

# ***LOOKING AT SHADOWS***

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a peacock feather  
burnished by the hot June sun;  
the fowler's shadow!



lengthening shadows  
of the purple thistles  
fresco the wet barn...



lengthening shadows  
of the purple thistles  
fenced the wet barn...

WOMEN MATRU, 1976

my shadow falls  
on the river and at once  
the duckweed trembles...





a crayfish  
hugging the rock, part of  
its shadow.

*SPECIAL SONG, 1972*



lo, the circus dwarf  
once again contemplating  
his lengthy shadow...

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is, the circus dwarf  
once again contemplating  
his lengthy shadow...

MOORE'S BALLOON, 1875

on the courtyard wall  
a great winged shadow --  
moth and full moon.

*DRAGONFLY, A QUARTERLY OF  
HAIKU, 1973*

on the courtyard wall  
a great winged shadow  
--  
gave and fell down.

DRAGONFLY, A QUARTER OF  
HAIKU, 1975



an old brazil nut  
casts a triangular shadow;  
a few mice droppings...



a tire swing  
and its shadow on the snow - -  
not a breath of wind.

*DRAGONFLY: A QUARTERLY OF  
HAIKU, 1976*



shadows of the elms  
grow longer of the snow;  
we step over them.

*DRAGONFLY, A QUARTERLY OF  
HAIKU, 1976*





the whisper-soft flight  
of an owl above its shadow  
on the moonlit snow...



moving into darkness,  
my shadow hides from me;  
an owl cries "who" ...



moving day:  
the old homestead recedes  
into the shadows...

moving day:  
the old homestead recedes  
into the shadows...





