

# All-Ireland Mothers' Union Poetry Competition

You don't have to be Emily Dickinson or Christina Rossetti,  
just someone who loves the gift of words.

## Theme : Covid Times

*You can write about absolutely any aspect of the current pandemic in whatever format you wish - silly or serious, rhyming or non-rhyming - it's up to you!*

All we ask is that you please keep poems to 24 lines, maximum. Feel free to write less but whatever your rhyme or reason, we want to read your poetry!

**Eligibility** This Poetry Competition is open to **current** Mothers' Union members. Entries must be your own original work. Entries must not be previously published or have won a prize in any other competition. You may submit more than one poem.

**Entry implies acceptance of all the guidelines.**

**Closing Date** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Poems will be judged anonymously, so please submit your name, address and diocese on a separate sheet or file. Send entries to Jacqui Armstrong at 32 Clooney Park Gardens, Derry/Londonderry BT47 6NU or to [jacquelin.armstrong.donegal@outlook.com](mailto:jacquelin.armstrong.donegal@outlook.com)

**Length** Poetry: 24 lines max. No minimum length. Title, dedications, and lines between text / stanzas are not counted.

**Judging** A published poet will judge, and the judge's decision is final.

**Copyright** Copyright of each entry remains with the author, but Mothers' Union reserves unrestricted rights to publish the winning and commended poems.

**Results & awards** The results and awards will be announced and posted on our website [www.mothersunion.ie](http://www.mothersunion.ie) in Autumn 2020.

*"When I write I can shake off all my cares. My sorrow disappears,  
my spirits are revived!"* Anne Frank