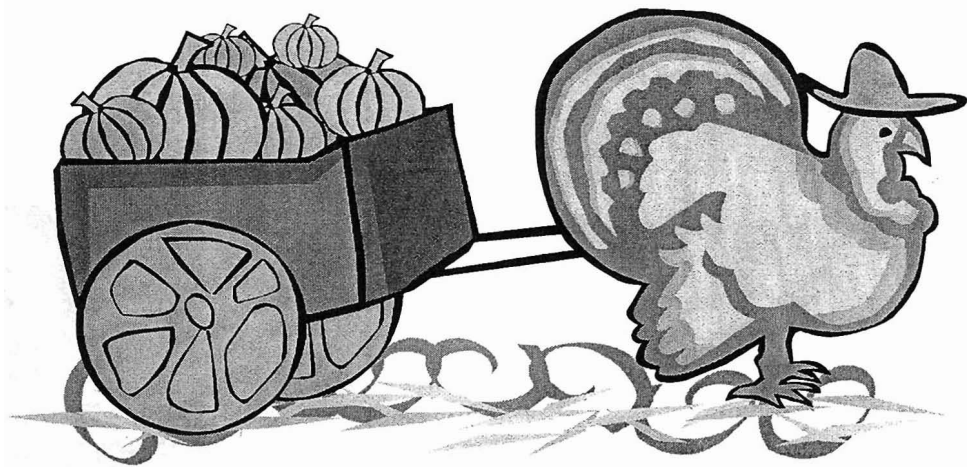


# TURKU

a collection of inspirational haiku



What comes to my mind,  
you ask, as I muse these things?  
Of course, it's Turkey.

Not the Turkey of  
Lebowski lore, but of bird  
galore that I dine.

So here's to the Bird.  
Tasty treat of Autumn's best.  
Be safe, and God bless.

Neil Gudehus

**By Ian Mahan**

what is giving thanks  
but some taters and turkey  
nestled on my plate

cranberry sauce sits  
like a soft crimson blanket  
keep my tummy warm

oh noblest of birds  
your timely death brings new life  
to those who drinketh

mysterious bird.  
can you ask a rainbow to  
not be beautiful?

may bird fill our gut  
and song fill the sweet fall air  
how much do you bench?

cool as the crisp air  
wrapped in anticipation  
the feathered one speaks

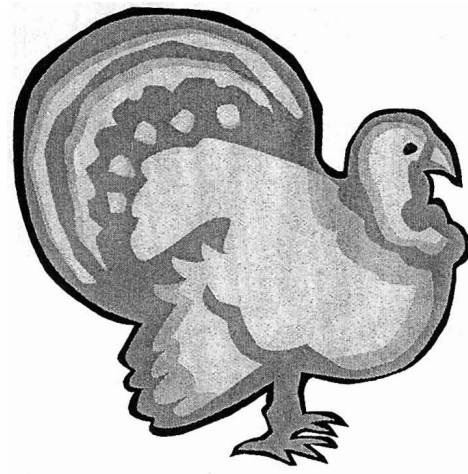
hark, the horizon  
sweet potatoes drawing nigh  
gently slake thy thirst

beloved, like life  
you struggle with light and dark  
which hue shall i choose?

if i count to ten  
and close mine eyes, will you steal  
my turkey again?

take me candied yams  
bathe me in your dying light  
guide me through the night

dearest pumpkin pie  
be my mistress yet again  
whisper sweet nothings



**By Matt Summers**

Stuffing rest on plate  
awaiting to be eaten  
gravy atop it

Some people eat ham,  
instead of turkey today  
Are people crazy?

The time is here to  
celebrate the life and death  
of Franklin's choice bird

Oh late November  
I thank you Great Creator  
Green bean casserole

Give thanks for this food  
sweet taters and marshmallows  
Life is good for spuds

One bad decision  
My stomach full of turkey  
Release belt one notch

Succulent turkey  
O how I cherish your taste  
Both light and dark meat

Sweet Euphoria  
Sweet Potato Pie awaits  
Happiness abounds

Blackberry cobbler  
O, how I wish to eat you  
Nature's secret treat

The Relish tray on  
Thanksgiving day, do you choose  
Green or black olives?

Make room on your plate  
Mashed potatoes and gravy  
Can life get better?

How do I love thee?  
The legend of pumpkin pie  
Only cool whip knows

On Thanksgiving day  
Watching football on TV  
With a gleeful smile

What is Thanksgiving  
Without a great centerpiece  
Cornucopia.

Nothing more pleasant  
Than a buttered dinner roll  
Sitting on your plate.



**By Neil Gudehus**

Thanks to the Natives  
for giving the Pilgrims corn.  
Smallpox for corn, nice

Oh mighty gobbler  
Your headless corpse awaits me  
I eat and forget

the formula for  
a perfect feast is to dine  
on the feathered beast

Feathered friend of prey  
Are you not better off now?  
Your small brain, my gain

On turkey, on yams,  
on pie, and stove top stuffing.  
Don't be a glutton.

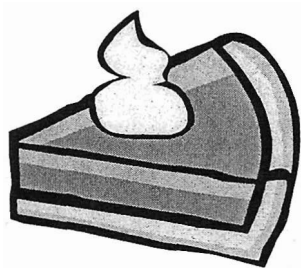
Holidays I love.  
You ask my motivation?  
I cry fowl, sir, fowl.

Knock, Knock. Who is it?  
Enter those pesky in-laws.  
I hope they brought food.

Chatter and chatter.  
The turkey and yams arrive.  
The sound of silence.

Holidays I love.  
You ask my motivation?  
I cry fowl, sir, fowl.

It's a smelly smell.  
My shrewd senses awaken  
as if from a dream.



**By Chris Gray**

oh, turkey, oh, ham  
which one will I dine upon  
either way ... tasty

Giblets and gravy  
you staples of turkey day  
wait, what are giblets?

Cousins visiting  
Thanksgiving in Little Rock  
My heart full of lust

sweet potato crisp  
you dazzle me with your smile  
my tongue rejoices

Christmas shopping? nope  
More important thought to think  
Bird in the oven

Sweet tea on my lips  
Cool Whip on my pumpkin pie  
What say you moist bird?

Lions and Cowboys  
What makes them so darn special?  
Where are my Seahawks?

Sweet, moist turkey breast  
Oh how I love to taste thee  
Hunger gone forthwith!

**By "The Apprentice"**

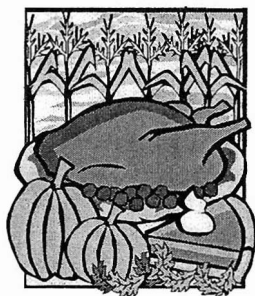
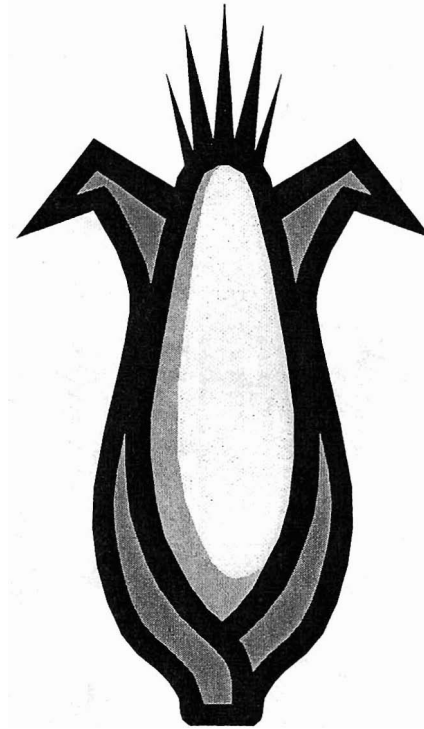
I cry foul Dear Sir.  
Summers keeps stealing my lines  
That treacherous fool.

Thanksgiving stuffing  
No, not even with raisins  
Still, I detest thee

Thanksgiving is here  
Friends, family, and turkey  
Is it over yet?

**By Matt Summers and "The  
Apprentice"**

Ode to Pecan Pie  
One that you cannot live without  
A Thanksgiving treat



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