

IN THE CITY AT SUNSET

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18-line haiku

Flat rooftop at dusk
Five minarets like fingers
Imams call to prayer

Hot dust sand desert
Sigh on the peak of a dune
Haze swallows the sun

Snow white sepulchre
Silhouettes against the sun
Zayed rests in peace

Tallest skyscraper
Needle sharp pin to the stars
Cloudless pale pink sky

Ramadan fasting
Praise Allah the Almighty
Sunrise to sunset

Jumeira beachfront
White dish-dash, black abaya
Black coffee, white latte

(Reminiscences of a life in the United Arab Emirates: January 2017)