

The following 12 poems were selected to be published in the BCA  
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ADULT HAIKU SELECTIONS

lighting  
a peace candle  
at moonrise  
snow falling  
between temple bells

Pamela Babusci, Rochester, NY

In the deep mountain of Buddha-Dharma  
Loud recitation of nembutsu  
I want it to resonate deep inside of my heart

Noye Imamura, Half Moon Bay

My hands in Gassho,  
Namo Amida Butsu  
Work-worn hands say thanks!

Michi Mitani, Placer

Although I forget,  
Namo Amida Butsu  
Never forgets me!

Brian Nagata, Oakland

Even a whisper  
Na mu ami da butsu  
Felt from deep inside

Youko Yamasaki, Denver

Burning impatience  
Stilled by Amida Buddha  
Peaceful acceptance

Sharon Yokoi, Walnut Grove

BCA DHARMA SCHOOL SELECTIONS

Winter  
The snow is falling,  
Inside the fire is warm  
Winter is cozy.

Nicole Graham  
San Francisco Buddhist Temple

Buddha's around me  
He is inside of me, too  
Always guiding me

Lilia Ishihara  
Buddhist Church of Stockton

The rain falls swiftly  
Washing away all the stress  
Only peace remains

Ruvan Jayweera,  
So. Alameda County Buddhist Church

In the great moon light  
Quietness flows through the air  
And I am at peace

Brayden Nagata  
Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Shinran  
Harmony binds us  
Serenity surrounds us.  
Gratitude fills us.  
Virtues passed on by Shinran  
Which rest in each of our hearts

Stephanie Okamura  
Reedley Buddhist Church  
The quiet tree sits  
Waiting for the world to grow  
Feeling the peaceful wind  
Listening is the gratitude of the world  
And the stillness of nature

Tyler Toyota  
Reedley Buddhist Church

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