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the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



*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

### Nazım Hikmet

The March 2024 issue of our international monthly book, *The Year of the Poet*, has its focus on the Turkish modernist poet, playwright, novelist, screenwriter, director, memoirist and activist Nazım Hikmet.

As a native from Turkey—born, raised and schooled there, who independently studied the books of this “Blue-Eyed Giant” after the ban on them was lifted in 1965, I assert that his life and works demand voluminous analyses . . . a task that cannot be completed within the constraints of this text. Being acutely aware of the challenge at hand, I shall resort to your understanding for the brevity of my words. A few factual glimpses on the personal and literary phenomenon that the name *Nazım Hikmet* embodies will have to suffice. One three-step-fact remains unchanged; namely, that Nazım is universally acknowledged as Turkey's exceptional modern poet but also as a world poet, and has exhausted—continues to exhaust—the research venues of countless minds at home as well as abroad.

Nazım Hikmet was born in 1902 as Mehmet Nazım Ran in Selânik and raised in Istanbul. When Turkey

was occupied by her allies after World War I, he left for the Soviet Union [sic]. His higher education included his degree in Economics and Sociology at the Communist University of the Toilers of the East in Moscow. It is there where Russian Futurists and Symbolists, writers and visual artists, as well as Lenin's ideology influenced him. When the Turkish War of Independence resulted in the establishment of the Republic of Turkey in 1924, Hikmet returned to Turkey.

Soon after his return to his beloved motherland Turkey, Nazım started working for *Aydınlık*, a liberal newspaper. Having stigmatized his person and his work as “Communist”, the Turkish state banned his poems. In addition, he was sentenced to 15 years in prison for sedition but fled to the Soviet Union, returning to Turkey in 1928 and settling in İstanbul. There, he worked at various newspapers and magazines and film studios, published his first poetry books and wrote his plays (1928-1932).

In 1938, Nazım Hikmet was charged as a “traitor” for the crime of inciting the Turkish armed forces to revolt. He was sentenced to 28 years and 4 months in prison. After serving approximately 11 years of his sentence, an international campaign fought for his release. A committee that included Pablo Picasso, Paul Robeson, and Jean-Paul Sartre was formed in 1949, and in the spring of 1950, Hikmet began a hunger strike in protest of the Turkish Parliament for its failure to include an amnesty law in its agenda before it closed for the upcoming

general election. He was freed under the forgiveness law of 1950 at last.

As the recorded numbers and facts of history reveal, much of Nazım Hikmet's life was spent behind prison walls: 17 years in Turkish prisons and another 12 years in exile. After his death of a heart attack in Moscow in 1963, his works continued to be banned in Turkey until 1965. Multiple decades after his death, highly justified celebrations are being conducted around the world for this “Blue-Eyed Giant”, as Nazım Hikmet became to be known posthumously. Knowing now that he knew to say “I lived”, it seems only appropriate for us to conclude our brief visit with his own celebratory words:

### My Funeral

Will my funeral start in our courtyard below?  
How will you bring my coffin down three floors?  
    The lift will not take it  
    and the stairs are too narrow.  
    Perhaps the courtyard will be knee-deep in  
    sunlight and pigeons  
perhaps there will be snow and children's cries  
    mingling in the air  
    or the asphalt glistening with rain  
    and the dustbins littering the place as usual.  
If in keeping with the custom here I am to go, face  
    open to the skies,  
on the hearse, a pigeon might drop something on  
    my brow, for luck.  
Whether a band turns up or no, children will come

near me,  
children like funerals.  
Our kitchen window will stare after me as I go,  
the washing on the balcony will wave to see me  
off.  
I have been happier here than you can ever  
imagine,  
friends, I wish you all a long and happy life.

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.innerchildpress.com). If you would like to know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :



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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](http://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

Nâzim Hikmet

1753 ~ 1784

March 2024

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The more closely we read, the more convinced we become why “On Living” is situated on a high pedestal of literary platforms worldwide. Composing his words with down-to-earth diction, Hikmet stands by his readers interactively, not alienating them through exclusionary contexts. His lines quoted below from part I speak for themselves:

I mean, you must take living so seriously  
that even at seventy, for example, you’ll plant  
olive trees—  
and not for your children, either,  
but because although you fear death you  
don’t believe it,  
because living, I mean, weighs heavier.

The reason as to why Nazım Hikmet was imprisoned by a regime that stood on shaky grounds for its fear of socio-political changes seems to rise above the surface in the ensuing sections (from part I and II respectively):

Living is no laughing matter:  
you must take it seriously,  
so much so and to such a degree  
that, for example, your hands tied behind your  
back,  
your back to the wall,  
or else in a laboratory  
in your white coat and safety glasses,  
you can die for people—  
even for people whose faces you’ve never seen,

even though you know living  
is the most real, the most beautiful thing.

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Let's say we're at the front—  
for something worth fighting for, say.  
There, in the first offensive, on that very day,  
we might fall on our face, dead.  
We'll know this with a curious anger,  
but we'll still worry ourselves to death  
about the outcome of the war, which could last  
years.

Let's say we're in prison  
and close to fifty,  
and we have eighteen more years, say,  
before the iron doors will open.  
We'll still live with the outside,  
with its people and animals, struggle and wind—  
I mean with the outside beyond  
the walls.

I mean, however and wherever we are,  
we must live as if we will never die.

“The Blue-Eyed Giant”, as Nazım Hikmet was called posthumously in a most affectionate manner by countless people across the globe, concludes his 3-part poem “On Living” with a call for hope and love within the framework of *being*, as mentioned in this text initially:

This earth will grow cold,  
a star among stars  
and one of the smallest,

a gilded mote on blue velvet—

I mean *this*, our great earth.  
This earth will grow cold one day,  
not like a block of ice  
or a dead cloud even  
but like an empty walnut it will roll along  
in pitch-black space . . .  
You must grieve for this right now  
—you have to feel this sorrow now—  
for the world must be loved this much  
if you’re going to say “I lived”.

..

How many of us are presently in a position “to say ‘I lived’ . . .”? Are we constantly doing rather than *being*? Any seventy-year-olds among us? Do they/Do we have the motivation “to plant olive trees”, even though we do not expect them to be ready for our own children?

In Nazım Hikmet’s words, when will it be time for us to *live* “without looking for something beyond and above living”, *living* being our “whole occupation”?

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Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.

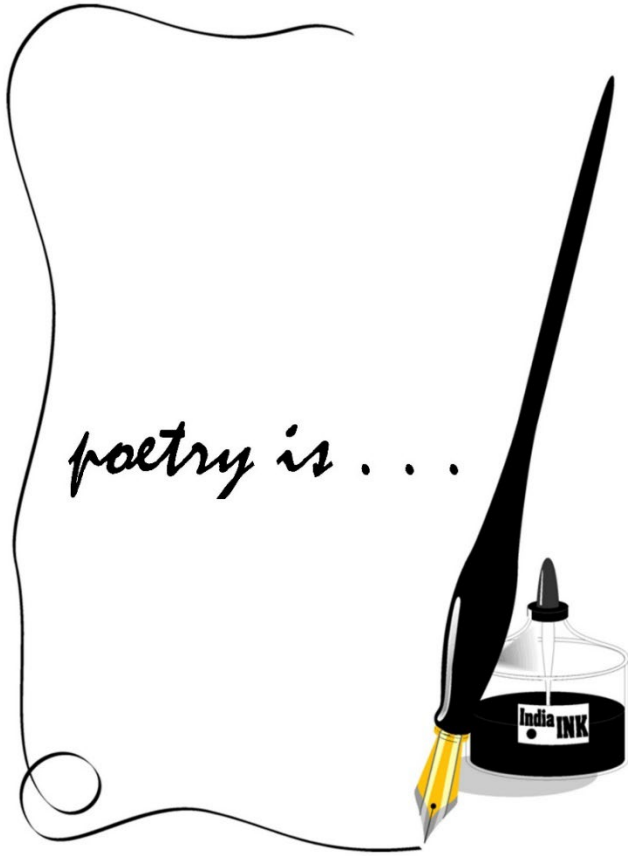


Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp



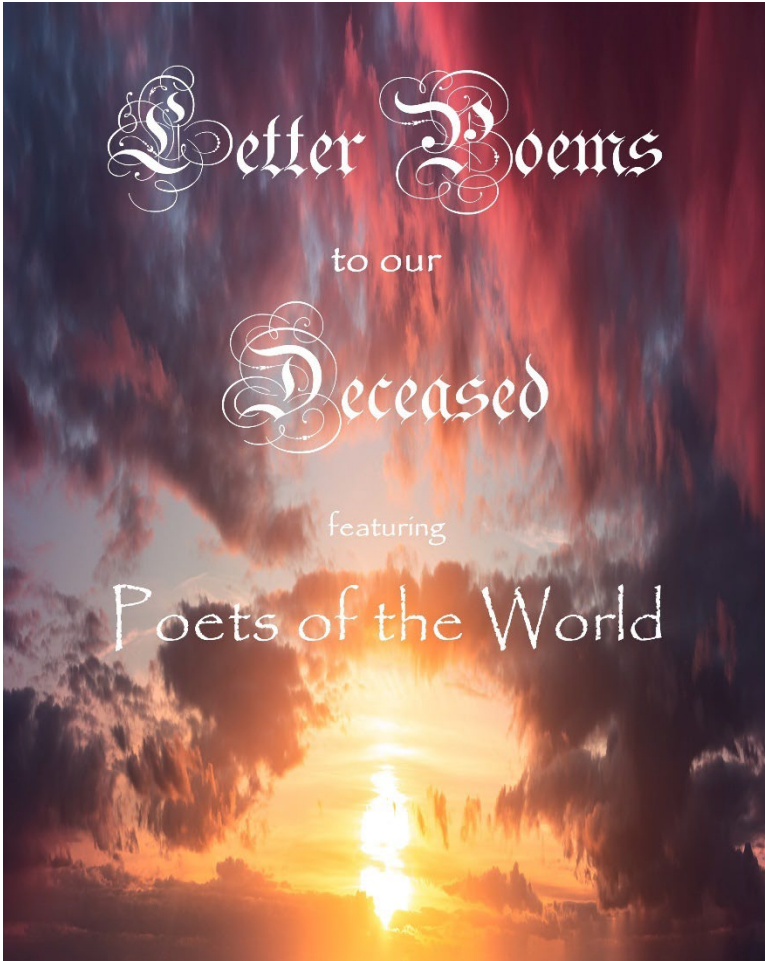




*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

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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.

## Mizz Ma'am

I wish that I were a raving beauty  
The kind of woman  
That men strand straighter  
To pass by  
Suck in their stomachs  
Adjust comb-overs  
And wish for years that have passed  
Them by

I wish that I were a raving beauty  
Platinum haired and stilletoed  
Chestnut brown with locks to my waist  
Wearing a dress that drapes across  
Curves that long to be touched  
Needily  
The invitation apparent to eyes that see  
With blinders

I wish that I were a raving beauty  
With bad habits  
Chain smoking and swearing and whiskey  
That you must excuse  
Because  
I am me afterall  
And these are things you expect  
In a devil may care woman

I wish I were a raving beauty  
And yet  
I know you find comfort in the fact  
That I am not that kind of woman  
A beauty of legendary proportions  
So instead  
I will make changes in other's lives  
By continuing to just rave...

## Poets...Double Etheree

I  
Always  
Find wonder  
In the graces  
Of a shared spirit  
Your voices speak to me  
Even when I cannot hear  
Above the ringing in my ears  
Or the tiredness that holds my soul  
This can never be an average story  
Each of our tales is individual  
And unique in the passion we show  
Whether we are still in love's thrall  
Or on the edge of fragileness  
We share life with each other  
Through the nib of our pens  
And I am so blessed  
To each of you  
I can say  
You are  
Friends



## No regrets

Today I am wonderful  
Where yesterday I was not  
I have lived in between time  
Where minutes and hours  
Hold no sway to the moon  
Golden seconds shining  
With no true reflection  
For even dust needs light  
In order to be seen by the eye

Today I am wonderful  
For last week I was not  
My heart seat was askew  
And beating irregularly in my chest  
Pressing the tears upward  
Through my throat and lungs  
Into ducts unwilling to shed them  
For fear that they will never stop

Today I am wonderful  
As my yesterdays have been  
When covered by your wings  
Beating the time on the wind  
Matching my breath to yours  
To bring me up higher than you  
Though our blood's origin is the same  
As you are in my heart, I will always be

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).

## Nâzım Hikmet Ran Borzëcki

*Citizen of the World*

Turkey's unruly son,  
born in Greece,  
adopted by Poland,  
found refuge in Russia,  
and Bulgaria sang  
loudly with his voice

No one and nothing can stop the power of words  
which unfurled their wings and flew into the world,  
to spread communist slogans and fight for freedom.  
On their way they stopped for a moment  
to rest on an enamoured cloud  
and dance the legend of love in the ballet

The poems broke through the prison walls  
They described  
the human landscapes of homeland  
and discovered  
the meaning of the word "romanticism",  
later they asked the passers-by  
- Do you still cry on buses?

## Today

I conquer another day  
I read the titles of articles  
and I know  
that infinitives screaming loudly now  
tomorrow will lose their voice,  
their meaning.

The words  
"everything and everyone",  
puffed up with pride today,  
are doomed to pass away.  
They will leave without a trace,  
without a second thought.

Events - these imprudent ones,  
will leave a couple of anecdotes,  
a smile in memories,  
a few feathers on the pavement

## *Trace*

Love occurs in spring  
in pastel colours.  
In the city park  
the first tulips have bloomed.

Life awakens again  
and appearances of death vanish  
- they dry up like puddles  
born by winter thaws

The sun's rays swathe / cover the earth,  
for hope to be reborn,  
and from distant lands  
the birds and dreams have returned.

## Wrinkles

I try to outsmart fate  
and I pretend  
that old age does not exist.  
I twist myself like an old coat,  
I pay tribute to eternal youth.

The mirror laughs mockingly  
at clumsy tricks.  
It shows my silver hair  
and dull eye shine.

And time... strolls on the skin  
like a drunk hen in the snow.  
It leaves dark spots  
and chaotic paw prints.

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.

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## An Uncommon Man

A poet, man of letters, screenwriter.  
Librettist, theorist, director of films,  
Nazim Hikmet was a committed Communist.

A writer of free verse,  
His nationality was dispossessed.

Rejected for his political views.  
His verse was disallowed, banned.  
Punished for his vision.

Unwavering, Nazim Hikmet  
Was imprisoned for many years.

He died in Moscow, in exile, his heart broken.  
Not in Turkey, his homeland. Was buried  
In the Soviet Union. Not his choice.

A man of many and varied talents, the poet,  
Hikmet won the International Peace Prize.

## Sarah's Candle

Carrying grief heavier than winter's coat,  
Sarah's mother wandered as her mind paced the floor.  
So great the loss, her mind strayed everywhere.  
And Sarah, she hid her light and tried not to weep.

The vigil began just as soon as the lifeless body  
Had been laid out, prepared, sanitized with alcohol.  
Stifling copious tears, Sarah solemnly stared  
At the funeral strips of soiled and stained cotton.

A ritual for things without life, no longer breathing.  
Match sticks, for want of pennies place marked  
The site of baby's eyes. Death had snatched the light  
From the day, so Sarah peeked around a wall of legs.

Female giants, the familiar kind: Momma, auntie, Grammy.  
The tails of their aprons, tangled, yet starched bright.  
Like a picture in a frame, the tiny body mute.  
The muslin gown, newly made.

The pine-board box, cold and rough, hand hewn  
From pain and splintered, from her father's reserve,  
Replaced baby's potential for words, tears, love.  
The name of life was gone. Grief ruled the day.

Erie mourning wails mingled  
With echos of ghostly laughter, some singing.  
Little more than a toddler, she feared death.  
It comes to all, she was told. At the wake.

Sarah guessed it was true.

## Black Ice

It was a bold, blustery Sunday morning,  
A sickly shade of red painted the sky.  
A ferocious winter storm was brewing.

Dark clouds hungrily fed her dread.

Echos of crashing waves, much like cymbals,  
Drowned not the reason for her disbelief.  
The grieved one prayed steadfastly:

That love might be treasured. That it be returned.

Evening availed itself of its persistent hue,  
Like the insistence of her abiding faith.  
The flame of her bedside-candle flickered.

The window-pane framed its reflection.

Fear's face stained, sad, her looking glass.  
With grief. What she saw there left her in shock.  
Aghast! Was there a knock at the door?

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.



## The Fall of Autumn

I often peek at your shop, to see.  
You, carelessly sitting on the granary floor.  
Your hair gently lifted by the dusty wind.  
The furrow sleeps in the half-harvested.  
Scent of poppies, and you.  
With a bunch of flowers retained on your cuff, entwined.  
Like a gleaner, steady not in the field.  
An hour, and then another hour.  
The sun, well-cooked, conspires on how to carry.  
The last seeping blessing.  
The season of abundant fruits, the vines around the  
thatched house.  
Brimming with fruit.  
Filled with a mature core, intending to make the hazelnut  
shell plump.  
With the sweet taste of nuts bursting, to welcome more  
sprouting.  
Until the warm days never cease.  
Where is the song of autumn?  
Only because, the mottled clouds bloom softly.  
Rose-colored touch on the stubble plain.  
With the breeze either born or extinguished.  
The hillside now has a soft soprano.  
The whistle emanating from the garden, the swallows  
chattering in the sky.

## Lonely Solitude

In the night of silver light,  
A lonely figure stands upright.  
His heart, a silent minstrel in the endless night,  
Like a hermit in a land out of sight.  
The world cannot change the fleeting dance,  
The whispering wind enhances the trance.  
Stories of joy and sorrow, trapped in the shadow of the  
morrow,  
He moves forward alone; his shadow is his only fellow.  
In what seems to be an endless quest,  
His eyes hide stories, once ablaze,  
Now at rest, they are cold, untold,  
Loneliness reflected, as deep as the ocean fold.  
Unique tranquility,  
That gives his restless heart a temporary unwind.  
He strides forward alone, as a lone figure in the twilight,  
Guided by the celestial bodies in the night.

## So Haggard

Only to see the spring wind as usual, casually with the willows on the embankment.

The goslings are yellow when the sky is clear and bright.

The vermilion gate has not opened, and the small rain is drizzling in the sunny weather.

Having wasted a lifetime in haggardness, who knows how many dusks have passed?

The fallen red petals make the water in the pond level.

In the apricot garden, the cuckoo cries, helpless that spring has already returned.

Outside the willow, on the painted building, who is twirling the flower branches on the railing?

It's just speechless facing the slanting sunlight.

In the fragrance of the falling flowers and outside the wave shadows, one is self-satisfied with their talents.

Not surprised to see the clear dawn of the buildings when separated from the group, the curtains are dusk again.

In youth, there is no regret for the mistake of fame, knowing it's hard to meet when it's time to part.

Haggard, haggard, the candle burns out leaving only red tears.

The shallow pool and lotus pond leaves are dry, the fine wind makes the egret cold.

Last year's summer rain hooked the plate, the moving clouds crossed the river, and the duckweed stems only left behind.

A lone trace floating in the dream soul of the world.

At the beginning, I was startled and shy, and when we met again, I was haggard.

Now the songs and wines are all reduced, but my worries are endless.

Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd

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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 :

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## Mehmed Nazim Ran

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Born day: Jan. 15 1902

Return day: June 03, 1963

in Selanik, Ottoman Empire

creative genius free spirit,

gifted artistic free thinker

soaked in truth, expression,

influenced by brothers,

sisters long gone who did

not embrace status quo

who never adhered to

go along to get along

so, he bumped heads

with the rulers

so, he spent many years

in dungeons

locked away so that his

power in his pen would not

bust through the falsehood

to be exposed as truly

weak diseased by corruption

houses built on sand crumble

down when a true force come

through like level 5 hurricane

his mind was blessed

but rulers don't enjoy them

boat rocked

nothing new been going on

players names change

the same intense hunger

to ignite the masses

to demand truth, honesty,

trust for the people

by the people

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artist of variety of genre  
have encountered to  
this moment that same  
reality when they won't  
compromise their heart  
through their work  
speak truth to power  
actually, it's truth speaking  
to yet another evil version  
of fake temporary domination  
Mehmed Nazim lived in a  
era of worldwide turmoil  
and his pen was the bomb



winds..,

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swirl around gathering strength  
defying logic, bent on making itself  
felt, and felt it surely shall be  
unmistakably,  
upon degree  
" Be and it shall be "  
clearly risen  
storm clouds on the horizon  
as written down, revealed to  
Muhammad \*(saw)  
\*\*Nabi Allah by thee  
one(1) lord of all the worlds  
Allah^(swt)  
^^Rabil alamin  
earth will convulse  
throw alarmin its contents  
in full view  
full force unleashed upon rebellious  
mankind  
dem who got the message and rejected  
put the book behind their back  
and continue to act adverse to the verse  
went backwards in reverse  
life can be a curse if one's spiritual ear is  
deliberately deaf, eyes blind  
for them darkness looms even when  
sun shines  
for them yoke remains around neck  
head forced up because they would not  
bow down in prostration the most humble  
demonstration of submission  
dem doomed to humiliation

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most unfortunate condition  
all because they thought this life was their  
paradise  
failed to reflect, inspect, review the verse  
revealed in full view  
so their so called paradise became  
their curse.

\*(saw) = peace be upon him

\*\*Nabi Allah = prophet of Allah.

^(swt) = All glory to Allah.

^^Rabil alamin = lord of all the worlds  
included; mankind & Jinn

free fall.,

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from grace  
beginning of human race  
continues till today  
astonishing as it may seem  
mankind obviously don't read  
for certain took no heed  
" if you do not learn from history  
you're doomed to repeat "  
the nerve of a sperm drop  
developed into a clot  
into a lump of flesh in that boat  
that floats  
did not read and take heed  
to the first \*wahi  
" READ IN THE NAME OF YOUR  
LORD THAT CREATED YOU FROM  
A CLOT "  
feed, sustained lived, thrived  
without breathe  
this womb could easily had been  
a tomb  
how could one not only survive  
but thrive in the womb?  
instead after 9 months head  
protrudes  
a human developed, grew  
from grace, even removed waste  
received mothers food  
from something  
like tube but called umbilical  
such a miracle  
yet soon became typical  
that same human became vain

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oblivious to what's actually obvious  
pure wonderment of human  
development  
though as improbable as it would seem  
became an open adversary  
a penchant to rebel as the whispering  
devil does his evil  
he who whispers into the hearts  
to tear souls apart  
he who use what's gleaming  
appears fair seeming  
as it would not have been smart  
to disconnect from that source of life  
at the start  
it remains the same to let the devil snatch  
your heart  
make you forget how you were begot from  
the start  
and forget him who not only created the  
heart, holds control of all hearts and souls  
devil is cold unlike the abode where he  
and his followers will dwell  
the epitome of hot... hell  
\*wahi = revelation

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Norøen  
Snyder

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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.



## Nazim Hikmet

Nazim Hikmet spent a lot of years in prison  
for his political beliefs.

He was a Marxist.

He wrote about love, human experience, nature,  
revolution, and patriotism.

He gave up on using the traditional forms and  
wrote using free verse.

To this day, he is the most important and influential  
poet in Turkish Literature  
and one of the great international poets  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

What we can learn from him  
is to be our own person,  
stand up for what we believe in  
and not to be afraid.

No matter what other people say.

## My Best Friend

As I was taking a walk,  
I noticed a huge crowd over yonder,  
I went over there to see  
what was going on.  
I just couldn't believe it's happening  
to my best friend!  
I saw those cruel men put  
a crown of thorns  
on His head 'til there was blood.  
OH, MY GOD! OH, MY GOD!  
Then (oh, my Jesus) they beat Jesus  
with a leather strap 'til  
you can see only bones sticking  
out of His back.  
OH, HOW AWFUL! OH, HOW TERRIBLE!  
How can those men be so cruel to Him!  
I asked a stranger why they're doing this  
and he said, "He's guilty."  
GUILTY? BUT AN INNOCENT MAN!  
HE'S MY BESTFRIEND.  
Then I turned away from him  
and looked up.  
OH, MY GOD! They're nailing His wrists and ankles  
to the cross.  
STOP! STOP! HE'S AN INNOCENT MAN!  
HE'S THE SON OF GOD!  
I LOVE JESUS. HE'S MY BESTFRIEND  
THE BESTFRIEND THAT I'VE EVER HAD.  
DON'T DO THIS TO HIM!  
DON'T YOU SEE HE'S INNOCENT!  
OH, MY JESUS! YOU CAN'T BE DEAD!  
I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU, JESUS!

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Sobbing I walked away very slowly to my house  
very lonely 'cause He's gone.  
Three days later,  
I awoke from a horrible nightmare,  
then...then there I saw Him.  
OH, JESUS! YOU ARE ALIVE!  
OH, MY JESUS!  
He spoke clearly, "I'm making a home  
for you in Heaven.  
When you die, you're going to be with me  
for being so faithful to me.  
I love you so much that I was willingly  
to die on the cross for you.  
But now I arose again."

## The Reflection in the Mirror

When I look into the mirror,  
I see the reflection of myself.  
How do I see myself?  
Am I pretty or ugly? Sexy or not?  
Am I friendly and kind  
or mean and cold-hearted?  
Am I smart or stupid?  
Do I like myself or do I hate myself?  
How do I feel about myself?  
As I look into the mirror once again,  
I smiled at the reflection  
because I like myself for who I am.  
It doesn't matter what others think of me.  
I am happy and satisfied with myself.  
I like myself! That's what counts!

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Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## A Writer of Hope

Nazim Hikmet, a modern Turkish poet,

Promotes optimism in his pieces

A writer of hope that our world needs

Hikmet, a nationalist patriot

His masterpieces went beyond borders and race

Made us aware of many things that we must face

According to him, “the most beautiful seas hasn’t been  
crossed yet”,

And so, we should not do things that we will later regret.

## A New Genesis

In Genesis they held hands together,  
A Paradise in unity, love abounds  
The Tree of Life stood in their midst  
Prohibited by God to get near to it.  
Cast away, they walked to the ends of the Earth,  
Reincarnated lives continue to haunt their souls  
The Tower of Babel they built to reach the Heavens  
But God forbade them and off they fell.  
The Great Flood came, vanishing lives in an instant,  
A New World emerged, a new age daring flight  
The New Adam and Eve built an empire,  
Worked hard to achieve whatever they desired.  
The haunting of the past continues its saga,  
Plagues kept testing the spirit of humankind  
The parted Red Sea of blood was a catalyst,  
In sending people to a new Promised Land.  
But still man was discontented,  
Money and riches were all on his mind  
Greed over power to him was an adventure,  
Until came the Day of Rapture.  
Pandemics can alter the lives of many  
But not all can experience the Epiphany,  
What if all these only test our faith?  
And that the dawning of a new Genesis is at hand?  
Tomorrow we can witness a brand-new beginning,  
Full of hope that we can all survive  
That the weary will have confidence in himself,  
And the sickness will be healed in time.

## Be Amazed

wake up to a brand-new dawning day  
the radiant rays of the sun smiling your way  
blue skies awakening this desire in your heart  
Embark on your mission, have a thrilling start.  
be amazed at the wonders what this world can bring  
creation of God can all be but stunning  
let the soft whispers of the southern wind caress your weary  
soul  
forget about the worries let your senses be enthralled!  
this life could be at times harsh on you  
but wait, don't fret, don't let yourself immerse on being blue  
be amazed at a grandiose beauty in front of your eyes  
sail on your wondrous journey, don't let yourself be  
capsized.  
yes, at times travelling on this vast ocean can be turbulent  
but stay put on your ground, don't go against the current  
remain steadfast through the complexities this world throws  
at you  
shout at the top of your lungs, God I'm amazed by You!

Mutawaf  
Shahzad

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## In Between Hikmet

Wind born rhymes sometimes,  
I hear them fresh from the seas  
I sit by. In between the places that  
have influenced me. Leveraging  
these verbal treasures, so they  
comfort me.

Mixed in my mind are the places  
and times that kept me free. Under  
the influence of so many scenes,  
the waves on the water bring mess-  
ages to me. Remembering the old  
castle that still lingers by the sea.

Where ever I go the image lays  
with my memory. Not able to count  
the struggles that follow the one that  
went before. Grandad told me stories  
from the days of yore. Legacy after  
legacy erases the culture wars.

Pen in hand I remain steadfast to the  
last dot and dash. Searching for the  
scraps of paper I threw in the trash,  
some words that were written, I balled  
up in my fist, now are lost to the void.

How can I un-block the bridges that lead to  
humanity? Not able to keep the pace I must  
escape to a place where I can remain the  
same.

## Personally

I had to reach inside my dream to redeem you. I never figured out how you ever got there. For real I didn't care. I had to hurry and take you in hand I didn't care if the dream didn't understand. You had never been that far away. The dream tried to hold you. It kept offering me things I knew weren't true. Tugging at my imagination for it to expand and go after something that was impossible to imagine. I already had that in you. At first it was going to hide you in day dreams.

Then thought it could rebuff me by telling me what love means. The dream switched from riding a car to flying in the sky. It broke into many pieces in order to confuse me. We struggled and tussled from New York City, to the Chinese main land. From the wind-blown snows to Egyptian sands. It resorted to threats and stern demands. Using scary sounds then offering thousands of grands.

Wake up, wake up, somehow thinking that would interrupt my plans. Lady, I was out to get you! The dream pulled some old monsters I met before, I used to see them in the one-dollar store. It sent another dream to inter the fray, it was the same one I had the other day. I stopped to wonder why it was so demanding on holding you so tight. I remembered it was past midnight. That's what dreams do, that late at night. It was all resolved when I heard the call, my wife shook me and said, baby time to awake, the adhan was just called, it was time to make salat.



## The Measurements

On the grand scale of things how do I measure and weigh the losses and gains? How many hours spent on winning then losing the again. Was there any benefit to my family and friends? How many times did my mind open and close? Is there a particular way the story should go? I do know they all end the same on this plane. In between, was there something I gleaned? Mixed in is happiness and grief while walking the balance beam. Engaging my mind, my hands, legs and my feet. So many culprits along the way. Taking a chance moving from limb to branch. Never calculating the fall, not like leaves fall. My thoughts run rampant at midnight. Less guessing more knowing, showing up in the results. Are gains heavier than losses? Missing turning points, having to deal with what's next. How long will the loss last, after adding a period to time that has gone by. Sometimes the minutes are tricky, making you think you have hours to decide. As the gains go bye, bye, the mind needs the exercise, but not chasing the lost cause. Confident of being certain seeing through the curtain gives the gain an edge. Blind men don't bluff. No short cuts on long runs. My imagination almost stretched to back to yester year. There are no handlebars on fear. Mentors I had, would always ask me, why not? When you drop your guard, inches turn to yards. Liars know the truth, otherwise they couldn't lie. With everything that you've seen, why would you ever ask WHY. Is a gain worth the pain? What is the cost with the loss? Some things are too difficult to measure.

SHHUUH! Be quiet son, don't wake your mother she is sleeping.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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hülya writes creatively to attain and nourish a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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

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## Child Rape and My Country of Birth\*

The news was impossible for me to disregard,  
And regarded, I have.  
To word my reaction to it as non-fiction, however,  
Was a thought far too disturbing to me.

I, a woman having passed her 60s, born into  
And raised in modern Turkey before leaving  
For the United States of America,  
My anon-similarly-tainted-adoptive-country  
In pursuit of an advanced academic career  
Numerous decades ago.

So,  
I have  
Resorted  
To the infinite  
Embrace of ease  
And offerings of comfort  
That only poetry succeeds to lend.

In my attempt  
To at least somewhat forget,  
I have called in my all-time favorite poet  
To please come to my rescue with his worldly work,  
And he, the gracious Nazım Hikmet appeared in my sphere.

While terribly saddened by the latest shock  
For his legendarily beloved country of also my birth,  
I imagined how this world-renowned exilic Turk would rest  
His dire concerns about Turkey's fate  
With infinite confidence

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In the hands of her women  
Who in multiple thousands  
Had gathered in a peaceful protest,  
And kept marching through the former capital  
Going after the proposed Child Sex Law  
Not minding the ancient old, hard-to walk-on-streets  
That İstanbul, the world's only dual continental-city  
Had seen being etched by countless histories in the making.

After Nazım's imagined visit to my library of his books  
And following a perusal at ease of his legendary trust  
In Turkey's female species he left behind via poetry,  
I began to see the thick slices of reassurance  
In his persistently prophetic deliberations  
Amid his deep-rooted concerns about  
The also-back then-objectionable  
Status of Turkish women:  
Wrongdoings, regardless of their nature  
Will persist anywhere in the world. No doubt.  
As long as there exist those dear spirits, however  
That aim at attaining a balance between the evil and good  
There will always be  
Hope for all humanity  
From this point on  
To eternity.

\*An old poem that first appeared in my *Aflame.Memoirs in Verse*, published on August 2, 2017 by Inner Child Press International.

## The Blue-Eyed Giant

Typical Turkish, I'd say . . .

Chastise  
Ostracize  
Stigmatize  
Verbally brutalize  
While still amid the living

But  
Comprehend  
Appreciate  
Celebrate  
When dead

## Nazım

to you, I dedicated many a poem  
in my adulthood years, that is

i don't recall  
when I first learned your name,  
but you were always dressed  
inside your posthumous fame

a dear old man once chanted  
your lesser-known poems for me,  
each of them, off the top of his head

mesmerizingly beautiful his rendition of you was

no matter how young i had ever been,  
no poem of yours would come to me in full

your tribute to Turkey's women, however,  
i mean, the nameless daughters of Anatolia,  
lives in me with such a presence  
that neither time nor space can ever erase

KADINLAR  
KADINLARIMIZ  
SOFRADA YERİ . . .



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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>**

## Beloved Turkish Poet

Government did not love you  
when you were alive.  
They imprisoned you  
for your communist views  
and banned your poetry.

People reading your political poetry  
brought you the gift of prison  
and exile most of your life.  
That did not stop your pen.  
Only death achieved that end.

Despite a ban on your poetry until 1965,  
A Nobel Peace Prize was received and  
recognition as one of the great 20<sup>th</sup> centuries  
international poets.

Your legacy lives into the 21st century  
as first modern beloved Turkish poet.

## Love Spheres

Nakedness exposes her to the fire of truth.  
The heat burns her beyond recognition.  
Like a Phoenix, she rises from her ashes  
wearing a purple robe.

She writes the rain into her story,  
absorbs the moisture to soothe  
the heartburn of memories in her bosom.

When she spreads her wings wide,  
light floods her space in golden waves.  
The radiance lifts her off the ground.  
She soars like an eagle in the earth realm.

Nothing will stop her this lifetime.  
Pursuit of truth will take her home  
riding on the spheres of love.

## Mother's Mulch

An autumn seedling takes refuge  
in mother's garden.  
It provides a protective mulch  
that allows autumn drifters  
a hibernation space.

Caught in the chill of winter's grip  
everything becomes barren and stiff.  
White flakes flutter to earth.  
The glitter reinforces mother's mulch.

The little seedling, not the least concerned,  
turns over and lets out a smug yarn,  
curls up for a long peaceful sleep.  
A cozy haven of rest is claimed.

Drifters with spring visions  
always make claims on mother's mulch.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava



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## Nâzim Hikmet

I admire the way  
you hold together under pressure  
to face up to your challenges  
and rebound.

You're driven  
persistent,  
and strong.

You are playful  
Silly and  
fun.

You are  
Compassionate  
Sympathetic and  
understanding.

You're just plain unstoppable.  
And you always have time for others.

Although I know you cannot be found,  
you cannot be seen  
and if I write you a letter  
I'll get no answer  
but I will still look for you.

## Time To Get Back

It's been long since you called me or  
knocked on my door. I don't want to tell

you anything about my despair,  
my sleepless nights and gloomy hours

soaked in tears, compelling me to curse  
you but I pray for your happiness instead.

It's time to get back to  
my gray days, to pour out tenderly

a few drops of light to erase darkness,  
to fill up my soul with a ray of sunshine.

I promise I will turn it into a shimmering,  
and a magnificent rainbow.

## It's Still Worthwhile

Life sucks.  
It's so hard to please -  
Family. Relatives. Friends  
and Bosses.

Nature is in turmoil.  
Fires, floods and earthquakes.

But there are many reasons  
to be happy and to celebrate -  
Sunrise. Sunset.  
Music. Books.  
Birds. Trees.  
And more.  
You just have to see  
beyond the horizon.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
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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:

<http://panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis/>

[https://apwriters.org/author/ceri\\_naz/](https://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/)

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



## State of Freedom

*a Tribute to Nazim Hikmet*

I can see freedom

Free as the clouds

Hanging up there,

When the sun is up,

His eyes light up cyan straits

Connecting our past to the future,

His glances transcend ivory, silky petals,

Mirror of best days ahead,

Like his favorite Sunday.

I can see freedom,

From the poetry revolts

of Don Quixote,

The tale of an immortal youth.

## still

oftentimes I complain  
why should I go  
under the scorching sun  
in the middle of the fields,  
causing pain, allergies, uneasiness,  
when in the first place,  
I can ride the easiest possible way  
to reach my destination;  
but the tree as I can see it  
standing still, firm and exquisite  
reminds me of three e-words:  
endure. Entrust. Empower.

## Enough

I choose peace

In my daughter's eyes,

Seeing her mother's face painting

Butterfly and fairy,

Playing around with album of stickers,

Sticking Melody and Hello Kitty's dresser,

Just like hugs and kisses,

That stick on her little body and chubby cheeks,

That story is enough to fill the gaps.

Swapna  
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a trilingual poet, translator, environmentalist, editor from India and author of seven books of different genres including one on children's literature on Environment. She is the recipient of International UGADI AWARD 2019, honoured from Gujarat Sahitya Akademi 2022, 2021 International Poesis Award of Honor as Jury, Pentasi B World Fellow Poet, Honoured Poet of India from Seychelles Government and International awards from Algeria, Morocco, Kajahkstan, modern Arabic Literary Renaissance of Egypt, International Arts Council Argentina etc. Her stories, poems, articles are published in many International and National magazines and ezines. Her poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 67 languages. She has received over 60 National and International Awards. At present she is the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child and the life member of Odisha Environmental Society

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## Nazim Hikmet

the first modern Turkish poet  
a journalist, playwright  
novelist, scriptwriter and translator  
recognized for the lyrical flow of his statement  
he was awarded  
the International Peace prize  
nazim Hikmet  
contributed to the  
world peace council  
worked for world peace, disarmament  
human rights and social justice  
worked on Human Landscapes, his magnum opus  
living is no laughing matter  
we must live as if we will never die  
so have to live with great seriousness  
“I don’t want to listen to songs  
I want to sing”  
loving you is like living .....

## Don't translate me

don't ever try to translate me  
I am a river  
in ominous blue  
you pretend  
projects ,seminars  
all your intoxicated border lines  
how dare you translate me  
with your plastic brain and heart  
my shore is my own empire  
your smiles seldom carry the joy  
you dump the garbage , the trash  
I try to survive

don't ever try to translate me  
I am a tree  
standing alone on the highway  
I have seen the dances of civilisations  
the slices of your own lungs  
that need oxygen  
I am life unmasked  
don't transform me  
your parameter is not  
the life saving drug for me  
I need a life that can stand on the podium bravely

I am a soldier  
a blood stream of credibility  
all can read but only my country can write upon me  
not so easy to sing a song  
still difficult to sing the national anthem  
don't ever try to translate my soul  
every single soul speaks a new language



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your version is limited  
so stop squeezing the alphabets  
they are the mile stones of each song  
that none can ever translate

## the platter is ready

the platter is ready  
to cater unique dish  
every illustration is converted  
a lover is tossed every second  
silky nights are breathless  
life is a blast of smouldering embers  
the wheel spins  
yes the platter is ready  
  all seasons  
  all colours  
  all infusions  
  all identities  
  all territorials  
  all ideologies  
  all fantasies  
  all concepts  
march forward towards  
the core dialect  
that is in sync with  
  the fabric of our cosmic nerves  
of course the platter is ready  
to merge into the galaxy.....

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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Albert “Infinite The Poet” Carrasco is an urban poet, mentor and public speaker.

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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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

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[www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco](http://www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco)

## Nazim Hikmet

I am a Turkish poet, playwright, novelist, screenwriter, director and memoirist born in Greece. Through my writing i share my visions of what life should be and how we should live with love, liberty and peace. I have no filter when it comes to getting my thoughts out on stages or paper, I will be heard. My political views ruffled the feathers of a non communist government, so I was exiled and put in jail as punishment. They've imprisoned my body but my mind roamed free, they put me in a cell but I continued to write because I had knowledge to share and a story to tell. Although I spent most of my adult life in prison I've made my mark in history as being one of the most important and influential figures in the 20th century. I had positive messages to share, I couldn't even be silenced while living in despair. In 1950 when I was released from jail due to the publics and my families outcry's I became a recipient of the international peace prize. I escaped Turkey to Romania, then i moved to the Soviet Union where my works continued to be put in publication.

## Horrific Visions

He was right there! Right there on the cold floor. Arms spread out, one leg stretched out the other folded. The gun powder ignited, the slug exploded, blammmmmmm, I just lost my man.. I want to hold him, pray for him, I want to let him know at this final moment, I'm there for him. Volar sin miedo, go with god, grace el cielo mi hermano.

But but but.. I can't touch him. Why? Because I had skipped a court date running for my freedom, so all I could do was pass in a tinted car and circle the block 100 times looking at this dead friend of mines. " My brother do you see me? My presence is here ,im so very near do you feel me"? That was me trying to connect through ESP. I guess at that time his soul had already flew free because he wasn't responding. I switched over to phd ( Power to Hear the Dead) to see if he was reaching out to me, Nothing. At that moment, time must of been rewinding, they say that's what happens before dying. I was too late and too early for a conversation before death and after passing. Paradise was setting in on him, while I was thinking about who ever killed him and when i saw him, how would I introduce him to armageddon. Noooooo, there goes that wagon. Wait wait please please, before for you zip him, let me get one more view of him,I starred as they removed him.... It was bitter sweet. The bitter part is he's dead, the sweet part is hes at rest somewhere out the ghetto..



## Me the Devil

I used to wake up to heat, I thought it was the sun but it was the devil at my feet, at every crack of dawn he would be there tempting me. He didn't let me sleep, he was scared that if I reached r e m i would dream of god or the heavens, see angels and talk to them. So he awakened me before seven, he would breathe heavy on me and sixty six other children at six, do ya see the pattern ? He gave us tools of his trade. He said theres money to be made, we listened. In the park were we played we listened to hells serenade as narrated instructions, while covering those actions as kids at play.. A facade. He woke me up to do this for a few decades. All my adolescent thru young adult years... One day at rest I felt the heat I kept my eyes closed struggling to stay asleep... And I did.. I saw myself in a different life... I saw paradise. I saw light... I heard angels.. They told me that they broke curfew to save my life...

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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## Nazim Hikmet

A Turkish poet, playwright and novelist

You preached for peace and pleaded for safety

Your words were heard

You shined brightly.

As a powerful antiwar message

You stood your ground

You protested and it payed off.

When you were among the recipients of the international  
peace prize

Your distinguished syllabic poets

You trailblazed in many fields

Your books and poetry legacy still lives on.

## Away Unto Me

The light has a secret behind its force  
Pictures of life know the meaning  
And the flame of the fire know how to throw you off  
The moon lit with caution  
And every cry you know is heard  
And every tear is counted  
And every different road we take  
Will become as one in the end  
Away unto me,  
I love  
Away unto me  
I hate  
Away unto me  
I wish  
The magic of the unicorn  
Will steal our hearts  
And children will be wise until the end  
My hope is like a dream  
My dream is something I want to be  
The words play an emotion  
With every line theirs a feelin  
Images reflect in space  
A time, I see you  
Nine years ago in the past  
Away unto me;  
Away unto you;  
Away unto me and you

## What is Love?

I want a friend  
That will always be by my side  
Love is not a feeling or desire  
It's much more than You'll ever know  
Love is giving  
Real love is not even possible  
Without a degree of maturity  
Part of it may be biological structure  
But it wont get us far enough  
We all want a friend  
Philadelphia comes into place  
Time for brotherly love  
Face to face;  
Shoulder to shoulder;  
We might just make it  
Romance and friends are fine  
But what I need is a total commitment  
But don't marry for convenience  
Don't marry for desire or security  
Not for money or any other reasons at all  
Love never stands still  
It begins slowly and grows.

Eliza  
Søgiæt



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Eliza Segiet graduated with a Master's Degree in Philosophy at Jagiellonian University.

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)*).

## Lost Opportunities

*In memory of Nâzım Hikmet*

Imprisoned for his views,  
deprived of his citizenship for those same reasons.  
Was that not enough?  
No! He was exiled from Turkey – the country  
he never stopped loving,  
where his poetry was banned.

When he died, he was granted  
what he could no longer appreciate.  
Did he have to remain silent  
so that the country from which he came  
would regain its lost opportunities?

Can anyone read from the content of the poem  
his posthumous expectation  
that his body, buried in exile,  
would one day return to his beloved country?  
That's what he wanted and that's what he wrote about.

*\*Mehmed Nâzım Ran, commonly known as Nâzım Hikmet  
was a Turkish poet, playwright, novelist, screenwriter,  
director, memoirist.*

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## Respect

For you  
it's just a stepping stone from everyday life,  
not just verbal games,  
fun.  
Promises  
she believes in naively.  
Unnecessarily  
you have made an obedient puppet out of her.

You know that  
in a woman thirsty for love  
one is not allowed  
to ignite hope by passion.

Limits of decency  
do not require courage  
– but respect for the other.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Loss

It's not that  
she has stopped thinking about you.  
Maybe in your memory  
she is wan.

For her  
you are still  
– not the meaning of existence,  
but a warning.

*A what? What are you talking about?  
I didn't do anything to her.*

Apart from the false promises,  
you gave her those days  
in which you really were.

Although she remembers your touch,  
she no longer believes  
it was real.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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Bill's writing career spans a period of well 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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## The Making of Nâzım Hikmet

I once visited Istanbul  
A city that spans 2 continents  
I was blessed to taste the culture  
That still prevails  
To this day

.....

There was  
Byzantine Hagia Sophia,  
The Blue Mosque, the Sultanahmet,  
The Hippodrome of Constantine,  
The Topkapı Palace,  
And so much, much more

In my wanderings of wonder  
I thought about the past glory  
Of the Ottoman Empire  
And all that it spawned  
During its time of prevalence

.....

The Poets, the Artists  
The Musicians, the Soldiers,  
The Scribes and the Pious Ones,  
The Conquered,  
And the Conquerors,  
And most of all,  
The People

There were voices  
That stood at the edge,  
The vanguards of sanctity,  
The Revolutionaries  
Of which

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Nâzım Hikmet  
Was a precious gem  
That yet to this day  
Shines and illuminates the way  
To a reason  
That speaks to an equity  
For us all.

## You

You are my favorite color,  
The reason I believe in rainbows,  
Because you, yes you  
Are my pot of gold

You must be the reason  
That the birds sing to me,  
For the glow of you  
Is all about me

I care not for horizons  
And what may come  
For I have you  
Right here next to me

Tomorrow as they say  
Is but a promise,  
And yesterday  
Is being forgotten  
For I am blinded this day,  
And every day  
By the light of your presence,  
You glow

You are the melody  
That gives cause  
To my harmony,  
And we are the composition  
That the masters of music  
Seek and sought to express  
Yes, you are my reason for rhythm

This breath I breathe  
Is laden with the fragrance  
Of the makings

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Of your heart ... love

....

I am the Spring,  
And you are the reason  
My flowers bloom  
The reason for  
The bees and the butterflies  
Who exude a wonder  
That enlightens evokes,  
The giggles and laughter  
The souls of the children,  
And thus us all

You are so much more  
Than these simple words  
And I am too simple  
Of Mind and of heart  
To capture the rapture  
Of our life-embrace

I look into your eyes  
And I become lost  
In the depths of expectation  
Of what we may yet become ...  
Unsettling delicious

You are my inspiration,  
The summation  
Of my elation

You, you, you  
Silence me, my angst,  
For in your heart  
Is where I wish to  
Eternally dwell .  
.... You

## A Sunday Morning Reflection

It was 1994  
Or something like that,  
A time so long ago

I was younger then,  
Well of course I was,  
I even laughed  
So much more ....  
Of course I did  
For there were far less aches and pains

I would like to think  
I have become a bit wiser,  
But that appears to be  
In suspect,  
For there are still small issues  
That trouble me  
That i can not fully resolve,  
So I keep burying them  
Deeper

I still lament the loss of loved ones,  
Some moreso than others,  
But though the pain is  
Not quite as acute  
As it used to be,  
That shit still ain't cute;  
So once again  
I just dig the hole  
A bit deeper  
To bury my unresolved anguish

Funny, amusing even,  
How counselors and priests  
And friends and charlatans

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All espouse  
That they know the way  
To salvation ....  
Well I listened often,  
Why hell, I even followed a few  
Until we arrived at that cliff  
Where they encouraged  
Everyone except themselves  
To jump off

.....  
Hah, I see myself as somewhat  
Smarter than that!

.....  
Sometimes I consider  
What did lie  
At the bottom  
Is it any different  
From the bottomless pits  
Of my life  
That I have frequented  
From time to time  
During this journey  
We deem 'life'?

I often wonder  
To what end  
Do these personal examinations  
Deliver my wayward soul unto?

.....  
I still find joy  
In the laughter of children  
And adults as well;  
I still enjoy the seasonal grandeur  
Of the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter,  
But as I ingest these moments  
Which create memories,

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I ask,  
Can I take them with me  
To the next lifetime?

There is so much more  
That i have to think about,  
Surmise,  
But far too often,  
I close my eyes  
To the possibilities  
Of the evolution  
That remains before me  
For I find myself sitting here  
Contemplating, judging  
Without any finite commitment

Am I wiser?  
Than I was on 1994?  
Hah ....  
Why bother I say.

That cliff still remains  
For those who would consider  
It as an alternative ...  
Me, i am satisfied  
To sit here  
And immerse myself in  
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Featured Poets

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Francesco Favetta

Jagjit Singh Zandu

Carmela Núñez Yukimura Peruana

Michael Lee Johnson



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Francesco

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The poet Francesco Favetta was born in Sicily in Sciacca, he has always loved poetry, writing verses, but above all culture, food for the soul: culture is Freedom, it is Free Spirit, it is Soul in Movement, not it should never be harnessed! In 2018 he was awarded by the Accademia di Sicilia, Academician of Sicily. He has been published in various anthologies and in various magazines, among which, we mention a few: international magazine The Poet; Revista Azahar who edited the first Sylloge of Poems in Spanish: Encantamiento y Palabras como Plumas; Anthology The Silk Road Anthology: Nano Poems for Africa; "Poetic Galaxy Atunis"; WorldSmith International Editorial; OPA The Poetry Journal; Inumbrable magazine; Magazine Polis; rank of minister in the Order of the Titan and publication of a lyric in Octobermania; international literary magazine Kavya Kishor in Bangladesh; international journal of language, literature and culture "Petrushka Nastamba" Serbia; international magazine, Namaste India and Certificate of Appreciation; Different Truths social journalism platform; Cisne Magazine Digital; Humanity St. Petersburg magazine; fourth Panorama International Literature Festival Spain, delegate for Italy. He founded a theater company in Sciacca: "Theatrum Socialis Sciacca", and a Lions Club, the "Sciacca Terme". Finally, the poet Francesco Favetta is convinced that poetry will be the weapon with which humanity will make their lives free, and furthermore beauty will always be a truth that will never be buried: from the times and events of daily human life! Francesco Favetta Sciacca (Sicily)

## Always sing soul !

And despite everything  
life goes on  
the world does not stop living  
and the answers are close  
in the silence of these days  
in this song without the voices  
in the passages of history  
anchors in the wounds of time.  
Awake life  
enamored creature  
fond memory of the poem  
and precious dreams  
docile majesty in the heart  
enchantment in the eyes  
you breathe inside the roses in the night  
chains broken by courage.  
Always sing soul  
never stop  
give reasons  
timeless songs  
shout the truths to the world  
always be a beacon in the fog  
safe harbor and island in the desert  
of this heavy sea.

## Who we are ?

Who we are  
because we don't see  
with the eyes  
of the soul  
reality  
and indifference.  
Still  
behind the wall  
of extinguished reason  
we pray  
with joined hands  
that God who  
he has to help  
our days.  
Where  
our love  
where free thought  
he is exiled  
in which cave  
the consciences  
they were locked up.  
Along the coasts  
of life  
vaguely every man  
staggering walks  
around a temple  
beyond which  
the flesh transfigures  
in a thousand words  
and endless poems.

## There will be no one left

Who will stay  
after the storm  
only  
shipwrecked and missing  
in the raging sea  
of human complacency  
in everyday violence  
in the fences of the world.  
And then again  
the wars  
the divisions  
invisible borders  
and the truths torn apart  
everyday.  
Will remain  
the blood spilled  
from the innocents  
and dirty hands  
and smelling of death  
of criminals  
evil humans  
sitting in the benches.

Jagjit  
Singh  
Zandu



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Jagjit Siingh Zandu (Jit) is a bilingual poet from Punjab(India). He served as Lecturer in Commerce at Government of Punjab for 32 years. He has published an anthology of English poems titled as : “Journey of Love to Salvation ”. More than 60 English poems of his, have been published in “[ourpoetrycorner@wordpress.com](mailto:ourpoetrycorner@wordpress.com)” and also found space in about three dozen international anthologies. His poems are about worldly & divine love but philosophical in nature. His English & Punjabi poems were included in the International Peace Poetathon in Greece, as organized by Dr Chryssa Vellisaïou through video presentation in September 2013, 2014 & 2015. His 2nd anthology of poems "A UNIVERSE WITHIN" is being published and is expected to come in hands of readers very soon.

## Money Game & The Poor

Money game is a crucial game  
For all pleasures & comforts of life  
None is fool if one may think  
Neither for fame nor for agony

May be the poor or the rich  
All are playing at the same pitch  
May bread & butter be alluring  
But the dogs also stay barking

Everything here is an illusion  
Blending the accessories so well  
One can't even think of any fusion  
Police & the thieves feel in heaven

Poor dancing-girls or young lads  
Sipping their tears on beats of music  
Spoiled rich lads play with guns  
Taking the dancers on stage as chicks

Not any festival nor any crowds  
It is the tale of sorrows to be sort  
Ancient Kings looted public wealth  
For places to live lavish & lustrous life

Time has changed so the modes of loot  
The commons stay starving in slums  
Democracy smiles with its vote power  
No one bothers to care the ethics towers  
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## A Mother's Wish

Being your mother earth  
I expect that my kids  
Do care for my being  
And offer me all health care  
That I need to enjoy  
The cooling affection of  
The velvet of vegetation & forests  
Do your duty to save me  
from cruel hands  
that play  
Unfairly for their vested interest  
My lungs get suffocated  
When you burn stable in  
fields  
You commit sins making excuses  
You kill my friends & churn my chest  
Be a real friend for the next harvest  
Don't chop off my sloppy breasts  
To feed the giant of your greed  
To grow the concrete forests  
Over the foothill's palms  
Never forget, these are my feet  
To hug towering Deodars & Pine tree  
Which stand tall and strong  
To cater all around development  
And search the space far beyond

## Night Verse

It may be  
After midnight  
Sound sleep seldom visits me.

I noticed  
A verse was strolling  
And just stopped by my side

It tried  
To converse with it  
Told, "I am to give you company."

I requested  
Please relax here a little  
And we shall talk at sunrise!

It listened  
But kept mum as I was sleepy  
I searched at dawn but in vain!

I felt sad  
As it happens almost every night  
But it keeps me busy without work!

My dreams  
May help me to concede  
If my verses befriend their beauty!

Carmela

Núñez

Yukimura

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## La Paz Esperanza Del Mañana

Llegan tormentos en los valles del alma  
Son dolores que destruyen sueños  
De niños, jóvenes, adultos, viejos que lloran:  
Por guerras, muertes ... sólo desean Paz.

Se sienten preguntas en corazones nuestros  
Sangran recuerdos de otros tiempos  
Retumban tristezas en tumbas de fuegos  
Sólo el alma mira un cielo azul de esperanzas nuevas.

Necesitamos pedir luz brillante a Dios  
Que nos aliente a ser ingenieros de Paz  
Que nos enseñe a vivir con humildad  
A perdonar con amor , fe, solidaridad .

Que donde viva el odio se siembre amor  
Donde subsista el desánimo, exista esperanza  
Donde habiten tristezas demos alegría y paz al alma  
Donde exista arte haya luz en los pueblos del alba  
Para que nuestro mundo cada día sea mejor  
Sin importar religión , color , raza  
Que lo más valioso es el respeto a la hermandad  
Sin secretos , Sin poderes , sin glorias  
Entendiendo que La Paz es...la esperanza del mañana  
Sintiendo al fin una nueva libertad .  
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## El Libro De Mis Sueños

Las hojas de mis versos  
Deambulan en papeles arrojados al viento  
En llamaradas donde se esfuman recuerdos  
Que transcurren débiles en el trajinar del tiempo.  
Desde niña escribía versos  
Empapelados se reían en el basurero,  
No entendía la nostalgia, el llanto  
Del amor por escribir en un libro mis versos.  
Pasan años en tableros enjaulados  
Con apetitos ajenos en soledades al vuelo  
Con ambiciones estrelladas en el firmamento  
Sin poder escribir en un libro...un verso.  
Necesito despertar mi mente  
Expresar mis sentimientos ,mis emociones  
Abriendo mi alma a esperanzas nuevas  
Creando un estilo de vivencias bellas  
Así el mundo entenderá mis pensamientos  
Guardados en la corteza de mis sentimientos  
Hoy...rompiendo el pavimento de ideas dormidas  
Dándole al alma un respiro  
Desgarraré la cáscara del nido escondido  
Escribiré en un buen libro ...mis versos perdidos.  
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## Unidos Por Amor

Cierro mis ojos con el aroma de tus besos  
Besos de fuego que me atrapan en silencio  
Como agujetas de cristal clavando en mi pecho  
Deshojando así caricias en mis versos.  
La sensualidad de tu alma  
Invaden mis suspiros al viento  
Caigo rendida en fantasías dormidas  
Advirtiendo coloquios apasionados  
Hasta el infinito de mis pensamientos .  
Detengo el tiempo y vuelo a tus brazos  
Sintiendo suspiros del alma  
Una noche estrellada bajo la luna plateada  
Donde triunfa el hechizo de tu sonrisa  
Confesando escondidos secretos  
Agradeciendo a Dios por la vida  
Brindándonos unión que nos encamina.  
En el valle de tus ojos negros  
Se dibuja la sensualidad de tu voz  
Navegando en delirios de mar abierto  
Enseñoreando al mundo cuánto yo te quiero.  
Tú...amante de la entrega en silencio  
Seduces el cause de mis besos  
Te entregas a mi mar de encantos  
En suaves tertulias de amor sincero  
Cargados de pasiones sin frenos  
Por el amor que desfogas muy dentro.  
Si...no existen horizontes sin flores  
Cuando el amor es verdadero  
Sin agonías de falsos recuerdos  
Sólo existen suspiros de paz en el alma  
En trémulas ternuras por esta unión  
Hacia una vida eterna .  
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Michael

Lee

Johnson

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Michael Lee Johnson lived ten years in Canada during the Vietnam era. Today he is a poet in the greater Chicagoland area, IL. He has 293 YouTube poetry videos. Michael Lee Johnson is an internationally published poet in 44 countries, a song lyricist, has several published poetry books, has been nominated for 6 Pushcart Prize awards, and 6 Best of the Net nominations. He is editor-in-chief of 3 poetry anthologies, all available on Amazon, and has several poetry books and chapbooks. He has over 472 published poems. Michael is the administrator of 6 Facebook Poetry groups. Member Illinois State Poetry Society: <http://www.illinoispoets.org/>. Do not forget to consider me for Best of the Net or Pushcart nomination!

## Summer is Dying

Outside, summer is dying into fall,  
and blue daddy petunias sprout ears—  
hear the beginning of night chills.

In their yellow window box,  
they cuddle up and fear death together.

The balcony sliding door  
is poorly insulated, and a cold draft  
creeps into all the spare rooms.

## Bowl of Black Petunias

If you must leave me, please  
leave me for something special,  
like a beautiful bowl of black petunias—  
for when the memories leak  
and cracks appear  
and old memories fade,  
flowers rebuff bloom,  
sidewalks fester weeds  
and we both lie down  
separately from each other  
for the very last time.



## Memories Past

### *Hillbilly Daddy*

I settle into my thoughts  
zigzagging between tears  
my fathers' grave—  
Tippecanoe River  
Indiana 1982.

Over now,  
a hillbilly country  
like the flow  
catfish memories  
raccoons in trees  
coon dogs tracking  
on the river bank,  
the hunt.

Snapping turtles  
in the boat  
offline—  
river flakes  
to ice—  
now covered  
thick snow.

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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February 14, 1959 ~ September 20, 2016

*Alan W. Jankowski*

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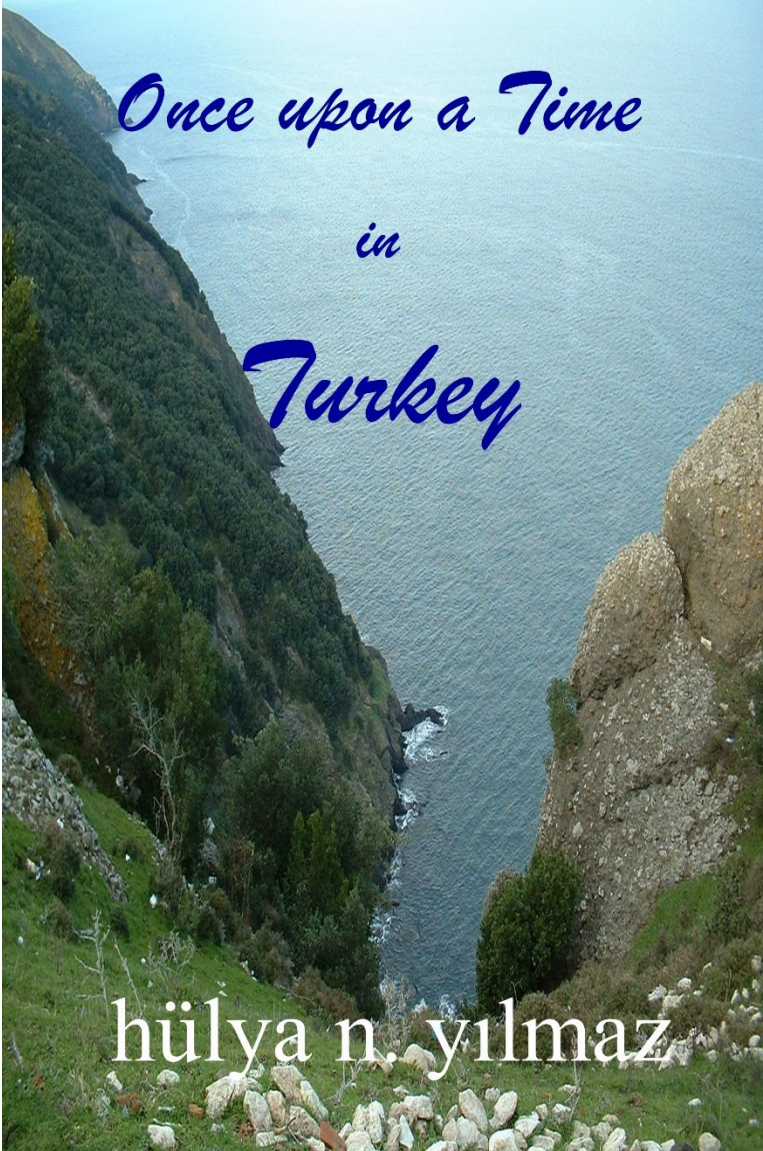
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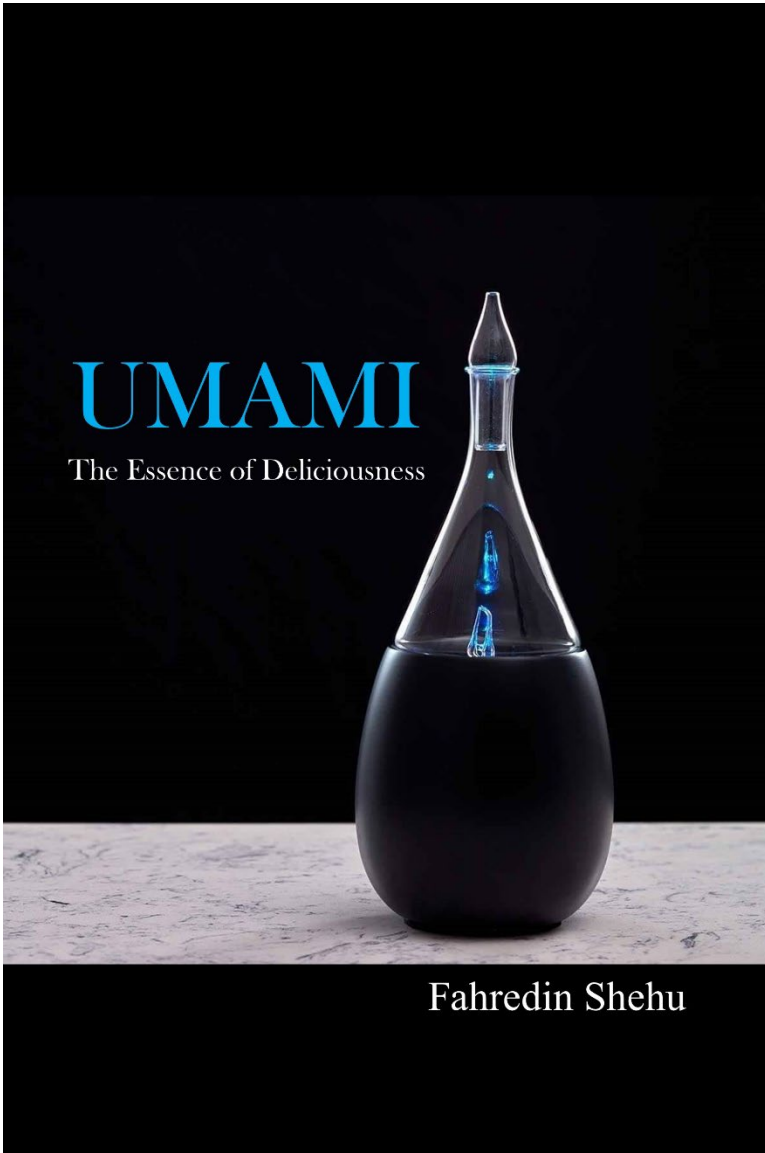
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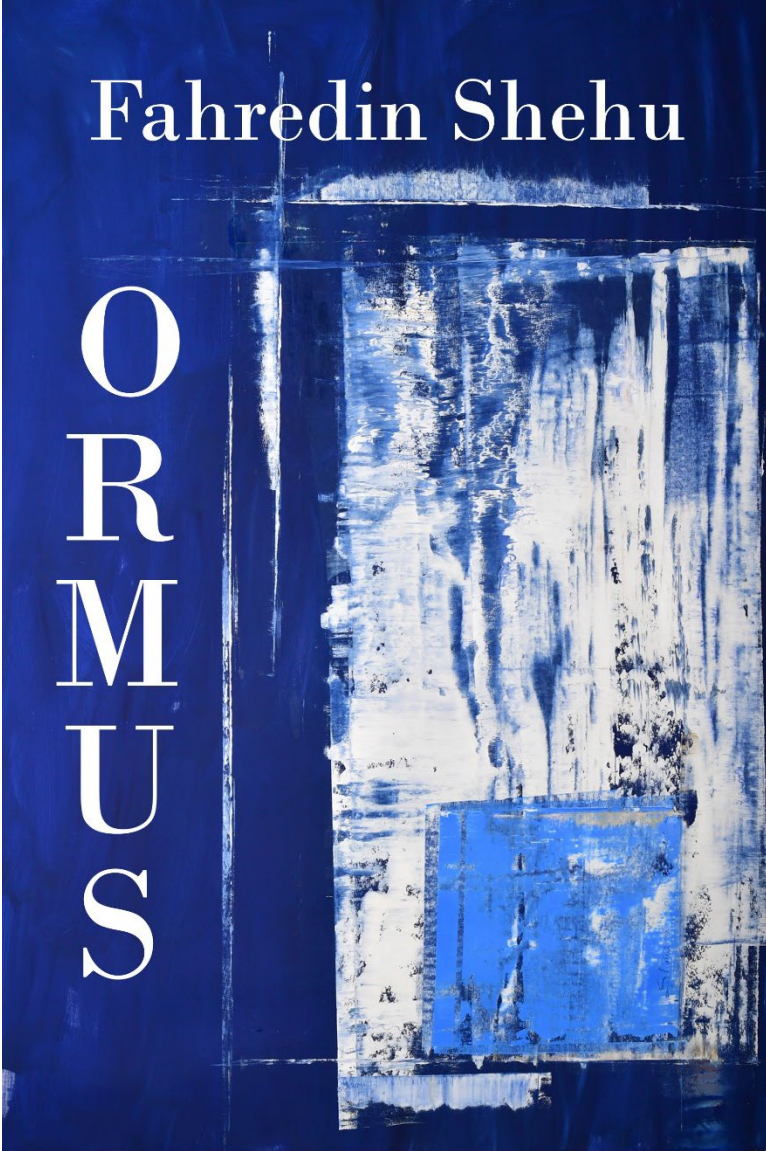
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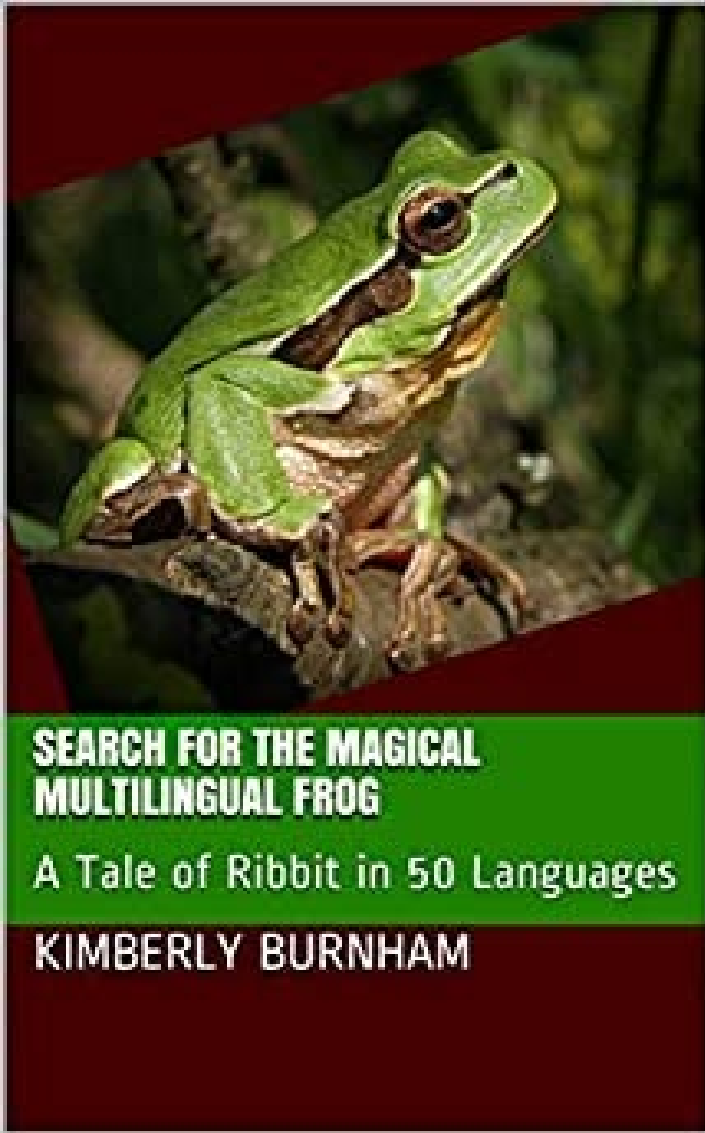


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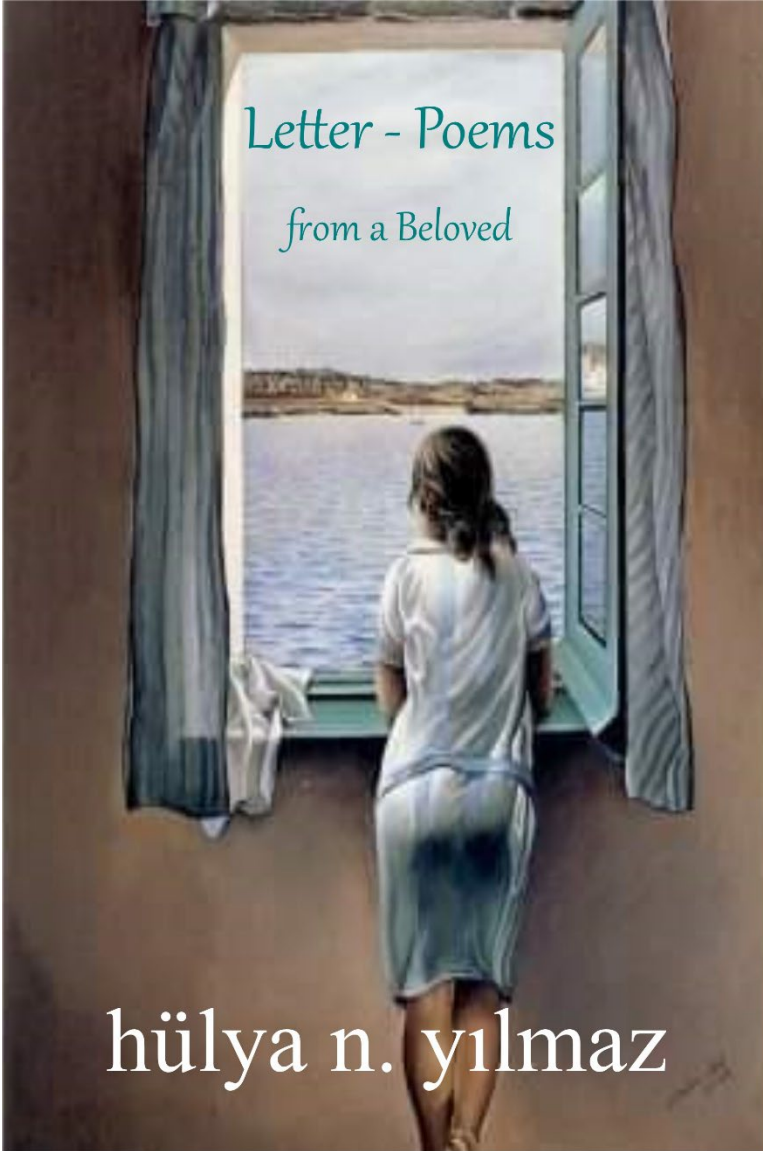


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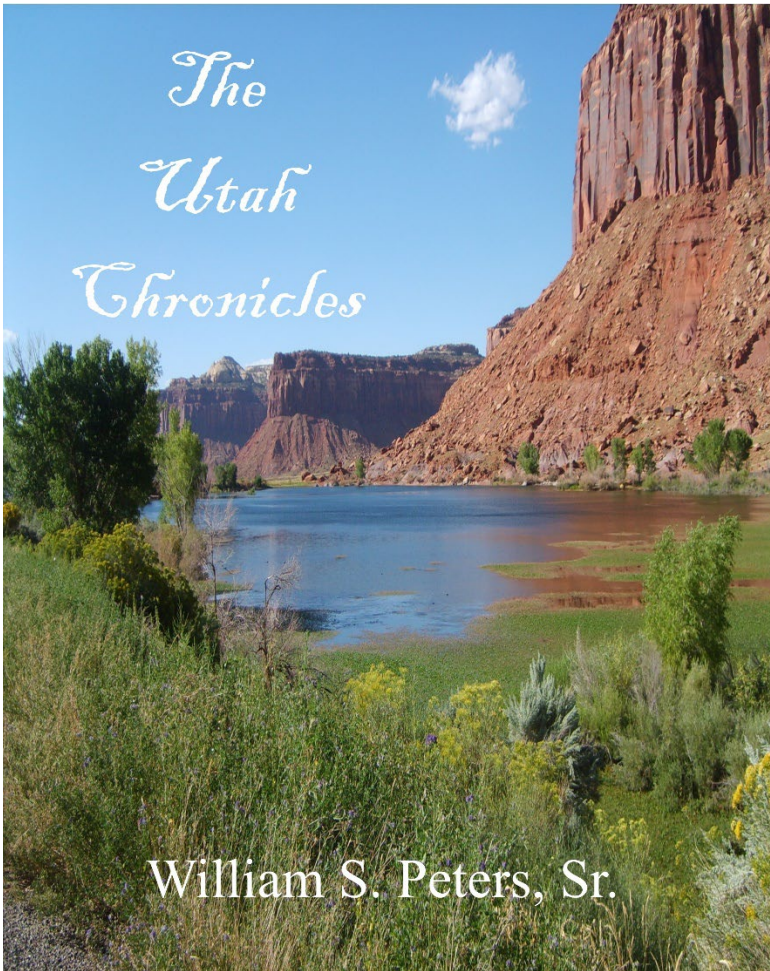


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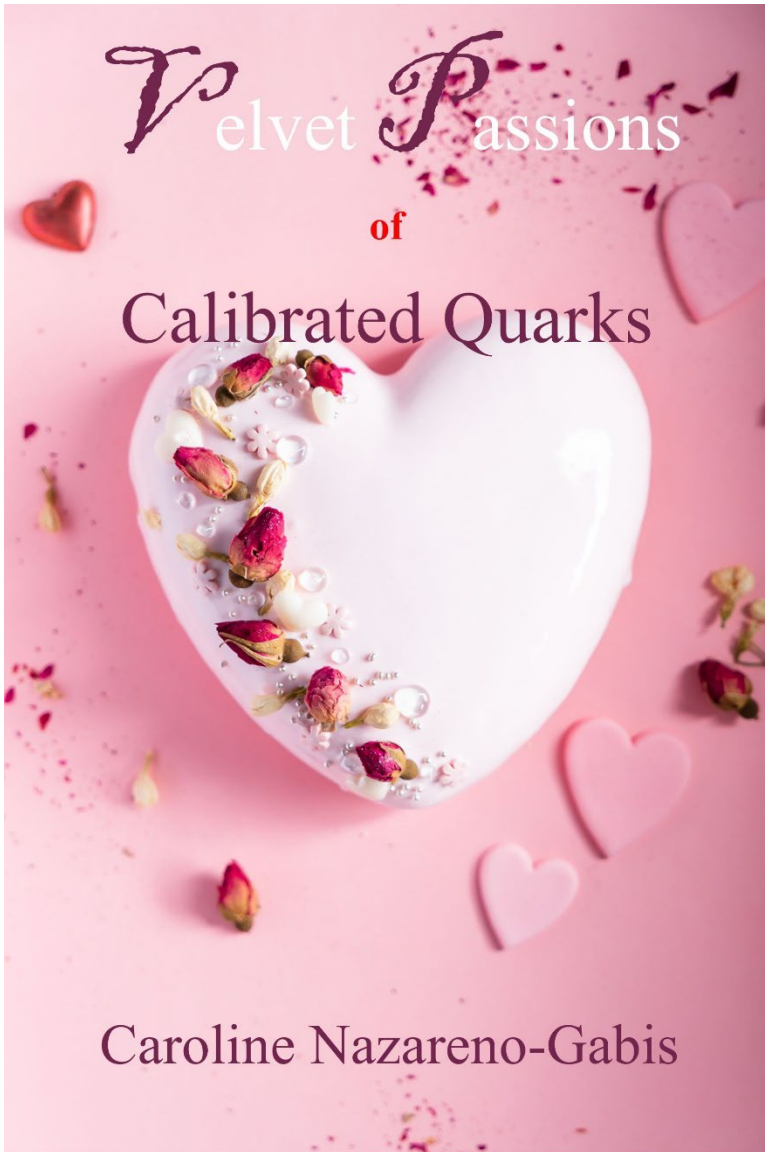


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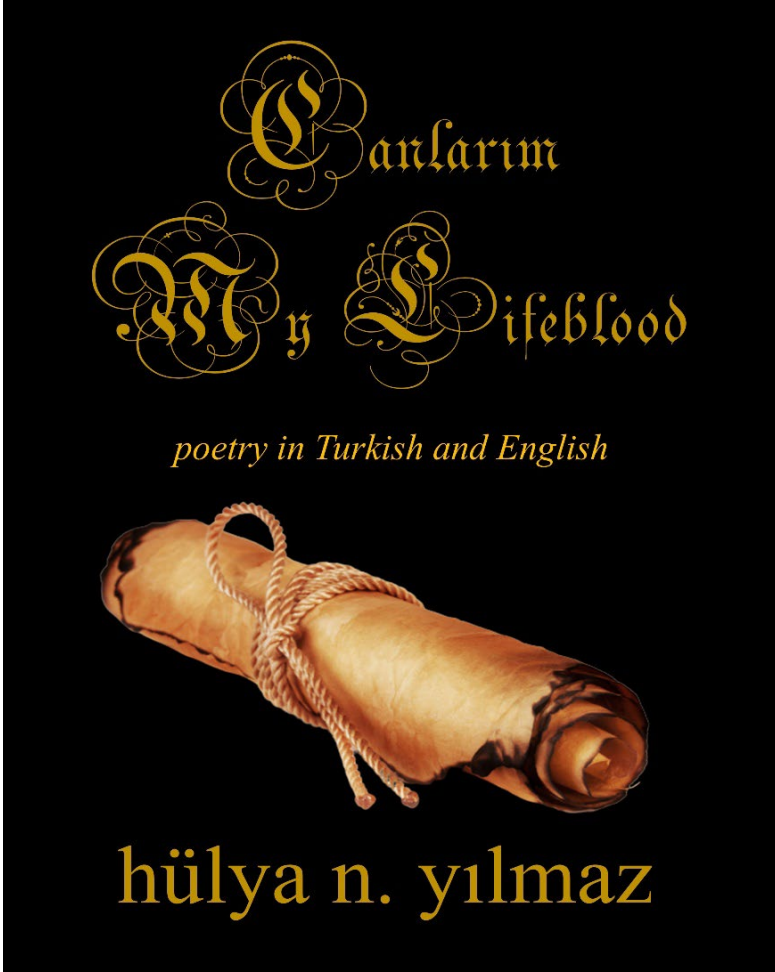


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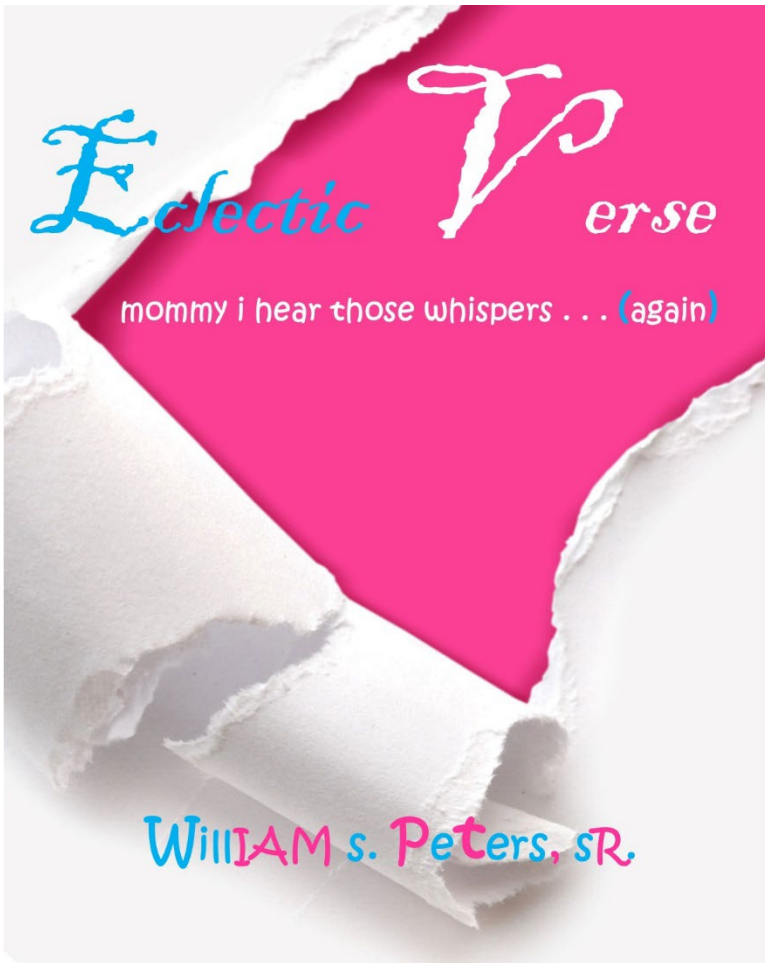
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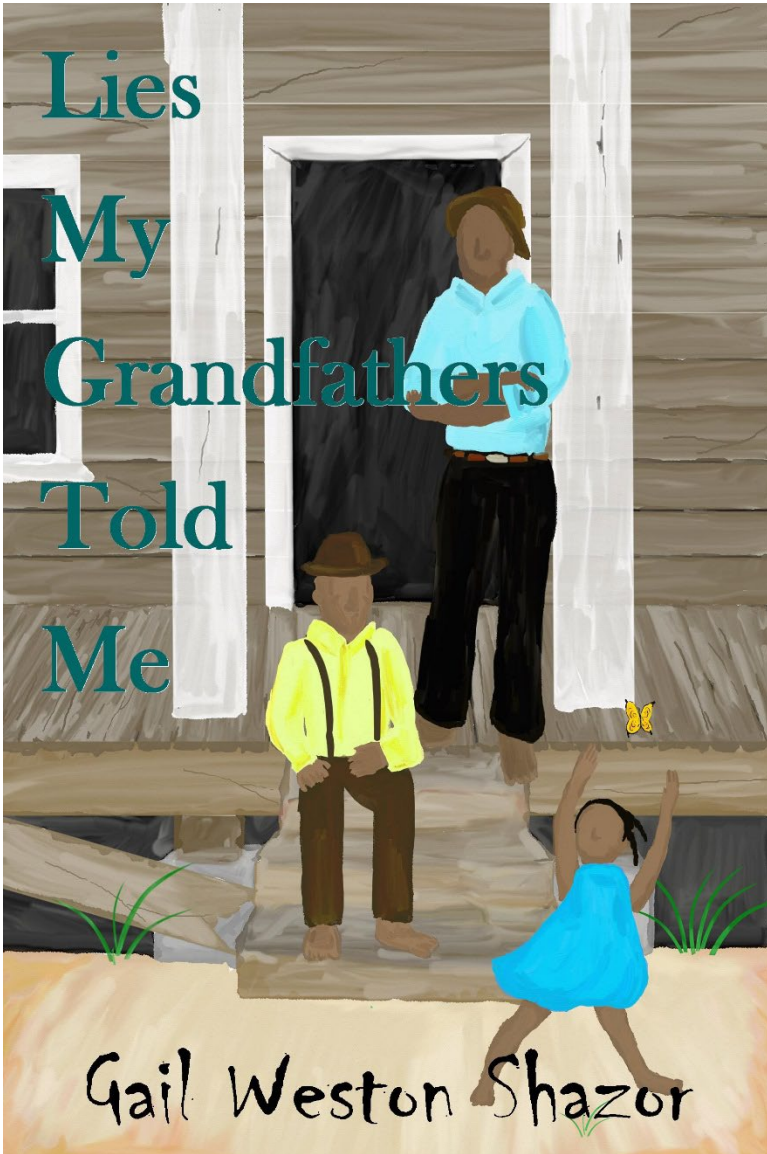
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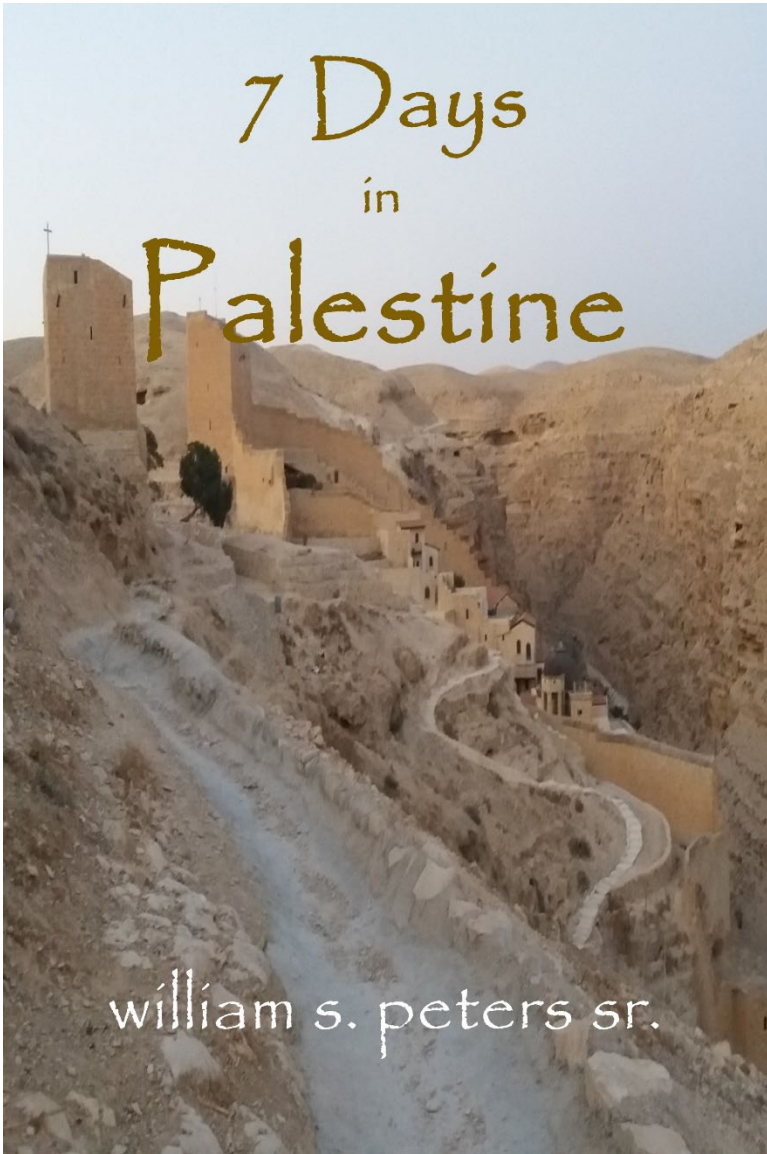
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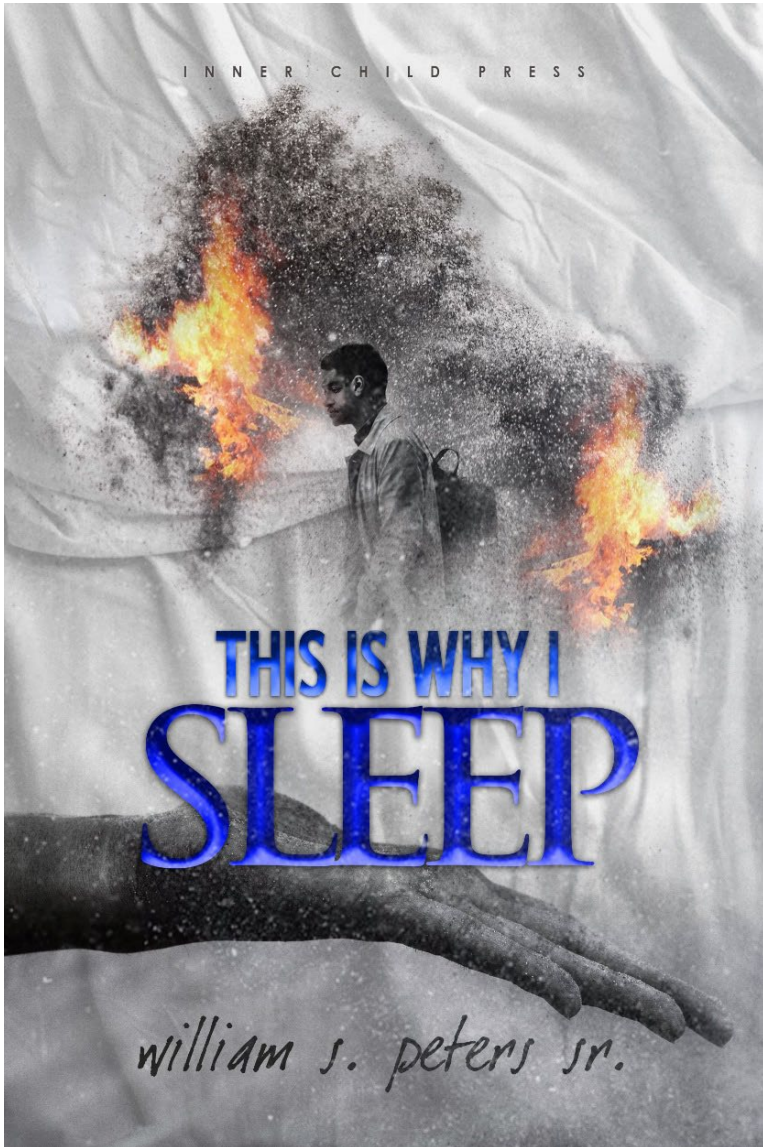
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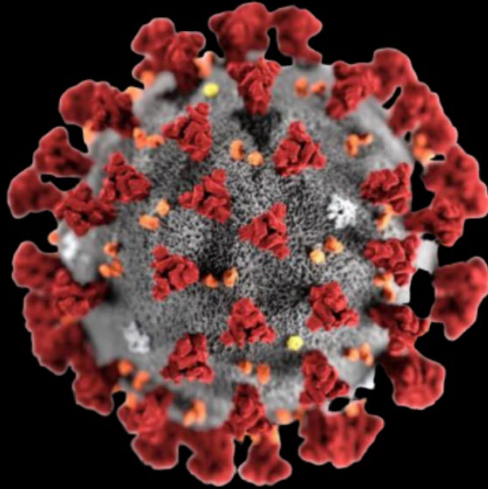
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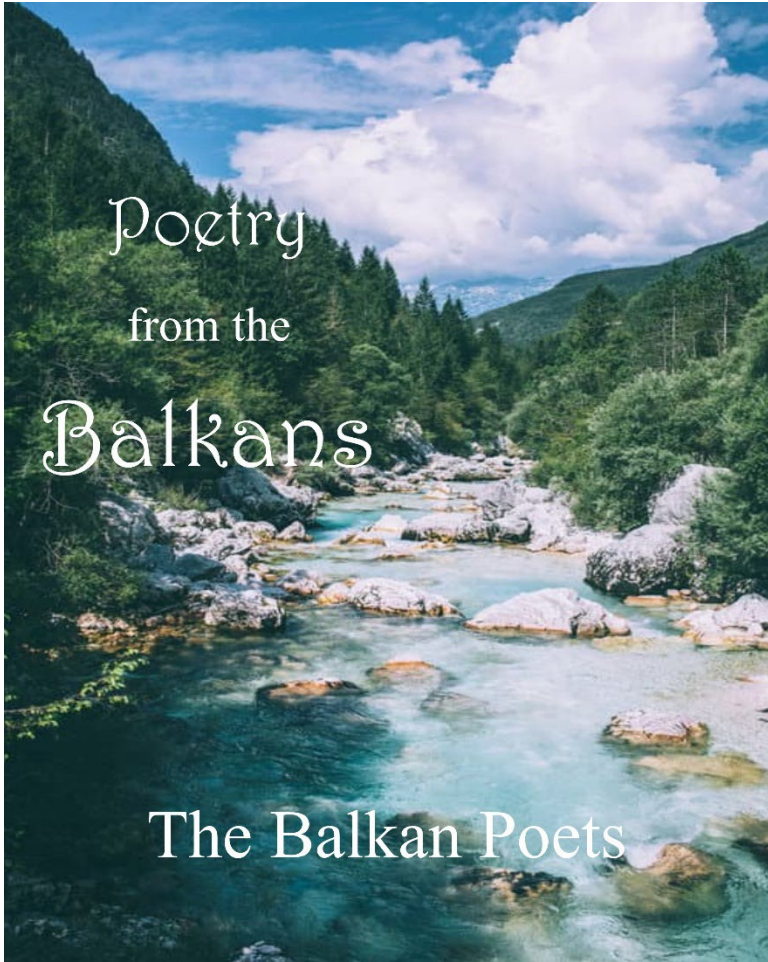
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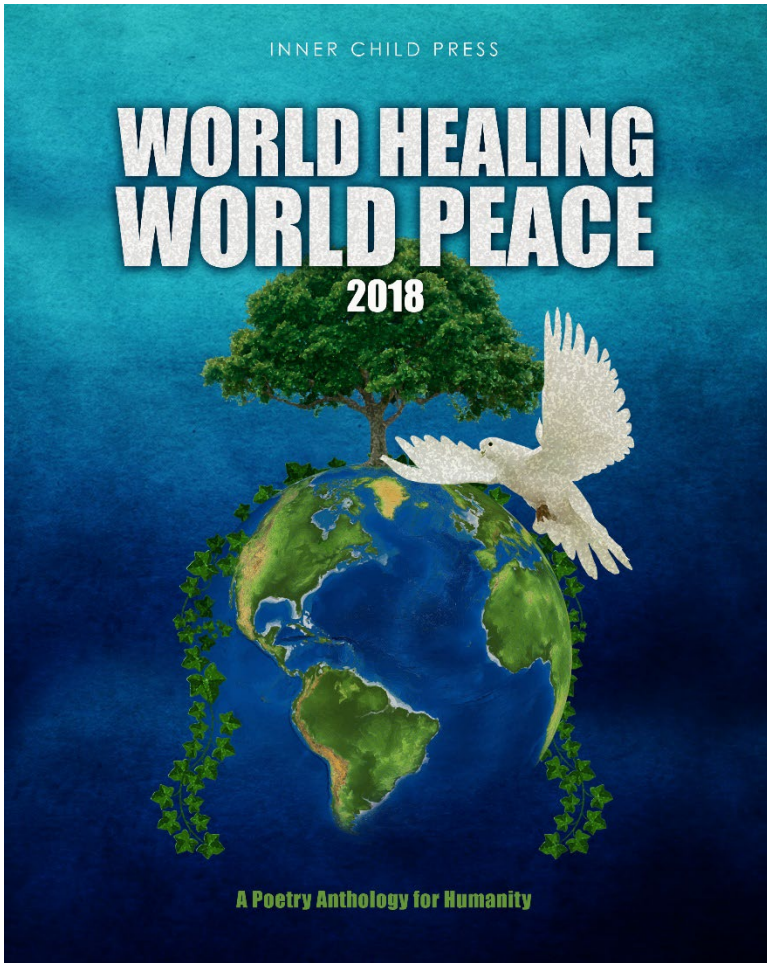
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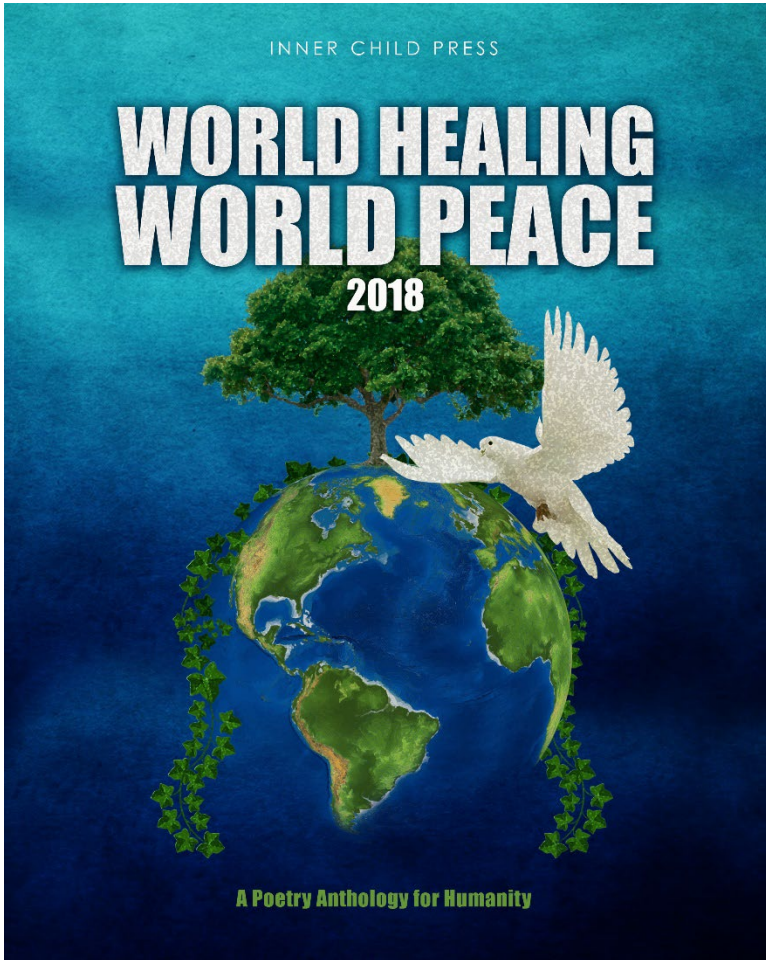


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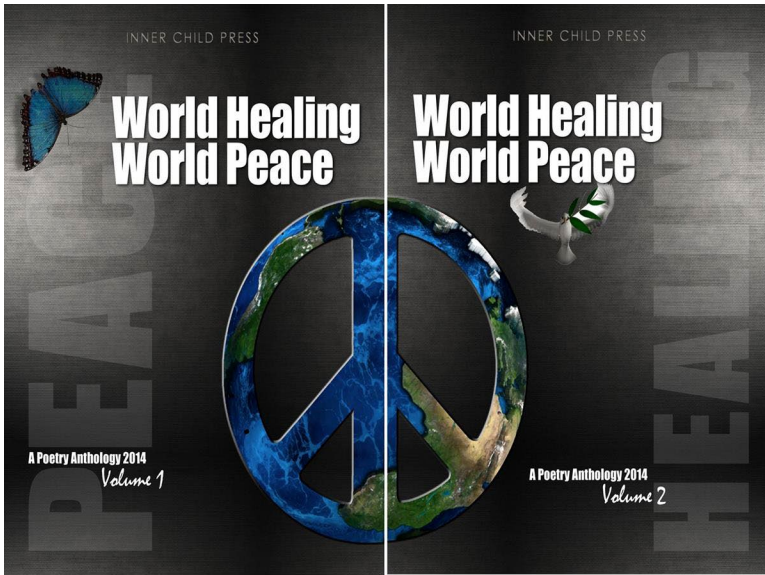
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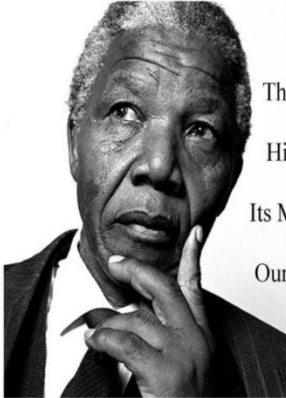


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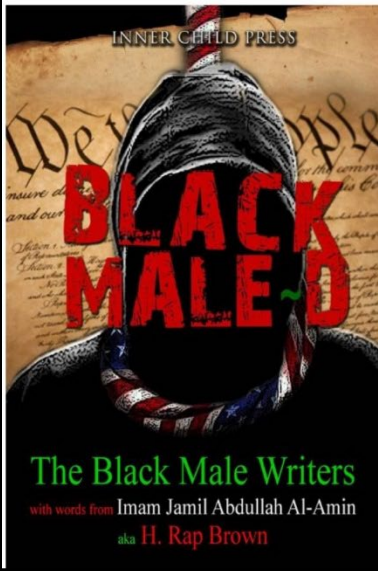
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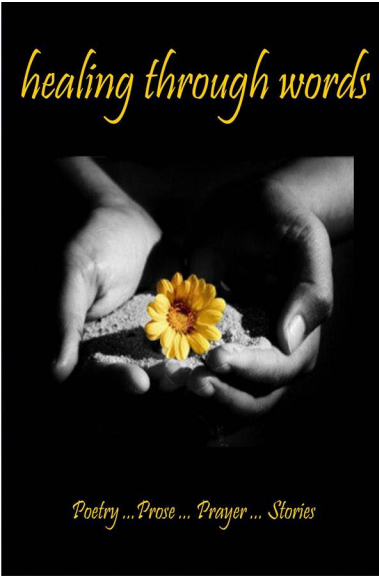
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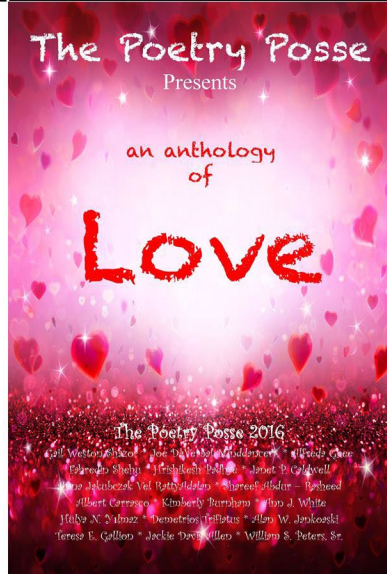
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May 2014

*May's Featured Poets*  
ReeCee  
Joski the Poet  
Shannon Stanton



**Dedicated To our Children**

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Inifine Carrasco  
Siddantha Beth Pearce  
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Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wali  
Shareef Abdur-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
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Lily of the Valley

**the Year of the Poet**  
June 2014



*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

*June's Featured Poets*  
Shantelle McLin  
Jacqueline D. E. Kennedy  
Abraham N. Benjamin

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July 2014

*July Feature Poets*  
Christiana A. V. Williams  
Dr. John R. Strum  
Kolajé Olanrewaju Freedom



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Lotus  
Asian Flower of the Month

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**



*August Feature Poets*  
Ann White \* Rosalind Cherry \* Sheila Jenkins

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September 2014

Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Carnation September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrin's Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Barefield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
 Joe DiVerbal Winddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wall • Shonee Akbar-Rasheed  
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October 2014

Red Poppy



The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrin's Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Barefield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
 Joe DiVerbal Winddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wall • Shonee Akbar-Rasheed  
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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Pass

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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Roseman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiate

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014

Narcissus



The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrin's Carrasco  
 Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Barefield  
 Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
 Joe DiVerbal Winddancer  
 Robert Gibbons  
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December Feature Poets

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**Garnet**

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 Kimberly Burnham  
 Ann White  
 Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt  
 Fahredin Shehu  
 Hilya N. Yilmaz  
 Teresa E. Gallion  
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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*  
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 Gail Weston Shazor  
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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



*The Poetry Pesse 2015*  
 Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
 Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Heminger  
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## The Year of the Poet II

April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



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



Emeralds

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



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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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



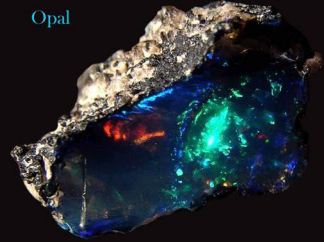
Sapphires

*The Poetry Posse 2015*  
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Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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October 2015

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




Opal

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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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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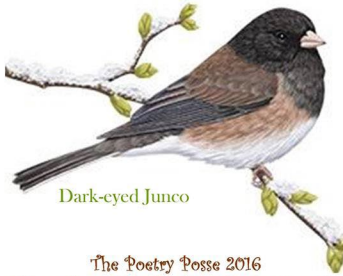
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

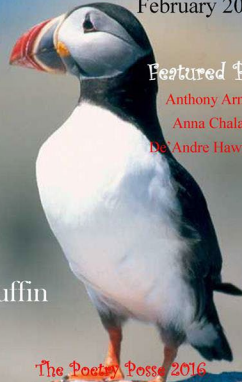
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Joe DeVriesof Miodoneer \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Kathi Allen Hamilton  
Huiya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Trifittas \* Alan W. Jankooski  
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## The Year of the 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

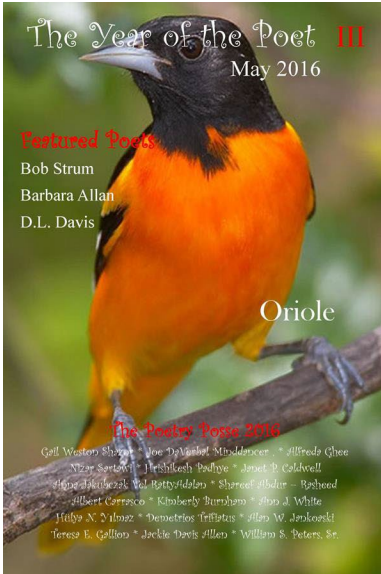
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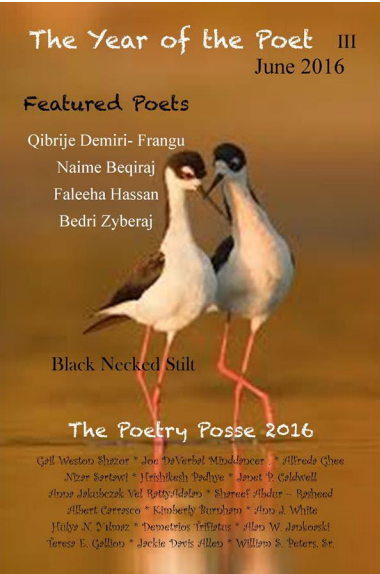


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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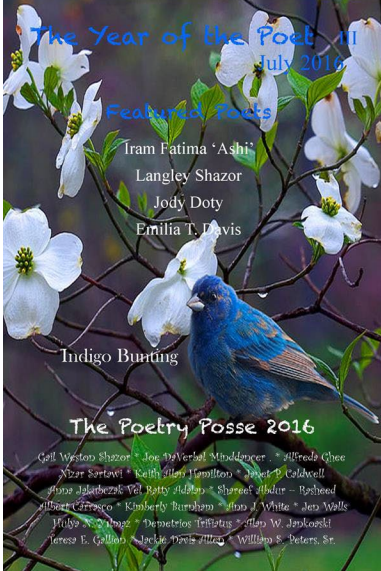


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June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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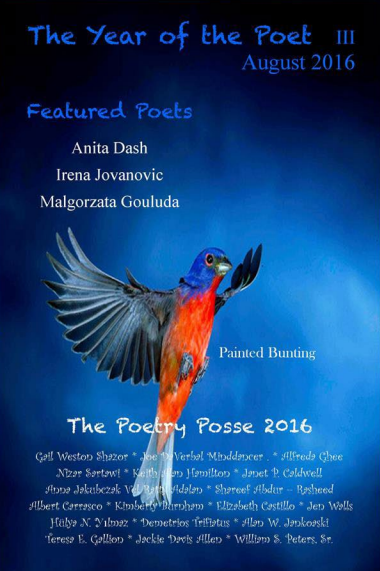


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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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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**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novilla



Long Billed Curlew

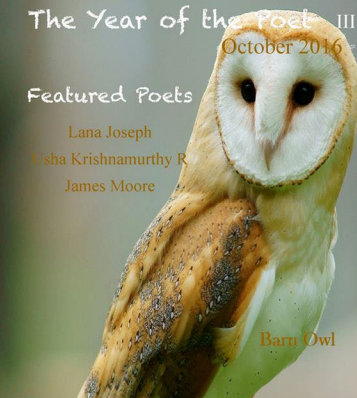
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bircham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilby N. S. Ahmad \* Demetrios Tripathi \* Allan W. Janowski  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

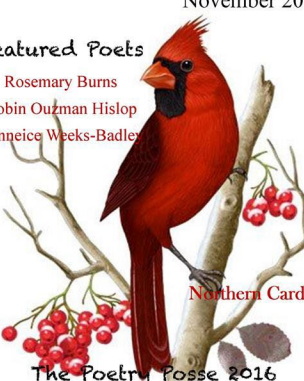
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal


**The Poetry Posse 2016**

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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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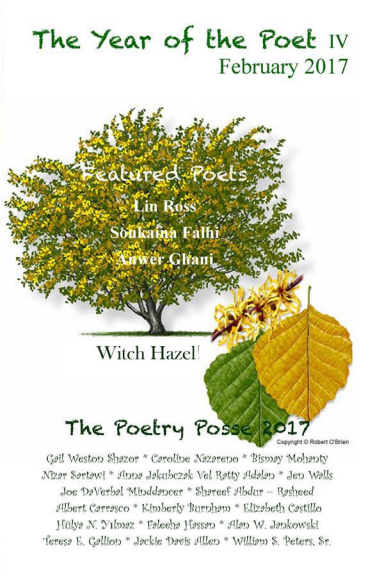


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Atona Jakubczak Val Betty Adelan \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Mizdancer \* Shareef Alidur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Julya N. D'Almeida \* Falecha Jasso \* Jilou W. Jankowski  
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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
February 2017

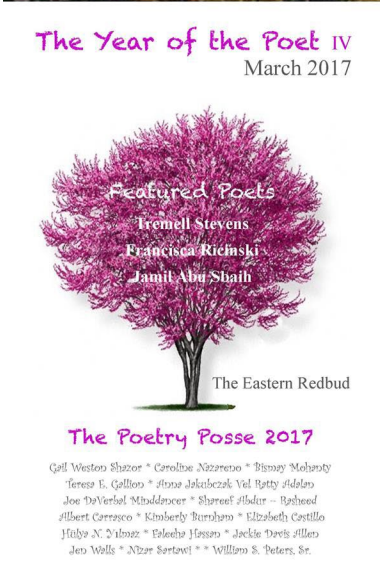


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sankhina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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March 2017

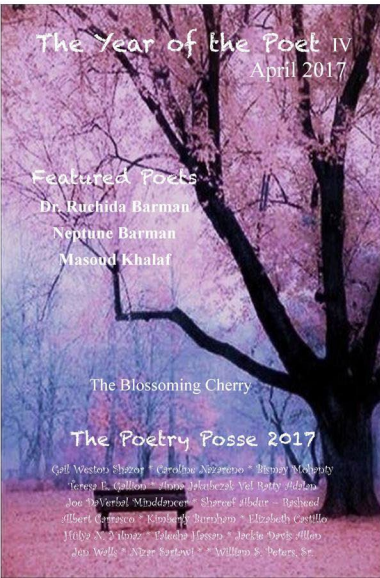


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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April 2017



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Teresa E. Gallon \* Atona Jakubczak Val Betty Adelan  
Joe DeVerbal Mizdancer \* Shareef Alidur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Julya N. D'Almeida \* Falecha Jasso \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



**Featured Poets**  
Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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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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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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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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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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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  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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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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### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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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

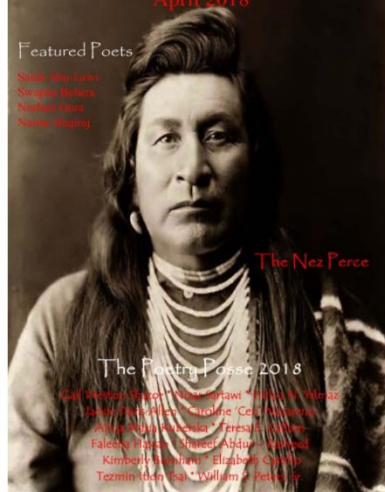
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Leneh  
Swagata Bhabha  
Nathan Lion  
Nancy Wang



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




The Poetry Posse 2018  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

Featured Poets  
Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Akhal Hani  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




The Poetry Posse 2018  
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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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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



The Poetry Posse 2018  
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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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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

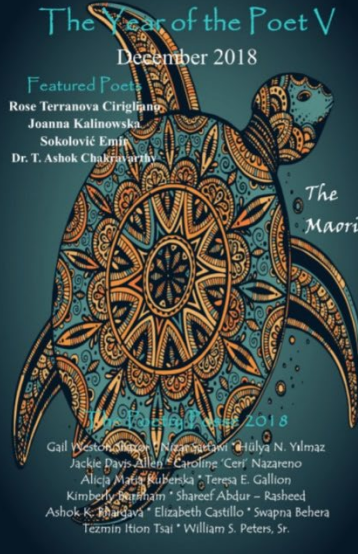
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Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet V

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 Elfchali  
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

### 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  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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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

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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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

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**Featured Poets**  
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  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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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 Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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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 Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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 Poetry Posse 2020

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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 Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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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



The Year of Peace  
Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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## The Year of the Poet VII

September 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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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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January 2021

### 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

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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

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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



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Katarzyna Brus- Sawczuk \* Anwasha Paul  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Shahid Abbas

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Paramita Mukherjee Mullick \* Rose Zerguine  
Jaydeep Sarangi \* Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Alonzo "zO" Gross \* Lali Tsipi Michaeli  
Tareq al Karmy \* Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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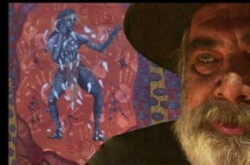
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August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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<p>The Year of the Poet IX <b>March 2022</b></p> <p>Featured Global Poets <b>Dimitris P. Kraniotis * Marlene Pasini Kennedy Ochieng * Swayam Prashant</b></p> <p>Climate Change and Space Debris</p>  <p>Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking</p> <p>The Poetry Posse 2021</p> <p>Gail Weston Shazor * Albert Carasco * Hülya N. Yilmaz Jackie Davis Allen * Caroline Nazareno * Eliza Segiet Alicja Maria Kuberska * Teresa E. Gallion * Joe Patre Kimberly Burnham * Shareef Abdur – Rasheed Ashok K. Bhargava * Elizabeth Castillo * Swapna Behera Tezmin Ition Tsai * William S. Peters, Sr.</p>	<p>The Year of the Poet IX <b>April 2022</b></p> <p>Featured Global Poets <b>Alonzo Gross * Dr. Debaprasanna Biswas Monsif Beroual * Carol Aronoff</b></p> <p>Climate Change and Oceans</p>  <p><b>*Celebrating our 100th Edition *</b></p> <p>Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking</p> <p>The Poetry Posse 2021</p> <p>Gail Weston Shazor * Albert Carasco * Hülya N. Yilmaz Jackie Davis Allen * Caroline Nazareno * Eliza Segiet Alicja Maria Kuberska * Teresa E. Gallion * Joe Patre Kimberly Burnham * Shareef Abdur – Rasheed Ashok K. Bhargava * Elizabeth Castillo * Swapna Behera Tezmin Ition Tsai * William S. Peters, Sr.</p>

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May 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Ndaba Sibanda \* Smrutiranjana Mohanty  
Ajanta Paul \* Monalisa Dash Dwibedy

### Climate Change and Birds



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Trees



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Animals



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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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



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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<p><b>The Year of the Poet IX</b> November 2022</p> <p><b>Featured Global Poets</b> Hema Ravi * Shafkat Aziz Hajam Selma Kopic * Ibrahim Honjo</p> <p>Climate Change: Time to Act</p>  <p>Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking</p> <p><b>The Poetry Posse 2022</b> Gail Weston Shazor * Albert Carasso * Hülya N. Yilmaz Jackie Davis Allen * Caroline Nazareno * Eliza Segiet Alicja Maria Kuberska * Teresa E. Gallion * Joe Paire Kimberly Burnham * Shareef Abdur – Rasheed Ashok K. Bhargava * Elizabeth Castillo * Swapna Behera Tezmin Ition Tsai * William S. Peters, Sr.</p>	<p><b>The Year of the Poet IX</b> December 2022</p> <p><b>Featured Global Poets</b> Elarbi Abdelfattah * Lorraine Cragg Neha Bhandarkar * Robert Gibbons</p> <p>Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life</p>  <p>Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking</p> <p><b>The Poetry Posse 2022</b> Gail Weston Shazor * Albert Carasso * Hülya N. Yilmaz Jackie Davis Allen * Caroline Nazareno * Eliza Segiet Alicja Maria Kuberska * Teresa E. Gallion * Joe Paire Kimberly Burnham * Shareef Abdur – Rasheed Ashok K. Bhargava * Elizabeth Castillo * Swapna Behera Tezmin Ition Tsai * William S. Peters, Sr.</p>

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January 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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## The Year of the Poet X

February 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Christena Williams \* Hilda Graciela Kraft  
Francesco Favetta \* Dr. H.C. Louise Hudon

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

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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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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Csp Shrivastava \* Michael Lee Johnson  
Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown  
Children: Difference Makers



Louis Braille

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## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

Featured Global Poets  
Kay Peters \* Carthornia Kouroupos  
Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

Children: Difference Makers



Ryan Hreljac

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X July 2023

Featured Global Poets  
Rajashree Mohapatra \* Biswajit Mishra  
Johan Karlsson \* Teodozja Świdarska

Children: Difference Makers



~ Bana al-Abed ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X August 2023

Featured Global Poets  
Kennedy Wanda Ochieng \* Jose Lopez  
Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

Children: Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

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### Featured Global Poets

Eftichia Karpadeli \* Chinh Nguyen  
Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

Children : Difference Makers



~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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