

Tanka 12

in memory of
the spring now passing
I drew
the long clusters of wisteria
that move like waves

Tanka 10

I do not know the day
my pain will end yet
in the little garden
I had them plant
Seeds of autumn flowers

Tanka 06

the bucket's water
poured out and gone,
drop by drop
dew drips like pearls
from the autumn flowers

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