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His first book of haiku poems was titled "Vodene trave" and published in 1991. He also published two more books of haiku poetry, "Mountain Top" (1998) and "Love Story" (1999).

His poems were included in the book of haiku poetry by different authors, called "Seven Ways" (2000), as well as in many other haiku collections and antologies and published in journals in Croatia and other countries (Japan, Australia, USA, UK, the Netherlands, France, India, Slovenia, and many more).

For his poetic expression he received many awards, commendations, and recognitions in Japan, Australia, USA, UK, Croatia, and by UNESCO.

You can find Matas' haiku on the pages of the *Croatian Medical Journal*.

low tide
an old woman digging shells
alone on the sand

a fisherman cleaning fish
in the boat, from the shore
a cat watches

clatter of the train
five sleeping passengers
the sixth listening

the view veiled
by raindrops and tears
at the same time

passing by
they met - a glance
and a smile

noontime bells
people stand up straight
a break in the field

the words read
from an old letter
blurring the sight

track in the snow
footsteps, paws on the path
intermingling
