

Pearson Edexcel
GCSE English Literature

**2020 *Belonging*
Poetry Competition
Winners**



1st place

Bismark Adomako Fosu, 'Nowhere'

Nowhere

*I come from rice and chicken, plantain and sugar cane
I come from imagining what things
Taste like without trying it*

*I come from a family that never stays
Moving from place to place
Never seeming to take a break*

*I come from a Christian country
but filled with immorality
I come from different nationalities that can't define me*

*I come from a simulation not reality
It can't be that people get judged because of
Their skin colour or the language they speak*

*I come from a race that is filled with pride and history
but most never heard or seen
Because it was never given that 'freedom of speech'*



Andrew Kriek, 'Belonging'

Belonging

*Is it where home is,
Or the place I wish it was,
Where do I belong?*

*Is it an idea,
Or a place, a location,
Where do I belong?*

*Is it the UK,
Or a place I've yet to go,
Where do I belong?*

*Is it my culture,
Or that of my family,
Where do I belong?*

*Is it decided,
Or is it chosen by me,
Where do I belong?*

*Is it who I know,
Or the distance between us,
Where do I belong?*

*Is it about me,
Or about the people close,
Where do I belong?*

*Is it quite fluid,
Or a border set in stone,
Where do I belong?*

*It doesn't matter,
As long as I am happy,
That is where I belong.*



3rd place

Eden-Miah Ross, 'Among the Rose Ones'

Among the Rose Ones

*Rose girls propped up in glass vases
Perfect bodies, perfect faces.*

*Yellow ones bleached with agony
Sullen with rage, sick with envy.*

*Rose girls bandaged in scarlet threads
Carefully draped, beautifully bred.*

*Mustard ones smothered in dull rags
Everything to hide, nothing to brag.*

*Reaching towards the sky like I don't care
In hopes that one day you'll see me standing there*

*If only I could slip out of this yellow costume
Then just maybe someday this sunflower could bloom*

But...

I'm just a sunflower

A little funny

If I were a rose

Maybe you'd pick me

But I know that you don't have a clue

How much I would give to live like the rose girls do.

