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Cannon Poets

Established in 1983, Cannon Poets meet monthly in Moseley, Birmingham. They also arrange workshops, readings and displays of members' work and produce a quarterly magazine, the Cannon's Mouth.

To view some of the previous competition winners and see more information about Cannon Poets and its activities please see our website:

www.cannonpoets.org.uk

Enter and pay on line or post completed form with poems and correct fee to:

**Cannon Poets,
22 Margaret Grove,
Harborne,
Birmingham
B17 9JH**

Sonnet or Not

Cannon Poets Poetry Prize 2017

Cannon Poets are pleased to announce this year's popular *Sonnet or Not* Prize. You are invited to write a poem or poems of just fourteen lines in length. You may choose any one of the traditional sonnet forms, or experiment with alternative 14 line forms perhaps using half rhyme, metarhyme or blank verse.

Prizes:

First Prize: **£500**; Second Prize: **£250**; Third Prize: **£125**

Special Offer:

Submit at least one poem with the correct fee to become eligible for one year subscription to *The Cannon's Mouth* discounted from the usual £13.00 to £11.00 [UK] or from £20 to £18 [outside UK].

Entries:

An entry will consist of one 14 line poem typed on a sheet of A4 paper [please use at least 12 point typeface]. Please ensure that each entry has its own title. There is no limit to the number of entries providing the fees are paid. Use several entry forms if necessary. The entry fee is £5.00 for the first poem and £2.50 for each additional poem submitted. Alternatively, you can now enter on line. Go to

www.cannonpoets.org.uk/competitions

and follow the on line instructions.

Judging:

This year's final judge is **Liz Berry**.

Liz Berry was born in the Black Country and now lives in Birmingham. Her pamphlet *The Patron Saint of Schoolgirls* was published by Tall Lighthouse in 2010. Liz's debut collection, *Black Country* (Chatto & Windus, 2014), was a Poetry Book Society Recommendation, received a Somerset Maugham Award, won the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Award and won the Forward Prize for Best First Collection 2014. *Black Country* was chosen as a book of the year by *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph*, *The Mail*, *The Big Issue* and *The Morning Star*. Liz's poems have been broadcast on BBC Radio, television and recorded for the Poetry Archive. She has been a judge for major prizes including The Forward Prizes for Poetry and Foyle Young Poets. Liz works as a tutor for The Arvon Foundation, Writer's Centre Norwich and Writing West Midlands.



The closing date for entries is 31st October 2017

Sonnet or Not [2017] Poetry Prize Rules of Entry

GENERAL

1. The closing date of the competition is midnight (UK time), **31st October 2017**.
2. The competition is open to anyone aged 18 or over at the time of entering.
3. International entries are welcome but all entries must be in English.
4. Under no circumstances can alterations be submitted once poems have been entered.
5. The judges' decision is final and neither the judges nor Cannon Poets will enter into any correspondence.
6. No person involved in the judging process is eligible to enter the Competition.
7. No entrant may win more than one prize.

POEMS

8. There is no limit on the number of entries a single entrant can make.
9. Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy.
10. All entries are judged anonymously and the poet's name must not appear on the poem itself.
11. All poems must have a title and must have 14 lines (excluding title).
12. Entries can be on any subject.
13. Poems must be the original work of the entrant.
14. Entries must not have been published, self-published, published on a website or broadcast.

FEES

15. The first poem submitted costs £5. Subsequent entries in the same submission cost £2.50 per poem.
16. Payments must be made in £ sterling. Entries accompanied by payment in a currency other than £ sterling will not be accepted.

ENTERING ON LINE

17. To enter on line go to **www.cannonpoets.org.uk** and follow the instructions.
18. Payment and submissions may be made directly from the site by credit/debit card. All Internet payments are subject to a £1 administration fee, i.e. add £1 to your total.
19. There is no facility for submitting by separate email.

ENTERING BY POST

20. Each poem should be on a separate sheet of A4 paper, typed or word processed in no smaller than 12 point typeface, and must include **ONLY** the poem and its title. Do not include your name.
21. A completed entry form and cheque for the correct fee must accompany all postal submissions. Photocopied entrance forms are acceptable.
22. Cheque/postal orders should be made payable to **Cannon Poets**. Please write your name and phone number on the back of cheques.
23. Please include a stamped addressed envelope/postcard with your entry if you would like confirmation that your postal entry has been received and/or notification of results. Telephone or email confirmation of receipt is not available. If you supply your email address, you will be notified of the results.
24. The postal address is:
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WINNERS

25. Prize winners will be notified by 31st December 2017
26. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant Cannon Poets the right to publish and/or broadcast their poem for one year from date of presentation. Winning poems will be published in *The Cannon's Mouth* and later on the Cannon Poets website. Use of the poems elsewhere during this time is subject to permission from Cannon Poets.

Cannon Poets website: www.cannonpoets.org.uk

ENTRY FORM Cannon Poets 2017 Poetry Prize

First name	OFFICE USE ONLY
Surname or Family Name	Author Number
Contact Address	No. of poems submitted
Postcode	Amount paid £
Telephone (daytime)	Eligible
Email [for automatic notification of results]	Not Eligible [Reason]
Title of Poem	[£5 for first entry, £2.50 each additional poem]
	£ 5.00
	£
	£
	£
The Cannon's Mouth special offer subscription @ £11.00 [UK] or £18.00 [outside the UK]	£
TOTAL	£

Method of payment Cheque [£ Sterling only] / Postal Order [payable to Cannon Poets] / Cash / Other *[tick one]*. **Do not send cash by post.**

I have read and agree to the competition rules.

Signed:

- Please **acknowledge my entry** [Endorsed SAE enclosed.]
- Please **supply a list of winning entries** [SAE enclosed.]