

Class A Poem: Age 6 and under

From *Captain Hook* - by John Mole

Look, children, look
I'm Captain Hook
I'm not just a picture
In a story book.

Class B Poem: Age 7 – 8

**From *Three Riddles for Christmas* -
by John Mole**

Big round belly,
cheeks aglow,
scarlet coat –
Watch out below! –
Touch-down, landing
On the snow
With my heavy sack
And a Ho! Ho! Ho!

Class C Poem: Age 9 – 10

***Chipmunks* - by C. J. Driver**

Chipmunks are so small,
Sometimes you can't see them at all
Until they lift their fuzzy tails
Like sails
On yachts –
And speed across the roads;
And they eat lots
Of nuts and loads
Of seeds.
They sip
Their drinks and call cuck-cuck & chip
They live in holes they dig in banks
And never once forget to say

Thanks.

Class C Poem: Age 11 – 14

The applicant should submit a poem of their own choosing. The Poem should not be less than 12 lines long or any greater than 16 lines long. The applicant should also give the title and author of the poem chosen.

Class E Poem: Staff

Poetry Man - by Fred Sedgwick

To the memory of Charles Causley, 1917-2003

Who comes here from Scapa Flow
And the murdering sea
Stung into elegy, ballad, lyric,
Chord and harmony?
 It is the poetry man.

Who names children summoned home
By the sound of curfew bells –
Zoe and Betty and Joey flying
Down the Cornish hills? –
 It is the poetry man.

Who stands in assembly, drawing
Songs from the junior choir
With his immaculate silent hands
And their insistent fire?
 It is the poetry man.

Whose voice speaks in the classroom
As I repeat his lines,
His poems electricity
Down the children's spines?
 It is the poetry man.

Who turned to the wall and left his town
Empty of verse,
Poems scattered in his books
Like gold from a purse?
 It was the poetry man.

Footnote: the poet Charles Causley went to Scapa Flow in Scotland to join the Royal Navy in 1939. He said later that he became a poet the day he saw the sea from the deck of the destroyer. He also said that he was more frightened of the sea than he was of the enemy.