

2022 My Brother Jack Awards

Senior 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.

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Winner: *Snö*

In this strong field of poems, 'Snö' was a standout for its rich, warm narrative on winter. The poem is a forest of descriptions, allowing the reader to take in the scenery and sense their lush surroundings in this cold snow-scape. 'Snö' takes us to the northern hemisphere while we get to keep our feet solidly here in Australia.

'Crystals perch on eyelashes/ and alight upon cheekbones,/ the whispering song of winter...'

Highly Commended:

Can I Sleep in Your Skin Tonight?

A stunning poem on what it feels to walk in someone else's shoes and explore outside of your normal surroundings.

- **Alicia Sometimes**