

This submission includes three original, unpublished poems by Charles Elliott (“To Be or to Form an Integral Part,” “For a New World,” and “Man of a Certain Age”) for your consideration.

Charles Elliott is an American poet, award-winning fine art photographer, and a historian with three published history books. His most recent poetry publication was the poem “Hannah,” in the summer 2016 issue of Chiron Review, his second appearance in that journal. Elliott’s poetry also has seen print in Potomac Review, Aethlon, the Taj Mahal Review, the New York Times, and two anthologies.

Graduated from Whittier College with a Bachelor of Arts in History, he frequently speaks on topics related to Southern California’s past. In his book, “Whittier College: The First Century on the Poet Campus,” alumni Richard Nixon was one major topic.

During a long career in journalism, Elliott held membership in the U.S. House Press Gallery, did reporting on J. Edgar Hoover that enraged the long-time FBI director, and was fortunate to be the sole journalist closeted with Vice President Joe Biden and Biden’s family on the night Biden was elected to the U.S. Senate for the first time. Elliott also won an Associated Press award for his first-person story about the 1987 Whittier Narrows earthquake, hailed as the best piece moved on that newswire that month.

He retired from an eight-year position as Media Coordinator at Whittier College in 2008. As a photographer, he has specialized in photographing Los Angeles’ pagan community and American poets wherever he finds them – for a manuscript, “50 Things We Can Say about Poetry.”

Long skeptical of the academic poetry establishment in the U.S., Elliott rarely submits work to journals, preferring instead to circulate his poetry in small, private chapbook editions. Currently he administers The Poetry Cabin, a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/The.Poetry.Cabin> and a related Twitter account. Both regularly feature news and ideas about poetry. His readings of his verse have been viewed more than 18,000 times on his YouTube site, The Beautyseer Channel, at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvy_jaD9KRMzed0M883qw1A.

Born shortly after World War Two in a charity hospital in Brooklyn, New York, Elliott lives in the greater Los Angeles area. He has traveled extensively in Canada and Mexico and every U.S. state except Alaska. He spent a student semester in Copenhagen long ago, and has traveled in Ireland, Northern and Western Europe and in the then-Soviet Union.

Elliott’s Irish Protestant ancestors fled Manorhamilton, County Leitrim, Ireland in 1848. Earlier ancestors resided in Scotland – where they purportedly were cross-border reivers who regularly stole English cattle, until royal troops burned down their town and drove them out. In a similar spirit, Elliott first publicly mocked American militarism while still in primary school, and proudly joined antiwar picketers at the U.S. Embassy in Amsterdam during the Vietnam War.