

FIRST PRIZE
\$100

crossing the lake
the nightly journey
of stars

Simon Hanson
Tasmania, Australia

SECOND PRIZE
\$50

first snow
he lightly brushes
her mastectomy scars

Pamela A. Babusci
Rochester, NY

THIRD PRIZE
\$25

where we cast
handfuls of his ashes
the leap of a trout

Alan S. Bridges
Littleton, Massachusetts

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

blackbird
she describes its flight
with her eyebrows

Steven Clarkson
Taupo, New Zealand

late summer
her foot swings
at a cloud's pace

Angela Leuck
Hatley, QC

november drizzle
smell of potatoes
being dug

Sharon Morrison
Montreal QC

cherry blossoms
mother sweeps away
her fallen strands of hair

Anh Khoa Ngo
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

custody battle ...
the zigzag edges
of my nail

Aparna Pathak
Haryana, India

first date
her chopsticks
pick air

Pragya Vishnoi
Uttar Pradesh, India

power outage
I begin to listen
to the rain

Joshua Gage
Pepper Pike, OH

the old farm ...
such a small place
for all that struggle

Irene Golas
Sudbury, Ontario