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Dear Nikos,

[Re: In all your life You were sending...]

It is my pleasure to inform you that, after reading and discussing your poem, our Selection Committee has certified your poem as a semi-finalist in our 1994 North American Open Poetry Contest. Your poem will automatically be entered into the final competition, held in Fall 1994. As a semi-finalist, you have an excellent chance of winning one of 70 cash or gift prizes--you may even win the \$1000.00 Grand Prize (a complete list of prizes can be found on one of the enclosures to this letter) .

IMAGINE YOUR POEM. ..PUBLISHED INA BEAUTIFUL ANTHOLOGY!

And Nikos, in view of your talent, we also wish to publish your poem in our forthcoming anthology River of Dreams (Library of Congress ISBN 1-56167-256-4).

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River of Dreams, scheduled for publication in Fall 1994 will be a classic, edition-quality hardbound volume--printed on fine milled paper to last for generations. It will make a handsome addition to any library, a treasured family keepsake, or a highly valued personal gift.

NO OBLIGATION WHATSOEVER

Before going any further, let me make one thing clear...your poem was selected for publication, and as a contest semi-finalist, solely on the basis of merit. You are under no obligation whatsoever to submit any entry fee, any subsidy payment, or to make any purchase of any kind. Of course, many people do wish to own a copy of the publication in which their artistry appears. If this is the case, we welcome your order--and guarantee your satisfaction. Please see the enclosed material for special discount information if you are interested in owning a copy of River of Dreams.

SO, WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

As I mentioned above, your poem has automatically been entered in the final competition--so you need take no action on the contest at this time. However, regarding the publication of your poem, you must complete the enclosed Author's Release stating that the poem you submitted is your original work of art, and giving us permission to publish it ... and let me assure you, your poem remains your property--River of Dreams, is copyrighted as a compilation. This means that you retain all rights to your own work of art.

You must also decide if you'd like to have some personal information about yourself included in the book. In this way, the media and public can gain a greater awareness about your personal and family history, pen names, occupation and education, memberships, awards, and other writings, as well as your own personal or philosophical statement. We have set aside a special biographical section in the anthology for this purpose. And although we must charge a nominal fee for this service, you are under no obligation to include this information. Your poem can be published without it if you wish. Please see the enclosed Biographical Data Form for further information.

In the meantime, our design department has already begun working on a distinctive layout for your poem. In a few months you will receive a typeset "publisher's proof" of your poem and layout for your own final review and proofreading before publication. But remember, you must complete the enclosed

Author's Release form and return it to us as soon as possible. And, if you wish to own a copy of River of Dreams, at our special pre-publication price, please also complete the enclosed order form.

Again, congratulations. We feel you have a rare talent, and look forward to the publication of your poem in River of Dreams.

Sincerely

Howard Ely
Managing Editor

P.S. You should be genuinely proud of your accomplishment. We receive thousands of poems each year and we choose only a very few for publication. It is our pleasure to publish fine poems such as yours in our anthologies. We strive for the highest quality publications of their kind, both in terms of the literary talent presented, and in the artistry of the finished product. And, if you decide to order River of Dreams, we are so confident that you will love the quality of the edition, and the way your poetry is presented, that we can proudly offer an unconditional money-back guarantee. If for any reason you are dissatisfied, your money will be promptly refunded.