

Celebration Poetry Competition: Light



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To celebrate the fast-approaching sale of our millionth pamphlet we're launching a very special competition. Our landmark title will be *Ten Poems of Light* – a Candlestick (like a poem) being a lovely bearer of illumination. We're looking for **five** glorious poems about light in any of its various forms – sunlight, starlight, candlelight, moonlight... bushels or light years... fireflies or northern lights... The choice is entirely yours!

Timeline

Submissions close midnight GMT on **Wednesday 31st July 2024**.

Poems

Your poem should be no longer than 37 lines, including title and stanza breaks. It must also be new, unpublished, and not currently submitted elsewhere. It must be written in English.

Entries

In order to enter, simply visit www.candlestickpress.co.uk and purchase a pamphlet from our website (priced from £5.95 plus postage). Purchases made during the competition entry period 1st July 2024 – 31st July 2024 will qualify for entry. Each purchase entitles you to enter **two** poems.

While you're there, you might want to have a look at some of our recent titles to see the sort of poems we like to publish.

Email your poems as **separate** Word docs or PDF files to light@candlestickpress.co.uk with each poem's title and your own name as the file names. Please also include your PayPal transaction number, your name, address and a contact telephone number.

There is no limit to how many entries you can make, but each entry of two poems must be accompanied by the PayPal transaction number as proof of purchase.

Prizes

In addition to publication, each winner will receive £100, 10 copies of *Ten Poems of Light* plus copies of any 10 other pamphlets from our range of over 120 titles. No entrant may win more than one prize. Winners retain all rights to their poems.

Judges

Entries will be judged by the Candlestick editorial team (Di Slaney and Kathy Towers). The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The winner will be notified by email by Friday 9th August 2024 and announced via social media by 14th September 2024.

Good luck! We look forward to reading your entries.