

# New poems mark 150th anniversary

## from The Prelude



The river proudly bridged, the giddy top  
And Whispering Gallery of St Paul's, the tombs  
Of Westminster, the Giants of Guildhall,  
Bedlam and the two figures at its gates,  
Streets without end and churches numberless,  
Statues with flowery gardens in vast squares,  
The Monument, and Armoury of the Tower.

Book 7, lines 129-135 (1805)

Poems on the Underground

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Transport for London

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A SET of poems reflecting aspects of London life, past and present is on display across the Tube network.

The collection, from Poems on the Underground, celebrates a century and a half since the first Tube journey in 1863.

The six poems explore the experience of immigrating to the Capital and living in London, and span generations from the experience of wartime to a description of a modern skyscraper:

- **The river proudly bridged** by William Wordsworth
- **Vacillation** by Irish poet W.B. Yeats, a moving account of a man in wartime London
- **Stations** by Londoner Connie Bensley, a humorous look at love
- **Gherkin Music** by award-winning London poet Jo Shapcott
- **Barter** by Nii Ayikwei Parkes, an account of a young immigrant
- **Bam Chi Chi La La: London** by Lorna Goodison, describing the dreams of a Jamaican teacher

■ To find out more about Poems on the Underground, visit [tfl.gov.uk/poems](http://tfl.gov.uk/poems)

### Win with MetroTravel

MetroTravel has teamed up with Poems on the Underground to offer five pairs of tickets to a gala celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Tube and the new set of poems.

It takes place on Sunday at Keats House in Hampstead, and will feature guest appearances by Lorna Goodison, Nii Ayikwei Parkes, and Jo Shapcott.

■ For your chance to win, email [metrocompetitions@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:metrocompetitions@tfl.gov.uk) by 8pm this evening with your name and contact number. Winners will be picked at random. For terms and conditions, visit [tfl.gov.uk/competitions](http://tfl.gov.uk/competitions)

## Transport at a glance



### Tube tent wins Gift of the Year

THIS London Underground children's play tent, available from the Transport for London online shop, has been given the 'Gift of the Year' award by the Gift Association.

The fun play tent will allow little ones to use their imagination to take control of their own Tube station and play train driver, station

master and more. Inspired by the world-famous London Underground network it has a ticket office with window and a Tube train exiting a tunnel for driver and passengers.

■ The tent is priced £59.99. Go to [tfl.gov.uk/shop](http://tfl.gov.uk/shop) to get yours

### Emirates Air Line closure

THE Emirates Air Line will be closed from Monday until Sunday 24 March for routine maintenance work.

The work that will be carried out is a statutory requirement and is in line with annual essential maintenance programmes that takes place on cable cars around the world.

During the closure the nearest alternative public transport is North Greenwich Tube station on the south side

of the Emirates Air Line, served by the Jubilee line, and the Royal Victoria Docklands Light Railway station on the north side.

Bus services are available from North Greenwich bus station and Royal Victoria. River services also operate from North Greenwich Pier next to the Emirates Greenwich Peninsula terminal.

■ Remember to check before you travel at [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)

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