

**This Is What I Do**

I no longer teach  
I am extremely retired  
I can pay my bills

career consumed me  
work's existential purpose  
left whimsy no time

now, I write haiku  
whenever my muse dangles  
a shiny object

observing my mind  
nature's awesome creation  
writing's basic tool

my pointless pastime  
pacifies my restless soul  
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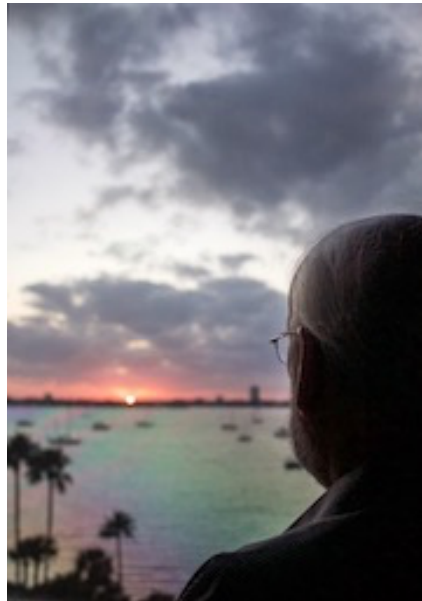


Photo: The haikuist at work

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