

Senryu

Traffic Signs

traffic circle rules
unknown and un-obeyed lead
un-merry-go-round

slow traffic light's change
fast lanes at intersections
hurry up and wait

road construction signs
block direct access route
yet no one working

leaves skid on street sides
pedestrians slide and fall
almost road kill

seems many color blind
can't tell red, yellow or green
on the traffic lights

no headlights in fog
no headlights as day dawns
no headlights in crash.

hooded bus stops cover
riders. Bus cocoons then dry
traffic waits time flies

bike gears glows in dark
brightly garbed riders yet cars
narrowly miss them

handicapped spots full
taken without tags or borrowed
creates shopping pain

seasonal street decor
sprinkles light on displays
frames traffic brightly

bike lanes plentiful
sidewalks bountiful street signs clear
know where to be

look before you step
you can't out-run most cars
they may be texting

cell phones lead to cell blocks
if you mis-use electronics
hands on wheel eyes on road

even short twitters
give others jitters when hands
leave wheel for cell phone

store signs and lights
guide and distract drivers already
electronically challenged.

trucks sway lane to lane
slow the fast lane or pass
abruptly before you

black ice no road grip
drivers slip and crash to
black obituary

snow drivers a breed
others need to heed or
collisions indeed

Senryu:

1. Japanese form. Cousin to haiku.
2. Difference is in subject matter.
Haiku tends to deal with nature.
Senryu more about human nature.
Humor more acceptable in Senryu.
3. Usually three lines but the syllable count varies as it does in modern haiku.
4. When in sequence they can be titled.