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Dragonfly Haiku gathers over one hundred haiku, all pertaining directly or indirectly to dragonflies, by three authors. Here, new English translations of classical haiku by Japanese poet Kobayashi Issa converse with modern haiku by poet scientists Ken Tennesen and Scott King. Eleven of the Issa poems have been annotated and printed with the original Japanese text.

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