'Twas the Night Before Deadline

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A/N: I tried to include the names of each staff member.

I got the names form the website, because I couldn't remember.

If I have overlooked you and you are admin at TPP

Please, send me an OWL and try not to be too angry.

'Twas the night before DEADLINE, when all through cyberspace

The only creatures stirring were logged-in at Potter_Place

With her wand in her hand, and the tip of a Sugar Quill in her mouth

Obsessed with commas and canon was that cunning witch from the SOUTH

She checked her watch and bit her lip in worry

Hoping everyone had time to finish their story

She read each one until the screen got hazy

She'd read the same line twice and she was going crazy

Here was a novel-length, there was a quickie

A little drama, a little humor, quite a few were squicky

She yawned and rubbed her eyes one more time

Then she suddenly recalled the words of my rhyme:

"No reason to worry, SUNSHINE, no reason at all.

Just go to the fireplace, and give your friends a Floo call."

She ran to the Floo and yelled, "AMSEV, SEMPRA, ANGEL, and PHOENIX, this isn't a joke!

I need you, too, ROBISONROCKET and CAROLRAIN and bring the LADYINTHECLOAK."

They answered her desperate call in the still of the night

They drew their wands in fear of a fight

"No need for wands," she said. "I have my own.

I need help reviewing, because I can't do it alone."

They went to work at once with no time to kill

Surrounded in silence, but for the sporadic scratch of a quill

Suddenly green flames heated each face

Two more arrivals: one leather; one lace

When the smoke cleared, NO SAINT could be found

It was THE PETULANT POETESS and her friend, SOUL BOUND

Hours later, they were finished, and checked for any they'd missed

They made an Executive decision that it was time to get pissed

They raised their glasses after SOUTHERN poured the wine

And from my own desk in Texas, I also raised mine

So, here's to you, Harry, Ginny, Hermione, and Ron

Take care of the pieces of our hearts that you've won

And to our sexy Slytherins, whose spell did not go amiss

You have taken our souls, not unlike a Dementor's Kiss

Merlin, forgive us, but we need no cure for this curse

We shall dwell for eternity in this magical Potterverse

For the DH Challenge, I don't know if I'll submit

I'm intimidated by deadlines and afraid to commit

I don't need to put my fabulous beta to the test

I already know ROBISONROCKET is the best

I have no cookies or cakes for my friends on the staff

I give the gift of rhyme and hope I made you laugh

One request, though, for the PETULANT ONE,

Please work on Strega Letteraria until it is done

A final note to all of you – For your hard work, I take off my Sorting Hat

I'm grateful to call TPP my home, for I will always be a POTTERBRAT!