**Poetry Series** 

# Christina Chin - poems -

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## 7 Smiles

out in the garden I smile my neighbours peering I smile they look around I'm alone I smile they frown I smile they smile I smile we smile

## Alive

To me being alive means

I have another day

## All I Want For Christmas

All I want for Christmas

a roof firm bed the same food I have on my table

# As A Kid

The longest I stayed up as a kid was when I couldn't sleep

#### Awake

What's keeping you awake

haiga

## **Battery Dying**

here:brb friend:what is brb? here:be right back friend: ; 0 here:lol friend: what is lol? here:lots of love friend:huh? ? ?

#### Bazaar

Late night thought

Nan bread

## **Book Influence**

The book that influenced me the most is Make yourself happy I just made it up

## Books

Books are like

leeches

#### **Border Guard**

my master sits in the trench meditating they say he's the holy one and pass

#### Bow

Sometimes you just have to bow very low to rise

humility

# Day And Night

If days were the bed and night the blanket

Bed bound

## Early Riser

I woke up late today. Well it depends some think 4.00 am is early

# Facebook And Instagram

When Facebook and Instagram are down I google for solutions

#### Forecast Next Ten Years

Why? I don't know what tomorrow brings Let me live for the moment.

# Friendship

8 word definition of friendship

best friends are meant to be good forever

## Gogyoshi Mothers Day Gogyoshi Minimalistic

LOVE

I am my mother's s h a d o w

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L'AMOUR MATERNEL

je suis l'ombre de ma mère

Translation Soiz Paris

\* (In Japanese) ? ??

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Translation Anis Tanpopo

\* C I N T A

aku diriku adalah bayang I b u k u

Translation Anastasia Fanny Lioe

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Translation ??? Ying Ying Tan

## Haiku - Tanka I Wait For Nothing

I wait for nothing crows line the cables while unfinished food lace the neighbour's kitchen yard

#### Haiku A Letter

Dear Sun,

she lives with a broken hip and childhood in autumn fog

# Haiku Airport

airport rush in his wallet her driving licence

## Haiku Autumn Cicadas

the silence of autumn cicadas old couple

## Haiku Autumn Rose

a ray of sun touches her silken skin autumn rose

#### Haiku Awake

I'm in bed wide awake stars across the tree house canopy

# Haiku Be Happy

even if all the birds can fly and I can't

be happy

# Haiku Beauty

beauty the depth of wrinkles

#### Haiku Been Two Years

It's been two years since at this old sink we try to catch up

# Haiku Boundary

mindtakes you beyond boundaries

## Haiku Bouquet

fluttering butterflies First Valentine night's bouquet

## Haiku Broken Shards

When love walks out the door which is clear glass broken shards

# Haiku Bustling Village

market crowd vendors call out sardines sardines

# Haiku Cherry Blossoms

blank postcard of cherry blossoms the love letter she cannot write

## Haiku Childhood Smell

childhood smell grandpa's chutney and red waxed cement

## Haiku Christmas Wish

This Christmas bring me that wish in my heart L i g h t

## Haiku Coffee Morning

coffee morning missing an old friend

## Haiku Daughters Day

daughters out there...

fall, get up, dust off

grow up

## Haiku Day's End

the day ends water buffaloes leave the ploughed fields

### Haiku Dear Calendar

Dear Calendar, the colours of post-it note reminders

#### Haiku December

December sun feels like sips of cinnamon in mulled wine

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### Haiku Diamonds

his eyes rhyme with her fingers diamonds

### Haiku Dinner Invite

dinner in the sizzling wok crisp green kale

### Haiku Dream Poems

wrapped in a blanket poems in dreams I can't recall

#### Haiku Exams

exams I don't know where to start

### Haiku Fish Market

loud bargaining the seabass gasp

## Haiku Fishing

sudden adrenaline rush seabass totes the line

#### Haiku Friends

when friendship breaks look up a few stars fall

## Haiku Gardening

mowing the lawn avoiding parameters of goat's butt

### Haiku Grade 5

When I was in Grade 5 not a genius trying my best

# Haiku Grandparents' Teaching

my grandparents taught me I bow deeply

## Haiku Growing Up

hot spring bath your long legs make heads turn

### Haiku Home

my home smells like plum blossoms early spring

## Haiku Hospital Window

hospital window the clouds move s I o w I y

### Haiku I Start My Day

I start my day the alarm rings at 3 in the morning

### Haiku I Would Have Missed You

I would have missed you if you slowed down feeling numb

## Haiku If Only

if only I merge with the purest star enlightenment

### Haiku Insomnia

I'm in bed wide awake the pendulum's swing and chimes magnify

## Haiku Lights Off

lights are off on the bed cat's eyes glow

## Haiku Lotus ~ Art Haiga

November tempest lotus fades into next season

### Haiku Lunchtime

its lunchtime and cool

kitten snoozes under the dog's warm breath

# Haiku Magpie Song

sleeping buddha magpie song penetrates solemn chants

## Haiku Malaysian Civet Cat

midnight lone civet seeks company

### Haiku Marriage

three years married nothing left to tell each other

## Haiku Memory Loss Haiku

no more disk space grandma deletes all

# Haiku Midnight

the distant rumble of cargo train a barn owl hoots

# Haiku Missing An Old Friend

coffee morning missing an old friend

# Haiku Morning In A Train

drafts a stuffy train shuts its glass pane

## Haiku Morning Rain

I wake up to rollover sleep again morning rain

## Haiku My Day Starts

morning coffee aroma creeping into my bedroom

### Haiku New Year School Reopens

next week school reopens crowded stationery shop

# Haiku Night

in pjs my cat jumps on the bed and looks away

# Haiku Night Is Off

off to sleep wolf moon hovering the nightingale with a song

# Haiku Night Market

Wednesday night stopover has a night market mango season

# Haiku Old Age

she mumbles a piece of her mind old story

### Haiku Old Tenant

home is not for a day the old tenant returns

### Haiku Pillow Talk

clear the cluttered mind before lying down first haze of the year

# Haiku Praying Mantis ~ Kigo

moonbeams pierce the flitting moth a praying mantis

# Haiku Sanderlings

sanderlings run with the in and fade of the sound of waves

# Haiku Saturday

Saturday hummingbird chirps at the petunias

### Haiku Scouts Outing

burnt smell over a camp stove remedy giggles

### Haiku Sea

I think of sea red sun scrolls into dark horizon

# Haiku Shooting Star

shooting star I fumble for a wishtoo late

# Haiku Skiing

her speed carves the mountain slopes skiing

### Haiku Small Bird

a tune escapes her red throat small bird

# Haiku Snorkeling

snorkeling eye floaters or fish

# Haiku Spaceship Window

wish upon a star in one quick breath spaceship window

# Haiku Spring Moon

glowing ripples spring moon under the bridge

#### Haiku Stars

scooping stardust in her palms luminous planktons

### Haiku Storm Window

reflections insects hit the storm window

#### Haiku Tanka Life Is Too Short

amend before every sunset drop gratitude notes daily grab the next day by the horns ride to the sun

## Haiku Tanka Melting Moments

the door-bell rang you were at the door

a dewdrop clings to my eyelash melting moments

#### Haiku Tanka Sunrise

before sunrise kettle whistles a bird's song the smell of fresh bakes coffee's ready

### Haiku Tanka Tea

everytime I hear the word tea, in the highland plantation terrace cool breeze

### Haiku Tastes Of Home

homemade chutney mangos plucked from my tree

### Haiku Tea Or Coffee?

tea or coffee both add to my dental bills

### Haiku Ticket Wicket

wee hours parking booth attendant snores

### Haiku Toddler's Dive

toddler's first pool dive mother holds her breath

## Haiku Train

downhill locomotive whistles past daffodils

### Haiku Under The Stars

under the stars you and I far apart

# Haiku Village

fishing village the small price for big mackerel

### Haiku Wide Awake

wide awake alone with haiku

#### Haiku Window

outside the window an empty whisky bottle a loud snore

### Haiku Window Cleaner

the sky lift's torrid descent cleaner's six pack abs

#### Haiku Window Seat

window seat she asks where's the nearest toilet

# Haiku Windows Update

studying intently windows update bengal cat

### Haiku Winter Smell

glowing firewood an extra rich pie on the stove

### Haiku Yesterday

the year is gone live for the moment even this is passing

#### Haiku You

under the stars you and I anniversary

#### Haiku You Know You Are Old

each night train rumbles its old track I know which hour

## Home

My 4 word definition of home...

Nowhere like my own

#### Home In 8 Words

Home

is where the heart is home sweet home

### I Don't Feel Like

I don't feel like usually means tired

her once able body can't match the spirit

# I Grew Up

I have grown up in a house filled with spice and all things nice

# I Look At The Ceiling

I look at the ceiling and wonder

will sleep come

#### I Write Because

I write because

I like

### If I Have A Band

If I have a band I'd name it

#Strings

### If I Were A Teacher

If I were a teacher

I'd teach toddlers

## If My Life Is A Book

If my life is a book It'd be called Better late than never

## If Stars Have Eyes

If all the stars are looking at you

look back even the milky-way's far and faint

# Inspired

Nights that don't let me sleep are often

creative moments

# Introduce Myself

If I were to introduce myself I would write

you the doll of my class

## Leave Me Something

When you leave make sure

to sign the book of poems

### Leaving

Leaving you is like N e v e r E v e r

#### Letter To An Old Friend

Dear Old Friend I treasure memories of school with you

# Life Is

Sometimes, life is not about

winning

its contentment

### Loneliness Is

Loneliness sounds like Switching on chat notifications Looking out the window waiting for someone to ring the door-bell

# Looking For The Right Person

Looking for the right person is like

What's the problem

### Lotus Kigo

November tempest lotus fades into next season

#### Love In Nine Lines

fate or choice both isn't written on my love or fate line

I

chose him

#### Make Yourself Happy

The book that influenced me the most...

Make yourself happy I just made it up

# Malaysia's General Election

My best moment of 2018 was when...

winning May 9th general election

#### Miss You Like

I missed you like teapot and cups without handles

## Monday Morning Makes Me Feel Like

Monday morning makes me feel like

I'm blessed with new heights

## Monday Morning Quote

monday morning makes me feel I'm blessed with new heights

## Mondays

Monday morning makes me feel I'm blessed with new heights

## Morning

If the morning would speak it'd say

"you're early I'm thinking get coffee" ?

## Morning Activity

My go-to morning activity

surveillance

from a wooden hut beside the country road

# Morning Bed

My morning bed resembles

a made bed

# Morning Tea

Morning tea makes me relax

#### Mountains

Mountains are like

achievements depends whether I'm at the top or bottom

#### Music

whenever I hear music I drift into its mood

# My 9 Word Story

a stream of honks in the sky snow geese

# My Life

If my life is a book it'd be called Better late than never

#### **Never Met**

What would have happened if we'd never met?

Nothing.

#### **New Year Resolution**

This year, I will not stop writing. Think I just added one more new year resolution

### Night Pray

The night isn't over yet Pray it isn't another one of those

#### No One Listens

I got started with writing When on one listens I write

## Not Everything I Write Is

Not everything I write is

Ordinary everyday moments

### Once More

don't look back it's a new year

#### Peace

Sometimes, all I need is detachment

### Plans

Sometimes things don't go as planned.

Everything is ever changing

## Red

Red is the colour of

autumn

### Resolutions

This year, I will not

write resolutions only to forget it anyway

### Santa's Gift

if I were Santa I would gift light sound and spiritual wealth

# Say Sorry

What will you do if I stop talking to you?

Deep in my heart I want to say sorry

I will

### Season To Forgive

Tis the season to forgive

"People are often unreasonable and self centered FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY" Mother Teresa Quote

#### Sincere

If I were to think of one thing I like about myself, it would be

I am sincere No matter what I try

### Sincerity

I like those who know

sincerity is our greatest forever friend

### Sleep

I will not sleep more if

I'm inspired I don't sleep

# Sleep Collab

I sleep only when I'm calm

### Smile

Before I start my day, I look in the mirror and say

SMILE

### Smile Even If

Let today be the day I Smile Even if No one is L o o k i n g

# So Long

it's been so long but the child grown into a woman

#### Someone Leaves

Once someone leaves

no matter it will pass

# Something To Tell

I have to tell you something

I forgot what

## Sunday Night Civet Cat

Its Sunday night and I am grateful civet cat walks the phone cable

### Теа

Morning tea makes me Relax

#### Tea & Coffee

Life is best lived when

I can make tea and coffee all day long

### **Teachers Day**

My best teachers:

grandparents parents siblings relatives & friends

#### **Ten Years**

All the kids have grown in short ten years some have left the fold even those were kids I knew grown old

My heart thinks I am young That suits me fine

### **Ten Years Earlier**

If I was born ten years earlier

does it matter

# The Word Marriage

When I hear the word marriage...

I see money flying

# Third Eye

if our dreams became stars in the sky look within the third eye

## **Three Things**

3 things I do before leaving home every morning:

get up wash up drink up... three more please

# **Tonight's Sleep**

What's stealing your sleep tonight?

creativity

## Truth

Three Truths & One Lie

Or

Three Lies & One Truth

Am I reserved, flirtatious or frivolous

# Unpredictable

Why is life unpredictable

We predict wrongly

# **Usual Morning**

My favourite kind of morning is

the usual

## We Shouldn't Be Doing This

"We shouldn't be doing this"

"But why"

"There's something better"

### Wednesday Night

Wednesday night is the night There's a stopover at the night market mango season

#### What Can Happen Over Coffee

in a riverhe drowns his sorrows

In an unfortunate turn of events, the founder of #CafeCoffeeDay (more popularly known as #CCD), VG Siddharth took his life by drowning in a river.

CCD has been a part of our pop culture since time immemorial, hosting our first dates, investor meetings, marriage conversations or just sitting and writing. Apparently, VG had taken a lot of debts and there was a lot of pressure from investors to which he succumbed. Let us take a moment to remember and pay tribute to the founder of a brand that has been an integral part of our lives.

#### When

Let me know when But know there's a limit

#### When I Have Fever

When I have fever,

time for rest some quiet moments to reflect and heal my soul

#### When Words Fail

When words fail rule number one silence is golden

#### When Words Fail Me

When words fail me,

Sigh

#### When You Called

When you called I agreed life is too short

#### Wish

I wish to have the moon in a spoon. stars in a cup chimes in the wind robin magpie song angels all around

#### Wonder

I look up the ceiling and wonder will sleep come

# Wondering

I was just wondering

if there's a blackout...

#### Words

if I paid myself every word I spoke I won't get any richer or poorer

#### Year Of 2018

For me,2018 was the year of blessings baskets full of Christmas presents under the lit tree