

Writing Biblical Poetry

Please select one of the following Psalms and turn it into a haiku – a 3 line poem with a syllable count of 5 – 7 – 5.

At this my heart trembles
And leaps out of its place.
Keep listening to the thunder of his voice
And the rumbling that comes from his mouth.
Under the whole of heaven he lets it go
And his lightning to the corners of the earth.
Job 37: 1-3

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
 from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
 my fortress, I shall not be greatly shaken.
Psalm 62:1-2

The glorious majesty of your splendor
Train my hands for battle
Days are like a passing shadow
My eyes greet each watch of the night
I arise at midnight to praise you
I remember your name at night
Let us exult and rejoice
He turns his ear to my call
Mountains skipped like rams
Tremble O earth at His presence
He touches the earth and it trembles
Wrap me in a robe of light
Make the wind a messenger
Make the clouds a chariot
You fashioned me in my mother's
womb
How good and pleasant that brothers
dwell together

Abounding in kindness
Eyes of all look to you expectantly
My drink is mixed with tears
The swelling sea
The surge of waves
Stubble driven by the wind
Arise arise
Sing joyously
A passing breath does not return
Like rain on a mown field
Jagged mountains are his dwelling
The meadows are clothed in flocks
Praise echoes from my joyful lips
I yearn like a parched and thirsty land
The world and its fullness are mine
The hills gird themselves with joy
I wait in silence

To my palate your word is sweeter
than honey

I fade away like the lengthening
shadow

He touches the mountain and it
smokes

My strength is drained

Raise a joyous shout

Stir my heart with gracious words

I ponder your great works

Your footsteps are unseen

They sing among the branches

Make my steps firm

Your mouth utters wisdom

The music of the lyre fills my days

Clap your hands