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LIFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
POETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

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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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# Foreword

The year 2021 in the publishing house Inner Child Press was dedicated to ekphrasis. Every month, an international group of poets, participants of The Year of the Poet project, described the selected work of art. There was a specific, artistic marriage of painting, sculpture and words. The writers conveyed in poems their vision of a given masterpiece, they tried to reveal its hidden message. Each ekphrasis brings an enormous richness to the gaze and shows individual, poetic sensitivity. Needless to say, poetry and art have always required the recipient to have a specific mental work, individual analysis. I believe that thanks to these poems, works of art have become closer and more readable to readers.

December brought another challenge – a winter landscape, i.e. a painting by Frederic Edwin Church entitled "The Iceberg"

At the outset, the painter should be introduced. Who was Frederic Edwin Church? The encyclopedia contains the following information: "Frederic Edwin Church (May 4, 1826 - April 7, 1900) was an American landscape painter born in Hartford, Connecticut. He was a central figure in the Hudson River School of American landscape

painters, best known for painting large landscapes, often depicting mountains, waterfalls, and sunsets.

Church's paintings put an emphasis on realistic detail, dramatic light, and panoramic views. He debuted some of his major works in single-painting exhibitions to a paying and often enthralled audience in New York City. In his prime, he was one of the most famous painters in the United States. "

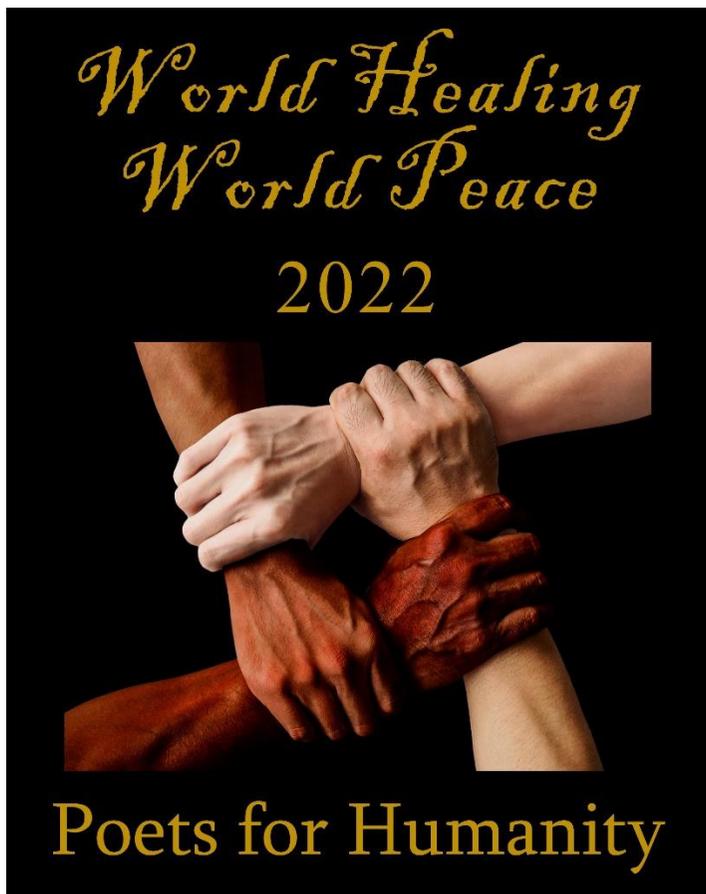
What should you know about the painting? Church painted this scene of the Arctic from sketches drawn by his friend, who was a polar explorer – Isaac Israel Hayes. Church has never been there and he used his vision. White has different shades depending on the angle of the sunlight. The painting shows the remains of a shattered ship. This item is disguised conflict information about The Civil War. This war changed American art forever, a new chapter in painting was opened, namely the way it was expressed was changed. So let's read the works that describe this seemingly peaceful landscape of the distant Arctic. Let's use our imagination to feel the icy air and see all shades of whiteness.

Alicja Maria Kuberska

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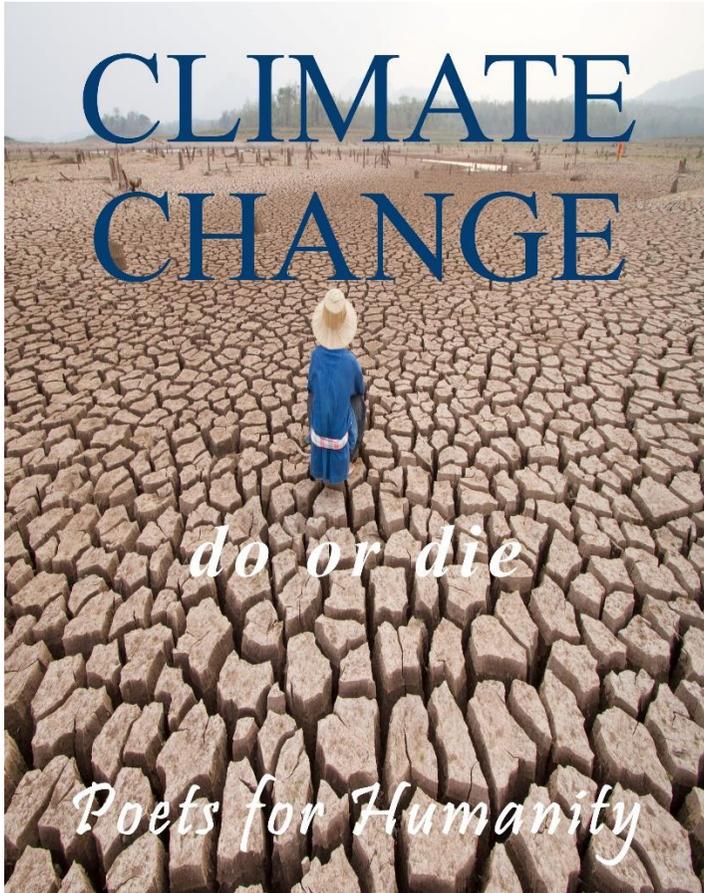
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# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are, in the closing of yet another year of publishing *The Year of the Poet*, ready to begin our 9<sup>th</sup> year of which our theme will be ‘**Climate Change**’. This volume, (#96) represents the 12<sup>th</sup> month of our eighth year of monthly publication. It is truly 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.

This last year, 2021 as well as 2020 has been particularly challenging for many of us throughout the year for many reasons to include the ‘COVID pandemic’, political unrest, Wars and Famine, etcetera. 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. 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. In the coming year of 2022, we are so excited and look forward to the projects we now have on the board such as *World Healing, World Peace 2022, Climate Change . . . do or die* and so many more.

Going forward into this new year, we are seeking to invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a ‘conscious humanity’. 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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*PS*

Do Not forget about the World Healing, World Peace Poetry initiative for 2022 is now taking submissions until : **December 31st 2021**

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# Frédric Edwin Church

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Frederic Edwin Church, a direct descendant of Richard Church, a Puritan pioneer from England, painted more confidently and on a grander scale than his contemporaries. He uniquely captured the spirit of an optimistic American people who associated the landscape of the New World with manifest destiny. In 1846 Church sold his first painting to Hartford's Wadsworth Athenaeum for \$130. The painting we feature this month, *The Icebergs* sold for \$2.5 million in 1979.

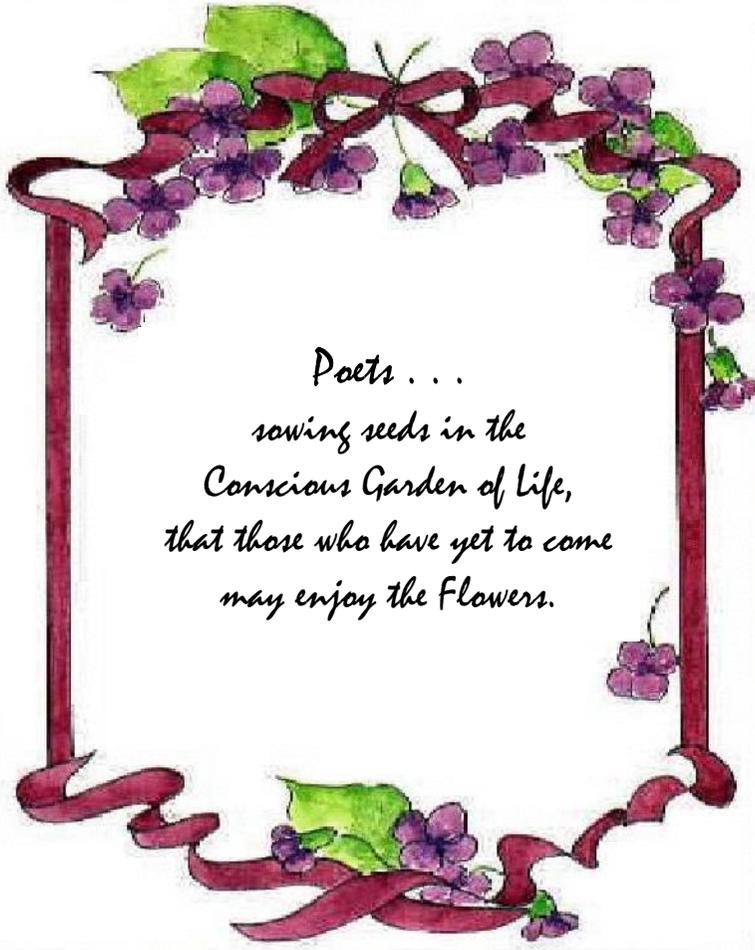
Church painted scenes of the arctic from sketches drawn by his friend, polar explorer Isaac Israel Hayes. When Hayes returned to New York, the country was in the thick of The Civil War which forever changed American art. American artists of this era could not depict the conflict using the conventions of European history painting, which glamorized the hero on the battlefield. Instead, America's finest painters captured the transformative impact of the war.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederic\\_Edwin\\_Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederic_Edwin_Church)

Art historian Barbara Novak wrote that Church was "a paradigm of the artist who becomes the public voice of a culture, summarizing its beliefs,



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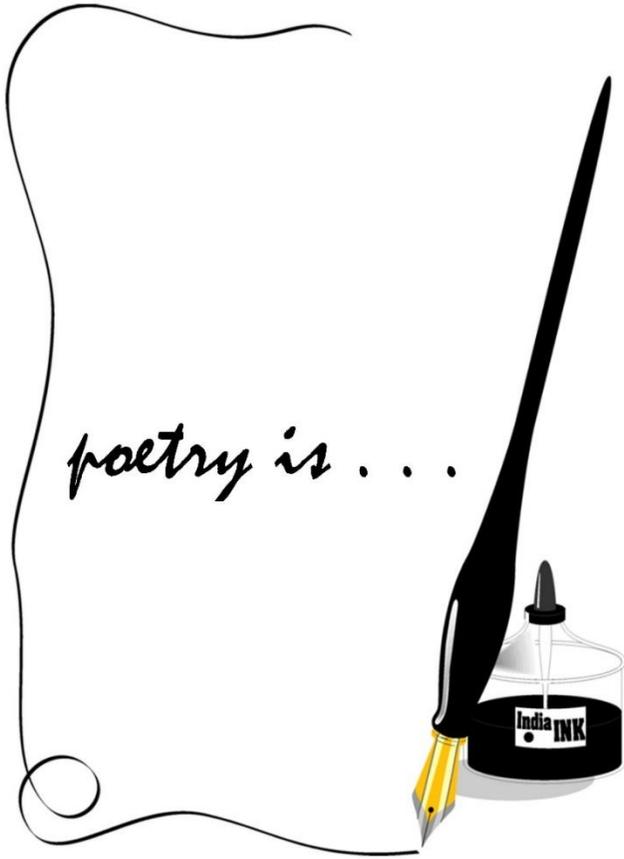
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp



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Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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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

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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## Where was I...

When you were lying back there in the dark  
The sounds of wretching reaching my ears  
Though I was deep in my closet  
Where was I  
When you called out in the night  
From the pain that bit through you  
Like the knives in your memories  
I was  
On my knees like the pastor told me  
Praying hard and earnestly for your soul  
But I know you didn't hear me  
Because even my tears fell silently  
As I rocked and held myself tight  
Scared that you might really hear  
The tears that I meant to be for you  
And yet  
I couldn't remember where I was  
When you faced down the yellow skinned man  
Someone we didn't know  
Because our jungle was cotton fields  
And only green in the summer  
I stayed in the church house  
After every letter  
Even though I could feel the real you  
Slipping away behind every shot fired  
When they sent you home  
You were no longer you  
The drinking and weed smoking replaced  
The tall brown love you once were  
As the years passed and the greenness  
Began to creep around your eyes  
I couldn't understand how it could be

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Likened to something orange  
When that was the color of my bruises  
That you used to exercise your demons  
Pastor said it wasn't your fault  
So now you lay dying inside your head  
Inside my house, inside my skin  
Waiting for charlie to come and forgive you  
And I have become one of the ghosts  
That live on the edge of the mist  
Waiting on the both our pains to stop  
I can already hear the report of the  
21 guns  
Maybe then I will  
Know where I am

## YWHW

i say YWHW from You  
i breathe Your very name into my mouth  
And the whisper covers the air i taste  
You name yourself everlasting  
Alpha and Omega  
Am that you Am and  
It is sufficient for my limitedness  
And i breathe after You-Abah  
In the midst of my day  
In the middle of my life  
i find that You are here  
In the same place i find myself  
It is not that You have ever left  
i moved  
And now that i have returned  
i say yes  
And draw close to You  
For in this i am refined after my rescue  
Storms rarely run in a straight line  
And i have been buffeted around  
And i have run headfirst into the wind  
Even though You told me no  
i could not hear for the listening  
To my flesh senses  
So my doxology has become this  
i am greatfilled to the inked  
And to the said  
And to the whispered breath of You  
i say yes to the wind across my face  
The salty sea on my lips that flavors  
My independence of dependence  
For You are my choice

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This one of abundant living in the midst  
Of practicing to yield to You  
i am your child of water  
i am your adult of giving  
i accept who You made me to be  
So i live You in my waking  
And in every love of my life  
i expand, reach and fill much farther  
Than i can ever hope to do alone  
And though i am not perfect  
You  
Are

## Ministrations

*Senryu in 5 parts*

Hold my hand in yours  
There is never a wrong time  
For it to be right  
I welcome your touch  
Especially after not  
For so very long  
It is in this time  
Of many middling moments  
That I look for you  
And as you look too  
It is still doing something  
Let me ease your work  
It's in the split place  
Of calluses that create  
A fearless new life

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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, Ukraina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Albania, Spain, the UK, Italy, the USA, Canada, the UK, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Israel, Turkey, India, Uzbekistan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, Australia, South Africa, Zambia, Nigeria

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

## The Arctic

A ray is born in the heart of darkness  
to penetrate the landscape  
with the sun's light  
and cut the transparent chill.

Everything is different here  
Fresh water turned to a stone  
is drifting in huge patches on the sea  
Delicate snowflakes clump into the mountains,  
and a whirlwind breaks the deathly silence.

The world of white has different shades  
- streaks of blue and green pulsate  
It is a beautiful and terrifying landscape  
Man is forbidden here,  
but curiosity tells him to open up  
the gateway to an icy hell

## Poems on The Lake Ohrid

Three shades of blue – mists, mountains and sky  
fell softly into the water in a wide cascade.

The fishing boats were lying lazily  
on the yellow sand of a nearby beach  
- gazing at golden reflections glistening  
on the smooth surface of the lake

It was a beautiful day - full of sunshine and love  
There were roses and the wind hid in the flowers,  
to listen to the silence interrupted  
with the carefree laughter of playing children.

The old people sat down on the park benches  
- they were similar to birds tired after a long flight

In the odeon, as in ancient times,  
the subtle music of the words sounded.  
Here we were, the wanderers from distant lands  
- we spoke with all the languages of the world  
and we felt the common speech of poetry

The differences are gone.  
In our veins,  
in the same rhythm drops of blood throbbed,  
calmness settled in our minds.  
Against the world, full of wars and hatred,  
we built a new tower of Babel  
to climb above the walls and touch the azure sky.

## Lime Tree

yesterday  
it greeted me outside the window  
today it disappeared  
- cut into pieces

someone is converting wood into cubes  
somebody else is cutting the branches  
and I am crying

I will not hug the trunk tomorrow  
and I will find no relief  
in the shade of its leaves

a friend died  
- mine and the local birds

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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Jackie Davis 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.

A member of the Poetry Posse since 2015, she resides in northern Virginia with her husband. With three collections to her credit, 2015, *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*; in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*; and in 2019, *No Illusions.Through the Looking Glass*. Mostly narrative poetry, published by William S. Peters, Sr, Inner Child Press, and edited by hulya n. yilmaz.

A musician and friend has composed a piece of music inspired by her poem, "Momma and Me". Homer Hickman, author of Rocket Boy, from which the movie "October Sky" was made, has expressed an interest in her writing. Additionally, several poems in her third book, *No Illusions*, were nominated for a Pushcart Prize. The book itself, was submitted to the Pulitzer committee for consideration.

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## Help!

I am an iceberg. Like many  
of the majestic sculptures, dissipating,  
I am in a dilemma as to what can be done.  
Is not that the sound of my mother weeping?

I am icy-white, frigid in form, fearfully made;  
my image, awe inspiring. From one and all  
I have received both great fame and acclaim.  
I am Mother Nature's own.

Captured as from the eye  
of an artist or photographer,  
that which remains of me  
is far less than it was before.

Aging in stature, sadly crumbling,  
I crack, slip, slide, then crash, splashing  
down into the depths of the foamy sea.  
Here me roar!

Like thunder, like so many of my peers,  
my burial tomb is within the insatiable mouth,  
of the raging sea. Ooh's and ahh's  
become my eulogy, witnesses to my demise.

As from, a silent breeze, centuries in the making,  
my time is spent. I am groaning, longing to remain..  
I have lost the better part of me. Adieu!  
Can you not hear me moaning?

## Color of the Unspoken

Time after time  
Day after day  
Week after week

Month after month  
Year after year  
Secrets are hidden

Yet everyone is aware  
Of the unspoken  
And of the one

Who fears  
Being revealed, she tries still  
To keep on singing

## She Walked Down the Street

In nothing did he find any pleasure.  
Reaching out to no one  
No way to track his measure,

Abandoned, he had become undone  
Wondering what had gone wrong.

Inside the dimly lit bar musicians  
Soulfully played their instruments  
And the piano keys danced in tune  
While she, the jazzy one

With lips painted bright pink  
Glowered beneath the neon.

Suddenly she walked out the door,  
Swiveling her hips, swishing her silky slip,  
Unnoticed by one distracted.

And then she walked down the street,  
Never turning around to look back.

The night screamed and shrieked  
And eventually so did he  
As did his heart which heavily fell.

Down t to the subway stairs he ran  
Searching left and right

Still under her beguiling spell.  
And then he walked back up the street  
Towards his flat, passing the noisy bar  
He dragged his weary feet while she  
Sought her freedom in a subway car.

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Never had he felt so lost as he did  
That night, counting up the cost  
Of climbing up the stars to the moon,

Where the blues were spinning  
And he holding a half empty glass.

Scattered on the floor  
Are bits and pieces of trash  
Littering his forlorn room and he,

Waiting dejected and all alone  
The time of depression's clock..

He throws himself across his bed  
Feeling as if he's sinking, about to drown  
For in nothing does he find any pleasure.

Isolated, he reaches out to no one  
No way to track his measure.

Abandoned, he has become undone.  
Questioning what had gone wrong,  
He wonders if ever she would come back,

Or if in the writing, the error had been  
In the second draft?

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Tzømin  
Ition  
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai come from Taiwan (Republic of China). In addition to being a literature professor at Asia University (Taiwan), he is more committed to writing poems, novels and proses. He is also an editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text, International editor of "Contemporary dialogues" literary periodical in Macedonia, 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 50 countries and have been translated into more than 22 languages.

## The Icebergs

Since the early morning, the weather has changed  
The silver brilliance turned into valiant, greeting in my  
remnant dream  
The ice mountains rose, and blocked the verdure sent by  
the mountain at the same time  
That mountain is as old as ever, just admit the sorrow of  
this cold  
The plum blossoms always fall in the cold winter like this  
night, but once they have a good time with the clouds  
The lonely temple is no longer embarrassed those fragrant  
flowers and green grass that used to be  
But who will come to straighten the sunbeams that have  
been dumped?  
Who will remember that the song is singing the reflection  
of clear water?  
Too cold for plants to grow on the iceberg  
There are some winds be gathered in several mountain cols  
When the remaining cold is blown out, the prevailing wind  
and snow have all changed color  
Why bother for yourself  
Go and ask, who hasn't come to rely on yet?  
The heavens are like water, not ice  
The trace of the moon is as bright as a sharp dagger,  
Mountains and rivers have always been lonely but proud  
The snow is no longer falling but the ice has not melted

Snow dissolves undissolved ice  
I don't know who to drunk, so why calmly and lightly?  
How can I face all this calmly before don't know whom to  
borrow a drunkenness from?

## The Sun Went Around Dumbly The Mountain Lakes

The mountain is not close enough but the slope is so steep  
I ordered a lying-on-back to crush the white clouds  
indiscriminately

The sad goose doesn't leave traces like fish scales along the  
mountains and rivers, but have you ever thought of  
stopping?

The flowers hiding in the blue breeze, the green shadows  
are jagged with each other but difficult to be uniform  
The dew drops wetted my collar, and the white butterfly  
flies like a passionate dancer

By the lake, surrounded by vines and paved the colorful  
Annotated how free and at ease of the earth  
This scene marked the infinite pride of nature  
Laughing and playing with the spring light, just happened  
to be

The roars of the lions, the wind wave to and fro let the  
valley full of willow catkin

The staggering mane sheep on the rock wall, except for  
picking up buds

Why should it necessary scrunched their strange black and  
white faces

With a sudden grin, turned their head to peep at the foxes  
hiding in the sandpit

Those withered branches climbed high in the sky, can't find  
any robins who came to report for safety

Even my father beyond two mountains

Was still following the tracks of the prey

Right now, the reflection of the setting sun made the sky  
reddish

But can't avoid the regret of being at the mercy of others in  
my heart

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Standing in this sad land of lovesickness, withered and  
fragile like a cold moon with a river  
The mood sinks again, what is the use of inviting to  
accompany that hesitation?

In the distance, smoke curled under the cliff  
Squatted down, resting my left ear against the ground  
Listen carefully  
I would like to make the heartbeat in my chest  
Replaced by the sound of horse hooves of my father from  
far to near  
The flame is looming, and the mother's calls has been  
waiting for millions of times  
How much concern turned into dust in the wild world?  
The old sentence was quoted, shy not let the slanting wind  
and drizzle blow away  
Like the retreated love, like the hatred was picked up again  
A gust of wind in the evening, how the sun went around the  
mountain lakes so dumbly?

## Midnight

The temple south of the castle  
Changganjiuli  
Hundred feet floating circle, Jin Langxuan Qi  
Leaning on a railing, pointing Jiangcheng  
Climbing to the top, I gradually feel that the mountains are  
    low and green  
Misty water light sky  
The shadow of the setting sun, Yanziji's head pendant  
Favorite is  
East wind is coming  
The snow is half gone, and a new one  
I regret not bringing the bottle here  
When the official residence returns, you must remember at  
    midnight  
Try to sit on the hills, the towers of the forest and the fire,  
    and let the drunkenness disappear at a glance

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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 :

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

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## Church

*renown american landscape, seascape painter  
b. 1826 d. 1900*

gifted as well blessed with  
amazing teachers  
specialized natural wonders,  
offerings of earth  
mountains, valleys, sea shores,  
trees, sunsets, sunrise  
played with variety of light  
setting moods  
actually metaphoric reflecting  
various expressions happiness,  
grief, life, death autumn,  
landscape in the Adirondacks,  
Niagara Falls,  
El Rio de Luz, above the  
clouds at sunrise  
skillfully capturing nature's  
offerings in abundance

## Pandemic of Ignorance, Chaos, Lost Souls

The complex multi leveled disease of the heart doubt, envy, arrogance, greed, lust etc. that has throughout the history of humanity (or lack thereof) has and continues today with a vengeance, in plague proportions

mankind fueled by ignorance perhaps more prolific then ever in history. Ironically in an era of technological explosion man has become a moron who fancies himself more intelligent than his predecessors.

The earth is becoming void of Hikmah(wisdom) that never has been bestowed by man through his channels of so called institutional structured educational systems. It only can be given to whom Allah(swt) pleases as an undeserved gift of mercy usually to an individual who truly is endowed with humility, gratitude, sincere devotion to the commandments of Allah(swt).

One who has "Taqwah"(fear, awareness of Allah's presence) and looks forward to his reward in the arkirah (Hereafter)) much more than any ambitions attached to this world.

## Bam dado bop

sound of bebop go baba ba bo bop  
strange the way the phrasings arranged  
no matter it's music to the ear tickle the soul  
feels good no matter  
hit the spot whatever that is sku bop, bop  
loved it when i first heard it way back then  
since many crossed over most gone forever  
but spaba du bop remains in ears, brains  
especially those of us who remember being there at  
the venues in the big apple early, mid sixties  
birdland, five spot, slugs, vanguard, gate, blue note,  
apollo, central park 4 free  
all now a far but very near memory  
badu, badu, badu, badu  
take a bow monk, trane, bird, rollins, stit, dizzy, McLane,  
miles, clifford, charlie, eric, rashan, lester, benny, bud, lee,  
dexter, donald, horace, gerry, bags, max, art, McCoy, archie,  
elvin, jimmy, reggie, philly, oliver, to, to many more  
troubles me to not recall all, but if you look up  
bebop they there, believe

Kimberly  
Burnham



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A brain health expert with a PhD in Integrative Medicine, Kimberly Burnham has lived in tropical Colombia; in Belgium during the Vietnam War; in Japan teaching businessmen English; in diverse international Toronto, Canada; and several places in the US. Now, she's in Spokane, WA with her wife, Elizabeth, two sets of twins (age 12 & 15). Her recent book, *Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind*, a Daily Brain Health Program includes the word for peace in hundreds of languages. Her poetry weaves through 94+ volumes of *The Year of the Poet*, *Inspired by Gandhi*, *Women Building the World*, and *A Woman's Place in the Dictionary*. She is currently working on several ekphrastic writing projects. One is a novel, *Art Thief Cracks Healing Code for Parkinson's Disease* and the other is non-fiction, *Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets*.

<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

<https://healthy-brain.medium.com/bears-at-the-window-of-climate-change-d1fb403eeaf3>

## Sky, Water, and Ice

Bluish pink sky  
reflecting ice and water  
one gas  
one liquid  
one solid

two hydrogens blown apart  
with enough energy  
one oxygen  
breath in to save a life  
for all the valuable moments in the middle

solid enough to last forever  
vulnerable and reaching for our help  
to save our own lives  
to write another day  
painting the world with our actions

## Nature's Ice Sculpture

forever immortalized

ice solid in art

melts into reality

## Art and Poetry

Like artists  
poets become  
the voice of culture  
express beliefs  
put words and images to ideas  
and shine a light on the assumptions  
that swirl around a community

Like artists  
poets become  
subject to praise and condemnation alike  
depending on how they reflect  
a community

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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#### Facebook Fan Page

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## A World in Landscapes

You feel my heart with stunning hues,

In the Andes my soul rests

Embracing the beauty,

Filling the void.

Cotopaxi on my mind,

Erupting emotions from inside

Reality sets in,

To a new beginning

As the dawn comes.

## Dreams

Dream what you desire  
Believe in yourself,  
And set the world on fire  
Attract what you want,  
Manifest it in time.  
Dreams don't expire,  
It knows no age, no color  
For it is in your hands,  
For your world  
To turn around.

## Victorious

Standing on cloud 9,  
I am in awe  
You helped me get through  
My tough journey,  
In time, I realized  
My destiny is in my hands alone  
The road less traveled I traversed,  
Leads me to my victory  
Everything's in harmony,  
Alignment is within my reach  
At the pinnacle, I raise my hands,  
And I thank thee!

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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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## Cold Mind

Frozen in time we can't seem to escape our discontent  
Hatred is baked in and progress moving forward ends  
Remnants of bygone days held onto by legal means  
The tip of the iceberg is as obvious as what is not seen

We hold on to what makes us happy-go-lucky  
Change is this thing where violence is like a puppy  
Let's pet the snake instead  
Being cold in these times is merely prep for the dead

Frozen emotions never thaw  
We seem to believe what we never saw  
In a case of injustice there is no law  
A jury of my peers my cause fury,  
because that theory is flawed

Icebergs are melting revealing nothing inside  
People are growing colder in these times  
Lock-step policies trying to fulfill a prophecy  
And it's legal to kill an unarmed man

It's cold outside and empty promises aren't alive  
It's okay to feel out raged over the outrageous  
It's okay to act out when the situation is dangerous  
It's okay to fill optimistic icebergs leave a cold mind.

## Living In a Forest

Red- and gold-colored leaves fall during the cool rain  
I feel blessed to catch the wings of a blue jay  
Winter in the city suburbs, bags of leaves line the curb  
Squirrel's leap from powerlines to trees  
They fence walk the borders of my yard, on trash they feed

Gofers and beaver, rabbits and believe you me  
My cat would not catch them  
At night when the moon rises just right  
There are so many stories the shadows could tale  
A family of dear feast on the last orange orchid

They don't run from human contact like before man  
I'm becoming natures doorman  
The lens of my camera lets them in

I've given up on human contact  
It seems only the animals know how to act  
I speak to trees and clouds that roll by  
They morph into distinguishing shapes as they vaporize

The sun says hi  
The moon says hi  
I've never been on the edge of goodnight  
Although I prefer darkness over light

Eerie sights in the nighttime  
is the right time to write  
I pick up my Roget's Thesaurus  
I'm feeling very porous  
Trying to find a more descriptive way to express  
Living in a forest.

## Vigilante

Take the law into your own hands  
Characters turned into heroes like the fictional Batman  
Issues like court rules don't apply  
There are no technicalities when a perp has to die

Villains are spilling into the legislation  
Crime bosses are running the nation  
Lawmakers are the lawbreakers  
And the supreme court is on permanent vacation

Cops on the take, judges in the pocket  
Who decides who gets on whose docket?  
The attorney general is a criminal  
Now let's get back to lock step

Is that the iteration of that infamous goosetep?  
I think I'm about to lose it  
The government has used it to stay in power  
I'm claiming self defense in these darkest hours

My mother is sewing my cape  
To the innocent there is no escape  
I'm a vigilante from inner space, enter race.  
Only one can be justified in any case

Make no mistake on how it would be viewed  
Is okay if they are killing you  
Running away is aggression  
And all the more reason to shoot

I saw the news today  
There was a man looking through a window  
I have to take him down  
leaving nothing but blood and sinew

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hülya  
n.  
yılmaz

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Professor Emerita (Humanities, Penn State, USA), hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is a published tri-lingual author, literary translator, and Director of Editing Services at Inner Child Press International, USA. Her work has appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at poetry events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, the WIN of British Colombia, Canada honored yılmaz with a literary excellence award. Her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* (USA).

hülya finds it vital for everyone to understand a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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## Man Acts, Nature Reacts

Exposed to a barrage of man-made nature's ills . . .

A rapidly increasing level of greenhouse gases  
Rising temperatures, ocean waters in all-time high  
Changes in the sea levels – going hand-in-hand  
with glaciers' loss of ice mass  
Extreme rainfall-hits – floods  
in the most unexpected parts of the globe  
Expansive forest fires

Then comes an “ahh”-moment,  
may that be in the form of exceptional art only . . .

F. E. Church's landscape paintings  
come to the soul's rescue  
for a brief period of time,  
pushing away the peace of those few minutes  
as swiftly as it had entered the mind's eyes . . .

still, heart holds on to those impeccable visuals  
that traveled from the edge of yore.

## “Twilight in the Wilderness”

Asserting their unmistakably forceful presence, colors  
captivated me before I took a note of  
the painting’s name.

I found myself talking out loud:  
Frederic Edwin Church did it again!

One stunning painting after another . . .  
as I legally eavesdropped  
on this remarkable artist’s page,  
inviting my self to soar over  
the mesmerizing assortment  
of his journey’s pace.

I think  
I lost my heart in  
“The Heart of the Andes”.

## Can you tell . . .

how enchanted I am by 19<sup>th</sup> century paintings  
of North American landscapes?

My post-high school schooling is at fault!

In the heat of having to learn about  
European accomplishments  
in all the conceivable areas of art,  
even the central figures  
my adopted home country  
had it in her all along  
passed me by.

I admit: I am exaggerating a bit.  
Of course, I learned much about non-Europeans  
long before today. Regardless! I intend to make up  
for neglecting a balance in my knowledge-acquisition skills  
from this time forth.

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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>***

## Ice Kingdom

She rides the narrow passage  
into the kingdom of ice  
with an alternative plan  
to carry the heat of love in her pocket.

This is her last bold move.  
She melts icebergs that carry her name  
and drip with the pure water of love.

In her magic boat the passage opens  
in the light stream where thoughts burn ice  
on the ride to the heavenly planes.

With no anchors to hold her,  
only the safety of love's hand  
paddles her boat toward home.

## Mission of Love

Between the blank space of the lines,  
you nourish the heart and soul  
of the broken with nutrition sound bites  
in creative letters forming healing words.

When you grab the soul  
of masculine and feminine energy  
sparks fly across the universe  
looking for stars that embrace love.

They patiently hold love until time  
is ripe like fruit to stroll down to earth.  
Mission to spread love  
along the highway of light.

## New Covenant

To begin anew is the destination.  
Paddling hard to the unknown country.  
Fear holds service in my shoes.

Moving anyway with  
stubbornness my strong paddle.  
I will not be denied.  
Courageous sweat wets my face.

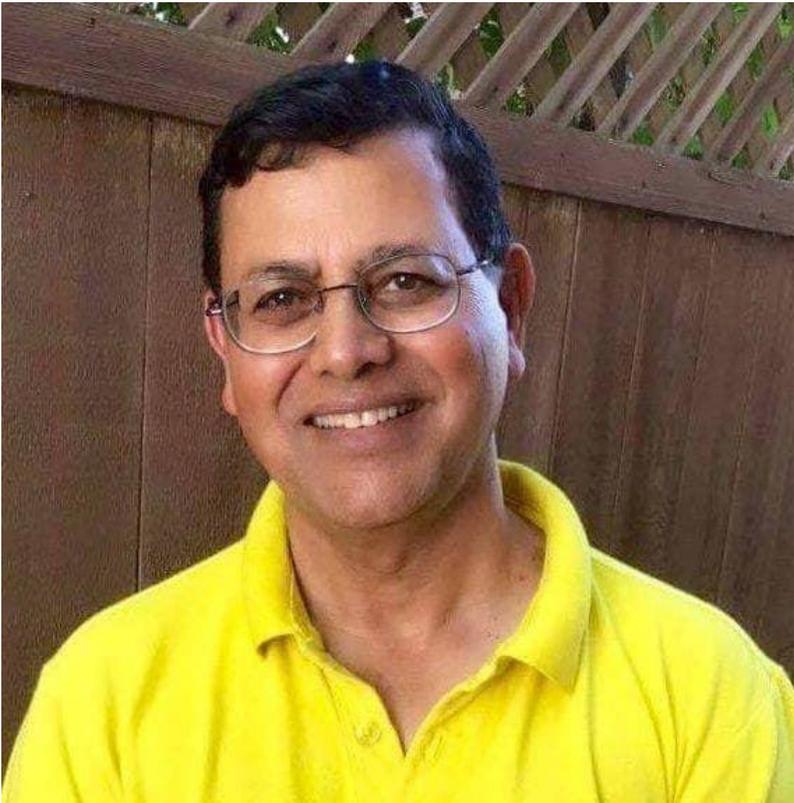
Show the current you in charge.  
I believe  
I can make it to the far country  
to break bread in my new covenant.

God has written on my soul.  
Behold my magnificence.  
Leave your tears upon this sea.  
Bend your knees before me.  
I will grant you peace.

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Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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Ashok Bhargava is a poet, writer, community activist, public speaker, management consultant and a keen photographer. Based in Vancouver, he has published several collections of his poems: *Riding the Tide*, *Mirror of Dreams*, *A Kernel of Truth*, *Skipping Stones*, *Half Open Door* and *Lost in the Morning Calm*. His poetry has been published in various literary magazines and anthologies.

Ashok is a Poet Laureate and poet ambassador to Japan, Korea and India. He is founder of WIN: Writers International Network Canada. Its main objective is to inspire, encourage, promote and recognize writers of diverse genres, artists and community leaders. He has received many accolades including Nehru Humanitarian Award for his leadership of Writers International Network Canada, Poets without Borders Peace Award for his journeys across the globe to celebrate peace and to create alliances with poets, and Kalidasa Award for creative writings.

## Silver Floe

ice mountains  
white on its wings  
drift across the ocean

curved waves  
push with force  
to break free

invisible breeze  
craves a window  
to see the stars through it

the faded jeans sky  
a tide of fog  
rolling over

the scissor edges of iceberg  
cutting star-shapes into sky  
the wet silver floe opens up

a scene to behold  
eternity erases  
an end with a beginning

## Mist Rain

Rain coming down  
like silk threads  
stitching  
the parched souls

to calm down  
raging fires and  
to make lovers  
smile  
to spread  
fragrance  
all around  
the aroma of raindrops.

## Crystalized Reality

Without any center  
my true self peels off  
in layers of  
memories,  
dreams,  
desires  
some experienced  
others unfulfilled.

I remember not  
being myself  
my thoughts  
and promises  
yours or mine.

I will be myself  
the day  
I catch winds  
with my fingers  
to become fire  
with a passionate glow  
melt and crystallize  
into a rare,  
perfect glass.

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<sup>th</sup> Prize Winner in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada “Amazing Poet 2015”, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT ), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

Her poetry and children’s stories have been featured in different anthologies and magazines worldwide.

Links to her works:

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

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

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

## The breathing shadow

You can't stop the rain  
Unmute for the clouds  
That pour on my earth  
Bound to my feet,  
You can't stop the rainbow  
Nor deceive me with another hue  
When I touch you  
I already know,  
You will be forever  
In my senses.  
You can't stop my sight  
To see wavelength,  
To shed some tears for the joy  
Or grieve when you're gone.  
Let me be your light  
In the breathing shadow.

## My Green Temple

Walk away and visit me  
Where my soul resides  
It bleeds with the forest  
Making my inner self happy

At my doorsteps, you'll see  
Tiny plants for you to remember  
How gentle hands grow them  
Just like your heart that beats.

Look at every window,  
You can see all the canopies  
Inviting to see the green lush  
Lovers can camp and stargaze.

## Beyond the Sea of Clouds

Exaltations of waters behind the drunken clouds

Blindly rushing to the creeks of first kisses

Like migrant birds forming parachute

Sealing all mysterious mountain peaks.

Seasoned wonder as diamond ring reveals

Eternal playground of the gods

Rare, magnificent, priceless beauty

Between the skies, between the seas

Unbound love, our destiny.

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Swapna  
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a trilingual contemporary poet, author, translator, educationist and editor from Odisha, India. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published. She has penned six books of different genres including one children's literature on Environment. She is the recipient of the International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019, honoured from Gujarat Sahitya Akademie, Telangana Sahitya Akademi. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government and from Algeria, Morocco, Kajahkstan, Argentina etc. Her one poem "A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP" is translated into 65 languages. She is the Cultural Ambassador for India and south Asia of Inner Child Press U.S.

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## metaphor on the canvas

Aurora Borealis  
the metaphor on the canvas  
depicts transformation of war  
Frederic Edwin Church of  
Hudson river school of American naturalist  
a landscape painter  
church a paradigm of the artist  
public voice of culture  
scenes of Arctic  
the visual components are  
colour, form, line, shape, texture and value  
nature is so lavish  
the artist he was  
who fills the gap  
between  
Romanticism and formalism  
dreams of peace  
dreams of love  
dreams of humanity  
the planet is his ultimate canvas

## perhaps I died

what if  
you were in stoic silence  
not in a mood to celebrate  
I was lying on the bamboo bed  
the only cacophony was  
the whistling of my lungs  
you just wrapped me with a shawl  
the journey started  
perhaps i died

what if  
the rhythm  
of the diaphragm melted  
memory was so volatile  
stucco languages printed  
the tapestry of our zone  
perhaps I died

what if  
moments of sharing  
vanilla ice cream  
hot coffee blended  
to form a drop of tear  
smiles are submerged  
to create a new iceberg of zero noise  
perhaps I died

what if  
the placid zone  
filled with trepidation  
all promises became celebration  
life negotiated  
and the carnival started  
perhaps I died

to be an idiosyncratic composer .....

**here and there**

here and there a grandma sings  
just listen to the tune;  
the nature, the birds are twitting  
the cassava porridge is on the stove  
the corn plants are growing taller

here and there a baby crawls  
just see how she puts the efforts to stand  
she needs language and unlimited love  
take her to nature to get colours of life

here and there the vendors sell  
the farmers till, grow;  
the soldiers fight in the war field  
just respect the labour  
sing a song of beatitude for them

here and there life is living  
in multiple ways  
just leave your digital world  
for a fraction of time  
live with life  
sing the song of a legacy  
la la la .....

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

Infinite poetry @lulu.com

Alcarrasco2 on YouTube

Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html>

## Frederic Edwin Church

The Iceberg

Mountains of ice bobbing in the arctic

sights seen must be shared

It's almost selfish to keep these visions in ones optics.

light sneaks through clouds to make some icebergs look  
like huge diamonds,

the ones in the darkness look like white uncharted non  
stationary islands.

The water is ice cold but not frozen,

i see the current showing there's motion.

As i look at this painting i feel as if i was on the voyage  
with Frederic Edwin Church.

I see the beauty and feel the cold air as if i'm right there  
perched on a vessel,

as we wonder research.

## Gods work

I must say sorry to the lord  
I cursed at him every time a friend of mines  
lay bleeding on the floor  
It wasn't you behind the reason they are the late  
It was the devil taking over a weak mind  
That's how he manipulates  
At that time I didn't understand  
That you was holding my hand through this journey  
Of bloodshed and death and hospital gurneys  
You was guiding me  
When my guys were at there dying day  
I used to ask why didn't you place me In their killers face?  
I understand the reason now to that question I been asking  
It's because the killer and the one being killed  
Are still gods children  
It's like being stuck between a dark and a righteous  
situation  
Darkness is living with evils temptations  
The righteous way is to speak and try to uplift  
An uncivilized individual  
I can shoot back with evil and malicious intent  
What type of message will be sent?  
He shoots me  
My brother shoots him  
Now it's two moms grieving  
It will never end  
It will continue to transcend  
Like a ghetto trend  
Or a plague  
Cemeteries getting bigger, due to the domino effect the  
devil made  
Instead of continuing to run the street having police  
checking for ballistics

I put down the gun and the lord armed my mind  
To try to lower NYC murder rate statistics

## In your head

I try to write like a poetic neurologist,  
get up all in your head like a psychologist,  
Then control your mind like a, psionistic ,  
I'm getting this down to a science,  
like a word play scientist,  
thesis then my pen moves with telekinesis,  
two physical eyes watching while the third controls motion,  
follow the pen rock tic toc tic toc hypnosis,  
with my thoughts I can give thoughts to a fellow poet with  
writers block,  
my brain plays slide I see mental pictures pass by,  
I choose one then jump inside,  
then its calligraphy with mental telepathy,  
one more thing I must mention, I'm working on my phd in  
esp,  
extrasensory perception.

Open your mind

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Eliza  
Søgiæt

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Nations Writers Union and Union Hispanomundial De Escritores (UHE) (December 2018).

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).

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 (2020).

Laureate "The Most Outstanding Of 2020" in Central America.

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

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Laureate Premiul Fănuș Neagu - 2021.

Finalist "Golden Aster Book" World Literary Prize 2020, 2021- Italy

Finalist of The "Festival" European Poetry Championship 2021"

Finalist Mili Dueli 2021 Poetry Contest

## Indifference

*To the memory of Fredric Edwin Church*

The painter stopped time on the painting,  
untamed charm  
created from the awe about nature.  
What's more important?  
Icebergs or depths of the sea.

Maybe just the message  
– of loneliness in the world  
of cold, indifferent people around.  
Torn off mast of the ship,  
which cannot be rejoined back to the wholeness,  
is as a one eyed wonderer  
during the sandstorm.

The world in full  
isn't available at all times.  
Aside from wind, sun, and storm  
a human  
– needs a Human.

*Translated Ula de B.*

## Otherness

Maybe for the better that,  
doesn't tolerate certain sounds.  
Doesn't even try  
to give heed to words,  
which  
he might hear about himself again.

*Weird, different*  
he seems to have it memorized.

If it was leprosy,  
they'd fear for their own health,  
they'd leave farthest away possible,

and might even feel sorry.

His otherness  
is not contagious,  
yet it still frightens.  
It's not harmful,  
yet dissuades.

So different means  
– more sensitive.

Coexistence with him  
expects from us –

the smilingly keen people  
– the understanding.

We, immune to reality  
feel differently

*Translated Ula de B.*

## Withdrawn

How many times can one repeat?

– *Withdrawn, he avoids contact with people.*

Will they not think it's good that way?

They should think

that everyone is different,

not worse, not better

– but extraordinary.

When I was little

I did not play with children,

I always liked to be by myself.

People tormented, touched, wanted to kiss me,

then only toy blocks were friendly.

– *He does not show emotions.*

Always the same. Still on about one thing,

ad nauseam!

I preferred and prefer a quiet,

closed world.

If they knew that under the cover

of my silence stray thoughts

not available to everyone.

One Albert, Isaac, Andy...

they were not ill, they just had it.

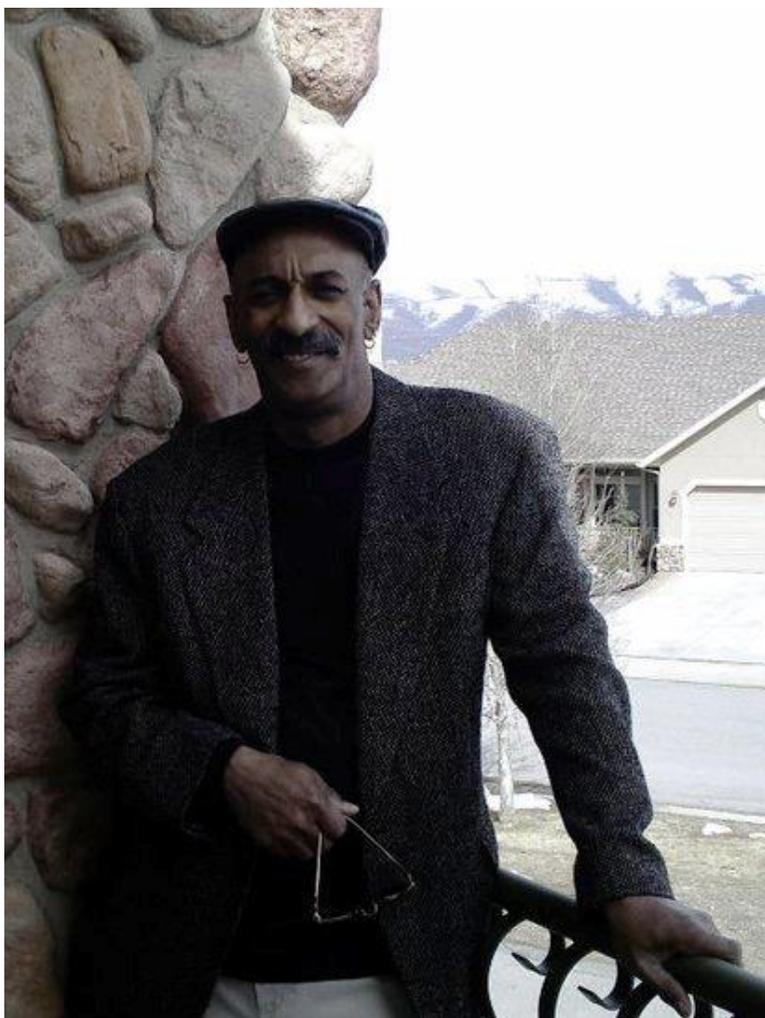
Do people not know

that some minds have power?

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## Church Styles

Some are frigid landscapes  
Painted warmly upon the canvass,  
Depicting hidden stories  
Begging to come to life  
In our consciousness

Others are balmy glimpses  
Into the things  
That move things  
Within us

Trees and skies  
Tell of our hopes perhaps  
And the ever-present waters  
Reminds us to not stagnate  
Though we are deciphering  
The colors offered

Nothing is quite acutely lucid,  
And thus allows me,  
The onlooker, admirer  
Room for a little wiggle  
In my imagination

Let us go to 'Church' now  
And listen to the silence  
Upon the canvass

## The Secret of Kismet

In the struggle to heal  
That which has been declared broken,  
When the contrite heart  
Of forgiveness  
Bears an unbearable pain,  
What is a man to do?

Is love the culprit  
That wields  
The two-edged sword  
That cuts a swath  
Through the hearts  
Of all who stand  
In the presence  
Of its own transgressions?

.....  
Does love heal all things,  
Or is it just a matter  
Of time  
That makes the sting  
Less acute

Sometimes words are lost,  
Or just too damned obtuse  
To fit into the required spaces  
That effectuates a rebound  
Or preoccupation  
Of the comfort  
We once possessed

At other times,  
Words are but senseless rhetoric

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And unheard useless chatter  
That annoys  
The intended audience  
Who have learned  
To turn a succinct deaf  
And calloused ear  
To the pleas of reconciliation

Is this the definition  
Of melancholy,  
Or that of one  
Of her many siblings  
From the 'Family of Forlorn'?  
That resides in the plains,  
The wood,  
The mountains,  
The valleys ....  
Those places that collect  
Our silent tears  
That run down  
The cheeks of our souls  
To the streams  
That become rivers  
And thus feed the oceans  
Of our silent existential consciousness  
That nourishes  
All of life?

Oh how do we heal  
From our negligence,  
Our ignorance,  
And these things  
That somehow evaded  
Our understanding and awareness?

.....

What is the prayer

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One should pray ....  
At what altar  
Should one prostrate,  
What is the longing hope  
Within our aged breasts  
That offers resolve  
Recovery,  
Reconciliation,  
Or reward  
For the suffering endured?  
.....  
Who may I ask  
Knows "The Secret of Kismet"

Words

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I have been searching,  
Seeking,  
Peeking under every rock,  
Turning every stone  
Trying to find that poem  
That will reconcile my soul,  
Make me feel whole

Is what i am looking for  
Mere words,  
Thoughts,  
Or a spirit of a thing  
I have always sought?

Words have an immeasurable magic  
That escapes the lazy eye  
And the dulled mind  
Such as mine

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# Orbindu Ganga

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## Inspiring Feuilemort

Auburn tanned in the blazing  
Morning, waiting for solace,  
Wondered the dust was never  
More scented, flying like ashes,  
Murmured within to bring  
The curtains to fall, sojourn heard  
The whispers to ask the twilight  
To loan her shade, without much ado  
She gave her shade, welcoming  
The season of golden misty hues.  
Quietness was waiting for long  
To find the space  
    To be staid  
Witnessing  
The falling leaves  
    To be sighted in a shoal,  
She suaved  
She allured  
She swayed  
    Murmuring and whispering  
    Smiling at each other's fall,  
    Kissed the dust  
        Gasped heavily  
        Heaved with a sigh

Thank you, god!!!  
We are in love again.

## Opening The Layers

Morning layers scented aroma  
Of fragrance, arcanelly whispering  
The showers to follow, to wet the leaves,  
Firmament accepted her invite  
To open the pores leaving the dust aside,  
Petrichor breathed to gather  
The sleepy eyes from hibernation,  
Onlookers danced in delight  
Orchestrated a call for many  
Still sitting behind  
The windows and  
Poking to smell the scent,  
Buried flavours layered  
Deep in the corners opened  
The mind, to shout astutely,  
To join the onlookers for  
A season to rejoice.

## You Had Me Seen

Shadows hardly get noted  
Being occupied with  
The missives of tomorrow,  
    Shadows started following  
    In the morning whispers  
    And in the evening hues,  
Never did eyes glanced  
Before, being behind  
The less ordinary.  
    Starring counts depleted  
    With the changing norms  
    Grafting many to think.  
        With the thoughts  
        Sauntering to be hit  
        By a paradigm shift,  
        The parallel resemble  
        Than ever before, tweaking  
        The existence to doubt.  
Never before had someone  
Disturbed, with no shades  
Of her visible before me.  
    She remained beside  
    Me, unable to discover  
    Her form in my world.  
She shifted her base  
From another World  
Where I existed, existing.  
    Being a shadow  
    Whispering in her  
    Language, muted to me.  
She exists in a world  
Where I exist, existing,  
Unknown to me.

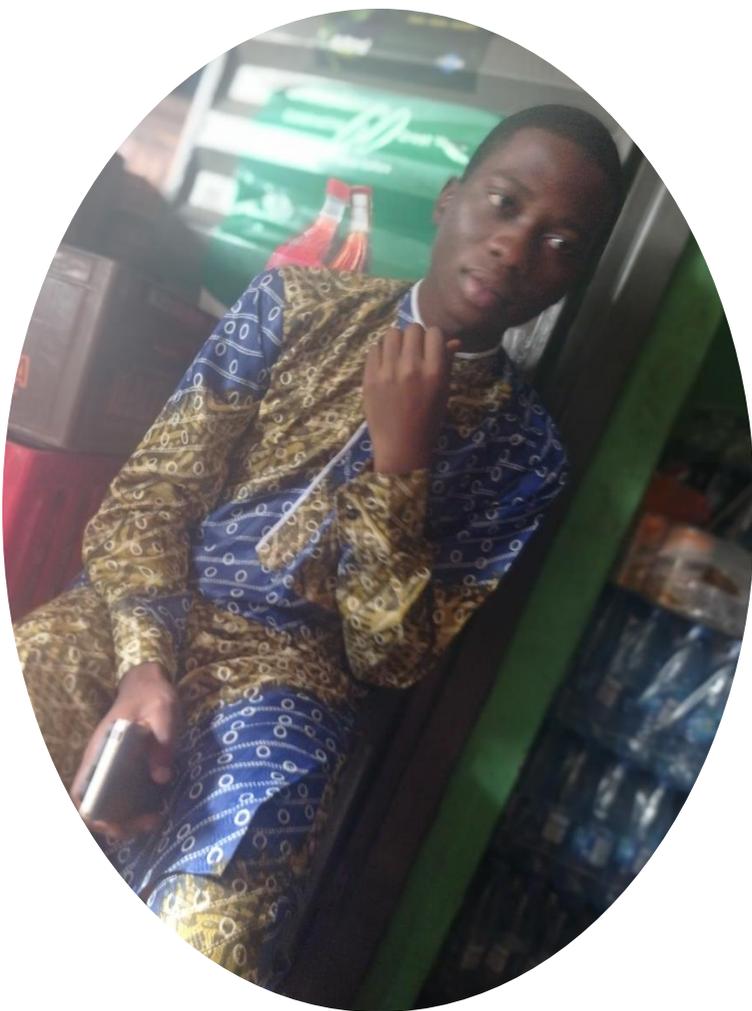
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My mind still feels  
Her, she exists without  
My eyes accepting her.  
I drown in Marina Trench  
To see her, she weeps aloud  
Muted is my world to hear her.

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Fadairo  
Təsleşem



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## How I yelled at God

I saw a bird twirls towards me  
"looks like a bat" No! "it's a hawk"  
I only heard the resounding flaps  
of its wings.  
It sang in such an undecipherable language,  
Language no one understands but I.  
What a bird!

"Boy! Kneel & say a few prayers"  
authoritatively it sang.  
As Muslims revolve the holy 'kaā'bah'  
& with silky looks and remorseful hearts  
hold its shield firmly.  
& Christians confess their dooms in presence  
of 'Holy Mary'  
I closed my eyes, knelt down & spoke.

Holy bird from the most high!  
Tell father when you reach home, tell him  
that this small boy has written tons of  
words of hatred to himself,  
word he'd ne'er say to his enemies.  
Tell him this small boy here will end it all  
if HIS interference takes too long

## My Legs Led Me To The Emptied Apartments Of My Ancestors

/My parents/teachers/peers/  
told me nowhere on earth  
is as silent as a graveyard  
/Even mosques/not churches/not shrines/  
are fitted to be compared to its lingering silent  
atmosphere. & Today, I followed a friend to a garage,  
after ruiner of happiness built an /unbreakable wall/  
/unjumpable bridge/& an electrified fence/  
to the beginning of a journey with /no ending/no returning  
/of loneliness/& unpredictable destination/.

/But I heard the peeved laments  
of heirs who preceded their heroes/

/The weird sounds of wandering  
souls finding their hosts/

The noisy violent wind that,  
/erupts/sweeps/&gathers dreams/

Different noises of different tones from rooms,  
/Pleading/threatening/protesting.

/Give back this life to me,  
'ver would I go back to it/

/& If I can hide beneath tonight's darkness,  
I'd strangle my wife's concubine/

/& they said death don't accept bribes,  
Why'd he leave my father's father and take me/

## I am strong

~i've walked dreadful paths,  
paths jungle kings would  
take & increase their pace.

~i'd stood in wilderness,  
wilderness men call life,  
40 days and a night of no water.

~i made an adventurous tour,  
into sacred forests, forest  
no one went & come home wholly.

~on this crooked narrow route,  
of chirps, weird roars & odd bleats  
I'm still not shaking

Anthony  
Arnold

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Anthony Arnold, born in Tampa, and raised by his grandmother in a little town called Quincy in the Florida panhandle, wrote his first piece in the third grade and fell in love with writing ever since that moment; writing has become a comfort and a mainstay to keep him focused. As an avid reader of all genres of literature, Anthony has found a particular passion for black history.

He believes that his ancestry and the ones that have come before him have given their blood, sweat and tears to make it possible for him to live a life of freedom.

## Another Saturday night in Harlem

Juke joints bopping  
The bands rocking  
Couples dancing  
Bouncers bouncing

Just another Saturday night in Harlem

Brothers dressed to thrill  
Ladies looks would kill  
Sweats flying  
Partners screaming

Another Saturday night in Harlem

Bottles popping  
Booze flowing  
Food on the plate  
Better hurry don't be late

It's Saturday night in Harlem

Well the nights at an end  
Shake hands and kiss your lady friend  
One more song, it will be my treat.  
Come on baby, we'll come next week

Another Saturday night in Harlem

## Injustice anywhere

Dr King stated many words of wisdom  
Some that are more relevant today  
But this particular one has stuck with me  
More than any other jewels of knowledge he shared

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere

How can one even expect to have justice  
When the scales are tipped away from us  
When the lives of people of color  
Mean nothing to those tasked to protect

Those meant to uphold the law

3/5 of a man  
But we are all supposed to be created equal  
Yet according to the supreme court  
Persons of African descent could not claim citizenship

Then who do we belong to

Gunned down in the streets  
In our cars  
In our homes  
By our own

Walking while black  
Driving while black  
Napping while black  
Shopping while black\*

\*ask oprah about this one

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Money doesn't matter  
Status doesn't matter  
Ask James Blake  
Ask Tyler Perry

Ask Eric Garner, Botham Jean, Sandra Bland

There can be no justice  
Whenever injustice rears its ugly head  
Whenever racism is the word of the day  
Whenever hearts are hardened

To the plight of others

## Wish you were here

Getting old  
The aches and pains more prevalent  
I look back now  
Family and friends

Gone

Best friends...  
Taken too soon  
I wonder  
Why

Those who had tried to spread the word  
Called home  
Their voices  
Silenced

Our leaders  
Taken  
Getting into “good trouble”  
No more

For those taken  
In the streets  
In their homes  
In the waves of compliance

My muse  
My rock  
My mom  
No more

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For all of those transitioned  
For all of those lives taken  
For all of those in a better place  
Wish you were here

\*Inspired by the song from Pink Floyd

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# Iyad Shamasnah

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## The Honor of Simplicity

I embrace the wind  
invite her to share my glass  
and may even go out with her  
when I wake up

I am in awe  
of her dignified unruliness  
of her slim figure

Oh how I crave  
to be so lean like her  
when I go on my way  
and my way narrows

But the wind  
cares not for warmth  
and I cannot bear life  
without warmth

*Translated from Arabic by Nizar Sartawi*

## Reading Extinction

This sand is naught  
but tales  
that have fell off the words  
of passers-by

If one day  
you ask it  
you'll find out that  
it keeps the secrets  
of those who ask

Or if you wish  
listen for a while  
and you might hear a voice  
like groaning

It is something  
the wind never discloses  
but we comprehend it  
when the years are gone

*Translated from Arabic by Nizar Sartawi*

## The interpretation of Bleeding

In my country  
we write poetry  
to vanquish oppression  
and carry on with our lives

We are a people  
for whom God ordained  
to see the elite  
walking  
among the tyrants

We hold the ember  
in the fireplace  
whenever we taste  
the new deadly sins

But we sing  
to guard against  
the thoughtlessness of the gullible  
in the valley of sleep

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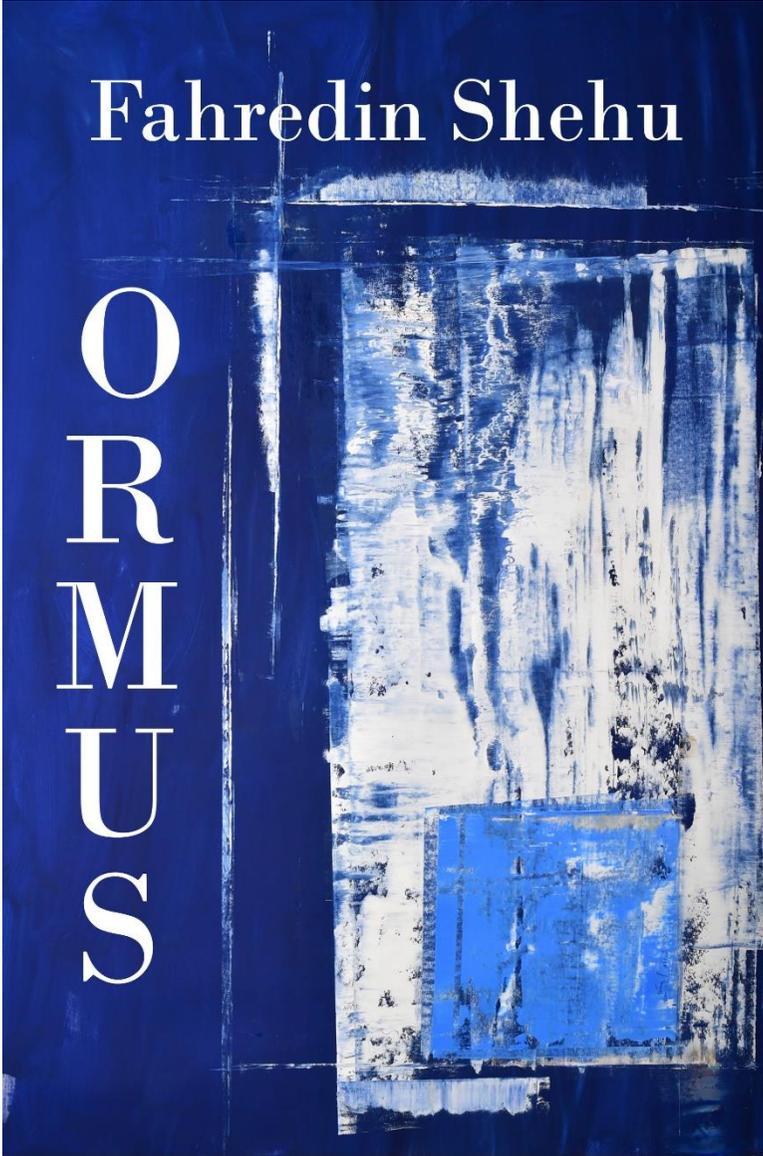
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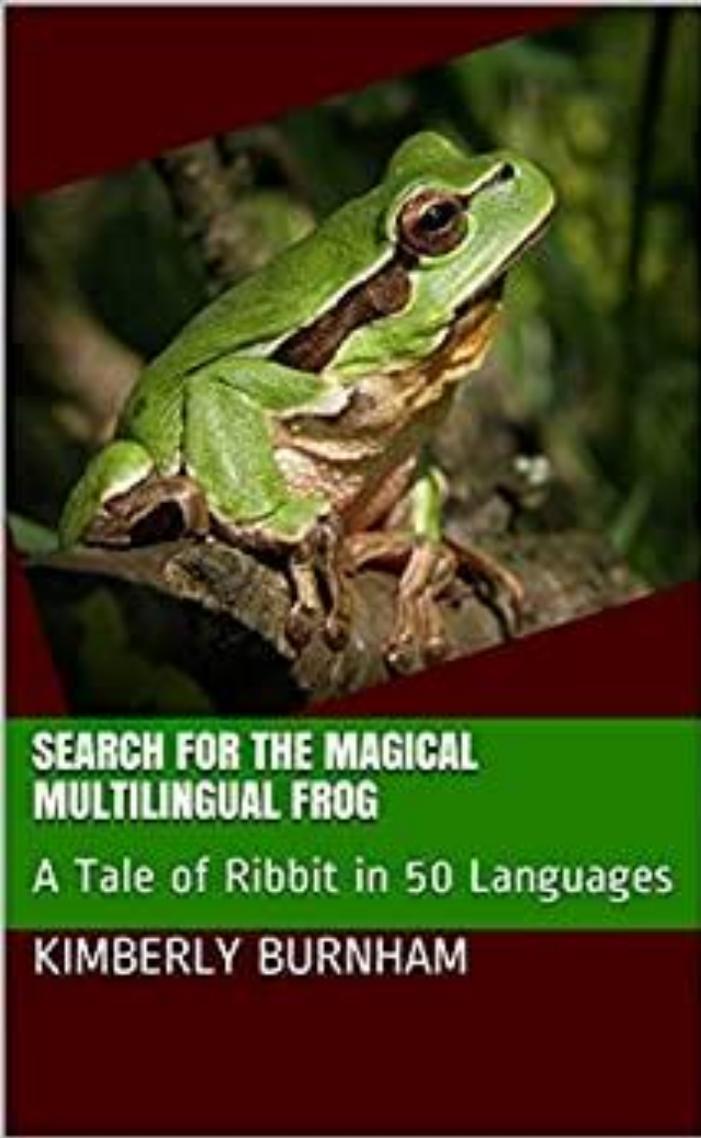


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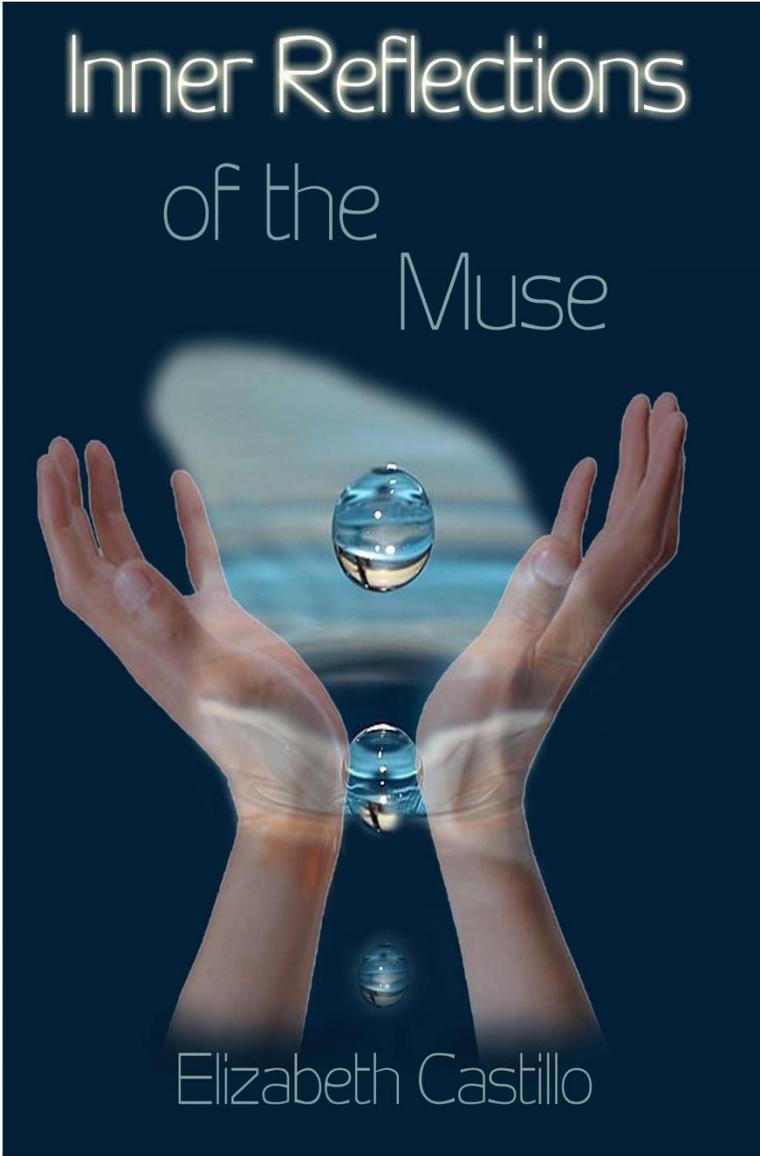
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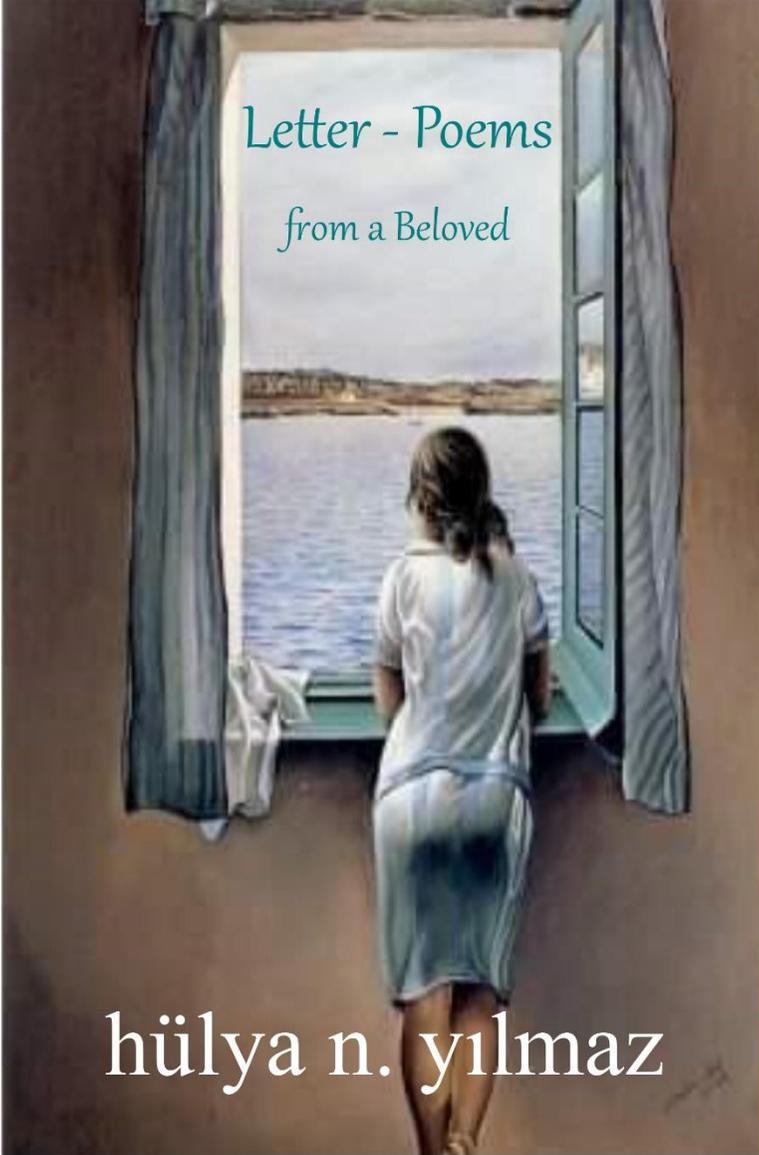
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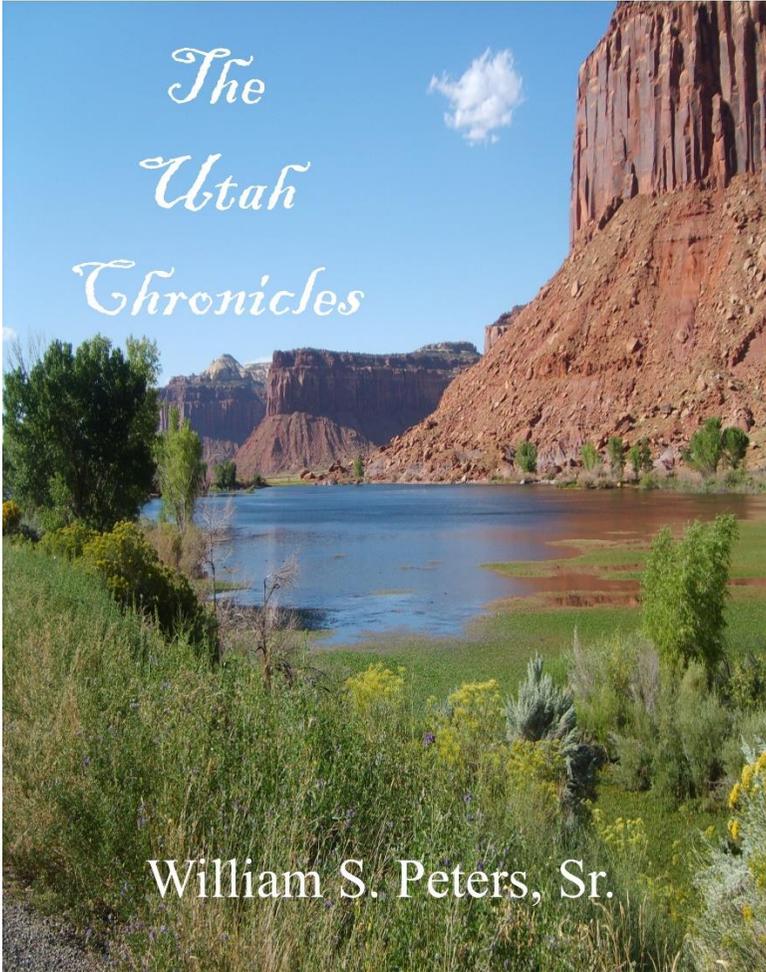
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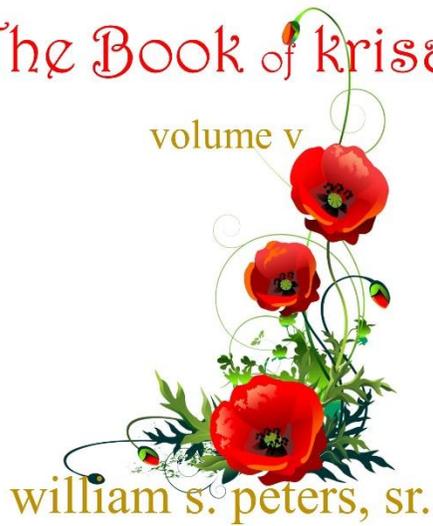
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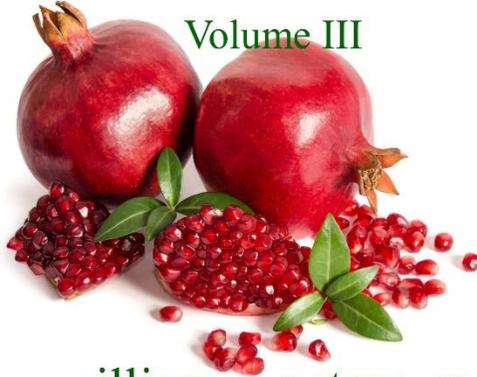
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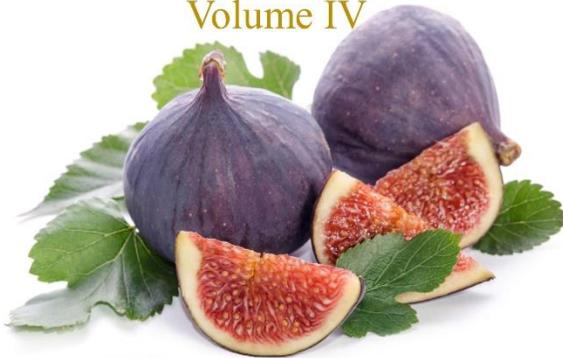
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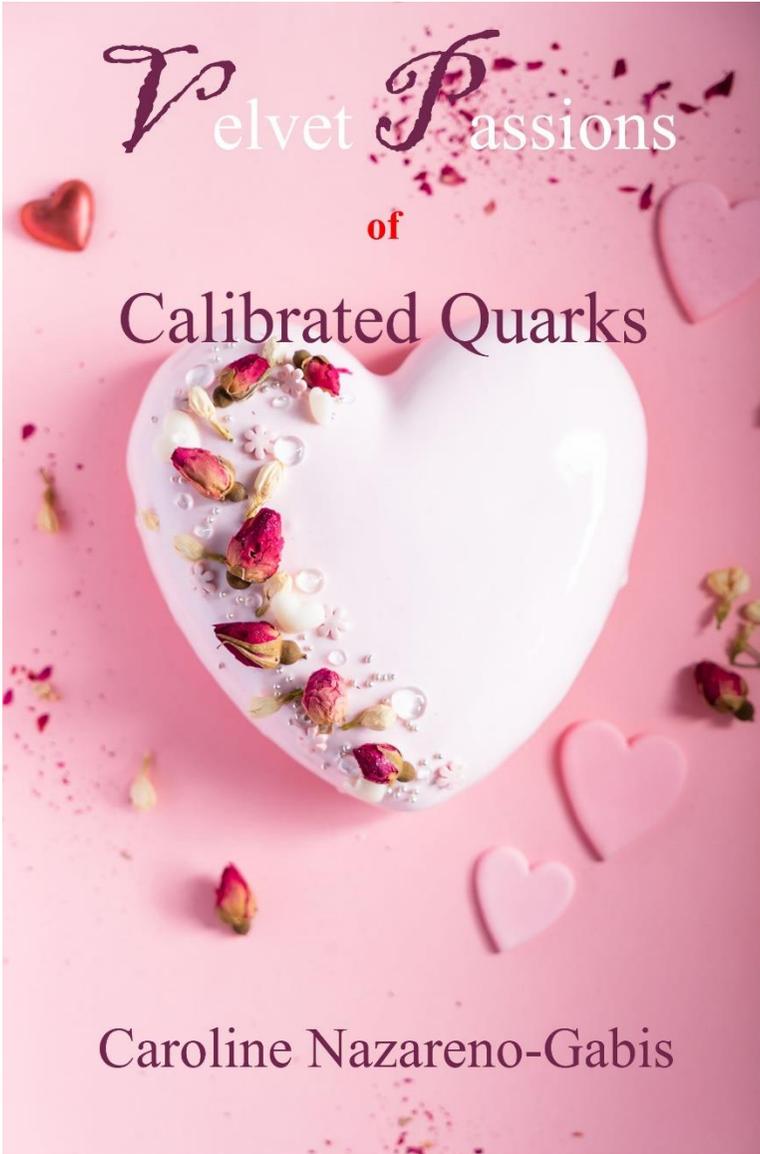
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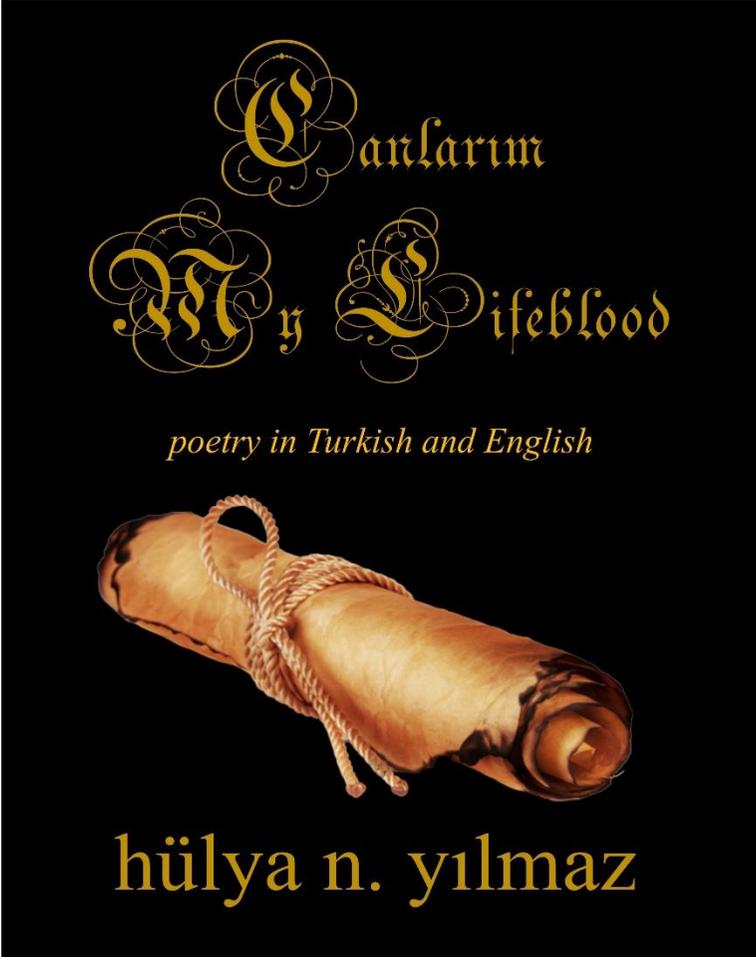
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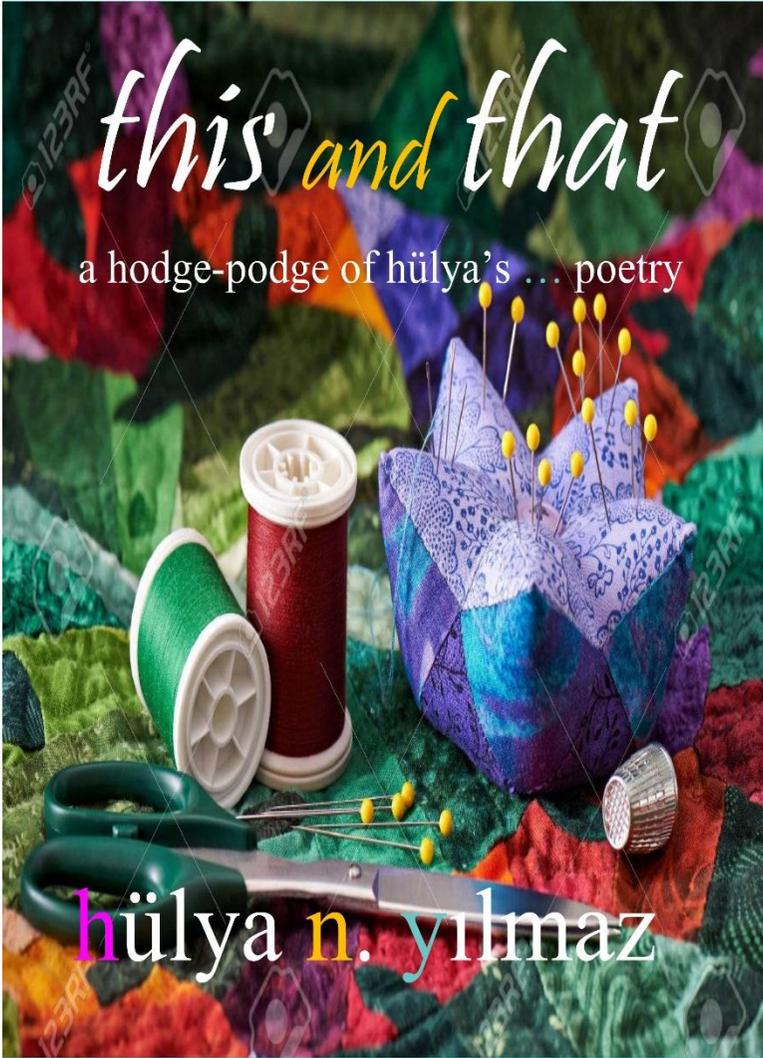
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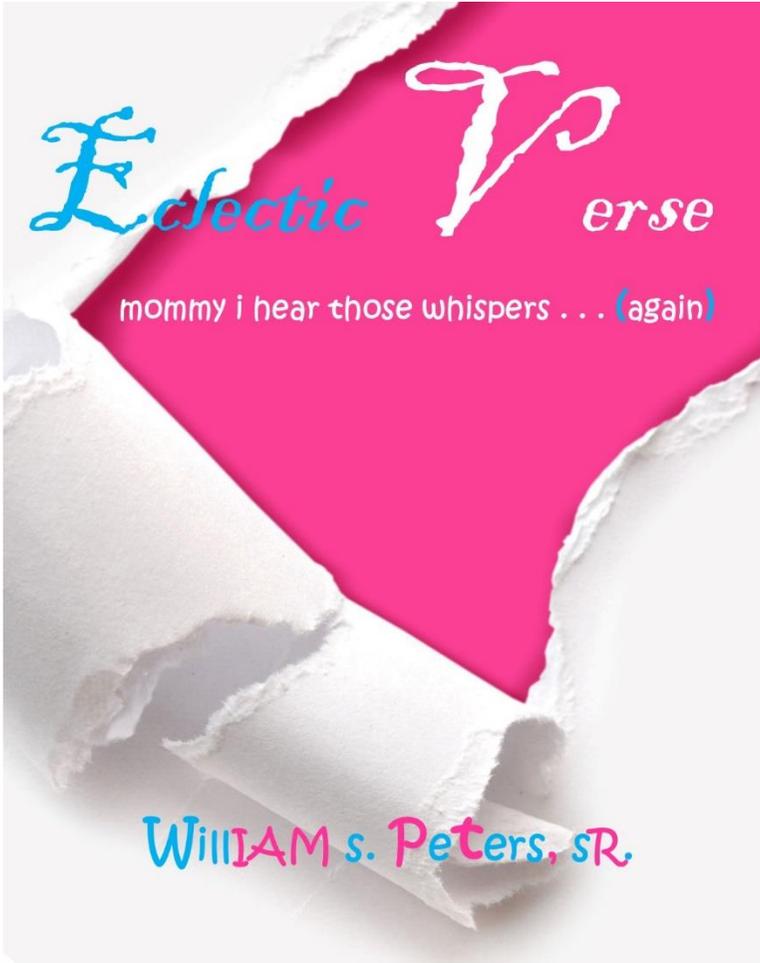
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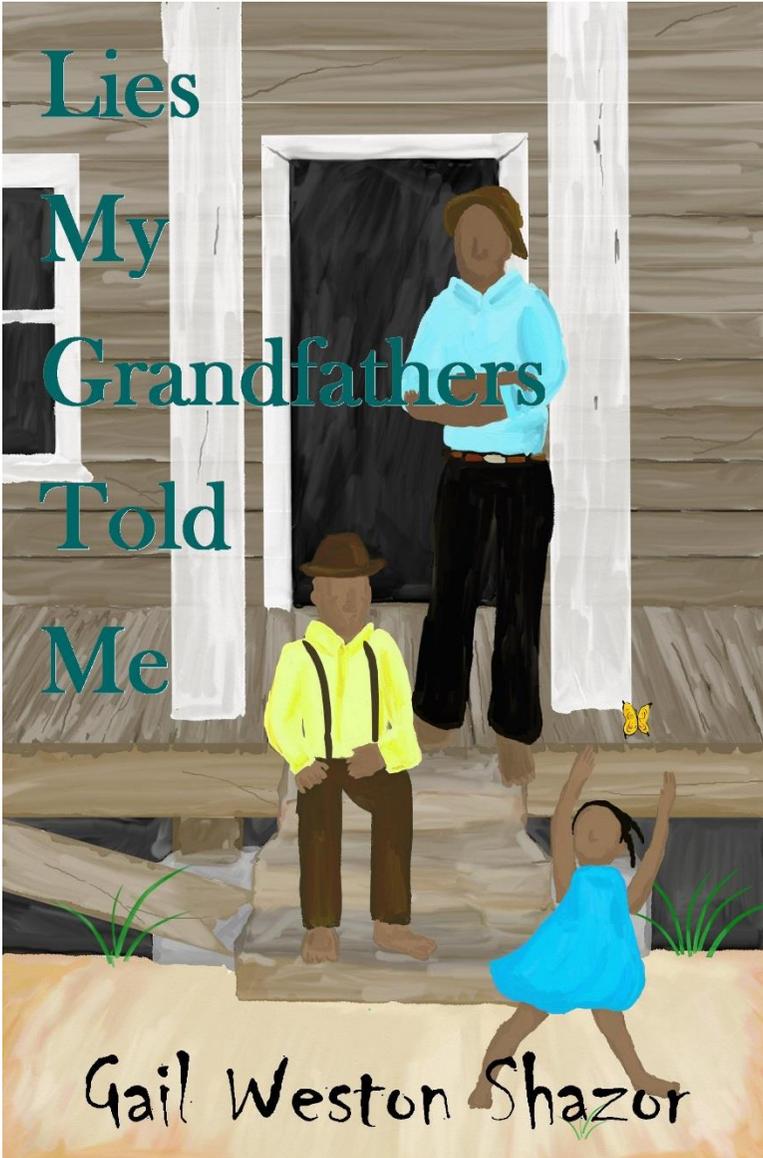
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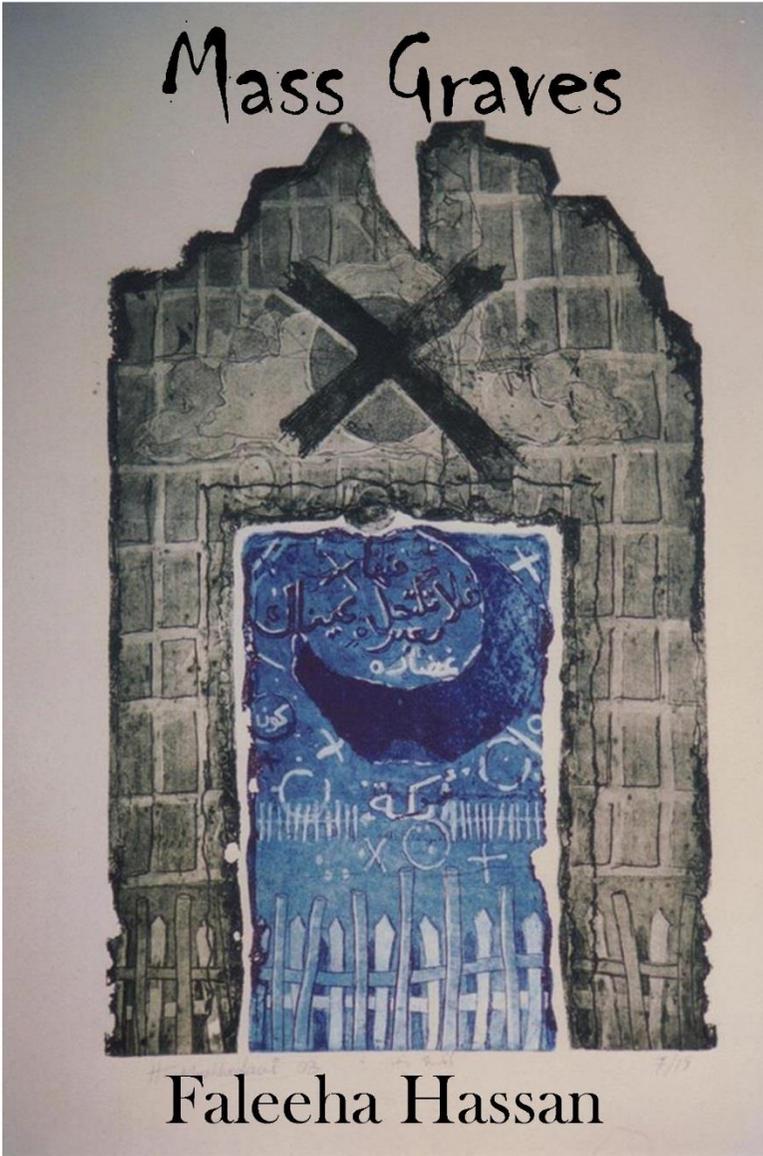


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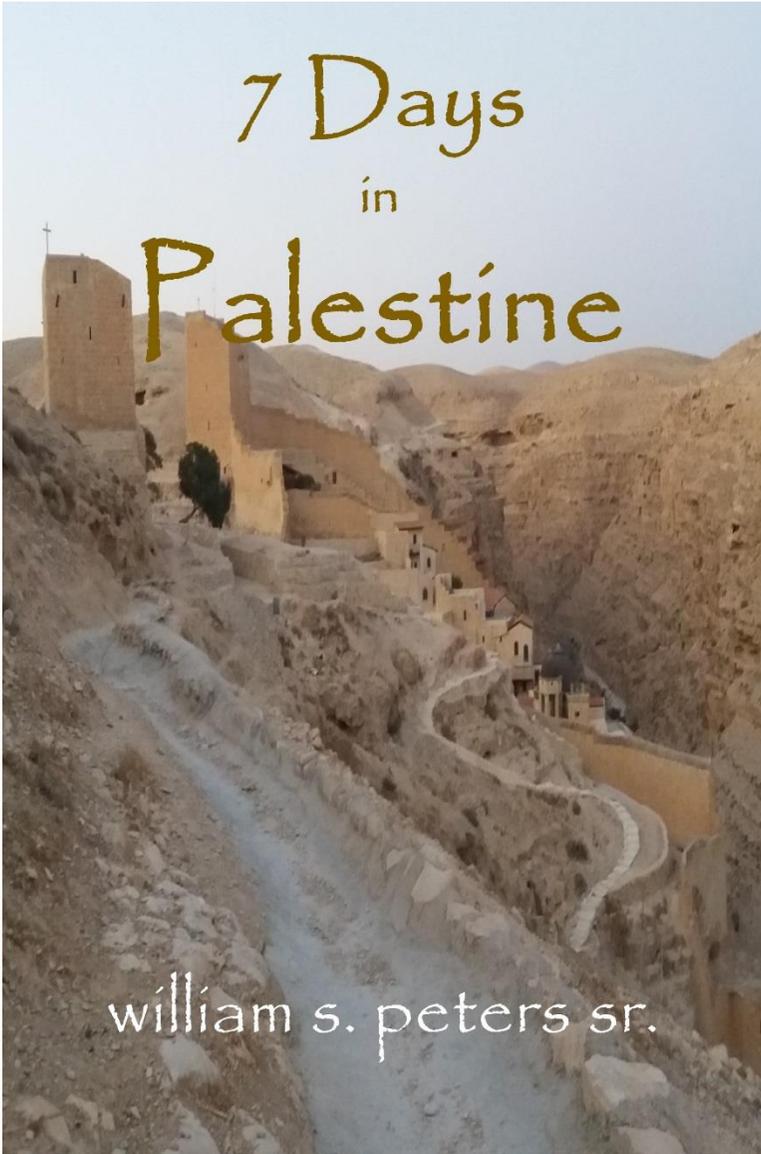
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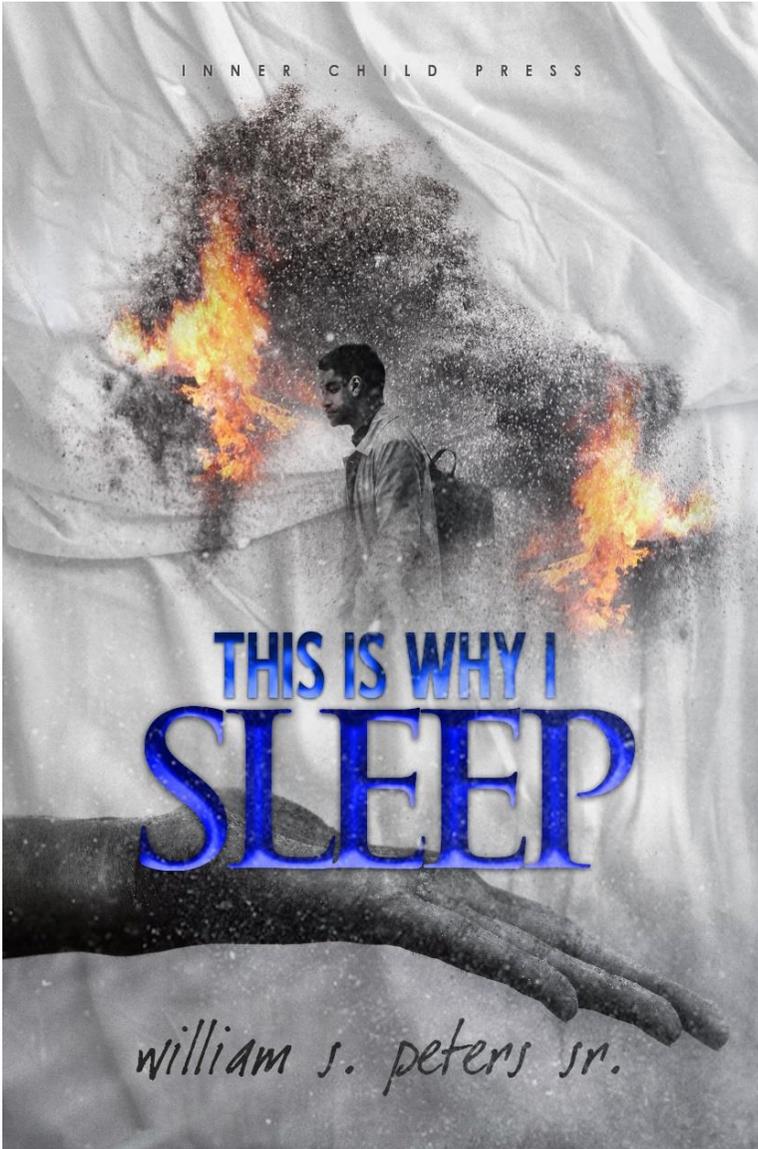
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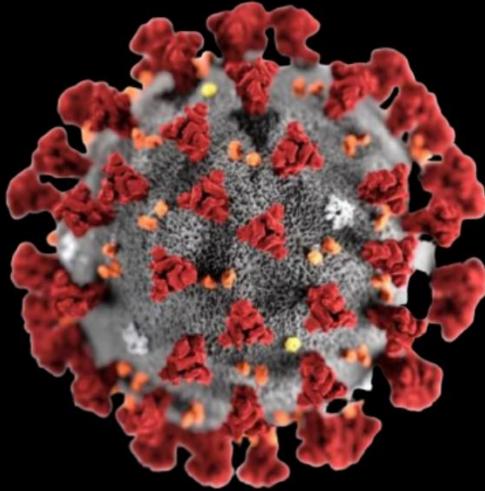
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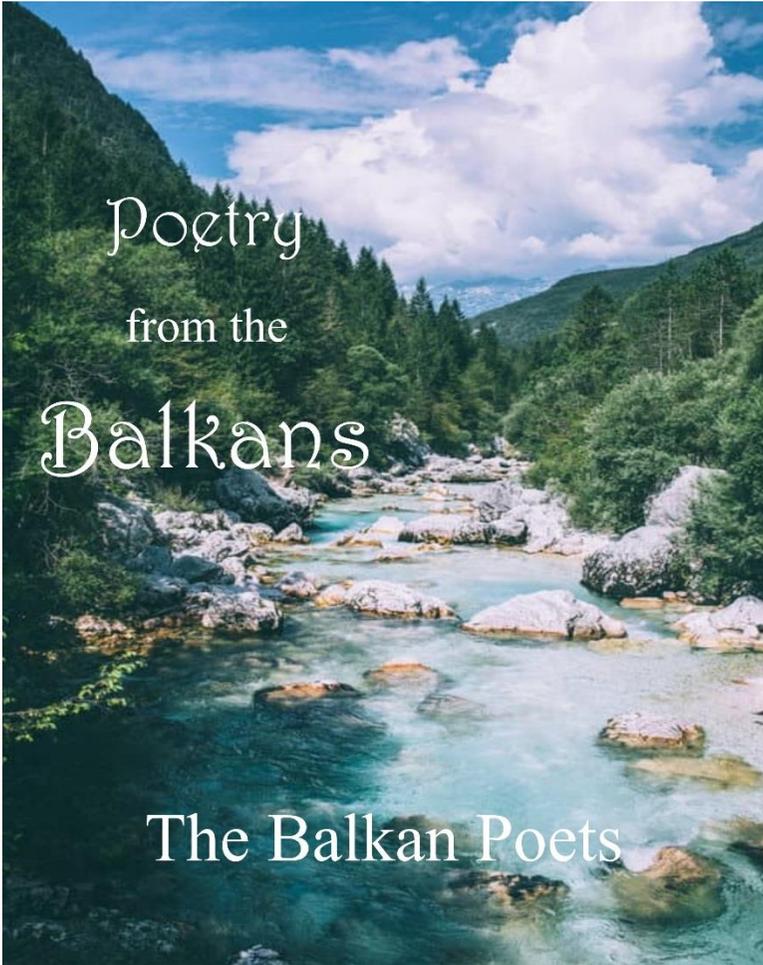
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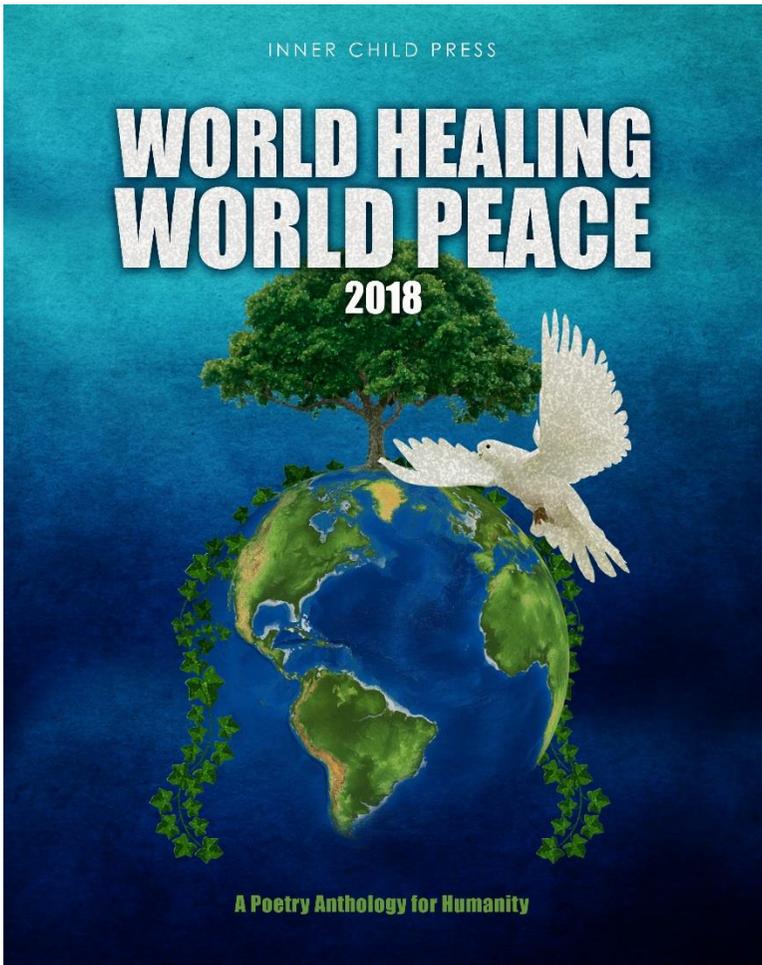
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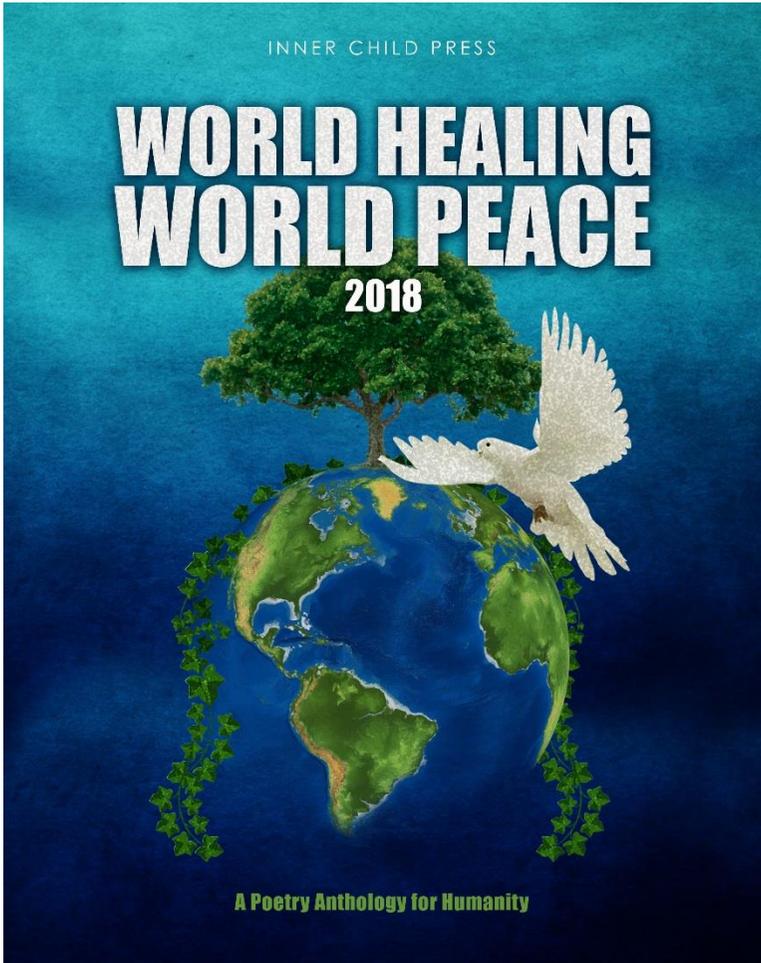


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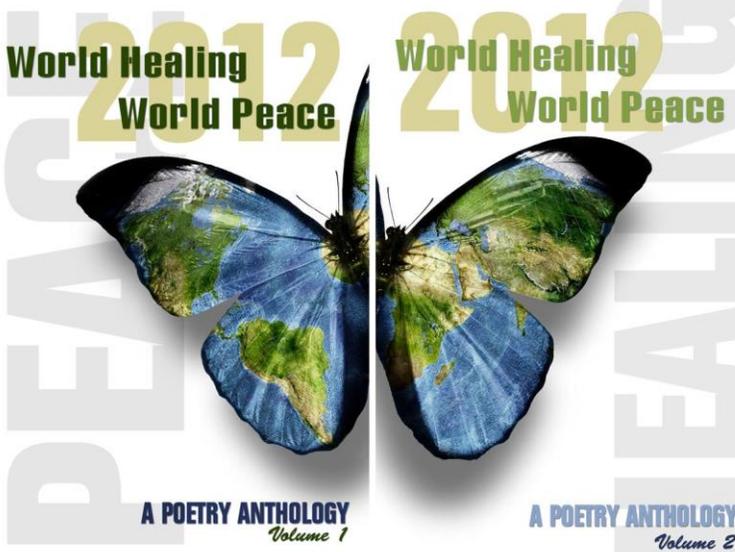
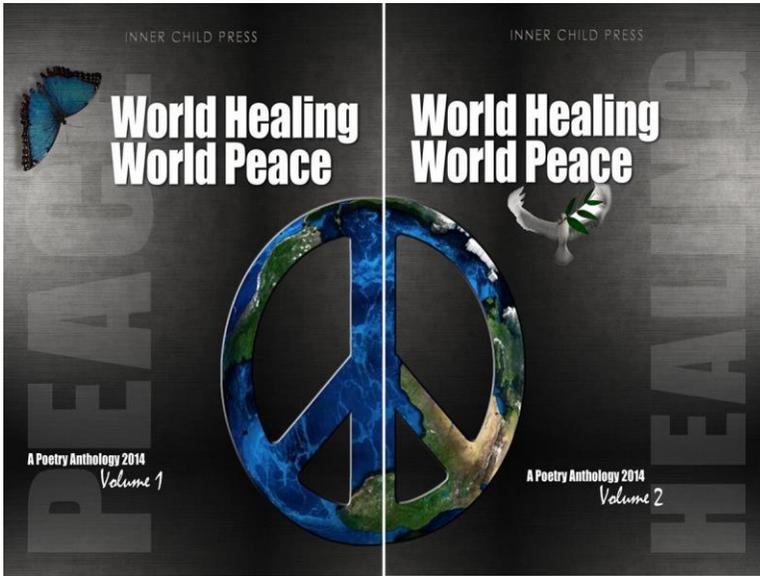
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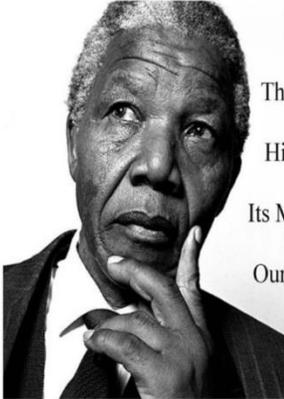
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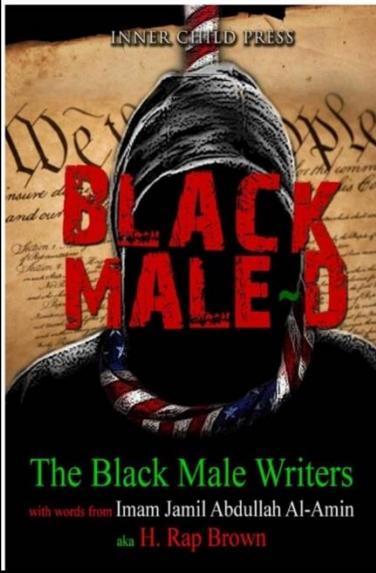
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POETRY & COMMENTARY  
FOR

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poetry  
to . . . volume 4



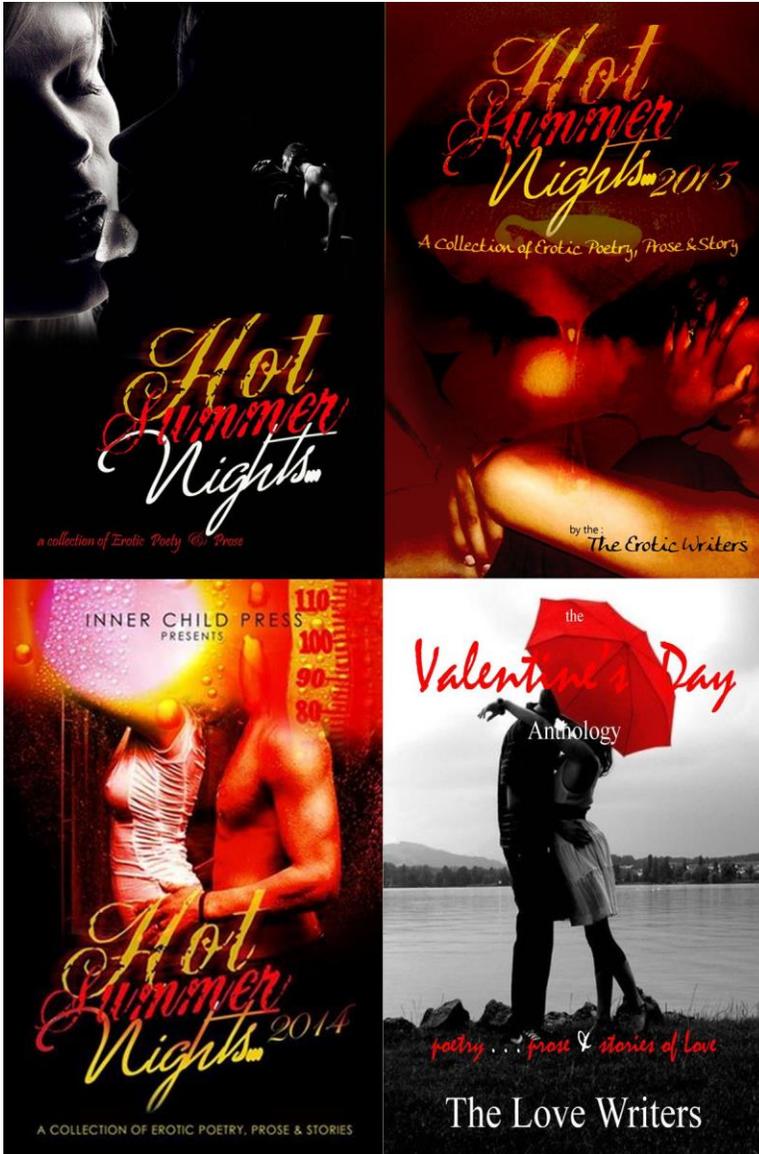
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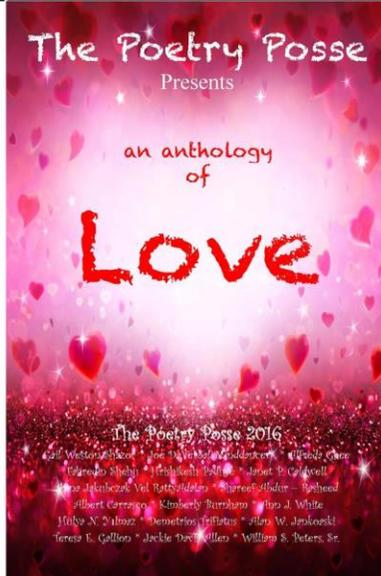
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*Carnation*

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**Our January Feature**  
Terri L. Johnson

## the Year of the Poet

February 2014



*violets*

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**Our February Features**  
Teresa E. Gallion & Robert Gibson

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March 2014



*daffodil*

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**Our March Featured Poets**  
Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

## the Year of the Poet

April 2014



*Sweet Pea*

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**Our April Featured Poets**  
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May 2014

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



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**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddantha Beth Pearce  
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Tony Hanning  
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Kimberly Burnham  
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**Lily of the Valley**

**the Year of the Poet**  
June 2014



**Love & Relationship**

**Rose**

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

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**The Year of the Poet**  
July 2014

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



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Albert Infrink Carrasco  
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**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**



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**August Feature Poets**  
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September 2014

Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Garden of September-Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

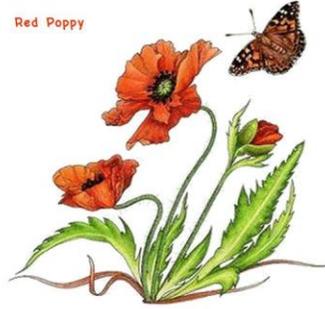
The Poetly Pass

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## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



The Poetly Pass

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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Pass

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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Roseman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

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December 2014

Narcissus



The Poetly Pass

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**Garnet**

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Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shehu  
Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantri \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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



**Amethyst**

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Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
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Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

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



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

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



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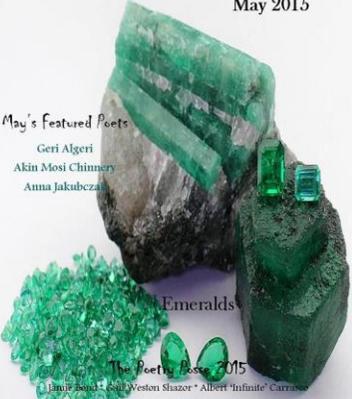
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Akin Mosi Chimners  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hillya N. Yilmaz  
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June 2015

June's Featured Poets

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



Pearl

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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

The Poetry Posse 2015

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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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August 2015

Peridot



Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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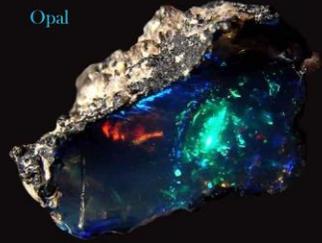
Sapphires

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 October 2015

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

Opal



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**Featured Poets**  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore



Topaz

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



Turquoise

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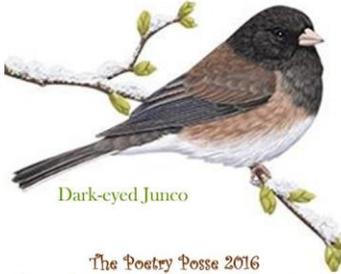
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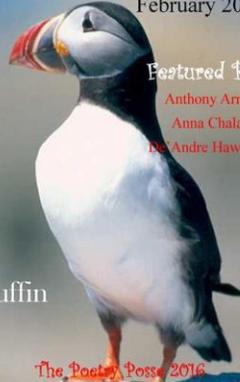
### The Poetry Posse 2016

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Fahreddin Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

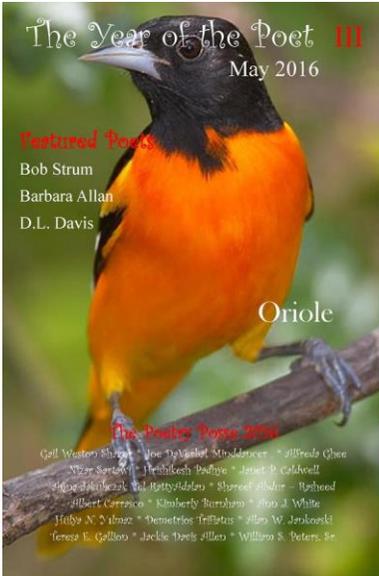
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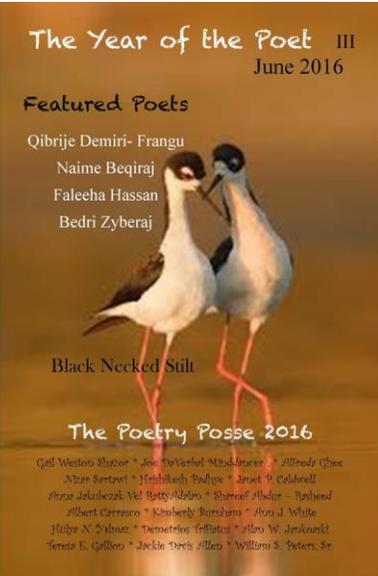


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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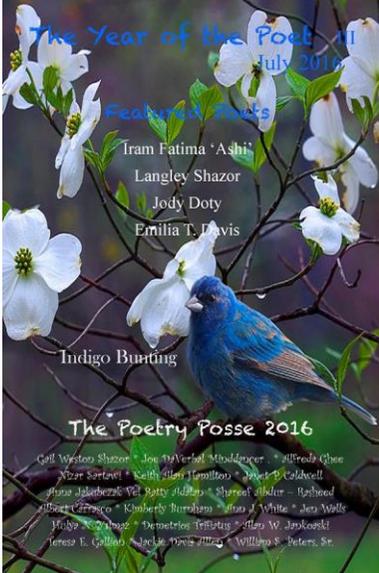


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June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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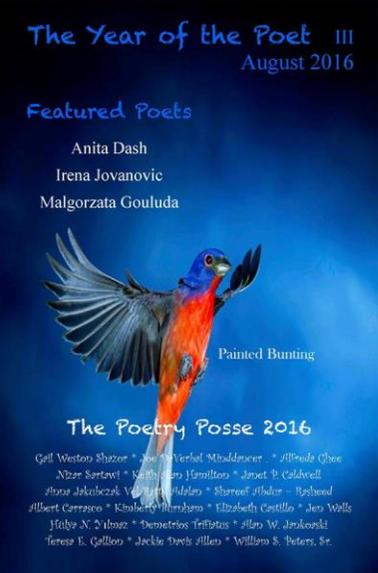


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novio

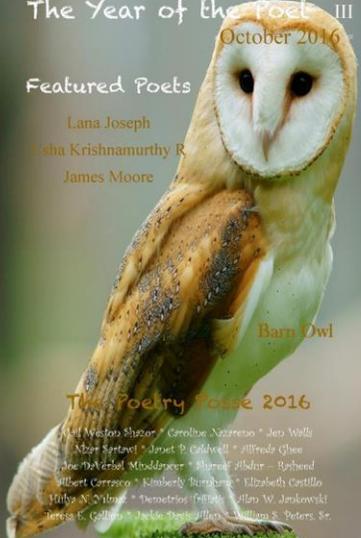


Long Billed Curlew

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October 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Lana Joseph  
Tasha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore

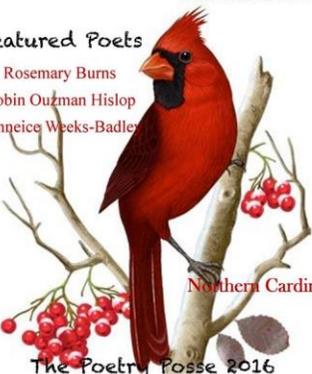


Barn Owl

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November 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badle

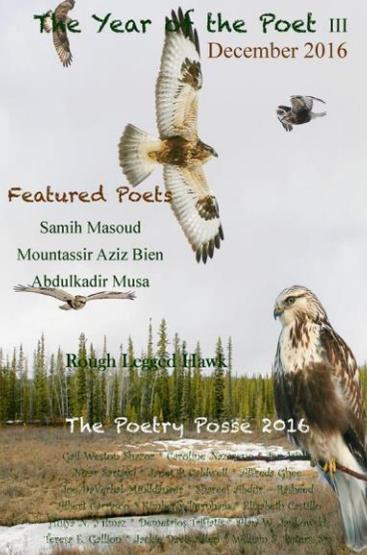


Northern Cardinal

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December 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

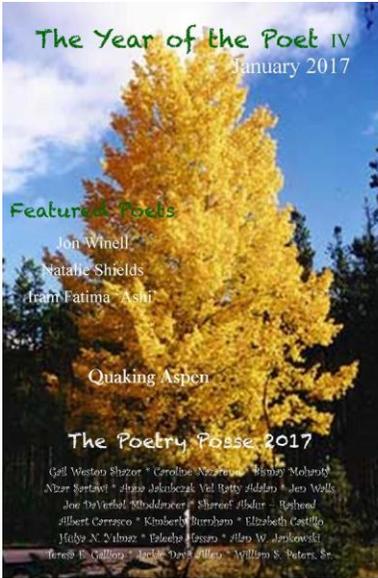
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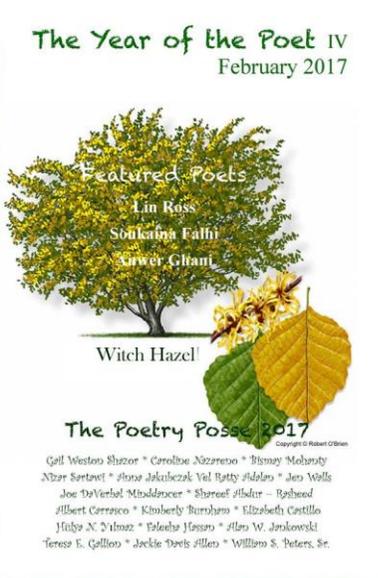


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

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February 2017

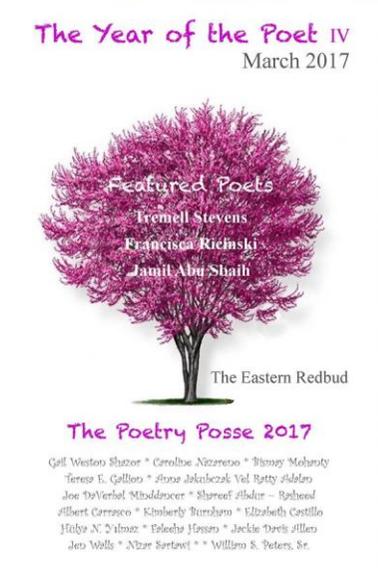


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sobkaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017

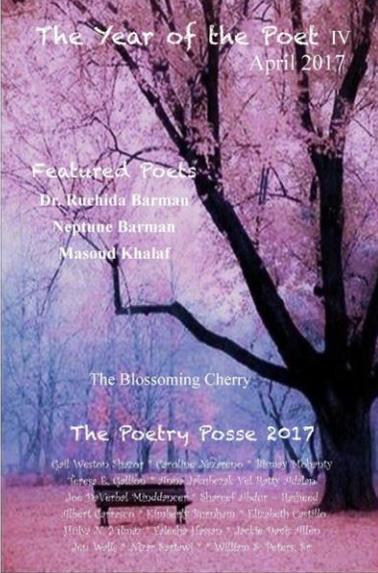


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

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April 2017



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Albert Corresco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilya N. Vilhaz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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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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Joe DeVirel Mbadonze \* Shereef Alidur \* Roshad  
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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

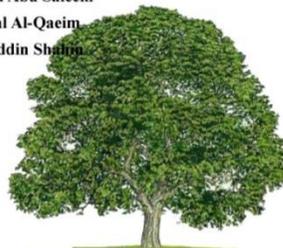
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## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

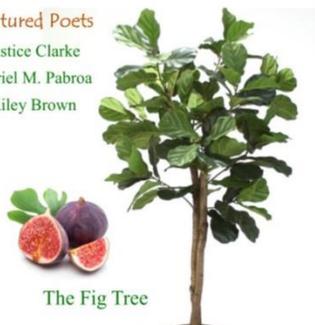
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



**Aksum**

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February 2018

**Sabeen**



**Featured Poets**  
Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Acry

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March 2018



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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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April 2018



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Sonia Abu-Lays  
Suzanne Belcher  
Nathan Dean  
Nancy Hoagmy

**The Nez Perce**

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Laudia Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

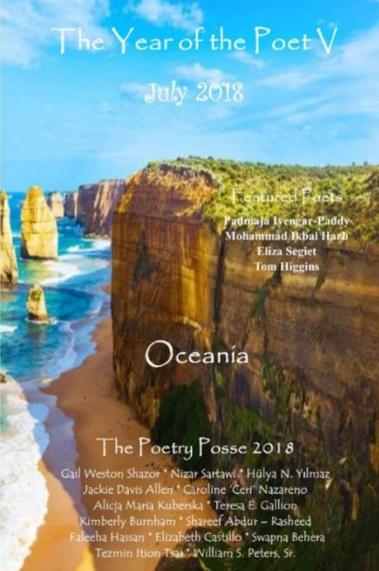


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July 2018

Featured Poets  
Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Iqbal Hash  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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### The Aztecs & Incas



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Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

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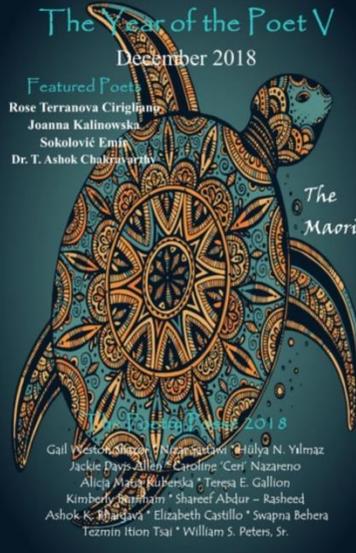
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December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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Indigenous North Americans



*Dream Catcher*

### Featured Poets

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

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## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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 Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 June 2019

**Featured Poets**  
 Kate Gaudi Powiekszone \* Sahaj Sabharwal  
 Iwu Jeff \* Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 July 2019

**Featured Poets**  
 Saadeddin Shahin \* Andy Scott  
 Fahredin Shehu \* Alok Kumar Ray

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 August 2019

**Featured Poets**  
 Shola Balogun \* Bharati Nayak  
 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



**The Caucasus**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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October 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Ngozi Olivia Osooha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Simriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujana Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efbichia



**Oceania**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato \* Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gasima

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh • Jbtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodhi • Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



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

Diego Rivera



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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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July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevska-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osooha \* Lan Oyyalla

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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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



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Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



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October 2021

Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



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Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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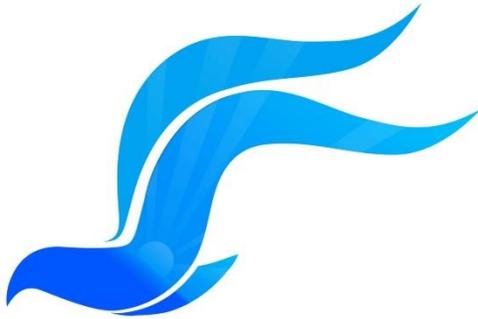
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