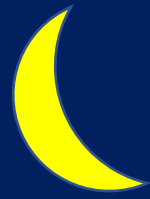


Howling at the Moon (Tsuki ni Hoeru)



Howling at the Moon (Kanjoshisha, Hakujuitsusha) is the first collection of poems written by Sakutaro Hagiwara, published in February 1917. It contains poems published between 1914 and 1917. This collection of poems had great impact on the world of poetry, and solidified Sakutaro's standing as a poet. The collection includes the words of Hakushu Kitahara, whom Sakutaro admired, as well as his close friend Saisei Murou.

The poems within *Howling at the Moon* differ entirely from poems written in traditional written language. They were composed using the free rhythm of colloquial language (words used in everyday life), the influence of which continues to this day.

In the preface to this collection of poems, Sakutaro expresses a sense of loneliness with a keen and delicate sensibility, writing: "Poetry is not a mystery, nor a symbol, nor a demon. Poetry is merely consolation for those whose souls are ailing, and for those who are lonely."



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