

## Haiku poetry

In Japan, they have replaced the impersonal and unhelpful Microsoft error messages with Haiku poetry messages. Haiku poetry has strict construction rules. Each poem has only three lines, 17 syllables: five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, five in the third. Haiku are used to communicate a timeless message often achieving a wistful, yearning and powerful insight through extreme brevity -- the essence of Zen.

### Haiku Poetry Error Messages

Your file was so big.  
It might be very useful.  
But now it is gone.

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The Web site you seek  
Cannot be located, but  
Countless more exist.

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Chaos reigns within.  
Reflect, repent, and reboot.  
Order shall return.

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Program aborting:  
Close all that you have worked on.  
You ask far too much.

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Windows NT crashed.  
I am the Blue Screen of Death.  
No one hears your screams.

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Yesterday it worked.  
Today it is not working.  
Windows is like that.

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First snow, then silence.  
This thousand-dollar screen dies  
So beautifully.

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With searching comes loss  
And the presence of absence:  
"My Novel" not found.

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The Tao that is seen  
Is not the true Tao-until  
You bring fresh toner.

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Stay the patient course.

Of little worth is your ire.  
The network is down.

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A crash reduces  
Your expensive computer  
To a simple stone.

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Three things are certain:  
Death, taxes and lost data.  
Guess which has occurred.

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You step in the stream,  
But the water has moved on.  
This page is not here.

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Out of memory.  
We wish to hold the whole sky,  
But we never will.

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Having been erased,  
The document you're seeking  
Must now be retyped.

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Serious error.  
All shortcuts have disappeared.  
Screen. Mind. Both are blank.

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