



**The International Proverse Poetry Prize 2018
(Single Poems)**

(Closing date: 30 June 2018) (Late entries close 7 July -- additional entry fee)

Entry through <<https://proversehongkong.submittable.com/submit>>

Hong Kong entrants may submit directly to Proverse Hong Kong (see separate document, "Additional Notes for Hong Kong Entries Only").

Entry is open to all aged 18 and above, irrespective of residence, citizenship, nationality, or place of birth. New, emerging and established writers are all welcome.

Topic: Free choice OR "Refuge" (interpreted in any way).

Length: No more than 30 lines (not counting title or blank lines)

Style, form and format: free choice.

Language: English (may be a translation)

Must be previously unpublished in English.

1st prize: USD100.00; **2nd prize:** USD45.00; **3rd prizes** (up to four winners): USD20.00 each.

Prize-winning entries will be published on the website, proversepublishing.com and/or in a paperback anthology.

Selected entries may be published in a paperback anthology.

Number of entries per entrant: no limit.

No entrant may win more than one cash prize in any year.

Number of poems per entrant that may be awarded a place in the anthology: no limit.

Entry fee per poem: HK\$100.00 *or* US\$12.00 *or* £8.00. (Other currencies available: CAD16.00, EUR12.00, NZD18.00, AUD16.00.)

Visit to Hong Kong: A maximum of HK\$5,000 towards reimbursement of travel expenses and HK\$500 per diem for maximum 7 days may be awarded to the writer of the best poem by a non-Hong Kong resident, to enable them to visit Hong Kong to attend and read at the 2019 Proverse Spring Reception. The poet will be invited to write a poem about Hong Kong and read to an additional group. (HK\$7.8 = approx. US\$1.00)

Public announcement of results scheduled for: 15 November 2018. (Placed winners and winners of a place in the anthology will be informed before this.)

For full details, rules, terms and conditions of entry, please see below / over.

General enquiries to the following email address: info@proversepublishing.com.

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The International Proverse Poetry Prize 2018 (Single Poems)

This annual international prize, established in 2016, is open to all who are at least eighteen years old, whatever their residence, nationality or citizenship.

You are invited to enter in English ONE OR MORE poems written by yourself, previously unpublished in English, in which you own the copyright.

Rules, Terms & Conditions of Entry (with full details)

By entering the competition, you certify you are at least 18 years old and accept the rules, terms and conditions in this document as a whole.

You may enter a poem / poems you originally wrote in English and/or a poem/ poems you originally wrote in another language, which is/are previously unpublished in English and in which you own the copyright.

You may enter a poem / poems written by you, which is/are previously published in a language other than English, and in which you retain the copyright.

If another person has translated your poem(s) for you, you must acknowledge this and confirm that you own the copyright in the translation.

If another person has edited your poem(s) for you, you must acknowledge this and confirm that you own the copyright in your poem(s).

Proverse Hong Kong disclaims responsibility for any misrepresentation on the part of each and every entrant.

Poems may be (a) on ANY subject or theme CHOSEN BY YOURSELF, OR (b) on the subject or theme, "Refuge", interpreted in any way you choose.

You may use any form, style or genre.

Poems should be no more than 30 lines each, excluding the title and any blank lines. However, if the judges so decide, any submitted poem of more than 30 lines may be considered an eligible entry on the same footing as submitted poems of 30 lines or fewer.

Please do not include photographs or illustrations.

THE AWARDS AND AWARD EVENTS

Cash prizes are offered as follows: 1st prize: USD100.00; 2nd prize: USD45.00; 3rd prizes (up to four winners): USD20.00.

If, in the sole judgement of the judges, there are no poems of a high enough quality for any or each of the prizes to be awarded, the prize or prizes will not be awarded. Entry fees will not be returned but put towards the continued running of the competition.

You are advised to be careful when submitting your poem(s) as no editing is permitted prior to judging.

The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence can be entered into about the results.

If in the sole judgement of the judges, sufficient high-quality poems are submitted, a Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology will be published by Proverse Hong Kong in a paperback available for online purchase and/or as an ebook, no later than one year after the closing date for entries. Your name will be published with your poem(s) unless you explicitly state at the time of entering your poem(s) that you do not wish your name to appear. Depending on the editorial policy from year to year, you may be asked to submit a brief bio and / or a headshot of yourself to be included in the anthology.

No poet may win more than one prize in any year but it is permissible for more than one poem by a single poet to be included in the Proverse Poetry Prize anthology.

If in the sole judgement of the judges, not enough high-quality poems are submitted for an anthology in any year, winning poems will be published online (e.g. on the Proverse website, the Proverse facebook page, in the Proverse ENewsletter, etc.) no later than one year after the closing date for entries.

The first, second and third prizes (if any) will be awarded at the same time as the winning poems are published online or soon afterwards OR at the event or soon after the event at which the anthology (if any) in which their prize-winning work appears is launched, whichever takes place later.

First-, second- and third-prize-winners (if any) and those who win a place in the anthology (if any) will be informed individually about their result. All are requested to keep their result confidential until Proverse has announced the full results as explained elsewhere in these Rules, Terms and Conditions of Entry.

First-, second- and third-prize winners (if any), as well as those who have won a place in the Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology (if any) may receive invitations to attend events in Hong Kong: the first event (at which the results will be announced, scheduled for 15 November 2018); and the second event (when the anthology (if any) will be launched, planned for April/May 2019) and winners will themselves be responsible for all arrangements and costs of attendance, including but not limited to a modest event fee (normally about HKD190 = approx USD25.00), visas, international and / or local transport, health and travel insurance, accommodation and meals, etc. If winners are not able to attend, they may be invited to send a brief message which the organisers will consider for reading out or displaying at the event.

Reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem: A maximum of HK\$5,000 towards reimbursement of travel expenses and HK\$500 per diem for a maximum of 7 days may be awarded to the writer of the best poem by a non-Hong Kong resident, of an acceptable standard as recommended by the judges, to enable the poet to visit Hong Kong to attend and read at the 2019 Proverse Spring Reception. The awardee will be responsible for all arrangements and costs of attendance, including but not limited to a modest event fee (normally about HK\$190 = approx US\$25.00), visas, international and local transport, health and travel insurance (which must be in place), accommodation and meals, etc. But a maximum of HK\$5,000 towards reimbursement of travel expenses and HK\$500 per diem for maximum 7 days will be awarded and presented to the poet in Hong Kong. The poet will also be invited to write a poem about Hong Kong and read to an additional group. (HK\$7.8 = approx. US\$1.00) If in the view of the judges, no poem by a non-Hong Kong resident reaches a standard to justify this award, the award will not be made. If the award is offered, but the poet is unable to attend as described above, the award will not be made.

You will retain copyright in your poem(s) but, by entering for The Proverse Poetry Prize, you give Proverse Hong Kong the unrestricted royalty-free irrevocable non-exclusive right to publish your poem(s) (A) online including but not limited to the website proversepublishing.com and/or the Proverse facebook page www.facebook.com/ProversePress and/or in the Proverse ENewsletter and/or (B) in a Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology as described above. Proverse Hong Kong will own the copyright in any such Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology and its reproduction and licensing rights. You also agree not to publish or permit to be published your entered poem(s) in any way until Proverse Hong Kong has published your poem(s) online and/or in a Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology as described above.

Editing and publication of the Anthology: If the Proverse Hong Kong editors have any query about the text of any poem to be published, Proverse Hong Kong will contact the author and the author will respond to the best of his or her ability within ten days. If no response is received, the Proverse Hong Kong editors may use their best judgement to make any slight amendment to the text that they deem necessary.

Proverse Hong Kong will be responsible for and have the final decision in relation to all aspects of preparation of print-ready files and their delivery for printing to include but not being limited to publishing project management and scheduling, copy-editing, layout design and the setting, cover design, proof-reading and delivery of files in appropriate format for printing.

Prize money will be sent by PayPal OR by USD cheque as Proverse Hong Kong will decide and Proverse Hong Kong disclaims responsibility for any PayPal or bank charges or fees or for the rate or cost of currency conversion.

The following exceptions apply. In the case of entries from Hong Kong, a HKD cheque will be sent and the amount in HKD will be at the rate of USD1=HKD7.6. In the case of entries from the United Kingdom, a GBP cheque will be sent and the amount in GBP will be at the rate of USD1 = GBP0.70. If the prize-money is sent by cheque, this will be by registered mail. Proverse Hong Kong expressly disclaims responsibility for the non-receipt of any such cheque and will not replace any cheque that is reported not to have been received. If a cheque cannot be paid

because the winner has provided incorrect details, a new cheque cannot be issued.

Prize money may also be paid by internet bank transfer. Proverse Hong Kong will pay all originating charges and the recipient will pay any and all receiving charges. The rate of exchange will be that applicable at the time the conversion is made.

An entry fee needs to be paid for each poem. An entry fee once paid may not be repaid and you may not withdraw a poem from the competition once you have entered it.

Entry fee per poem: HK\$100.00 *or* US\$12.00 *or* £8.00. (Other currencies available: CAD16.00, EUR12.00, NZD18.00, AUD16.00.)

Entries may be submitted through our online submissions manager,

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OR, for Hong Kong entrants who wish to pay in HK\$ (not available through the submissions manager) directly to Proverse Hong Kong. (Please see the separate document, "Additional Notes for Hong Kong Entries Only".)

Special Case (Two Authors): If you wish to enter a poem which you wrote with another person, each of you should enter the poem, noting your joint authorship and the name of both authors, complete the entry form and send in the entry fee. If the poem is awarded a prize, the prize will be shared equally between the two of you. If the poem is chosen to appear in the anthology, both names will appear as authors.

It is regretted that no correspondence can be entered into in relation to individual entries.

By entering for The Proverse Poetry Prize you agree to and are bound by the Rules, Terms and Conditions of Entry (with full details) set out above.

Judging will take place during the period, mid-July to end August 2018. To preserve the integrity of the judging process and to keep the focus on entrants and their entered poems, the judges' names are not announced.

~~~ENDS~~~

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR WORK!**

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