

Buson

A MINI-BIOGRAPHY

# Buson--Life



- Born: 1716 near Osaka, Japan
- His idol was Basho, and followed his journeys as inspiration
- Considered a great painter as well
- Took pen-name Yahantei—same pen-name as his teacher
- Died: 1783

# Buson—Selected Works

- Books
  - *The Path of Flowering Thorn*
- Poems
  - *"My arm for a pillow"*
  - *"They end their flight"*



# Haiku by Buson

hototogisu / matsu ya miyako no  
/ soradanome

For the cuckoo I wait  
here in the capital beneath the  
vain skies of hoping

There's no loincloth  
on that butt blown in view—  
in the spring breeze

The evening breezes—  
The water splashes against  
A blue heron's shins.

Slung over a screen  
a dress of silk and gauze.  
The autumn wind.