

## Waukesha Reads 2020

*Haiku submissions from the Brown Bag Conversation on October 21, 2020  
Inspired by the novel "When the Emperor Was Divine" by Julie Otsuka*

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Roberta Mundschau

Citizens banished  
No guilt, no choice, powerless  
No voice speaks for them

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Kris Riedel

Transported to an  
Unknown destination to  
Where and for how long?

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Bob Riedel

Bright and colorful  
Leaves are falling in the wind  
Winter next season

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Kenneth Schenian

"Going far away  
to a future uncertain;  
Is there any hope?"

"American once;  
Now an enemy to hate.  
Help us to understand."

"Pack, assemble, ride.  
Where is father? Where are we?  
Why are we hated?"

"Nameless, homeless – We  
travel somewhere strange to us;  
We survive- day by day."

"Suddenly, a sign  
changes our identity  
and ends our freedom."