

Either-Or Haiku Editing Alternatives  
Fall 2024

Abby Wilken, Fall 2024

taking a video  
makes the moment  
last forever

OR

does taking a video  
make the memory  
last longer?

•

moving schools  
this time  
a new me

OR

moving schools  
new place  
new me

•

Katelyn Wendt, Fall 2024

dancing with her little feet on his toes  
he blinks  
and spins the bride

OR

dancing on his toes  
his little girl  
in a white dress

•

slow steps to the door  
memories  
loaded in a truck in the driveway

OR

frozen in the doorway  
some memories  
can't fit in the truck

•

Charlie Armstrong, Fall 2024

studying  
page after page  
the more I look the less I know

OR

studying  
flipping page after page  
the more I look the less I know

•

frustrated mumbling  
my desk has heard  
every word

OR

frustrated mumbling  
my desk hears  
every last word

•

Ava Zukowski, Fall 2024

the eagle tries to fly  
with clipped  
wings

OR

clipped wings  
the eagle  
tries to fly

•

petals tickle  
her ankles  
pasture of tulips

OR

she walks  
through a pasture of tulips  
ankles tickled

•

Bella Palermo, Fall 2024

childhood bedroom  
tattered stuffed animal  
growing pains

OR

chartreuse walls  
tattered stuffed animal  
growing pains

•

prairie grass grows taller  
I have watched you  
go with it

OR

prairie grass grows  
as you  
grow with it

•

crossed fingers  
stronger than prayers  
only in this home

OR

only in this home  
crossed fingers  
stronger than prayers

•

Caroline Arnold, Fall 2024

the sounds of summer  
driven away  
by a school bus

OR

a school bus  
driving away  
the sounds of summer

an apple a day  
got sick  
anyway

OR

eat an apple  
each and every day  
get sick anyway

•

Charley Condill, Fall 2024

stars and stripes  
blowing peacefully in the wind  
freedom

OR

stars and stripes  
rippling in the wind  
freedom

•

train horn  
sounds of the world  
becoming my nature

OR

train horn blares  
the worldly sounds  
become my nature

•

Gracie Shaffer, Fall 2024

wintertime blues  
snowbirds packing up  
chasing the warmer weather

OR

wintertime blues  
in need of  
warmer weather

OR

wintertime blues  
vitamin D  
needed

•

sun sets earlier  
kids coming inside  
less fun to be had

OR

sunsets  
mom calls  
for dinner

OR

shorter days  
more inside play  
to come

•

sun shining  
rain clouds arise  
mood reflects

OR

sky darkness  
puffy clouds  
begin to cry

OR

rainy day  
it's a lazy day

•

Aubrey Diedrich, Fall 2024  
(use - Randy Brooks pair)

all the girlfriends  
sleepover from college  
not much sleep

OR

all the girlfriends  
home from college  
late night gossip

•

Dan Mungons, Fall 2024

look up into night  
see  
nothing

OR

I look up into night sky  
and see

nothing

•

tern circling  
I follow his dive  
from my earthbound perch

OR

tern circles the lake  
I watch his dive  
earthbound

•

Maliyah Battle, Fall 2024

one fork, spoon, and bowl  
a daily routine  
to fill me up

OR

college fork  
all alone  
on a night shift

•

caught  
with a hook  
at least I'm home

OR

hooked and pulled ashore  
yet somehow  
I drift back home

•

grandma's fancy plates  
look, don't touch

OR

grandma  
and her fancy plates  
look, don't touch

•

Izzy Jones, Fall 2024

introverted thoughts  
I put on a smile  
As I walk into the crowd

OR

crowded room  
my smile  
hides my introverted thought

OR

the introvert's frown  
inside of me  
masked by a smile

•

step after step  
I tell myself  
just one more mile

OR

seems like a lifetime  
I push on  
Just one more mile

OR

one more mile  
I chant  
to myself

•

Lily Moore, Fall 2024

in my childhood bed  
the mirror reveals  
a 20-year-old

OR

arising from my childhood bed  
a 20-year-old  
revealed in the mirror

•

doing homework  
the background music  
shit talk

OR

shit talk  
the background music  
for homework

•

Matt Kordesh, Fall 2024

teeth jail  
I break lockdown  
for jollyrancher

OR

tooth jail  
jollyrancher  
risks breaking lockdown

•

porch lights  
illuminate cracks  
to step over

OR

stepping over  
moonlit cracks  
tomorrow saved

•

Dayton Lasack, Fall 2024

windows down  
radio off  
listening to the music

OR

listening to the music  
windows down  
radio off

•

voices silenced  
the setting sun  
demands our gaze

OR

the setting sun  
silences  
the crowd

•

Melis Barutcu, Fall 2024

midnight  
used to feel  
so late

OR

midnight snack  
used to be  
a secret mission

•

in darkness  
headlights interrupt  
a tender moment

OR

late night  
a tender moment  
interrupted by headlights

•

Natalie Mase, Fall 2024

Sunday  
a small grain of sand  
in the hourglass

OR

Sunday  
the hourglass  
runs quickly

•

walking the path  
good advice  
from friends

OR

good advice  
friends set me  
on the right path

•

Rachel Nott, Fall 2024

twenty percent tip  
the homeless man asks  
for spare kindness

OR

leave a twenty dollar tip  
don't look the homeless man  
in the eyes

•

continents drifting  
afloat and away  
old friends

OR

continents shifting  
the friend  
I used to have

•

painting a picture  
the last time I saw you  
no seatbelt

OR

the last thing you saw  
I told you  
to wear your seatbelt

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