



Okanagan Lake Haiku

This summer the Okanagan Regional Library asked the community to send us haiku about Okanagan Lake. We received numerous submissions that celebrate Okanagan Lake and the lives we lead living adjacent to this magnificent body of water. And we sincerely thank all of those who sent us a haiku.

September 2020

1.

floating on slow waves
warm shades of sunset above
a heron watches

2.

a sudden gust hits
race to batten down the hatch
the mooring line snaps

Suzanne Aubin



Surface sun sparkles
Ominous churning beneath
Pizza on the beach

Carlene

Jumping off the dock
Paddleboarding on the lake
Are there sharks below?

Isabelle, 8.



The lake plays the blues
Those old fashion southern blues
Oh, Bluewater, play on

Waves lap, pebbles tease
Happy feet are surrounded
Warm sunshine awaits

Today it is blue
Not green nor clear or light brown
Blue, true as your eyes

A jungle of greens

Browns are flowing in between

Water is the canvas

Grant Stovel



Valley of water

Quenching my thirst and my soul

Okanagan peace

Deep, clear, refreshing

Calm, raging, life giving source

Of our valley home.

Myrna Leader

On Okanagan Lake
Oar dips kayak skims water
Ripples race to shore

Floating on water
Deep within the depths reflects
Starry sky above

Down deep in the depths
where all silent dark surrounds
lurks a monstrous tail

Linda Kayfish, July 2020



Hey! Ogopogo!
My swim crosses your deep lair.
We both love cold lakes.

Richard Kicksee

Shimmering water

Catching endless drops of sun

Warming the darkness

"I'll rest here,"- The Lake

"Seek me in drought and despair,

I'll water you, child."

Leah Robertson



1. Glazed /s

Ancient deep water

Boat fuel and suntan-oil glazed

Wind and rain bring calm

2. Beauty

Reflection distorts

Rhythmic surface disturbance

Dance of wind and waves

3. Calm

Early morning still

Tranquil mirror revealing

Mysteries of peace

Owen Goward, West Kelowna, BC



Look! I see something!

Rippling wake after nothing?

Ogogopo's there!

Shawn Bird

Childhood memories

A drop of water

The reflection of grandma

I will not forget

Swimming I find peace

From the storm inside my heart

I yearn for her hugs

To relive what was

In heaven she sits ashore

The Okanagan

Brooke Hovey



The Green Serpent Swims

A Freshwater Fjord Folklore

Our Ogopogo

The Okanagan

Vernon North Penticton South

Meet me at the Lake

Hailey Sadler



Okanagan Lake

seven years old sitting on

Ogopogo's head

Diana Joy



1.

Lake of mystery

your shores windswept, inviting

my boat carves deeply

2.

Bobbing joyously...

ominous clouds brought by wind –
treacherous waves strike

3.

Oh wondrous water

upon which eyes dream to feast
reveal your beauty

Jenn Barrett, Summerland BC



Black water wild moon

Shimmering waves of amber

Gold sails in the night

Peter Critchley

