

# Results of THF Monthly Kukai — July 2022

theme: **heat**

## First Prize

hot flashes . . .  
this climate change  
inside me

— Baisali Chatterjee Dutt (77 points - 8; 5; 4; 1; 3)

## Second Prize

midsummer  
the birdbath overflows  
with sparrows

— Nick T (74 points - 4; 6; 7; 4; 1)

## Third Prize

deep summer  
another bird drops out  
of the morning chorus

— Vandana Parashar (70 points - 6; 5; 3; 4; 3)

## Fourth Prize

soaring summer sun . . .  
the dog's tongue  
grows longer

— James Zemke (69 points - 5; 6; 3; 4; 3)

## Honorable Mentions

escaping the heat  
I see my breath  
in a winter poem

— Suzanne Squires

shimmering hills  
an old sheepdog  
melts into shadow

— Gavin Austin

evening heat . . .  
mom holds my hands  
one last time  
— Hifsa Ashraf