

Linda's choices from the Pea TV Video Prompt.

Thank you Linda for all the work you do with our video prompt submissions. If you'd like to join Linda's editing team for the prompt, do email me.

the sound of water
falling
under its spell

Kim Klugh

falling water
how dreams
sparkle the night

Marilyn Ashbaugh

rock pool
I scoop my face
studded with stars

Meera Rehm

in the drip
of every drop
Basho's frog

Keith Evetts

white noise -
the multilingualism
of water

Paul Callus

Original Open Submissions

My thanks to the editing team for reading through the many submissions, and making their choices: Ron Craig, Robert Horrobin, Liam Maguire, Lorraine Padden and Vandana Parashar. This month was a bumper submission period and together we read around 1000 poems. Thank you so much team.

Ravi Kiran's nomination for the Judge's choice

leaking stars
through each gap
November tree

Meera Rehm

her tattoo unveiled
an audience
of one

Ravi Kiran

altocumulus sky
farmer opens the window
to cotton-ball fields

Lakshmi Iyer

confessional
a robin calls
for her fledglings

Bill Fay

dragonflies
joining
the yard-high club

FJ Bergmann

white lies
a puffball growing
on a stump

Tony Williams

fields of clover
adding a charm
to her bracelet

Tina Mowrey

desert smells
the dry skin-sluff
of snake and scorpion

Dennis Maulsby

migrating sandpipers
only senior citizens
in the voting queue

Daya Bhat

a Williams pear
inside the bottle...
autumn loneliness

Polona Oblak

pumpkin seeds ...
his holiday homework
still unfinished

Daniela Misso

spring cleaning
grandma's nose ring
in the spice box

R Suresh Babu

grave visit
each time further
and further away

Herb Tate

spring thaw
a place setting returns
to our Sunday brunch

Bona M Santos

half-cut
blue agave
half-cut

Mark Farrar

delicate mist
in the spider's web
autumn

BL Bruce

creek crossing
how carefully I place
my words

James Krotzman

droplets on a banana leaf the beggar counts his coins

Neena Singh

blooming cactus
sharing secrets
for the first time

Bakhtiyar Amini

airstrike -
the day bleeds
into nightfall

Mariangela Canzi

crickets
all through winter -
my tinnitus

Richard Jordan

finding bodies
sleeping with the fishes
Lake Mead dries up

Eavonka Ettinger

autumn stroll
I'm going
through changes

Birk Andersson

morning glories
down the handrail -
the night ahead

William O'Sullivan

children's fingers
dripping with chocolate
endless rain

Nika

first tattoo
a sapsucker stipples
a pear tree

Richard L Matta

cul-de-sac
I cut the budding iris
before the frost

Kristen Lindquist

canyon trail
a lull in the lilt
of the creek

Brad Bennett

I poke my finger
in the pond
a ripple of thoughts

Susan Andrews

autumn downland...
twigs turning
into deer

Dorothy Burrows

one sunflower
in the soybean field
autumn solitude

Marilyn Ashbaugh

red umbrella
a small galaxy
for two

René Bohnen

Thank you for the coffees

As you know I would dearly like to have an intern. I don't think that interns should work for nothing so I'm saving up my coffee money so I can give them a little reward for the work I want them to do. I know it will help me and I really hope that this opportunity will give someone a chance to start a career they will love and keep them fed and watered. So a big thank you to everyone who has helped me get a little closer to my goal this month.

Giddy Nielsen Sweep
Debbie Olson
Steena Hernandez
Linda Ludwig
Kimberly Kuchar
Colette Kern
Jerome Berglund
Daniel
Eve Castle
Jenny Shepherd
Wendy Blomseth
Jason Furtak

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I'm also grateful for all the downloads of the latest Journal. All proceeds from the Journals go toward the development of all we do here at Poetry Pea.

barren branch
wish I could call the bird
by its name

Pravat Kumar Padhy

September rain scenting the air cedarwood trees

Debbie Olson

blizzard
my world
pixelated

Christa Pandey

first cold morning
every dog
a puppy again

Allyson Whipple

rain rolls in
early this morning
the baby is crying

Eve Castle

swallows leave again
flying over furrowed fields -
my wrinkles deepen

Jenni Hyatt

a blackbird's eye -
the mountain moving
within

Mark Forrester

Kaufmanniana ...
star gazing
in grandma's garden

Bonnie J Scherer

spring again
the newborn cycling
in the air

Minal Sarosh

jungle cascade -
bouncing inside the bubbles
morning light

Saumya Bansal

moose in the meadow:
two males dozing in dusklight -
but the cow watches

Karla Linn Merrifield

gilded arcs
silhouettes of hawks
glide into sunset

Douglas J Lanzo

flower moon
floating in the hot tub
a champagne cork

Carol Judkins

morning mist
a circle of vultures
on standby

Hildegard Bachman

young married couple ~
pomegranate
with no instructions

Randy Brooks

the customs officer
turns the pages of the passport
autumn leaves

Marie Derley

spring sunshine
letting her believe
the butterfly is alive

Edward Cody Huddleston

wool sweater
the snow stitched
with animal tracks

Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

summer morning
gathering two scents worth
rosemary and lavender

Sarah Paris

trying to catch
cherry blossom on her tongue –
early dementia

Adele Evershed

a crab
walking sideways
avoiding problems

Marc Brimble

changing leaves
a letter to an old friend
marked “return to sender”

Antoinette Cheung

duskfall
a crow's cry fills
the bare willow

David He

pressed
between empty pages
a moth

Miriam Sulhunt

misty hills
another change
in his career

Samo Kreutz

wild geese come back
to where I live
anyway

Keith Evetts

a bee
wild swimming
in the bird bath

Claire Ninham

how still
this bumblebee!
cold snap

Sally Biggar

autumn chill
the warmth of laundry
from the dryer

Jackie Chou

a cappella
birdsong -
until the wind-chimes

Laura Driscoll

irish foothills
my distant cousin
drives the jaunting car

KerryJ Heckman

replanting
the vegetable patch ...
my father's footprints

Wendy Gent

soap bubbles
her freckles disappear
every fall

Mircea Moldovan

late October black windows stare back

Mimi Ahern

nuclear winter—
the talking heads
not talking

Lee Hudspeth

wild beach
watching the surfer
watching the wave

Maya Daneva

thousands of small waves bumper to bumper on the ferry

Richard Tice

Lynne Jambor's Nomination for the Judges' choice

a lilt now and then
in a crow's incessant cawing -
mountain wind

Sankara Jayanth Sudanagunta

he tells me
the history of oil
slow moon rising

John S Green

childhood home ...
the tender peel
of a delight apple

Angiola Inglese

autumn afternoon
the old pair pedal a tandem
towards the Zoo

Maeve O'Sullivan

winter evening -
wrapping myself
in Sinatra's voice

Angela Terry

blue skies
blue sage
hummingbirds

Deborah P Kolodji

yellow primroses,
the old brick wall holds up
a rusted rake

Alvin Johnson

lamb's ear
the gardener removes
her gloves

PH Fischer

a little night music
sharing our home
with crickets

Charles Harmon

seconds...
imperfect apples
in the craft cider

Christine Wenk-Harrison

summer solitude
I slip into the shadows
of a cool forest

CX Turner

wood ducks
of ascending
the reflection

Curt Pawlisch

beggar's cap...
a lone coin centres
the universe

Robert Kingston

herniated disc
reassessing the journey
to my shoelaces

David J Kelly

rising fog
everything returns
to its place

Silva Trstenjak

lost on country roads
an eagle soars
above golden maples

Kathleen Tice

frost
the thwocks of an axe
the only sound

Joseph P. Wechselberger

... in the blackbird's
orange beak
orange peel

Phil Madden

in a shower
of cherry petals
how to zazen?

Kati Mohr

poppy petals
slipping away
mom's aged friends

Kim Klugh

sick of leftovers -
she gives him
the fingerling

Lorraine A Padden

evacuation route
sunflowers, bowed heads
going nowhere

Ron Scully

undecided -
the braided river searches
for an easy path

Steve Ullom

dew drop
a blade of grass reaches
the open sky

Cynthia Greene

old barbed wire
the gate stiff
with morning glories

Tyler McIntosh

dad's first garden
radishes
and rabbits

Maureen Lanagan Haggerty

blood sunset
somewhere a bomb
shatters a family

Sangita Kalarickal

Japan autumn
east forest gold portrait
spicy ramen

Wayne Kingston

cherry blossoms
scattered across the courtyard
the tap of her white cane

Joshua Gage

lady bug
rides a garage door . . .
my luck

Ronald K Craig

Dubai bazaar
no plan to buy
yet my mother haggles

Priti Khullar

touch and go
premature twins
in their glass cubes

Norman Silver

the chitchat from faraway guns

Neera Kashyap

wipe out!
sunlight catches
a flying board

Mark Gilbert

Allison Douglas-Tourner's nomination for the judges' choice

turquoise lagoon –
the sandy bottom
becomes a flat fish

Amanda Bell

after the rains...
pumpkins
and ducks

Allison Douglas-Tourner

pre-storm wind
a bumblebee clings
to the heliopsis

Doris Lynch

smoking chillum
the aghori speaks
of the chillum

Daipayan Nair

half-opened window:
“it’s there, it’s there,
you stupid fly!”

David Wheeler

hitting the road -
unheard melodies
my roadmap

Cristina Povero

open casket
our office janitor
looks great in a suit

AJ Anwar

receding tide...
the sunburn on top
of my head

Jason Furtak

since I won't
sleep here tonight
sparing the fly

David Oates

childhood home
the broken beams
hidden from sight

Anne Alexander

forgetting the hole
in the oven mitt
until

Dorothy Mahoney

early morning swim
I turn my head to inhale
a cumulus cloud

Valerie Rosenfeld

she sashays
into my silence -
an anklet's tinkle

Paul Callus

shifting sand. . .
mother refuses
to use my pronouns

Lithica Ann

bookshop staff
intense liaisons
between the covers

Lori Kiefer

neighbors doormat -
street cat with kittens
shows her teeth

Hassane Zemmouri

windowless classroom -
a ladybug lands
on my finger

Pippa Phillips

back to childhood ...
again and again mom asks
after her puppy

Natalia Kuznetsova

road trip
your thoughts and mine
bumper to bumper

Alvin Cruz

he loves me...
he loves me not...
the journey

Linda L Ludwig

adoption class
another year
wait- listed

Erin Castaldi

as much hair
in the brush -
final chemo

David Kāwika Eyre

drought ...
parents too weak to bury
their dead daughter

Rob McKinnon

lifting the rusted tin—
a knot of adders
unslips

Tim Roberts

gospel music
rising in The Delta
the pastor's veins

Mikō

bonfire smoke
the migrant's song
fills the night sky

Arvinder Kaur

branches in the wind
swinging to the moon
my wavy verses

Anna Maria Domburg-Sancristoforo

spider season
picking a new cup
and postcard

petro ck

hunting ...
the blood moon glistens
on his rifle

D V Rozic

irate neighbours -
we move our windchimes
in the storm

Jenny Shepherd

diagnosis -
all the prayers
she ever knew

Mona Bedi

mother's last breath ...
a sky lantern soars up
into the stars

Milan Rajkumar

women's day
beggar girls eat alms
and insults

Vipanjeet Kaur

flocking
to the same spot
birders

Nathanael Tico

two breaths
in the afterglow
desynchronizing

John Hawkhead

looking
for words in the woods
how hikers always greet you

Craig Kittner

sunset...
a poem writes
a poet

Srini

evenfall
her soft voice in the wine
my elbows on the table

Robert Witmer

lobster dinner -
how effortlessly
she breaks things off

Andrew Markowski

bench to bench
the voyage
of the old sailor

Daniel Birnbaum

hating **me no pause** in my hormones attack

Tracy Davidson

orange tabby
a soft blanket covers
new angel wings

Chris Langer

spilled powder browning vaseline rattail combs my dead aunt's dresser drawer

Barry Levine

hawker's delight
they come in all shapes
and sizes

Willie R Bongcaron

just a line
from a half-remembered song
you leave all over again

Michael Flanagan

swapping out
dead flowers, we cling
to appearances

Jerome Berglund

a child's hand tries to put them back again
petals on a wet, black bough

Joshua St Claire

holding
an all-night vigil
hunter's moon

Richard Bailly

holding
an all-night vigil
hunter's moon

Richard Bailly

Patricia's nomination for the Judge's choice

snow on reeds
the hush of a barn owl
across the fen

Christopher Jupp
