

A Walk at Christmas Poetry Competition



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We're looking for six new poems to feature in our festive pamphlet for 2023. *A Walk at Christmas* will be published in October and will capture those lovely winter excursions through frost and snow (or mud!) that are so much a part of Christmas celebrations. We're looking for walks in all manner of places – country lanes, city parks, town streets – whether alone or with friends and family. The choice is yours!

Timeline

Submissions close midnight on **Friday 30th June 2023**.

Poems

Your poem should be no longer than 37 lines, including title and stanza breaks. It must also be new, unpublished, and not currently submitted elsewhere. It must be written in English.

Entries

In order to enter, simply visit www.candlestickpress.co.uk and purchase a pamphlet from our website (priced from £5.95 plus postage). Purchases made during the competition entry period 25th May – 30th June 2023 will qualify for entry. Each purchase entitles you to enter **two** poems.

While you're there, you might want to have a look at some of our recent Christmas titles to see the sort of poems we're looking for.

Email your poems as **separate** Word docs or PDF files to christmaswalk@candlestickpress.co.uk with each poem's title and your own name as the file names. Please also include your PayPal transaction number, your name, address and a contact telephone number.

There is no limit to how many entries you can make, but each entry of two poems must be accompanied by the PayPal transaction number as proof of purchase.

Prizes

In addition to publication, each of the six winners will receive £75 and 10 copies of the finished pamphlet. No entrant may win more than one prize. Winners retain all rights to their poems.

Judges

Entries will be judged by the Candlestick editorial team, Di Slaney and Kathy Towers. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The winner will be notified by email by 17th July 2023 and announced via social media on or before 31st July 2023.

Good luck! We look forward to reading your entries.