



## What our judges had to say Category: Poetry

I was surprised by how difficult this was to judge. A lot of entries had very good images, ideas or lines but often needed more work to make them cohere as finished poems. I felt that 'The End of Isolation' is the winner as it carried a hopeful tone in its rhythms and rhymes, while capturing the importance of everyday events and life. The highly commended poem is 'Thoughts at Home' which works like a magic spell.

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