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# Write-on Newsletter

## Two Wonderful Reflections on Life

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interested in writing.**

#### Stand and Shoot

*James Conway*  
From where I stand  
explosions roar  
into the nightmare  
of my day.  
As tanks near,  
I aim my fire.  
My finger stiffens  
about to shoot,  
then the pain.  
I lie on rubble  
next to corpses,  
waiting for a train  
to heaven.  
My last words are,  
'God be with you,  
Ukraine!'



#### Small Beginnings

*Anne Murray*  
I watch a tiny acorn fall to the ground,  
lodge in the earth.  
I wait for the first shy shoot to  
emerge.  
Lift its head to the sun.  
From this small beginning  
The mighty oak rises.  
It will stand for centuries,  
Sheltering the ground  
from whence it came.



Congratulations, to James Conway, our Dublin-based member, for 'pilfering' Mugsy and escorting him across the Shannon for the second time. James's entry narrowly defeated Anne Murray's by a single point – the tightest of margins. A beautiful use of 50 Words containing the Keywords SHOOT and STAND enabled James to reflect on the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine while Anne Murray's entry is an uplifting celebration of the miracle of life.

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**Sessions every Thursday  
7pm – 9pm**

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(What's On Write-on this week)

Genre	Title	Author
Story	<i>Retirement</i>	Anne McManus
Story	<i>Chapter 4</i>	Joanne Dowling
Story	<i>New Short Story 'Beat 2'</i>	Frank Fahy
Poem	<i>Arranmore</i>	Brian Ferguson
Poem	<i>Ringrose and Savoury Bushes</i>	James Conway
Poem	<i>Spring's Warbling</i>	James Conway
Poem	<i>Swamp</i>	Pete Lamb (potential new member)
Discussion: Pointers for reviewing a novel	<i>Swimming Through Walls by Tony Monaghan</i>	All members
Novel Update	<i>The Stained Collar</i>	Seamus Keogh
Novel Update	<i>The Normal Couple</i>	Jutta Rosen
Anthology 2023	<i>Review of Contents</i>	All members
AOB	<i>Mayor of Galway Awards Write-on Nomination Write-on events in Listowel President of Ireland Invitation for Culture Night</i>	All Members