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Winners of the Ware Poets 2015 Open Poetry Competition

1st Prize - Demeter Describes the Origin of Winter *Lisa Megraw* 2nd Prize - He Holds His Bottle in Both Hands *Shaun Gardiner* 3rd Prize, shared between

- Weight Lifting Kathryn Lund
- Hit Eleanor J Vale

The Ware Sonnet Prize, shared between

- One Blow Breaks These Floorboards *Shaun Gardiner*
- Getting the Bones Right Sarah Watkinson

Commended:

Practice Sharon Black Back Roads Sharon Black Bus to Piura Geraldine Clarkson HOLDER OF ALL THAT IS GOOD Geraldine Clarkson My Elephant Claire Dyer Calling My Bluff Claire Dyer Biometric John Freeman My Mother's Horse-shoe Ring Katherine Gallagher The Find *Katie Hale* I'm her carer and I wind her clock Marilyn Hammick Breakfast Gaia Holmes X84 Jane Kite Home Building Ilse Pedler Walks Meryl Pugh Chicken Jacqueline Saphra HAVE YOU DONE YOUR HOMEWORK? Peter Wallis An Asthmatic Stops to Talk to Friesian Heifers at Llanystumdwy Sarah Watkinson

Many thanks to all who entered the competition, giving our judge well over 1000 poems to read! We look forward to reading more of your poems next year.

If you would like a copy of the anthology (those listed above receive one automatically) please send a cheque for £3.50 (payable to Ware Poets Competition) to the Competition Secretary, 21 Trinity Road, Ware SG12 7DB.

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