



WINTER WARMERS

Pubs. Poems. Positivity.

## The Public House

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*A National Poem of Thanks to Our Nation's Publicans*

We hear it before we arrive  
At the door you hold open like a beating heart  
Voices upon chinks and clinks and sloshes and swills and bawling, singing sounds  
Conducted by you  
A rumble

Through the floorboards, within the walls, we feel your industry  
The weaving of art and intuition with which you  
Serve  
Welcome  
Embrace a world-sized room

With a rumble  
Patience is poured  
And joy rolled, tapped, lightly on the tongue fizzing with Coca-Cola from the gun and  
So many stories, memory eddying in the air  
Lifted in the rumble

Glinting against glasses you carry in shatter-less towers  
Fuelled by barrels of generosity and curiosity  
It smells like beer and smoke and cheese and cheer  
And crinkles the way packets of crisps  
Are shared between staff and strangers when the movement shifts

This rumble  
Brave as whiskey  
Bold as brass  
A laugh like a bell  
And a warmth unmatched, built hearth upon hearth

Your house rumbles  
A hum, steady and strong  
Brewed, stoppered, popped with applause  
That heart open with song  
Worn on your sleeve next to a hand all can grasp  
Beating in rhythm to your rumble.

Winter Warmers is a collection of heart-warming poems written by seven outstanding poets.  
The campaign aims to spread cheer and hope to pubs, publicans and their communities.  
Connecting people for a positive start to 2021.

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