

# Pop Bottles

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for Jim Kacian,

Thank you for all the support you've  
given my work, and for putting me  
in the company of so many great  
poets.

Kindly,  
Chad Lee Robinson  
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long summer day—  
spoke by spoke the baseball card  
loses its rattle

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deep summer  
the dirty bottoms  
of bare feet

each throw  
the paperboy  
swerves a little



blazing heat  
the split ends  
of grilled hotdogs

lighting sparklers...  
the names of the dead  
linger on the air

summer nightfall:  
the tree house ladder  
still missing a rung

shady sidewalk  
the sound of pop bottles  
lightly touching

quietly falling  
from the barber's scissors  
a long summer



summer waters...  
the slack  
in each line

kick by kick the stone's shadow evolving

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*"blazing heat"* bottle rockets #12

*"deep summer"* Frogpond XXVIII:3

*"each throw"* bottle rockets #20

*"kick by kick"* NOON #3

*"lighting sparklers"* Modern Haiku 38:1

*"long summer day"* Acorn #14,  
Baseball Haiku (W.W. Norton, 2007)

*"quietly falling"* bottle rockets #20

*"shady sidewalk"* Snapshots #12

*"summer nightfall"* Acorn #14

*"summer waters"* Heron's Nest X:3



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Baseball Haku [W.W. Norton, 2007]

"quietly falling" bottle rockets #20

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