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The Haiku Emporium

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# INTRODUCTION

This collection is a gathering of words chosen for their precision; their uniqueness; the way they illuminate the natural world. Some are scientific terms, some are from old traditions, some from weathered landscapes or long-travelled cultures. Each one holds a small spark that might shift how we look, listen, or notice the world.

Think of the Emporium as a labyrinth of shelves in an curious old shop: bottles, shells, seeds, fragments of stone glinting in the light. Items whose use is not explained but, perhaps, sensed. Each entry offers just enough to open a door; the rest is left for the poet to explore.

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The words here are not presented as instructions, but as invitations. They are prompts for inquiry, stepping stones to awareness, and companions for the moments when language says something to us individually that connects us to everyone else.

Above all, let them guide you toward attention - the first duty of haiku, and the beginning of any poem.

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# SPRING AWAKENS

- Kakizome - The first calligraphy of the year in Japan.
- Lesser Celandine (*Ficaria verna*) - A star-shaped yellow flower, one of spring's earliest signs.
- Yuzu Bath - A solstice ritual bath using floating yuzu citrus for health and protection.

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# SUMMER RADIANCE

- Estío - Spanish for midsummer, peak heat.
- Katydid - A leaf-green insect known for rasping summer-night calls.
- Nyctinasty - The nightly closing of certain flowers.

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# AUTUMN'S QUIET

- Bell Barrows - Circular Bronze Age burial mounds, shaped like shallow domes, softened by grass.
- Brume - A faint autumn fog or haze that softens outlines.
- Samhain - Ancient Celtic festival marking the end of harvest. From Old Irish "Samain."

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# WINTER'S STILLNESS

- Brinicle - A descending underwater icicle of supercooled brine.
- Hoarfrost - Feathery crystals forming when vapour freezes onto cold surfaces.
- Rime - Rough ice from freezing fog on branches or stone.

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# BIRDSONG AND FLIGHT

- Chelidonian - From chelidōn (“swallow”); relating to swallows or a soft spring breeze accompanying their return.
- The Bobolink - A meadow songbird with a bubbling, musical call.
- Vireo - A small, greenish songbird with clear repetitive notes.

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# FLOWERS AND PETALS

- Hellebore - A late-winter/early-spring bloomer, sometimes called the Christmas rose.
- Hedge Woundwort - A purple-flowered plant traditionally used for wound care.
- Pasiflora Stars - A poetic name for the passionflower's filamented bloom.
- Sorrel - A small woodland plant with clover-like leaves and pale veined flowers; mildly sour. From Old French "surele," meaning "sour."

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# ANIMALS, INSECTS AND SMALL CREATURES

- Mourning Cloaks - Butterflies emerging early in spring with dark, yellow-edged wings.
- Smeuse - A small gap in a hedge used habitually by rabbits or hares.
- Hibernacle - A winter retreat or shelter used by animals such as bats, insects, reptiles, and some mammals during periods of cold or dormancy.

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- Spacer Eggs - Infertile turtle eggs laid among fertile ones as protective spacers.
- Spiny Cholla - A cactus whose barbed joints shelter birds and insects.
- Thrasher Nest - A domed nest made of twigs and grass, hidden deep in shrubs.

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# TREES AND LEAVES

- Burl - A rounded, patterned swelling in wood grain.
- Madrone Trees - Evergreen trees with peeling red-orange bark and white blossoms.
- Rambutan Tree - A Southeast Asian tropical tree producing hairy red fruits.
- The Rib of a Leaf - The central vein distributing nutrients and water.

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# EARTH AND STONE

- Cirque - A bowl-shaped mountain hollow carved by glaciers.
- Erratic - A rock moved far from its origin by glacial ice.
- Petroform - Arrangements of large stones used for ceremonial or navigational purposes.

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- Scree - Slopes of loose rock fragments at the base of cliffs.
- Talus - Rock debris accumulated at a steep slope's base.

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# SKY AND CLOUDS

- Aurora - Atmospheric light displays from solar particles.
- Crepuscular - Relating to twilight or animals active at dawn/dusk.
- Komorebi (木漏れ日) - Sunlight filtering through tree leaves.
- Penumbra - The lighter edge of a shadow during an eclipse.

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# WIND AND STORMS

- Gyre - A large spiral movement of water or air.
- Harmattan - A dry, dust-heavy wind from the Sahara across West Africa.
- Mistral - A cold, forceful wind descending the Rhône Valley into the Mediterranean.

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# WATER AND RIVERS

- Freshet - A rapid rise in river level from rain or meltwater.
- Seiche - A standing wave oscillating within a lake or bay.
- Vernal Pool - A temporary spring pool used for amphibian breeding.

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# CITIES AND PATHWAYS

- Möbius Strip - A one-sided surface symbolising infinity or return.
- Torii - A Japanese gate marking entry into sacred space.
- Via - Latin for “way, road.”

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# COASTS AND CROSSING-PLACES

- Estuary - Where river meets sea, mixing fresh and salt waters.
- Shore Lantern - A light used historically to guide boats to land.
- Tidemark - The visible line left by the tide's highest reach.

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# VALLEYS AND HINTERLANDS

- Dingle - A deep, narrow, shaded valley or dell.
- Holloway - A sunken, ancient path worn down over centuries.
- Wold - An upland, gently rolling open landscape.

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# CELEBRATIONS AND RITUALS

- Shankha (शंख) - A sacred conch used in Hindu ceremonies.
- Tanabata - A Japanese star festival marking the meeting of Orihime & Hikoboshi.
- Kintsugi - The Japanese practice of repairing broken pottery with lacquer mixed with gold, silver, or platinum, treating breakage as part of an object's history rather than something to hide.

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# TRADITION AND WISDOM

- Bantu Knots - A traditional African hairstyle formed from coiled knots.
- Ògún - Yoruba deity of iron, metalwork, and war.
- Pandit - A learned scholar in Sanskrit/Hindu philosophy; source of “pundit.”

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- Hu Mantra - A sacred chant used to express love and gratitude to the Divine; “Hu” is understood as an ancient name for God and is sung or hummed to cultivate inner peace and spiritual awareness.
- Compresence – The state of being present together; the way qualities, moments, or people coexist in the same place or time, held in relation rather than isolation.

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# WORK AND DAILY CRAFT

- Winnowing - Separating grain from chaff using wind.
- Shuttle - A tool passed through warp threads in weaving.
- Threshing Floor - A flat surface for separating grain from stalks.

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# PART VI: ART & EXPRESSION

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# VISUAL ARTS AND MAKING

- Celadon - A pale green, jade-like ceramic glaze.
- En plein air - Painting outdoors in natural light.
- Sumi-e - East Asian ink wash painting using minimal strokes.

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# SOUND, VOICE NAD MOVEMENT

- Taiko - Japanese drumming tradition combining rhythm and movement.
- Cantillation - Ritual chanting of scripture.
- Mudra - Symbolic hand gesture used in dance and ritual.

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# TEXT, INK AND SYMBOL

- Shinrin-yoku - Japanese “forest bathing”; contemplative immersion in nature.
- Kakizome - The first calligraphy of the year.
- Glyph - A carved, written, or symbolic mark.

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- Saijiki – A traditional Japanese reference book for haiku, organised by season and containing seasonal words (kigo), themes, and example poems.

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