



The following renga was written by members of the British Haiku Society who were present at Japan Day. A renga is a set of conceptually linked poems in a three lines two lines pattern. You will see aspects of the day and thoughts inspired by its variety are visible.

The Five-inch Manga

autumn rain
in the railway cutting
the jay's blue

smooth from the scabbard
a gleam of steel

12.30
the watchstrap
beginning to fray

broken-backed
the five-inch manga

feeding time
the frenzy of
baby alligators

in the teacup
the circling ceiling fan

a shower of hail ...
the carousel horses
after the fair

the apple stuck
to its puddle of toffee

high mountain tarn
corrugated
by a thin wind

an origami boat
drifting along

late in the day
a sliver of lettuce
falls from the baguette

around the new moon
emerging stars

morning light
poppies at the edge
of a field of wheat

the unfinished symphony
gets a smile