

***HAIKU***

**By C L Khatri**

**1.**

Cuckoo clock in grove  
My cuckoo croaks all the day  
Avid listener

**2.**

Men sniffing women  
Dogs drawn to bitches in season  
Follicular phase

**3.**

Parched earth awaits rain  
Teachers await rain of grant  
Grace of almighty

**4.**

Ripplings in river  
Harvesting vacuum in air  
Land awaits leader

**5.**

Rainbow in the sky  
Lush green leas are seductive  
Which way to go for?

**6.**

Sensex in bottom

Brown, yellow leaves in autumn

Off season discount

**7.**

Tornado in towns

Tiger prowling in villages

Human encroachment

**8.**

If it rains you'll die

If it does not rain you'll die

Universal truth

**9.**

Flowers bloom and blush

Waves rise and fall but not wail

The art of living.

**10.**

Lost in a whirlpool

Born with borrowed senses

Failed to know thyself

**Bio**

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