Sunlight Haiku
by Charlie Zender and Bill Collins

Otter and Egrett
Watch Oklahoman cloud, see
Sunlight vanishing

Oklahoman dawn
Shadow of Egrett on sunlight!
Absorption proven

Boulder, Colorado
January, 1998
Snow Haiku
by Charlie Zender

Pristine snow crystals
Stained by sooty embers
Quickly liquify

Irvine, California
November, 2004

Resonance Haiku
by Charlie Zender

Energetic light
Tunnels into cloud droplets
Resonates absorbs

Irvine, California
November, 2004
QuikSCAT
by Charlie Zender

Breezes, downdrafts, gusts
Bend Ocean’s morning repose
Reflect microwaves

Irvine, California
March, 2009

Wind Power
by Charlie Zender

Coal-poisoned planet
Awaits dawn of wind power
Our air’s salvation?

Irvine, California
March, 2009
The Jeweler
for Michelle
Her words scintillate
Sharp, faceted, dangling lures
Bewitching blind men

Irvine, California
November, 2010

Let-down

Tea Party hoots bray
Resentment, drown our airwaves.
Patriotism?

Irvine, California
November, 2010

Martini
for HR86 classmates

Disconsolate, I spilled glacial vodka into a fluted glass,
to its copper brim, one ochre olive for punctuation.
This cocktail wet my tongue so luxuriously it drowned me.
An odorless icy well of licorice and napalm.

Irvine, California
October, 2010