

SIJO POETRY #5 - 7

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Sijo #5 - RULES OF FRIENDSHIP

Second guessing, for true friends, off limits; no mind-reading—
say what you mean, mean what you say, or just listen, attentively—
companionship builds boundaries: frankly open, safely private.

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Sijo #6 - TOXIC FASHION

Youth-feigning pressurized lift, corset's vestige, still lethal:
lymph gutter blocked, stagnant waste, toxin-swamp bathes fragile cells.
Bra-free cultures? Less breast cancers, open nursing, women unbound.

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Sijo #7 - FAILURE

Weak effort, unskilled attempt, unexpected glitch, target missed;
smile vanishes, shoulders droop, confidence lost, dismal shrug.
Epiphany strikes hope's dead flame: lesson learned, new attempt.

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