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Winners of the Ware Poets 2016 Open Poetry Competition

1st Prize - The Balloons *Giles Goodland* 2nd Prize - Freefall *Mark Fiddes* 3rd Prize - Chinese Bowl *Claire Dyer*

The Ware Sonnet Prize - Tomorrow Jennie Osborne

Commended:

Forget-me-not Chloe Bickford Why is the Raven? *Sharon Black* Provide bullet points of your specific Research Specialisms Adrian Buckner Rain Brian Charlton Without Thinking Kerry Darbishire The Absence Caroline Davies Ingot Alexandra Davis High Street Bank Josh Ekroy Helpston Heartsease John Gallas Flight Giles Goodland Soon Come Jack Houston The Thereminist Hails a Bus Caleb Parkin Lovely and Drunk Beth Somerford Fidget Elisabeth Sennitt Clough Meeting the tailor *Laura Thompson* The Undertaking *Laura Thompson* Cvst Peter Wallis The initiation LA Watt

Many thanks to all who entered the competition, giving our judge well over 1100 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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