

## Poetry Submission Guidelines

Social Alternatives aim to publish an eclectic mix of quality poetry and submissions are open all year round.

- Please send 1-3 poems in a single document (.doc or .docx) with a 1-2 sentence biography to [[social alternatives email address](#)]
- Your poems should be in a sans serif font (e.g. Arial, Calibri, Helvetica...) with 1.15 or 1.5 spacing and a fresh page for each new poem.
- We particularly want to see poems of 20 lines or shorter but will consider longer work.
- There is no payment but contributors will receive a PDF copy of the issue in which their work appears.
- We will attempt to respond to submissions within 30 days. Please refrain from emailing until the end of that period.
- Please be aware that we can only publish a fraction of the work we receive.
- If your work is accepted please wait one year before submitting again. If your work is not accepted, please wait four months before submitting again.
- Before you submit your work, consider reading the poetry in a recent issue of *Social Alternatives* and work in prominent Australian literary journals (*ABR*, *Island*, *Meanjin*, *Overland*, *Rabbit*, *Westerly* etc.). Wide and deep reading is crucial to good writing.
- We will endeavour to give feedback where possible, if the contributor indicates they would like this.

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