

# CONTEST 20: LITERARY MAGAZINE POETRY

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Write your poem using any word processing program you choose.
- Next, convert the file to a PDF for submission.
- Entries must be uploaded by 6 p.m. CDT Oct. 18, 2021.
- The poem must be typed line for line, with indentation for continuation (a continuation is counted as one line in the poem). Indicate stanzas with correct spacing.

## HINTS:

- Be sure to include a title for your poem.
- You may use a traditional or free-form structure in writing your poem. In free-form poetry, punctuation is not required.
- Use originality and creativity in developing theme.
- Consider compactness.
- Use figurative language, imagery and emotion.
- Use correct spelling and punctuation.

**DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR  
NAME OR SCHOOL NAME  
ON YOUR ENTRY.**

## ASSIGNMENT:

- Write an original poem that is any length between **six and 28 lines** on this theme:

### **Declaration of Independence**

(This should NOT be the title of your poem.)

- Be sure to include a TITLE with your FINAL DRAFT.