For Mika and Yoshi
(with special thanks to Victoria, Jackie, Chris, and Sara) —KM

For Matthew —CT

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The air is full of waiting.
The sky is full of breeze.
The trees gust and billow.
All before it rains.

Rumble, rumble.
Distant thunder.
Rain is coming,
rain is coming.

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Plink,
plunk,
plonk

on the rooftop.

Drip drop,
metal mailbox ping.

Every rainfall plays
a different tune.

Listen. Listen.

Rain.
Rain.
Rain.

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Old raincoat,

rubber boots,

big umbrella, best umbrella:

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green, orange, yellow, blue.

Let's go outside!

On the streets,
umbrellas bloom.

Around us,
a game of HURRY.

Dash,
dart.
Skitter,
scatter.

But, why hurry
when the sky
is an adventure?

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Deluge,
downpour,

sprinkle,
storm,

a drizzle,
a mizzle.

So many words
for rain!

Long thin threads.
Tiny parachutes.
Buckets at a time.

Out of many drops—
One.

Big—

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