

**First Things First**

my to-do's pile up  
saving the world, for instance  
but first, I must nap

finding cancer's cure  
preventing climate crisis  
must wait for my nap

I'll stop covid plague  
I'll save our democracy  
need to nap first, though

set priorities  
do most important things first  
right after my nap

loads of wood to chop  
I'm Paul Bunyan's equal, but  
first, sharpen my axe



Photo: The haikuist sharpening his axe (in Mexico pre-Covid)