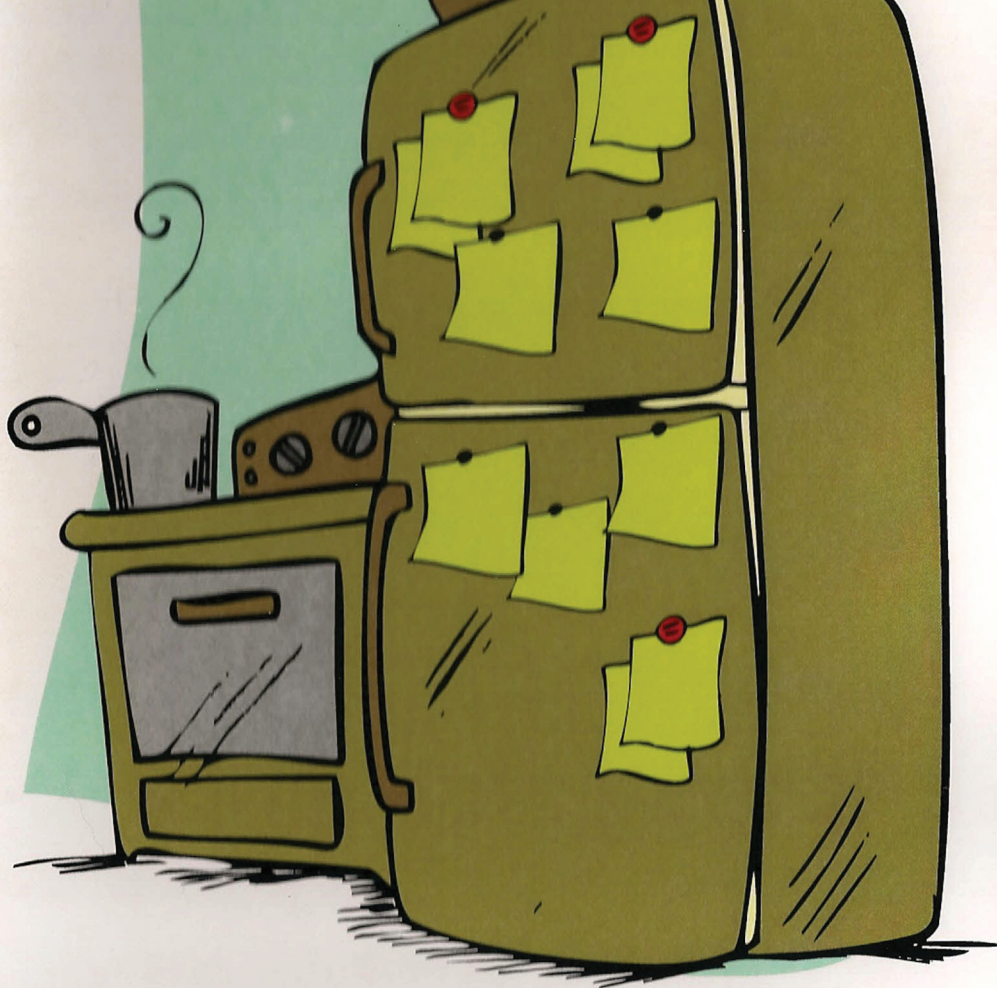


# Refrigerator Haiku

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*the street, cool now  
a cat rolling  
in moonlight*






rose garden  
sweat disables  
grandpa's hearing aid






**blackberry brier  
an old boundary post  
clawed by bears**



A series of four paw prints arranged in a descending diagonal line in the top right corner of the page.


pebble  
making ripples  
on the sun

A series of four paw prints arranged in an ascending diagonal line in the bottom left corner of the page.





big sky  
a pronghorn  
hops a fence






**rucksack  
in tall grass  
the scent of honeysuckle**







*the sunset clouds of August sixth*






*duckweed  
closes over  
the necklace*






*climbing in shadow—  
the canyon rim  
brightly lit*




carillon bells  
a wedge of cranes  
flying south






waning moon  
a squizzel  
gnaws a stone







*sunset chill  
a coyote withdraws  
behind a headstone*









**dawn frost  
she hauls the birdbath  
into the sun**





jagged scree  
a goshawk pierces  
the treeline






source of the creek  
a Kinglet's  
breeding song






late spring-  
footprints at the bottom  
of the creek





cloudless  
a bluebird  
stops its beak





coyote choir  
we wake beneath  
next season's stars



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Note: As a surprise gift for Christmas 2007, my wife Theresa had this little collection of haiku printed. The haiku were written on Post-It notes on our refrigerator — thus, the title. Some of the haiku had not yet been published but had been accepted for publication. Two, I believe, have never been printed elsewhere. Theresa had me write down the publication credits, although at the time I didn't know why.

We've given away all our copies but one. It was never supposed to be an "official" publication, but I sent a copy to Paul Miller, then book review editor of Modern Haiku, and not understanding my intention, he wrote a review of it for the journal, which led a number of readers to request copies and made its existence public.

The final haiku, "coyote choir," is also the final haiku of my first official publication, for Red Moon Press, distant vrga.

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