



SEAN DUNNE POETRY AWARD 2024

LONG LIST of 75

There were over 1,100 Poems received for this competition. Judging has now reached the quarter-final stage and we are delighted to announce our Long List of 75 poems (in no particular order). We hope to shortlist these to 35 within the next week.

We offer a big 'thank you' to all who have entered.

BALLINAHARDA WRITING RETREAT

GLARE

VIA NEGATIVA

THE TIME (for my daughter Cara)

INGEBORG BACHMAN AND PAUL CELAN IN A CAFÉ IN PARIS

REPAIRING THE ICONOSTASIS

LIGHT OPERA

THE SUNBIRDS

HAPPINESS IN IRELAND

EIGHT AND A DAY OLD HANDS

IN GREEN

ON MEETING THE PROFESSOR OF BOOTERSTOWN IN THE WAITING ROOM OF THE

SOULS

RIALTO BLUES

AND THERE YOU WERE
SONGS AT THE KITCHEN TABLE
THE PRIDE OF AUGUST
THE WIND WHISPERED YOUR NAME
MACKEREL FISHING IN THE GAELTACHT
LOOKING FOR YOU ON PEARSE STREET
THYME
MEMORIES FOR THEIR MOTHER
BALLINAHARDA
AVIARY
CHASING KITES IN MISRATA
ON THE SEVENTH DAY
OCEAN
GLADIOLI
TO HELL WITH GOOD COMPANY
AND ONLY FOR THE MOONLIGHT
THE FAITH HEALER'S HOUSE
THE BLUE SHIFT
WHERE THE TRAPPIST MONKS ARE
PURE
WOOD STOVE TOAST
HOUSE TO HOUSE
YARD
YOUR DEAFNESS
TWO MOVEMENTS THROUGH ASPEN TREES
SCRIBE
LOVE
SEEDS ARE NOT NUMBERS
LITTLE TICKER
THE LIGHT, EYERIES
THE EAGLE SPEAKS
A DEDICATION TO DOCTOR MARY SOMERVILLE PARKER STRANGEMAN

FOR THE BOYS OF ST.JOSEPH'S REFORMATORY SCHOOL
CLICK BAIT
LADY LUCK
FLIGHT
A HOUSE DIFFERENT FROM OURS
DANCING LESSONS
BUTTON NECKLACE
BEFORE GUERNICA AGAIN
ROWAN'S FURNITURE DUBLIN 1965
AFTERLIFE
IN BALLYVAUGHAN I HEAR THE CUCKOO FOR THE FIRST TIME
BURIAL DURING THE GREAT PAUSE
THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
SAND SCULPTURING
RUSSIAN DOLL
LOOKING FOR MY GRANDMOTHER IN IRELAND'S FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE
THE WHITE BED
A POET DREAMING
MY FATHER, THE MECHANIC
SIOFRA'S 30th
HAPPINESS AND OTHER STORIES
THE RECOVERY
ON THE BACKSTRAND
CHRISTMAS EVE, MANORHAMILTON
WORDS DROPPED IN SILENCE
MEDITERRANEAN PARCEL
THE RUNNERS
QUEEN BY CANDLELIGHT AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
MY CARRYCOWAN CHILDHOOD
UNSUCCESSFUL DATES No.2 – THE COUNSELLOR