

VER POETS OPEN COMPETITION 2026

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Please tick to consent to your details being used to inform you about next year's competition

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Entries : (£5 per poem, 3 for £12, £4 per poem thereafter) NB two copies of each poem	£
Anthologies: (£5 per copy plus £1p&p)	£
Membership subscription: (£15 per year, £20 overseas, £10 students)	£
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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Ver Poets Open Competition is for poems on any theme and in any form. It is open to anybody aged 16 or over.

There is no initial sifting process and Vanessa Lampert will receive **all** entries. Her decision is final.

To be eligible for the competition, poems must be **no more than 30 lines in length**. Each poem should be typed clearly, in English, on one side only of A4: one poem only per sheet, **TWO COPIES OF EACH POEM** please

Competitors' names and addresses must not appear anywhere on the poems. Please write your contact details and the titles of all poems clearly on the entry form.

Competitors may submit any number of poems for a fee of **£5.00 per poem, 3 poems for £12, £4 per poem thereafter**. Payments may be made by bank transfer or cheques/postal orders (sterling only). It is not advisable to send cash in the post.

Entries must be received no later than **April 30th 2026**.

Poems must be the original work of the competitor. Poems should not have been generated in part or entirely by AI programming (e.g. ChatGPT etc.). They should not have been published, or accepted for publication, in print or online. They should not have won prizes in other competitions, be simultaneously entered for other competitions or be translations of other poets' work. No competitor may win more than one prize.

The copyright of all poems selected for the anthology will remain with the author but we reserve the right to publish the prizewinning poems on our website/social media and in our newsletter. **Copies of the competition anthology, *The Ver Prize 2026*, may be ordered by including a payment of £5 per copy plus £1 post and packaging.** Selected and prizewinning poets will be informed by post or email in June and invited to read at a prize giving event.

Results will be posted on our website, verpoets.wixsite.com/verpoets in July.

Please send entries to:

Competitions Secretary
84 High Street
Sandridge, St Albans
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