

How to Write a Haiku

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First:

Jot down a scene from nature you see in your head.

When I walk outside to my car I see the white petals falling off the tree and it looks like a snowstorm.

Second:

Organize the thought into three lines.

When I walk outside to my car
I see the white petals falling of the tree
And it looks like a snowstorm.

Third:

Get rid of the extra words and try to follow the Haiku format of 5,7,5 (syllables per line).

When I walk outside
Petals dancing in the wind
A snowstorm in spring

Fourth:

Add figurative language and more colorful vocabulary.

As I stroll along
petals waltzing in the breeze. (personification)
A snowstorm in spring. (alliteration)

