

CLON BIKE FEST presents:

# I am not a cyclist

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I am a human on a bicycle

A Zine for (nearly) normal humans

welcome to the zine

what its all about

Cycling isn't just a sport. Its also a joyful and super-efficient way of getting around in the day-to-day for (nearly) normal humans.

I say (nearly) normal as something a bit magical happens when you decide to get on a bike.

Clon Bike Fest have been celebrating this little touch of magic every June for the last 10 years.

In this zine you will find some drawings and some words that delve into the beauty of bike riding and the wonder it can bring to the everyday.



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## The Silver Moon

The black wind roams freely  
Above the ice  
The soft breath of stars  
Sighs between the leaves  
The snake of the path  
Follows the seamless void  
Dream is shaken  
In a rustling of the trees  
The midnight gown is floating  
Above the mirror of song  
The peddles revolve in silent grace  
Slowly as the heavens  
Slowly as the earth turns  
On its secret arc  
Hidden are the world' s myths  
In the soundless stream  
Curious I disembark  
And encounter the silver moon

-James Waller -



go softly



Riding a bike can be a bit mad around this town.  
There are no bike lanes anywhere.  
It puts a lot of people off cycling. And that means less magic.  
There isn't even a safe bike route to any of our schools.

If you'd like to help try to change this and make the sound  
of the joyful bike bell more of a regular ring in Clon,

go to:

[www.clonakiltybicyclefestival.org/shoutlouder](http://www.clonakiltybicyclefestival.org/shoutlouder)

## **New Line Racer**

As the school bus reversed  
down the middle of the road,  
I flew past on my six speed.

The air groaned as he hung  
behind me the rest of the  
way up the New Line. I tucked  
in and beat down- not sure  
if he had it in him  
to get ahead again.

***Ulick O Beirne***





octopus riding tandem

I made this drawing after reading a short story by Jack Kelleher, head yard dog at The Bike Circus, Clonakilty.

Something about an octopus riding a tandem was very pleasing to me.

8 legs

4 pedals

2 sets of handlebars

A very intelligent animal is the octopus.

To read the story, head to:

[www.clonakiltybicyclefestival.org/stories](http://www.clonakiltybicyclefestival.org/stories)

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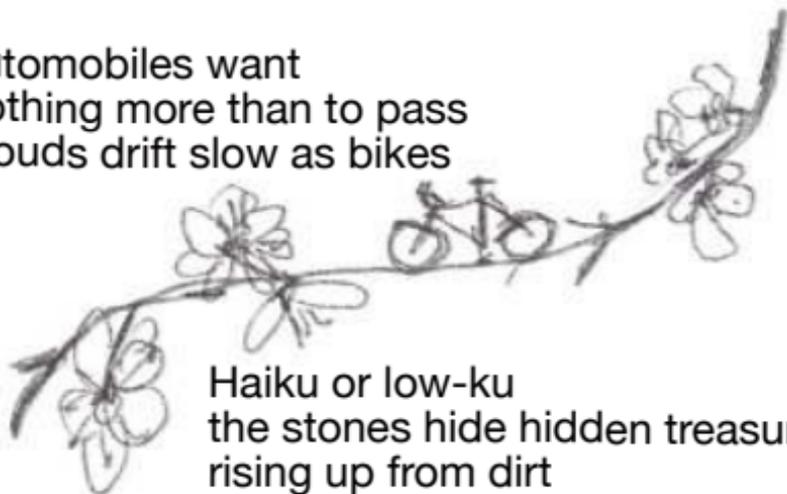
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bike pump: multitool: patch kit: apple: sandwiches



**'My two favourite things in life  
are libraries and bicycles.  
They both move people forward without  
wasting anything.'**  
Peter Golkin

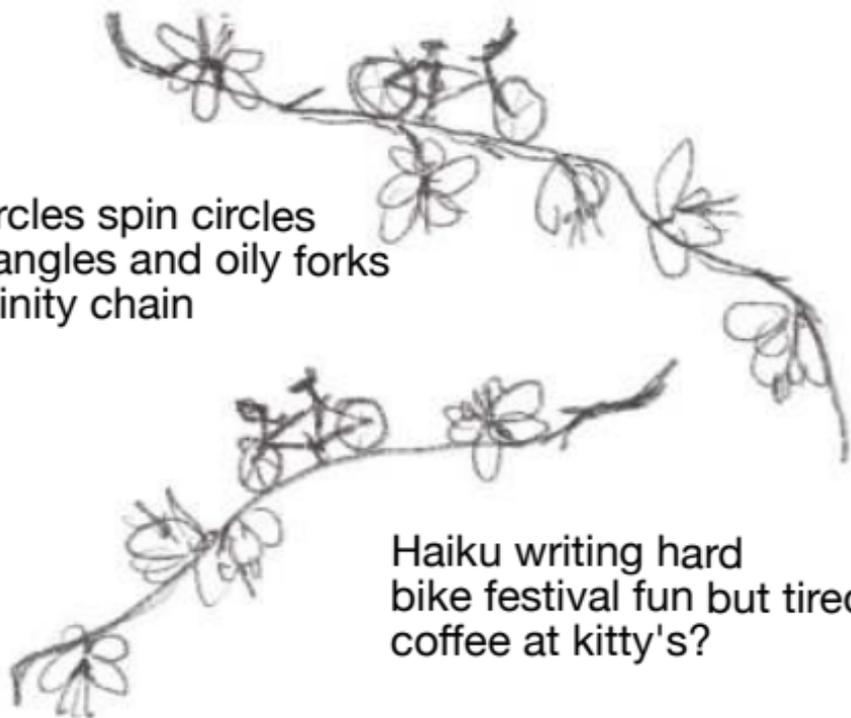
# BIKEKU HAIKU

Automobiles want  
Nothing more than to pass  
Clouds drift slow as bikes



Haiku or low-ku  
the stones hide hidden treasure  
rising up from dirt

Circles spin circles  
triangles and oily forks  
infinity chain



Haiku writing hard  
bike festival fun but tired  
coffee at kitty's?