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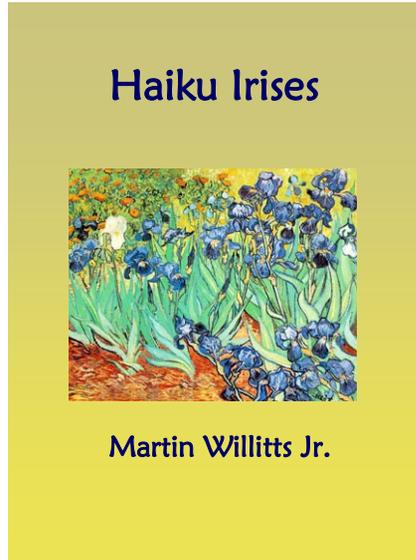
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Haiku Irises

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1.
The study of blue,
where it is more than eye sees,
in colorless rain.
2.
Blue shadowy grass
in blue snow melt, voices of angels,
single crocus stir.
3.
Indigo islands
swim on old sea turtle shells,
irises intoning.
4.
Kimonos are kites
in summer brushes, flutter
like my absent heart.

5.
Sapphire iris on gate –
do not want to open it,
sending butterflies.
6.
The iris of eyes,
mild aperture of light,
breaks in falling leaves.
7.
Carved woodblocks, blue ink,
rice paper, pressed irises,
memories of love.
8.
Blue jay ink-blotched sky,
before winter rains, darkens
with ire and hot ice.
9.
Blue cheeks, frostbite hands,
birds nesting in frozen beard
— where has summer flown?
10.
Fresh sighting of spring—
irises inundation
in monk's beggar bowl.
11.
Gulls are irises
in the cobalt emptiness,
leaving messages.
12.
The water is red,
dying blue fish wash ashore
ask for irises.

13.
irises teacup,
chipped like a tooth, no fortune
in the leaves, no lies.

14.
Love is unopened,
like a moth or irises,
or stillbirth, or arms.

15.
Love-starved bumblebees
excavate honey for poems,
leave stung blue surprise.

16.
Still nothing in mail –
not iris-colored sparrows
or damp-flamed promise.

17.
There is so much blue
from the sharing irises,
it blues goldenrods.

18.
Open yellow shutters,
let in hot irises' winds,
cool down my temper.

19.
Between blue sundown
and black-blue morning, blue shadows
whisper blue-sky dreams.

20.
The water basin
with five perfumed irises
reflects a kissed day.