

Ware
Poets



The Competition Secretary 21 Trinity Road, Ware SG12 7DB

Open
Poetry
Competition

25 May 2023

Winners of the Ware Poets 2023 Open Poetry Competition

First prize – I Sat With My Grandmother *Imogen Wade*

Second prize – the light of love *John Gallas*

Third prize – Plea *Beatriz Echeverri*

The Ware Sonnet prize – bread of heaven *Lucy Crispin*

Commended poems (surnames in alphabetical order)

Aleppo *Katie Campbell*

In a World of Newts *Hélène Demetriades*

And So We Come To Highclere *Lindsay Fursland*

A Matter of Geography *Virginia Griem*

Ode to my black cardigan *Cathy Grindrod*

The Koala Bear Purse *Cathy Grindrod*

On the street, the faces come at me like leaves *Janet Hatherley*

Before Setting Out... *Marion Hobday*

Staring at Beasts *Christopher Horton*

Plastic Seahorses *Christopher Horton*

The Trip *Suzanne Matin*

My mother's party dress *Mary Mulholland*

The Edge of the World *Judy O'Kane*

Driving home after the gig *Ilse Pedler*

Little Terns *Thea Smiley*

Wishing for Snow *Imogen Wade*

A Pint for Dannie Abse *Jeremy Wikeley*

Strawberries *Pat Winslow*

Testing *Judith Wozniak*

Many thanks to all who entered the competition. We hope to read 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 £5.00 (payable to Ware Poets Competition) to the Competition Secretary, 21 Trinity Road, Ware SG12 7DB.

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