

Just Three July Anonymous Haiku
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skipping through the woods
picking mushrooms aplenty--
no poison tonight

fever-pitch of coyotes
lost in the new moon
. . . then silence

hypnotized by the screen
my body atrophies--
just one more email . . .

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(Haiku is a three line Japanese poetry form which does not have to be lined 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second and 5 in the third like the traditional English version. American haiku is more free form since we now understand that there are more syllables in the Japanese language and so there probably should be less syllables to keep it shorter, not longer in length.)