## INTRODUCTION TO HAIKU

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Haiku is one of the shortest forms of verses in the world literature. It is composed of mere 17 (5-7-5) syllables yet expressive of deeper meaning and immense sensibility that create in the readers' minds inexpressive joyous emotions. The examples are from Matsuo Basho (1644-1694). The Bengali versions are approximate translations based on English edition of Makoto Ueda's work entitled, "The Master Haiku Poet-MATSUO BASHO" with a view to acquainting the Bengalees of the Indian sub-continent in a way that suits the Bengalee emotions. The explanatory notes are also by Dr. Bakshi

We take pleasure in presenting the following Haikus in a trilingual form:

In Japanese Araumi ya Sado ni yokotau	English Tr. The rough sea- Extending toward Sado is	Explanatory No Small ego is submedile in the vastness of the	erged विक्क সমূদ
Amanogawa	The milky way.		সুদ্রে ছায়াপথ।
Yuki o matsu Jogo no kao ya Inabikari.	Waiting for the snow, Wine lovers' faces- A flash of lightning.	The poets yearn for wir since snow is their favo subject for writings	विवास गाएवस व्यक्तिका
Kareeda ni Karasu no tomarike Aki no kure	On a bare branch A crow is perched- Autumn evening.	Strong feelings of solit is aroused in the mind	
Umi kurete- Kamo no koe Honokani shiroshi		In the midst of vast exp of Nature, the poet's Loneliness is expressed	oanse সমুদ্রে ভরছে অন্ধকার একটি বুনো হাঁসের ডাক যা অস্পষ্ট শুদ্র।
Michinobe no- Mukuge wa uma ni Kuwarekeri	Blooming by the lane A rose mallow- and it has be Devoured by the horse!	Life's changeabil aspect is expresse through a nice in	d এবং তাতে ফটে থাকা গোলাপ
Horo horo to Yamabuki chiru ka Taki no oto	Quietly, quietly, Yellow mountain roses fall- Sound of the rapids.	A deep silence in desolation is the Feeling of the poe	নিঃশব্দে অচঞ্চলভাবে হলুদ পাহাড়ে ফোটা গোলাপ t ঝরে পড়ছে
Furuike ya Kawazu tobikomu Mizu no oto	The old pond- A frog leaps in, And a splash.	CHVIIOIIIICIII	জলপ্রপাতের শব্দ। পুরাতন পুকুরটিতে IIঙ্ পড়ল লাফিয়ে
Tsuki sumu ya Kitsune kowagaru, Chigo no tomo	How serene the moon! I escort a handsome youth Frightened by a fox's howl	howl frightens the পাওয়া এক সুদর্শন যুবকের	
Shiragiku no Me ni tatete miru Chiri mo nashi	A white chrysathemum- However intently I gaze, Not a speck of dust.	A strange peace in the serene mind of the poet	রক্ষী সংগী আমি। একটি শুদ্র চন্দ্রমলিকা যতই গভীরভাবে নিরীক্ষণ করি না কেন
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