Give a haiku, take a haiku. Share an image. Rake leaves together.

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How will your life change now that you've heard a poem singing in the grass?

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Mark the page that speaks to your heart. Memorize it. Words love to be said.

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Take this haiku. Toss it up on a windy day. A tree will catch it.

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What book will you share with me? What vine, what tendril might thread between us?

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Poems are like trees, coaxing us to climb out of ourselves, into them.

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Let us share stories no matter our politics. Trees share the same soil.

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I want this haiku to be the swirl of Fall leaves. Words can lift the wind.

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Give a poem, take a poem. Spin words around. Throw thoughts to the stars.

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Each winter I change my mind. Hot thoughts cool to ice. Poems have seasons.

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We're made of stardust. We're creation in progress, unfinished stories.

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If you like haiku, write three. Bring one back to me. Give a stranger two.

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Once upon a time we all spoke the same language. Let's remember it.

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I once read sunlight glows across the moon's surface. Earth feasts on moonlight.

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Breathing in cedar. Sinking in their needle bed. Reciting haiku.

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The ancients divined gods in stars. Let's keep telling origin stories.

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A wall's between us, but this haiku's a ladder. Let's go climb a tree.

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That cavern inside each soul needs adornment, stalagmite shimmer.

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Do you need haiku like I do? Do you see hope in walnut-leaf words?

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May we be transfixed by all ice-drenched evergreens backlit by the moon.

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When the table's bare, let us pass around stories. Souls can still be fed.

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I want this haiku to bring a smile. Imagine jars of firefly stars.

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After that first Word, Big Bang's vocabulary grew too large to spell.

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There is a story in each shadow. Light matters because of darkness.

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