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Winners of the Ware Poets 2021 Open Poetry Competition

First prize – Sister Jenny Mitchell

Second prize – Sappho's Leap Clare Proctor

Third prize – Elegy for a Saola Maeve Henry

Sonnet prize – canticle: on the beauty of my mother's knees *Lucy Crispin*

Commended poems (surnames in alphabetical order)

These Days Stephen Boyce Having Tea with an Old Flame Carole Bromley Dad, you are not a snowman Jeanette Burton The Cure Rachel Carney Diagnosis Rachel Carney Mijnheer Weinstein, 1618 Ian Royce Chamberlain To my thinking voice Jenny Danes I say I like peanut butter on my apple slices Jenny Danes A Picture of Me For You Kerry Darbishire Ulva lactuca Candida Elton In the museum of everything John Foggin Bridget Bex Hainsworth The Umbrella Salesman of Chennai Christopher James The Stone Man Joanne Kev When I was seventeen Sara Levv Bedsit Erica Jane Morris the night someone threw a brick Natalie Whittaker

Many thanks to all who entered the competition. 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 £4.00 (payable to Ware Poets Competition) to the Competition Secretary, 21 Trinity Road, Ware SG12 7DB.

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