



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

(Opens for entries: 7 May 2018. Closing date: 30 June 2018)

This annual international prize, established in 2016, in association with the annual international Proverse Prize for unpublished book-length fiction, non-fiction or poetry (established in 2008), is open to all who are at least eighteen years old, whatever their residence, nationality or citizenship.

New, emerging and experienced writers are all welcome.

You are invited to enter in English ONE OR MORE poems written by yourself, previously unpublished in English, in which you own the copyright.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

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you originally wrote in English and/or a poem/ poems you originally wrote in another language, which is/are previously unpublished in English and in which you own the copyright.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

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, at which the results will be announced; and the other, when the anthology (if any) will be launched 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.

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.

THE ANTHOLOGY: editing and publication: 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.

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

ENTRY FEES

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.

Entries may be submitted through our online submissions manager,
<https://proversehongkong.submittable.com/submit>

OR, for Hong Kong entrants who wish to pay in HK\$ (not available through the submissions manager) directly to Proverse Hong Kong. **Entry by each of these two methods will be available from 7 May 2018.**

Entry Fee: £8.00 for each poem. (Other currencies available: USD12.00, CAD16.00, EUR12.00, NZD18.00, AUD16.00.) If you wish to pay by HKD (HKD100.00 per poem), special arrangements apply.

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 set out above.

As in 2016 and 2017, judging in 2018 will take place at the same time as the judging for the Proverse Prize for unpublished book-length fiction, non-fiction or poetry.

To preserve the integrity of the judging process and to keep the focus on entrants, the judges' names are not announced.~~~

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NOTES

The inaugural (2016) Anthology (*Mingled Voices*, published by Proverse Hong Kong), containing first-, second- and third-prize winning entries as well as selected other entries to the 2016 competition, was launched at an event held in Hong Kong in April 2017 and may be purchased online from several online providers, including amazon.com and amazon.co.uk. You can order it also from the website of the Chinese University of Hong Kong Press, www.chineseupress.com. The direct link is: <http://bit.ly/2A4da55>>. You may like to take a look at *Mingled Voices* for reference.

It is expected that the anthology containing first-, second- and third-prize winning entries as well as selected other entries in the 2017 competition (*Mingled Voices 2*, to be published by Proverse Hong Kong) will be launched at an event to be held in Hong Kong on 18 April 2018. Registration for this event is already open to everyone eighteen years old or above from <http://bit.ly/2C92G6i>>.

Mingled Voices 2 will be available from the website of the Chinese University of Hong Kong Press, www.chineseupress.com and from several online providers, including amazon.com and amazon.co.uk. You may like to take a look at *Mingled Voices 2* also, in due course, for reference.

AN EXCELLENT VIDEO of the Proverse Spring Reception 2017 at which the Proverse Poetry Prize 2016 Anthology was launched and the awards presented, with readings by several of the poets is available at: https://youtu.be/mrtSF0iel_c. You may like to take a look at this also for reference (and enjoyment). (Thanks to Simon Overton, Chairman of the Hong Kong Writers' Circle, for shooting and editing this video.) There are also photographs of this event at: <http://bit.ly/2CFYzzJ> and <http://bit.ly/2qf521W>.

The results of the 2017 competition were announced on 16 November 2017 at an event held in central Hong Kong. Photographs of this event can be seen online at the following URL: <http://bit.ly/2EwZRh7> ~~~