

In Early Greece (a tanka sequence)

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Athens
Red roses blooming
in frosty beds of starlight
under summer's moon!
Under skies we filled with stars,
under summer's starlight moon

Corinth
Dusty bricks and stone,
mighty fortress rising up
on a sun-scorched plain—
invisible moats surround
castles reaching the blue sky

Sounion
Beach volleyball nets
cover shores where sunlight gleams
across fishing boats;
Poseidon will find the ball
we left on a moonlit shore

Delphi
Morning mist rises
slowly out of earth's fissures,
funneling the air.
Omens are for a new day
and a starlight, star-filled night