

A Haiku is a traditional Japanese poem written to a specific pattern. Each haiku is made up of three lines. The first and third line have 5 syllables each and the second (middle) line has 7 syllables. Altogether, a haiku usually has 17 syllables. See the examples below.

Beautiful sunrise (5 syllables) *beau – ti – ful – sun -rise*
On a warm summer morning. (7 syllables) *on a warm su – mmer – mor – ning*
I wait for day's start. (5 syllables) *I – wait - for - day's – start*

Rosy coloured sky (5 syllables)
On a cool summer evening. (7 syllables)
Glorious sunset. (5 syllables)

Picking up pebbles (5)
Or seashells strewn on soft sand (7)
Pure relaxation. (5)

An acrostic poem spells out the name of the poem's subject with the first letter of each line. Mr Graham has written one about the summer the season of summer below.

Solstice sun climbs slowly into the midday sky.

Under a leafy canopy of trees, I find cool shade.

Meadows full of flowers sway in the warm breeze.

Moths flit and flutter by the lights.

Evening sky turns pink, red and then a lingering blue.

Relaxing under the stars, I breathe the cool night air.