

Results of THF Monthly Kukai — October 2020

theme: **perseverance**

First Prize

digging my escape tunnel with a teaspoon
— Dan Campbell (70 points - 7; 5; 4; 1; 1)

Second Prize

hospital room
I sing a lullaby
to my empty womb
— Vandana Parashar (64 points – 5; 4; 5; 3; 2)

Third Prize

adult literacy class —
her toothless smile
in the reading light
— R. Suresh Babu (58 points – 6; 4; 1; 4; 1)

Fourth Prize

my PhD project
in the snail's footsteps
to the top of Mount Fuji
— Maya Daneva (57 points – 6; 5; 1; 1; 2)

Honorable Mentions

after third attempt
to thread the needle
granny wipes her glasses
— Vishnu Kapoor

long hours . . .
the way the moonlight
fills her scars
— Praniti Gulyani

a one-legged grasshopper
climbing up the window —
pouring rain
— Daniela Misso

anniversary
we retie the knot
with twisted fingers
— john hawkhead

after the Tsunami
homeless child builds
another sandcastle
— Srinivas S

ceasefire . . .
to his father's funeral
on prosthetic legs
— Teji Sethi

gripping the bars
he takes one step —
prosthetic fitting
— Gavin Austin