

HAIKU POETRY

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Atahualpa was killed with the gold. Antonio died without it.

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He used witch hazel and baby powder
And played Frank Sinatra songs.

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Dried olive roots centuries deep
Waiting for water to rise again.

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Gray clouds hang heavy and everyone sleeps
Alarm clocks never go off.

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The cardinal saw the cage in my back yard
And quickly flew away.