

Three Raven Gate

Haiku & Other Poems

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*This book is dedicated to the unfathomable
Mystery that we all live in.*



HAIKU

WINTER

I
North wind of power
Winged creatures fly in presence
As winter rattles

II

Nature asks of trust

Go beyond the known, comfort

Birds trust air to fly



III

Water shifts to ice

Quantum change of properties

Change can be instant

IV

Winter darkness hides

Within shells, water houses

Light buries deeper

SPRING

XXVIII

South wind carries love

Four legged healing stories

Spring journey with drum

XXX

Birds release grasp, fly
Air supports dream of being
Descent to earth home



XXXI

Engage and Evolve
Conversation moves heart mind
Bird songs listening

XXXVIII

Blue Heron watches
Above fast moving water
Dreams passing under



Blue Heron watches

SUMMER

LVIII

Fire rises in East

Walking the truth of vision

Sing the authentic

LIX

Taking care of self

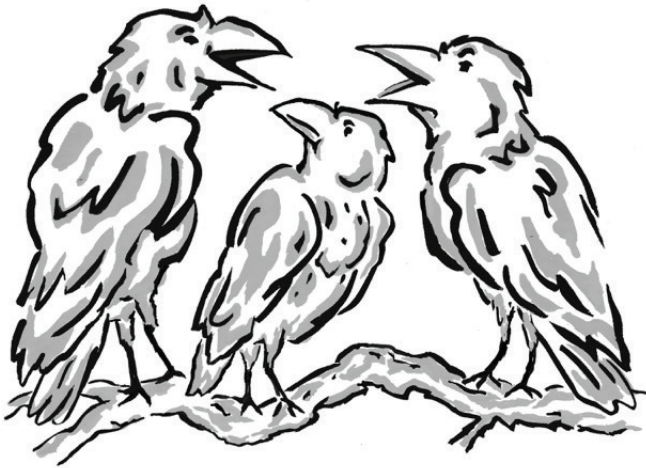
Open to loving kindness

Purring cat grooms self



Open to loving kindness

LX
Leadership is now
No hesitation for growth
Ravens trust the day



Ravens trust the day

AUTUMN

LXXXV

West wind of water

Opens outcome from silence

Of harvest wisdom

LXXXVI

The change of season
Adapting for survival
Turtles always home

LXXXVII

Cultural family
Supports new exploration
Albatross cliff dive

LXXXVIII
Hummingbird bridging
Joy from the past to future
Rainbows of nectar



Rainbows of nectar

OTHER POEMS

Raven Conspiracy

Opening my eyes to five Ravens,
outside my window.
Eyes closed, remembering a gift
a raven had presented years before:
witnessing a conspiracy of ravens, eighty feet up
in a redwood,
bantering back and forth, croaking, and cawing
their opinions.
Two ravens coaxing a third,
the appointed soul perched alone on a large horizontal.
Suddenly, it flapped, squawked and hung head down
from the branch.
More chatter until unexpectedly, seeking freedom
it let go...
I gasped, thinking of a falling child, not trusting.
That raven tucked like a speeding bullet,
dove headfirst, reached twenty feet above ground,
turned up into clear air, and giggled away.
Those aerobatic antics held in the imagination
of clear air,
leaving me in awe, grateful, a feeling of grace.
As I remembered my myth, the five came again
to continue the story outside my window.
Walking, hopping, and, being brushed away
by the wind,
scattered like leaves, imprinting...
the great letting go to trust the unseen.

About the Poet



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