

**The 2011 New England Shakespeare Festival Rubber Ducky Sonnet Contest**  
To Benefit the New England Shakespeare Festival

Prize: A Shakespeare Rubber Ducky

The winning poem ~~winner~~ will be published on the New England Shakespeare Festival Website, ~~and will have a video clip of a Shakespearean Actor reading their poems posted on the New England Shakespeare Festival website.~~ The Rubber Ducky Contest is held in conjunction with the Shakespearean Sonnet Contest. Contestants are encouraged to enter both, but may enter either at their discretion.

The prize will be awarded to the most amusing poem that incorporates the phrase, “and duck again as low” (*Othello*, Act IV, Scene I).

Winners will be announced by October 15, 2011 at <http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org>

**Guidelines:**

1. Sonnets must be Shakespearean:
  - fourteen lines
  - ababcdcdefefgg rhyme scheme
  - basically written in iambic pentameter, variations and substitutions are permitted.
2. Submissions must be original and unpublished.
3. Writers may enter as many sonnets as they wish.
4. The entry fee is \$3 per sonnet. Checks should be payable to “The New England Shakespeare Festival.”
5. The author’s name, address, telephone number and email, if available, should be typed on the back of each sonnet. Please write “Rubber ducky Contest” in the upper left-hand corner of the front page of each entry.
6. The poem must contain the phrase “and duck again as low.”
7. Entries may be submitted using the Sonnet Contest Online Entry Form ([http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet\\_contest/rubber\\_ducky\\_sonnets\\_online\\_entry\\_form.htm](http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet_contest/rubber_ducky_sonnets_online_entry_form.htm)) or via regular mail. If submitting by mail, entries must be postmarked not later than August 1, 2011 and mailed to:

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