

American Sentence

Poetry leaps can have wobbly landings—trajectories freed or formed.

American Sentence: Invented by Allen Ginsberg.

An American haiku variation. 17 syllables written in a sentence.

Any topic.

In a series:

James and Basketball

James plays basketball with cough and red cheeks activating asthma.
Grounded from playground basketball, he sees ball fall through hoop in his mind.
He watched beloved Trailblazers on television from his bed.
He calls Grandpa to discuss the game as both keep scores, critique players.
In his yard the hoop net droops waiting for him to play, to take his shot.

The Lightening Whitening Crone

My hairdresser calls my blonde/gray/white hair “dowdy” as she layers hair.
To cover thinning bald spots she poofs and puffs my crown which will whiten.
When too long, my hair hangs limp and will not turn under; fine strands just fall.
No Rogaine or woven weaves, wigs will not work for me, so I endure.
I forget about getting haircuts until bangs appear near eyebrows.
When grading or writing I like to see the page un-fringed and clearly.
My hairdresser knows she will see me when I’m teaching and need light head.