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Jack Grapes: Five Haiku

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Jack Grapes is an award-winning poet, actor, playwright, and teacher. He's written two how-to books, *Method Writing* and *Advanced Method Writing*. He wrote and starred in *Circle of Will*, which ran for several years in Hollywood and won two drama critic awards for Best Comedy and Best Performance by an Actor. His most recent books of poetry are *The Naked Eye: New & Selected Poems*, *Poems So Far So Far So Good So Far to Go*, and *All the Sad Angels*. All his books are available from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Jack lives in Los Angeles with his wife Lori.

Five Haikus

Watching the asphalt,
I'm run over by a car.
I was six, moonstruck.

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I stop at the light.
The woman in the next car
almost married me.

*

All my life I have
counted syllables like this,
haikus of brief love.

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Let the poets know
that I was a meat eater
who liked haiku raw.

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Coal mines of my heart.
The canary dies.

It's time to get out.

*(These haiku are from his new book, **Wide Road to the Edge of the World**, a homage and response to Basho's **Narrow Road in the Interior**. Author photo by Alexis Rhone Fancher.)*

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