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Winners of the Ware Poets 2017 Open Poetry Competition

1st Prize - The Selkie's Child *Katie Hale* 2nd Prize - A Handful of Dust *Michael Henry* 3rd Prize - Rosa *Patricia Ace*

The Ware Sonnet Prize - On the gynaecology ward Jo Peters

Commended:

Ivy's Retirement Patricia Ace
Tweet of the Day Caroline Ackroyd
The Horrible Haircuts of Childhood Chrissy Banks
Literacy Sam Burns
Travellers Keith Chandler
Now I'm 64 Penny Dopson
Teddy Bear in the Photograph Lindsay Fursland
Diana Isabelle McNeill
Mr Benzoni Joan Michelson
Toothbrush Tina Negus
Cufflinks Richard Powell
Courses Roy Samson
A Garden (for J.C.) Beth Somerford
What Miss Said Barry Tempest
The Guests Laura Thompson

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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