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(Haikus, wakas and children's songs, written 1927 - February 1928 on death row in Akita prison, shortly before his suicide) :

All worries disappear in the winter wind

A giant moth, I startled from the dream

As for the fly on the wall that no longer moves,

My life ends here

A butterfly still flutters around

Who threw the rice grains to the sparrow?

The wild geese fly together, live together, die together

The crows in winter

The white sun shining through the snow-covered branches of the trees

On the other end of the sky a dirty layer of clouds

And crows that cry

Hailstones hit the window

My final loneliness drips from my bones like cold, watery slime

I yawn

A tear clings to my cheek

Spring glows

Crows in winter

The white sun

The snow-covered branches of the tree

The dirty layer of clouds

Now the crows take off