



Copyright Registration of Poetry

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Claims to copyright in published and unpublished poetry can be registered as literary works in the Copyright Office. See [SL-35](#), *Registering a Copyright with the U.S. Copyright Office*, for how to apply for copyright registration.

Published collections of poetry and all other copyrightable elements of a unit of publication can be registered on a single application with a single fee if all the poems are owned by the same copyright claimant.

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- The elements are assembled in an orderly form
- The combined elements bear a single title identifying the collection as a whole
- The copyright claimant in all of the elements and in the collection is the same; all the elements are by the same author, or, if they are by different authors, at least one of the authors has contributed copyrightable authorship to each of the elements

Registration of an unpublished collection of poems extends the benefits of registration to each copyrightable selection in the collection.

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