

Waterways: Poetry in the Mainstream

Prompts for volume 45 (June, 2024 - May, 2025)
are lines excerpted from poems previously published in Waterways volume 5 (1984).

#1 deadline June 15, 2024 — “The Moon Is Singing” by Blair H. Allen (WWv5n1)

A full moon held like a pearl
in the hand of my mind.

Waterways is printed 11 times a year;
every month, except for August.

#2 deadline July 15, 2024 — “The Plumber” by Arthur Winfield Knight (WWv5n2)

Why would a man
who has everything
want to run away?

#3 (deadline September 15, 2024) — “Odyssey in Yellow” by Joan Rohr Myers (WWv5n3)

It is a different time now,
remembering a fading song
you walk into the house

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#4 (deadline October 15, 2024) — “Green Fields” by Blair H. Allen (WWv5n4)

My children think it’s great
Rolling around in tall grass lawns

#5 (deadline November 15, 2024) — “Cheese” by Sarah Brown Weitzman (WWv5n5)

While I slept
so much was happening
beneath the kitchen sink.

The magazine began in 1979
documenting the Waterways Project’s
book fairs and poetry readings.

#6 (deadline December 15, 2024) — “And In That Place All The Fish Are Gathered” by Jane Somerville (WWv5n6)

There is a light on the water
there are songs in the water.

#7 (deadline January 15, 2025) — “Recovered” by Arthur Winfield Knight (WWv5n7)

We made love
during the time
I’d have been teaching
freshman English.

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copy of the magazine and/or pdf.

#8 (deadline February 15, 2025) — “Judgement” by Mimi Pebler (WWv5n8)

Alone on a bench in Washington Square Park
My solitude was broken by
A sparrow with an inquiring eye

#9 (deadline March 15, 2025) — “Flop Doll” by Roxanna Mennella (WWv5n9)

When I come through the door
the first thing I see
is a doll with her head bent down

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#10 (deadline April 15, 2025) — “These Kindly Floors” by Barbara A. Holland (WWv5n10)

..... the floorboards
of this shop give a little under foot

#11 (deadline May 15, 2025) — “Hi Speed Line (Dream & Variations: 10/18/81” by Marion Cohen (WWv5n11)

He says you didn’t tell him soon enough

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