Eastside Literacy Tutor Support Student Handout - **How to write Haiku**

Haiku is a Japanese poetry form with a set number of lines and syllables. Haiku poems are concentrated and to the point, so every word must be chosen very carefully.

Here are some Haiku by ancient Japanese poets:

Without flowing wine How to enjoy lovely Cherry blossoms?

Faw Sin

An old pond! A frog jumps in-The sound of water.

Each Haiku should present a single picture or idea, often associated with a particular season of the year.

This is how you write one:

Line 1: Five syllables	No one travels
Line 2: Seven syllables	Along this way but I,
Line 3: Five syllables	This autumn evening.