

Collection of 17 Haikus

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Through barred window,
cars freely drive the highway
all day and night.

"Chow time" thrice daily
for bi-pedal orange dogs
getting our kibble.

They can never ring,
four blue phones across the wall,
but they record all.

Snow falls against grey
city sky blanketing roofs,
dusting asphalt roads.

Showers run ice cold,
scalding when least expected.
The temp can't be set.

Cars must be shoveled,
imprisoned under snow piles,
beyond jail window.

Two dark birds fly across
an endless ridge of clouds,
outside barred window.

A lidless toilet
two steps from my metal bunk,
behind windowed door.

The sun broke free high
in the sky above few clouds,
beyond metal bars.

Hoads of people crowd
for government issued drugs,
all day in the snow.

Sun glistens on roof-
tops of buildings reflecting
into my high cage.

On snowy rooftop,
two sets of footsteps untouched.
They went and returned.

Thirty minute rounds
shining flashlights through each door,
every day and night.

Rooftop snow footprints
went and returned many times,
now starting to melt.

The building's smoke plume
rises thicker and wider
in the early dawn.

Pepper spray through vents
Midnight coughing and hacking
Locked behind cell doors.

Muted pastels paint
early morning purple sky.
Clouds blanketing low.