

Perceptions of Ear Disorders

Tinnitus

Dying street lamps hiss
endlessly. In shrill moonlight
the plum tree withers

Hearing Loss

bronze bell on new snow
its leash pulls only silence
isolation grows

Vertigo

autumn fallen leaf
whirls in rushing mountain stream
memories of wind

When Doctors Disagree

A plum blossom floats
lost in Osaka River
seeking one true voice

Hearing

lightning bugs flutter
winking paths evanescent
Be still and listen

Certainty

torn leaves of Basho
windy rags and skeletons
certainties of youth

Aging

winter's silent days
isolate the deaf old man
silent in his den

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