

TANKA POETRY #1 - 3

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Tanka #1 - SALT

Beyond improved taste,
this condiment essential
can pickle from waste,
make icy roads substantial,
give cells *action potential*.

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Tanka #2 - SEA WORTHY

Friendship's partnership
floats into companionship—
fellowship's harbor.
Relationships hoist mainsails:
hope's breeze blows all ships to sea.

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Tanka #3 - GIFTS

Clinking sound of gold. . .
Feet shuffle through dung-smear'd straw,
dispersing fragrance—
sweet frankincense, bitter myrrh.
Star-led Magi kneel at crèche.

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