

#HOPE COLLECTIVE



Hope Collective 3.0 Silence, Trace, Shadow, Longing

Open now until 4 June

What is the Hope Collective?

Poetry can be a helpful tool. It can help us to think deeply and creates a space where we can connect over our shared human experiences. The bond between parents and children never fades, no matter how young or old they are. For parents and families who suffer the death of a baby (unborn or born) or child (including adult children), the loss and emotional fallout are indescribable.

Why have we chosen these words for the final anthology in this series?

These words reflect suffering but also act as a goodbye and a beginning. In this way Silence may no longer be a void but a deliberate, peaceful exhale after a long storm following the death of a loved one. Trace may serve as the delicate proof that we or our child was here, the silver lining of a faded memory that refuses to disappear. While Shadow acknowledges the depth of our grief, it may also help to confirm the presence of a light nearby. Finally, Longing may transform unbearable suffering into forward-looking hope for what may lie beyond the horizon.

Who can submit a poem to Hope Collective 3.0?

There are no age limits. Anyone is welcome to submit a poem, whether you have suffered loss or supported someone who has. Use the QR code to submit a poem or the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/sg7s3jsN9p>