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**MACMILLAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS SECURE
HELENA BONHAM CARTER AND SIMON RUSSELL BEALE
TO READ YOU A *POEM FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR***

Macmillan Children's Books is delighted to announce an audiobook of *A Poem for Every Day of the Year*, a magnificent collection of 366 poems compiled by Allie Esiri, read by Helena Bonham Carter and Simon Russell Beale.

First published in hardback in September 2017, *A Poem for Every Day of the Year*, and its predecessor *A Poem for Every Night of the Year*, have sold over 25,000 copies through the TCM. This new audiobook will be available on 26 December 2017 (£16.99), ready to download, listen to and share a new poem from on every day of the New Year. Reflecting the changing seasons and linking to events on key dates, these poems are thoughtful, inspiring and empowering, and will offer a moment of calm for readers throughout 2018.

Helena Bonham Carter praised the anthology, saying, 'I have a different favourite poem every minute, too many favourites to put on this page. There are poems for different stages, different moods, different weathers of one's life . . . It is a joy to read aloud for the audiobook, and I hope that listening brings a little magic into your day and into your heart.'

Simon Russell Beale recently joined Allie Esiri on stage at the National Theatre for a spectacular poetical journey through the calendar year. Simon opened the show with Jackie Kay's toast to the New Year, 'Promise', which listeners will be able to hear on the audiobook from 26 December.

Perfect for enjoying with all the family, *A Poem for Every Day of the Year* is bursting at the seams with familiar favourites and exciting new discoveries. T. S. Eliot, John Betjeman, Lewis Carroll, William Shakespeare and Christina Rossetti sit alongside Seamus Heaney, Ted Hughes, Carol Ann Duffy and Kate Tempest. This soul-enhancing audiobook is the perfect gift that will last the whole year – with a little bit of magic to hear every day.

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Notes to Editors:

Allie Esiri is an accomplished curator and host of live poetry events and has worked with special guest readers such as Damian Lewis, Helen McCrory and Sophie Turner. Credited with bringing poetry in to the digital age, her bestselling apps *The Love Book* and *iF Poems* feature readings by Helena Bonham Carter, Tom Hiddleston, Bill Nighy and Emma Watson.

Allie Esiri's latest anthology is *A Poem for Every Day of the Year*. The audiobook will be released at Christmas 2017 with readings by Helena Bonham Carter and Simon Russell Beale. This follows *A Poem for Every Night of the Year*, which won an IBW Book Award 2017. Allie read *Modern Languages* at Cambridge and now lives in London with her husband and three children.

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