

## Poetry Society of Colorado

“Musts & Shoulds”

Open Contest – December 2022

Theme:    **Domestic Poetry**

This theme focuses on domestic life- home, family, relationships, marriage, divorce, courtship, childbearing, etc. Be creative. See the examples provided below.

Prizes:    1<sup>st</sup> Place \$30; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$10

Sponsor:    Curtis Pierce

All submitted poems must...

- include a title.
- not exceed 40 lines.
- be about domestic life
- be original, unpublished (either in print or on-line)

All submitted poems should...

- Avoid clichés and overused phrases
- Examples: “Better late than never” / “Time after time”  
“I love you” / “All work and no play” / “At the end of the day”

Examples of Domestic Poems

[Filling Spice Jars as Your Wife by Kai Coggin | Poetry Magazine \(poetryfoundation.org\)](#)

[Ode to the Clothesline by Kwame Dawes | Poetry Magazine \(poetryfoundation.org\)](#)

[Clearly by James Crews | Poetry Foundation](#)

[Mean by Colette Labouff Atkinson | Poetry Foundation](#)