

2022 My Brother Jack Awards

Junior Secondary School Poetry Award

Congratulations to all the wonderful poets who entered the My Brother Jack Awards this year and much admiration and praise to those incredible writers who won!

These 2022 submissions are full of vitality, poems about: nature, togetherness, culture, home, open spaces and many personal journeys. Amongst these were pieces also experimenting with form. It is a pleasure and an honour to read through the depth and diversity of work. Of course, as always, it must be said, it is difficult to pick only just a few. So many that have not received formal recognition in these awards deserve to be read and cherished by others. I hope one day soon they will.

Junior Secondary Poetry

Junior Secondary Poetry contained the most varied styles, subject matter and tone out of all the sections in the My Brother Jack Awards. The poem 'Resist' is a small but impactful poem on the power of words and symbolism. The setting for the poem could be anywhere there is unrest, defiance and the need to talk strongly to those in power. The rhythmical and staccato nature of each line lifts the poem up and lets the reader embrace one moment at a time.

Winner: Resist

Highly Commended:

My Friend...

A delightfully crafted poem with heartfelt narrative and detail.

Motorcycling in Hanoi

An energetic and dynamic poem transporting the reader with a wild ride.

- **Alicia Sometimes**