**Poemas de Morning Haiku – Sonia Sanchez.**

**Dance haiku**

1.

Do we dance

death in a fast lane

of salsa

2.

or minuet

death with an aristocrat’s

pointed toe (SANCHEZ, 2010, p.7)

3.

do we ease

into death with

workingclass abandon

4

or position our

legs in middleclass

laughter (SANCHEZ, 2010, p.7)

5.

do we swallow

death in a fast gulp

of morning pills

6.

or factor death

into prime years

in our throats? (SANCHEZ, 2010, p.8)

**7 haiku (for Ray Brown)**

1.

African bass

translating our

beauty

2.

hammering

nails into the

off... beat...

3.

walking

our eyes

water.

4.

hands

violinings us into

blue black waves

5.

ding ding ding (click)

dong dong dong dong dong (click)

dee boom (click) deebooom (click)

deeeee booooom (click)

6.

bass

transcending

old memory

7.

your sound

sweet perfume

on my thighs

**6.haiku (For Beauford Delaney)**

1.

(L’oiseau Charlie Parker)

I

An avalanche

of reds and pinks exploding

into jazz

II

this yardbird

wears ostrich feathers

no boundaries.

2.

(Untitled Watercolor)

Ragman

In Paris wearing

Harlem eyes.

3.

(Untitled)

How to dance

in blood and

remain sane?

4.

(“Lithograph Afrique)

Pink and green and

grey figures leap off the ship

bones line the clouds

5.

(“Portrait of Ella Fitzgerald”)

Nose. mouth. eyes.

green. orange.

Yellow voice spinning…

6.

(“Self-portrait”)

I

One eye larger

than the other swimming

in the Seine

II

green-brown face

African neck brace, European

collar on pink body.

3 haiku

(for Richard Long)

1.

Elegant ascot

man turning words

into gems.

2.

(for Tanabata festival)

star filled poem

shall I hang you

on pine trees?

3.

(for Luisa Moreno)

Free brown woman

sailing white river currents

without a mortgaged soul

**4 haiku**

( for Eugene Redmond)

1.

Blue atom

poet transcribing

our flesh

2.

your quicksilver

words waterfalling in

sweet confession

3.

you have taken down

the morning turned it into

a roar of blacknes

**sister haiku**

( for Pat)

1.

How many

secrets you carried

in your panties

2.

infections

of confections

no retractions

3.

the autumnal

rain announced a

sister’s fragrance

4.

your slanted

black eyes smiled

crystals

5.

can two little

girls holding hands walk unnoticed

in a large house?

6.

young man...home from war ...

envies the subtle

pause of young beauty

7.

disguised as

uncle he picked at

your unbroken spine

8.

how to moisten

the silence of an

afternoon molestation?

9.

silk on your

skin no armor for

the amputee

10.

Birmingham

eyes ignoring

the winter’s confinement

11.

to be born

to be raped

each journey a sudden wave

12.

his touch wore

you down to a

fugitive eye