



October 2019 Open Contest Guidelines A Poem in Response to _____

Deadline: October 19, 2019
Sponsor: Curtis Pierce
Theme: Optional
Form: Optional
Line Limit: 40

MUSTS:

1. Poets, respond! Write a poem in answer/reply to something.
2. You must write a poem in answer/reply to a: newspaper article, current or historical event, film, book, poem, editorial, photograph, advertisement, letter, or simply anything that inspires you.

SHOULD:

1. Poets should step outside the box. Take risks. Make unusual comparisons. See beauty—or pain—in unusual places. Describe ordinary objects with unusual details.
2. Your reaction, response, answer, or reply should be from a different perspective—that is, different from the perspective that prompted your poem.

POSSIBILITIES:

You are encouraged to identify directly with what you are responding, answering, or replying to. Your subject may be evident via the poem—or not. Author's choice.

A FEW EXAMPLES:

<https://www.rattle.com/how-to-talk-about-guns-in-america-by-elizabeth-coyle/>

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47735/in-response-to-a-rumor-that-the-oldest-whorehouse-in-wheeling-west-virginia-has-been-condemned>

<https://www.rattle.com/dear-senator-by-cambra-koczkur/>

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/147108/jordan>