

# THE VIRTUE SEASON

## Dystopia short story writing competition

Author of *The Virtue Season* L.M. Nathan challenges you to continue the story, based on her first lines:

Melodies were not illegal, were they? Singing was only for joy, only to release the caged thing in your heart, to let it soar cloud high. Music cost nothing, hurt no one. But so many innocent things were illegal now. And, as if it knew, the sky had hidden its colour, turned permanently grey – perhaps for fear it too could be punished.

Write a short story of no more than 500 words based on L.M. Nathan's prompt. You can email your entry to [funstuff@scholastic.co.uk](mailto:funstuff@scholastic.co.uk), along with your first name and age, to enter.



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