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# PROVISIONAL PEN MONTHLY

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## LET'S GET POETIC!

Happy National Poetry Month! Now more than ever, poems are here for us to take solace in. Both the beautiful creations others have written and the ones you could write.

In this issue, you will discover how Provisional Pen can help you edit and proofread your poems, how (and where) to share your work, and how you can find poetry in ordinary moments and movements.

Write on!

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# News @ *Provisional Pen* WRITING SERVICES

## **POLISH UP YOUR POEMS WITH US!**

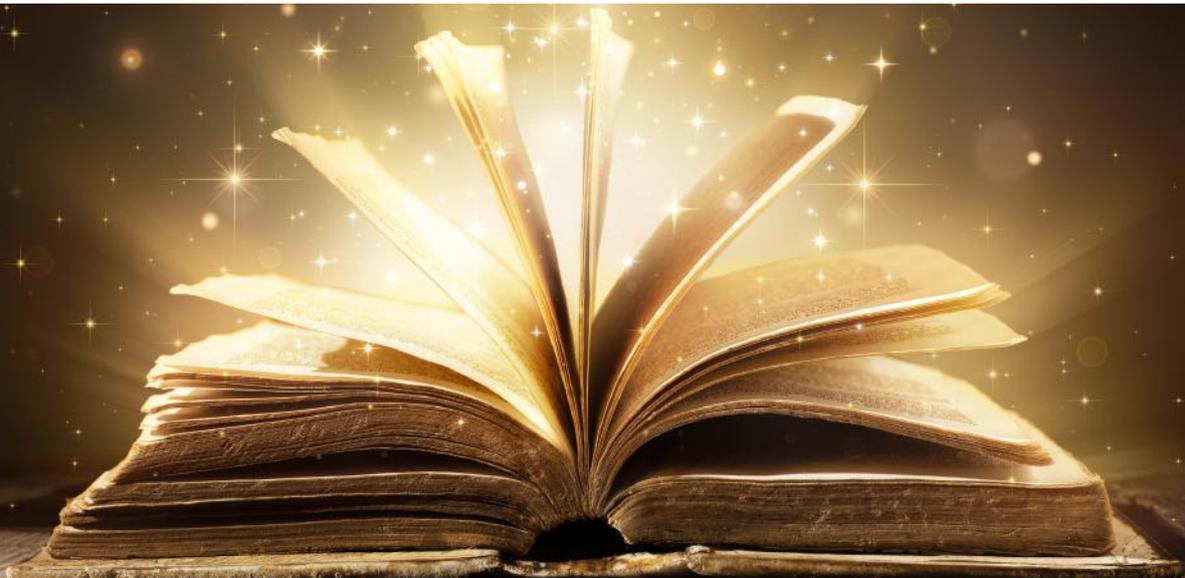
Are you ready to put the finishing touches on your poems? Provisional Pen can help. Poetry reads differently from other genres, and there's lots of room for creativity. Nevertheless, poetry, like any form of writing, can be improved upon with revision and editing.

Here's what we can do for you and your poetry with our editing and proofreading services:

- Get to the core meaning of each poem and consider interpretive variations
- Discuss audience appeal
- Talk about cutting words that don't add value/meaning
- Work on not relying heavily on clichés
- Correct errors in language, spelling, etc.
- Discuss how to successfully break rules

We look forward to working with you to get your poems ready to share with the world!

For more info,  
please visit our  
[Editing and  
Proofreading  
Services](#)  
page.



## WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

### SHARE YOUR POETRY

In honor of National Poetry Month, we want to help you share your creations. As writers, we are sometimes hesitant to show our work, but we need to remind ourselves of the reason we put pen to paper in the first place. We write to enlighten, to engage, to make a connection. If you find yourself wondering how to share your poetry, here a few ways to get started:

#### **Enter a writing contest.**

There are several contests throughout the year. Browse until you find one that fits the theme and length of your poem or poetry collection. Keep in mind that it is normal to pay a small fee to enter these contests. Also, be sure to pay close attention to the submission guidelines and follow the rules.

#### **Post your work to your author platform.**

Whether you have your own website, or you use social media exclusively, provide some of your work to your audience. Encourage feedback and conversation.

#### **Don't forget about blogs.**

Post your poetry and start a discussion on themes, structure, or word choice. Relate your poetry to the work of others and let that conversation take off.

No matter how you choose to share your poetry, April is the month to do it. If you need help with this, Provisional Pen is here to give you the guidance and tools to get it done!

A photograph of a coffee cup, a pen, and a napkin. The coffee cup is on the left, filled with dark coffee. The pen is on the right. The napkin is in the center, with the text "more poetry is needed" written in a blue, calligraphic font. The background is a wooden surface with blue paint splatters.

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# MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION

## BE A POET ON THE MOVE

Now that spring has sprung, what better time to get outside, get moving, and get writing? If you're thinking that one of these things is not like the others, we can assure you that writing does not have to be a stationary activity. You can do it nearly anytime, anywhere. What's more, outdoor exercise can actually inspire your writing.

If you like to walk, jog, or run, you already pay attention to your environment to avoid injury. Maybe what you notice (cracked sidewalks, bumpy patched roads, gnarled tree roots) could lead you to create a poem. It may not be convenient to actually write while moving, but you can still compose in your head and write it down ASAP. Or record a draft of your poem on your phone and transcribe it later.

If you enjoy gardening, that's another great way to inspire creativity while getting in some activity.



Of course you must pay attention to what you're doing, but imagine the colorful beauty such an environment could bring to your poems.

Don't feel like writing about your environment? No problem. You can simply use it as a starting point. One of our staffers, for example, was inspired to write a poem about growing up in the 80s on a walk through her old neighborhood. While the poem doesn't focus heavily on the place itself, moving through that space helped the writer create it.

Finally, keep in mind that enjoying outdoor exercise and inviting creativity into your space need not be solitary activities. Your poetry can certainly be inspired by walking the dog, playing tag with the kids, strolling with a significant other, or hiking with a friend.



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