

Judge: Kwame Dawes

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- Entries must be in English, your own unaided work, and not a translation of another poet. Entries must not have been previously published or self-published, in print or online, or have won a prize in another competition. The maximum length is 80 lines.
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- Entries must be typed or written clearly in black on white A4 paper or us letter size, and on one side of the paper only.
- For poems that are longer than one page, the complete poem must be stapled in the top left hand corner. Please don't staple different poems together. Each poem will be judged separately on its own merits.
- You may enter as many poems as you wish, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. For *Poetry London* subscribers the entry fee is £3 per poem, for non-subscribers £7. You are also eligible for the lower entry fee if you take out a subscription now: see form for details. Entry fees must be in UK currency, and cheques/postal orders payable to 'Poetry London'. Payment can also be made through a PayPal account to competition.entry@poetrylondon.co.uk
- The closing date is 1 May 2018.** Winners will be notified by 16 July 2018; the first, second and third prizewinners will be published in the Autumn 2018 issue of *Poetry London* and on the magazine's website. The prizes will be awarded at our Autumn launch reading in London in September (date to be confirmed). Copyright remains with the authors, but we reserve the right to publish the winning poems.
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