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The results of the 10th Haiku Contest for haiku in English

Judge: John Parsons, England

Joint First Place

Jana Žufić, Zagreb, Croatia

train station
between her fingertips
the coldness of glass

The traveler has stopped at a station on her journey, she stares out at the winter landscape alone. Between fingertips on the window there is a coldness, maybe she reflects on a lost relationship. There is a feeling of isolation, of mature insight, of the solitary nature of life and secrecy.

Harvey Jenkins, Nanaimo, Canada

back home on leave
he stalks the cereal aisle
on the balls of his feet

I love this image! He has been on active service, living on the edge and he can't quite relax into the safety of life at home. His instincts are slow to change, he walks silently like a cat between the aisles, they are like a labyrinth, at any moment, rounding a corner, he may meet his nemesis.

Second Place:

Chen-ou Liu, Canada

harvest moon rising
a tremble
in the migrant's voice

The year wears on, maybe he is a migrant farm worker, far from his home country. He is working late, the harvest moon rises, huge and yellow over the horizon. Filled with nostalgia, he thinks of his homeland, his family, his life there, as he talks to fellow migrants he holds back tears, but his voice wavers.

Third Place:

Oprica Padeanu, Romania

New Year's Day -
Through the broken window Grannie
Watching the life

A day for new resolutions, Grannie is old, she's seen it all, the house is falling apart. The house is often a metaphor for one's body. The window is broken, the outside flows in. Grannie is nearing the end, sits there and watches it all flowing past her. It comes to us all.

Senryu Prize:

Helen Buckingham, UK

New Year's Resolutions...
a bowlful of nuts
yet to be cracked

Also about New Year, but the person is still young enough to have problems that should be solved. The word 'yet' implies that they are left over from last year, that they haven't been dealt with. Was it the same last year?

12 Honourable mentions in no particular order.

Scott Mason, USA

spring breeze
her perfume bottle
unstoppered

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Chen-ou Liu, Canada

my dog and I
on the same wavelength
cherry blossoms

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Predrag Pešić-Šera, Serbia

Fishing
an angler babysitting
a child

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Julie Warther, USA

untouched wilderness
being alone
with him

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Elaine Riddell, New Zealand

still morning
the occasional splash
of a rising fish

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Barbara Strang, New Zealand

old miner's shack
two children
play house

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Aalix Roake, New Zealand

light on the windowsill
he moves slowly
to catch it

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Anne Hollier Ruddy, New Zealand

under the water-lilies
his ashes remain
resting

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Earl R. Keener, USA

Hiroshima Day
10,000 unblinking eyes
at the fish market

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Ljubomir Radovančević, Croatia

deserted village
the road is lined with
blossoming plums

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Darrel Lindsey, USA

hay loft
an owl's call
falls into my shadow

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Harvey Jenkins, Canada

winter mist
the meditation cushions
huddle closer

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