

# Holidays Poetry Competition



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We're looking for **seven** new poems to feature in one of our planned new titles for 2024: *Fourteen Poems about Holidays*. Whether it's a holiday at home or abroad, with family or your beloved or on your own, we want to read your poems about the best and worst of taking time out from daily life. Summer holidays, weekend breaks, school holidays, Christmas holidays – any and all are good sources of inspiration, so if you don't already have a holiday poem in your repertoire, now is a good time to get writing!

## Timeline

Submissions close midnight GMT on **Thursday 30th November 2023**.

## 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 It must also be new, unpublished, and not currently submitted elsewhere.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](http://www.candlestickpress.co.uk) and purchase a pamphlet from our website (priced from £5.95 plus postage). Purchases made during the competition entry period 11th October 2023 – 30th November 2023 will qualify for entry. Each purchase entitles you to enter **two** poems.

Email your poems as **separate** Word docs or PDF files to [holidays@candlestickpress.co.uk](mailto:holidays@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 of the seven winners will receive £75 and 10 copies of the finished pamphlet. 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 18th December 2023 and announced via social media on or before 3rd January 2024.

*Good luck! We look forward to reading your entries.*