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*In the darkness of my life
I heard the music
I danced . . .
and the Light appeared
and I dance*

Janet P. Caldwell

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Foreword

Renowned Poets

Omar Khayyam

Omar Khayyam (1048 - 1123) was a Persian poet, famous for his Rubaiyat form of poetry built upon quatrains. He was also a well-known philosopher, mathematician, astronomer, mystic and a free-thinker, who wondered about the impermanence of life, and man's relationship to God. He lived in a time period when fanaticism, orthodoxy and military demagogues controlled and dictated people's daily life. Through his poems, Khayyam encouraged people to break free from the socio-political and religious tyranny. Unfortunately, his poems could not be circulated openly due to a callous and intolerant environment. As a result, only few of his contemporaries had the chance to read and benefit from it.

He doubted the existence of divine providence and the afterlife and chose to put his faith in a joyful appreciation of the fleeting and sensuous beauties of the material world to celebrate the idyllic nature and pleasures of living in a moment as below:

Set not thy heart on any good or gain,
life means but pleasure,
or means but pain;

when Time lets slip a little perfect hour,
O take it - for it will not come again.

Khayyam warned that if self-care is neglected and postponed to some obscure notion of 'tomorrow', the pleasure of living in the 'now' is irreversibly lost. He believed that each moment of life is complete in itself, by itself, and that the incompleteness manifests itself only in the 'mental state' of which we are not often aware. The natural world lives independently for itself, unattached to our feelings of pain and joy, and in Khayyam's view, acknowledging this liberating fact is the first step towards having a pleasant life. He said not to take things too seriously and to question existence of God and heaven:

Grab life with both your hands,
squeeze every bit it has to offer,
cherish it every day.
For what else is there?

Some scholars and critics argue that the name of Omar Khayyam should "be struck out from the history of Persian literature" due to the lack of any material that could confidently be attributed to him. While it is certain that Khayyam wrote many quatrains, it is hardly possible, save in a few exceptional cases, to assert positively that he wrote any of those ascribed to him.

The modern-day popularity of Khayyam is mainly due to the English translations of Edward FitzGerald (1859) from the Bodleian manuscript.

Ashok K. Bhargava

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Preface

We, Inner Child Press International, The Year of the Poet and The Poetry Posse welcome you.

WOW . . . a decade. We are so excited as we have now crossed over into our 11th year of *The Year of the Poet*.

This particular year we have chosen to feature renowned poets of history. We do hope you enjoy. Read ~ Learn.

For those of you who are not familiar with our story, back in 2013, a few of us poets got together with the simple intention of producing a book a month. That was our challenge. Since that time the enterprise has blossomed and brought forth a fruit that seems to keep on growing as evidenced as we enter 2023.

Our purpose is simple. Through our lyrical words and verse, we not only wish to share our poetic works, but we also have the poetic naiveté to believe that we can assist in the growth of consciousness of the things that have an effect our collective humanity. Therefore, we welcome your readership. For more about what we are attempting to accomplish, have a look at our Publishing Web Site . . . www.innerchildpress.com. If you would like to know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :

www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet

Over the years, Inner Child Press has been socially active to bring awareness and catalog through literature the things that have an impact upon our world and its inhabitants. We have solicited, produced, underwritten and published quite a few volumes to that end. For more insight you may wish to visit : www.innerchildpress.com/the-anthology-market. If you are a writer, poet, or activist, you would be advised to keep a eye out for upcoming volumes should you desire to participate. All readers are welcomed as well. Note, that there is a myriad of published volumes that are available as a FREE PDF download as well as available for purchase at affordable prices.

We at this time extend to you our well wishes for your own personal journey and hope that you consider including us as a travel companion.

Bless Up

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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Renowned Poets

Omar Khayyam

1753 ~ 1784

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by hülya n. yılmaz, Ph.D.



Oh, come with old Khayyam, and leave the Wise
To talk; one thing is certain, that Life flies;
One thing is certain, and the Rest is Lies;
The Flower that once has blown forever dies.

From the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam (1048-1123),
as translated with an adaptation in 1859 by Edward
Fitzgerald (1809-1883)

In this February, 2024 issue of *The Year of the Poet*, we focus on the Persian Omar Khayyam, a polymath, known for his contributions to mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, and poetry. During his lifetime, which he spent under the rule of the Seljuk Empire, he attained fame foremost as an astronomer and a mathematician. Only after his death, his poetry became widely known. His *Rubaiyat*, titled thus in translation, may be said to be his most famous work of poetry, a collection of 1,200 to 2,000 quatrains.

This Islamic scholar influenced the world with his work in geometric algebra, the Jalil calendar—a calendar reform, his philosophy—in line with traditional Islamic eschatological doctrine, his compilation of astronomical tables, and his poetry.

In the West, his poems were assumed to play on sensual delights. In stark contrast to this outsider view, a totally different understanding ruled over his poetry in the Islamic East; namely, as a sophisticated allegory of the soul's love for the Muslim God. The imagery Khayyam used in his

poetic work was seen as mystical love, the love that consumed the Muslim mystic, Sufi, on his path to the Divine. Islamic mysticism, Sufism, is heavily soaked in his *Rubaiyat*. Wine, Saki—the wine bearer, and intoxication are repeated images Khayyam used in that voluminous collection of quatrains. The following excerpts translated by Edward Fitzgerald succinctly demonstrate his Sufi imagery, as comprehended accurately in the Islamic East:

[. . .]

Ah, my Beloved, fill the Cup that clears
Today of past Regrets and future Fears;
Tomorrow!—Why, Tomorrow I may be
Myself with Yesterday's Sev'n thousand
Years.

[. . .]

Ah, make the most of what we may yet
spend,
Before we too into the Dust descend;
Dust into Dust, and under Dust to lie,
Sans Wine, sans Song, sans Singer, and
sans End!

The wine bearer (“my Beloved”) Khayyam wrote about in the first quatrain quote represents the Islamic Divine, Allah. As for “the Cup”, it is merely

a bridge through which the Lover of the Divine attains Divine Love.

The second quatrain cited above might appear to Westerners to be about a worldly intoxication through sensual delights. It is, however, yet once again, an imagery through which Omar Khayyam situates himself into the path to Divine Love.

In the hope that we all understand that which is beyond the surface and whom that is under the cloak in actuality . . .

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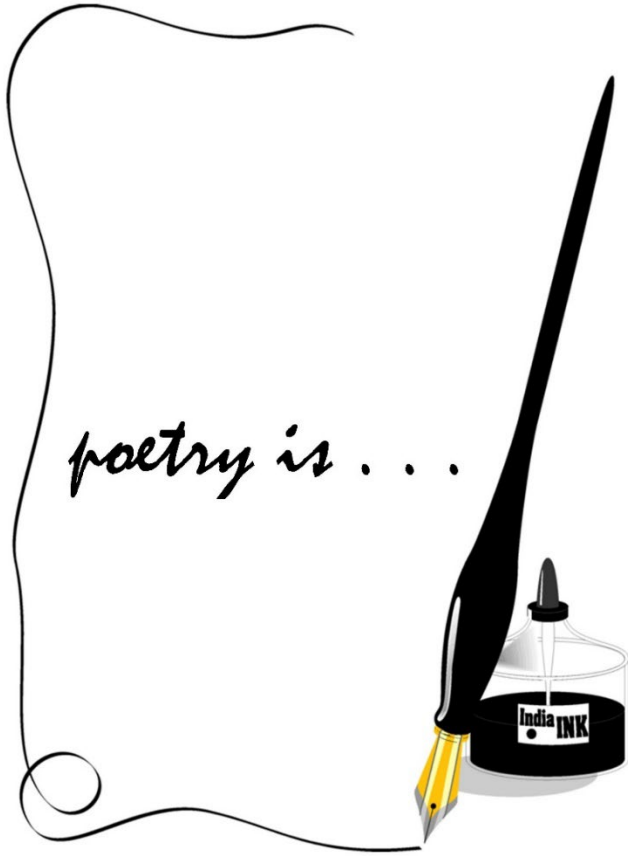




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action . . . for you are the Poet, the Writer to whom the Gift of Words has been entrusted . . .

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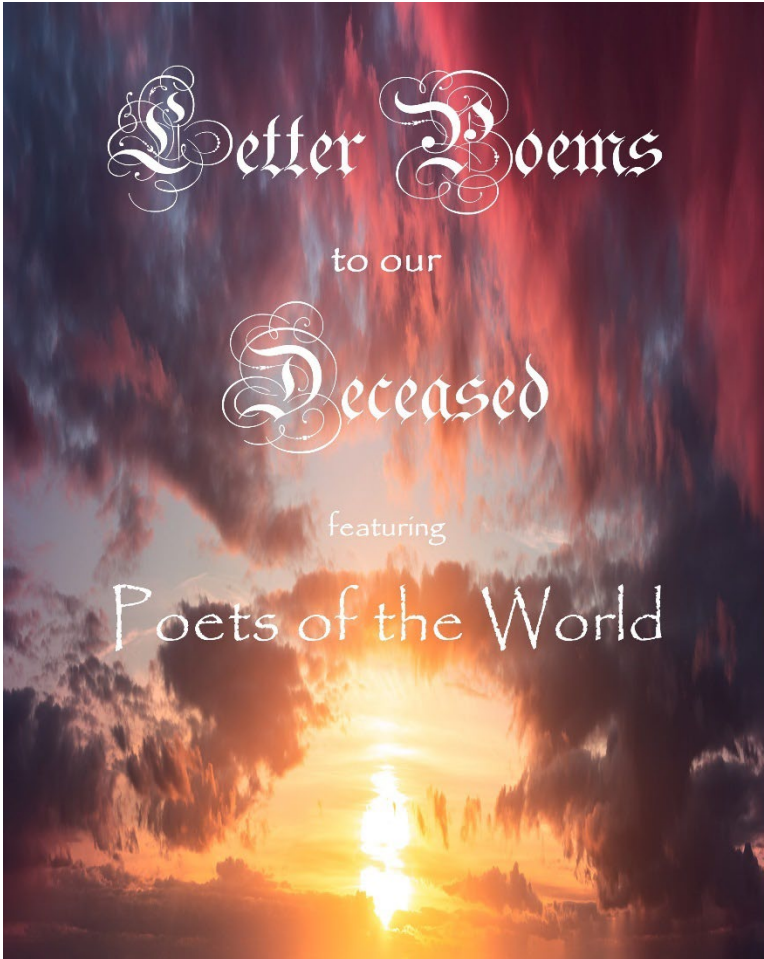




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Gail
Weston
Shazor

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Gail Weston Shazor is a lover of words. She is fond of the arcane, unusual and the not yet words.

Coining words at an early age, there was often a bit of trouble with teachers, but she always had her mother and aunt to back up her choices in expression. Born in Mississippi, she spent her early years with her grandparents. Each of the four left very careful influences on her pre-schooling. She learned in turn how women worked in and out of the home and how men worked in and out of the home to support the family. She learned that a lack of proper schooling was not the only way to learn and understanding life was a great teacher. As in most rural families of color, women had a greater chance of formal learning. Both of Gail's grandmothers read out loud to the family whether it was the bible or the newspapers and important documents to their spouses.

Gail Weston Shazor has authored (so far) Notes from the Blue Roof, A Overstanding of an Imperfect Love, HeartSongs and Lies My Grandfather's Told Me. The number of anthologies is too many to list with the premier accomplishment of one of the contributors to The Year of The Poet. Gail will always lend her ink to community projects and will purchase the books of fellow poets in the Inner Child Press family.

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Sacredness Nonet

The

Spiral

Wounds its way

Into the core

Of our aching heart

And by no number known

We are seen in completion

Levels and stairs that each must trod

The soul must seek its own perfection

Stop

And just like that
The words ceased
The words unspoken and unwritten
The movements of syllables
Along the spines of books, unprinted
The everyday busy crowding
Writing
I miss you
I miss the languishing of participles
And the dangling off the edges
Of my memory
Where did the stories go
I have cleaned my space
Made room for letters
Dug out my notes
And I await your voice
While holding a pencil in my hand
Eyes narrowed in search
Of the quiet
Tears coursing my cheeks
Because I love you
Bless my mind
Please

Comma...Synchronicity

I am a comma in my bed,
without a reason or purpose,
I lay.

Having once lost separation,
Between where your skin would meet mine,
In bed.

Curved together in peaceful rest,
Or jointedly in lustful dance,
As one.

The melody reverberates,
On the rib of Adam that made
His Eve.

The list of whys grow way too long.
My pause is better suited for,
Reason

For a painful separation;
Words relatively linked as one:
In love

~~~~~\*~~~~~

Our language could have been rested,  
And modified with new meaning:  
Today

Without the harsh finality,  
Of your use of a period,  
I sleep.

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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Alicja Maria Kuberska – awarded Polish poetess, novelist, journalist, editor.

She is a member of the Polish Writers Associations in Warsaw, Poland and IWA Bogdani, Albania. She is also a member of directors' board of Soflay Literature Foundation, Our Poetry Archive (India) and Cultural Ambassador for Poland (Inner Child Press, USA )

Her poems have been published in numerous anthologies and magazines in : Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine, Belgium, Bulgaria, Albania, Spain, the UK, Italy, the USA, Canada, the UK, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Israel, Turkey, India, Uzbekistan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, Australia, South Africa, Zambia, Nigeria

She received two medals - the Nosside UNESCO Competition in Italy (2015) and European Academy of Science Arts and Letters in France (2017). Ahe also received a reward of international literary competition in Italy „ Tra le parole e ‘elfinito” (2018). She was announced a poet of the 2017 year by Soflay Literature Foundation (2018).She also received : Bolesław Prus Prize Poland (2019), Culture Animator Poland (2019) and first prize Premio Internazionale di Poesia Poseidonia- Paestrum Italy (2019).



## Omar Khayaam

Nishapur, May 31, 1048  
- the first day of life  
of a doctor, mathematician, astronomer,  
philosopher and poet.  
It did not end in December 1131.

Memory lasts and permeates eternity.  
Someone wrote his name on a moon crater  
and on an asteroid in the main asteroid belt.  
It appears on the spines of the volumes  
in many libraries and bookstores.

Wisdom does not pass away and says  
that life still goes on in between  
more cups of wine.

Rubaiyats whisper:  
It's not worth worrying about the past,  
look forward to days that may not come  
and today has a sweet-tart taste.

They teach that youth will fade and love will shrivel  
- they will be like a dried rose with sharp thorns.  
Time will take everything and turn it into dust.

Before the last petal falls to the ground  
you can see a piece of paradise on earth

## Author's Evening

An old actress recites poems with emotion  
and sings old hits in a broken voice.  
Spectators, participants of the show,  
reward every number with loud applause.

Time turned the girl  
into a hunched woman.  
It wrote down her memories  
in a thick biography.  
There is little left  
of the artist's former beauty  
- a few photos preserved her youth.

Past events come back in stories,  
forgotten songs are resurrected,  
the memory of former lovers revives  
anecdotes whisper shameful secrets.

The old woman dances slowly on the stage.  
She performs in a provincial theatre  
- desperately looking  
for echoes of applause and money.  
The dead star has flashed sadly  
for the last time.

## Woman In A Red Dress

She went out onto the balcony  
stood for a moment  
and lit a cigarette

The breeze ruffled her hair  
and a thin stream of blue smoke.  
The dress was fluttering  
like a banner carried to the barricades

She hugged the wind  
and they flew to meet the ground  
- a purple flower  
bloomed on the sidewalk

Someone screamed in terror,  
the sound of an ambulance  
cut through the silence.  
She was lying on a concrete shield

She had won battles  
but she lost the war.  
Life didn't stop.  
It went on.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen or Jackie Allen, grew up in the Cumberland Mountains of Appalachia. As the next eldest daughter of a coal miner father and a stay at home mother, she was the first in her family to attend and graduate from college. Her siblings, in their own right, are accomplished, though she is the only one, to date, that has discovered the gift of writing.

Graduating from Radford University, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Early Education, she taught in both public and private schools. For over a decade she taught private art classes to children both in her home and at a local Art and Framing Shop where she also sold her original soft sculptured Victorian dolls and original christening gowns.

She resides in northern Virginia with her husband, taking much needed get-aways to their mountain home near the Blue Ridge Mountains, a place that evokes memories of days spent growing up in the Appalachian Mountains.

A lover of hats, she has worn many. Following marriage to her college sweetheart, and as wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, tutor, artist, writer, poet and crafter, she is a lover of art and antiques, surrounding herself, always, with books, seeking to learn more.

In 2015 she authored *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*, and in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Both books of mostly narrative poetry were published by Inner Child Press and were edited by hulya n. yilmaz in 2019, *No Illusions. Through the Looking Glass*, which was nominated to be considered for a Pulitzer Prize by the publisher and editor of Inner Child Press, ltd.

<http://www.innerchildpress.com/jackie-davis-allen.php>  
[jackiedavisallen.com](http://jackiedavisallen.com)

## Introspection

Dreaming of the heavens,  
The stars astronomically  
A million miles away,

My favorite pen,  
Attempting to dip  
Into the deep, incalculable dark-inks.

Inspired from reading  
The epic poetry  
of Omar Khayyam,

I realize I've far to go.  
Theorizing, I am,  
That such genius as his comes

Around infrequently. Actually, rarely,  
As best as I can,  
I'll seek to find my own way.

And from my heart-speaks,  
My voice will sing:  
May the spark that ignites passion,  
Fuel and elevate my wings.

## A Night Filled with Choices

Brilliant city lights, splendiferous.  
Impassioned nights, precipitous,  
Filled with alluring excitement.  
Anticipating, considering possibilities.

Seductive, she pondered her response  
To the young man with flashing eyes.  
The one with the mysterious smile.  
And decided upon a plan

Like bees attracted to pollen.  
Indulgently, like bees to honey  
Innocently, she desired  
To offer her charms, exchanging them

For the chance to dance  
To the music and to the beat.  
She smiled at him.  
And he began to shuffle his feet.

Attracted by his mysterious smile,  
And by his shuffling feet,  
She caught his eye.  
He caught hers.

And the music faded into the night



## Discovery

Inside

The club I went,

To search for my lover.

I motioned, he smiled.

They embraced.

I wept.

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai comes from the Republic of China(Taiwan). In addition to being a professor of literature at a university, he is more committed to writing poems, novels, and prose. He is also an editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text, an International editor of "Contemporary dialogues" literary periodical in Macedonia, and Vice-Chairman of the International Jury of the SAHITTO INTERNATIONAL AWARD in Bangladesh, and a columnist for “Chinese Language Monthly” in Taiwan.

In a wide range of literary creations, he is particularly fond of interesting stories or novels, and writing articles or poems about the feelings of nature and human beings. He has won many national literary awards. His literary works have been anthologized and published in books, journals, and newspapers in more than 55 countries and have been translated into more than 24 languages.

## Wilted Flower

In the forest, where once flowers were in bloom  
A flower that stands alone  
The petals are withered. The beauty is gone.  
The wind whispers and sighs at her  
Your beauty will be in my mind's eye,  
But your soul will fly away to a place far, far away

The flower nods, even though it is now content  
It still closes its eyes. It quietly accepts its fate.  
Even though its petals once bloomed  
It is lying, all alone, on the frosty ground of the forest.  
Petals flying in all directions, petals flying in all directions  
one by one

Like being abandoned, that feeling of sadness and  
loneliness  
The flower knows that this is not the end of it.  
After a gap of year, this spring has bloomed again.  
So the flower lie down and wait  
The arrival of spring, when the morning sun rises again  
To become beautiful once again

## The Songstress In The Tavern

Lights in an inn have been dimmed,  
A songstress is singing her heart out.  
Her sound is like a bird in flight,  
Don't wait for a night to give up.  
The words in the song are like a poem,  
Filled with beauty and sophistication,  
Rather tell of loving and losing,  
I don't want to hold on to the burning pain in my heart.

Now you are far away,  
Wandering around on my own makes me feel frustrated.  
The memories come back to give me some comfort,  
But I am longing to keep my sanity.  
The heart that you once touched and ached, I have no  
nourishment.  
It has been a part of my life for a very long time.  
I'll keep it sealed with beeswax,  
Until I know that someday we will be together again.

## A Landscape Of Fine Sand

With whispers kissed by the tide and choirs of seagulls,  
My village nestles, a heart on the shore of the ocean.  
Salt stained cobblestones paving ancient stories,  
Where moonbeams dance and sun-kissed nets adore the  
sun.

Like brushstrokes on the blue, sun-bleached sails,  
Unfurl dreams on the whispering wind 's command.  
The strong backs of father and comrades,  
Etched maps of life and Earth.

Smell of salt air, fish drying on lines,  
Echoes of laughter mingled with the tide.  
Soft touches of the times on these weathered walls,  
Whispering of generations gone by.

All village children,  
Echoing the whispers of the future that will last forever.  
The dream belonging to the village,  
Like a symphony through the ages.

The waves sing hymns to the depths,  
My heart eternally bound.  
This jewel holds ancient secrets,  
My little village forever and ever.

Sharḩeef  
Abdur  
Rashḩeed



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## The Year of the Poet XI ~ February 2024

Shareef Abdur-Rasheed, AKA Zakir Flo was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. His education includes Brooklyn College, Suffolk County Community College and Makkah, Saudi Arabia. He is a Veteran of the Viet Nam era, where in 1969 he reverted to his now reverently embraced Islamic Faith. He is very active in the Islamic community and beyond with his teachings, activism and his humanity.

Shareef's spiritual expression comes through the persona of "Zakir Flo" . Zakir is Arabic for "To remind". Never silent, Shareef Abdur-Rasheed is always dropping science, love, consciousness and signs of the time in rhyme.

Shareef is the Patriarch of the Abdur-Rasheed Family with 9 Children (6 Sons and 3 Daughters) and 41 Grandchildren (24 Boys and 17 Girls).

For more information about Shareef, visit his personal FaceBook Page at :

<https://www.facebook.com/shareef.abdurrasheed1>

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## Khayyam

genius  
master of numerous  
sciences  
aside from mathematics  
astronomy, philosophy,  
he was a prolific and  
until today world renowned  
poet  
Came: 05/18/1048 Went:  
12/04/1131  
in Persia  
known for his design of a  
solar calendar known as  
the Jalail calendar that  
became the basis for the  
Persian calendar to this day  
his collection known as  
' Quatrains' though somewhat  
suspect as poetry instead  
scholars regarded it as  
quotations even so his stature  
demanded respect therefore  
his work is considered poetry  
Omar Khayyam genius

## Birdland...

NYC, Broadway near fifty deuce 1949  
American original gem introduced  
a sound to listen to produced  
and bebop let loose  
into town Birdland flew  
with that jazz sound new  
for fifteen years jazz on the menu  
flavor made the venue  
where the best appeared there  
the giants of yesterday year, mostly gone  
but their contributions still here, live on  
named after the " yardbird " himself  
bird was there on the scene as was miles,  
here, live, count,  
here, live walked in to  
and these are just a few that blew at that venue  
where patrons of all social, economic strips hue  
where right there in full view  
mingled together with the Broadway, Hollywood types  
but the likes of Broadway, Hollywood Louis,  
the sugar man named Robinson weren't the hype  
it was that sound that ambience  
flavor unique one would think  
this should be bottled to drink  
my man Pee Wee the eminent MC barker  
ladies and gents welcome to the jazz corner  
of the world in the name of Charlie " Yardbird " Parker.  
groovin all night with ' Stella by starlight ' way beyond  
' round bout midnight ' we only have eyes for you

deerp..,

in the bowels earth's caverns heaved  
something hard to believe  
scum covered blood lovers  
some believe never had mothers  
bottom feeders rose up to be leaders  
others eventually got to be in ships  
crossing seas  
raided motherland stole human beings  
human beings died who  
tried to escape  
brought to work land devils take  
treaties fake made to break  
earth soaked in blood of the people  
evil men steal use kidnapped souls to  
pick earth's yield those stole souls bound  
in steal  
some believe these were ' good ol days ' for  
real  
buying ' n ' selling human beings let's make a deal  
so, dam Amerikkka how would you feel  
if the script flipped 4 real  
and ya'll got to know how the whip feels?  
on your back in the killing fields  
maybe you become strange fruit  
when the pendulum swings back to you

Norøen  
Snyder

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## The Year of the Poet XI ~ February 2024

Noreen Ann Snyder has been writing since she was a teenager. She writes a variety of different topics. Her favorite poetic forms are Sonnets, Blitz, Haiku, Tanka, and Free Verse. She always learning different poetic forms.

Noreen Ann Snyder is a poet, writer, and an author of five books, (four books are co-authored with her late husband, Garry A. Snyder.) Her poetry is in several Inner Child Press Anthologies. She is the founder of The Poetry Club on Facebook.



## Omar Khayyam

Omar was intelligent and wise man.

He wrote the Rubaiyat (Quatrains)

and famous quotes such as

“Be happy for this moment.”

Omar was also a mathematician and astronomer.

He was known for his works in

geometric algebra and Jalil Calendar.

We can learn so much from him, a

a well-rounded man.

## Sonnet 29

Four years ago today, you have left this  
earth for Heaven, a better place to be  
pain-free, wheelchair free, and you are in bliss  
and I will always be your devotee.

I have learned to live without you but I  
don't want to. Don't get me wrong, I'll always  
love you and I will never say good-bye  
and I do not want to. Let me rephrase.

If I had another day, if I could,  
so much I want to do and want to say  
while you were alive and you understand.

I wish I could love you, play, and pray.

This sonnet is for you and I will not  
stop writing you, you're always in my thought.

## We Wait

We wait patiently

until the storm blows over

the silence returns.

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## The Rubaiyat

He awakens to a brand-new day

Constellations above are at bay,

The Rubaiyat dares to take flight

Ceases to be a mere phantom of the night.

His works changed the course of the world

Kyayam's legacy has unfolded.

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## Meraki

Creating is my passion

Inspiring the world is my ultimate mission,

What is the essence of thyself?

Transcendent,

A divergent is a world full of imitations

The Source is my Master

The Great Artist of all time.



## Crossroads

She is at the crossroads of her path

A new frontier is within her grasp

The way to bring her Enlightenment is dawning,

As the promise of a bright tomorrow is approaching.

The Muse waits for Divine Providence

To find the answers her heart is seeking

She now sees the Light

Spreads her wings and vanished through the night.

Mutawaf  
Shahzad

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## Omar or Umar

Words associated with windblown sands.  
What shall my quill demand? Thoughts  
that refresh oasis like an oasis. Thoughts  
that eloped in her presence. To the heart  
of mine that swells up like wells give up  
water. Someone predicted you'd be there  
in front of my stare. It has not been easy  
to forget you.

When I sleep, I secretly weep on the pillow  
you so readily abandoned. My mind drifts  
hoping I'll find you. I'd rather search that sulk.  
Inside me and all around me I still inhale your  
fragrances. Why could you have not waited  
maybe I could have blamed Satan?

I require your breath on my neck. Our hands  
entwined making a fist that we can shake at a  
world that tried to deny us. You ask why us?  
Your kiss is our refrain. My memory will not  
let you escape, unless I can escape with you.

Your nature was too rebellious to capture on  
my canvas. Too many steps to retrace that  
walked in our sandals, from dune to dune  
until high noon. Under the date palm we sat  
saying never ever always together. No need  
to go home, I'd be there alone only with you  
in my head.

## Too Many So What's

Too many pieces to pick up, so what? Too many memories to unwind, only to become unwound. So many mistakes to unmake. Too many hearts to unbreak. Too many details not to be lying. Not enough time to rewind. Too many of my folks have been dying. Too many flickers not enough flames.

Too many sows running the pen, this an honor camp we're living in. Too many questions where there are no answers to rend. Too many wrongs to make right. Too many loop holes for it to be tight. So many lives lived in vain, so few ways to explain.

Every day the sun comes up, there is another demon that shows up. His purpose is just to lead you astray. When becoming conscience of such, there is too much vomit to throw up. Too many I's to dot, too many T's to cross, used to confuse your original thoughts.

Too many playing Russian roulette, with genetics to cover up some no name brand of cosmetics. Losing time playing tic- tack – toe. Too many, having dialogue with witches and devils, being convinced it is better to be on their level. Too many passwords have you disturbed.

Too many plotters planning plots with plotters to turn your sons into your daughter. Patting you on the back and saying to you, hey buddy, that's the way to go. You know what I'm telling is true. Too many sick bastards running the show. Not too many plans on how to make them go.

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To all of them the people don't matter they are just cannon fodder. Some of them, the people, they had to spray along the way to keep them in line. Too many new magazines that are featuring new creatures, telling you the trend that's in, is you being like them. Freaks of nature leading the way for all those whose lives that are not safe.

Putting mink coats on frogs, shoes on dogs, doing lap dances with holy cows. Winding up in insane asylums and don't know how. Too many strange sounds all day long , making at least half of your decisions go all wrong. Mind twerks with jerks keeping your brain restrained.

Following trends with gender bends, so you can try to fit in. Too many creep thieves stealing your thoughts replacing them with theirs. Telling you that Santa Claus lives upstairs.

Locked in a chat box where you can't be found. I think what you are dealing with is enough to be said . Still trying to wear some-one else's shoes. Is that somebody under your bed?

Hey D, can you turn off the tape recorder aki? Ok, Thanks.

## Try Passing By

All the people passing by ,faces graced  
with smiles and sorrow. Some with  
holding their dreams of tomorrow.  
Wearing disguises of who they really  
are. Rising , fading, wading through  
the crowded passage ways as the eyes  
say, they don't know. New footsteps  
take the place of the one before. Lying  
eyes take the spot where crying eyes  
once cried.

Stopping, window shopping. A chance  
glance might be the one that sticks.  
Sidewalks accommodate crutches and  
canes as traffic lights change. Always  
aware of the pickpockets who gaze upon  
the passer- by. In the midst of the crush  
someone tries to advertise, hoping some-  
body stops to listen, the others rush,  
saying to themselves, don't want to hear  
more lies.

The sounds  
are indistinguishable. Inhaling different  
odors,  
rubbing shoulders in passing, coming in  
contact  
with complete strangers. Walking by those  
who  
cuss, while waiting on the bus that never  
comes  
on time. The old lady, just thought she saw  
great



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Scott. Someone dropped a coffee cup, a  
homeless  
guy picked up, looked inside then raised  
his hands  
in praise. A faint sound of the blues, I seem  
to lose  
as my pace goes up tempo.

I just missed an old friend who was in a hurry  
passing the other way. Wow the familiar smell I  
smell is coming from the roasted peanut store.  
Hundreds of colors blend catching my attention  
now and then, all mixed in are the drunk, the  
deviants, demons and devils, pass by on the way  
to who the hell knows where. Some people slow  
down and stop, to open the door to the bar, some  
even say, excuse me.

A candy wrapper stuck on a dude's shoe, it really  
wrinkling his smooth. The weather is wet and fifty-  
five outside. Cell phones raised eye high. Little kid's  
hand held by mommy dearest. She doesn't know  
where his daddy is. Heading to her lawyer so she  
will know what to do.

Buses, trucks and cars pass fast, faster that they  
should. You too slow to say slow down! Delivery  
truck blocking the cross walk, it starts moves when  
you try to walk around. The people are on time or  
early or late. A picturesque mess at best. Maybe I  
could walk in the street? All I'm trying to do is just  
pass right by.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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hülya n. yılmaz, a traveler on the journey called “life” . . .

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## Fill the Cup

“Oh, Saki\*, fill the Cup!  
Pour the Wine.  
I am to wed the Divine,”

Omar Khayyam, the Lover, utters  
in his intoxication with the Path\*.

Drunk with the essence of the Beloved,  
he falls into ecstasy.

“Join me in my rejoice,  
for I was revived in Sama\*.  
Onto my doorstep came Baka\*.”

In Dhikr\*, Khayyam utters again:  
“Fill the cup. Fill the cup.  
Fana\* has neared our gate.  
I am at last the dust at His feet.”

Fill the Cup!  
Fill the Cup!

\*Saki: Wine bearer  
The Path: the Sufis' much-quested way to Divine Love  
Sufi: Muslim mystic  
Sama: Listening  
Dhikr: An Islamic prayer in repetition of Allah's different names  
Baka: Life with, through, in, and for Allah  
Fana: Dying into Allah

## The Cloak

Don't judge me by the rough cloak I wear,  
there is already much in this world  
for all of us to bear.

Fill your heart with eternal love instead.  
His dusty feet are where we return to bed.

On the Path to Divine Love,  
we are one for once and for all.  
Hear the chants of ecstasy nearing our hall.  
Let's dance and lose the self in Sama.  
Let's dissolve the self in Baka  
and conceive eternally Fana.

Don't judge me by the rough cloak I wear,  
there is already much in this world to bear.

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## Dust

All this dust I see

heeds the call of Divine Love.

Oh, Fana, come! Come!

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion



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She moved to New Mexico in 1987. While writing sporadically for many years, in 1998 she started reading her work in the local Albuquerque poetry community. She has been a featured reader at local coffee houses, bookstores, art galleries, museums, libraries, Outpost Performance Space, the Route 66 Festival in 2001 and the State of Oklahoma's Poetry Festival in Cheyenne, Oklahoma in 2004. She occasionally hosts an open mic.

Teresa's work is published in numerous Journals and anthologies. She has two CDs: *On the Wings of the Wind* and *Poems from Chasing Light*. She has published three books: *Walking Sacred Ground*, *Contemplation in the High Desert* and *Chasing Light*.

*Chasing Light* was a finalist in the 2013 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards.

The surreal high desert landscape and her personal spiritual journey influence the writing of this Albuquerque poet. When she is not writing, she is committed to hiking the enchanted landscapes of New Mexico. You may preview her work at

**<http://bit.ly/1aIVPNq>** or **<http://bit.ly/13IMLGh>**

## The Genius of Omar

Mathematics, philosophy, astronomy, and poetry.  
Now that is poetry stew at its best  
rising from a genius and master of the word.

And the world only knows you, my friend,  
for your poetry quatrains in the Rubaiyat.  
Was that the influence of mathematics?

I wander, what impact philosophy  
did to stimulate your blank page  
while your Gemini twin gazed the stars?

## No Matter Where

Everybody loves me.  
But I have no need  
to be loved by everybody.  
I have a burning inside me  
to be loved by you.

You cannot be pushed or pulled.  
The hope vessel is docked  
in the harbor.  
Some day you may come to me.

I will reserve a space  
in my love garden for you.  
Even if I am no longer able  
to respond,  
that love seat will wait with  
warmth for you.

I will slip on my joyful smile  
whenever I hear your voice  
no matter where I may be.

## To the Awakened

Love floods all the boundaries  
protecting me  
and I am still blind.  
Love floods all the sideroads  
with light  
and I still cannot not see.

I shut down.  
Give my resignation  
to two legged creatures,  
stamped  
humankind I resign.

Earth Mother rolls in tears for me.  
I walk in her footprints  
never ending my plea  
for understanding.

She says, bend your knees 100 days,  
then stand up. I comply.  
Stand up and walk out of the forest.

I wear a sacred scarf,  
armed in grace, ready  
to offer love to all  
who are awake.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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## Quatrains of Omar

there is something so tender  
about your tapestry of words,  
each one different  
like a clump of trees,  
large and small, each with its own  
life sustaining web of roots,  
intricate and essential,  
in harmony with the other shoots,  
yet separate and distinct.

I could almost hear you oh Khayyam  
reciting like a bird  
hidden deep in the leafy trees,  
spilling out rubaiyats.

they hum with a sound -  
bees and birds,  
flowers and leaves  
as they wander around.

they thunder -  
lightening clouds,  
torrential rains  
in amazing wonder.

they kiss -  
lips on lips,  
silent notes and  
sweet rhymes.

they proclaim -  
life is a gift  
unwrap it  
open it and use it.

## Confused and Lost

you are no more lost  
than them if you want

to love others and  
be loved by them.

because something is  
always amiss.

prepare the soil.  
create the climate.

a seed must sprout  
a flower must bloom

before a butterfly will  
land to taste the nectar.

it is love  
that we need

a taste of nectar  
to nourish a seed.

\* This poem verges on the spiritual dimension of human cravings to be loved by friends, relatives, lovers and strangers. Other than the physical experience of being loved, it is the mystic portals of the 'self-realization / felt reality' which is much more pleasurable than the mundane reality of the universe. It is the ephemerality of everything in life and beyond...

## Metamorphosis

I am in  
the melody of every song  
sparkle of the sun rays  
twinkle of the stars.

I am in  
every smile you see  
every hug you receive  
every laugh you hear.

And I promise to be there  
to reach out and  
look out for you  
because I love you.

what a caterpillar may call  
the end of life  
I call it  
a colorful butterfly.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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Among her poetic belts include **Gabrielle Galloni Memorial Panorama International Youth Award 2022**, Panorama Youth Literary Awards 2020, 7th Prize Winner in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada ‘Amazing Poet 2015’, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua. Her poetry and children’s stories have been featured in different anthologies and magazines worldwide.

Links to her works:

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<http://www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html>

## The Polymath's Equations

Under the map of stars

He writes equations

The binomial expansion

Turns my mathematical solutions

From cubic to astronomic calculations,

His words dwell in the codes

*Of Rubáiyát, a celebration of life!*

*The litany of religious and political nuances,*

*His quatrains are far immeasurable,*

*Written for the humanity,*

*Underneath the bough.*

## Ode To The Family

I have myself, the simple scarlet on your vase  
I asked for nothing, but you gave me life and sunshine  
The smile, the hug, the cuddle, the care & the love  
I am happy to the little things I have  
You all give me light to complete my being  
I am truly deeply thankful for all the arms  
That make my wholeness back once more  
You are the dream I dreamt and dreaming  
To love, to cherish, to treasure  
I love you so no matter what, no matter when  
Until I know how to give up all, even my life.



## When You Rise Up

If you trust you can do more today,  
Heal yourself like a courageous beaver  
And slowly, be the cheetah.  
You are meant to mend the future's prophesy  
From the ruins of palmistry,  
Go and create hopeful lines  
Of real foundations  
Of life's miracles,  
You are a rising ember  
Entering the heaven's doors  
Like a promise of renewal and resurgence.

Swapna  
Behera

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## Omar Khayam ;The Astronomer Poet

Omar Khayyam a Persian polymath,  
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famous for his scientific achievements  
the astronomer scientist poet of Persia  
hundreds of quatrains he wrote  
rubaiyat the pithy observation  
on complex subjects such as love, death, God  
the existence of contribution after life  
“set not thy heart on any good or gain”  
sky is the inverted bowl  
Khayyam famous for classification  
solution of cubic equation  
by intersecting a parabola with a circle  
designed the Jalali calendar  
duration of solar year parallel axiom  
his writings are  
combination of nihilism ,fatalism, agnosticism  
rubaiyat is a verse consisting of four line stanzas  
he taught the court as a jurisprudence  
the ultimate question of life and death  
rubaiyat imparting an epicurean style of philosophy  
the caravan of life is moving  
a book of verses, a jug of wine, a loaf of bread now that is  
divine  
thousand quatrains of rubaiyat  
“there was a door to which I found no key  
there was a veil past which I could not see ”  
Indeed heaven and hell are inside ...

## The Canvas Of Sand

sand is the big canvas  
you can draw a house ,a horse ,  
a plastic ban message or world cup foot ball  
he is Sudarsan Pattanaik a sand artist from Odisha, India  
a visionary and world record holder  
recipient of Pdmashri ;India's fourth civilian Award  
his concepts so unique when he constructs huge statues  
his fingers worship the sand  
sand has multiple textures, soft or coarse  
polished or rough  
sand sings in sync with the anthem of the sea  
on the solitude of the sea shore  
he imagines the concept  
impish waves may wash away after a couple of minutes  
but can any one wash the creativity ?  
it is printed in the brain and heart  
sculptures are immortal  
the mystical thoughts dance in tandem with the portrait  
the artist sits and waits  
celebrates the creativity  
the world rejoices with him  
he is Sudarsan Pattanaik a global sand artist  
beyond boundaries.

## Biryani vs Ragi Balls

His Highness ordered for the best biryani  
best rice with goat legs, lot of spices  
saffron, cardamom, cinnamon sticks. cashew and raisin  
rose water, mint and the list goes on and on  
of course fried onions added to the juicy rice  
the fragrance spread far and wide  
the chef arranged the table with colourful biryani  
the skill test of the chef  
the taste buds of the ministers sizzle  
affluent they all were  
just behind the palace a poor shepherd  
came back from the jungle with his sheep and goat  
sad he was as he lost a goat, the healthiest one  
his wife cooked ragi balls in the open air  
that they grew in that hillock  
the grand banquet was over with wine and music  
in the silent night tears of the shepherd merged with ragi  
balls  
for he lost a goat whose bleat echoed in his ear  
pieces of the goat in the biryani  
each piece crying for its master  
two drops of tears soaked the ragi balls in the thatched  
house  
his highness was amazed to taste the new dish  
so he rewarded the chef with the hillock that grew ragi and  
the sheep  
but was awake whole night  
as it was tough to digest the high voltage spices  
the chef was happy to get the reward of that hillock and all  
the sheep was his

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for he needed meat to make the biryani frequently  
the shepherd lost ;the chef received  
salty ragi balls understand the language of animals  
that the biryani can never .....

( Biryani is a mixed rice dish with meat and spices that is  
originated from Iran  
ragi is commonly called finger millet and one type of  
staple diet in farming communities )



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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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Albert believes his experience of growing up in poverty, dealing with drugs and witnessing murder over and over were lessons learnt, in order to gain knowledge to teach. Albert’s harsh reality and honesty is a powerfully packed punch delivered through rhyme. Infinite grew up in the east part of the Bronx and still resides there, so he knows many young men will follow the same dark path he followed looking for change. The life of crime should never be an option to being poor but it is, very often.

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## Omar Khayyam

I am Persian, born in Nishapur. mathematics, astronomy, philosophy and poetry are a few of my passions. My contributions to the above was made during the Seljuk dynasty during the first crusade. As a mathematician I'm notable for classification and solutions of cubic equations, I provided geometric solutions by the intersection of Conics and also contributed to the understanding of the parallel axiom. As an astronomer I also used math to calculate the duration of a solar year with precision. Doing so, I created a solar calendar called the Jalali calendar which provided the basis for the Persian calendar that is still in use after nearly a millennium. I am also a philosopher, a student of Ibn Sina, known in the west as Avicenna, when it came to early medicine, Avicenna was considered the father. To me there is no religious sect, I believe in Agnosticism and pessimism. My life's journey and visions can also be read through my works of poetry.

## The clouds

those clouds followed me, it rained blood rain, each drop had a name, John dropped Jane dropped through the rain drops if you didn't know the name of those rain drops. I've seen the ones I ran and reigned with in the game names drop, i saw my fathers name for crying out loud, drop from a crying cloud up top. rain drop pain dropped from a cloud that ceased to clot, please stop the rain, I can't walk without stepping on a stain. through time the cloud got more dense, hence thicker blood drops to commence, thunder storms and lightning poured out phlebotomy, the cloud that killed the monotony, of forming a monopoly followed me continually dropping blood that leaked from my friends, foes and family.

Rain drops kept falling from the dead onto my head, I didn't wipe them, because then it would be like I got caught red handed, like I was the cause of a murder case, so instead, I let the murder drip down my face.

When I went indoors then cloud hovered over my residence, the blood drops fell on my awning sounding like a snare drum beat of ghetto pestilence, when I sleep it dissipates, But as soon as I wake in the morning, my first sight out the window is that damn cloud forming.

## Don't go

Many men didn't want me to retire and raise my kids, that didn't suit em, that wasn't detrimental to their income, they wanted me to keep raising my children sauer along with smith and wesson for protection, it was beneficial to them if I stood in the hood buss'n mine and Chopin cookies to nickels and dimes. Ayo Inf I need about a six month run, I need you to hold me down in these trapped up slums, take a block by swingn that shit like a sword, let me and my team live and we'll pay you rent like a landlord, ayo inf can I get a shift, they needed money drip and godfather spliffs. I let em all eat, I wasn't turning my back on anyone, if I win we all won, plus I knew how hard it was to come up in these BX streets. I put that time in, put that work in, in the hood and the kitchen, I went through it all, got caked up, hit up, locked up, fell and came back up, plus, I buried most of the men with whom I came up. There was nothing left to witness but my own death, so I left before soul theft.

Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich



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Michelle Joan Barulich was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. She started writing poetry and songs with her younger brother Paul. They have written many songs in their teen years. She is currently studying Alternative Medicine and would like to become a Homeopathic Doctor. Michelle loves all kinds of animals and birds; she does wild rehabilitation. She has also rescued rock pigeons that make great pets.

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## Seize the Secret

Omar, thank you for your contributions.

To mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, and poetry

Leading the way as an astronomer

With precision and accuracy

You designed the jalai calendar

Which is still in use to this day

You were unequalled

In scientific knowledge and many in your day

Called you the epithet of the wise.

## Obstacle

I need warmth and security  
I feel fire surrounding me  
The sky endless like my grief  
And clouds their weeping just like me  
Can anyone hear their scream  
So loud across the world  
An echo never to be heard  
Is this the world we have made?  
We walk among hells corridors  
Looking for any site of light  
We touch death so many times  
Again, once more we kill the crimes  
Can anyone hear their scream  
So loud across the world  
An echo never to be heard  
Is this the world we have made?

## Song

Your song has lifted me up

Up from the tunnel

The spirit of the words has melted my heart

All the lines you sing, I feel

You touched my soul, in so many different ways

Visions of you, I see blue

And where there are shadows you are there

The song, music of the night made my spirit soar

And my soul began to take flight

Help me make the music of the night,,

Eliza  
Sęgięt

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Received *Global Literature Guardian Award* – from Motivational Strips, World Nations Writers Union and Union Hispanomundial De Escritores (UHE) 2018.

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

World Award 2020 *Cesar Vallejo* for Literary Excellence. Laureate of the Special Jury *Sahitto International Award 2021*, World Award *Premiul Fănuș Neagu 2021*.

Finalist *Golden Aster Book World Literary Prize 2020*, *Mili Dueli 2022*, *Voci nel deserto 2022*.

At the international Festival of Poetry CAMPIONATO MONDIALE DI POESIA (2021/2022) she won the title of vice-champion of the world.

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

Laureate Between words and infinity “*International Literary Award (2023)*”.



## The Bitter Taste of Existence

*In memory of Omar Khayyama\**

His immortal words make  
mortal man realise  
that for centuries  
the world has been immersed in questions  
about the nature of existence.

From the sweetness of words  
to bitter conclusions,  
he has given insight into the past  
in relation to the present.  
The collected notes of life  
and the fear of death reveal  
the bitter taste of existence.

Will anything remain  
when the grave  
towers over the body?

He did not believe in the existence of  
invisible powers.

Confusion, anxiety, uncertainty  
formed a pillar of thought of his reality,  
his questioning of eternity  
and the certainty of the impermanence of everything.

*\* Omar Khayyam - Persian politician known for his  
contributions to mathematics, astronomy, philosophy and  
poetry.*

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*

## With the Siren

She still cannot believe it.  
that the world available to her now  
– is an open window and emptiness.  
She bares her experiences  
to herself.

The neighbor is not very interested  
in her fate,  
a bystander will not see  
imprisoned on the sixth floor  
solitude.  
Known and unknown,  
now it is like the air.

Only when they arrive for her with the siren,  
whispers are heard through the leaky door:  
– *She's still alive. She's so fatigued.*

It is a pity that when she needed bread,  
no one heard her hunger.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Normality

We become indifferent  
to the human next to us.  
We do not notice  
that someone  
only pretends to be strong.

With pockets full of  
unfinished business,  
desires and uncertainties,  
maybe we also often  
wear masks?

With hope we expect  
that we will not be alone,

we look out for  
– normality  
in abnormality.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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Bill's writing career spans a period of over 50 years. Being first Published in 1972, Bill has since went on to Author in excess of 50 additional Volumes of Poetry, Short Stories, etc., expressing his thoughts on matters of the Heart, Spirit, Consciousness and Humanity. His primary focus is that of Love, Peace and Understanding!

Bill says . . .

I have always likened Life to that of a Garden. So, for me, Life is simply about the Seeds we Sow and Nourish. All things we "Think and Do", will "Be" Cause and eventually manifest itself to being an "Effect" within our own personal "Existences" and "Experiences" . . . whether it be Fruit, Flowers, Weeds or Barren Landscapes! Bill highly regards the Fruits of his Labor and wishes that everyone would thus go on to plant "Lovely" Seeds on "Good Ground" in their own Gardens of Life!

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## Khayyam

Oh how I love the sound of the name . . .  
I thought it to be poetic when I first  
Became aware,  
And 'lo and behold'  
My endearment became a stronghold  
In the lyrics of "Persian-ality"

Khayyam, Hafiz, Rumi . . .  
Quite the family

So I did as he said  
With my life  
Because of those immortalized words  
'eat drink and be merry'

I thank you brother Omar  
For you lyricism . . .

Khayyam my personal Rubaiyat . . .

## Life is for Living

We spend our entire lives dying,  
Lying to ourselves  
While vying for unattainable fruits

We dream of such things  
As legacy, memories and 'what ifs'  
.....  
Yet the journey into oblivion  
Continues

Shall you remember these acquired lessons  
Next lifetime?  
The fruitful and fruitless,  
The thoughts that have no seed.

Does the soul grow,  
Or is its compacity  
Already fulfilled

There is the infinite  
And the eternal,  
But ..  
What does that mean to me  
If I can not let go  
Of this small thing  
I imagined my 'self'  
To be ...  
Or not to be?

The words of Ovid  
Strike a resonant chord  
Somewhere in my seemingly  
Unexplored depths ...



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"Vivam!" "I will live."  
After all,  
Is not Life for Living?

Somewhere in the darkness  
I have contemplated this acute light  
And the dawning of its truth,  
And my soul yet still yearns  
To reconcile with its purpose.

Life is for Living .... so do so!

## The Short Nap

If one were to consider  
The concept of eternity,  
We would have to admit  
That this existence we call life  
Is but a blink of the 'Cosmic Eye'

We spend most of our lives  
Attempting to define ourselves  
Making futile attempts  
To affirm the baseless imaginings  
Of our divine grandeur

In this thick soup of this quasi-reality,  
We over-season the weak affirmations  
Of our adopted and borrowed realities

Sometimes the meal is palatable,  
Some times bitter,  
Most times non-descript

There is a prevailing vagueness  
That we rail against  
In our supposed 'wakening',  
But truth be told  
We are mostly  
Sleeping our way through  
This brief journey

We connect the moments  
And store them in the deep recesses  
Of memories  
To be visited  
From time to time

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Worry not,  
For the time for sleep  
Pales in the face of  
The eternal and the infinite...  
How do I know? ...  
Simple,  
This is not the first time  
I took a short nap

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Featured Poets

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Julio Pavanetti

Lidia Chiarelli

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Caroline

Laurent

Turunç

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Caroline LAURENT Turunç is from Antakya, Turkey, from Arab origin, she is the daughter of a family of nine children. She has a sociology degree and has written over 1500 poems since 2013, received many certificates from abroad, and participated in nearly 60 local and foreign anthologies. Her poems are still published in many international journals and websites. She is writing a novel that she is about to finish. She published two collections of poems, "Between the Orient and the North" and "Desert Lily". He came second among 2575 poets from each country at the world literature championship held in Romania. She won an award at the eighth spring poetry festival held in the town of Yan, China, causing it to be selected for the "World Poet Literary Museum" commissioned by the Silk Road Cultural Center of Northwest University of China.



## The Earth Has Split!

The earth has split and I saw myself falling into the pensive waters of the rivers.

The fresh waters of the rebel river swept the tired walls of an unfortunate city, frayed fate and memories flowed into deep scarred rivers.

Between the cries of the crowd, my heart was crushed by the pure and cold smell of the sun  
I ascended to ancient times.

I wish my ears were deafened by the harshness of the east and the cries of the north wind.

Maybe I wouldn't have felt the acrid smell of my red soil in Damas.

In the rage of the deep blue sea of the Mediterranean, I wouldn't hear the hum of the seashells drifting to the beach with the sands, the cries of pain.

O creator of the bluebirds of Babylon, give me more than a pure, unused gift.

The tower of silence ascended to the seven heavens

My roots are the oldest soil.

I want to go back to where I am

I want to go back to the deepest scarred parts of the mind.

I want to return to the arms of existence.

I really don't know if I can live or not

I promise not to be angry with you and my destiny, if I fail

I will bury myself in the stars, the moon, the sun, the flowing rocks or the transparent pebbles.

## Pancasila

It is the national ideology of Indonesia.

Pancasila means five principles.

These five principles, which cannot be considered independently of each other, are as follows:

1. Monotheism.
2. A just and modern society.
3. Indonesia's unity.
4. Democracy.
5. Social justice

This Indonesia-based reform movement has become a reference for the Indonesian people to fight against the conservatives, and they have achieved successful results thanks to this reform.

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pancasila

- Kamer, the black diamond that illuminates the darkness of the night, the silver that illuminates the morning

When slapped, it doesn't just fall to the ground -

Its beauty, grace and richness are endless.

Don't think you can knock him down and never get up again.

Of course he gets up, of course he comes back, gets up and does whatever he says.

The figure of that morning ”

The warm heat of that cold air

The blood value of that land

Don't call him pale, don't call him pale.

root of that banyan tree

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Remember, the right word is much heavier than a slap and a gun.

Don't make me open my mouth, don't ask me that, I know he's bad and what his intentions are.

- Don't tell me what half a million saplings are.

You are the ignorant of the ignorant, if every flower was a flower, the world would be a flower

No to moral cruelty, no to tolerance of the ignorant-  
don't try to surprise me

So it looks like you're firing me

Pancasila - I'm not firing you, you'll go yourself. Privacy, darkness, dimness, uncertainty will never be an obstacle for those who want to step into the light.

## Dreams Have Turned Brown!

O verses of wounds, ashes and silence,  
The ditches overflow, the trees where the birds are placed  
in the gardens of the century hang down,  
The pride of the world darkens like shabby stones.

from North to south,  
fragile thorns of grass spread around  
The fold of the earth is slowly shaking !  
Heavy clouds gather towards the mountains, the slopes  
begin to slip reluctantly.  
And you sit there like an arrogant sultan

Tell me, tell me how spring will come with this arrogance  
How will souls dance if everything changes?  
A long vibrating frenzy will mourn the discord of the  
worlds

We don't know who beat who, who loves who.  
Desert migration from everywhere instills its naked  
conquest,  
Those who have nothing to give  
kisses a stained glass window with a herd of transmitted  
miracles.

oh if my eyes were blind oh if my eyes were blind  
If I sit forever under the root of an old tree like a cathedral  
And then if I rot like a worthless leaf out of my rib cage  
My heart longs for victory, if it destroys everything like a  
flood and starts again

Now my broken veins are dripping from my eye socket  
my starry skin can't even bear the fruit of alchemy  
insect law in my chest,

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It creates a burning sensation in the hands,  
and slowly kill the thorns on me.

Ah, the stars in the resin of my race, a brutality in my bones  
As if trying to break the harpsichord of the ages, a pain in  
my chest prevents me from being reborn.

Julio

Pavanetti

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Julio Pavanetti  
(Montevideo, Uruguay, 1954)

He is a poet living in Benidorm, Spain. Director of the International Poet's Association "Liceo Poético de Benidorm". Associate Academic and Honorary Member of the North American Academy of Modern Literature. Director of the poetry collection "Azul" of Enkuadres Publishers, Spain. Director of the Benidorm International Poetry Festival. Member of the Association of Spanish Writers and Artists. Member of the Spanish Collegiate Association of Writers. Titular member of the Tomitana Academy (Romania). He has published twelve poetry books, one of them, "The spiral of time" in Romanian/Spanish bilingual edition, published in Bucarest, Romania in 2012. His book "At the touch of a silent flesh", won the first prize in the contest of Aspe, Spain, in 2015, and was published in 2018 in English/Spanish bilingual edition. His book "Mërgimi Dhemb" (Exile hurts) was published in 2021 in Albania and Kosovo in Albanian language. His book "Battute d'arresto" was published in Italy in Italian language in 2022 and the book won the prize of excellence for the book written in Italian by a foreign author, Rome, Italy, 2023. He had received many awards and recognitions, both for his poetry as for his cultural work. In 2021 he received the Award of Excellence for his Career in Rome, Italy, and won the 1st prize for foreign poets of the VIII Edition of the "Città del Galateo - Antonio De Ferraris" International Excellence Award, Rome, Italy. In February 2023 he received the Honorary Prize for the poet of the year 2023 awarded by the International Writers Association "Pjetër Bogdani" based in Brussels (Belgium) and Prishtina (Kosovo). He has participated in several poetry festivals and took part in more than 100 international anthologies. Many of his poems have been translated into 27 languages and have been published on innumerable international literary magazines.



## The Embrace

We all wandered  
without knowing the right path,  
motionless in the midst of death  
and of ourselves,  
without coming to recognize their cards,  
apart from the infinite breath.  
Until a cold and sad June arrived.  
They trampled on our illusions,  
murdered our rebelliousness  
and our references,  
those that they -alienated  
from their black poverty-  
turned into immortals.

With our hair shorter,  
we still sprout  
like the moss that is born  
between the cobblestones.  
We went entwining  
like ivy clings  
to the peeling walls,  
until we felt the heartbeat  
of a strong and long embrace  
that was sealed marenmedio (\*)

*\* Marenmedio, that means "in the middle of the sea", is a word used by Juan Ramón Jiménez in the third fragment of his poem "Space" (Espacio)*

## Marenmedio

*Or the inevitable influence of the waves*

*“What I have is in the middle of the waves...”*

~ **Pablo Neruda**

*“...And then, marenmedio, sea, more sea, eternal sea,  
with its eternal moon and sun for naked, as I, for naked,  
eternal...”*

~ **Juan Ramón Jiménez**

In the middle of the waves  
two oscillating tongues,  
different, equal,  
petals of a nocturnal rose  
that end up folding,  
to mate in the belly  
of a bound sea.

In the middle of the waves,  
between distant and distinct beaches  
but moist with salt,  
my two voices navigate:  
sprightly, the one from the 20<sup>th</sup> century;  
musty, the one from this century.  
Exposed to the sun, they dry out...  
Both are mine.

In the middle of the waves  
I observe the journey,  
permanent transit to nowhere.  
I leave that shore  
to bleed to death in sunsets  
and enter the here and vice versa.

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An ineffective cry  
that the intestines of the sea  
ooze of mortal invalidity.

We cannot run away from what we are.  
Evolution or involution?

In the middle of the waves  
I pass from twilight to dawn,  
I see the fish jump that mock  
every tear of yesterday,  
however, they walk like imps  
foaming my resistance,  
and leaving me with the embers  
that remain in my dreams  
on the other side of the docks,  
reviving me among the verses,  
after the rain, but before oblivion.

In the middle of the waves,  
subject to the whims  
of their ups and downs,  
I wait like an absent one,  
supporting my solitude.  
I dive in the dark  
between exiles and homecoming,  
I migrate to the warmth of memories,  
and again, I return migration,  
when the sun freezes  
in the silence of the ocean.

In the middle of the waves  
and sedimented in its sediment,  
everything that I have is found  
and everything that I lost,  
they took in my troubles  
and they took in my verses.  
There remained my youth,

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my father, my friends,  
my mother, my memories,  
my story that could not be,  
this present and the future,  
my heart full of horizons  
long, unattainable,  
shared among suns  
and among a thousand warm moons,  
there are my free dreams,  
and my song, and my accent.

To what incomplete and indifferent shore,  
to what mysterious stone altars,  
to what piece of death do I belong?

The world still unsolved,  
with bridges destroyed  
by the inevitable influence  
that the waves exert.  
In the middle of the current  
the cards fell,  
but I remain on the road  
even if everything remained *marenmedio*... (\*)

\* *Marenmedio*, that means “in the middle of the sea”, is a word used by Juan Ramón Jiménez in the third fragment of his poem “Space” (*Espacio*)

## Sadness

Sadness is... that dead time  
without the spiral drawings  
that smoke produces in the air;  
it is dreams of the future  
of a sleeping past  
floating behind the screen  
of worn-out memory.

Sadness is... the sense of guilt  
as heavy as a slab.  
It is the knife that is stuck  
of falsehood, betrayal and deceit.

Sadness is... that feeling  
of silent monologue  
surrounded by loneliness.

It is the cauldron where they boil  
chimeras and illusions;  
it is an inventory of names  
and lost memories  
on the distant horizon,  
it is a longing for childhood  
and faded adolescence.

Sadness is... unmade sheets  
but without smells or traces.  
It is to feel always a stranger,  
even in our own land  
when returning from exile.

It is the shadow that our loves and memories left us,  
nights with eyes open  
linking the discomforts,  
and inventing some futures

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that will never come.

Sadness is... lack of projects,  
and gradual aging.

It is a warehouse of silent screams,  
powerlessness in the face of distance,  
incomprehension and forgetfulness.

Sadness is... loneliness  
that remain completely alone.

We swim across the seas and climb the mountains  
Though it is unbearably hot or cold or it heavily rains .  
We don't return back, ahead we go  
Though the strong winds blow.

Though we are hungry and thirsty ,  
We move forward patiently.  
We move on thorns that come in our way  
We never step back but move forward night and day.

It's the Passion that helps us to win our race  
Though many difficulties we face.  
So ,until Passion in us plays its role  
We can't achieve our desired goal.

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Lidia  
Chiarèlli



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## Water Prayer

to Dylan, Son of the Sea

Seagulls and restless rooks  
challenge the wind  
on this winter morning.

Under a pearl sky  
the waves sing the rising sun -  
the first glimpse of light on the horizon  
fades too soon.

Here and now  
Dylan's words resound:  
The waters of the heart  
push in their tides...\*

And from the ancient cliff  
I pause and listen to  
the voice of the sea:

a water prayer

that softly evaporates  
among the fleeing clouds.

*\*from: Light breaks where no sun shines*

## My liquid world

(amid winds of war)

*to Dylan Thomas*

This ashen day in March  
opens with dancing shadows -  
images carved in the air  
of the Spring still too far.

An insidious mist enshrouds me in crescendo.

Among echoes in subtle vibration  
teach me, Dylan, to take shelter in  
*my liquid world*

teach me to feel the pulse  
of the tides that ceaselessly  
ebb and flow

And while time and space dissolve  
in the primordial roar of the ocean

teach me to fly away, with you, from  
*the void ... of this bewilderment of that insanity\**

\* from: *Although through my bewildered way*

## Where Beauty dwells

Beauty dwells  
in the splendor of a dawn  
fading too soon.  
Or in crimson and gold sunsets.

Beauty dwells  
in the sun rays  
that painters carry on canvas:

perfect pulses of energy  
rapid and fatal touches  
meant to stop the fleeting moment

in a glow of unutterable  
light.

Lina

Buividavičiūtė

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Lina Buividavičiūtė was born on May 14, 1986. She is a poet and literary critic. Lina is an author of two poetry books in Lithuanian language. Her poetry is published in "Matter", "Masters", "Proverse poetry prize" contest anthologies, "Drunk monkeys", "Beyond words", "The Dewdrop", "Sad girls club", "The limit experience", "Beyond queer words", "Maudlin House", "Cathexis northwest press", "Red noise collective", "Poetry online" magazines and "Versopolis" poetry platform. Upcoming publications will appear in "New millennium writings", "Cathexis northwest press", "Red noise collective", „Box“, „Sad girls club“ and “Beyond words” magazines. These poems are translated from Lithuanian to English by Irma Šlekytė.



## A Letter to My Child of War

Oh child of mine, they say, when boys are born  
for the whole generation – the war is upon us.  
We birthed our sons around that time –  
we rejoiced, matriarchs of the family,  
but dark shapes loomed,  
there was no peace. My grandmother had  
already seen those shapes, before the Second  
World War, she saw the sign of the cross  
in the sky, women, solitudinous,  
hauling on their shoulders all the yokes  
of the world. On September 11  
you'll turn eighteen, so I keep anxiously  
glancing at the sky, following  
the news from neighboring lands.

And yet I forgive you for being born, the child of war.

I can't begin to tell you, how much I wish  
never to mark in lamb's blood  
the door of our home upon your return.  
I fervently hope you'll never know,  
how much it weighs down my hands and heart,  
the chill of the steel, when sweat breaks out  
on sleepless nights as I count  
those fallen. Is this hope meant  
for you, or for me?

Still, what frightens the most aren't the stumps,  
the phantoms of limbs, or the hair that's gone white –

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but to never escape  
the barren wind ghosts, and that nothing will be  
as it was.

And yet I let you go, my child of war –  
my reins can't hold back the steeds any longer.

## The Dark Ages

For my son, for all travelers'  
There's so much beauty it takes my breath away,  
but in the evenings I talk to myself in my mind,  
I say it's not too bad, it's all bearable,  
it'll all wash off in the salty water,  
I tell myself I'll climb atop one or two fortresses,  
I'll have a couple of glasses of Sardinian wine,  
I'll sail by some mysterious sea caves and be free;  
my dark ages will pass without having properly begun,  
that's what I tell myself at night, before the flamingos start  
singing,  
that's how I rage when my three-year-old son does not see  
the beauty, then the clouds of sadness gather – he wants  
home,  
back to his kittens, so I rise like a storm: why do you not  
want to see the vast world, why do you need that  
damn triad – safety, consistency and a calm mother?  
What do I need? What do I lack? We told everyone we  
travel together, we want our boy to see the world, Italian  
winds  
and mountains, and us, away from daily routines, washed  
up on a new shore.  
It's not you I wanted to show the world to, it's myself, so  
that  
my dark ages would go by, but I never escaped them  
having realized –  
when I give to you, I rob myself.

## Apathy (the Weight of one's Hand)

I've never seen it raising a revolver, ready for  
a slap of betrayal. I've never witnessed it tossing soil  
on a three-year old's coffin, caressing an unloved one,  
writing  
the last letter, holding a hand of the one who's departing.  
So, they say,  
I have no right to gather so much heaviness in my elbows  
and  
forearms. I have no right, they say, to not move my wrist  
bones.

I know I have to move these arms for the sake of the  
bedridden,  
for those marked with age spots, for those who've lost  
everything,  
for those whose limbs were torn off by shrapnel.

Hanging off the edge of the bed, on a frayed bedsheet,  
despite  
all the scolding, persuading, ultimatums, I cannot stroke my  
child's head –  
my hand grows heavy, because, I believe, as soon as I  
touch him, the soil  
will start pouring onto him.

I fight using different shapes of blackness, with no blood  
flowing to the ten  
little fingers,  
but if I'm called, if we once again need to stand hand in  
hand, I promise you world  
my hand,  
for a short respite from an unworldly heaviness.

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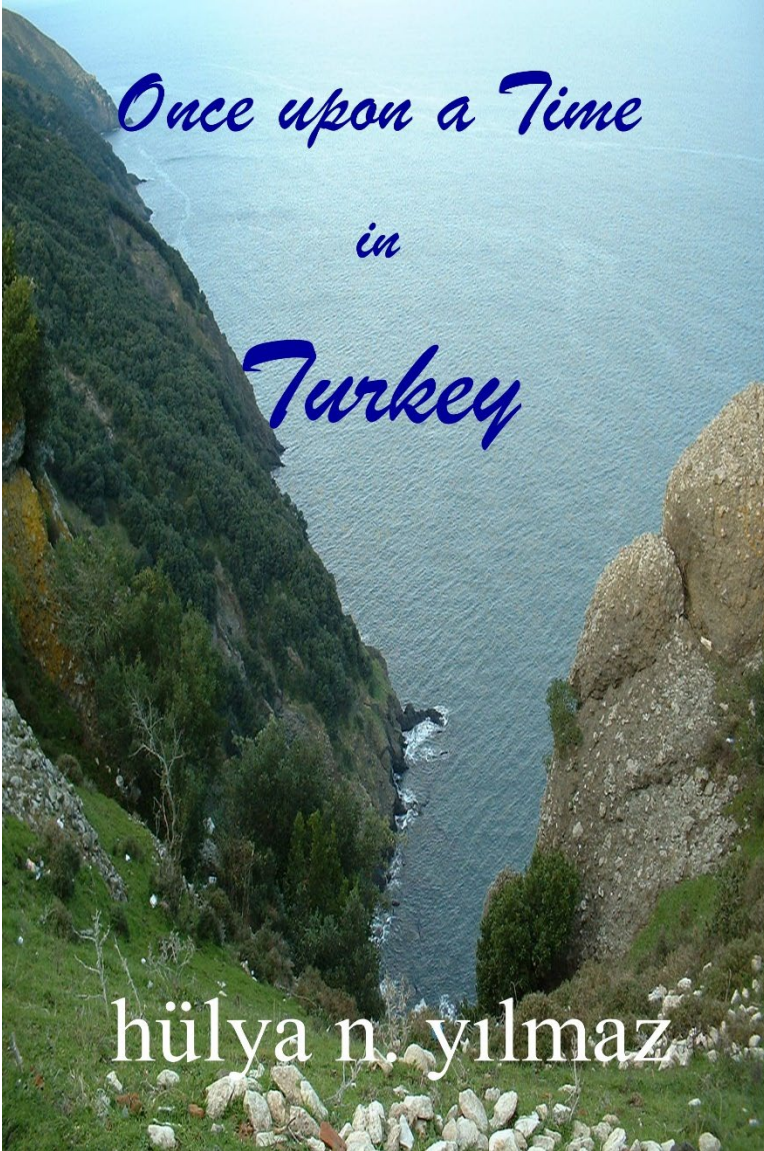
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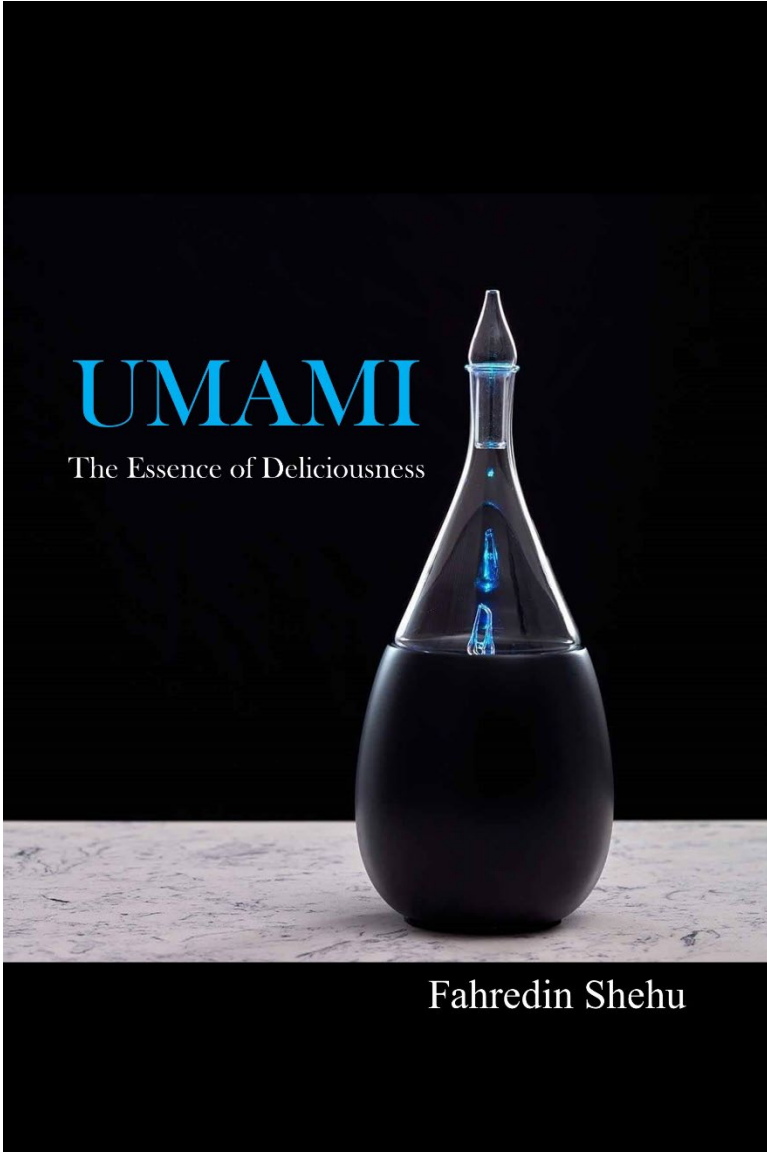
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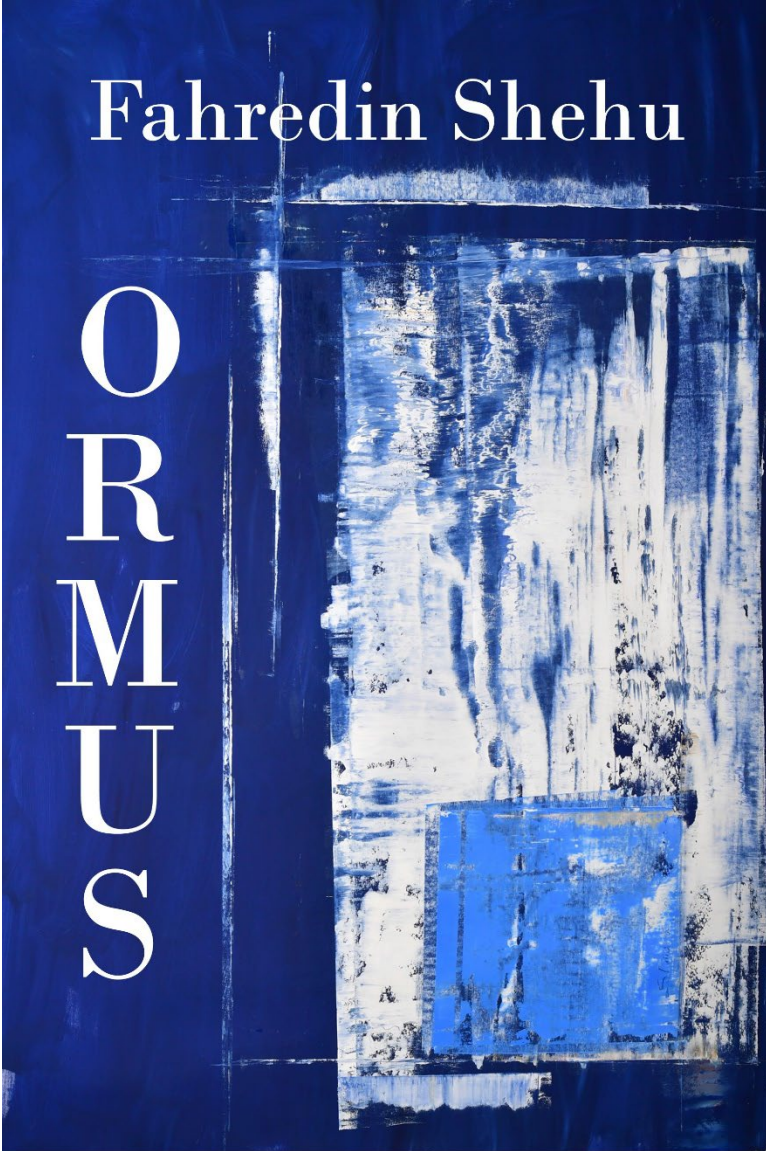


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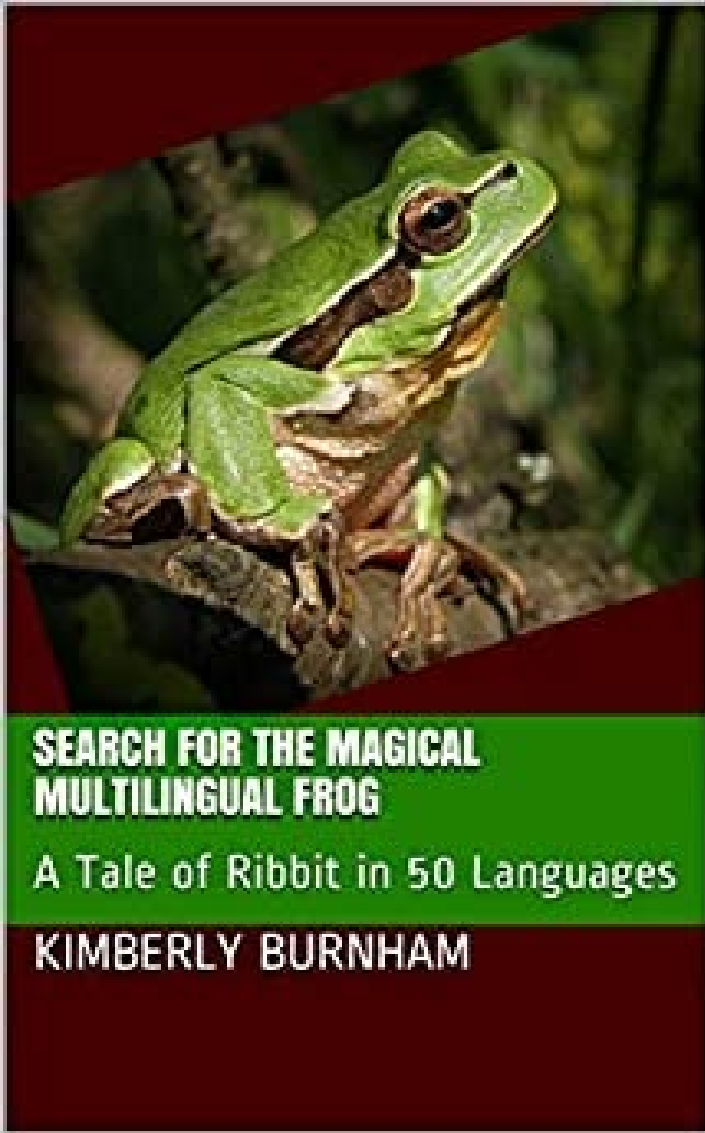


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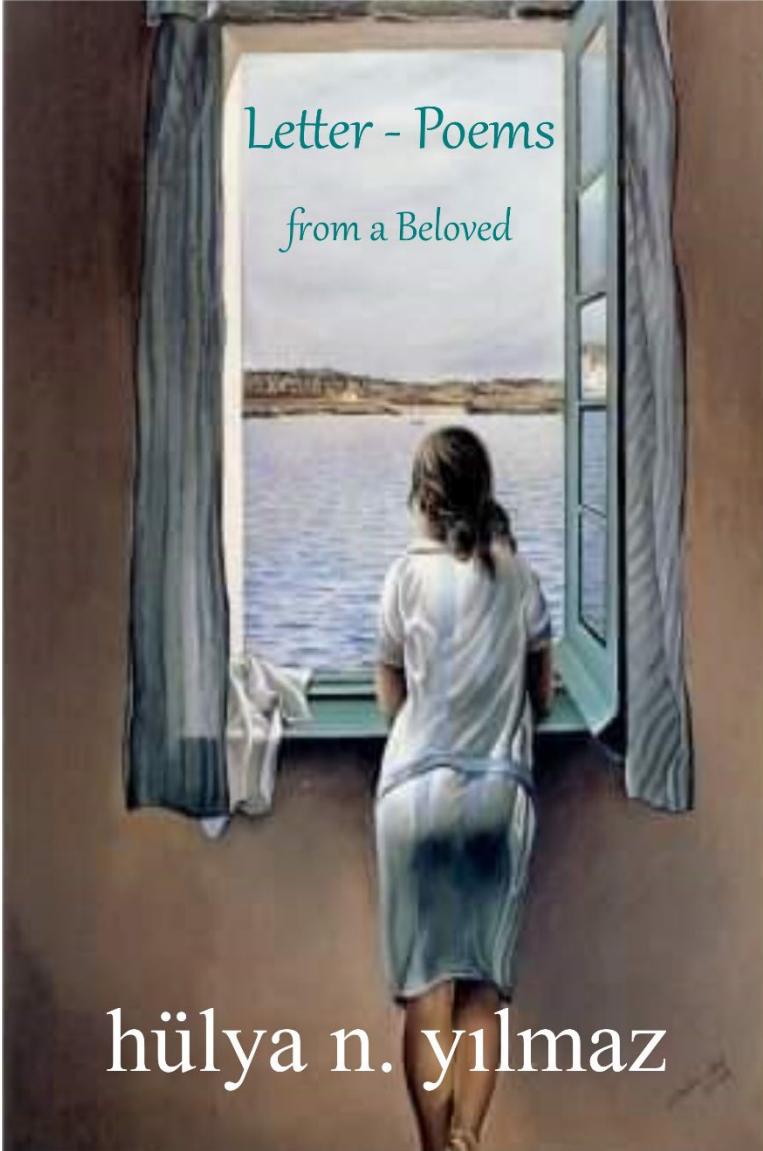
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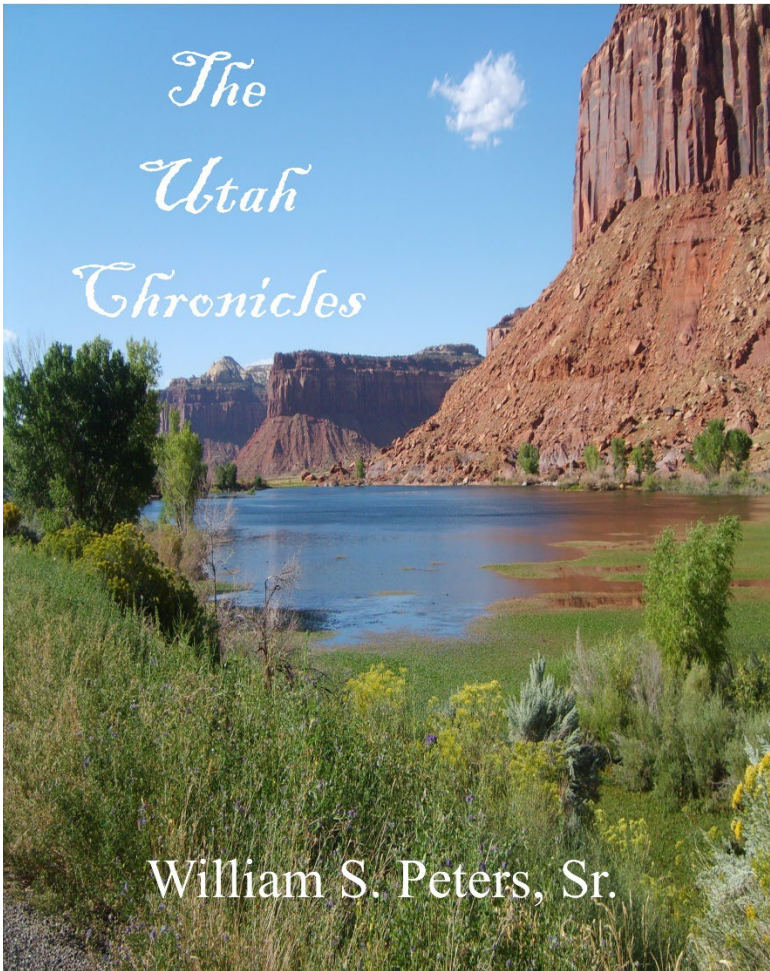
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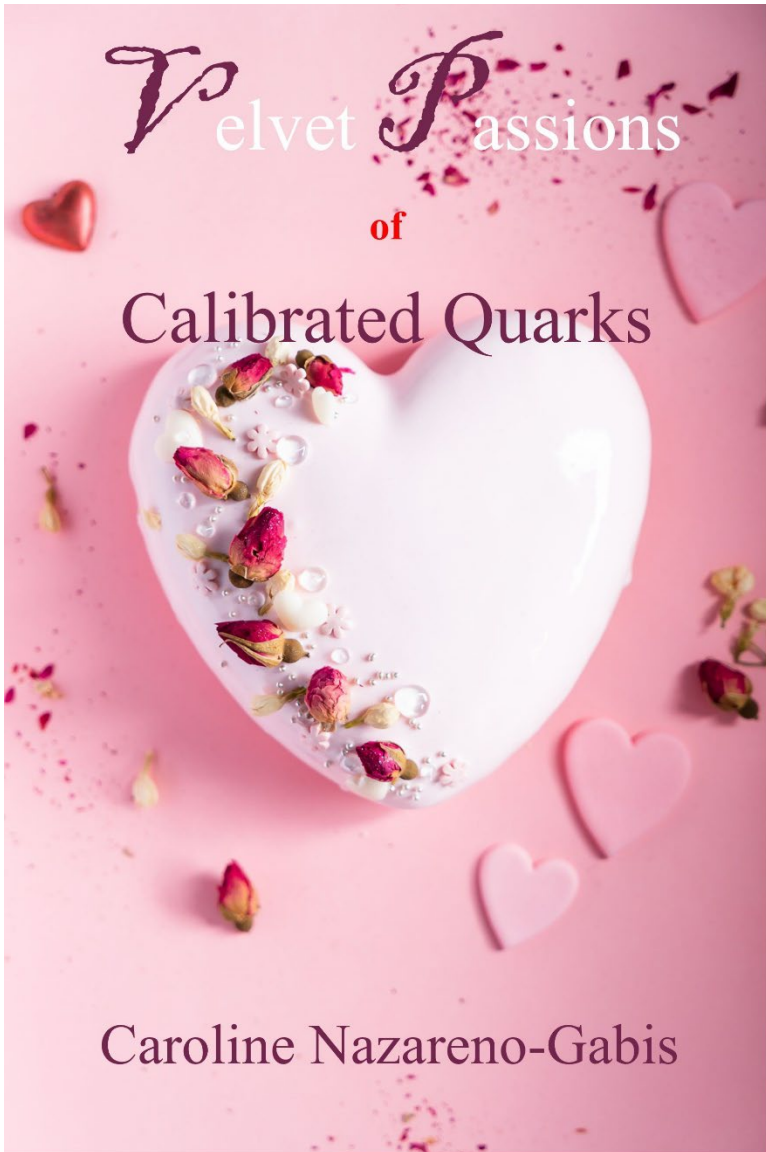


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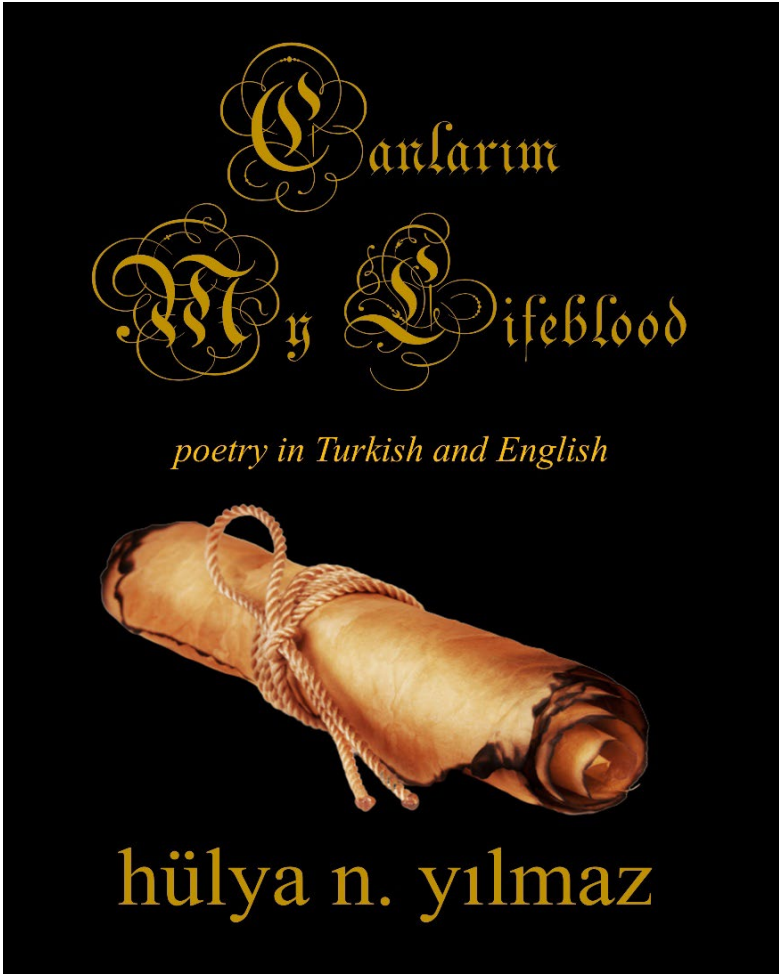
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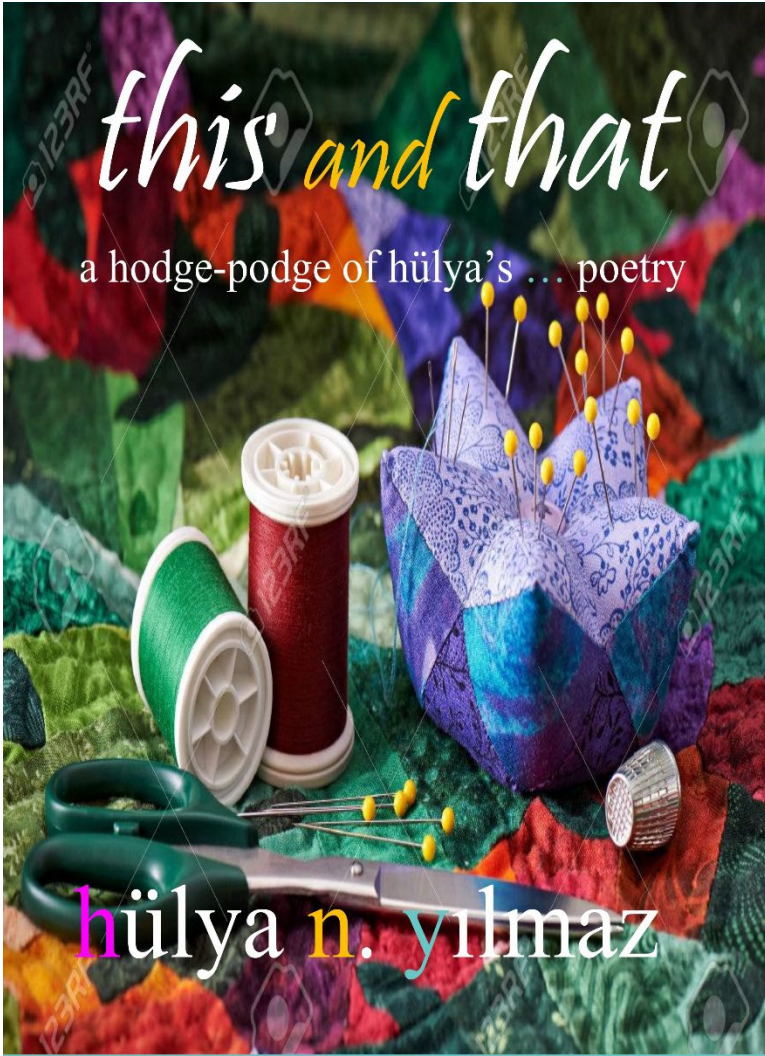
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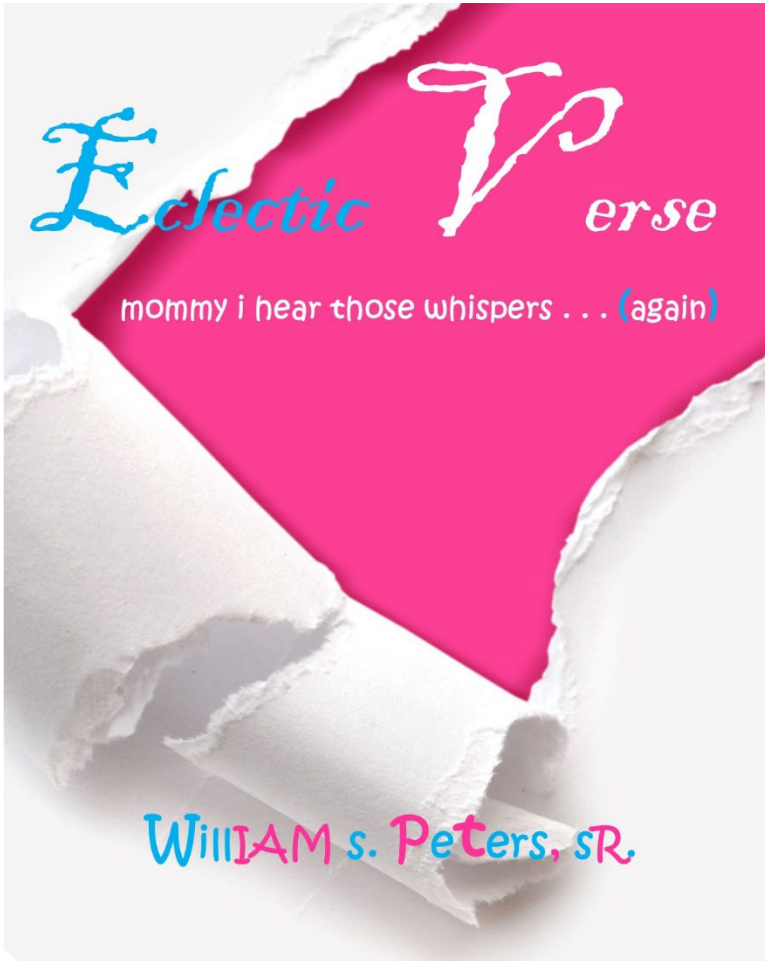
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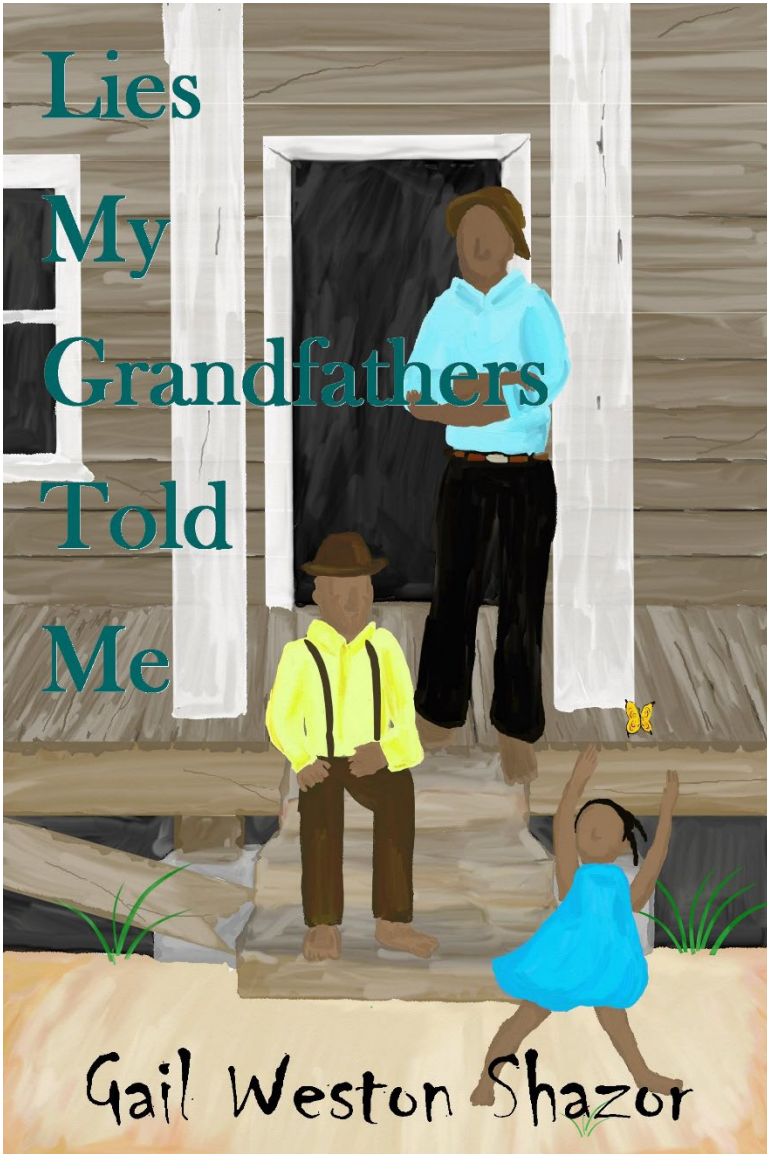
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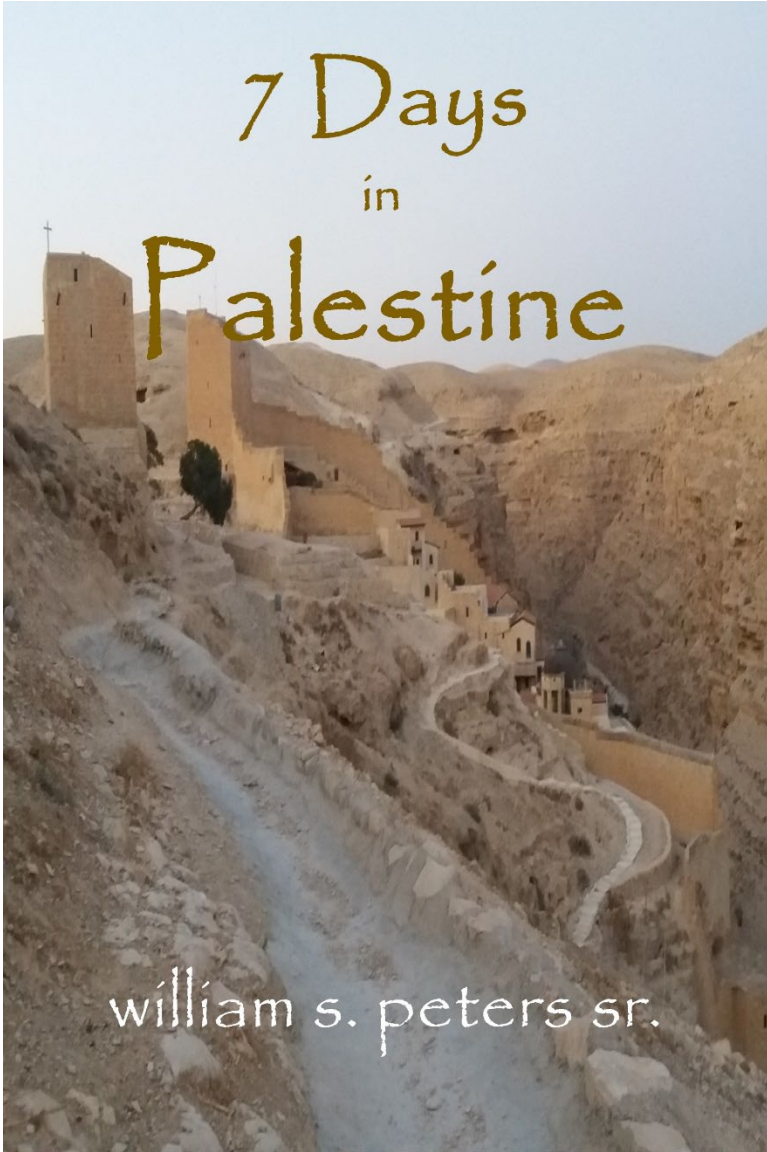


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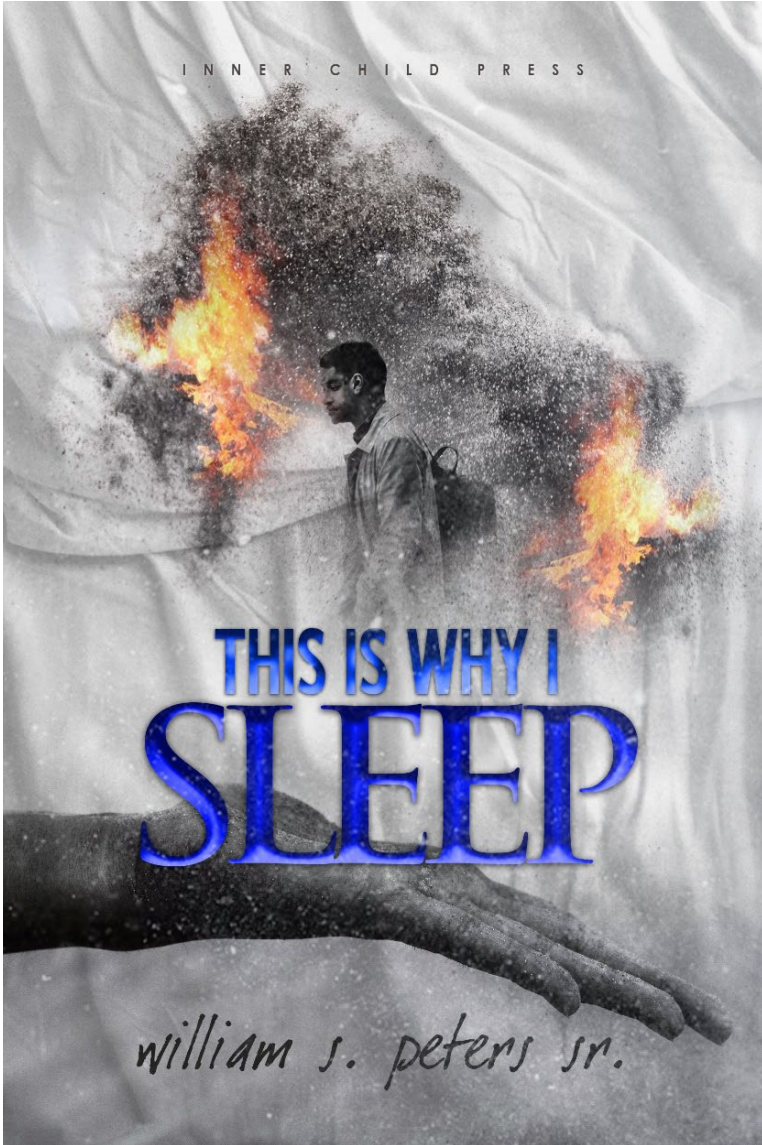
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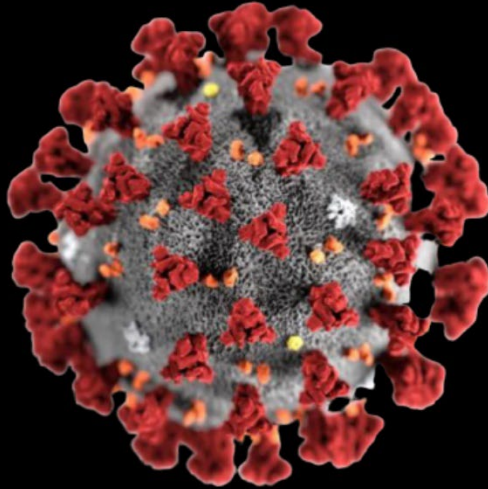
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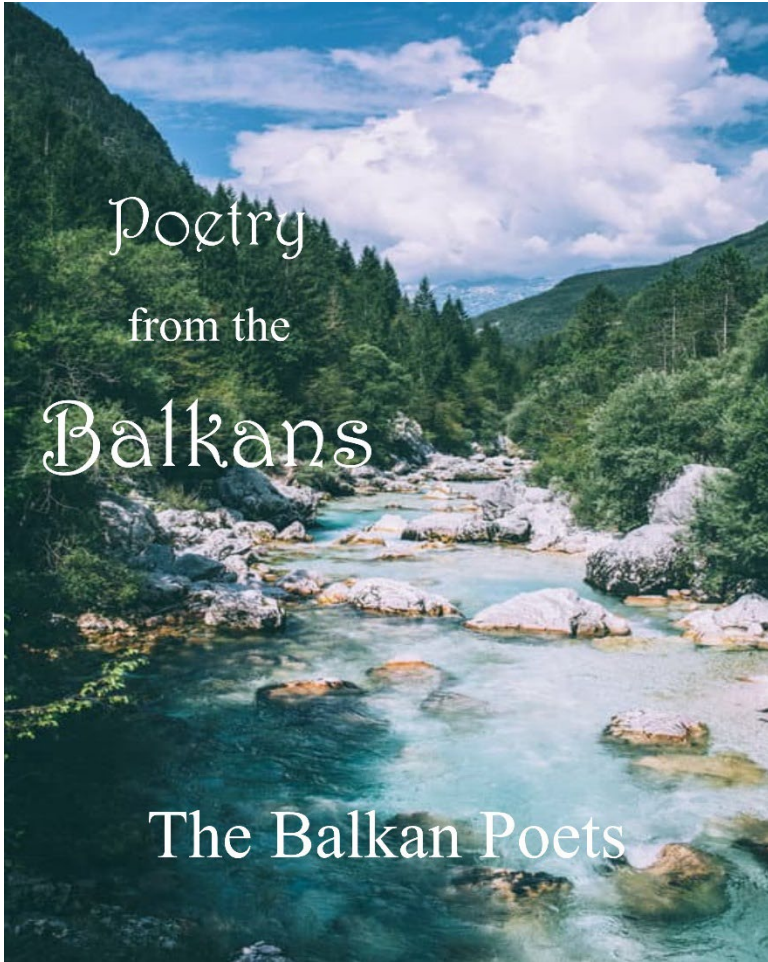
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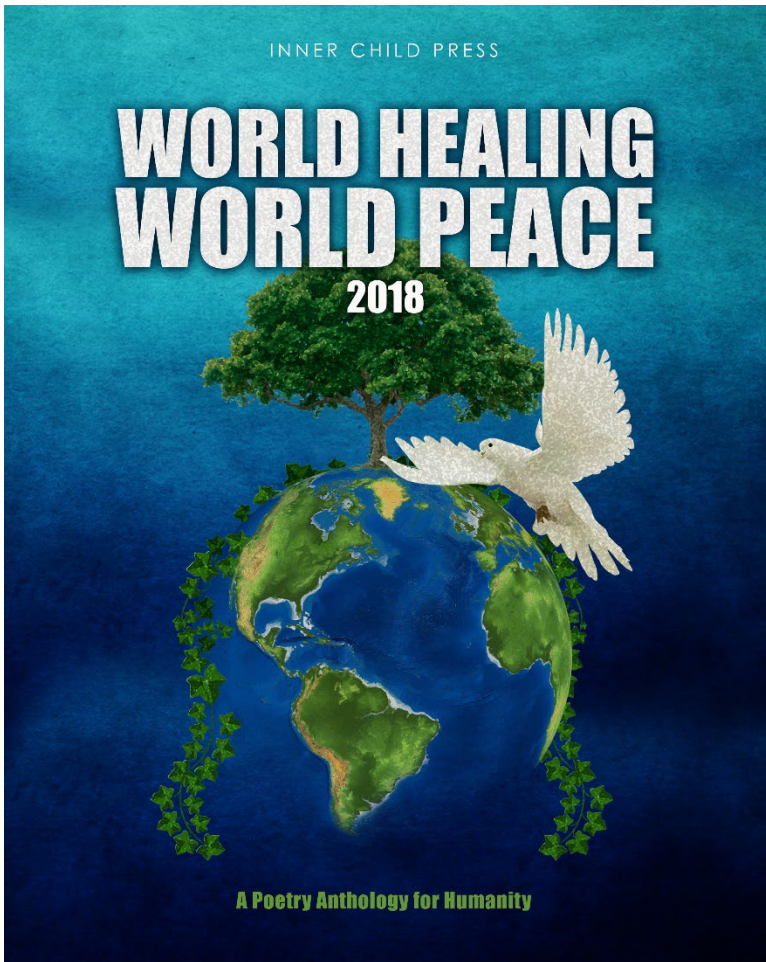
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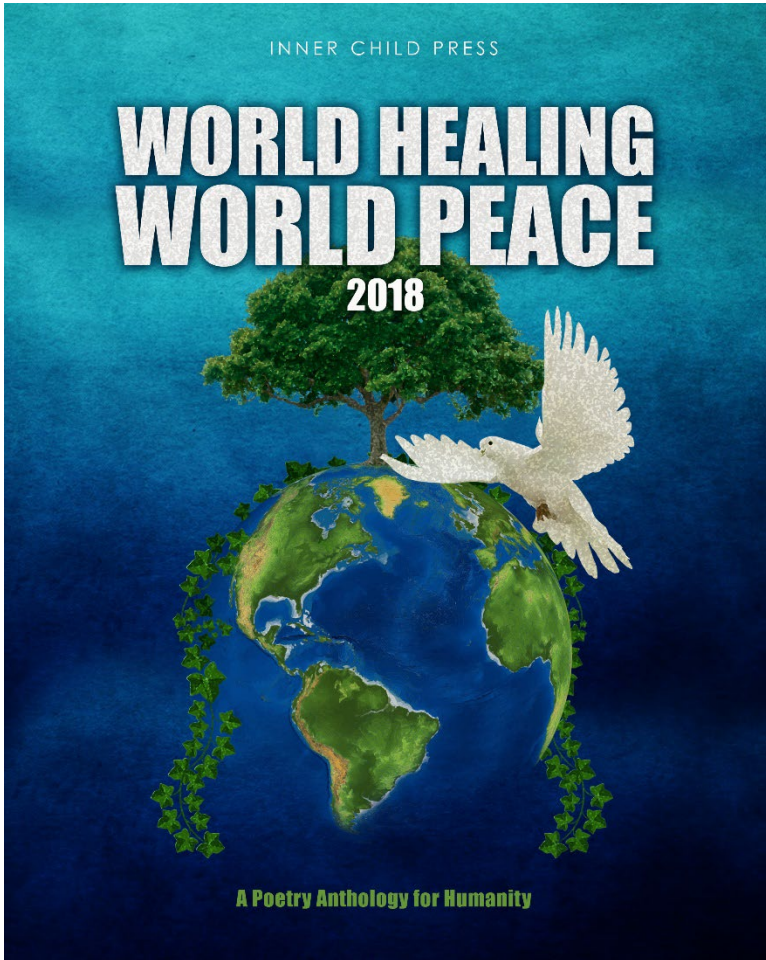


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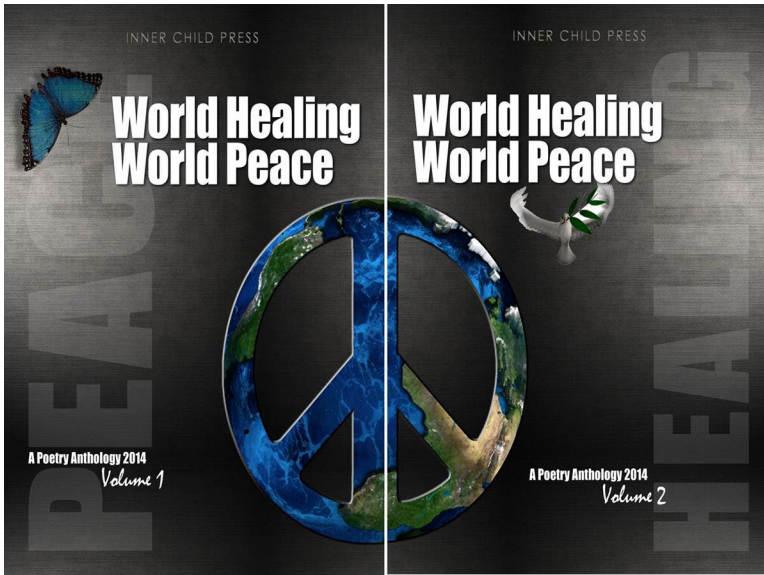
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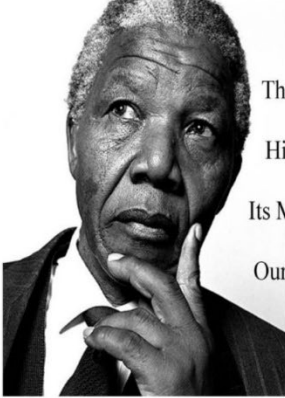
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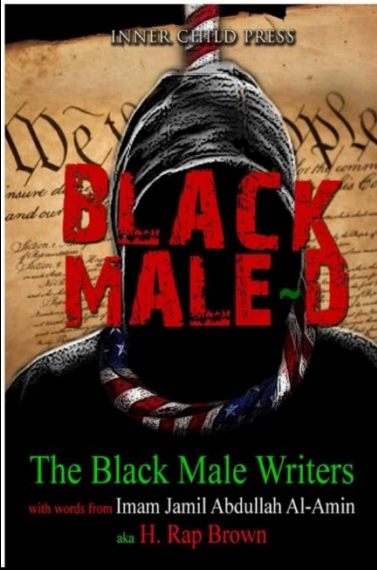
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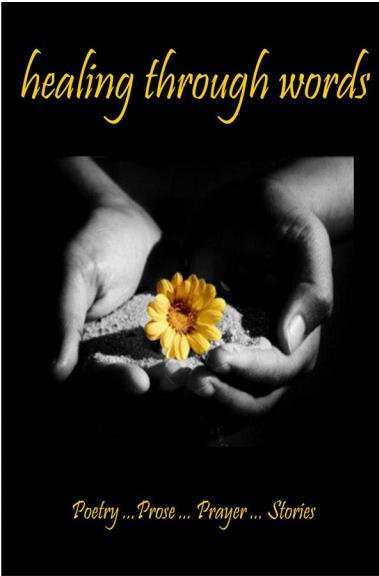
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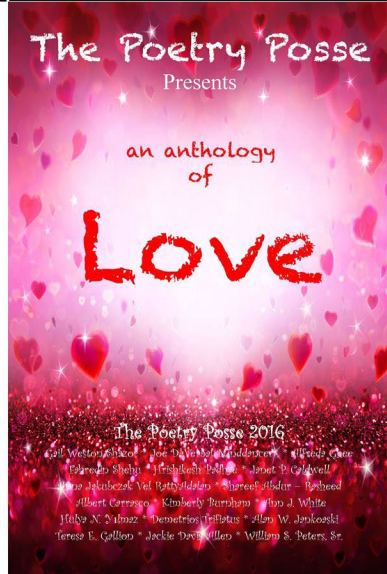
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**January Feature Poets**  
 Bismay Mohantri \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

**THE YEAR OF THE POET II**  
February 2015



**Amethyst**

*THE POETRY PESSE*  
 Jamie Bond  
 Gail Weston Shazor  
 Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
 Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell  
 Tony Heminger  
 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer  
 Robert Gibson  
 Neetu Wali  
 Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham  
 Ann White  
 Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt  
 Fahredin Shehu  
 Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
 Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

## The Year of the Poet II

March 2015

**Our Featured Poets**  
 Heung Sook \* Anthony Arnold \* Alicia Poland



**Bloodstone**

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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

**Our Featured Poets**  
 Raja Williams \* Dennis Ferado \* Laure Charazac



**Diamonds**

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May 2015

May's Featured Poets  
Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimney  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

The Poetry Posse 2015  
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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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June 2015

June's Featured Poets

Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



The Poetry Posse 2015

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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



The Poetry Posse 2015

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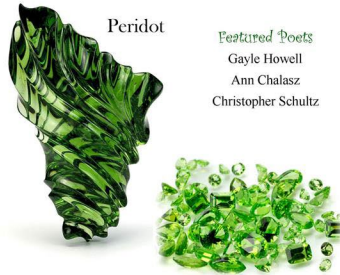
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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2015

Featured Poets  
Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Triffatis



Sapphires

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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October 2015

Featured Poets  
Monte Smith \* Laura J. Wolfe \* William Washington


Opal



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Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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November 2015

Featured Poets  
Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore




Topaz

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Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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December 2015

Featured Poets  
Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt

Turquoise



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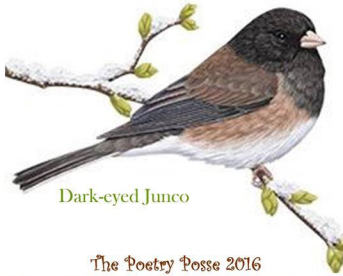
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

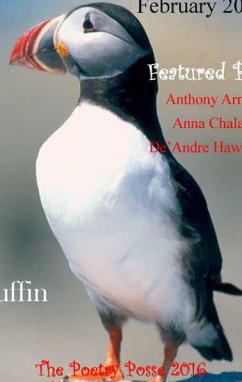
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Fahredin Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Joe DeVriesof Miodolowec \* Shereef Abdur - Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Kathi Allen Hamilton  
Huiya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Triantaf \* Alan W. Jankoowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

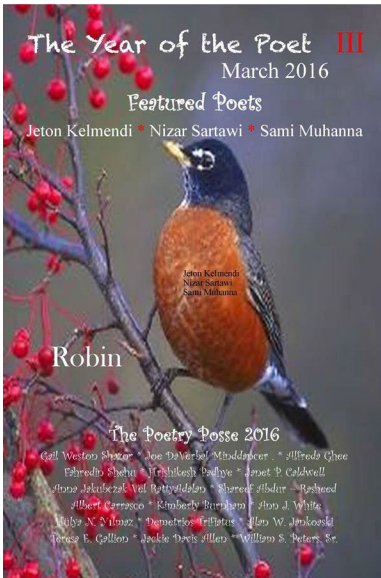
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

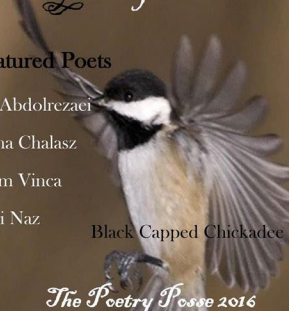
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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

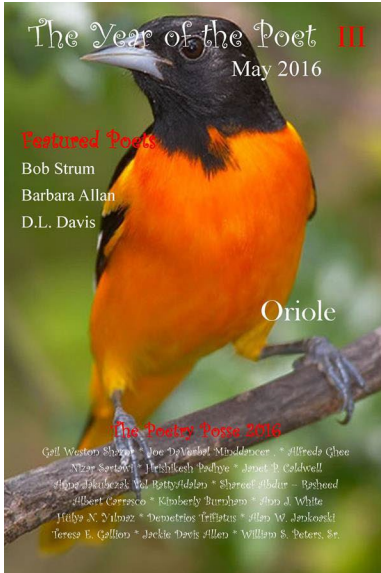
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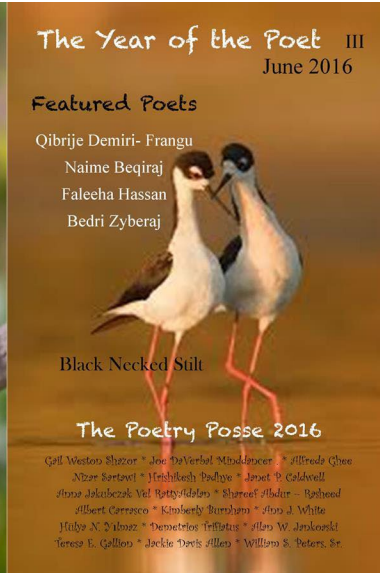


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May 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

**Oriole**

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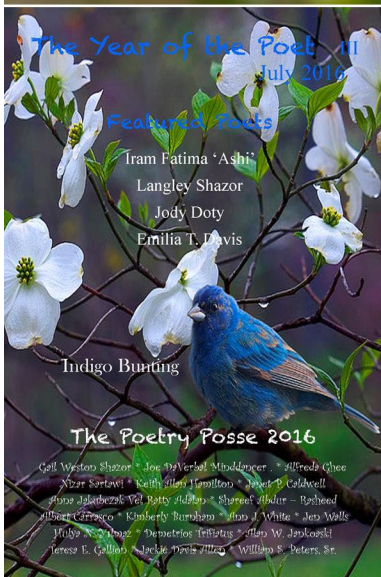


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June 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Qibrije Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj

**Black Necked Stilt**

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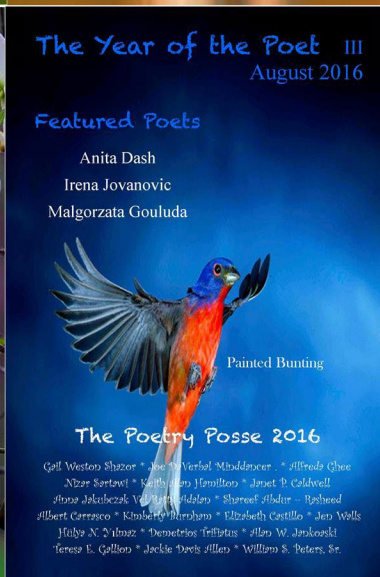


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi  
Langley Shazor  
Jody Doty  
Emilia T. Davis

**Indigo Bunting**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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Nizar Sattawi \* Keith Alan Hamilton \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
August 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Anita Dash  
Irena Jovanovic  
Malgorzata Gouluda

**Painted Bunting**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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September 2016

**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novilla



Long Billed Curlew

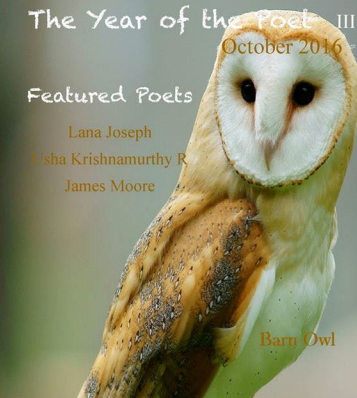
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bircham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilby N. S. Ahmad \* Demetrios Tripathi \* Allan W. Janowski  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

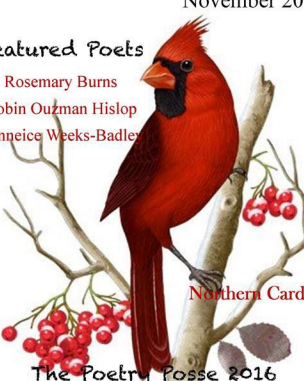
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal


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**The Year of the Poet III**  
December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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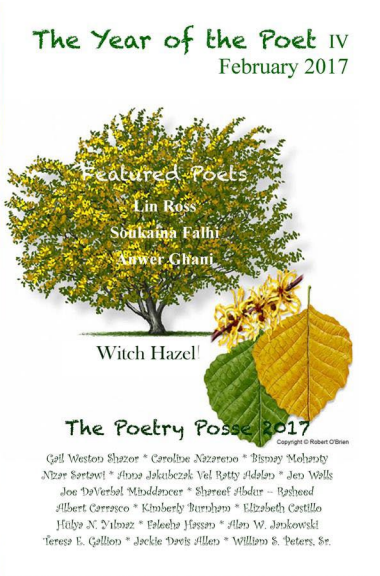


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Atona Jakubczak Val Betty Adelan \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Mindmancer \* Shareef Alidur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017

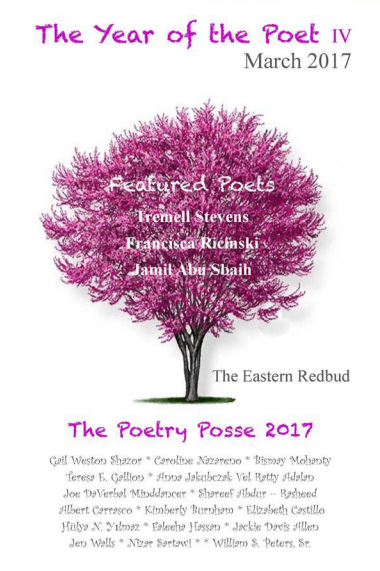


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sankhina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017

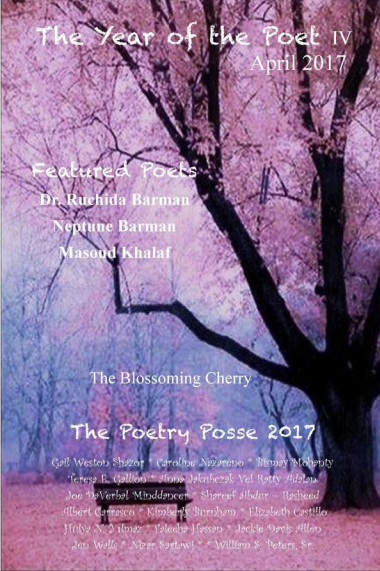


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
April 2017



**Featured Poets**  
Dr. Ruchida Barman  
Neptune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Betty Aulden  
Joe DeVierbal Mbadamec \* Shareef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilja N. Vilhoz \* Felicia Hesson \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Naze Sartawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

### The Poetry Posse 2018

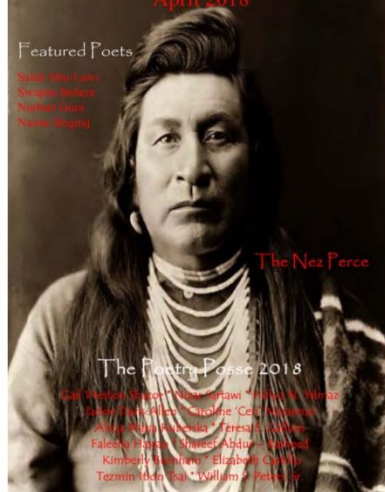
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Lays  
Swagata Bhabha  
Nathan Lion  
Kiana Shajiq



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Featured Poets  
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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

Featured Poets  
Bilal Maliqi \* Daim Miftari \* Gojko Božović \* Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

Featured Poets  
Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Akbal Harb  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

Featured Poets  
Hussein Habasch \* Mircea Dan Duta \* Naida Mujkić \* Swagat Das

The Lapita



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

Alicia Minjarez \* Lonnie Weeks-Badley  
Lopamudra Mishra \* Abdelwahed Souayah



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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich \* Monsif Beroual  
Krystyna Konecka \* Nassira Nezzar

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

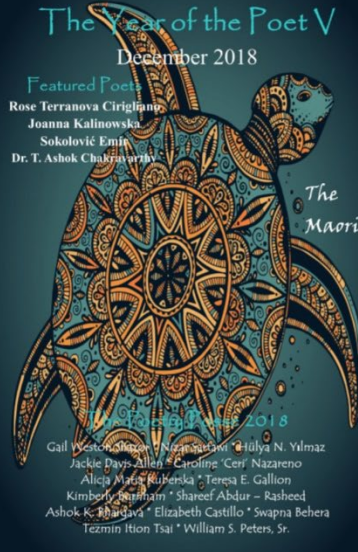
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

Rose Terranova Cirigliano  
Joanna Kalinowska  
Sokolović Emily  
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



The  
Maori

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

Houda Elfehali  
Anthony Briscoe  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Dr. K. K. Mathew

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe Paire \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

### Featured Poets

Marek Lukaszewicz \* Bharati Nayak  
Aida G. Roque \* Jean-Jacques Fournier



Meso-America

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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

Enesa Mahmić \* Sylwia K. Malinowska  
Shurouk Hammoud \* Anver Ghani



The Caribbean

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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

DL Davis \* Michelle Joan Barulich  
Lulëzim Haziri \* Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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 Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
 Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 June 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
 Kate Gaudi Powiekszone \* Sahaj Sabharwal  
 Iwu Jeff \* Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 July 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
 Saadeddin Shahin \* Andy Scott  
 Fahredin Shehu \* Alok Kumar Ray

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 August 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
 Shola Balogun \* Bharati Nayak  
 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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September 2019

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Elena Liliana Popescu \* Gobinda Biswas  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.




**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Ngozi Olivia Osooha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Ohindu Ganga  
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida




**Northern Asia**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efthimia



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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B S Tyagi \* Ashok Chakravarthy Tholana  
Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

Jennifer Ades \* Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ibrahim Honjo \* Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

Aziz Mountassar \* Krishna Paraisa  
Hannie Rouweler \* Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Robini Behera \* Mircea Dan Duta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Alok Kumar Ray \* Eden S. Trinidad  
Franco Barbato \* Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elitichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

Mykola Martyniuk \* Orbindu Ganga  
Roula Pollard \* Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

Dr Pragma Suman \* Chinh Nguyen  
Srinivas Vasudev \* Ugwu Leonard Ifeanyi, Jr.

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Raed Anis Al-Jishi • Sorkotović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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Jackie Davis Allen • Caroline Nazareno • Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska • Teresa E. Gallion • Joe Paine  
Kimberly Burnham • Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

Mutawaf A. Shaheed • Galina Itlyanskaya  
Nadeem Fraz • Avril Tanya Meallem

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh • Ibtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodh • Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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### Featured Global Poets

Andrew Scott \* Debaprasanna Biswas  
Shakil Kalam \* Changming Yuan

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carascio \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

T. Ramesh Babu \* Ruchida Barman  
Neptune Barman \* Falecha Hassan

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Claudia Piccinno \* Mohammed Jabr  
Luzviminda Rivera \* Nigar Arif

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Shahid Abbas

Pablo O'Higgins



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Jaydeep Sarangi \* Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



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June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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Tareq al Karmy \* Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



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July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevka-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osohwa \* Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



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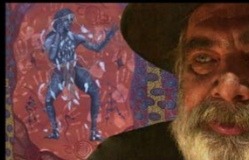
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August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Kamal Dhungana  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



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Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



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October 2021

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Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



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November 2021

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Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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January 2022

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Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



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February 2022

Featured Global Poets

Roza Boyanova \* Ramón de Jesús Núñez Duval  
Mammad Ismayil \* Tarana Turan Rahimli

Climate Change and Mountains



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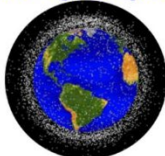
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March 2022

Featured Global Poets

Dimitris P. Kraniotis \* Marlene Pasini  
Kennedy Ochieng \* Swayam Prashant

Climate Change and Space Debris



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Monsif Beroual \* Carol Aronoff

Climate Change and Oceans



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Ajanta Paul \* Monalisa Dash Dwibedy

### Climate Change and Birds



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June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeizat Okunlola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioke Abonyi

### Climate Change and Trees



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July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich \* Mili Das  
Anna Ferriero \* Ujjal Mandal

### Climate Change and Animals



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## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Pankhuri Sinha \* Abdulloh Abdumominov  
Caroline Turunç \* Tali Cohen Shabtai

### Climate Change and Agriculture



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Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Biswajit Mishra  
Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Sajid Hussein

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Andrew Kouroupos \* Brenda Mohammed  
Carthornia Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Hema Ravi \* Shafkat Aziz Hajam  
Selma Kopic \* Ibrahim Honjo

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Elarbi Abdelfattah \* Lorraine Cragg  
Neha Bhandarkar \* Robert Gibbons

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



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JuNe Barefield \* Swayam Prashant  
Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jamnagerwalla

Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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### Featured Global Poets

Christena Williams \* Hilda Graciela Kraft  
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Children: Difference Makers



Ruby Bridges

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## The Year of the Poet X March 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Clarena Martinez Turizo \* Binod Dawadi  
Til Kumari Sharma \* Petrouchka Alexieva

Children: Difference Makers



Yo Yo Ma

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## The Year of the Poet X April 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Maxwanette A Poetess \* Alonzo Gross  
Türkan Ergör \* Ibrahim Honjo

Children: Difference Makers



Claudette Colvin

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Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown  
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Louis Braille

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## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

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Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

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Ryan Hreljac

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~ Bana al-Abed ~

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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

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~ Kelvin Doe ~

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Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

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~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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## The Year of the Poet X October 2023

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~ Malala Yousafzai ~

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## The Year of the Poet X November 2023

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~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

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### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Neha Bhandarkar  
Shaikat Aziz Hajam \* Elarbi Abdelfattah

Children : Difference Makers



~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

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