

Twelve River RIPPLES



Bagatelle

Here are some New Year haiku.

TO CREATE

The birth of a year
To live, to love, to nurture
A year to create.

~LeAura Alderson, iCreateDaily.com

FORGET FEAR

In this bright new year
Forget Frustration and Fear,
Submit to Spirit.

~David Brown, Quaker author

GRATEFUL HEART

Reflections aloft
A grateful warm heart and hearth
A day to behold.

LeAura Alderson, creator, iCreateDaily.com

HAPPY and HOPEFUL

Waking up to dawn
Knowing that the year is new
Happy and hopeful

Haiku by Jayme Thompson, artist, teacher

HOPE HAIKU

In this bright new year
May our dark times fade away
As hope-beams appear

~Susan Schultz, sign language interpreter, artist.

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For many people 2022 was frustrating, infuriating, and very stressful. In fact, you could argue that these feelings seeped through our society and mingled with the stresses throughout the world to create a mantle of heaviness around our planet. It's at times like these that we need to return to our hearts and breathe through the tensions. We can do this through poetry. By creating our poetry, we know we are creating that space in our hearts and if we share our poetry, we create space in the hearts of the people around us. I know I am preaching to the converted, but it cannot be said enough. The world will not

be saved by bullets and bayonets, but by poets and poetry, music and musicians, writers and writing, artists and art. I don't believe this is overplaying the importance of creatives – I do believe that creatives have an important contribution to make, even though it may seem the bullies and hard heads are winning. If there is space in our hearts, then peace will prevail – of this I am sure. So, get writing, poets! ... and if you come up with a New Year/New beginnings poem or haiku, send it to me by Friday 20 January.

Simon Black