

AN OPEN WINDOW AND OTHER POEMS

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and, I will abide by all the needed requirements for this poems in this submission-

best to your day!

and, here they are in print-

an open window

songs from these grounding spirits

robins in their nest

—

beneath this costume

all my fallibilities

and some navel lint

—

never just alone

always the other presence

shaman and poet

—

never settled down

always on the move

multi-lingual

in the languages

of loneliness

—

hand of another

these five gentle question marks

rest on my shoulder

—

elemental warmth
bird song, trees, the rising sun
witnesses, our hearts

—

all our related
affirmations:
rejoicing in
the shared color
of bone, blood,
and being

—

this summer eve
while we're chanting
our sacred texts
a coyote chorus
from nearby hills
ends in chuckles

Bio

ayaz daryl nielsen was born in Valentine, Nebraska, attended schools in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Monterrey, Mexico, has lived in Bonn, Germany, and now lives in Longmont, Colorado, with beloved wife Judith. A veteran, former hospice nurse, ex-roughneck (as on oil rigs), he has been editor of the print publication bear creek haiku for 25+ years and over 135 issues. ayaz can be found online at bear creek haiku - poetry, poems and info. His poetry, published worldwide, includes senryu chosen in 2010 and 2012 as "best of year" by the Irish Haiku Association, the poetry chapbook Window Left Open from Prolific Press, and, with other deeply appreciated honors, is especially delighted by the depth and quality of poets worldwide whose poems have found homes in bear creek haiku's print and online presence.