

# HAIKU A DAY

Outside the window

A room which does not exist

Seen only at night

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I forgot to say something here last month, and only noticed after printing out 40 of these things. Damn brain, be less dum.

— Thomas

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Download this and previous HADs at the website, so you can print out your own (DIY, yeah!) or if you want me to send you one, send me your address, and maybe a stamp if you are feeling nice. Or send me something you've made — trades always appreciated, postcards are nice too.

1 January 2012

The bare cold new year  
Expectant, all before us  
Twelve months with promise

2 January 2012

Vow to eat oatmeal  
More fiber and nutrition  
These things fill my mind

3 January 2012

The bitter Hudson  
A torrent of cold air blasts  
Doors of a warm place

## Lentil Escarole Soup

Adapted from the *Post Punk Kitchen* website

You will need:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 med. onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 4 small carrots, chopped
- 1-1/2 c. green lentils, sorted and rinsed
- 1 14.5 oz can of peeled chopped tomatoes, low sodium
- 1 head escarole, washed completely, large stalky bits removed, chopped

*Note:* If you saved the liquid from a batch of Glorious Kale from last month, use it for part of the water in this recipe.

Sweat the onions, garlic and carrots in olive oil until tender. Add the lentils and tomatoes, and 9 cups of water (or sone). Bring to a boil, then simmer for 45 minutes. Add the escarole and nutritional yeast, cook for five or so more minutes.

Freezes well, tasty with croutons.

25 January 2012

Like a tie-dye flag  
Sharp color points in a row  
Pins on a push board

26 January 2012

An old man razor  
Is hard to find in this town  
The blades — everywhere

27 January 2012

How much paint? Or rust?  
What is the fire escape  
Really made up of?

28 January 2012

Window, just open  
In sneaks the breeze, curtain flits  
The wind is now seen

29 January 2012

Today I want cake  
And yet there is no cake here  
Where is the cake, man?

30 January 2012

In ephemera  
Are stories that history  
Needs to remember

31 January 2012

Glass of water full  
Covers pulled back, pillow fluffed  
Now it's time for bed

4 January 2012

Accustomed rumble  
At night, I hear the subway  
Lulling me to sleep

5 January 2012

You fool many folks  
With fake quote attributions.  
Always works. – Mark Twain

6 January 2012

Yearning for more sleep  
Stumbling through the day, only  
Wide awake at night

7 January 2012

Books of history  
Of cities I no longer  
Walk the streets of home

8 January 2012

A magic jar is  
Necessary if you want  
To store gumptions.

9 January 2012

Look at the toothbrush  
“How did it get here”, I think.  
Morning, too early

10 January 2012

The battery, weak  
The laptop, warning me it's  
Time to go to sleep

11 January 2012

Regular craters  
Containing a gooey mass  
Waffles, so perfect

12 January 2012

Raspy hacking cough  
Why haven't you left with the  
Rest of my damn cold?

13 January 2012

With Winter so weak  
I am done with it; crave Spring,  
And the warmth it brings

14 January 2012

A river of air  
Bracing, splashing off buildings  
Birds swimming above

15 January 2012

Starting a big list:  
"Things I Need To Get Rid Of"  
At the top: Old Socks

16 January 2012

A list of errands  
Running all over the place  
Glad when it is done

17 January 2012

Wind monsters howling  
Scream outside my apartment  
Trying to break in

18 January 2012

From the bookcase taunts  
*Calculus Made Easy* — and  
What I've forgotten

19 January 2012

Slowest train ever  
Trudging to 168  
Late to work today

20 January 2012

Standard Friday night  
Movie playing, on the couch  
Takeaway Chinese

21 January 2012

The ravine divides  
The place where I am from the  
Whiskey hot cocoa

22 January 2012

Productive cleaning  
The apartment tidied up  
Who the hell am I?

23 January 2012

Energy today  
But will it last the whole week?  
Only time will tell

24 January 2012

The dispatcher says  
Stay there for a little bit—  
Stand clear of the doors