

As a writer of children's poetry, I'd welcome the opportunity to submit writing samples to anthologists. How can I find out who is in the process of preparing children's poetry anthologies and would accept writing samples?

Q: As a writer of children's poetry, I'd welcome the opportunity to submit writing samples to anthologists. How can I find out who is in the process of preparing children's poetry anthologies and would accept writing samples?

According to Lee Bennett Hopkins, who is a poet and an anthologist, there really isn't a way to know in advance when poems are being collected for anthologies. He said anthologists generally find poetry in books and magazines and then either request reprint permission, or ask the poets to submit work. He said textbook houses tend to look for poems that fit themes for their subject matter. He suggested the Cricket Group magazines; Babybug, Ladybug, Cicada, etc.; as good venues for publishing poetry and said you could try sending a query with some sample poems and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to authors and editors who anthologize children's poetry.

5-6:03