

## Haiks I Like

20 Sep 98 (Jon)

quiet girl on train  
suspicious of my glance  
as I am of hers

25 Sep 98 (Wenyi)

thinking of hurtling on a dark expressway  
to somewhere still so distant  
that I don't have to think about it

26 Sep 98 (Val)

one last sigh ties  
the feuded day  
as darkness falls into my eyes.

29 Sep 98 (Wei Hsin)

smell of september  
skies are exhausted remnants  
half-eaten mooncake

29 Sep 98 (Wenyi)

was sure of my lover  
but now gone  
a matter of hours

30 Sep 98 (Jon)

a warm clasp  
lingering a little longer than usual  
sets my mind imagining sweet causes

01 Oct 98 (Wenyi)

mooncake had yesterday nice  
also feel like eating bak kua  
house don't have...

09 Oct 98 (Wenyi)

feeling sad and lonely  
but don't have anything to be sad about  
such a lousy kind of melancholy

14 Oct 98 (Wei Hsin)

it is autumnal  
falling leaves make my head bow  
with relief and sleep

22 Oct 98 (Wenyi)–Chee Wai

a little ponderance  
spent guessing at your silence  
hoping you like the haikus

26 Oct 98 (Val)

spent the pre exam day lazing/  
like throwing a million dollars way/  
it sure felt good.

03 Nov 98 (Jon)

out of a long tense silence he leaves a message  
speaking his need in pauses, nervous  
my heart fills with remembered love

16 Nov 98 (Wenyi)

i imagine haikus on small strips of paper  
strung using needle and thread  
like a wind chime in the wind

17 Nov 98 (Porcs)

i refuse to be consumed  
by a smell and a grin  
but given and never possessed.

18 Nov 98 (Porcs)

soft hard inside  
crimson of me on cream  
giggle then laugh touches.

27 Nov 98 (Wenyi)

seized by the affliction of computer gaming  
sleepless nights but feeling alive  
the simplicity of a fight i can actually fight

01 Jan 99 (Wei Hsin)

clouds have disappeared  
into slumbering raindrops  
eyes closed, I dream well

12 Jan 99 (Wei Hsin)

to sleep, perchance to  
dream; dim nightmares of dying  
I wake to twilight

19 Jan 99 (Wei Hsin)–for all actors

midwinter is bleak  
but the barest stage breathes life  
when we bare our souls

30 Jan 99 (Wei Hsin)

to hell with it all  
I'm not here to make your day  
get out of my life

04 Feb 99 (Wei Hsin)

i do love nothing  
in the world so well as you  
is not that strange

14 Feb 99 (Jon)

we played at jelly connoisseurs  
judging smell, taste and colour  
we are silly with those we love

21 Feb 99 Sunday morning (Wei Hsin)

I expect too much  
I suppose, sending e-mails  
expecting replies

27 Feb 99 (Jon)

surprise email from one i dream of  
leaves me flushed and tingling  
no sleep tonight then

03 Mar 99 (Wei Hsin)

everyone's busy  
working at living a life  
I let my life go

a chinese flute plays  
the song begins and I cry  
still loving, waiting

nothing, for a while  
have I written, a blank sheet  
the poem writes me

20 Mar 99 (Jon)

you waved as the bus started  
and didn't stop till it turned out of sight  
you took my heart with you

11 Mar 99 (Denise)

the wet road  
i look up  
a drizzle

think of rain  
i look up  
a drizzle

radio thinks of rain  
i look up  
a drizzle

because of the outside  
because i want to  
i look up

25 Mar 99 (Wei Hsin)

just closing my eyes  
see the darkness, hear the sounds  
forget I exist

02 Apr 99 (Jon)

we jigsawed thru the night  
both returning to carefree days  
when life weighed less

06 Apr 99 (Denise)

no space  
between raindrops  
tonight

14 May 99 (Wei Hsin)

door open all day  
morning came and noon walked off  
night - and still nothing

15 May 99 (Wei Hsin)

pinnacle of doubt  
I'm always second-guessing  
forever unsure

17 May 99 (Wei Hsin)

she scolded "chee bye!"  
faces around were aghast  
i secretly cheered

17 May 99 (Porcs)

same place behind the counter  
invisible me scrutinizes  
invisibles yous

21 May 99 (Jon)

did I love you most before, during or after  
or now, when I realise  
it isn't over; just on pause

01 Jun 99 (Denise)

aching  
like a lemon  
citrus joints

21 May 99 (Val)

(london)  
a lonely person you are -  
with many sides -  
you are beautiful and stoic

## Gifts of Haik

02 Oct 98 (Jon) - dedicated to Tiffany

distracted girl of whimsy  
suddenly delights with heart-wrenching acting  
she surprises me always

*Date: Sat, 17 Oct 1998 00:32:28 +0800 (SGT)*  
*From: voon yi thean <splash@letterbox.com>*  
*To: Tiffany Wee <art51158@leonis.nus.edu.sg>*  
*Subject: Re: haiku*

*Tiffany, i wrote these all at the same time. if i send all on the same day, it'll be bad for the exchange. if i break them up and send one each day, you'll be able to tell they are from the same moments. but i just want someone to hear them, ..for me the feeling is like the last haiku here.*

*wenyi*

15 Oct 98 (Wenyi)

so what if i'm something  
or if i'm nothing  
except happy

i look into myself  
finding nothing  
to be

i desperately want to console  
that there isn't meaning to life  
by trying to live it

what is self worth  
when nothing is real  
except when there are other people

18 Oct 98 (Wenyi)–For Tiff

at a turning point  
you got in  
so i know how to go

20 Oct 98 (Wenyi)–For Tiff

the comfort of a best friend  
locked in a warm embrace  
and both in thought of you

04 Nov 98 (Wenyi-private)

i lie naked  
listening to thunder  
smelling the wind

23 Jan 99 (Jon)–for Tiff

rush of sweet and sour sentiments  
strung trembling across silent days  
welcome back, friend

23 Jan 99 (Wei Hsin)

hi there Tiffany  
scrolling down your haiku list  
let me catch my breath - !

23 Feb 99 (Jon) - for Tiff

hearing vague murmurs of heartache  
long to be there for her  
does she need a friend ?

23 May 99 (Jon)–to Tiff

thanks for picking up the dream  
you caught it deftly, both-handed  
and waved it with that ge2 ming4 smile

28 May 99 (Wei Hsin)–for the CHINKS group

strange how we're still here  
show after show after show  
and i'm the new guy

30 May 99 (Jon)–to the Chinks team

dinner and madness together  
i smile and look forward to  
more of the same

31 May 99 (Jon)–to the Chinks team

another wall rises  
another tank to be faced  
by we intrepid dissidents

31 May 99 (Wei Hsin)–for Tiffany

me hooked on theatre?  
no one's filed a complaint yet  
just rolling along...