



Sijo Poetry & Contest

Creative Writing



What is sijo poetry?

- ▶ Sijo poetry is a traditional three-line Korean poetic form
- ▶ It is related to haiku and tanka
- ▶ Each line has 14-16 syllables with a grand total of 44-46 syllables
- ▶ The first line introduces an idea or story, the second supplies a “turn,” and the third provides closure



A Couple of Examples

*You ask how many friends I have? Water and stone, bamboo and pine,
The moon rising over the eastern hill is a joyful comrade.
Besides these five companions, what other pleasure should I ask?*

Misty moonlight spills over the top of the wall
One or two paulownia blooms silently drop
My feet hesitate to go; I turn and look back



Contest Info

www.sejongculturalsociety.org/writing

- ▶ Submission Deadline: 29 February 2024
- ▶ Submit your poem online (website listed above)
- ▶ Only one submission per person—must be in English
- ▶ Prizes: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
- ▶ Friends of Pacific Rim Award--\$50