

## Nature Garden Tanka Poems



The huge tree stands tall

Oliver

Branches splayed across the sky

The bark is cracked

The only imperfection

And we forget it quickly



Life always sways with good and bad

Evanne

The tree lies there full of thought, having lived long and hard

The roots pulled out of the cold ground, waiting for their turn to be part of the earth

The leaves surround it, all brown and dead

Lifelessly swaying around the ground



Small green tree swaying

Sam

Deadly silence fills the night

Tall trees scrape the sky

Lots of colours, like a kite

Trees are nice, they never lie



It is winter time

Dennis

The leaves are off all the trees

Death is in the air

Like a fort without a roof

Nothing to protect the small



Branches in the wind

Maya

Swaying, perfectly silent

Shadows all around

So we watch the leaves fall down

Side to side the noise has stopped



Pines stuck in the tree

Matthew

Sap pouring out like lava

House in the background

Fence bordering the garden

Peacefully losing its life



Shadows dance around

Cassie

Trees waving branches

Leaves cracking loudly

The glistening clear blue sky

An intricate web of life



Gnarled bush stretched out

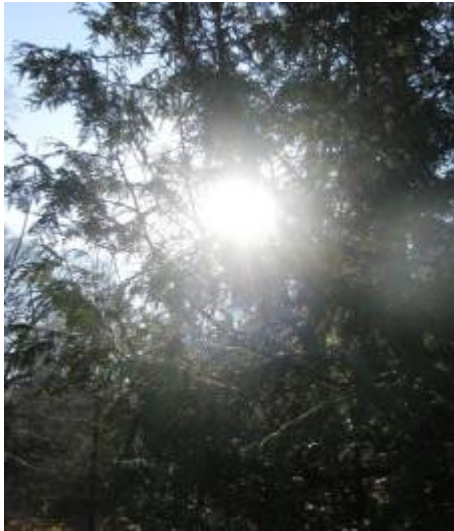
Clare

On a carpet of dead leaves

Ready for winter

Limp, dry branches crackling

Withered leaves swing in the wind



The sun tries to shine  
 But the winter blocks it out  
 The trees lose their leaves  
 And the ground gets covered up  
 But nature is still living

Finn



Cold winter air blows  
 Sun dancing on the branches  
 Leaves' colour change brown  
 Trunk is changing very soft  
 Tree is turning much older

Julia



Fallen dead leaves  
 Many still weakly hang on  
 The trees almost bare  
 Cruel cold blows through the air  
 Fall is sadness for the leaves

Ella



Impish shadows grin  
 Their song echoes from these trees  
 Wind whips tufts of grass  
 Pale blue sky, cold, clear, and bright  
 Wild spirits with hearts of joy.

Fiona



Branches reach the sky  
 Twigs grow to cross their partners  
 The sky blue as rain  
 Ground is far below us now  
 But we will never have fright

Alex



The birds love the twigs  
 The twigs eat through all the peace  
 Twigs make me happy  
 I can see all the twigs live  
 The gate protects all people

Walker



The sun makes rainbows  
 A quiet sanctuary  
 A lovely light dance  
 Secrets whispered through the trees  
 The smell of pine mixed with sap

Sydne



It is beautiful  
 Sunlight streams through the branches  
 I hear birds chirping  
 Everything is very still  
 I love this breathtaking scene.

Glynis

Sorry...I don't have copies of the photos that go with the following poems:

Thick, leafy forest

Lauren

Dead silence in the night

Mysterious path,

Twisted, winding branches,

A light breeze on your head

Leaves blow in the wind

Stephen

Birds flying in the branches

Snow covers the branches

The winter wind blows

John

But evergreen leaves stay on

Sun shining on trees

Slowly the plants are growing

Spiky branches striking out

The goldenrods grow

Lukas S.

Dancing under the bright sun

Golden pools of light

Lanterns in the dead of night

There to scare away your fright

Run through the garden

Michaela

You stop and look around you,

You hear something there

Though everyone's out of sight

The trees whisper, "You're alone".

Leaves are falling down

Jacquie

The sun shines throughout the trees

Winter is coming

Wind blowing through the branches

Leaves laying on the ground, depressed

The tree's roots go deep

Brook

A leaf that hung from a branch

Now on the ground, dry.

A single ray of dim light

Journeys through the cold winter

Silent and lifeless

Vid

The weak wind blows the branches

Death is in the air

Clouds are blocking the bright sun

Grass is soft under your feet

Starting off. A bud

Grace

Always growing larger

An odd sensation

Falling, tumbling, swirling down

A strong feeling of closure

Smooth blankets of snow

Liora

Tiny sparkling snowflakes

Sad, dead leaves falling

From some depressed dying trees

Lingers the smell of Christmas