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  **Periplum Poetry Shortlist**

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Dear Paul,

I'm writing to congratulate you on being one of the ten shortlisted for the PERIPLUM BOOK COMPETITION.

We appreciate your patience, and anticipate announcing the winner within the next week.

In the meantime, we'll be announcing the shortlist, and with your permission, we'd like to publish the attached excerpt from your manuscript on the Periplum website.

If you're amenable to this, please confirm by email.

Again, congratulations on having your manuscript shortlisted — it really is wonderful and we thank you for your submission.

Very bests

Anthony

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Periplum Book Competition Shortlist

Paul Hetherington, from the Manuscript

The Green Hare

'Plumber'

After his poetry reading—passionate, exhausting, with students standing to applaud—he overheard the deputy principal saying “why do we pay them when they do it for love? Our toilet still isn't fixed.” He retraced at the local technical college, mounting his plumber's certificate next to a Book of the Year award. He offered a combined service to schools in his district: “Plumbing attended to; reading or talk thrown in”, charging for the first and offering the second at a reduced fee. Principals and English teachers were keen—all enjoyed poetry with the heating at full bore, knowing their cisterns didn't leak. In a few years he became a national figure: his poems were on the curriculum, his work was praised as fluid and well controlled. When he died unexpectedly on a school tour there was a spanner on top of a manuscript in his room, and in his pocket a manual on guttering.