



Friendly Street Poets Inc.
Japanese Poetry Competition 2009
Tanka & Tanka Sequence

Closing Date: Friday 1st. May 2009

Categories:	Prizes:	1st	2nd
A - Tanka		\$100	\$50
page of 2 Tanka = 1 entry			
B - Tanka Sequence		\$100	\$50
3 - 8 tanka, 1 sequence = 1 entry			

Entry Fee: AUS \$5.00 per entry

Cheque or money order payable to "Friendly Street Poets".

Send entries to:

Friendly Street Poets Inc, PO Box 3697, Norwood, 5067.

Please note: entries will only be accepted via this post box.

Tanka

This is a 5 line poem of 31 syllables or fewer. Tanka is not a haiku with extra lines. 1300 years ago, lyrical tanka celebrated courtly love. Contemporary tanka address human emotions and aspects of life; not all of them incorporate nature. The first line is used in place of a title for reference.

Tanka Sequence

For the purposes of this competition, the sequence will comprise 3 to 8 tanka on a chosen theme or narrative. Each tanka must be capable of standing alone, and the connection between tanka can be more subtle than the links between verses in Western poetry. Sequences have titles.

Conditions and Guidelines

1. Entries must be the original work of the entrant, unpublished, not have won a monetary prize, or be under consideration elsewhere.
2. All submissions must be sent to the Friendly Street post box.
3. Entries must be received by the due date, or postmarked by that date.
4. An entry form, or a photocopy of this form, is required.
5. Author's name is not to appear on the entries, only on this entry form.
6. There is no limit to the number of entries. All entries must be listed on the entry form and the appropriate fee must be enclosed.
7. Two copies of each entry must accompany the form and fee.
8. Please keep a copy of your work as entries will be destroyed after the judging.
9. Authors retain copyright, but Friendly Street Poets Inc. claim the right (if we choose) to publish winning and commended entries on the website and in Friendly Street Publications.
10. Prizes are based on literary merit. Judges' rulings are final and no correspondence will be entered into. Prizes are in Australian dollars.
11. Notification of winners will be announced at the Friendly Street meeting in June and posted on the website.

I agree to abide by the rules of the competition.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name:

Address:

email:

phone:

first lines of tanka/title of sequence	fee
TOTAL	