

TANKA POEMS

Natsumi's Song of Summer is written in a series of tanka poems.

A tanka is a traditional Japanese poem with five lines and thirty-one syllables. The first three lines follow the same pattern as a haiku (5-7-5), but a tanka has two additional lines, each with seven syllables. For example:

***Natsumi's story
was written in a series
of tanka poems.***

***If you enjoyed it, perhaps
you could write your own.***

Write your own tanka poems on the lines below:

