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Scare is everywhere,  
blindness strikes, and so despair,  
but what have we lost?

Deserted desert,  
No one knows the direction,  
Woke up from a dream.

I thought of nothing,  
my books at home gave comfort,  
lonely in a cell.

My words and myself  
play and live in unison

and create meaning.



Recycling weekly  
people take dogs for a walk  
what is going on?

I must keep writing  
otherwise I would despair  
my words console me

Wings of new virus  
quietly cover the land  
I do not give up

Evening setting  
the moon rises behind clouds  
spare me my dreaming



*Fernweh* I tell you  
*Heimweh* I also feel much

at home and abroad

Local pantry here  
a long line of hungry mouths  
all humanity

Give me all your love  
I'll take it with me yonder  
Together in flight,  
True, I do not fear  
my time is much too precious  
We are here to live



Finally, sunset  
what will tomorrow bring us?  
there is always hope

The past is with us,  
we cannot escape from it  
painful memories

The bell is tolling  
the morning is not waiting



pack your stuff and go

Cacti blooming fresh  
none of the dying matters  
life keeps going on



Hunger knocks on doors  
needs no keys or my welcome  
human suffering

(I also compose in German)  
*Oh haiku haiku*  
*du musst wandern durch die Welt*  
*gibst Trost und Segen*

Javelinas trot  
at night through the neighborhood  
they are not concerned

The first pistachio  
proudly displays its first leaves  
the others will follow