



# Crystal Valentine

Crystal Valentine is a nationally and internationally acclaimed poet, educator and organizer. A former New

York City Youth Poet Laureate and two-time winner of the College Union Poetry Slam Invitational, Crystal has been offered fellowships from Callaloo, Tin House, Bread Loaf Writers' Conferences and the Boston Foundation.

She is the winner of Palette Poetry's 2021 Emerging Poet Prize, selected by Kelli Russell Agodon and her work has appeared in the Academy of American Poets Poem-a-Day, Muzzle Magazine, TriQuarterly Magazine, MSNBC, BET, CNN, The New York Daily News and elsewhere. She received an MFA from New York University. Originally hailing from the Bronx, Crystal now resides in Boston where she serves as the Director of Programming for Mass Poetry. When she isn't writing or agonizing over line breaks, you can find her watching anime and dreaming.