



## **The First Ever Anthology of Adventist Poets**

How would you like to be a part of a groundbreaking book of poetry? Balm and Blade Publishing is working on putting together the first ever anthology of Adventist poets and we want you to be a part of this exciting endeavor.

The unfortunate truth is that a lot of publishers, including Adventist ones, don't like to take chances when it comes to the poetry market. This is understandable because it isn't easy to guarantee a profit with poetry books.

Here at Balm and Blade Publishing, however, we want to be known for taking risks in causes and ideas we believe in. We know that there are a lot of talented Adventist poets who deserve to have their work more widely know. We hope to give you a chance to join together with other poets and share your gifts with those who will be blessed and inspired by your writings.

This anthology will seek to accomplish a few purposes.

- Connect you and other poets like yourself, thereby helping you become more aware of each other and each other's creative work.
- Help the Adventist community realize that there is a lot of quality poetry among Adventist writers.
- Challenge and inspire anyone who reads your poetry.

### **What kind of poetry is going to be in this book?**

Basically, if you're an Adventist and you write poetry, we want you to submit your work. We believe poetry is a medium that can effectively communicate truths regarding all aspects of life. Whether you write specifically religious poetry or if you write about social problems, relationships, falling in love, family, nature, heartbreak, etc., we believe that your writings can have a strong influence on those who read them.

### **What benefit is there for me?**

Besides the opportunity for your poetry to become more widely known and a chance to inspire people you've never met, there are also financial benefits.

As a contributor, you'll get a free copy of the anthology. You will also be able to order copies of the book from us at a significantly discounted price (40% off the retail price). Then all you have to do is sell them to friends, family and strangers at the retail price to make a nice little profit.

Additionally, the anthology will be available for purchase online and directly from Balm and Blade Publishing whenever we promote our books.

Another benefit is that Balm and Blade Publishing only obtains the First Rights of your poetry. After we publish your poetry, the rights to publish it elsewhere revert back to you. This means that if you ever want to submit your poetry to be published by another company, you will be free to do so. However, we'd appreciate it if you give us credit (something like, "This poem was first published in *Name of Book*, published by Balm and Blade Publishing in Birchrunville, Pennsylvania").

### **How do I submit my poetry for the anthology?**

Simply send your poetry to [balmandblade@gmail.com](mailto:balmandblade@gmail.com). Send as many as you want; there are no submission fees. Once we look over your poetry, we'll decide if it is a good fit for our book and then we'll let you know!