

## Circle

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could u write me a circle  
in a world of jagged edges;  
not an ordinary circle  
but one created with the single movement  
of a calligrapher's brush?

i've been navigating thru the mire  
careful to avoid  
the crags and pits of western culture  
so i turned toward the east  
and discovered Zen,

"the frog jumped in the water, plop!"

or

"sitting quietly do nothing  
spring comes and the grass  
grows by itself"

how do u beat minimalistic perfection?

while western poets fuss,  
a monk effortlessly brushes  
a perfect circle in one movement  
tho this movement was preceded  
by years of practice and training  
to the end of capturing poetry's prize,  
perfect transmission/communication  
of an instant

walking slowly

by the pond,  
i drop a pebble into the water,  
numerous perfect circles  
emanate from my stone inscriber

frogs have disappeared  
since the pond was drained  
and the banks concreted

<http://jungledrum.hopto.org/news/story-2053.html>

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-638.html>