

## **five haiku: mantis**

**I**

**tentacles folded  
tranquil pose of quietude  
but when will you pounce**

**II**

**words from a pulpit  
muttering obsolete prayers  
but when will you pounce**

**III**

**saw you on tv  
eyes oozing peace and friendship  
but when will you pounce**

**IV**

**I adore your smile  
and so wish to believe you  
but when will you pounce**

**V**

**knocking at my door  
offering a thornless rose  
but when will you pounce**

