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The poet on poetry:
If they paid me
I couldn't afford to do this

Asked to read haiku,
He declined; when pressed,
said, "OK, but they'll have to be short"

A Haiku Set

Where do they go
All those Covid memories
Of sadness, grief, woe?

Down a black hole
As anonymous numbers
The nightly news' toll tells

Tens of thousands dead compare
The war on Vietnam
Well how do we fare?

We need to make calls
End this man now
Lest this be how
Civilization falls?

When I die,
At the very least . . . I'll be done
I am thankful for that much

Story in the news:
Friend says, "What will Trump do?"
I say, "Make it worse!"

((I)nvest)(men)t
At Stalingrad mil(lions) fell
The t(o)lling still tells

The old NAZI says,
"I had to laugh . . . their children
Holding our flag"

Haiku From This Time

We saw them
Titanic muscular clouds
Lightning flashed there were eyes

The artist's collection
The portfolio on the dunes
Pieces set out abandoned

When tears fall
And memories flicker
Who are you? Who?

Sidewalk the scape up from a line
The knee-high blossoms
A cirlet of pink petals

Star field spectacular
In reflection
On a watery low tide's strand

White House dilemma
Compare a First Responder to
the Worst Responder

Sadness overwhelms
A heart's call simple tears
say it all as they fall

Oceanic horizon
The lone island's form
Near in, ranks of whitecaps

Mayflies backlit
((There)) in shifting pentangles
Above the red rock outcrop

Beyond the pond
Rings of glistening ripples
Unseen fish hunt

One thing I know
About this world's ending . . .
No one will see it coming

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Name one
Whom the empires of the past
Cannot lay claim upon . . .

Their legacy
Their souls cannot rest in peace
Upon their very words

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BlueKluxKlan
Strikes again and again
But—speak to me of justice

K(n(o))w
(J(((U)S)))t(ice)
K(now)
Peace!

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Time
Always tells
So
Don't ever
Kiss time

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