

**SECOND LIGHT POETRY COMPETITION  
FOR WOMEN POETS  
Judge: Pauline Stainer**

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	<b>£300</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Second Light book of choice</b>

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	<b>£3</b>	<b>£7</b>	<b>£12</b>	

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