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Proposing to the Woman in the Rear View Mirror by James Tipton, Published by Modern English Tanka Press

Proposing to the Woman in the Rear View Mirror is an outstanding new collection of haiku and senryu from the award-winning poet, James Tipton.

Baltimore, Maryland – October 12, 2008 – *Proposing to the Woman in the Rear View Mirror*, haiku and senryu by James Tipton, has been published in a paperback pocketbook by Modern English Tanka Press. All who love haiku and senryu will want to read, and re-read, this outstanding collection from the award-winning poet, James Tipton.

“Jim Tipton’s haiku collection *Bittersweet*, published more than 30 years ago, was one of the first chapbooks I owned and is still a prized possession. For me Jim’s haiku strongly evoke places and moods. The places are Colorado’s Western Slope and the Chapala area of Mexico. The moods consist of an earthy sensuality plus the noble solitude (akin to the Japanese aesthetic of *sabi*) of the man who lives and works in Nature—both of which lie at the very core of modern American haiku. This new collection is welcome and long overdue.” —Charles Trumbull, Editor, *Modern Haiku*

“In James Tipton’s *Proposing to the Woman in the Rear View Mirror* we discover not only a haiku poet, but a man who is not afraid to be himself, and damn the cult of political correctness. These haiku tell the moments of his life and the truths of his mind without flinching or apology. His days and nights, from difficult to serene, whether lonely or companionable, mirror many of our own. If you love straight talk and have an ear for words carefully chosen and placed, you have found a book to savor and return to again and again.” —William J. Higginson, author, *The Haiku Handbook*, etc.

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