

AUTUMN HAIKU

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**no consideration
for star gazers
the full moon**

**only the "L"
lit in the "Luxury" sign--
recession**

**salmon clouds
cushion the change--
menopause**

**the last apple
on the tree--
mouth-watering**

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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.)