

Choka

Rain Muse

The flowering plums
paint branches oriental
watercolor pink,
fan toward the sun and bow
in pre-spring breezes.
Wind-freed they daub emerging
emerald pallet
water-faded by rain blots.

Choka: Japanese. Syllable Count: 5-7-7-5-7-7 or 5-7-5-5-7-5. Up to 100 lines.