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2026 Annual Poetry Competition

1st PRIZE $300 2nd prize $100

25 poems will be selected to be included in an anthology to be published by PCP

The theme for this competition will be

A MOMENTARY DARKNESS

This topic lends itself to poems about patience through suffering, difficult times, looking ahead, hope for tomorrow, the journey of life, the highs and lows of life, light and dark, day and night, affliction, life cycles, change, trust, faith, perspective, the Big Picture, redemptive encounters.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- The closing date for this competition will be **30th of April, 2026**.
- **Note that EMAIL ENTRIES are our preferred form of entry**, although hard copies will also be accepted. If emailing poems, please email them **in Word format (rather than pdf)** to **pcpcompetition@gmail.com**.
- You must **complete and include an entry form**, which can be done directly into the Word entry form **(preferred)** or scanned, filled in and then emailed with your entry, or filled in and posted with entry.
- Poems entered in the competition are **NOT** to show the poet's details. ***Entries which show any information about the poet will be disqualified.*** Entry fees will **not** be returned.
- A **$10 reading fee** must accompany each poem. **Limit of three poems per person**.
- Poems submitted to this competition **must be previously unpublished**. (This includes poems in books that have been self-published and are/were available for sale, blog and social media posts.)
- **Poems cannot be withdrawn** after being chosen by the judge.
- This competition is open to poets aged **16 years and over residing in Australia**.
- Poems should be **single-spaced** and should be no longer than **50 lines** (excluding title but including line spaces.) Poems which exceed this line length will be disqualified.
- Please **avoid using very lengthy lines**, as the lines need to fit across an A5 page.
- Please try to **fit all of each poem onto one page** (you may need to select narrow margins, or set the poem out in two columns.) Please print your line count at the bottom of the poem as well as recording it on the entry form.
- **The winning poets will be contacted by mail within 3 months of the closing date** of the competition. A list of winners will appear on our website in August, 2026.
- **Copyright remains the property of each individual poet.**
- The **judges' decision is final** and NO correspondence will be entered into.
- Poems will not be returned. **Please keep your own copies**.
- PCP accepts **no responsibility for lost entries.**
- **If you would like to know the results of the competition** and cannot check our website, please include a SSAE.
- The entrant warrants that the poem was written without the assistance of AI, e.g. ChatGPT or similar.

PCP ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Title of entry: (1)_____ line count _____
(including spaces)

(2)_____ line count_____
(including spaces)

(3) _____ line count_____
(including spaces)

_____**I have read the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them.**

_____ **(signature)** (for mailed or scanned entries only) **OR**

_____ **I have emailed my poems.** Submission of this form to the Competition Co-ordinator will be deemed as my valid signature.

_____I would like to **pre-order** _____ copies of the anthology at $20 per copy, plus $5 postage per book.

_____ I have paid $_____ by direct bank transfer (with a reference including surname and the word 'Comp')

Account Name: Poetica Christi Press **BSB :** 633-000 **Account number :** 118162593

_____ I enclose my cheque/money order (**please don't send cash**) made out to Poetica Christi Press for $_____

Entry fee of $_____ ($10 for 1 poem) $_____ ($20 for 2 poems) $_____ ($ 30 for 3 poems) $_____

Plus $20 each for _____ book(s) plus postage ($5 per book) _____ Total amount: $_____

If not emailing your poem(s) please send your entry to:

The Competition Coordinator
PO Box 547
Ringwood, 3134

Office use only

Date received: _____

Entry fee received: _____

Anthology pre-order No/Yes _____ copies

Anthology payment enclosed ____

SSAE for results ____

D/base Yes _____

Assigned number (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Follow-up query_____

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