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LIFE  
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POETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to  
*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

The Poetry Posse  
past, present & future,  
our Patrons and Readers &  
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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## Climate Change and Agriculture

Global warming and climate change continues to grip the world today and cause tremendous effects around us.

Climate change affects agriculture in more ways than we can imagine. The known negative impacts of global warming includes the reduction of crop quantity and quality due to the decreased growth period because of the continuous rise in temperature; decreased sugar content along with bad coloration, and reduced storage stability observed in fruits. There would also be noticeable increase of weeds and insect infestation in agricultural crops.

The increased carbon concentration in the atmosphere can be attributed to large scale changes such as deforestation, and erosion on machine-intensive farming.

Multiple climate pollutants with CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O are the three largely individual contributors.

**S**urprisingly, agriculture both contributes to climate change and is affected by climate change.

In this August Issue of The Year of the Poet, The Poetry Posse leaves traces of creative pieces centering on Agriculture and Climate Change. Vividly expressed and well thought of, their verses center on the issue offering their readers with a cascade of different, exquisite, and poignant poetic voices.

**M**y congratulations once again to The Poetry Posse, William S. Peters, Sr. and Inner Child Press International for yet another fabulous and enriching issue! It is an honor to write the Foreword for this wonderful August Issue.

Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo  
Author ~ Poet ~ Visual Artist

# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, making our way onward through the ‘New Year’ of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#104) represents the 8th month of our ninth year of monthly publication. Amazing how much effort has been given by all the poets, to include the various members of *The Poetry Posse* and all the wonderful featured poets from all over our world. For myself, it has been and continues to be a great honor to be a part of this wonderful cooperative effort.

Last year, 2021 and the previous year of 2020 has been challenging for many of us throughout the year. We at *Inner Child Press International* were busy. We envisioned our role where the arts meet humanity to continue doing what we were good at... publishing. In 2020, we managed to not only produce and publish this series, *The Year of the Poet* each month, but we were also very proactive in the arena of human and social consciousness. We were able to produce several other anthologies to include: *World Healing*, *World Peace 2020*; *CORONA . . . social distancing*; *The Heart of a Poet*; *W.A.R . . . we are revolution*; *Poetry, the Best of 2020*. Going forward for 2022, we are seeking to

invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a ‘conscious humanity’.

We have now completed another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which was published April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Additionally, we have released another meaningful volume of poetic consciousness . . . “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”. Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the variety of causes in promoting a better world / planet, a better humanity for us all.

We, poets and writers do have something to say about it all, and we intend to do so in any and every way we can. So stay tuned . . .

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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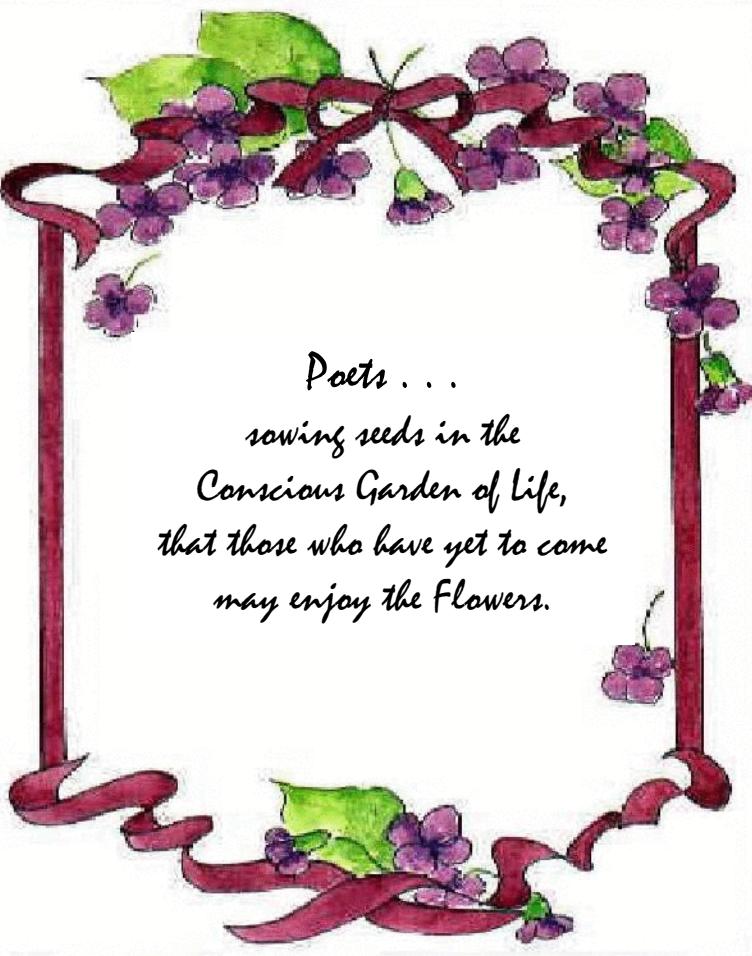
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“I want you to act as if the house is on fire,  
because it is.” ~ Greta Thunberg



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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

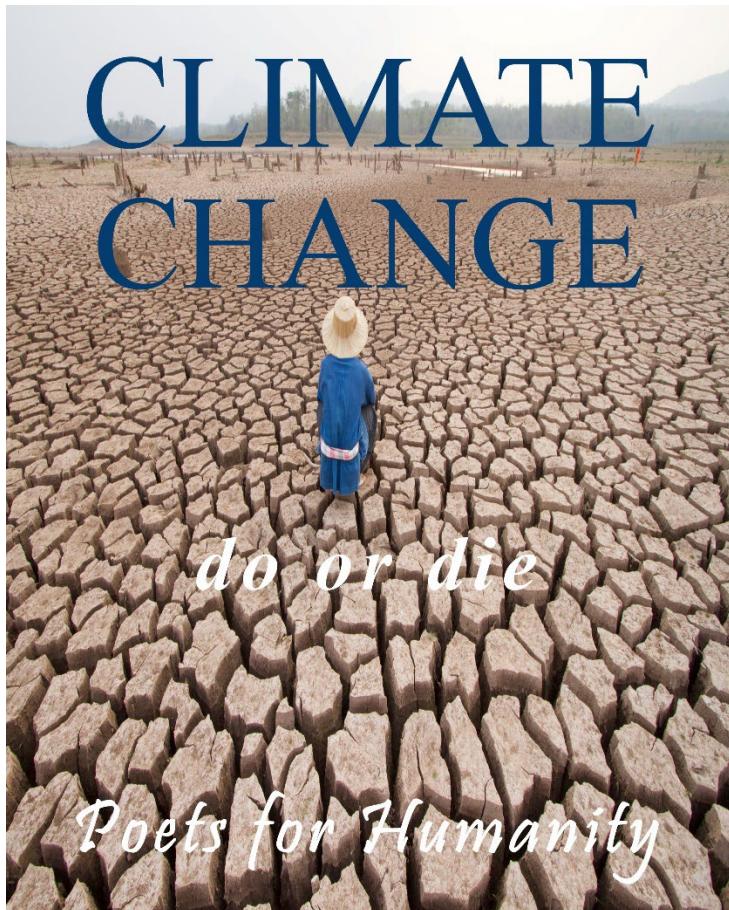




*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

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This is a creative promise ~ my pen will speak to and for the world. Enamored with letters and respectful of their power, I have been writing for most of my life. A mother, daughter, sister and grandmother I give what I have been given, greatfilledly.

Author of . . .

"An Overstanding of an Imperfect Love"  
&  
Notes from the Blue Roof

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## Free Soup

Orange, Green and Brown  
Gleanings form a bowl  
Of promises  
Brought in from sowed  
Rows and gardens of dreams  
We put one seed in the ground  
Cover  
Water  
And protect from disappointments  
When the wind blows rain  
In monsoon seasons  
I will eat daffodils instead  
And be greatfilled for the color  
Of feast

## Reclamation

My song is lonesome and sweet  
Tunes falling across meadows  
Delayed dreams lying fallow  
On a gleaner's harvest field  
Wind rushes through the reeds  
Bending and breaking weak canes  
Disturbing napping crickets

My song is tired and weary  
A tune sung over again  
Melodies never to change  
As long as true lover's hearts  
Remain in separate spaces  
The miles stretch far and forever  
Seemingly without a break

My song is hauntingly clear  
Tuned to empty embraces  
As the sun sets on days end  
And the only warmth is found  
Under the layered blankets  
Wrapped close in pretend comfort  
With just a pillow hugged close

My song resonates daily  
The toothbrushes timbered tune  
A crackled brush's static  
The z's of nylon zippers  
Easing my work face in place  
Smoothing the lace of lonely  
Over the plastic façade

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My song is sung with blindness  
All tuned in eternity  
As the heart does not have eyes  
Only a believing soul  
For the universe will call  
The spirits of reckoning  
To uphold a love's patience

My song ebbs with the tides  
Tuning blue waves into sound  
Waves crest soundlessly around  
I wade far enough to see  
The lighthouse's clear beacons  
Left to guide you back to me  
Calling the wind to your back

My song peals as a clear bell  
Tunes matched to my beating heart  
I am beyond any point  
Of giving up my night watch  
Standing ever resolute  
Against life's buffeting waves  
Awaiting reclamation

## DayLight Savings

How much does it take to  
Turn the hands of angry  
Words back to save  
Time  
Day light, night light  
When I was hungry for change  
When we whispered about  
The coming by moonlight  
In quiet loudness  
On the skin of drums  
Tapping out the slow warning  
Even before morse code  
And yet my blood memory  
Is fading pink  
So I reach for a pen  
To quickly capture the thoughts  
Of my forefathers  
Before I can no longer afford  
To hear the words  
On the winds

And they change quickly  
Pushing people from poles to  
Medial understandings  
And back again until they are gone  
Altogether  
Buried beneath mortgages and  
Loans set about to create  
Students and scholars and homes  
And cars and businesses and bills  
But what about the creation of  
Thinkers and healers and griots  
And changers and savers

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I want to plant a garden  
I want to turn back from harvesters  
To plowshares  
From chemicals to manure  
And grasp hands to help me push  
Through the soil  
Go to bed sweaty from the toil of the day  
Forget the GMO's  
Let's reforest the rain  
Pull the skin back over the coal  
My watch can't reset itself to daylight  
Saving the sun  
My hands will turn it's hands  
Because the night is coming

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). She 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).

## Contemporary Jungle

The concrete forest grows  
faster and farther.  
Huge skyscrapers touch the clouds.  
Their roots pierce the heart of the earth.  
Human residences consume space.

Rows of metal and glass buildings  
stretch to the horizon.  
There is no room for old inhabitants  
- fewer and fewer trees and bushes,  
less and less silence and oxygen

The age of concrete  
and the great extinction continues.  
More species disappear into nothingness  
Humanity is tormented  
by an unanswered question  
- why did this happen?

## Liberation Anniversary at Auschwitz

The survivors' memory fades,  
they pass away one after another.  
Fewer and fewer numbers in stripes  
cross the threshold of hell.  
The gate, guardian of the death factory, sneers.

The words "Arbeit macht frei"  
turns back the time, memories come alive.  
Sad eyes of the prisoners stare from old photographs.  
A huge mountain of shoes holds your eye,  
doesn't let you go away.

The railway ramp remembers  
the laughter of the torturers  
and the wail of the victims.  
The green shroud woven of grass  
has covered the reeking mud.  
The scream of the suffocated  
is embedded in the walls of gas chambers.

Pilgrim, pause, don't pass indifferently by.  
Forgotten histories will return  
and come alive somewhere else.  
Remember:  
“it's people who dealt this fate to people”.

## Menorah

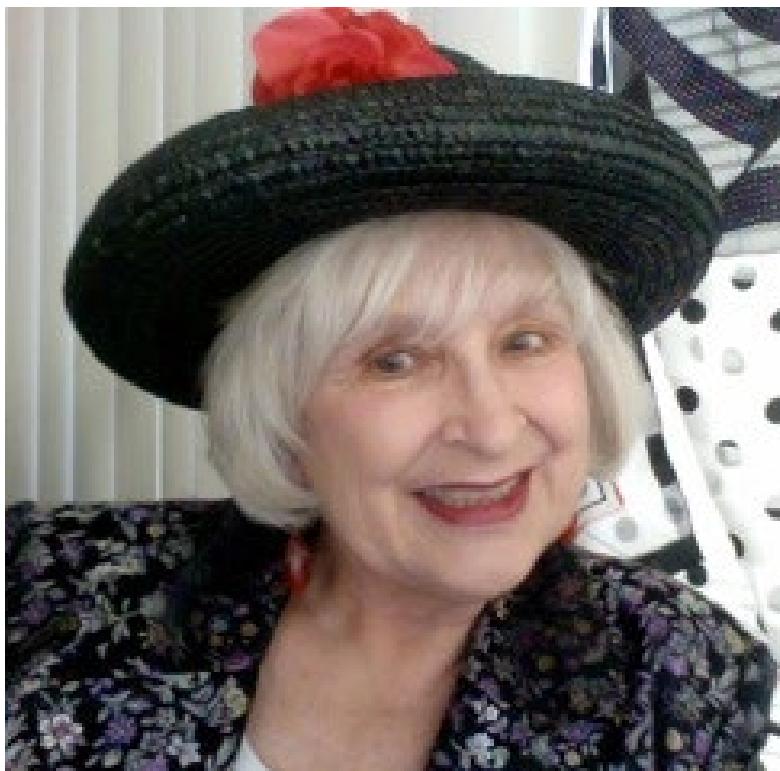
In my grandparent's kitchen stood a big table  
covered with a linen sheet.  
Plates would appear on its huge surface  
like islands in an ocean.  
There was never a shortage of chairs.  
The table welcomed every unexpected guest.

The darkness of the night enfolded  
a thin form of a poor tailor.  
Mousze dragged with him the fear  
and grim horror of life in the ghetto.  
He turned up and disappeared like a shadow  
- with a loaf of bread hidden under a chalet.  
The shiny star of David,  
led him through the road less tracks and woods.

This bread was worth  
life for those who survived the yesterday.  
His daughter's heart broke of sorrow.  
Sparkles in Sorka's eyes faded away.  
She passed silently  
- the hunger and the illnesses  
recited Kadish daily.  
The seven candles  
and people's fortunes burnt down quickly.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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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 Bachelors 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 InnerChild Press, ltd.

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## a farmer's woeful prayer

wars, rumors of war,  
drought, floods, violence across the land.  
in the cities, towns; so too, political unrest

climate change, rising inflation,  
the propagandists, activists for change,  
all seem to have gone out of their minds .

and, dear Lord, I'm searching  
for a way to pay off my tractor, my mortgage,  
how to feed my farm animals,

raise some crops, feed my family,  
care for those dependent upon me.  
all from the little in my pocket.

I'm so tired, down on my luck  
with nothing fit to watch on TV; still  
I'm worrying about paying for the electricity.

guess I'll never get to visit relatives  
in Chicago, or the mountains; my dreams,  
my vacation, like a cruise, are non-existent.

my leisure time I'll put on hold.  
until, I'm at least one hundred years old,  
when, most likely, I'll be six feet, down below.

oh, the stories my children's children will tell,  
how those in power, and their blind sighted narratives  
filled a peoples' lives and hearts with dread.

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help, help me please, help all those farmers  
all those like me pleading, praying  
for everyone to wake up before it's too late.

already inflation, gas prices, food,  
hospital, electricity bills, and more,  
gone out of sight. life dwindling, fears increasing.

with the loss of health, wealth, peace and  
something to eat, everyone I know  
is feeling the pinch of sky-high taxes and inflation.

these are but a few things on my mind.  
so too, an immediate way to protect my crops.  
in like manner, may we all be rescued from mind control.

may we not bury our heads. may we yield not  
our thoughts nor accept the legacy of propagandists  
or yield our labors to those yielding greed's power,

those who wave batons like dark clouds over our heads  
I'm but a simple farmer wanting what everyone wants:  
a way to make a living without outside interference.

## The Midwife

Lord, a'mercy,  
time's I be a'goin'  
Sister Mae, she'll be needing me.

Yall's goin to have to fend  
for yorselves, while I'm gon.  
No tellin, how long,  
it's gonna take.

Mighty long time.  
Or not, 'pends upon the baby.  
Recken' it'll come pretty quick,  
seeing's how's I be a'thinking,  
this one's be her tenth.

Unless...  
and iff'en ther's a problem.  
No one knows for sure.  
God will'en,  
And iffen the crek don't rise,  
I'll be back  
before the week's over.

Don't y'all be looking at me like that!  
It ain't fitten!  
It ain't as if you'ns hav'n the baby!

Go on now, fetch the mule .  
I gotta go 'bout  
gettin me burthen tools.

## Upon Reflection

In the regal seat of power, he sits high  
Above everyone else;  
See now how he swaggers,

Down the corridors. Down the aisles.  
He's a royal character, not  
So surprising, he's eyeing all those beneath him,

With suspicion, with disdain. With contempt.  
How is it, I wonder, that he's not content,  
Satisfied with his elevated status, himself?

Why else does he disrespect, denigrate those,  
Who from necessity, close their eyes to his contempt?  
It's a shame, is it not,

How he props himself up against a wall  
Of mirrors, always on the offense?  
Yet, he dares not to seize a moment

To take even a glimpse of himself.  
Perhaps, the risk too great?  
His fears too great, lest the mirror

Of illusion crack, shatter? Might he fear  
He'd actually see himself. As others do?  
Me thinks he thinks he has won.

And, perhaps he has?  
But only in a way  
That he can live with himself.

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And yet, he's unaware, caring not  
That the minions he holds  
In utter contempt, see the truth

Of what, or who he's has actually become:  
Something so terrible, so painful, something  
He cannot bear to see. Or to accept.

Neither does he understand,  
Nor comprehend the difference  
Between reflection and genuflection.

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 proses. 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 Fragrance Of Rice Flowers That Stretches For Ten Miles

This ancient deserted city

Although seeing the tall willow tree, evoked the hissing sound of the cicada

The afterglow of the west wind appears hollow, and the sound of the horses and carriages has become silent

The stream is getting old, and this temple is small but the inscription stands tall

The plane tree accompanies the stone canal to eat the rest of the autumn drunk

The setting sun hangs with light colors, looking at the fragrant rice fields ten miles to the west

Falling flowers under the hibiscus fence, mountain fruit hanging green and waiting for the autumn to ripen

May is the beginning of summer

The voice of insects recites the green of the earth at a loss for words

It was still the east wind that disturbed the dead leaves of those Paulownia trees

The lotus sinks and asks why there are only two pods left of the holy grass

There are tame birds in the courtyard, but no barking dogs in the village

The yellow ears of rice are connected to the path, blocking the shadow of the water village

The japonica rice just vomited, the cold lamp in the thatched hut was weak and only the laughter of an immortal was left

Beautiful flowers all over the mountains

Bamboo branches move the wind, and the tips of the leaves are long and white in spring

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A cuckoo flew over the forest, fragrant rice spewed the awns and shook the wind and waves  
The sunlight grows with the trail of the fallen flowers of the white tung  
The lotus leaf by the pool declares that summer is deep  
The thick fog knows that autumn will come sooner or later,  
and the thin clouds cover the sun and gradually turn cooler  
The guests came, there was wine in the house, but had to go  
to the stream to catch a few fish

## Silently Old

I wake up early  
And can't sleep even lie down  
Facing out the sky  
Why keep not remembering?  
Isn't these clothes just two cuffs?  
The pot is waiting  
Anxious people are waiting  
The cups stare blankly  
Only the fire is on  
Watching the boiling water

### Stillness

The teapot waits beside blankly staring at cups...  
Only the fire flickers  
Watching the water boil

The night is fading  
With the sound of firecrackers  
The dragon is still dancing in front of the streets  
They say the year from now on  
Scripture is opened  
My heart floated and panic  
Sound into the ears  
Muyu knock on my floating heart  
Look against the Buddha's eyes

## How Can The Railway's High Speed Be Urged?

that castle

The lights come on every night

Like a glass room, the whole house floats

The imagery of playing with flowers everywhere

High-Speed Rail Changhua Station, in Tanaka

Built by all the residents of the county

a dream

station

To be able to carry thousands of miles in an instant

Now she stands there

Was rated as the most beautiful scenery in Changhua

Wall columns in the shape of petals, skylights in the imagery of flowers on the roof

Introduced light, facing the northern tour of Gaoqiu

Lifelike

The image of the rice field in the ground, the foreign land, and the hometown melt into the hustle and bustle of the corridor

When the horses return to their hometown, they sigh with emotion

Maybe, haven't thought about it yet

is getting closer

the world is getting smaller

Or has the world become wider?

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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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## look away?

no not on judgement day  
when food, water, trees,  
all sustainable contributors  
to your survival somehow  
just went away  
you really think then  
all y'all ain't got no time  
for doing what it takes  
to save our planet so  
y'all will still look away?  
y'all who constantly violated  
simple measures to ensure  
the very things that are here  
to allow all of us to survive,  
thrive simply stay alive  
need our concern as  
caretakers  
all of us just to be  
humble, grateful  
givers not just takers who  
don't look out for this plant  
that is our only home in  
the universe  
no matter what quest there is  
to find other homes out there  
we all belong here  
sorry fools there is no  
there, there  
so y'all keep looking away  
hear

## writing

release fear  
pen, paper here  
express my passions  
concerns fill me  
so, i must release thee  
free me  
need inside of me  
to express, proclaim  
truth without fear  
not one who suffers in  
silence  
defying science known as  
truth  
said to set me free  
dam set me free?  
who wouldn't want to be?  
so let the words flow  
heart, pen, paper then  
some  
making quest for inner  
peace labor of love  
gift from above  
for me to share  
so that i'm free from fear  
i'm writing

## dem lies

everywhere  
indifference  
hopelessness  
selfishness  
greed, materialism  
corruption, deception  
trivial pursuit  
shallow ambitions  
reality altered by  
misconceived perception  
reverence afforded to  
irrelevance  
concern for what is "Relevant"  
aborted  
values, distorted, by false images  
electronically transported into our  
brain, again and again by those few  
who have something to gain  
those few who use me and you  
to make sure what they want they  
attain  
so, they proclaim, "What you don't  
know won't hurt you"  
"get this, buy that, you know you can't  
afford not to  
you know you want to "  
on and on poppin' da same "ole" game'  
non-stop  
all in the plot to keep you on the bottom  
so they control the top  
make you so mad you want to HOLLA  
there's nothing they won't do to me  
and you to have, hold and control their  
god, dollar\$\$\$'s

Kimberly  
Burnham

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## Potato Diversity

A pile of potatoes  
tiny round one's roll  
with large brown baking potatoes  
red and golden  
purple with creamy white insides  
even potatoes in shades of blue  
remind me of Peru  
growing in high mountain air  
so many different kinds  
potatoes toasted alongside fish  
mashed with butter  
fried with eggs  
in a world full of diversity

## Hot

Hot, so hot  
food is dying in the field  
for want of water  
children disappear for need  
of cool clean liquids  
and food from the field

Hot oil pours from parched ground  
fueling cars and businesses  
we try to drive less  
recycle more  
plant drought resistant crops

But it is getting hotter

## Water and Sky

Reflected clouds and sunlight  
bounce off waves  
in a flooded field  
a quiet river full of fish  
a lake growing plants  
and air for the planet  
all dependent on water  
falling from the sky  
reflected in stillness

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Where Are the Greenfields?

We woke up one day to an arid, barren field  
What was once full of greeneries have gone dry,  
Oh, people of the Earth, supposed to be Protectors  
Defenders of the Environment,  
Where have the Greenfields gone?  
Climate change is here to stay  
What about tomorrow's generation now?  
Look at the crops we have been harvesting lately,  
The colors of our fruits have gone bad  
We cannot help but be dismayed and get mad.  
Where are the Greenfields our children might ask,  
The ones we often told them in our little stories.

## Que Sera Sera, My Friend

How are you my dear?  
I see on your cheeks a drop of tear  
Your life is an open book to many  
But have you seen yourself in the mirror lately ?  
Creases of wrinkles envelop your face,  
I now cannot see traces of your once grace.  
When I ask you what will happen tomorrow?  
If you succumb to defeat and utter sorrow,  
You replied "Que sera, sera my friend."  
We are the ones responsible for what happens our lives,  
We cannot leave all to fate and just fret in a corner  
When everything seems to fall apart  
We can choose to rise above  
Be like a phoenix rising from the ashes,  
Tell the world we have conquered the tempest  
And emerge triumphant in the end.

## The Mask

She used to be an unassuming lass,  
The one who quietly sits at the corner  
The wallpaper, the silent observer  
People around her wonder what's on her head,  
As she rarely speaks and interact with another  
She dons a mask-  
Carries herself with class,  
The others do not realize the genius in her  
Until the day, she made a name  
And many clamored for her sudden fame  
She dons a mask-  
Like a silent river she flows with her own divinity,  
Enveloped ideas resurface in her masterpieces  
And always surprise the audience with her madness  
She dons a mask-  
Each day and let people discover  
The collateral beauty behind the veil.

Joe  
Paire

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Joseph L Paire' aka Joe DaVerbal Minddancer . . .  
is a quiet man, born in a time where civil liberties  
were a walk on thin ice. He's been a victim of his  
own shyness often sidelined in his own quest for  
love. He became the observer, charting life's path.  
Taking note of the why, people do what they do. His  
writings oft times strike a cord with the  
dormant strings of the reader. His pen the rosined  
bow drawn across the mind. He comes full-frontal  
or in the subtlest way, always expressing in a way  
that stimulate the senses.

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## Grow Your Own

I have a garden now  
I've been harvesting twice a week  
I'm not starving now

My family seems to have a greater interest  
The way the weather's changed  
Things are not the same  
I have to be socially, and emotionally invested in this

Let's write a policy on community gardening  
For every ten homes built, they'll be a farm, you see  
The right to bare fruit instead of arms suits me  
A new agenda to mend the arguments about you and me

Potatoes, tomato's pronounce them how you want to  
My early morning walk through,  
my garden soothes my soul

The climate takes its toll, it's hot as hell in England  
Although I hate the cold, I need the change of seasons  
I don't want to know a life that's earth less  
Climate change effects more than the surface  
Fields of rice overnight, cooked in acre sized plots

I hate that we're not addressing the situation  
Living as though we're the only nation with people  
We were created equal until taught otherwise

I have a garden now  
I've been harvesting twice a week  
I'm not starving now  
Yet I still hunger for world peace

## Home Schooled

Tiny hands and a shaky walk  
Spoken to before they can talk  
What are they hearing and seeing?

Listen, I don't want them better than me  
I want to teach them better to see  
There are choices, and consequences for everything  
ABC's and Dick and Jane  
123's and time on the swing

Mother and father are arguing  
not bothering to think they're still teaching  
a child's reaching for the stove  
thank God for older siblings

immune to the constant squabble  
public schooled with an attitude  
he plans to run away tomorrow

parents or peers,  
it's what you hear  
it's what you see,  
what you learn is up to me,  
to be a better teacher

modern day electronics  
with whom knows what is on it  
every teacher ain't honest  
and honestly every preacher  
how do I reach you Homeschooled?

## The Cliffs Edge

I walked along the path covered in green  
My thoughts were with the next step  
I wanted to see the view from the cliffs edge  
Books and nature channel images are fine  
They lack the existential quality

Sight, sound, touch,  
and this scent could never be canned,  
ah' to smell a free breeze  
Trees and vines, those sweet bee catchers

I caught a glimpse of a stream  
I've dreamt of places like this  
I made a heaven for myself  
Eternity lies in the memories of those who loved me  
I have to reach this cliff

Encompass my moral conscience  
I need a compass tho I'm not lost  
Trails from the souls laid before me  
Show me the way to everlasting serenity  
They sing for me, the birds sing for me  
I listened silently, moistened from human dew

There were whispers, leaves became prayer warriors  
Although this was not a fight between heaven and hell  
This was the light often spoke of in ending tales  
I reached the cliff and sat a spell

I was never going to jump, although many have  
I went to give praise from my highest reach  
I went to enjoy the gift of Eden  
A place were humanity forgot it's right here  
Right on the cliffs edge, right in your backyard  
Right where Eden is in thought

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## cause and effect

it cannot be denied  
the dynamics of cause and effect  
plays a critical role in the Universe

agroecosystems on one hand,  
the natural environment on the other

agricultural undertakings  
do not merely produce crops  
but rather directly cause changes  
in the ecosystem,  
impacting water quality,  
pollination, soil preservation,  
nutrient cycling, carbon appropriation  
and biodiversity protection

the increasing utilization of chemicals  
for the sake of farming  
reflects, among other warning signals,  
on the level of erosion of soil  
thus, the unsustainably intensive  
agricultural practices  
affect a wide range of ecosystems,  
which, in turn, collide with  
the agricultural systems

confusing?  
not really  
please make sure  
to read between the lines

besides,  
what is written here  
is widely found online

## overgrown

correct me, if i am wrong  
do the countless corn fields  
bragging about their overgrown corns  
signal the negative impact  
agricultural drills have on  
ecosystems?

you see, the rural area  
where i live in now  
shows off corn fields  
left and right  
on each of my rides  
through the depth  
of the countryside

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## agroecosystems

running out of time

we'd better wake up awoke

the damage is vast

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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Teresa E. Gallion was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and moved to Illinois at the age of 15. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of Illinois Chicago and received her master's degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She retired from New Mexico state government in 2012.

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>

## Climatic Food Impact

Are we ready for declines  
in food production?

Are we ready for increased prices  
due to food shortages?

Are we ready to consume more toxic food  
due to out-of-control climate change?

Science continues to warn us.

We do not believe.  
We do not listen.

The price will be high  
for lack of attention.

## River Reflection

My walking meditation draws me  
to the Spirit of the Rio Grande,  
soothing in the morning light.

I feel regal  
after the benediction  
of an Egyptian massage.

No words to adequately describe  
the ancient hold of energy  
of temple ruins and tombs

unearthed in all their glory,  
tease my many lifetimes  
sitting here beside the river.

I am remarkably blessed  
here in the Bosque  
with a wave of New Mexico

love light surrounding me.  
I gaze the eloquence  
of delightful cottonwood

as it sings in green lyrics  
all around the river and me.  
I could shout my gratitude

over and over again  
and that would not be sufficient  
to express my joy

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to be home  
in my beloved New Mexico  
reflecting on my journey.

I touch the Rio Grande,  
step out of my body  
into the Nile River.

I feel the weight of 4000 years  
speak to me in tongues  
I can understand when it tells me:

*I am still here.  
Mankind may pollute and abuse me,  
cause a temporary flu,  
but cannot destroy me.*

*I will be here when  
all the pathetic souls of earth  
leave the planet  
for I am eternal.*

*I am the key of life.  
I am the fluid of life.  
I am the Goddess of energy.  
I will survive another 4000 years.  
I will still be here.*

My soul feels the cold vigor  
of those years making me tremble  
in the magnitude of those words.

It is the power of earth  
to tell its story in generational waves  
as we repeat the cycles of life and death  
and the river still flows.

Coming back to my body,

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I sit by the Rio Grande,  
run my fingers across the water.

Feel the connection between  
the Nile and the Rio Grande  
in the essence of a River's flow.

**Mount Nebo Reflections**

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Standing on top of Mount Nebo  
surrounded by the strain of a sandstorm,  
I cannot see the Dead Sea.

I see the Spirits of the Pharaohs,  
images of their gods and goddesses  
and I see Moses looking  
into the Promised Land.

Souls on the color spectrum  
parade across my visual bridge  
from the ancient lands.

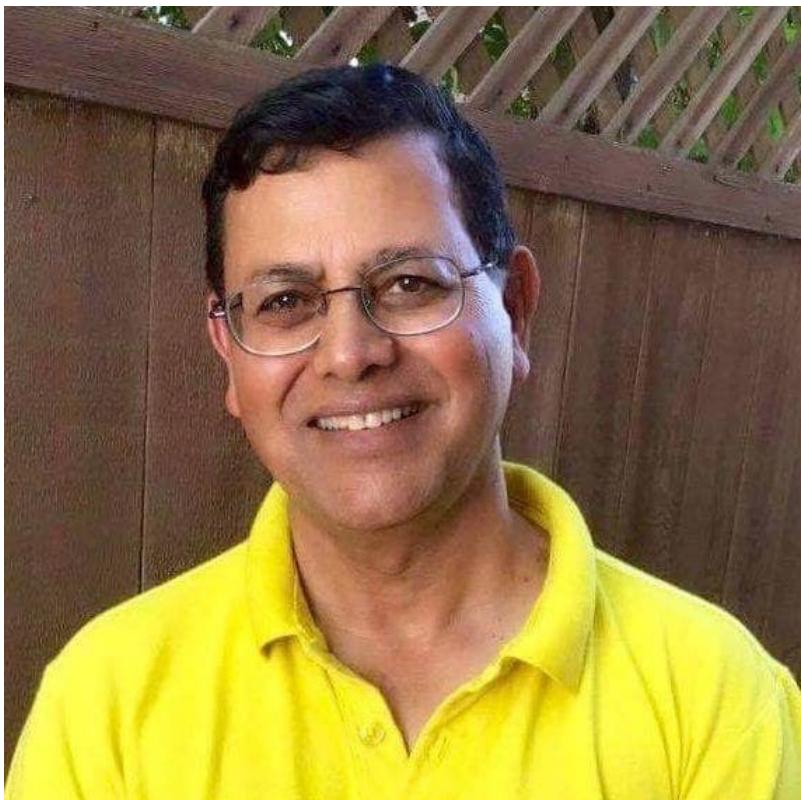
I feel confused until Spirit  
brushes my face with wind currents  
and my ears hear:

*All my souls are broken  
stroking massive egos,  
drowning in pride  
and carry material trash  
to an afterlife that does not accept  
gold nor silver charms.*

Only light bodies may enter  
the heavenly kingdoms.  
We do not learn.  
We still hold onto  
the sorceress greed.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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## Acid Rain

Rain coming down  
on the parched land  
thirsty plants and  
withered flowers

to give nourishing  
blessings of water  
to calm the sweltering heat

to spread the aroma  
of wet soil  
all around

but it is industrial pollution  
sigh  
acid rain

## Mustard Fields

stretched to the horizon  
thin golden yellow petals  
in the light of the dawn

rising pink glow of light  
over the distant sea of haze  
in the blue sky

this is the heaven  
on earth  
cultivated by sweat of brow  
of the toil  
of a farmer

.....

it's spectacular day  
flowers splash smiles  
on the beauty of sunshine  
busy butterflies, bees  
and hummingbirds  
feed on nectar of colours

oh, it's a day in paradise  
and I feel blessed

## Soft Touch

If you wish to love me  
then accept me as I am  
and nothing else.

If you like to trust me  
then believe in me  
for no reason at all.

If you want to caress me  
then touch me with your eyes  
without asking why?

Because one day  
my love will spring,  
my passion will emerge,  
my heart will blossom, and  
my zeal will grow  
for you.

But if you cannot wait for me  
then without any hesitation  
leave me and go away.  
Because I can create you  
when I am ready.

unfold the layered heart  
spread wings wide  
soar like an eagle.

Caroline  
‘Ceri Naz’  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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Caroline ‘Ceri Naz’ Nazareno-Gabis, author of Velvet Passions of Calibrated Quarks, World Poetry Canada International Director to Philippines is known as a ‘poet of peace and friendship’, a multi-awarded poet, editor, journalist, speaker, linguist, educator, peace and women’s advocate. She believes that learning other’s language and culture is a doorway to wisdom.

Among her poetic belts include PANORAMA YOUTH LITERARY AWARDS 2020, 7 th 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), the sair-gazeteci or 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.

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Links to her works:

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## Ode to the Farmer's Harvest

This florilegium is not enough  
To salute the farmers who planted  
Seeds of Love, Hope, Patience, Understanding,  
Most essential than any other things,  
Watered and grown with  
Tears, Sweat, Blood and Heart,  
Witnessed by the weather of life,  
Caressed by the sun and the rain,  
In other corners of the globe,  
Beds of snow and snowflakes  
So many stories it can tell.  
The harvester's hands are golden maps  
That offers food, shelter, medicine,  
Clothes and furniture and many more  
The gift of miracles  
That we share for many years.

## showroom of bliss

i can see morning in different reasons:  
a flame burning,  
reminding me to rise and shine;  
a portrait of divine grace,  
whenever odds come in,  
you and me sharing a home;  
a paradigm of reality,  
when someone distorts the story,  
i believe, i share the beauty of honesty;  
a design of attitude,  
if others want to throw mistakes over me,  
i am the reflection of a happiness;  
a rhyming bliss,  
i dare, i was born to be a peacemaker;  
a healing promise,  
i can see today's a bouquet of roses  
that i am loved so much,  
i am a showroom of hope, joy and peace.

## The Coffee Bean Story

I got by the *cafeteria*  
I smiled and said hi to the barista,  
Ordered for a cup of coffee 'n cream and a croissant  
He said, "you look awesome,  
how are you today ma'am?"  
So I answered back,  
"I need to have a tickling caffeine,  
metamorphosing aroma,  
and a little touch of sweet sunshine,  
over the minutes and hours passed,  
while waiting on the skytrain,  
over the flagging of words I need to swallow  
and digest from the coffee bean's winter-tales,  
until I'll get by  
with a cup  
of love.  
Then he smiled back at me,  
He wished me "May all the coffee beans  
Send you safe in your home sweet home."

Swapna  
Behera

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## climate change and food scarcity

here a change there a change  
farmer's kitchen is closed  
the frozen voice marching  
on the high way  
hunger challenges bigger hunger  
the conscience is paralyzed  
super ego is catered in the celebrations wasting food of  
rainbow colours and multi flavours  
delayed monsoon, global warming  
weed grows more and more  
so, pesticides used  
the yield of crops reduced  
rise in the sea level  
changes in water cycle  
loss of soil  
ground water recharge rate is reduced  
where is the food security!  
precipitation pattern changes  
affects food quality  
salinity of the soil increases  
call of the hour is rotation of crops, mixed cropping  
land use pattern has to be changed  
bread for each is the call of the time  
listen to the tears  
save food; save Nature

## Does God ever live beyond the sky!!

Does God ever live beyond the sky??  
God created land, air and water  
man created religion, boundaries and all dark patches  
Countries have dark patches  
Patches of hunger, illiteracy and poverty  
Scarcity of water, food and values

Pregnancy suffers, babies die  
Ethiopia suffers, Uganda cries, radiation kills  
Deserts burn, flood washes fertility  
Disasters break backbones of economy  
Social stigmas create food insecurities  
Food becomes gold and beyond universal reach  
Bread is the only solace and peace for hunger  
Preaching and practice differ  
Hypocrisy can never fill the belly  
Hunger creates injustice crime and melodrama  
Food is universal as love is  
Love thy neighbour as your own-self  
Peace reigns where food is

No more tears no more pain  
Don't ever cry-babies and mothers  
Enough is enough  
Hearts will welcome hearts beyond boundaries  
No more racialism, no discrimination  
People will worship living Gods  
Perfect world will come up  
New crimson Sun will evaporate  
all black patches  
New crops, flowers will bless

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The rarest moments will come  
When all will smile  
Every heart will pray for others  
Food will be for all the people, by the people and of the  
people  
Every hand will till and grow  
Food will be in bellies and not in granaries of tycoons

Is it so difficult to live and love??  
Is it so difficult to care and share??  
Blessed are the merciful those  
who rejoice in wiping tears  
Does God ever live beyond the sky!!!

## a holy sin vs. a red rose

the perennial flow from eternity  
bright illumination of the burning fire  
fathomed soil germinating civilisation of humanity  
the allegory of passion  
is the parenthesis of life  
passions are the catastrophes  
of a moment or of years  
In a deep ocean or in a desert  
a vibration in the existence  
fragrances of memory  
or frankincense in the monger  
passions are explicit scribbles on the time zone  
sparrow's nests woven on the trees in the monsoon  
at times may be fractured or forbidden  
but a life line of all  
passions are groused mercers  
and the metaphors of life  
who has measured the perimeters of passions?  
neither Adam's heart nor Judah's coins  
Is the passion a holy sin or a red rose??

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Albert  
‘Infinite’  
Carrasco

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

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## Agriculture

It's getting too hot in the fields,  
climate change is reducing crop yields.

A growing population depends on a certain level of food production.

We are already feeling the negative impacts of climate change,

if this continues, in time all our resources will dangerously decline.

Invasive crops, pest and extreme heat are changing the food some people eat.

There's huge populations going through diet adaptation.  
wheat is deceasing and the amount of livestock loss is increasing.

the production of cereal, poultry and meat will deplete.  
This is cause and effect.

Farmers are trying to weather the storm,  
but it looks like science is going to take a big part of continuing what was the "norm".

Climate change is happening rapidly,  
millions of people going hungry could be a sad reality.

## Slam

I really don't get involved with the competition thing unless it's a slam, after we spit verses we congratulate a winner by shaking his/her hand. We gain respect for each other, it's a battle kept friendly, it's about out thinking while spitting, it's not about threats of killing, this way we make no enemies. You go, he goes, they go, I go, we all enjoy each others flow, I'm not trying to make a person that just started slamming not want to slam no more. I know the words from my brain pop off like a slug at the highest grain, after 3 mins the mic gets killed none of my comp gets maimed, I just let them know I play no games and my respect for them on or off a stage remains the same. I know I'm one of the highest flying poetic bombardier pilots, my ballistics move crowds without inciting riots

## I'm from a place

I'm From a place the Devil knows well, a surface of hell where evil dwells, welcome to the ghetto, temptation roams rampant in housing tenements, the good get caught up doing bad to do good, it's the hood like the reapers ensemble, territorial turmoil always has youngens in trouble, hell serenades stops at graves and starts from the cradle. Bad is advertised, good is criticized, facades cover lies, new York New York , hells kitchen, waiters serve death to those with slow suicide in their eyes, holding the fries, it's a huge restaurant of genocide. It's the way of the new world order to obtain the pyramid from the paper equivalent of four quarters, lucifer was our neighbors, The faces of Jinn comes in many complexions, delivering darkness into this metropolis where most are option less, they say walk that path, Keep walking no matter the consequence.. Blindness. I have awaken, im back to ave's and dead ends dousing the streets set aflame with infinite wisdom.

Eliza  
Segiet

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Eliza Segiet: Master's Degree in Philosophy, completed postgraduate studies in Cultural Knowledge, Philosophy, Arts and Literature at Jagiellonian University. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The NWNU - Union of Writers of the World.

Her poems *Questions* and *Sea of Mists* won the title of the International Publication of the Year 2017 and 2018 in Spillwords Press.

For her volume of *Magnetic People* she won a literary award of a *Golden Rose* named after Jaroslaw Zielinski (Poland 2019 r.). Her poem *The Sea of Mists* was chosen as one of the best one hundred poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada.

In Poet's Yearbook, as the author of *Sea of Mists*, she was awarded with the prestigious Elite Writer's Status Award as one of the best poets of 2019 (July 2019).

She was awarded *World Poetic Star Award* by World Nations Writers Union – the world's largest Writers' Union from Kazakhstan (August 2019).

In September 2019 she was 1<sup>st</sup> Place Laureate (Foreign Poetry category) – in Contest *Quando È la Vita ad Invitare* for poem *Be Yourself* (Italy).

Her poem *Order* from volume *Unpaired* was selected as one of the 100 best poems of 2019 in International Poetry Press Publications (Canada).

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

Laureate International Award PARAGON OF HOPE (Canada, 2020).

Obtained certificate of appreciation from *Gujarat Sahitya Academy* and *Motivational Strips* for literary excellence par with global standards (2020).

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

Author's works can be found in anthologies, separate books and literary magazines worldwide.

## Rush

We live in a rush,  
we don't notice,  
that our achievements  
aren't always  
successes.  
Still proud of the records  
– faster,  
– more,  
– better.

Insolent, we boast about  
deeds,  
warming not just  
our image,  
but also the climate.

Warmer means  
– drought  
– melting icebergs.

When  
– water takes the land  
– drought will starve  
the living,  
– smog will not permit  
to breathe. Wounded  
lands, seas, and air  
will fall silent.  
It's the time,  
in which nobody  
will hear anymore  
how slowly was being killed,  
the future.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

## The freedom of imagination

Sculpture living in the garden,  
verily shrinks its space,  
but freedom of imagination  
gives the chance for its expansion.  
The mind has no frenulum,  
Nobody spurs it on  
to rush it.

You see that,  
what you want to see:  
ships in the clouds,  
fish on the land,  
a human, one who thinks  
that world  
is free of humanly harm,  
and earth will feed everyone.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

## A Desolate Place

Nature wakes to ponderings  
at beauty  
of self created magic.  
Meadows attract flying insects,  
people are lured by multicolored gardens,  
a desert is for those,  
who can find themselves in its  
seemingly raw beauty.

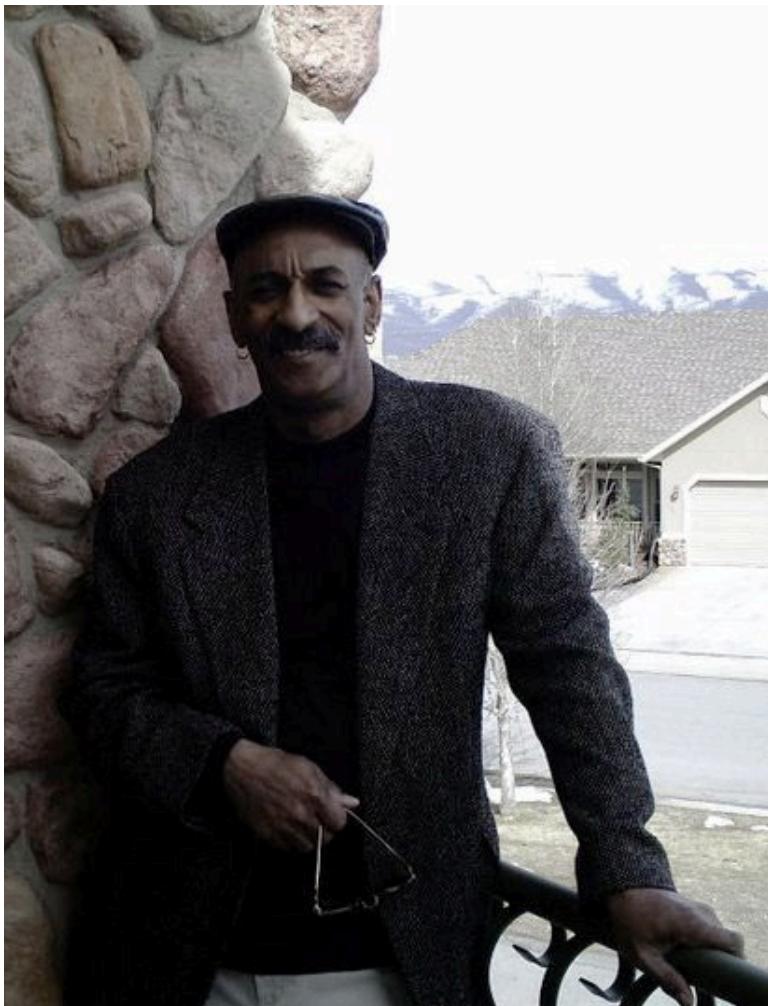
It's hard to refind roses  
hidden among the countless quantity  
of specks of sand.

In this desolate place  
human's dialogue with an omnipresent void,  
among the multiplicity,  
brings awareness  
of the essence of existence.  
Time and space  
– always together.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## Alternatives

The plains have flooded,  
The crops have drowned  
And the world is burning  
While people are yearning  
For food

Learn to drink  
More salt water,  
Eat more seaweed

## Let Me

Let me embrace you this day,  
This hour,  
This moment,  
For who knows  
What this night,  
The morrow  
May bring ....  
For eternity has expectations of me.

Let me make the call,  
Send a text,  
Say a prayer.  
Let me send you flowers,  
Flowers of my good intent,  
My love for you ...  
Be it literally or vicariously  
That my essence divine  
Be upon you,  
And anoint you with my 'Holy"

I pray that you feel my presence,  
But even still,  
Know that I am with you  
Always,  
As you are with me

Let me  
Speak the words,  
Whisper incantations,  
Ink the lines  
That tell of my undying commitment  
To remember who we are!

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We are souls,  
Drifting upon the seas of life,  
Subject to the currents,  
The winds,  
The calm  
Of it all

May my desires  
For fulfillment be sated;  
May my reflection in your eyes  
Be wholesome and joyous;  
May my want, your want, our want,  
Be no more  
When this journey  
Arrives and lays claim  
To its zenith.

Let me embrace you this day,  
This hour,  
This moment,  
For who knows  
What this night,  
The morrow,  
May bring ....  
For eternity has expectations of me.

Let me ...

## I run

*What we chase only runs faster. ~ krisar*

### I Run

I have pursued you  
Throughout my life  
Only for the pure essence of you  
To slip between the fingers of my grasp

Like water,  
I can not hold you  
With my hands alone,  
And I am only left with  
Remnants and memories  
Of your once full presence

I thought my self to be fortunate  
And thus sated  
When I first held you,  
But as I tried to contain you  
You elected to teach me  
That ‘Love’ is not to be contained,  
Save in the heart,  
And even then,  
You aptly remind me that  
The heart is only a vessel  
For sharing

Yet I pursue anyway . . .

### I Run

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### Featured Poets

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Abdulloh Abdumominov

Caroline Turunç

Tali Cohen Shabtai

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Pankhuri  
Sinha

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Pankhuri Sinha is a bilingual Indian poet and story writer. Two poetry collections published in English, two story collections published in Hindi, five poetry collections published in Hindi, and many more are lined up. Has been published in many journals, anthologies, home and abroad. Has won many prestigious, national-international awards, including the Seemapuri Times Rajeev Gandhi Excellence award, awards in Chekhov festival in Yalta and in Premio Besio Poetry competition in Italy, Sahitto award in Bangladesh, and Premio Galateo in Italy for poetry in mother tongue. Also, awarded by Albania, Nigeria, Romania among others. Has been translated in over twenty six languages.

After 14 years in North America, currently residing between New Delhi and Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

## The Orphan that I am not

No, I am not an orphan  
Just the fifth child of that worker  
Who works in the brick factory in between the village and  
the town  
Stands in the que before the liquor shop, each evening  
I was born perhaps out of one such inebriated rape of my  
hungry mother  
Who has never known how to protest or resist  
Not just his sexual appetite but his beatings  
Ever since I was three I have been gathering firewoods  
For food to be cooked and never got a full meal!

In the big premises of the buildings  
Where I often gather little wooden sticks  
The goat herdsman told me, is a school  
Its private, but there are schools like that for all  
Where with teachings, they give mid-day meal  
That night I had a dream! I was a student in uniform  
Knowing how to read, write and codify! Is it true?  
Can it be?  
Can someone rescue? Where is that school?

## A very big brain game

On the level of eugenics  
One that involved  
Babies  
Children  
Health  
Baby making  
Baby raising  
Sending them to school  
The grades  
The big brands of nations  
Citizenship of children  
Everything  
Being extra branded  
Life extra fenced  
Territorialized  
Labeled  
Beat  
Defeated  
If not played right  
In an unfair game  
Beginning with problematized medicine  
Problematized sex  
Body building stunts  
All ending in nothing  
Bad steroids  
Barren years  
Plain and simple choking of her womanhood  
In the nothingness of eugenics  
In the great wastage of her child bearing years  
In the deafening, ringing silence  
Of her caused barrenness

## The school yard outside my window

That there is a schoolyard outside my window  
And my heart is not breaking at all  
After my pregnancy  
Was aborted, almost  
Is not surprising  
Children's noise  
Is healing  
Watching children play in the school yard  
Recovery  
Children in the school yard  
Live and bubbly  
All around  
In lines and circles  
Their uniforms  
Their colored dresses  
Their shouts  
The school bell  
The class breaks  
The teachers  
The after school hours  
The lonely grass field  
The empty benches  
That there is a school yard  
Outside my window  
And my heart  
Is not breaking at all  
Is recovery.

Abdulloh  
Abdumominov

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Poet Mili Das from Kolkata was honoured and awarded by the Hon'ble Vice President of India SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU on 18th September, 2021 from Parliament House, New Delhi for translating the immortal lines from the poem of famous Tamil poet Subramania Bharatiar to commemorate the Memorial Day Centenary of Mahakavi Bharati.

Mili Das is a bilingual poet and international published poet from Kolkata, India. Her first poetry book 'APEKSHA KORCHHI BANDI KAFINE' was published in January 2019. Her second poetry book 'RAJBHABANER SAMNE' and third English poetry book "YOU ARE STILL THERE" published from Romania. Fourth English poetry book "NEVER BROKEN" published from Florida, America. She started writing death poems. Everyone continues to say after her poems, it seems as if she has touched death. In every week her poems are recited on Mexican radio "ODAS MSGICAS DE UNAMOS AL MUNDO CON LA POESIA" Voz: Amalia Figarella de Jesurum de Venezuela, Español. Poet Mili Dad's two Bengali poetry books are being published at International Kolkata Book Fair. One English poetry book is being published in this month of January 2022.

## Winter

Silver Winter has come again,

Kids flying sled.

We make Christmas,

We play snowballs.

They hit my window,

The sound of a bitter winter.

Invites you to the new year,

The playful word of the snow.

## Tales told by my mother

Great from each other  
My mother tells fairy tales  
Leads to good  
Tales of generations  
Pillars in the future

We tell my mom  
Thank you very much  
We get it from fairy tales  
Examples of goodness  
We will ask again  
Stories, proverbs

## Peace

May there always be peace,  
Let there be no war.  
May our country be beautiful,  
Rejoice, our people.  
Wherever you go, always,  
Do good to you.  
They say that even the ancestors,  
The near future is you.

Always in our country,  
It's a wedding, it's a spectacle.  
Tulips on the hill,  
Come on guys.

We celebrate,  
Now you guys.  
In our independent hands  
When we live happily

Caroline  
Turunç

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Caroline LAURENT Turunc Antakya, Turkey, Arab origin, the daughter of a family of nine children. She started writing at the age of 15. She wrote her first novel at this age and her family did not allow the book to be published, her brother and mother destroyed the manuscript.

This incident did not prevent her from writing more. She has written over 1500 poems since 2013, received many certificates from abroad, and participated in 12 local and foreign anthologies. Her poems have been published in many international journals and sites. She is writing a novel and is about to finish it soon. She published two poetry books, "Between Oriental and Schemal" and "Desert lily".

She won the second place among 2575 poets from every country during the championship of the world literature in Romania. She won a prize in the poetry festival held by Yan in China which led her to be selected into the "world poet Literature Museum" built by the Silk Road Cultural Center of Northwest University of China. She was also a jury member of the Galaxia International Award for unpublished Poetry, 2021 edition in Chile.

She is a Turkey-based Humanitarian and represents the u.t.e.f. International foundation in Paris. She currently lives in Paris, France

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## Longing from me to me!

hello hello to you my love  
I don't know how to hold the pen or what ink to write with.  
Where should I start, how should I do it?  
How to write uninterrupted days?  
Which side of me should I tell behind bars?  
In a bag I put a yellow leaf  
And sometimes I feel like I've lost my heart...  
On a day when I spit on greed  
Where to start?  
Should words be said or hidden between unspoken words?  
Are memories forgotten without a hug or a kiss?  
Are distant ones forgotten?  
While waiting for a spring day to return  
\*\*\*\*

Ah oh darling now let the sky split and let it rain  
If I comb your wet hair without getting tired of it again  
On the wings of a lost time  
under a crushed pine tree  
tell me where to start  
With love or with anger?  
Or should it start with the best greeting?  
\*\*\*\*

I write, I write, I answer myself:  
I say tell my love I'm fine  
leaf floating in the river  
go tell him i love him  
Don't forget me, tell him:  
Tell her how can I be so good without you  
My eyes are always on the sparkles in the stars  
the moon is always high  
Like a season that takes care not to spoil an ancient history,  
Torn, in the deepest part of my nights

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I'm looking for a while.  
My youth, where I go, to my childhood  
He will understand my dreams, my soul is in doubt,  
like all dried flowers  
\*\*\*\*

ah ah ah what ah my love  
I carried my life, as if it wasn't enough  
I carry the burden of all humanity,  
With the deepest smiles to all  
Lifts my sad face,  
I'm wearing my smiley face  
My loneliness no one knows  
Tell me !  
If I say I miss you, how many centuries would you leave  
behind?  
Just like the rush of a mother whose baby is crying...  
who came running like a storm to appease her baby

Then I think I'm leaning my back against the wall,  
it would be nice to be in the bushes now  
We caress each other in a whisper without anyone seeing the  
rest  
I miss you so much I say to myself  
Oh how nice it would be if you were with me now  
How to navigate this life without you.  
Who do I call my friend, my soul, my soul?  
If you only knew how loudly I called you  
my voice falls into the dark  
\*\*\*\*

Oh if I wake up and see you in front of me  
If you come suddenly like the letters of an impossible day,  
you will warm my heart  
I'll say I'm here when you say you miss me

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Ah, if only this dream were true, I wish I could find you  
waiting at the door of our house as usual  
You pray for us without looking back  
No matter what is missing in our house, without contempt  
You're waiting for me by the fireplace in our old room.  
it would be nice to feel good

.  
ah ah my love ah  
Saba holds the wind, it never stops.

What was our fault?  
we die at birth we die young and we are already dead

## Avalanche Drops !

It blows with sadness, a loneliness before September  
in my trembling hands  
I'm trying to hold it in my palms, blood is flowing from my  
eyes  
from river to river

They steal my joy, fake dew drops  
With a piece of my singularity, I scatter like a day scattered  
in the hands of dried flowers.

He had fallen into the darkness of the night with traces of  
sadness  
Words are drying on my lips, I run, let a drop of hope fall  
into my heart  
With the highlights of the memories written on my forehead  
in the past days  
I'm slipping like the cracked earth  
We are captive to the toy called time  
Dawn awakes September from her sleep and makes the birds  
sing the song of longing

Oh the spring roses of love  
Memories written by destiny  
Life in the blink of an eye  
Moved to the hopeless morning of the hopeless September  
evening

How could I have known that there could be dead ends?  
without moving the autumn leaves  
when I already forgot to cry

## An Old Tale!

I met him on a rainy day

I was waiting at the stop, she was running towards the ticket office.

The ticket office was closed, I realized for a moment that she was scared and upset, I had an extra ticket in my pocket and I gave it to her.

When I say hello to a friend whose language I don't know

She was trying to warm her hands, which were pink from the cold. I took off my gloves, told her to wear them, she didn't want to take them, I insisted on it, then she thanked me and took them with a sweet smile. I'm glad they took the glove and put them on.

It was as if I had suddenly fallen into silence and the world had stopped there.

My heart felt like it was going to explode, It was a dream I didn't want to end

Crystal clear beautiful face, elegant lady

Spring had come to my soul, it was as if there was no white hair left on my head.

And the sky suddenly changed colors, I felt all the colors of the rainbow on my cheeks

Paris: This must be what they call the city of lovers, I wet my bones like two clouds merge.

It was like going up to the sky, if there was a river next to me, I would wet my heart with cold water.

I won't get tired of looking into your eyes for days

I quickly fell into the garden of love.

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I turned my head and looked at the garden of love  
It was very different from the Grass I played with in my  
childhood, it was more lively and exciting.  
They say every wound has a price, the smell of that price was  
very nice.  
This was my dream, I'm ready to trap myself if it's a trap

Just as he was about to fall asleep, there was a clicking  
sound.  
The doorbell rang, I opened the door, the princess of my  
dreams was in front of me, she was a little shy!  
She was wearing a purple silk dress  
Smell of amber, her hair was a flame in the dim light  
I'm in the sky where lightning strikes and splits  
When I look down I am in a great fire, as if I were the smoke  
from a volcano.

I sat on the sofa to clear my mind.  
Fears I've never felt before  
I started looking at the ceiling as if searching for something,  
I looked for a long time.  
mixed fear and joy love all in one  
If you don't speak for a long time your throat will rust  
I touch my nose, my mouth, my eyes, my face, I see the green  
night.

We made love until we melted in the pouring rain  
With our white kisses we carried all ages to the sky without  
stairs  
This is not a dream. A fairy tale from Paris

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Tali  
Cohen  
Shabtai

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Tali Cohen Shabtai, is a poet she was born in Jerusalem Israel. Tali began writing poetry at young age of six, she was an excellent literature student. She began Publishing her impressions in the school's newspaper. She firstly published her poetry in a respectful literature magazine in Israel the "Moznayim" at age 15

Tali has written three poetry books:

"Purple diluted in a black's thick" bilingual 2007

"Protest" bilingual 2012

"Nine years away from you" 2018,

Two of her books are bilingual , and the third book "Nine years from you" is scheduled to be published in foreign edition abroad.

Tali's poems expresses spiritual and physical exile.

Cohen is studying her exile and freedom paradox,

Her cosmopolitan vision is very obvious in her writing

Cohen Shabtai lived years in Oslo Norway, the USA

By 2020, her fourth book of poetry will be published which will also be published in Norwegian.

## Love Letter/Tali Cohen Shabtai

I want to write you  
all the beautiful  
words

As if it's before a holiday now,  
And I'm completely in excited waiting  
to wear the white lacquer shoes  
reserved only for special occasions.

In particular, the holiday is intended to allow me to mark a  
joyous occasion of historical significance  
not for the first time will I endeavor to write love  
without it and had it not been  
but  
it is an event of its own!

I do not remember an event like this  
since '83 at a ceremony held  
in my childhood home where the Thanksgiving feast was  
held  
on the birth of my sister  
Amit.

To that end: I invited myself  
to content with writing love. This will be marked as proof  
of my ability to cope with difficulty and a high standard of  
accomplishment if I have succeeded in writing love  
without using wisecracks and turning to alternative  
words rather than a direct application.

I am aware that there are alternatives that are liable  
to appealingly make me bypass  
even remotely  
this love letter in favor of terms from the world familiar to  
me

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reminiscent of the classic realistic painting  
in it. Every wrinkle and white hair  
are a celebration of  
orgy and drunkenness

Nevertheless, I tend not to process information in general  
and briefly because I belong  
to  
sad people who process information logically, carefully and  
long

Accordingly it will be difficult for me for me without the  
dark glooms  
and my melancholy  
to come in reconciliation with net words of love - after  
I remove the total deductions from the gross.

I object inside me to admiring so foolishly  
as the admiring one who loves  
those loved by her  
because love makes man enslaved  
in all to the beloved personality.

So I will write to you my love:  
I am tortured by the passion  
fed  
by the hope  
aroused by the despair  
tormented by suspicions  
stabbed by jealousy

Finally, there is no need for special equipment from the  
recipient to receive this letter.  
Almost every person has an address where he can be  
reached. All it takes is a mailbox at the recipient's

and I don't have one of those since noon. Now let's move  
on to a farewell letter.

## Dear poem/Tali Cohen Shabtai

I offered congratulations from this morning to tomorrow  
even though I was corrected regarding the date of birth.  
How do I explain that a person  
has no idea when  
he will end his life this time around?

I write to my mother my love for her  
in the most unexpected moments  
of tribute

how will I explain that perhaps it is the penultimate  
greeting of a daughter to her mother before the present  
cuts  
the latter and not the resurrected midwife  
from the year 80  
the umbilical cord between me  
and her placenta and not to give birth  
to me again? but to kill.

I look at my father and cry for another  
twenty years or so  
that he will not be here  
I was ahead of the artist to "grow and sanctify her great  
name"  
in the Kaddish prayer in the twilight hour in Sacker Park.  
I shed a tear.

If you live in consciousness as I wrote  
"God does not pass over life from man, as he does not  
pass over death."

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You are the most miserable person there is, with such  
insight

you do not enjoy a single piece of bread and no  
drink.

You are dead.

## To my father's surgeon

I've realized how it  
works: It is announced that ...  
and it's known all of a sudden! \*

You know that suddenness has  
an action plan that is comprehensive  
and detailed – it's  
a strategy within itself.

When it (the suddenness) receives existence in a person's  
ears  
it is experienced as a malicious trick indeed it has no  
advance warning or alert before taking  
action.

Did you know that I had to  
dismantle this trick  
of suddenness

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
of hearts in question marks  
under full anesthesia  
and full monitoring  
in waiting  
very exact  
for waiting for the  
cardiology ward.

After all, the obvious suddenness  
is no longer  
understood

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and has many consequences, it is the realization  
that we are winning something that we  
would not necessarily be entitled  
to

when

my father is on the operating table  
at a supervised temperature  
at which  
you bypassed the blockage with an  
additional route  
in his heart

and I could not  
offer you assurances  
at this time  
my father!

And/

I was to the Traveler's Prayer  
and the chorus in the Book of Psalms, from "Blessed is the  
Man"  
and to  
the verse  
"And all that he does will succeed."

Did you know  
that I have connected to every special quality  
for any trouble that may  
come  
obsessively?

And I was for every letter  
of the letters of your name  
in Psalms

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and I searched for any mention in those hours  
of heredity

Did you know that my father has three  
daughters of wonderful Semitic beauty  
will you recognize my father in them?  
When you operated  
with this suddenness on father.

And is charity not just a theological term  
for gratitude  
to be  
considered –  
please accept this (from me), surgeon!

\**Heart bypass surgery, decided on within three days of detection!*

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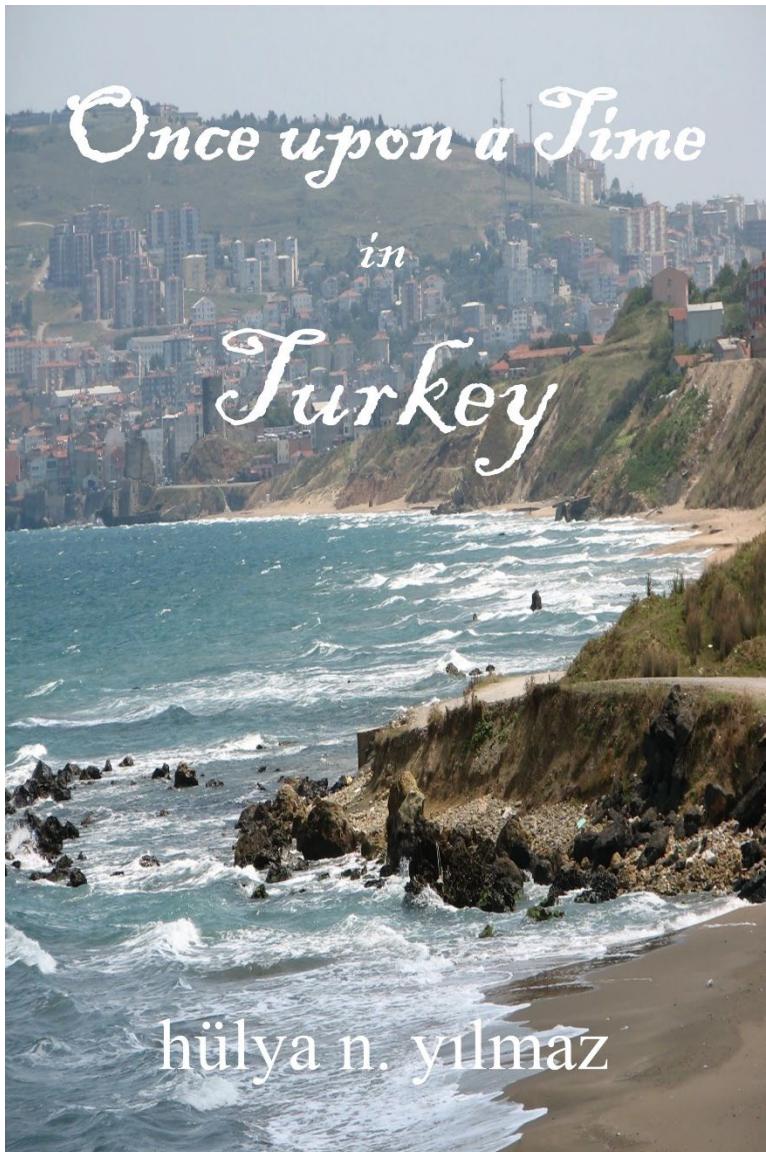
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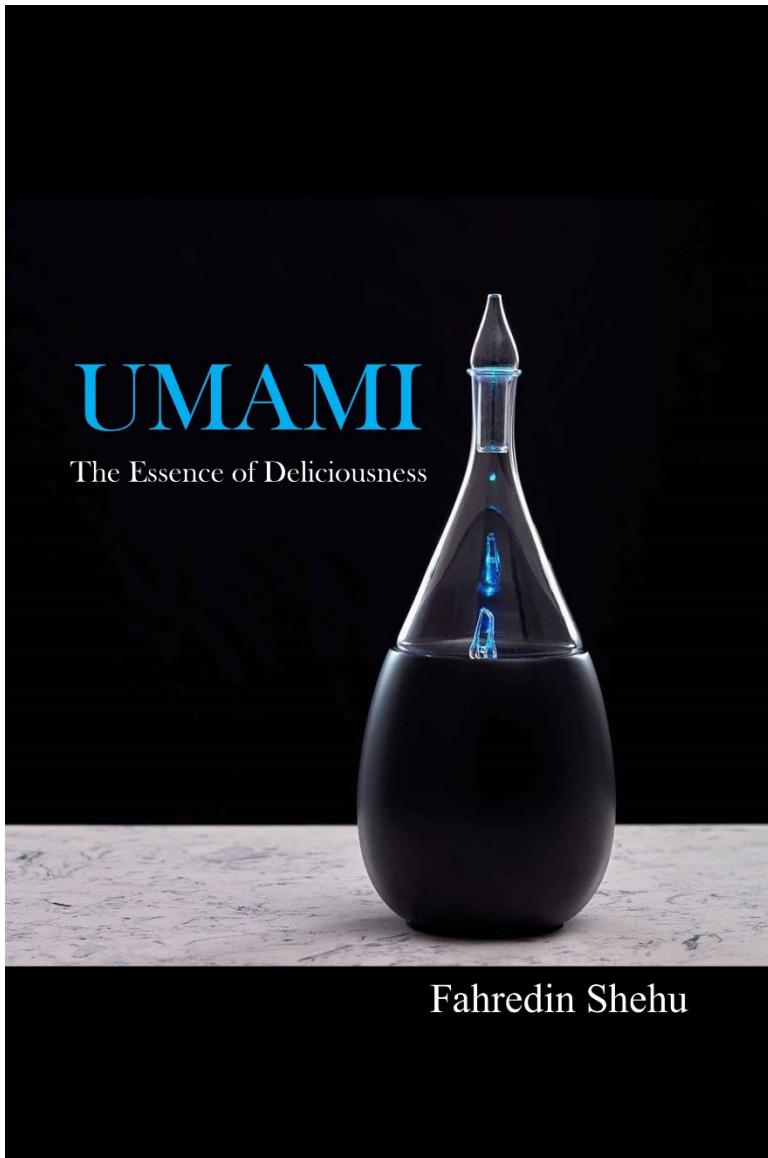
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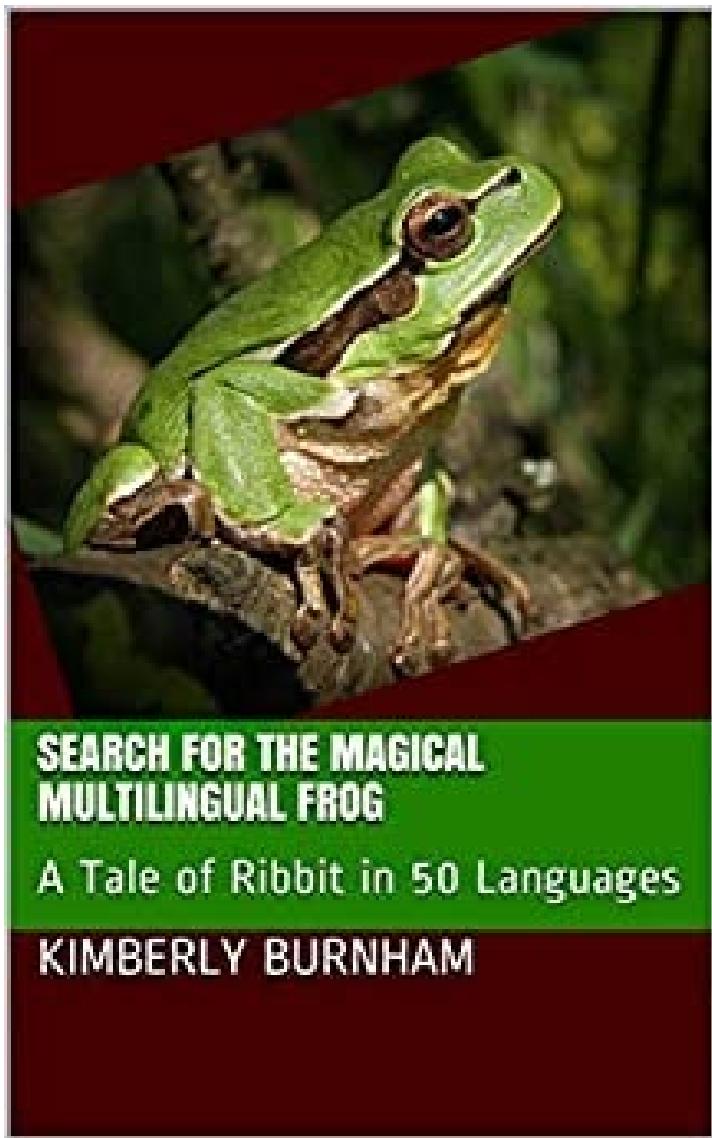


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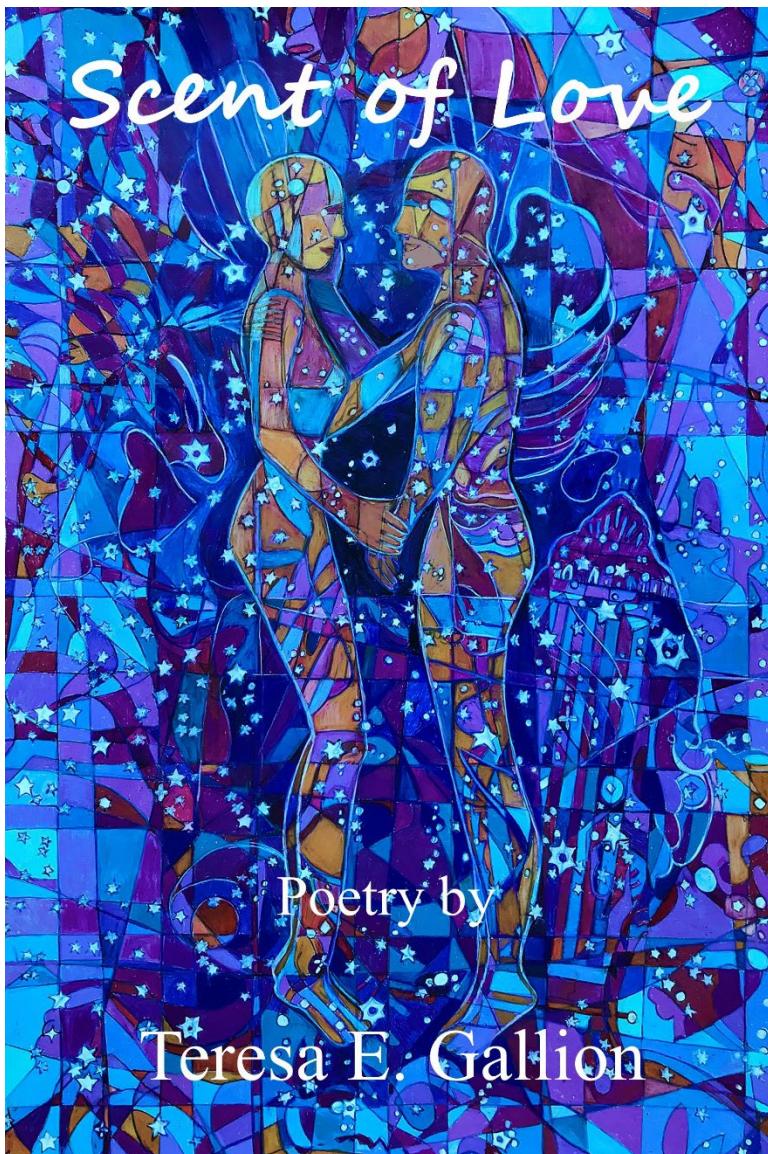
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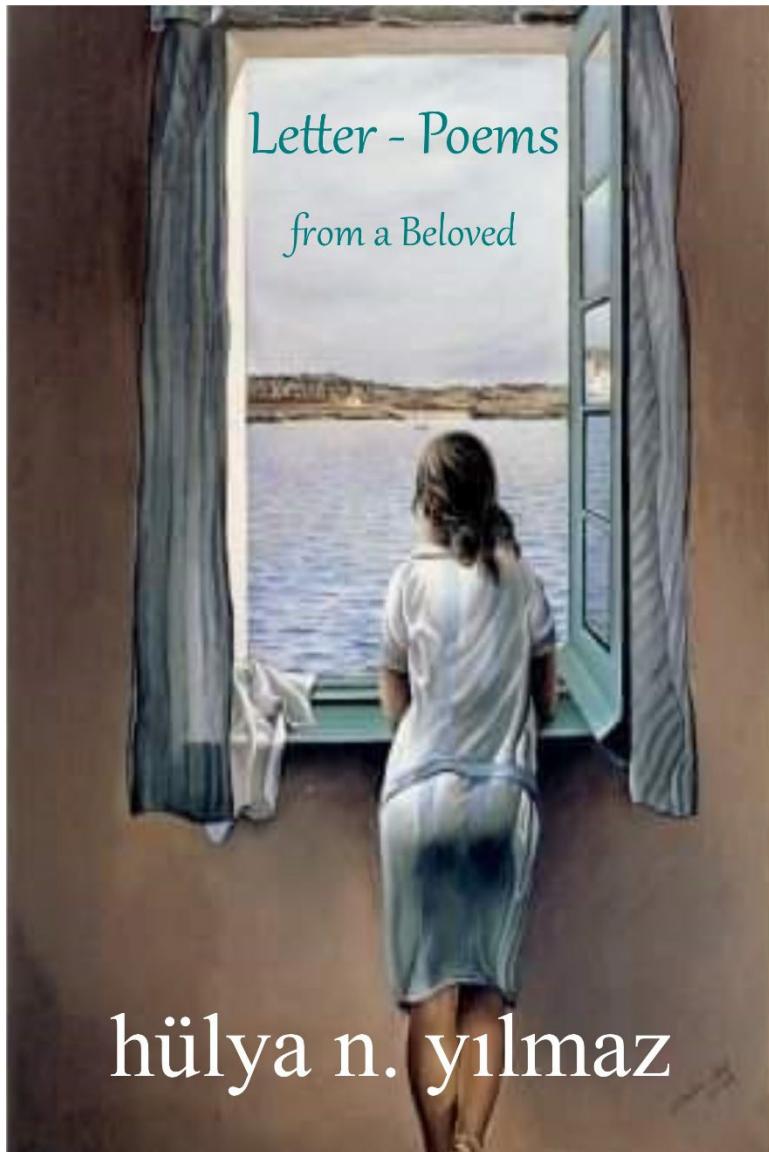


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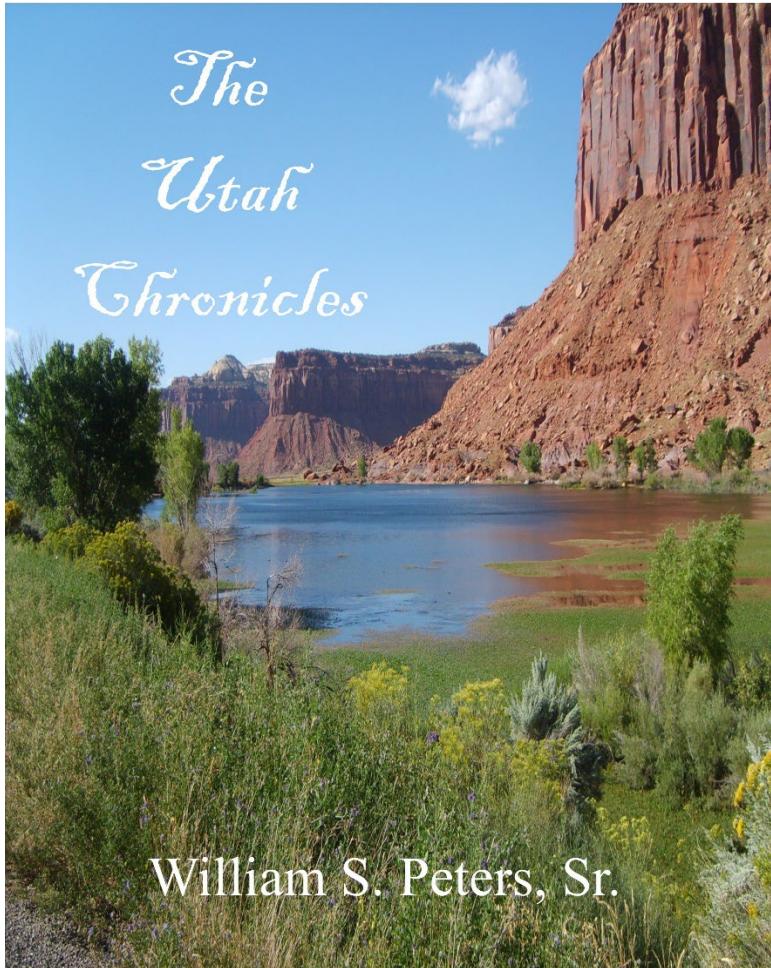
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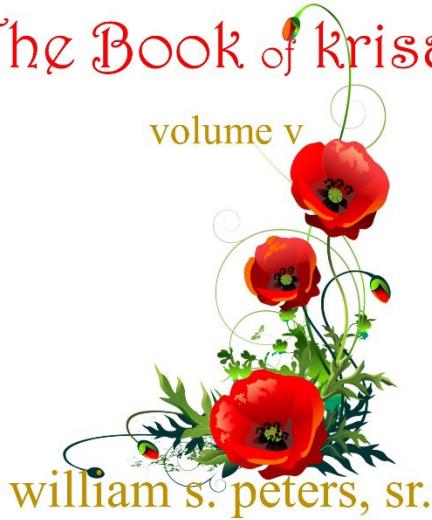
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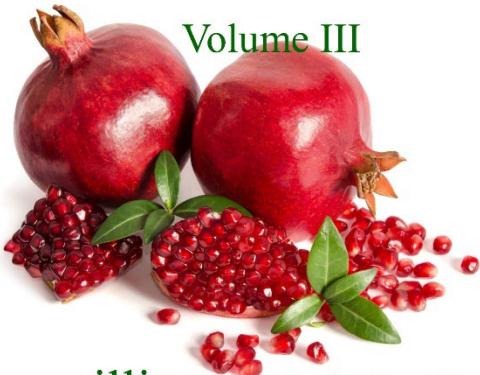
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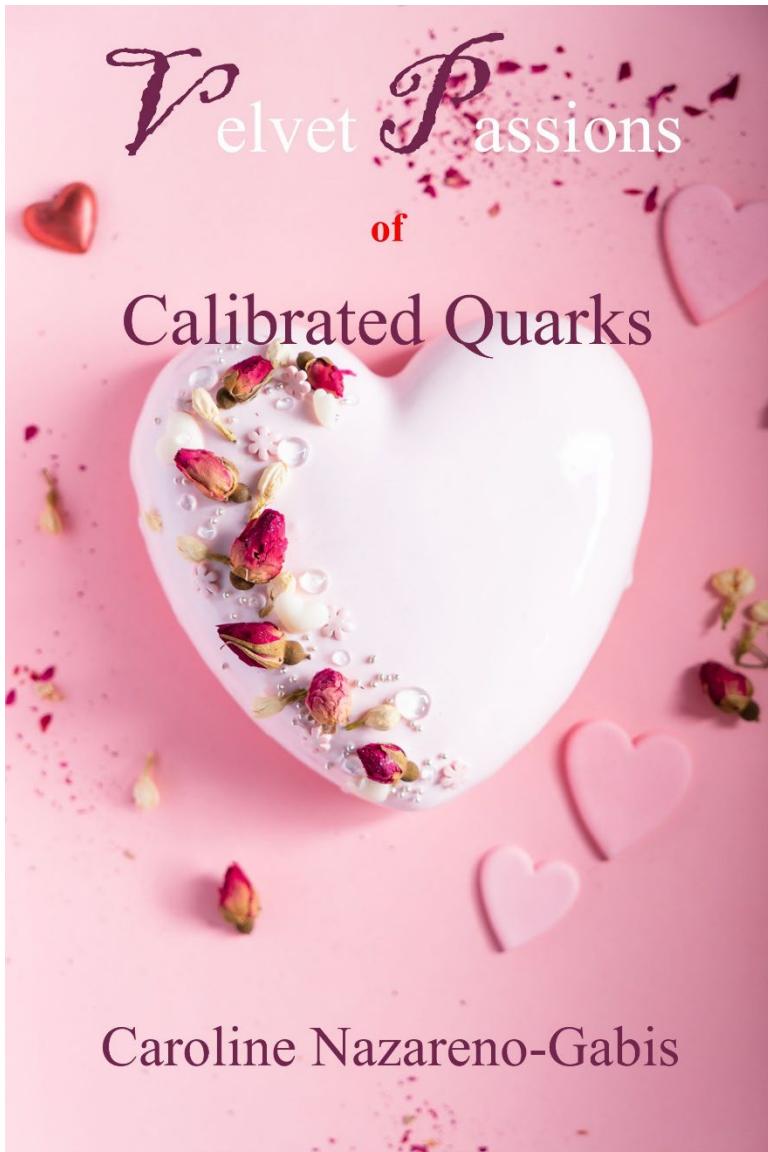


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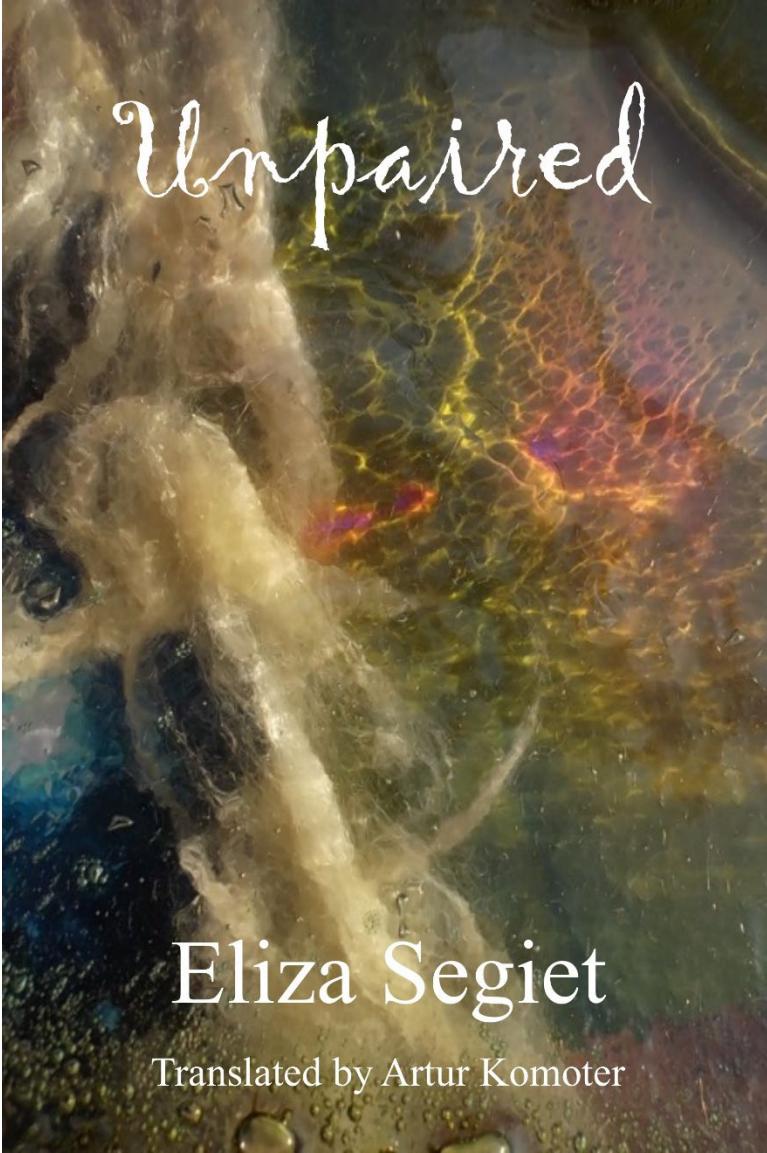
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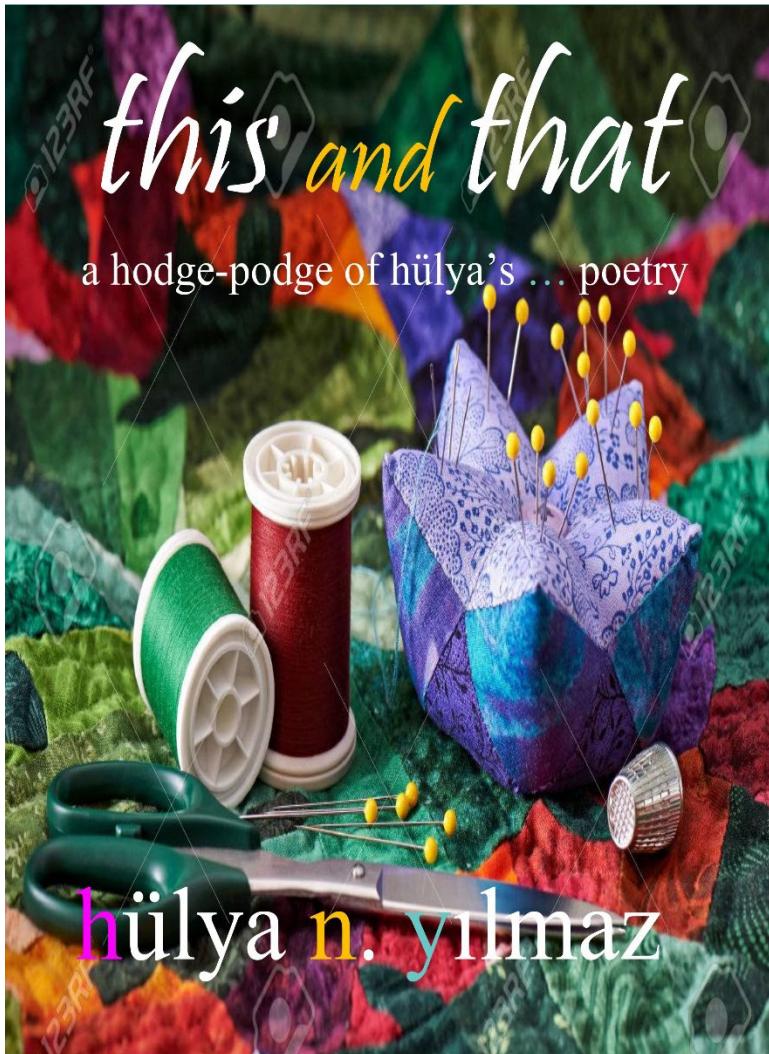
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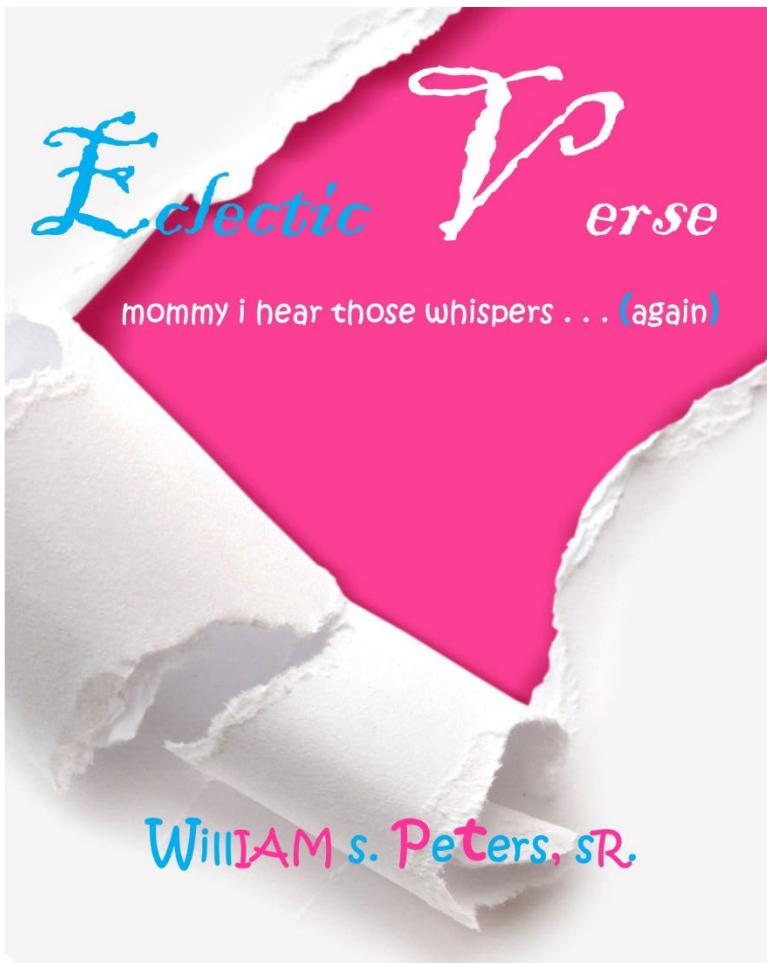
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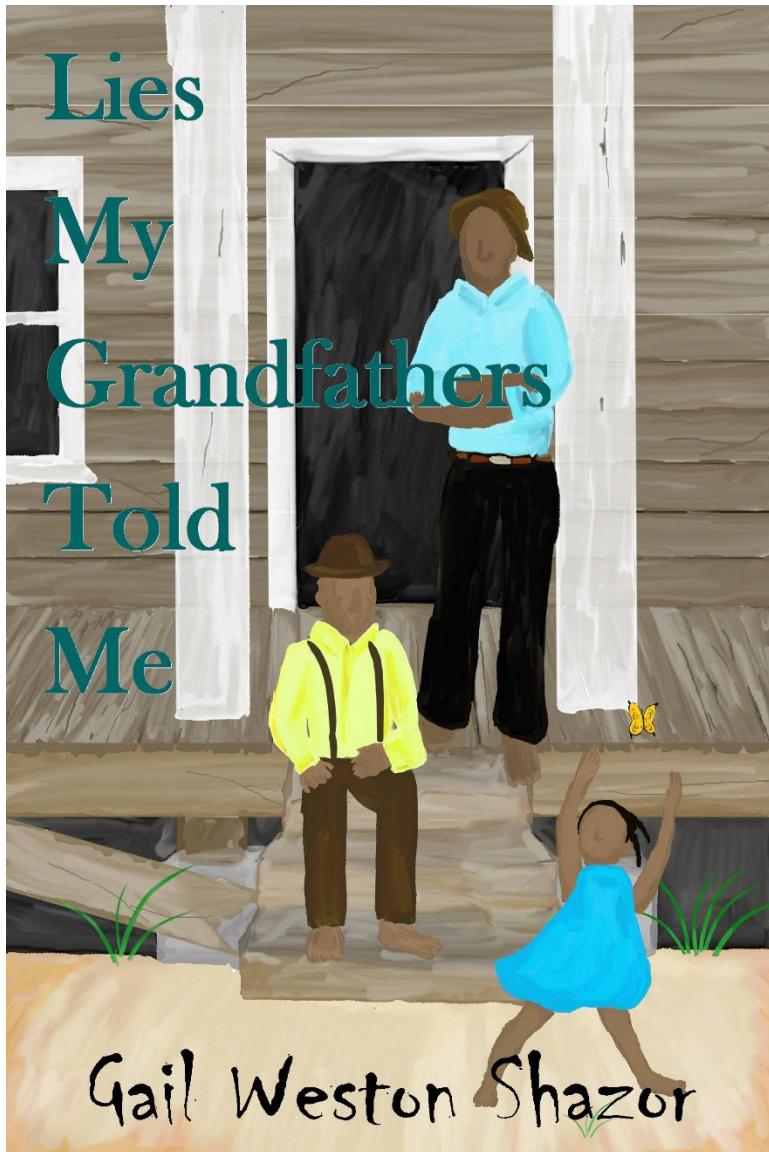
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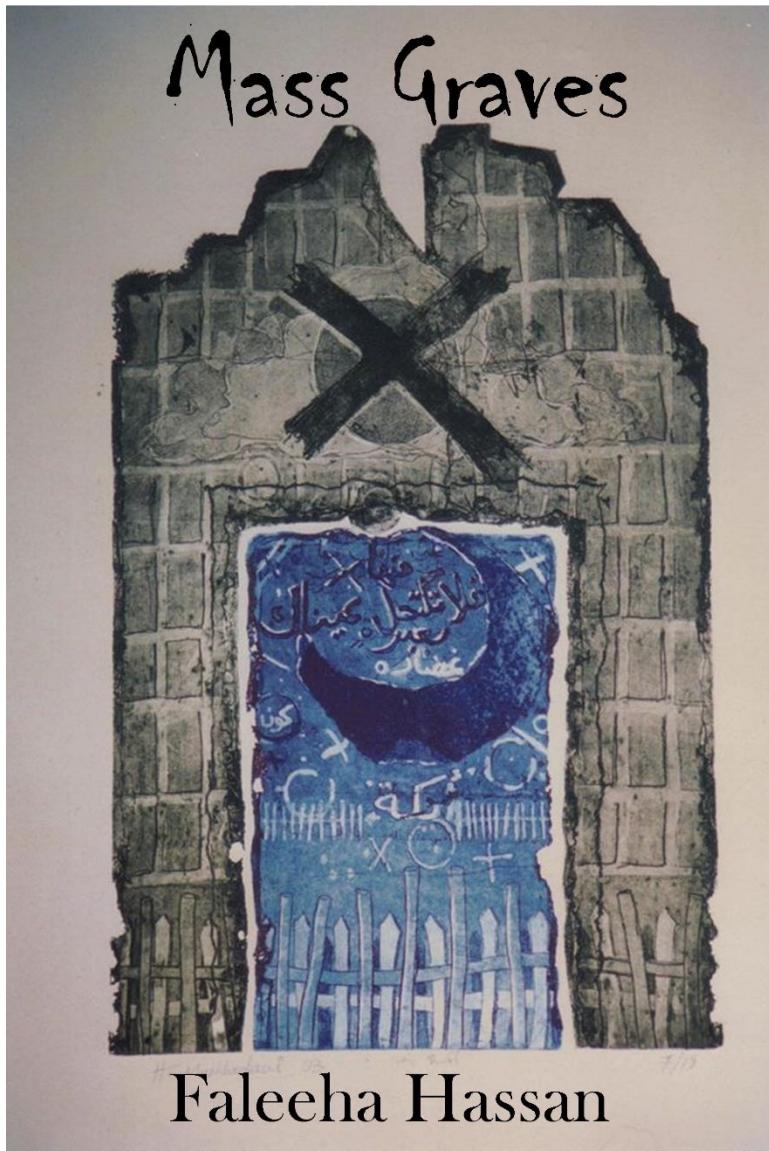


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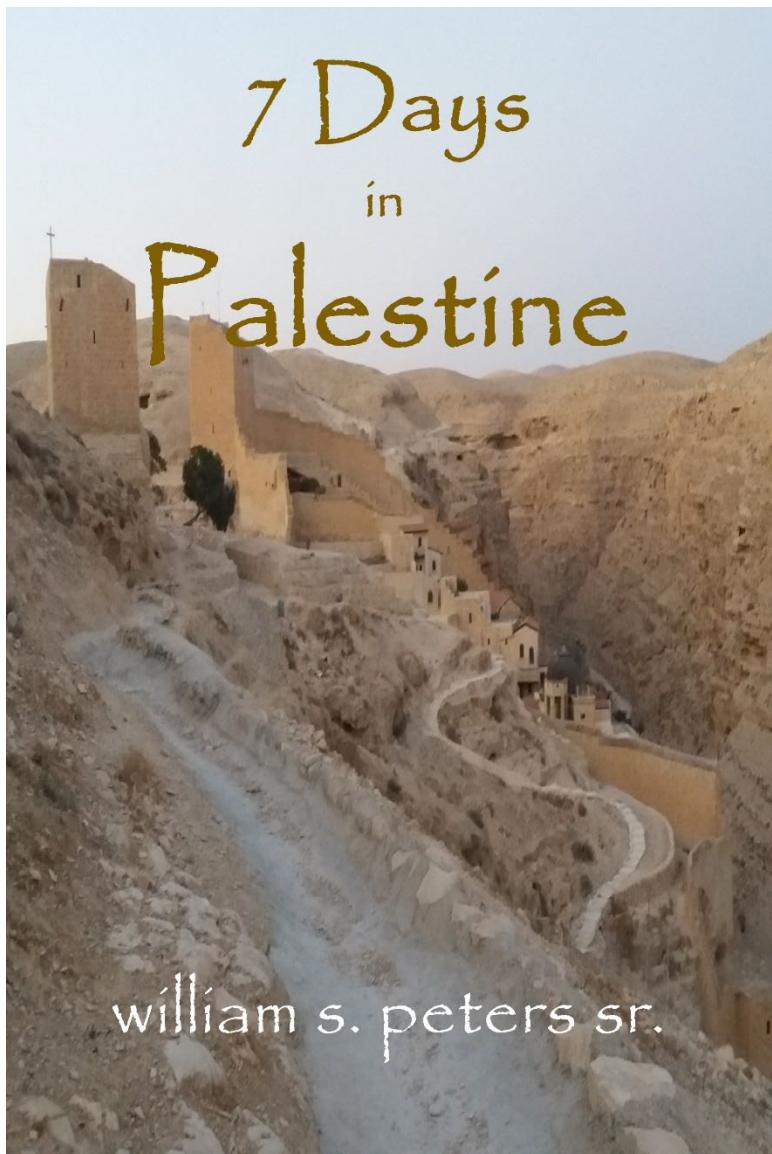
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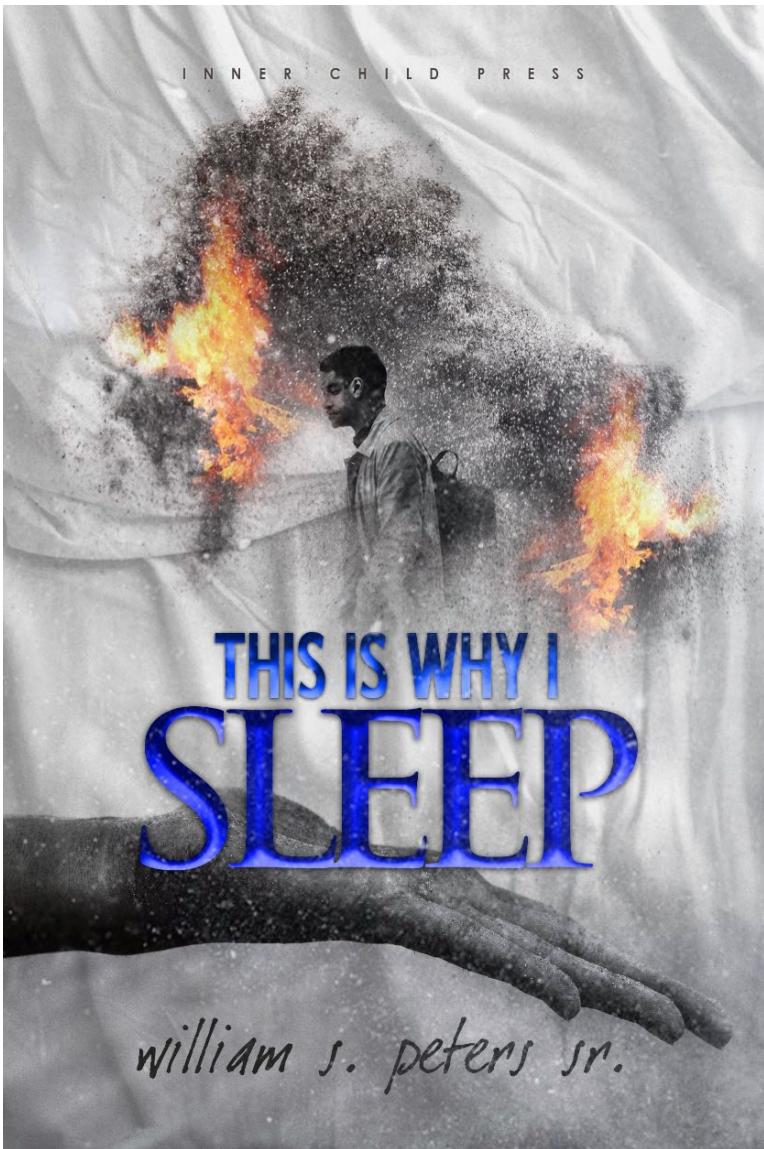
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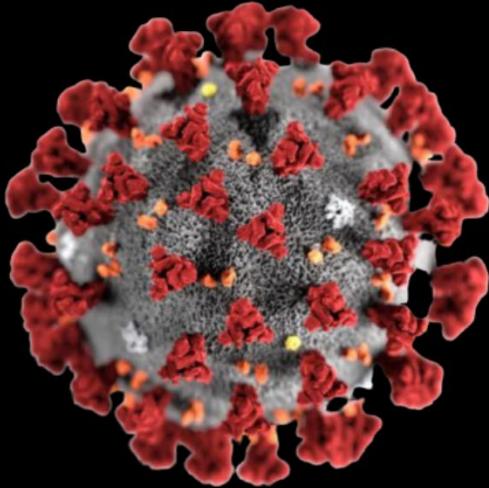
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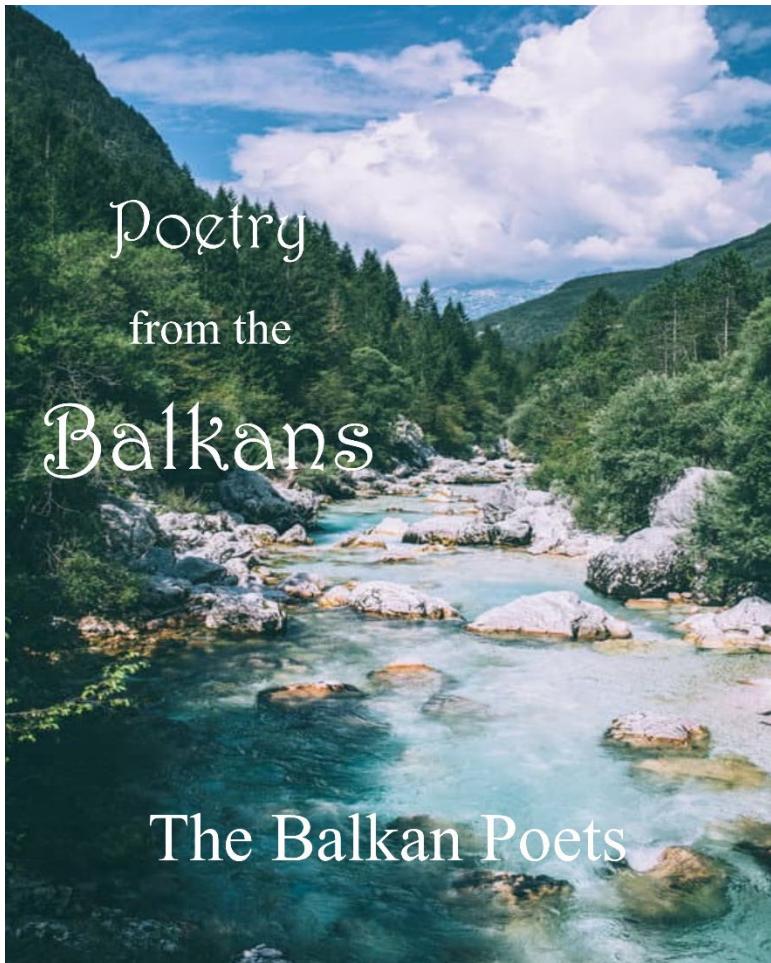


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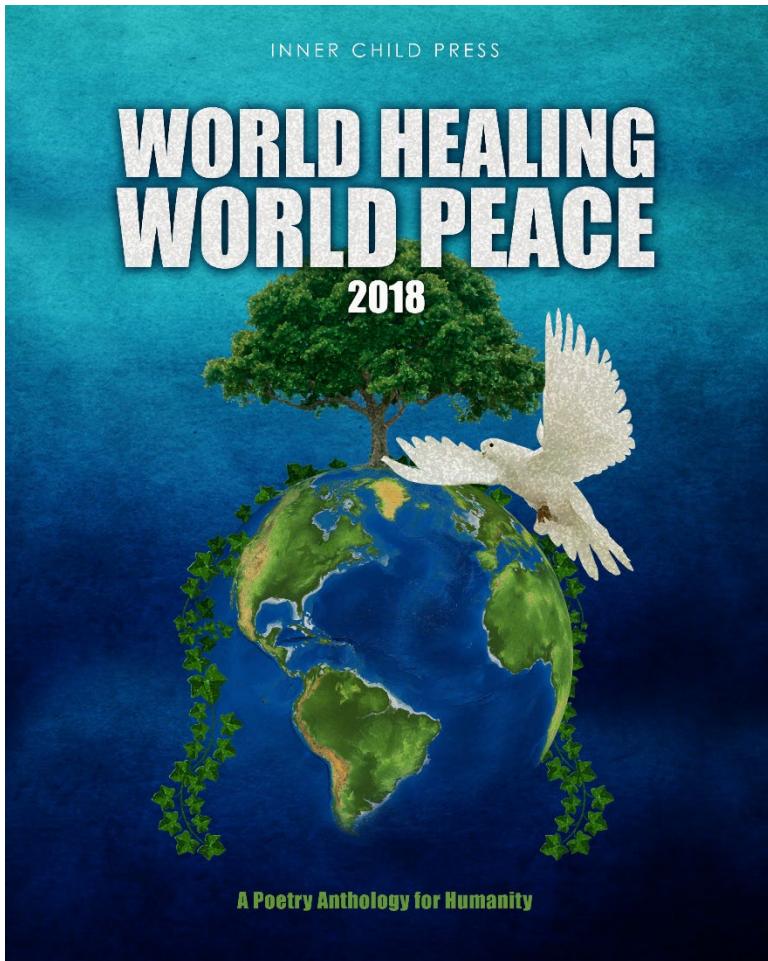
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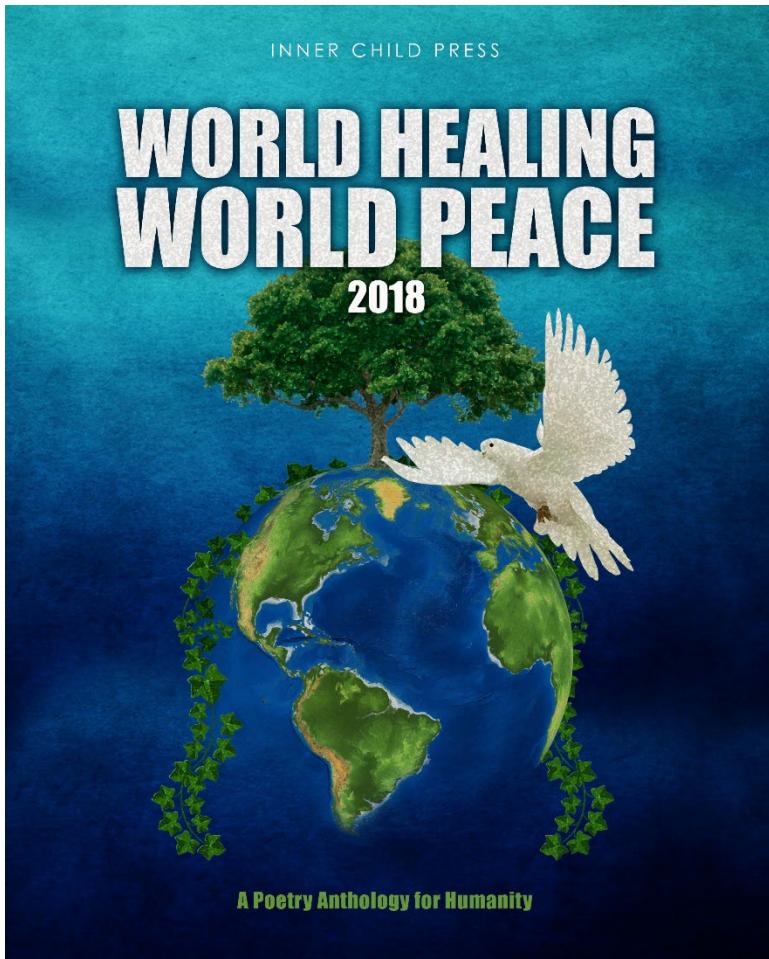


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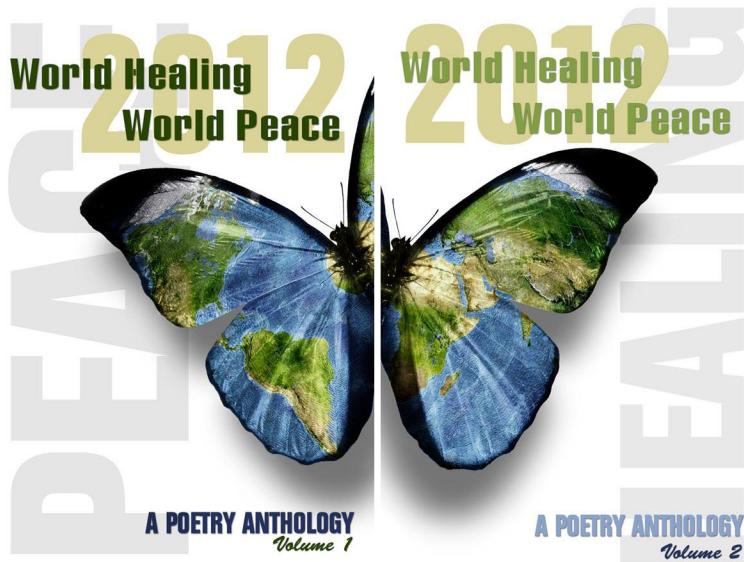
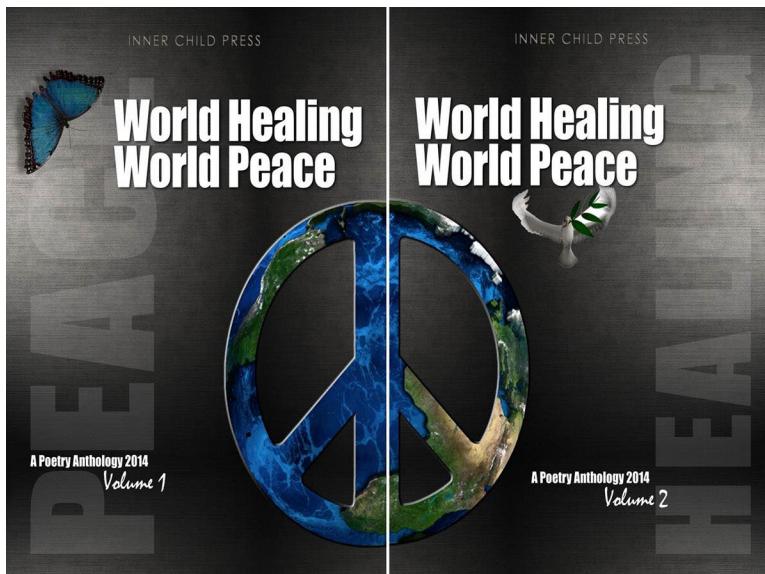
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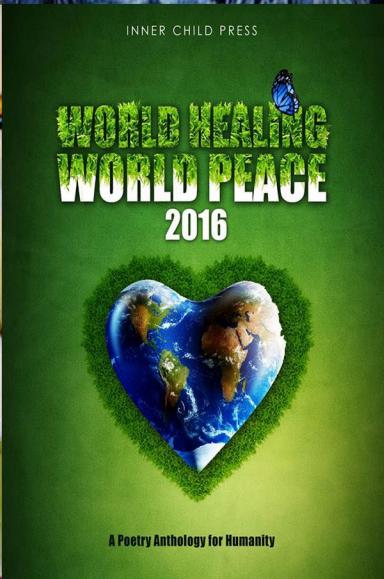
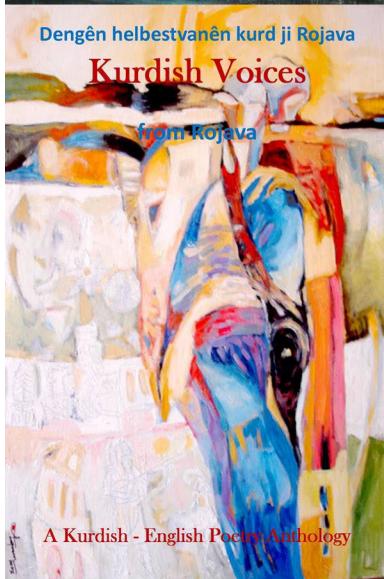
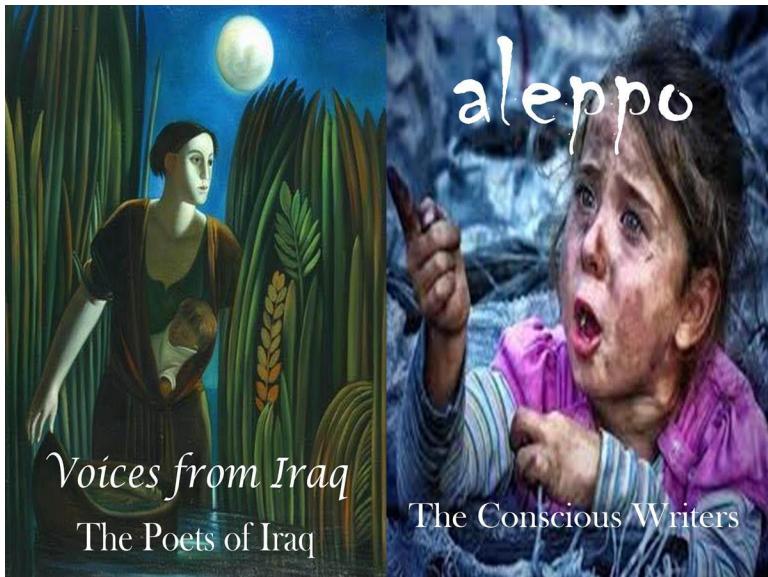
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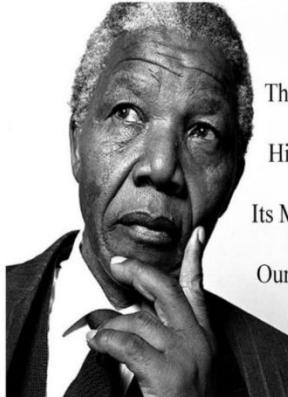
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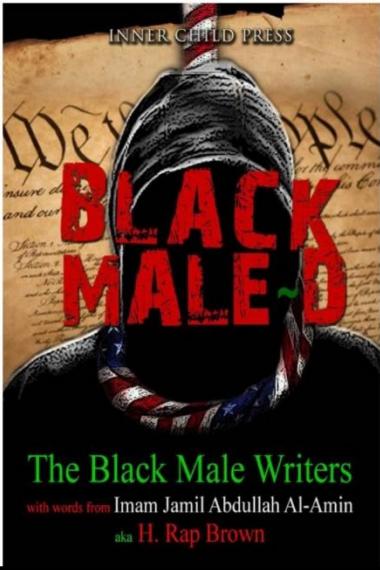
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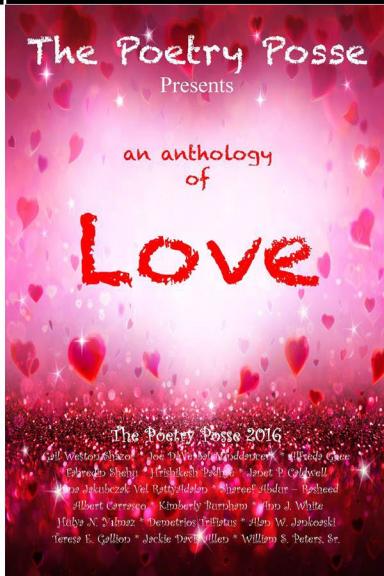
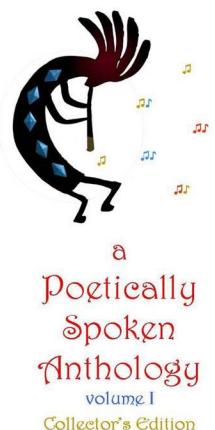
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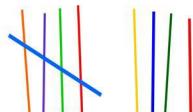
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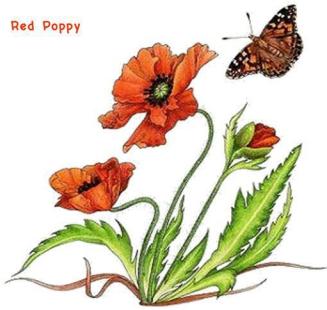
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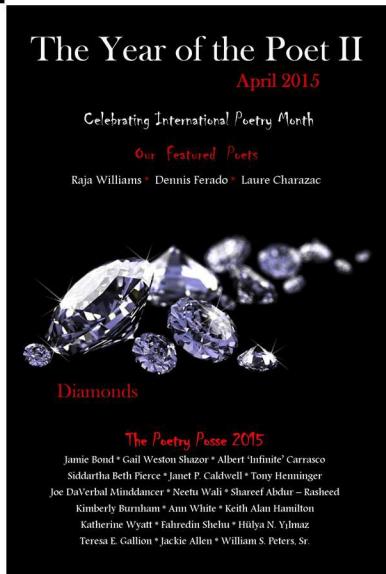
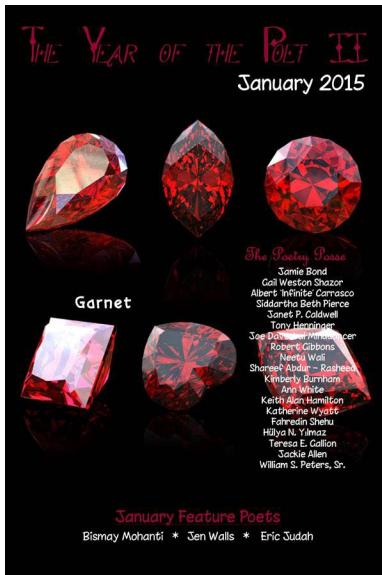
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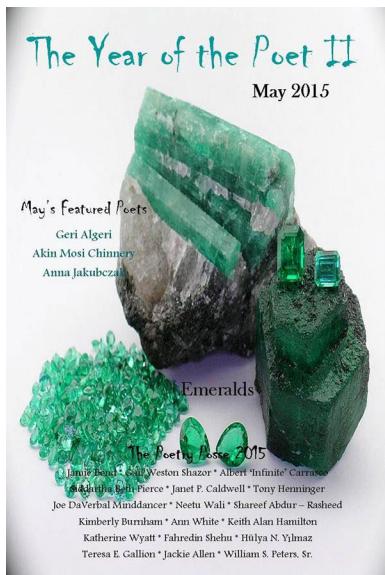
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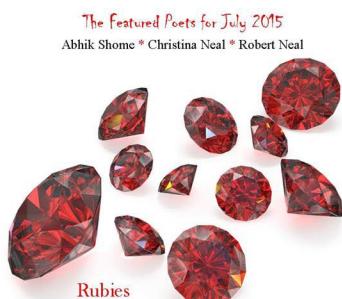


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July 2015

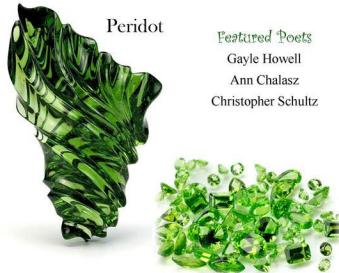


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August 2015



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September 2015

### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnie Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifilatis



Sapphires

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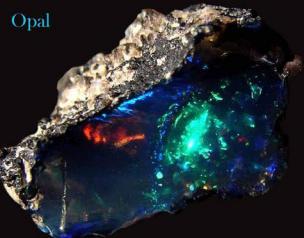
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October 2015

### Featured Poets

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



Opal

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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

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## The Year of the Poet II

December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

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 Farhad Shahu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
 Joe DeVeral Middancer \* Sharief Alidur - Rasheed  
 Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Trifunatis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## **The Year of the Poet III** February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold

Anna Chalasz

De'Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

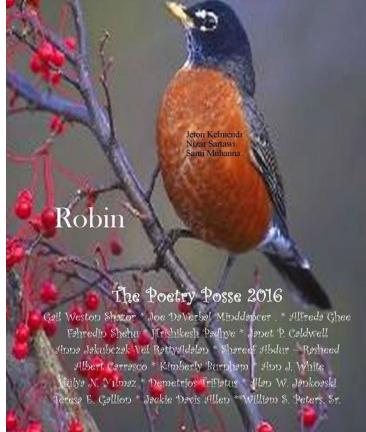
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## **The Year of the Poet III** March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhamna



Robin

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrczai

Anna Chalasz

Agim Vinca

Ceri Naz



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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burrough \* Ann J. White  
Hilva N. Alvarez \* Demetrios Trifilatos \* Allen W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III June 2016

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

Black Necked Stilt

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## The Year of the Poet III July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

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## The Year of the Poet III August 2016

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Anita Dash  
Irena Jovanovic  
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C Novia



Long Billed Curle

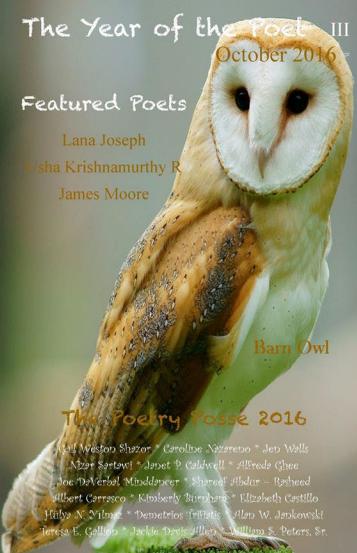
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Usha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

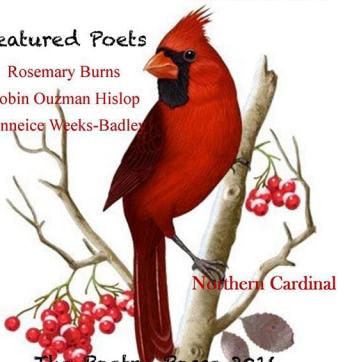
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badley



Northern Cardinal

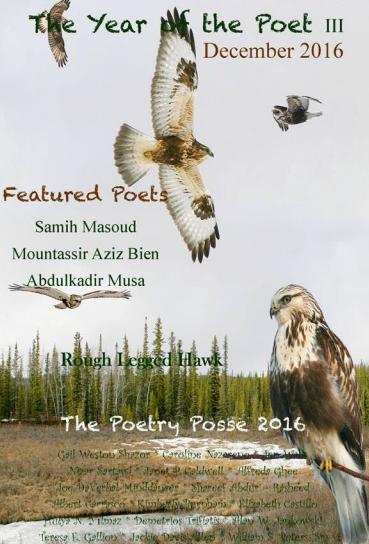
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December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

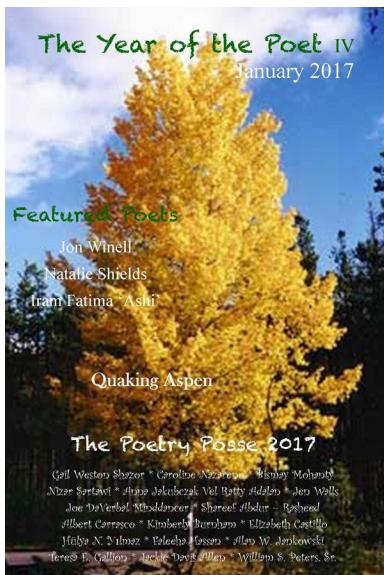
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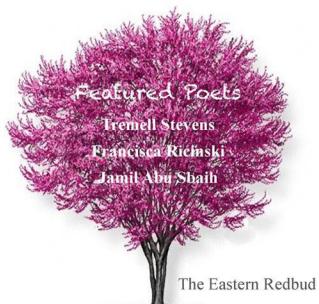


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## The Year of the Poet IV

March 2017



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## The Year of the Poet IV

April 2017



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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry

Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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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

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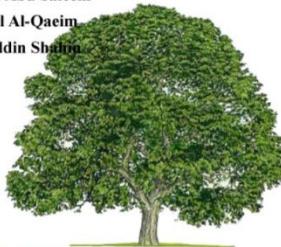
## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shahin



The Black Walnut Tree

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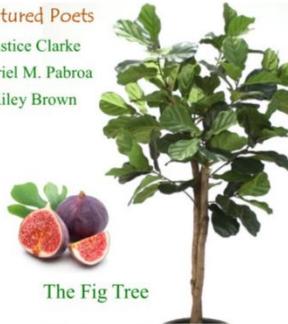
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### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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**Featured Poets**

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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Alicia Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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**The Year of the Poet V**  
February 2018

**Sabean**



**Featured Poets**

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawrcka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Acry

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**The Year of the Poet V**  
March 2018

**Featured Poets**



Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman  
Dominican Republic  
Haiti  
Puerto Rico

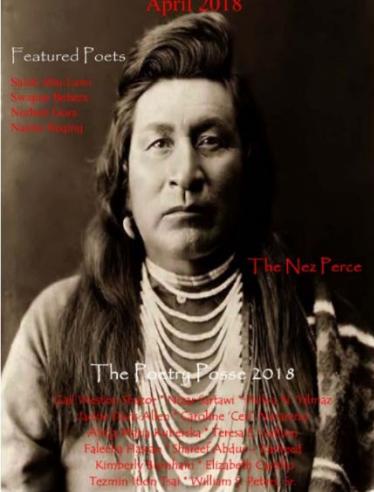
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April 2018

**Featured Poets**



Sabah Abu-Jani  
Swapan Behara  
Nishant Dua  
Natalie Hoing

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May 2018

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Zaldy Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

**The Sumerians**

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Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet V**  
June 2018

Featured Poets

Bilall Maliqi \* Daimi Mifari \* Gojko Božović \* Sofija Živković

**The Paleo Indians**

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**The Year of the Poet V**  
July 2018

Featured Poets

Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Iqbal Hahn  
Eliza Seglet  
Tom Higgins

**Oceania**

**The Poetry Posse 2018**

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**The Year of the Poet V**  
August 2018

Featured Poets

Hussein Habash \* Mircea Dan Duta \* Naida Mujkić \* Swagat Das

**The Lapita**

**The Poetry Posse 2018**

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## The Year of the Poet V

September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



Featured Poets  
Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Seglet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

### Featured Poets

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



### The Poetry Posse 2018

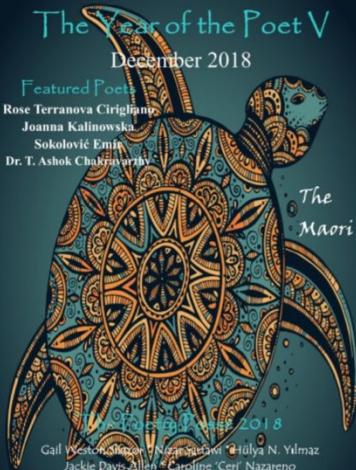
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

### Featured Poets

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



### The Poetry Posse 2018

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January 2019

Indigenous North Americans



*Dream Catcher*

### Featured Poets

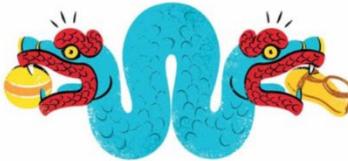
Houda Elfchali  
Anthony Briscoe  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Dr. K. Mathew

## *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 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## *The Year of the Poet VI*

March 2019

### Featured Poets

Enesa Mahnić \* Sylwia K. Malinowska  
Shurok Hammoud \* Anwer Ghani



*The Caribbean*

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## *The Year of the Poet VI*

April 2019

### Featured Poets

DL Davis \* Michelle Joan Barulich  
Lüleçim Hazırı \* Faleeha Hassan



*Central & West Africa*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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May 2019

### Featured Poets

Emad Al-Haydary \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

## **The Poetry Posse 2019**

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## **The Year of the Poet VI**

July 2019

### Featured Poets

Saadaddin Shahin \* Andy Scott  
Fahredin Shehu \* Alok Kumar Ray

## **The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

## **The Poetry Posse 2019**

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## **The Year of the Poet VI**

June 2019

### Featured Poets

Kate Gaudi Powiekzone \* Sahaj Sabharwal  
Iwu Jeff \* Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



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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**

## **The Poetry Posse 2019**

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September 2019

### **Featured Poets**

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 Sejet  
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## **The Year of the Poet VI**

October 2019

### **Featured Poets**

Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Simha \* Christena AV Williams



### **The Nile Valley**

### **The Poetry Posse 2019**

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## **The Year of the Poet VI**

November 2019

### **Featured Poets**

Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbundu Ganga  
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



### **Northern Asia**

### **The Poetry Posse 2019**

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## **The Year of the Poet VI**

December 2019

### **Featured Poets**

Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efthicia



### **Oceania**

### **The Poetry Posse 2019**

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## *The Year of the Poet VII*

January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

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## *The Year of the Poet VII*

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## *The Year of the Poet VII*

March 2020

### Featured Poets

Aziz Mountassir \* Krishna Paratisa  
Hannie Rouweler \* Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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## *The Year of the Poet VII*

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Rohini Behera \* Mircea Dan Duta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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May 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Eftichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habash \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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September 2020

### Featured Poets

Raed Anis Al-Jishi \* Soltkotović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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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

October 2020

### Featured Poets

Mutawaf A. Shaheed \* Galina Italyanskaya  
Nadeem Fraz \* Avril Tanya Meallim

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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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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## The Year of the Poet VIIII

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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Seglet  
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## The Year of the Poet VIIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## *The Year of the Poet VII*

May 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Diego Rivera



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Seglet  
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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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Seglet  
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 VIII*

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevskaya-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Lan Qyalla

Goncalao Mabunda



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Seglet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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## *The Year of the Poet VIII*

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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September 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Seglet

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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*

December 2021

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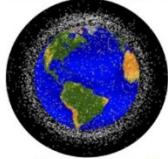
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### Climate Change and Birds



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### Climate Change and Trees



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