

## **SaveAs Writers' International Creative Writing Competition 2025 'Facing the Storm'**

### **Terms and Conditions**

**1. To commemorate the 250th anniversary of J M W Turner's birth, SaveAs Writers invite poems and stories on the theme of 'Facing the Storm'.** Known for his portrayals of weather and seascapes, Turner was famously secured to the mast of a ship to experience a storm at first hand. As Turner himself said: "It is only when we are no longer fearful that we begin to create."

If inspiration is needed, Turner 250 is a year-long festival of special exhibitions and events: <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/turner-250>. However, the theme can be freely interpreted, metaphorically or literally, with or without reference to Turner's life and art.

National and International entries are welcome.

2. The closing date for the competition is midnight, 31st August 2025. Entries may be emailed to [saveas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:saveas@hotmail.co.uk) or posted to: Luigi Marchini, c/o Save As Writers, 35 Spillett Close, Faversham, Kent, ME 13 8QP.

3. No entry form is required but the correct payment must accompany each entry: Entry fee for each poem is £4 or £10 for three. Entry fee for each story is £5 or £12 for 3. Payment may be made online through PayPal to SaveAs Writers and sent to the email address above (please add a 75p administration charge to each online entry), or by post with a cheque made out to 'SaveAs Writers'. Non-payment of the administration charge will invalidate the entry.

4. Poems must not exceed 60 lines in length. Prose must not exceed 3500 words. Entries are judged anonymously, and the author's name and address should not appear on the poem or short story itself.

5. Work that does not fit the conditions outlined in number 4 above will not be accepted. Also, play scripts are not eligible for the competition.

6. Handwritten entries cannot be accepted. Although electronic entries are preferred, paper entries should be typed on one side of A4 paper. Please do not staple entries. A separate sheet of paper should have the title/s of the entry, your name, address and contact email or telephone.

7. Emailed entries should be attached as a Word doc or PDF, and the PayPal ID code inserted into the email heading as proof of payment. Your name, address, contact email or telephone, and title/s of submission/s should be stated in the body of the email.

8. Entries must be an original, unpublished work (including on any website, public blog, online forum, or broadcast medium) and not accepted for publication at the time of entry. Please note all entries will be checked. Ownership remains with the author always. SaveAs Writers will not assume any share in copyright.

9. Entries should be written principally in English; incidental foreign words/phrases and the use of regional variants are permitted. No alterations may be made to a poem or short story once it has been submitted.

10. Poems will be judged by Mara Adamitz Scrupe. Short stories will be judged by Victoria Grainger. The judges' decision is final.

11. Winners will be announced at the online Awards Evening on Saturday, 6th December 2025.

12.The Canterbury Christchurch Poetry Prize of £200 is awarded to the poetry winner with the additional prizes of £100 for second place and £50 for third. The Canterbury Festival Fiction Prize of £200 will be awarded for the winning story with the additional prizes of £100 for second and £50 for third.

13.All shortlisted pieces will be published on the SaveAs website.