

The Warbler Sings

Settings of the Haiku of Basho, curated by Nancy Wood

I.

Furuike ya

Kawazu tobikomu

Mizu no oto

The old pond

A frog jumps in

Water sounds

Pond

Frog

Plop

The sound of water    sound of water

II.

Stillness

The sound of cicadas

Drives into the rocks

A bee

Staggers out

Of the peony

The dragonfly

Can't quite land

On the blade of grass

III.

A cold rain starting

I have no hat

And?

The banana tree

blown by the wind

pours raindrops into the bucket

Winter downpour

Even the monkey

Needs a raincoat

IV.

Bush warbler

Relieves himself on the rice cakes

On the porch rail

The warbler sings

Among new shoots of bamboo

Of coming old age

With a warbler for a soul

It sleeps peacefully

This mountain willow

(old school pond...frog shreds...epic splash)