



Christmas Haiku (by Andy Smerdon)

(Some of the more common practices in English are: Use of three (or fewer) lines of 17 or fewer syllables; Use of a season word; Use of a cut (sometimes indicated by a punctuation mark, to implicitly contrast and compare two events, images, or situations.)

Christmas in the bush;
Tea trees offer welcome shade.
Dreams are filled with snow.



Bombs fall on children,
In Bethlehem this Christmas.
No star to guide them.



Christmas lights are strung.
Lightning rips the steamy sky.
Ice cold drinks arrive.



Hot sand on bare feet,
Christmas lunch is prawns and fruit.
The Saviour smiles down.



Cash registers ring.
Christmas sales are here at last!
Fill our socks with greed.



Here is the season.
Passionfruit and Pavlova.
Songs of praise and joy.



Frangipanis bloom.
Jacaranda flower falls.
Storm Bird calls all night.



Salat for a Jew.
Christmas card from a Buddhist.
Such enlightened acts.