Poetry part 1: tanka

- Japanese is a syllabic language: no single letters (apart from 'n'), instead consonant + vowel units (ka, ki, ko, ke, ku / sa, si, so, se, su / na, ni, no, ne, nu etc.)
- -> traditional Japanese poetry has a set number of syllables on each line
- Tanka: 5 7 5 7 7
- Haiku: 5 7 5
- 5 syllables
 7 syllables
 5 syllables
 Faint sounds of a flute

On uu-si-vuo-si Ei näy luu-mun-kuk-kia Vaan lu-mi-myrs-ky

Practise

Write a tanka using the words on the Answergarden wall or any words of your choice. Haiku: 5 – 7 – 5 / tanka: 5 – 7 – 5 – 7 - 7
 Either write your poem on the tanka wall or take a picture of your poem and post it here

padlet.com/paivi_franzon/tankawall

- Don't know how many syllables there are in a word no problem! Use the syllable counter!
- Write another haiku or tanka using any words you want.
 Remember to count either 5 7 5 or 5 7 5 7 7 syllables!
 This is one of the three texts you will post in Pedanet this week for others to comment on.

Poetry part 2: metre = runomitta (~rytmi)

- Traditional poetry uses metre (runomitta)
- In metric verse it is significant
 A) how many syllables there are per line and
 B) which of the syllables are stressed
- Finnish: trocheic tetrameter = nelipolvinen trokee Kalevala
 va-kaa van-ha Väi-nä-möi-nen neljä painotettu + painoton -paria
- English: iambic pentameter = viisipolvinen jambi Shakespeare to be or not to be that is the ques-tion viisi painoton + painotettu -paria

Rhyme

• Rhyme: the final sound of a line is the same as that of another line

| As soon as Wolf began to feel | А |
|--|--------|
| That he would like a decent meal, He went and knocked on Grandma's door. | A B |
| | |
| The sharp white teeth, the horrid grin, And Wolfie said, 'May I come in?' | C |
| | С |

Rhyme scheme: AA + BB+ CC + DD + EE + FF

• Traditional rhyme scheme: ABAB + CDCD + EFEF

They fuck you up, your mum and dad. They may not mean to, but they do. They fill you with the faults they had And add some extra, just for you.

Practise

- Write a poem of at least 8 lines using rhyme.
- See if you can get an equal number of beats per line (= metre/runomitta)
- Rhyming dictionary will help you
- https://www.rhymezone.com/

Poetry part 3: Free verse

• In free verse there is no rhyme or meter

Carl Sandburg: Fog

The fog comes on little cat feet. It sits looking over harbor and city on silent haunches and then moves on.

• Write a poem using free verse. If you want to, you can use the words submitted by the group.

Free verse - inspiration

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Submit 1 verb, 2 adjectives and 4 nouns on the site