mice

Between Waves, Red Moon Press

Donald Skrivseth
Minneapolis, Minnesota

on the tent wall
a cicada leaves
its past behind

Max Verhart
Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

sleepless night
for the tenth time I win
the same fight

Julie Warther
Dover, Ohio

fall diagnosis
the dahlia bulbs remain
in the ground

Haiku North America Anthology, 2011

this side of the pane
the wind nothing
but swaying treetops

A New Resonance 9, 2015

sun-soaked chrysalis
the effort
no one sees

The Heron's Nest, Spring 2014

Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff
Dubuque, Iowa

late summer
walking . . .
into our shadows

Haiku Moment, 1993

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