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the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

## Renowned Poets

### Phillis Wheatley

Phillis Wheatley was the first African American and the first woman to publish a book, the first woman, to make a living from her writing, and all was accomplished while being a slave. Through her work, Phillis Wheatley is credited with helping create the foundation of African American Literature and provide inspiration to African American emancipation of slavery. Phillis Wheatley was born in 1753 in Gambia. I couldn't find any information on her birth parents. When she was seven or eight years old, she was forcibly kidnapped and brought across the Atlantic (United States) on the ship called Phillis.

Phillis was a small, sick child when she was sold as a slave to John Wheatley, (a wealthy Boston Merchant.) His wife, Susanna Wheatley, was in a search for a young female servant to help her and her daughter, Mary, in domestic duties. She was named after the ship, Phillis, that brought her across to the United States. Then she received her last name, Wheatley from her master. John and Susanna

knew she was very intelligent. She was dismissed from her duties. Instead, Susanna and her daughter, Mary, taught her to read and to write. They encouraged her to write poetry. They also taught her religion, language, literature, and history. At the age of twelve, Phillis published her first poem, “On Messrs Hussey and Coffin,” about sailors escaping disaster.

Susanna Wheatley supported Phillis as she wrote her first book of poems, “Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral” was published in London. She couldn't get her book published here in the United States because she was African American and a woman. But Nathaniel, the master's son, took her to London to get it published. Susanna's friend, Selina Hastings, funded her book publication. After her book was published, she was emancipated from slavery. She married John Peters, a free black man who was a shopkeeper. They had children but none survived infancy.

Her husband was sent to prison for debt. Phillis had to work as a scullery maid at a boarding house, doing work she had never done before. She developed pneumonia and died on December 5, 1784 after giving birth to her daughter who died shortly after her.

I am very impressed with Phillis Wheatley and her poetry. She's very talented and gifted poet. She stands for truth, honesty, hope, dreams, and freedom. She brings hope to the African American, women and to all the people. She has been through so much but still never gave up hope, she kept pushing on. Let us honor her and her poetry.

**Noreen Snyder**



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# Preface

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

**WOW . . . a decade.** We are so excited as we cross over into our 11<sup>th</sup> year of **The Year of the Poet.**

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

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Renowned Poets

Phyllis Wheatly

1753 ~ 1784

January 2024

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While an intrinsic ardor prompts to write,  
The muses promise to assist my pen;  
'Twas not long since I left my native shore  
The land of errors, and Egyptian gloom:  
Father of mercy, 'twas thy gracious hand  
Brought me in safety from those dark abodes.

Phillis Wheatley, *To the University of Cambridge in New  
England* (the first 6 lines)

A sickly child, seven or eight years old, gets kidnapped and is brought across the Atlantic on the *Phillis* to Boston. In 1761, the little girl is sold as a slave to John Wheatley, a tailor, and his wife Susanna who name her after the ship she was forced to embark on in her native land, West Africa.

Biographers record that the Wheatleys' daughter Mary taught "Phillis" to read and write. The enslaved little girl mastered the English language within 16 months, having also studied its most difficult literature as well as classic Greek and Latin literature, astronomy, geography, and the Bible. It is said that she caused a stir among Boston scholars by translating a tale from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Book VI. "Phillis" started writing poetry at about age 12 and published her first poem at 14.

In the year of 1773, Phillis Wheatley accomplished something that no other woman of her status had done. With the appearance of her book of poetry, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, she became the first enslaved American, the first person of African descent, and only the third

colonial American woman to have her work published.

Elegies, poems on the deaths of noted persons, friends, or even strangers whose loved ones employed the poet constitute the literary work of Phillis Wheatley, the first African-American author of a published book of poetry. Numerous scholars and critics of the field of literature unite in their poetic analyses as to this notable 18th century writer's best-known poem, "On Being Brought from Africa to America":

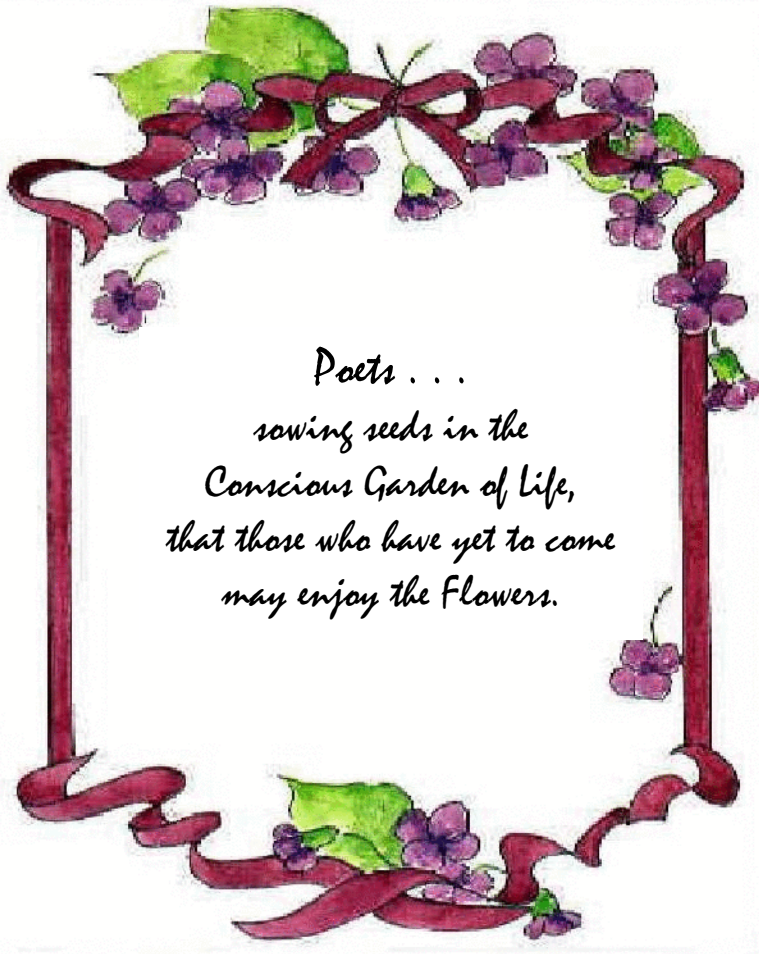
'Twas mercy brought me from my *Pagan* land,  
Taught my benighted soul to understand  
That there's a God, that there's a *Saviour* too:  
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.  
Some view our sable race with scornful eye,  
"Their colour is a diabolic die."  
Remember, *Christians*, *Negros*, black as *Cain*,  
May be refin'd, and join th' angelic train.

In this most famous poem of hers, Phillis Wheatley reminds her white readers that although she is black, everyone – regardless of skin color – can be 'refined' and unite in God's choirs. With her poetry being drenched in religious themes and allusions, different people took away different meanings from it. While abolitionists referred to Wheatley as a model for the God-given dignity of Black men and women, pro-slavery advocates justified their stance of forcing conversion to Christianity upon enslaved people on the basis of her example.

After her death, Wheatley's poetry made a momentous impact on the abolition of slavery. Years after the Great Awakening was over and people understood its significance, her poems were used to fight southern views towards slavery.

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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

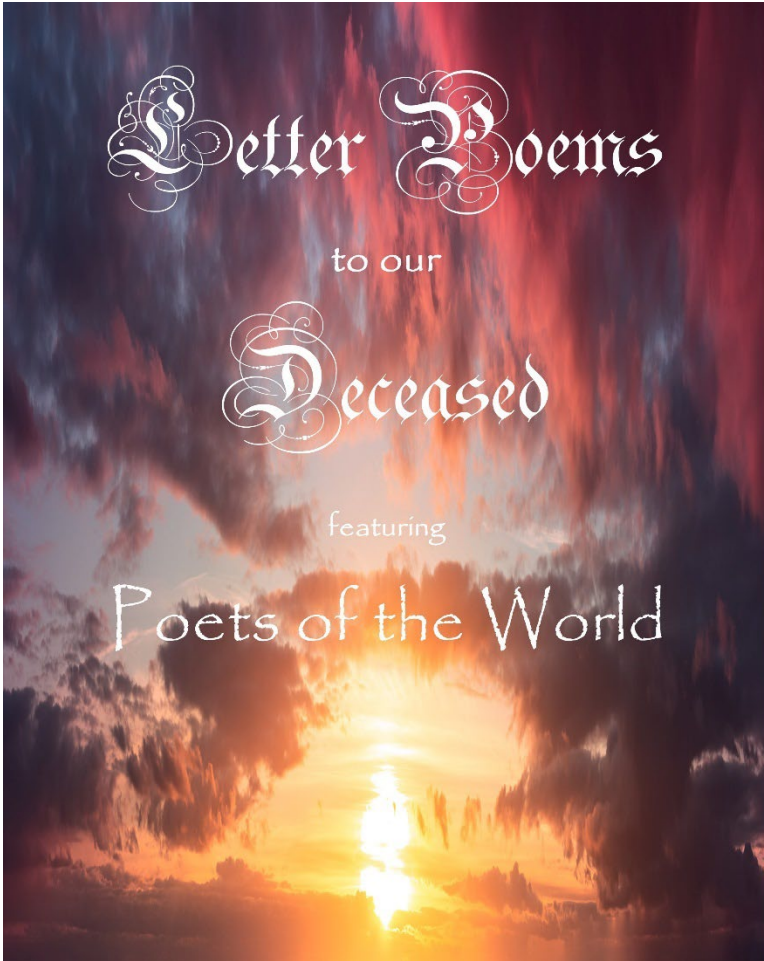




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Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

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

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

## A New World

Oh, to worship

In the freedom

That's provided

By tyranny

Long prevalent

In the free land

Promised to us

As a teary salve

For our kidnapping

## Legacy

I wonder who else died today  
Did they pass quietly away  
Or try to hold on til no longer alone  
With tears in their eyes  
Are there other families grieving  
Chests hurting from tears spent unexpectedly  
The “oh no’s” and “my lawds” stuck on dry lips  
Do they hurt too  
In all the places, in all the world  
Someone died today  
And perhaps the world they died in  
Was better for others having lived  
I wonder who else died today  
And this loss can seem so much more  
Because it is our loss, our collective tears  
Twice removed through the iconoclasm  
And the newly dead today  
Will be relegated to obituary readings  
And too overly pungent flowers  
To mask the mask of death and stench of fear  
And will they hurt less  
Than the pundits waxing eloquent  
But not sparing a word for that son  
Passing in the path of angry metal  
I wonder what you will do today  
After picking out burial clothes  
In infant sizes for pictures  
That will never be developed  
It will be said that your stopping talking  
Did nothing to solve the problems  
Of being who you are and where you are  
But the silence need voices to be heard  
And are there powerless words written



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Without momentum for change  
Responsibilities do not end with the period  
It starts off the stained parchment  
I wonder who else grieves today  
Knowing, would you dip  
Your own quill in the blood  
To scribe the words of a blessing  
I wonder who else died today  
The lesson is there for us to learn  
Not just to see and repeat  
We must move our hands and feet  
I wonder if you knew who died today  
And with no one left to look up to  
Does one step over Gabriel's trumpet  
Without the notion to learn to play?

## Hallowed Grace

I have learned this~  
A life, a love, a heart  
That has been profaned  
By trite and hollow words  
Can only be made hallowed  
Again by learning to embrace  
The inner mystery of celebrating eucharisto  
I can love you from here or there  
It is only important that I do  
Love you  
And this believing is how my fragileness  
Has been made strong  
My inner rings keep growing  
Because even a barren stump  
Can sprout leaves under  
The vine keeper's healing hand  
Each bar haunts my dreams  
A thousand hands  
A thousand dreams  
Seep into my soul every time  
I hold on to this reality  
And as the years pass  
I am reminded of the many  
That remain beyond corporality  
It is an easy elegance  
This passing through of time  
I no longer feel an individuality  
Of cloistered dependence  
The responsibility of greatfilledness  
Is a matter of breathing  
In and out, out and in  
As I have been cautioned  
By one physician or another

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By one friend or another  
And yet I have not mastered  
This  
When you reach out to me  
And I am forced  
To recall  
How it feels to be in your attention  
So I pause  
To praise Jah for this sole favor  
For He, by any of the names man proffers  
Has heard my heart  
Whether I can speak the words or not  
I remain silent  
In the face of the work of  
Abba Father  
And while I would have your love  
Without reservation  
I can always glory in His  
Love of me  
My heart, my soul, my spirit  
My faltering faith in finding what I need  
I peer through the bars  
Surrounding this space  
These well worn and marked boundaries  
With narrow spaces and  
I am greatfilled for this~  
A life, a love, a heart  
Made hallowed by grace

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

## Phillis Wheatley

*“Life without death, and glory without end”*

A seven-year-old sick girl,  
a worthless commodity at the slave market  
- too weak for hard work on the plantation,  
came from Africa to America  
on the ship that gave her name

Susanna and John Wheatley helped the child.  
Did they know  
they were buying a black pearl?  
Did they think  
that poems would bloom in the house?  
Did they suspect  
the slave's voice  
will reach the other end of the world?

The Bible gave her strength,  
the voices of the classics' wisdom,  
and the stars showed her the way in the darkness  
and led towards immortality  
*“Wisdom is higher than a fool can reach”*

## Christamas, anno domini 2023

In Bethlehem

the silence becomes louder and louder  
- it echoes between the sky and the earth.  
The street lamps have closed their eyes,  
the ruined houses are silent.  
The wind blows through the deserted streets.

A crying woman can be heard in the distance.  
She was about to leave  
- she was left alone among the rubble  
and picks through it with bloody fingers.  
Hope makes her believe,  
that she will hear the word "mom"

In the city,  
purple dust stretches to the horizon.  
The mourning sun lost its warmth and glow.  
The mother found her massacred child  
- and in that moment her world died.



## Possessions

I know

- I have too many things.

I notice

- they are taking over the space.

They brazenly demand attention  
and blackmail with dust and cobwebs.

We want to free ourselves.

I allow them to leave me.

In someone else's house,  
in another world,  
they will be loved  
and useful again.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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## Gifted

Holding a grudge?  
Seeking revenge? But no!

Who could have blamed me?  
And, yet, I chose not to, nor  
To claim victimhood's name.

Residing in a world,  
Not of my choosing,

Snatched away, family, history,  
From everything I have known.  
It would not have done me any good.

Seeing as how I am loved,  
Not in the normal way, mind you;

No mother or father of my own.  
I do not even remember them.  
Guess I could have cried my eyes out?

Maybe even plotted various ways  
To escape? But then, I am a child,

A transplant, having not yet learned hate.  
Fearful, perhaps, maybe,  
Of losing the care I have?

And, if I should say so,  
The love showered upon me.

The roof over my head,  
Food in my tummy, a warm bed.

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Clothes on my back.

I can read! And, write, too!  
Strange as it may seem to history's eyes.

But, from my perspective,  
The world has opened up all around me.  
Praise the Almighty! With mind focused

Upon the light, like the rays of the sun,  
I am more than history's opinion.

I am a God given gift,  
Determined to make the most of life.  
I choose to believe in myself. In possibilities.

One day you will be reading all about me.  
You will read my poetry, yes, in the pages

Of a book! Yes, indeed! Just you wait and see.  
You will find it in the book that I will write.  
And History will remember me.

And my name!  
Just you wait and see!

## Wings

When the windy breeze  
howls day and night

And the trees sway  
and acorns drop

It is as if in a movie  
I see my past tap dancing across the tin roof top  
of my mountain home

Just the very thought  
Of those long ago days

Returns me to my teens  
And back into a place and time

Where never could I have envisioned  
That the answer to the question  
of whether or not I could fly

Would come  
on the wings of poetry.

## The Midwife

In dream of moment,  
a long awaited time.  
A tale from volumes  
of voile and some silk.  
The threads little knowing or caring.

Within cocoons, they were busily breeding  
Oblivious to fads or recent fashion.  
And tales like this,  
as revealed in an old diary.  
Selected first as a necessity.

Then with some apprehension,  
not from ease,  
Inspection of the inside  
and outside came.  
With anticipatory approval.

When she begin to embrace the pain.  
Predicting the day of designation.  
Proud midwife with proud daughter,  
both wives with volumes of day's anxiety;  
From experience of knowledge.

They knew she was with child.  
Unassured of gender, husband, father.  
Awaiting; so too, mother and daughter.  
Beneath squeals of delight, some tears and wails,  
The midwife delivered her daughter's baby boy.



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Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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

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

## The Hustle and the Lost

In the city's streets, the hustle and the stillness,  
A microcosm of existence.  
People rush by, their shadows fleeting,  
A phantom presence.

The city's night is bright and vibrant,  
A mask to hide its loneliness.  
The phone is turned off,  
The self lost in the screen,  
Disconnected from others.

The neon lights sparkle like makeup,  
A dazzling veneer beneath the colorful surface.  
The river of impermanence flows,  
A sad melody.

The hand of time reaches out,  
Longing for peace.  
A defiance of reality, one battle after another.  
Reaching out with outstretched hands,  
Only to grasp the remains of oneself,  
Already imprisoned by time.

In the depths of the soul,  
Is the obsession with illusion a subjective illusion,  
Or an objective truth?

## In the wind of life

A mote of dust,  
Endless pursuit  
A symbol of the emptiness and anxiety of modern society  
Reality and fiction intertwine,  
Like a mirror in a poem  
It is difficult to distinguish between reality and illusion  
The street lamp on the cobbled road,  
The footprints of memories frozen  
In the silence of the night,  
Can it guide me home in the maze?  
The philosopher's heart,  
Mixed with joy and sorrow  
Is just a product of the inner desire  
If not for the few leaves  
Of the parasol tree in the dark  
Or, simply  
A necessity of human desire?

## The Self That Is Lost in the Fog

The tower stands tall,  
A symbol of our aspirations.

The streets are noisy,  
A reflection of our inner turmoil.

We are lost,  
In the maze of our own making.

We chase after fame and fortune,  
But find only emptiness.

We try to be still,  
But find no peace.

Our souls are entangled,  
By the bonds of desire.

The world is a prison,  
That traps us, intentionally or not.

Where is the true self,  
That we have forgotten?

Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd



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

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

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

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## abduction

b. 1753 d. 1784

Phillis Wheatley  
abducted, kidnapped  
taken as were many  
from mother Africa  
very young  
sold into slavery  
learned to read, write  
they discovered her  
creative talent poetry  
her work grew, recognized  
published  
first African-American  
women author to  
accomplish that  
a published book of poetry  
her works were acclaimed  
she became a name  
in USA and UK  
topics spiritual, religious  
impact  
she was eventually  
emancipated but  
died at 31 in poverty  
died in obscurity

in spite of that her name  
her accomplishments,  
creativity lived on  
remember Phillis Wheatley

## Cycle

Phillis replaces, replaced  
can't escape or keep up with the pace  
in the marathon called human race  
signs abound all over the place, usually right  
in front of your face  
sunrise/sunsets, traversing of sunsets, traversing  
signs constantly unfold, similitudes that shape views  
like the moon we too are part of the cycle  
life so very unfold, similitudes come. Go don't last  
that's the metaphor of the hour glass  
sands of time sifting fast once full on top, blink  
all on bottom sifting stopped  
seconds, minutes now you got them but blink  
just like that gone not so much a nod, a wink  
life snuffed, what happened to all that stuff you coveted  
meant so much but you placed value on that which rung  
hollow  
here today, gone tomorrow ,what remains? sorrow!  
for that you full-on ,bought, borrowed and the hour  
glass turned yesterdays, todays into tomorrows  
and the signs are manifest for believing eyes that see  
rehearse the verse and complete the cycle not alive  
but better yet you pass the test it's your soul that survives  
the cycle at best  
to forever and ever thrive/feast  
cycle complete, crossed over, rest/peace!

## bam dado bop

sound of bebop go baba ba bo bop  
strange the way the phrasings arraigned  
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 erymid sixties  
Birdland, five Birdland, five note,  
apollo, central park free  
all now a far but very near memory  
badu, badu, badu, badu  
take a bow Badu,  
Badu,  
Badu,  
Badu many more  
troubles me to not recall, all, but if you look up  
bebop they there, believe that

Norøen  
Snydør

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

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



## Phillis Wheatley

What an honor and privilege to read Phillis Wheatley's poetry.

She gave so much to us through her writings,  
like standing on the cloud watching the world  
and seeing right through them.

If the people would listen to her,  
then there might not be any racism in this world now.  
If we could only view the world through her eyes,  
what would you see and hear?

No matter what, she kept going,  
pushing forward.

Let us show her respect and honor her  
by giving her a special day  
where we can read and learn about her.

## Sonnet 24

Sometimes when I feel like falling apart,  
falling to pieces, I felt- you holding  
me up- telling me I am your Sweetheart.  
Let it go! When my life is unfolding  
before my eyes, I know I'll be alright  
for you and God are always by my side  
lifting me, being my star, my flashlight.  
I will not let you down. I am your bride  
in Heaven and on Earth; nothing can come  
between us, for our love is always strong  
we won't deny it, and it is here from  
now to eternity. We do belong.  
We will write love poems together, and  
you'll write in the clouds. I'll write in the sand.

## How Simple After All

Be good and  
be gentle.  
Show love and  
kindness.  
Smile!  
Give a sincere, warm compliment.  
Say hello, have a great day!  
Go for a walk and enjoy nature  
surrounding you.  
Make a new friend.  
Check on your neighbors.  
Read a book or some poetry  
to a stranger or to a friend.  
How simple after all!  
Why can't people get it?  
How simple after all!

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo is a multi-awarded and an Internationally-Published Contemporary Author/Poet and a Professional Writer / Creative Writer / Feature Writer / Journalist / Travel Writer from the Philippines. She has 2 published books, "Seasons of Emotions" (UK) and "Inner Reflections of the Muse", (USA). Elizabeth is also a co-author to more than 60 international anthologies in the USA, Canada, UK, Romania, India. She is a Contributing Editor of Inner Child Magazine, USA and an Advisory Board Member of Reflection Magazine, an international literary magazine. She is a member of the American Authors Association (AAA) and PEN International.

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## The Enslaved Poetess

Wheatley, she isn't a fool,  
For her wisdom transcends barriers  
Being enslaved was not a hindrance  
Phillis was an empowered woman  
Inspiring all with her arduous verses  
Words that leave a spark to the masses  
Compared to Anna Bradstreet,  
Her pieces left a great impression to the world  
With her wit, she is ahead of her time.

## Humanity

Amid the chaos,  
Take time to marvel at the beautiful Nature  
Though we witness the greed of men  
A constant struggle for power and fame  
We may ask ourselves,  
Have we forgotten our humanity?  
Have we gone back to the past  
When historical battles continue to haunt us.  
Where is the brotherhood that we cry for?  
Is unity elusive?  
When can peace really reign in the hearts of men?



## Shout

They say 3 A.M is the time of mystics, of poets, of being  
sublime,

A time of prayer and solitude, a time to reflect on our past

A time to quietly shout what we can't vocally speak of

When only the deafening sound and of crickets around

Linger at the four corners of our dark room.

“Let it all out!”, says a distinct voice at the back of my  
mind

Whisper to the wind what your heart beats for

Let the white dove fly and return, a signal of your freedom!

Shout! Until your voice becomes hoarse and nothing would  
be left

Shout amid the silent screams of bewildered souls crying  
for help.

Mutawaf  
Shahzad

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C. E. Shy has been writing since the seventh grade. He continued writing through high school, until he became more involved in sports. After his graduation, he worked at the White Motors Company where he wrote for the company's newspaper. He started a column called: "The Poet's Corner." That was his first published work.

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## The Crown

Being in favor of humanity bodes well for some, but being active to manifest that love fits better, for those who attempt to make others dreams come true and to make their lives better.

Watching ones wants and ambitions coincide, with those who have little hope, is like a kind of prose one wears inside. Never being afraid of oppression. Standing up against the status quo wasn't an easy go.

Arranging to the changes, so to ease the down- trodden's way. These were the marching orders of her every day. Under-standing the human struggle, being the living proof of what it was like, made the special lady become the good fortune of the people she loved.

Setting a standard for the least informed became the jewel in the crown she had worn. Instilling a sense of pride for those who had none inside. Tried the level the mental playing field and help her folks add value to themselves and to reach higher.

Aspiring, never tiring of becoming greater human beings. Until this day, I think we'd have to say, she deserves to wear that Crown.

## Now, then and Again

We sit here in the light of candles,  
I decorate your mind with all that  
what was intended for you to hear.

You inspire my ability to loosen the  
things that tied my tongue, that helped  
my mind find where it had been for  
some time.

We fell in love eventually, gradually;  
we saw nothing coming. Time made  
available when we could ration the  
passion that could have postponed it.

When we were able to deal with its depth,  
we lunged. Being capable of reading needs,  
without asking, was then achievable. All  
unreasonable things remained outside.

Our minds connected at the hip and lips.  
Sharing aggressive embraces, that left the  
marks our emotions could reconcile.

Thinking of minuets that played in those moments,  
moving towards the precipice. Experiencing, what  
that meant to us, discarding the lows, taking  
chances with the highs, that we could only reach  
one time.

Knowing, then and again, when to exhale and take  
deep breathes. Avoiding out dated phrases, makes  
temporary okay. Displaying what I'm saying in a non-  
verbal way. It's never too close for comfort.

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We had this all the time, we just had to dig ourselves.  
Fine tuning our egos, made it easy. Mining minutes  
From the hours, we wasted no time.

I found drugs inside of love, it underpins my mental  
state. We never trained for this, no one ever does.  
What participates from your eyes dwindles as the  
candles light gutters. Now, we lay down and try and sleep.

## Hot Diggidy Dog

The times never changed, it was just the seasons.  
The reason being, minds and intentions didn't,  
couldn't, would not bend. Making amends was never  
considered. It kept running into the question of,  
why should I and what for?

As time went by, little by little, clearer and clearer,  
only a few got it, get it? In the heads of minions,  
flaunting flawed suggestion, given them by the  
rubber stampers in the advertising sections of the  
daily screwed papers.

Sporting mind pampers, attempting to catch the  
diatribe. Thinking, happy hour will dilute the truth  
that come a long with reality. Standing next to Lurch  
in church. Never asking oneself, "What the hell is he  
doing here?"

His rubber doesn't touch your road, so why should  
you ever care? Anyway, he is your neighbor. Recalcitrant!  
Moving forward with the plan. Never thinking what was  
asked for is at hand.

Remember, you said, "Deliver me from evil", "Do unto  
others as you would have them do unto you."  
Maybe you thought it wouldn't come true. Those are  
the words you spoke, they aren't mine, but they are  
coming true with time.

Good luck with your master plans. In the mean time I  
must concentrate on straightening my own stand. Karma  
is waiting to give you guys its hand, one you never thought  
of or even planned.



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hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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Her works of literature include a trilingual collection of poems, memoirs in verse, prose poetry, short stories, a bilingual poetry book, and two books of poetry (one, co-authored). Her poetic offerings appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors.

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

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

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## Stolen Identity

What did my parents call me upon my birth?  
I never learned my free name.  
I never saw them ever again.  
Whatever happened to my siblings,  
my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins?

I was seven (or maybe eight)  
when some men tore me apart from my mom and dad.  
They dragged me to what looked like a huge boat.  
Into a dot at a distance turned soon my native land.

The irony of it all!  
My Bostonian slave masters had an inspiration:  
“She shall be named after the slave ship that brought her  
in.”

So, my African self was cloaked inside an American  
tapestry,  
and I was called *Phillis*.

## Ovid

Oh, how I loved learning!  
Even today, I thank Mary Wheatley,  
my masters' daughter, for her kind heart.  
She, after all, taught me how to read and write.

English was no challenge to me;  
Neither were classic Greek and Latin.  
Fascinating was the work of Publius Ovidius Naso,  
commonly known as Ovid.  
Scholars in Boston found themselves in a shock:  
“It could not have been her!  
A young black slave girl from Africa  
translating a story from the *Metamorphoses*?  
Absurd!”

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**colorblind**

black, yellow or white

side by side in a palette

perceive one planet

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>**

## Poetry of Wheatley

An enslaved genius and master of the word.  
A body of work published by a slave.  
Ordained by Spirit to thrive in the worst times.

You were cursed in your time warp for blackness.  
But your mastery of the word pushed barriers  
with a lyrical flow of couplets.  
You showcased your talent for the world to see.

Though caught in the atrocity of slavery,  
your legacy thrives into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.  
Late but necessary, your work  
is praiseworthy for its time.

## RAV4 Sunrise

Light rain all night.  
Shivering until mornings light  
washes my face clean.

Warm vibrations crawl up my spine.  
My smile is enflamed with love  
streaking across my lips.

I open the curtain on my RAV4  
to be greeted by the rising sun.  
Light streams bounce against my window  
in the colors of a rainbow.

My self-hug says it all  
as the morning's light  
projects back to my soul.

## Emotional Recycling

We recycle the same emotions  
adjusted for the temperature we can handle  
Generation after generation  
Lifetime after lifetime

We each have a personal learning curve.  
Tuned to our performance, the alarms  
go off periodically to remind us  
to move into our next learning experience.

We are here to learn how to be of service.  
The roads and lessons are ropery and rough.  
But Spirit gives us days of peace  
to help us prepare for the next storm.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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ASHOK BHARGAVA is a poet, writer, inspirational speaker and a literary consultant. He has attended poetry conferences in Italy, Turkey, India and Philippines. His latest book "Riding the Tide" about his battle with cancer has been translated and published in Arabic, Hindi, Telugu and Bengali languages. He is a contributing writer to several anthologies worldwide including World Poetry Almanac 2014. He has been published in numerous print and online magazines.

Ashok has won many accolades including Poet Ambassador to Japan, Kalidasa International award, World Poetry Lifetime Achievement award, Writers Beyond Borders Peace award and Tapsilog Leadership award for his community involvement. He is founder of Writers International Network Canada Society to discover, nourish, recognize and celebrate writers, poets and artists and to assist them to network with the community at large. He is the author of eight books of poetry and one anthology. He is Artist-in-Residence at Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre and also co-edits the literary section of The Link Newspaper.



## A Sole Clamor – Philis Wheatly

Nabbed  
Chained  
Auctioned  
Sold and resold  
Raped  
Injured  
You survived.

A fighter  
A sweet girl  
You sought God  
Who would not come  
When called  
To answer  
For your sufferings  
Visible or invisible.

You lived  
A calligraphy of black cursive  
Life loved and hated  
The muddied morality.

You never gave up  
You were absolution.

## Emptiness

how much I love you  
I can't tell

there're no measures  
of the moments  
slipping away

only the cravings  
fingers matter

like holes in a flute  
I am full  
of imperfections

the hollowness  
of a drum matches  
void of my traits

I can still play  
melodies in harmonious  
rhythms  
lonely sky can tell  
I am a flute  
I am a drum

## Blind Perception

When I see  
I don't really see  
what I want to see.

Only when  
I don't see  
I see everything.

Do you see  
What I see?

The breathing words  
to take  
the breath away.

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

Links to her works:

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

## Hymn To The Morning

*A tribute to Phillis Wheatley*

When the dawn breaks,  
You're the sunshine peeping between the trees,  
Enslaved by the morning dew,  
Caressed by the dwelling breeze  
Where hope chants with your poetry,  
The laments of history brew  
Faces of slavery,  
Mended gaps and filled the unsought strength,  
Dear Phillis of Africa, you've lighted up  
A dark age that became proof of talent,  
In Uncle Tom's book of a lifetime.

## Oubaitori

The best is yet to come,  
When the doors of opportunity  
Fly in your arms  
Embrace it and pray for it;  
Your own season comes  
Shining perfectly in manifolds,  
Rise and carry the bliss  
From bended knees,  
Your heart desires a room of peace  
Grateful and blessed, the time is here,  
It's a world of smiles up to beat  
May all the wishes of luck crown you success!



## The Lifter

There are times you need a hand,  
Who will reach out to you,  
Sometimes, you fall and fail  
To get the worth your efforts tell,  
There are times you need a hand,  
When all of your dreams are unclear,  
Sometimes, patience would come to you  
To move forward and never sway,  
Let all the blocks of getting up  
Lift the force to bring another chance;  
Inspire a spark of lifter's dance.

Swapna  
Behera

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

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## Diasporic Verses

at the age of seven  
brought from Africa to America  
in a ship named Phillis  
kidnapped forcibly across  
sold as a slave in the Atlantic  
she is Phillis whitely  
a tailor purchased her  
her poems are spiritual  
intelligent she was  
her master believed in manumission  
she wrote on racial discrimination  
her couplets of mercy are Iambic pentameter  
with classical themes  
she is the first black female poet  
the first American slave of African descent  
whose works were published at the age of thirteen  
fought against slavery  
Whitley's daughter taught her alphabets  
relocation was reflected through her verses  
on death, hypocrisy, knowledge and ignorance  
religion, peace nature and mercy  
her soul sang the anthem of victory

## Highway To Sky

each highway is  
the permutation and combination of binaries  
each highway glitters  
with the sweating of the muscles  
the cacophony of hunger  
lust and love  
form the organic perfume  
the roads are black alphabets in a procession  
relativity march forward  
logics are landmarks  
our sky is the limited version  
of our mind with digital numbers  
sky never stoops down you may reach the Moon or the  
Mars  
but yes, if you can twinkle as stars  
the sky is here and here  
your own identity is the highway  
what are you searching for.....?

## Aha! A Jinga La La Honeymoon .....

jasmines spread on the bed  
the bride with croquette gown  
sits like a huge pumpkin  
couple of months ago  
the groom went to see the girl  
Aha! her pretty long hair with flowers curl  
her smile was hotter than samosas on plate  
eyes met and he smiled  
the girl was happy for his teeth so white  
must be too romantic her groom  
using branded paste  
since that day he had all dreams  
to fore play with her hair on the first meet  
on the dreamy night he raised her veil  
lo! behold she is bald !!! her wi  
explained she ,it is because of typhoid  
he screamed with anger “you a cheat !”  
tongues twisted ; his denture slipped  
dreams broke like crispy golgappas  
big in the glass box; sour when crashed  
both faced opposite with tear and fear  
but the wig and denture slept hugging each other  
celebrating honeymoon  
with a song of Jinga Lala .....

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco



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

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

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### Infinite Poetry

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## Phillis Wheatley

They kidnapped me from Senegal/Gambia in west Africa when i was just seven years old, i was put on a ship and shipped to Boston mass with many refugees who will be sold.i was young and frail so i really wasn't suited for strenuous work the others were capable of, so i was purchased by Susana Wheatley, the wife of Boston tailor John Wheatley, for less money because they thought I was going to die because my skinny body looked sickly. The Wheatleys including their children Nathaniel and Mary grew fond of me, I still was enslaved but they saw my light, in between laboring for the family I was taught how to read and write. I read the bible and studied astronomy, history and British literature, along with Greek and Latin classics of virgil, ovid, terrance and homer. I wanted a higher learning in a more academic atmosphere. From that point on I started to write poetry. I wrote about my saga at sea. That poem was called "On Messrs. Hussey and Coffin," it was published in 1767.I Phillis Wheatly Peters became the first African American woman to have poetry in publication'

## I wish

i wish i was able to walk out with them, i look back a few times as they are walking back in, i wouldn't of been here if i didn't have love for them, did i ever think of breaking them out? no question, i just had to control emotion and wait for release dates so i could drive upstate to bring em back home to freedom. a lot of homies spent years in prison due to our poverty rebellion, they missed out on spending precious time with their children, why? because those children are now the same age as my kin was when they went in, some parents were older men and women who are now fragile senior citizens. of course ill be by their side to help them, they went in with lion hearts and warriors blood, theres no chill in them, it was easy for some and hard for others to adapt to evolution. Almost everyone made it out eventually, I say almost because I have one running mate that will sadly die in the penitentiary.

## why

Why couldn't I have been there? Why couldn't I breathe for them when they were gasping for air? Why don't I have the power to revive? if i did i wouldnt have to view them with glued lips and eyes. I have seen too many of my men in caskets with we dont die we multiply arrangements along with flowers for the dead on the floor in baskets. moms and pops are in the front row weeping devastated, wives are on their knees with their hands on hubbys rosary beads wishing on a miracle, "God wake him up please". Children are on her side. they're shaking, their eyes are teary and their nose is snotty trying to gather up enough courage to say final byes to daddy. the burial ritual is the worst, i'm surrounding a hole early in the mourning, with all those mourning, knowing today would be the last time we all will see the face of my homie and that in a few minutes to see that face we will all have to dig into memories.

Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich

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

<https://www.facebook.com/michelle.barulich>



## Dear Phillis Wheatley

What extraordinary person you were  
With your creative writings  
From poems, hymns and tales  
Your contemplative elegies  
And your use of poetic imagination made you soar  
From slave girl to a great publish poet  
At 14 years of age  
Your hardships didn't stand in the way  
What a talent and inspiration you are to the world.

## The Emeralds

The liquid of life  
Leaves you to bleed  
Like a violin  
There are four strings to the melody  
The emerald of life is here and now  
Do the best that you can do  
Take a part in the circle  
You will be counted for  
Life is a gift  
And a mystery too  
Hold it in your hands  
Try to solve the riddle of time  
It takes us all for a ride.

## My Way of Saying Thanks

My way of saying thanks to you  
My Lord is to praise your name forever  
My heart overflows with thanks  
When I am in doubt  
He answers me  
When I am scared, he takes me by my hand  
And takes all my fears away  
When I cannot see, He shows me the light  
When I am wrong, He forgives me again and again  
Through the thick and thin  
He is always by my side  
Guiding my footsteps, seeing me through  
Lord, every night and day  
I will praise your name forever  
And be true, for this is my way  
Of saying thanks to you.

Eliza  
Sęgięt

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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

## The Power to Create

*In the memory of Phillis Wheatly\**

Her life was not an easy one,  
enslaved, not by illness,  
but the then accepted system.  
Despite this, she was able to find  
a vent for her unenslaved mind.

Owing to  
her owners who allowed her  
to grow intellectually, the enslaved person  
learned to read and write,  
studied foreign languages.  
These skills gave her opportunities to have  
– a different vision  
– a greater understanding  
– and, above all, to resonate with words.

The un-silent mind  
gave light to a trailing veil of contemplations,  
which filtered through to the world for ever.  
Her mind gave birth  
to life after life.

It endures, and it will  
like the minds of others whose existential considerations  
give power to create.

*\*Phillis Wheatly is considered to be the first African-American poet to be published in a poetry volume.*

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*

## Understanding

Ever since I can remember  
I've been most comfortable just with myself.  
I didn't like when someone  
hugged, kissed, touched me.  
I stepped away, I defended myself,  
I didn't want to be caressed.

I don't have to, I don't want to, I can't....  
I can't, I can't, I can't....  
More and more I'm aware of this.  
It's just hit me!

To be like everyone else?  
But I'm not, I'm not, I'm not....

This is how I was born.  
They think I'm sick,  
it's not a disease, not a disease, not a disease....

It's just being me - myness.  
Myness, myness, my very self....

It's a state in a closed world,  
where  
there's no need for pity,  
or kisses  
– only for understanding.

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*



## Notes

*To Editor Kinga Mlynarska*

Notes need a staff,  
not silence.

– It  
doesn't expect order  
– it is a time for reflection,  
astonishment,  
closing your eyes  
– hailing the world  
to experience it in peace.

Poetry is most beautiful  
without an orchestra of whispers,  
rustles  
– swathed in thoughtfulness.

*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!

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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## Significance

*Dedicated to Phillis Wheatley*

Significance . . .

Just tell me

What exactly does that mean?

Profound . . . maybe.

Meaningful, for sure!

Unique . . . YES!!!

Is it the words . . .

Or the wonder?

. . . .

Maybe the thoughts

That dance in one's imagination

That spawns a creation

That moves others

In ways

Yet to be defined

A pioneer

Her own ship

Hers to steer

And she moved forward

Without a fear

Of who she was told

That she was!

Significance . . .

Lightly and mildly put

HELL YEAH!!!!

## Heart Throbs

I have an affinity  
For those  
Whose hearts  
Are bigger than their thoughts

Though, some hearts  
Are filled with shadows  
And darkness,  
But there is hope,  
For as long as that heart beats  
There is an inextinguishable light  
That fights  
To be seen

I have learned  
To trust more  
In the possibilities  
Than this illusory  
Malleable reality  
That changes  
More than the weather

Speaking of change ...

I may not be here,  
But I refuse to  
Let go of this  
Rope of hope  
That binds and ties  
My dreams for  
My children,  
Your children,

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Humanity  
To the future.

My heart throbs  
As it has been  
For many a year  
Filling my universe,  
Your universe  
With an immutable love  
For what may be

.....

Maybe some day  
All of our hearts  
Will give way to the day  
When we shed the veils  
That obscure  
Our best selves  
Yes,  
My 'Heart Throbs'  
With a belief  
That this will  
Come to be.

## And You Still Do!

I thought about you today....  
Again,  
And again,  
And again.

Needless to say  
I miss you,  
And that warm tender look of love  
I have always found  
In your eyes

You were and still are  
My solace,  
My comfort,  
My peace,  
And my lament  
That you are no longer here

You are also my strength,  
For you taught me  
How to endure,  
And somehow  
I still do

The epitome of gratefulness  
Can be found  
Simply in the quiet moments  
I spent with you ....  
The embraces and kisses  
And your kind words  
That always moved  
My heart ...  
And you still do



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*This poem is dedicated to all of my loved ones who await me on the other side of that 'Rainbow Bridge'.*

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Featured Poets

~ \* ~

Til Kumari Sharma

Shafkat Aziz Hajam

Daniela Marian

Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskon

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Til

Kumari

Sharma



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Ms. Til Kumari Sharma as Multi Award Winner in writing from international sector is from Bhorle- Hile, Paiyun 7, Parbat, West Nepal. Her parents are Mr. Hari Prasad Bashyal who was mayor of Village Assembly in time of Kingdom and mother is Mrs Liladevi Bhusal / Bashyal. Her PhD is in English Literature from Singhania University Pacheri Bari, Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan ( India ). She has published many thousands of poems, some essays, and stories and other literary writings in Nepal. She has published poems, stories and essays in magazines and anthologies from Russia, America, England, Hungary, Scotland, Indonesia, Bangladesh, South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, North Africa, Trinidad and Tobago , Spain, India and many other countries. She is feathered - poet in world. She is involved in different groups of poetry from Kenya, European countries, Hong Kong , Hungary and others. She is co- author in best -selling books. She is world renowned poet now. She is found many where in amazon and google.

## Eternal Tomb

The life begins to have journey to tomb.  
It is certain to face death.  
The dramatic performance is in earth.  
We take birth to have death.  
Tears and laughter are merged.  
The hidden pain is dancing in life.  
The failure is thought as success.  
Struggle assists us to make stand point.  
Painful life is travelling to take journey to death.  
Some people are active to reach in tomb early.  
Some people lose the way of journey to death.  
So its late.  
There is competition in playground to reach in tomb.  
Wonderful the life is.  
Tomb is ready to accept us.  
The truth is to travel to death home or tomb.  
Death as supreme power waits to accept us.  
It is amazing life to laugh with unconsciousness.  
All people are mad to reach in tomb.  
Life verses tomb.  
It is amazing journey to reach in eternal tomb.

## Super Agony

The risk of pain and suffering  
To face with tears and mirth.  
The unconscious laughter  
Brings tears and anxiety.  
The life of harshness often;  
The tear coaxes us to hide worries.  
The life survival is existed in huge agony.  
Journey of super agony is climbing ladder of pain.

Like cloud of sky to cover the life.  
Happiness is lacked.  
Pond of wisdom is merged.  
Agony is prevalent.  
Agony plays the huge role.  
Then it is in the biggest race.  
Agony is in failure of life.  
Race of agony is painful enough.



## Artistic Beauty

The eternal beauty is evergreen.  
It is flowering with immortal task.  
Words are making home of mine.  
They are eternal in the dusk of time.

Shining and brightening even in tomb.  
Death is failure in front of art.  
The young and fresh always the art is.  
Eternal and undead ever the art is.

Sublimity is there in art.  
Shining sunshine is in painful memories.  
River of artistic life seems undried.  
Undead is the beauty of art.  
Mountains in art of glory  
Snowy Himalayas live in sunshine.  
Life is eternal and young always in art of glory.

Art begets the history of reality.  
The destiny designer is the art of glory.  
Shining glory of art walks around globe with dignity and  
identity.  
That is real life aliveness in super beauty.

Shafkat

Aziz

Hajam

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## Know Me

Know Me

I am an ocean that bear all bitter experiences,

I am a brook that keep flowing forward in spite of all hindrances.

I am a candle that burn to light the surroundings,

I am a cuckoo that on seeing summer in everyone's garden sing.

I am a vernal breeze that at dawn wake up flowers,

I am a star that until extinction brighten the dark hours.

In all men such traits must be,

In them are the realities of life and humanity.

## What shall I call you?

What shall I call you my dears?

You are beautiful and ambrosial flowers Your redolence I  
smell everywhere I go Your presence is not there though.

You are the stars that in the sky I see, Twinkling at dark  
nights gladdening me. You sing in a sweet voice like a  
canary,

Utterly captivating! Every time my grieved heart yearns to  
listen to thee. You are the brooks, attractively chattering,  
When you chortle,

Though I am vexed, I laugh well.

You are glow worms that in the dark hours glow

Seeing you, I feel happy and I childishly follow. You are  
the healthy seeds, you can grow fruitfully

When sown in the favourable environment carefully You  
are diamonds, precious and rare

Lest you lose such qualities, Of you I should take care.

## Passion

When we have Passion, we don't stay  
We work hard night and day.  
We play our best role  
To achieve our desired goal.

We gather courage and let go off fear ,  
All the difficulties we bravely bear,  
Though we are in pain and tired  
We keep on moving forward.

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

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

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

Daniela

Marian





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Daniela Marian is from Romania. She is passionate about poetry, short prose, proverbs and painting since childhood; Nature and instrumental music inspired her but also social life; He published several volumes of poems, short prose, proverbs, literary articles protected by copyright, as well as in magazines, anthologies and literary cenacles from her country and abroad; He received numerous awards of diplomas and certificates; She is a member of several literature groups; She is the founder of a literary group and its ambassador, as well as an administrator of another literary group; She is a graduate of university and post-graduate studies; He works at a university and doesn't mix work with hobbies.

## Baby Face

It appeared to me in my sky  
A pastel rainbow with many wings  
Descending smoothly on a silver thread  
He was smiling at me,  
from the blue sky  
He hugged me gently and whispered:  
"He is the much-wanted child!"

It made my cheeks red  
like the poppy flower  
He placed it in my palm  
an immaculate snowdrop,  
it had green and fragile leaves,  
It came from the oasis of the soul.

I looked into his chimerical eyes  
I heard his voice clear as crystal,  
He stretched out his hands for me  
to hold him to my chest,  
I felt like a child too.

*Children are the treasures of the earth,  
And the light of parents' eyes!*

## Thoughts

Twilight caught Buttermilk by a wing  
And the shadows are born, in the valley,  
in the grove.

Today you are on the road again...  
The sky burns and the stars stream  
Down, silver sparks,  
over the face of humanity,  
maybe it will erase the pain...

I want to ask you, magic face,  
What are you doing here in my country?  
I would like to talk to you  
but thoughts flow like a spring.

A whisper is heard, out of the blue...  
I am the wind caught in the twilight,  
I came to cry on your shoulders,  
And then to shine in the starlight.  
Do You see the white butterflies?  
There are thoughts that fly chaotically...  
The clearing is full of passion  
The flowers cheer up,  
It lights up my life.

## The Morning Dew

It's a meeting in the dewy dawn  
the east and the west  
they hug each other  
with the sea.

A wing detached from the sky  
write in verse,  
they worship the Universe,  
to build a new altar  
On the mute and silent soul,  
Is it of this world?

The heart is waiting for your sweet comfort  
kiss my downcast eyes to you  
A hug doesn't cost a fortune.  
I feel like from a story  
Come, hold me close  
when my tears fall  
I am the shadow of the sky  
over your dry lips  
I would like to cover you in hot summers.

Eleni

Vassiliou

Asteroskon

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Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskoni, a talented Hellenic artist, specializes in creating captivating digital art, wallpapers, and illustrations. She passionately expresses herself through her artistic creations, seamlessly blending colors and concepts to evoke emotions and spark imagination.

In addition to her artistic endeavors, Eleni is an accomplished poet and writer. She has published three collections of heartfelt poetry and a thought-provoking play. Eleni's literary works delve into various themes, leaving a lasting impact on readers. She is also the author of books focused on raising awareness about childhood cancer and has contributed to the cultural landscape with her exceptional talents.

Eleni's artistic journey has been recognized and celebrated through numerous solo and group exhibitions, often organized for charitable causes. Her profound dedication to bringing art and literature together has earned her accolades and honors in various literary competitions and cultural events.

Through her remarkable creativity and contributions, Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskoni continues to inspire others and make a meaningful impact in the art and literary community.

For more: [asteroskoni.wordpress.com](https://asteroskoni.wordpress.com)



## Deep Dream

In the depths of dreams I will wait for your embrace.  
Let the emptiness within your heart draw me close, for  
I long to be yours once more,  
reigning in the highest halls of your affection.  
How cruel fate was, that broke us apart, left us distant  
spirits.  
Yet in every lustful thought I beg you to call me back,  
let our souls entangle in the realm of dreams.  
With silent passion I watch over you...

## Love

In the realm of love, a fire ignites!  
Emotions soar, hearts tremble, and souls entwine  
in a dance of passion. It is a symphony of longing, aching  
to be heard.  
With each breath, a crescendo of desire builds, echoing  
through the depths of the heart.  
But when love takes flight, leaving you alone,  
a yearning consumes your being,  
a void that can only be filled by the resurrection of a tender  
kiss.  
Embrace the fervor, embrace the magic of love's sweet  
enchantment!

## Eldar

In the depths of our souls, lies the very essence  
on which the entire world hinges.

Each breath we take, every passing moment, holds  
the weight of mortality.

We are mere shades, traversing through the interplay  
of shadows, light, and the ephemeral embrace of dust.

From the beginning, we enter this realm vulnerable  
and stripped of all pretences, only to depart alone, as we  
arrived.

But amidst the existential struggle, there exists  
a precious flicker of joy, so rare and exquisite,  
that it etches itself into the fabric of our existence.

It is in these moments that I yearn to capture the essence  
of life's fleeting rapture, like words permanently etched  
upon a page.

Let these words echo through time,  
reminding us of a time when I stood amidst your midst,  
enveloped in the bliss of happiness.

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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February 14, 1959 ~ September 20, 2016

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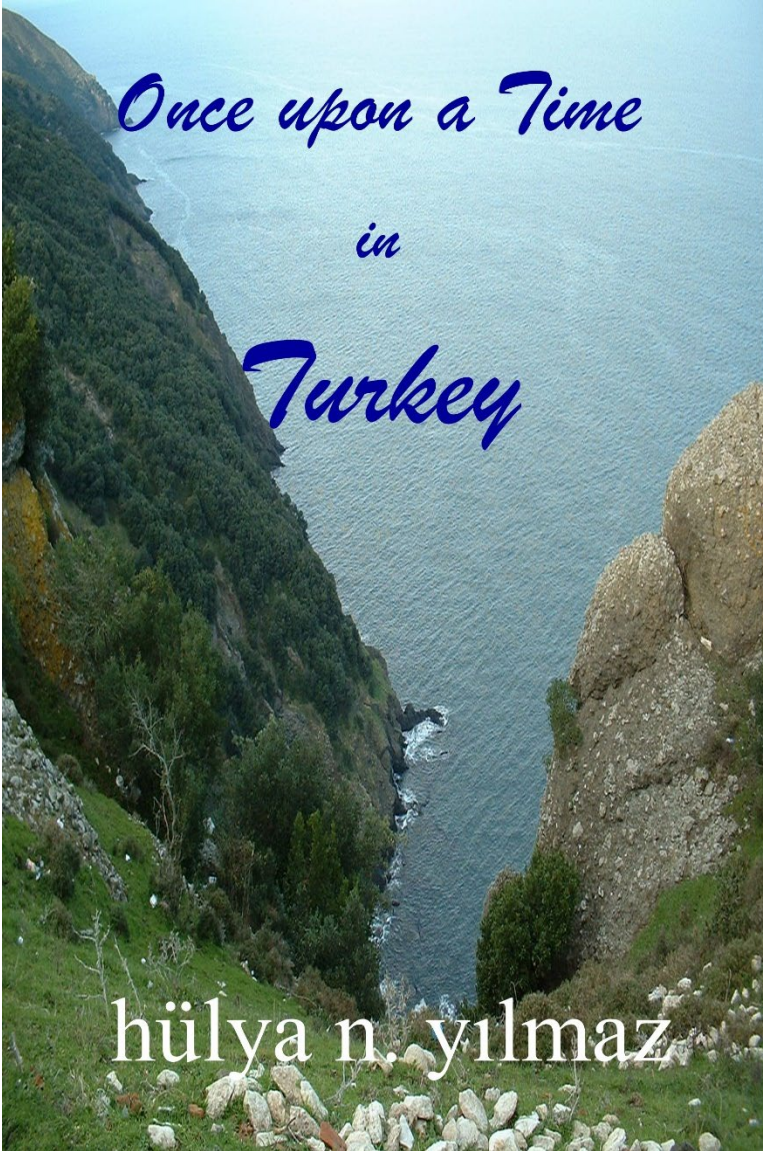
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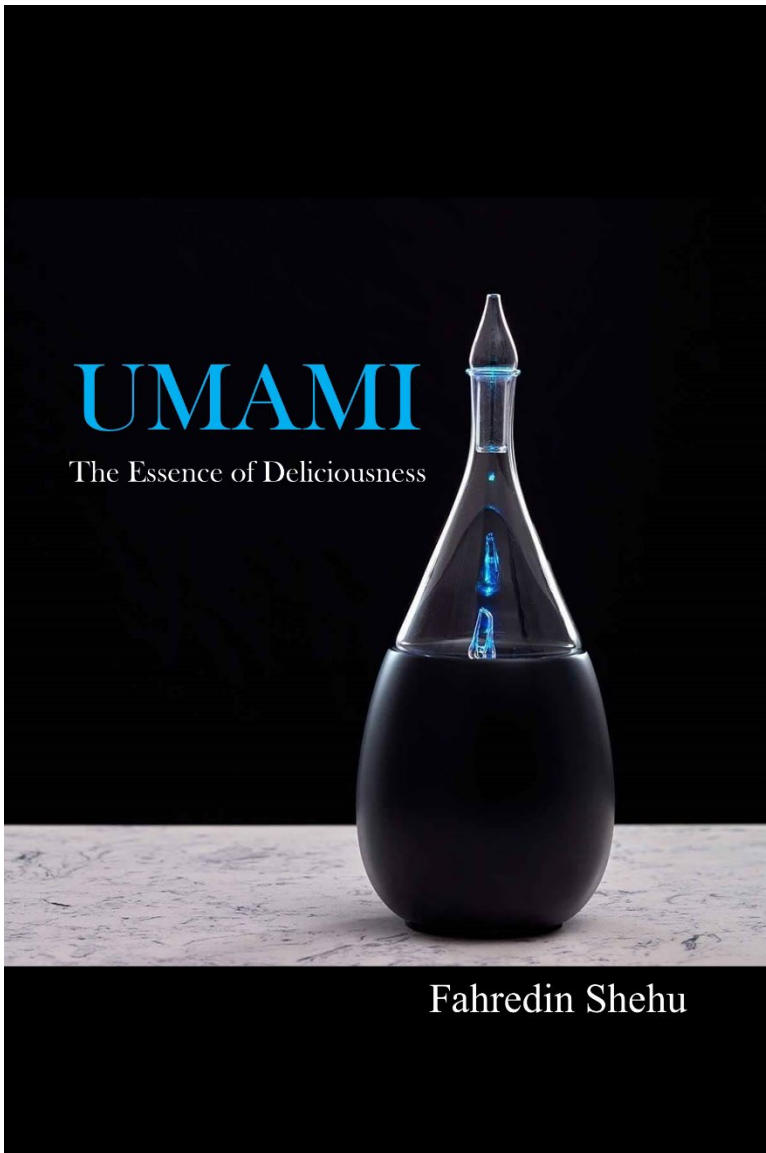
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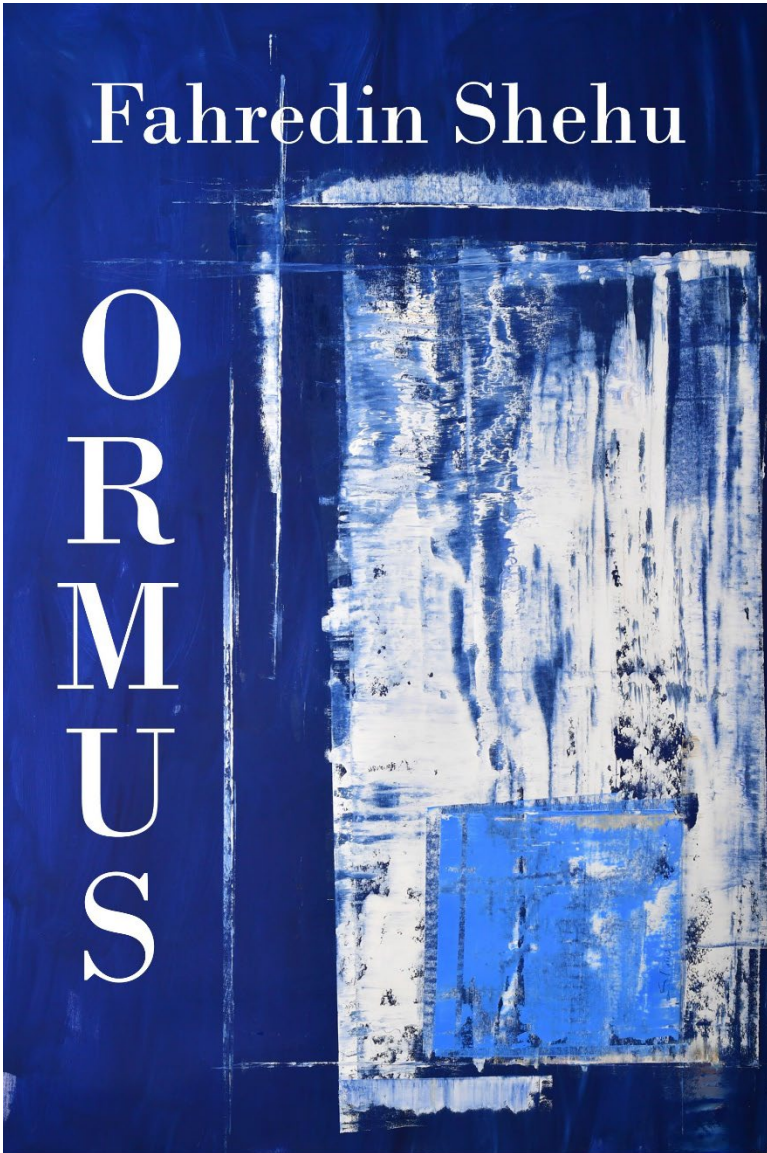
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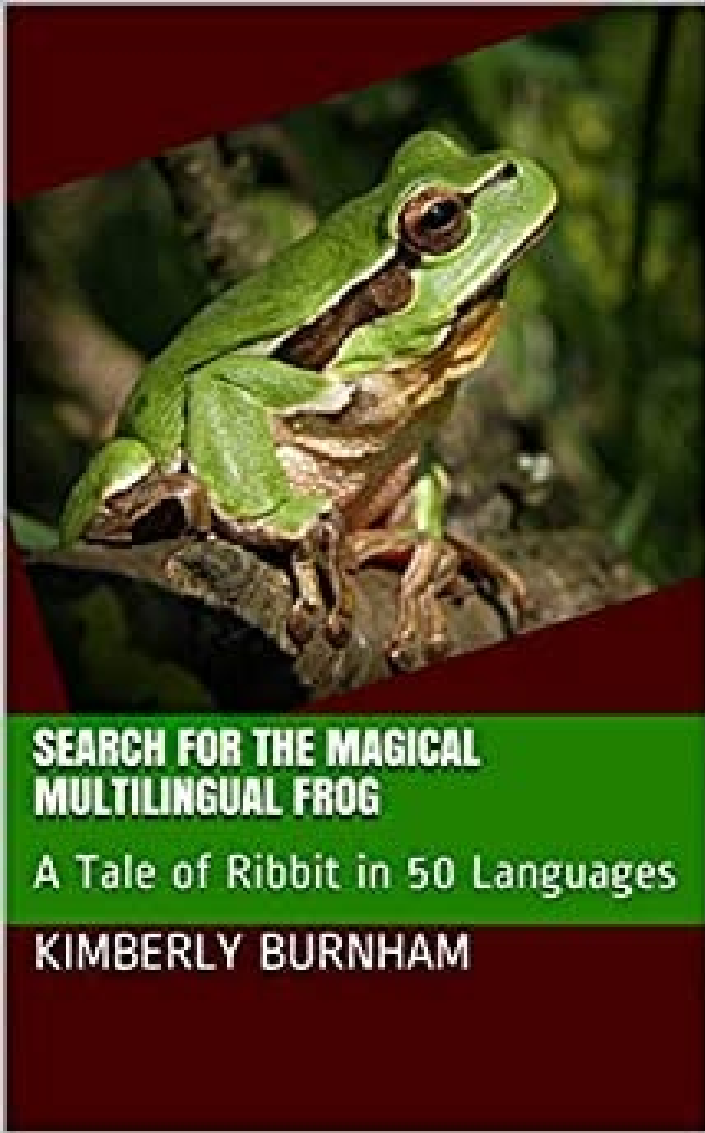


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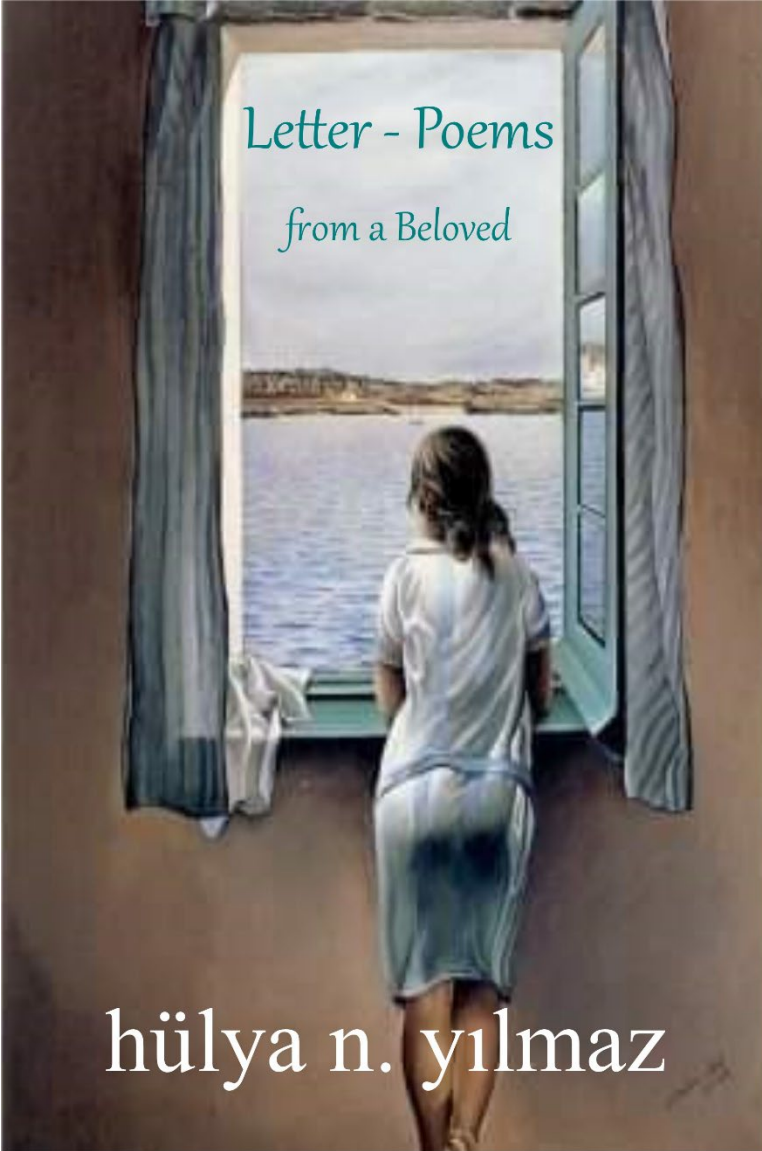
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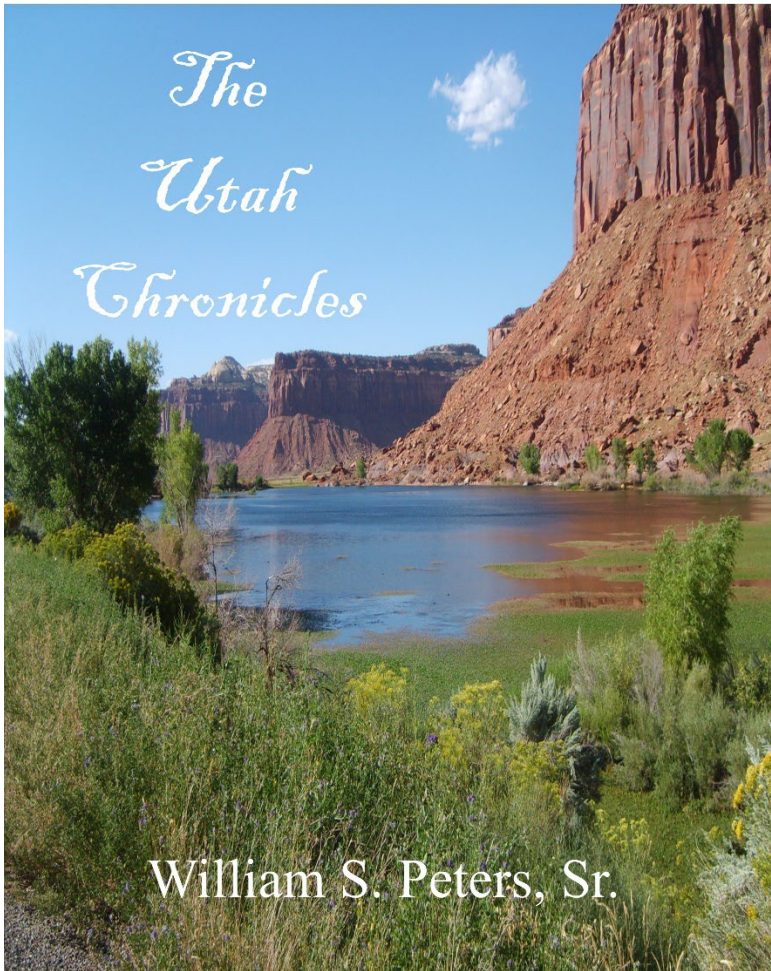
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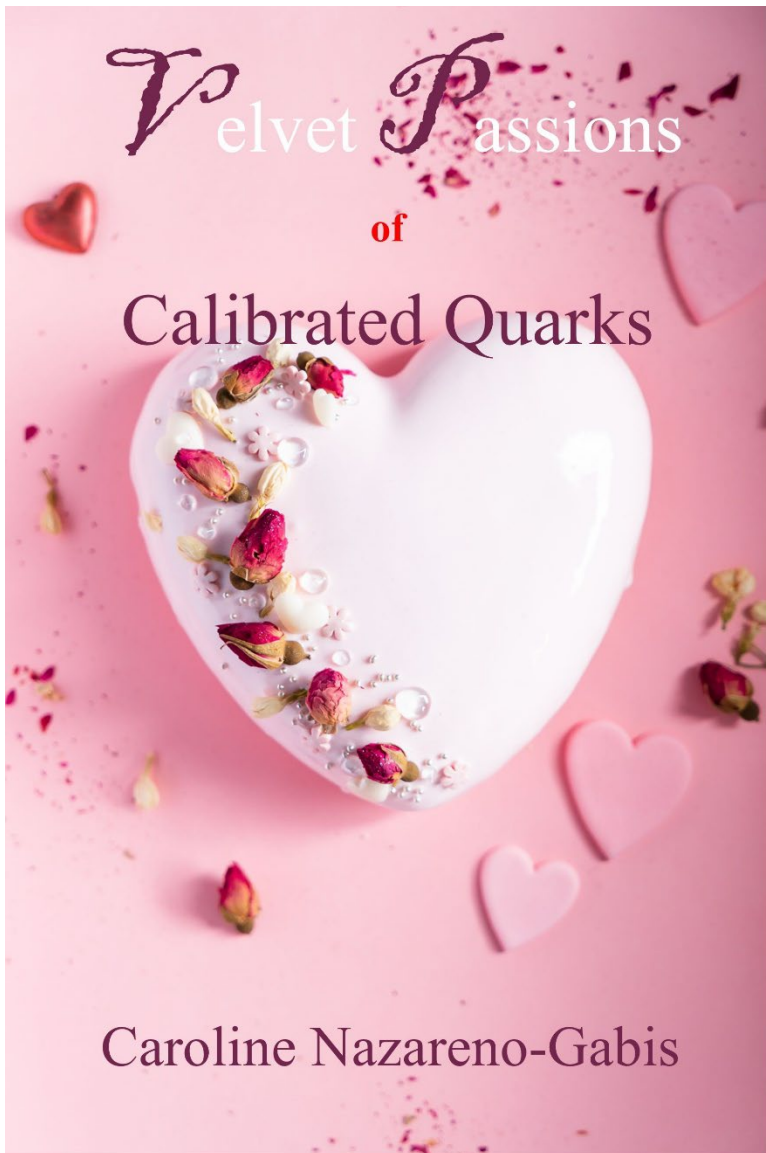
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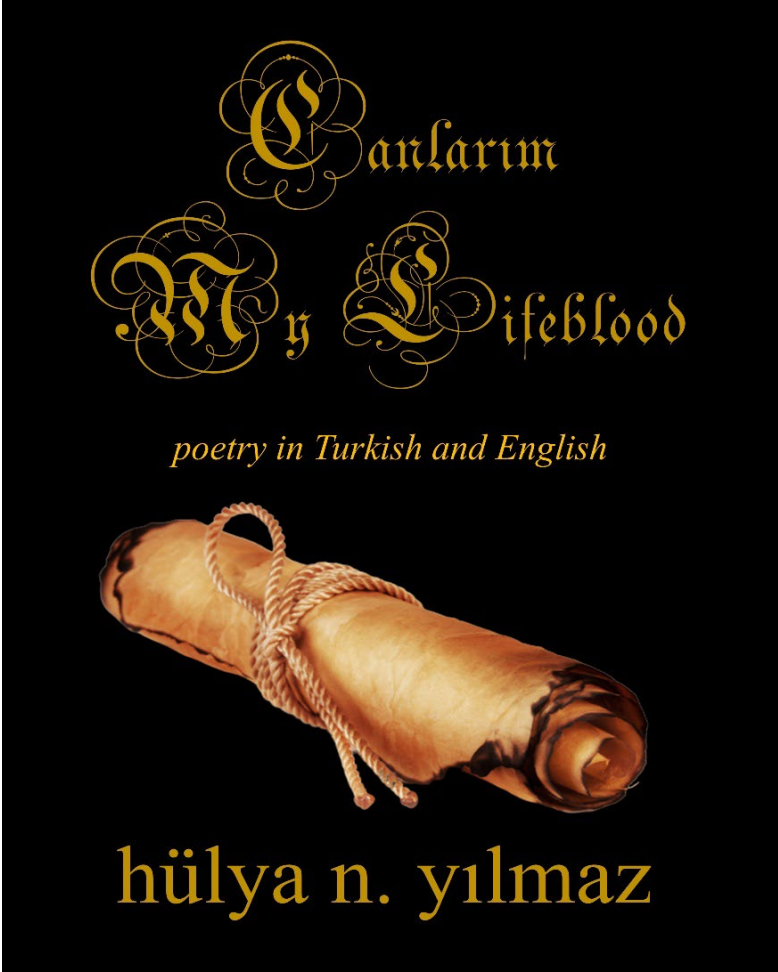
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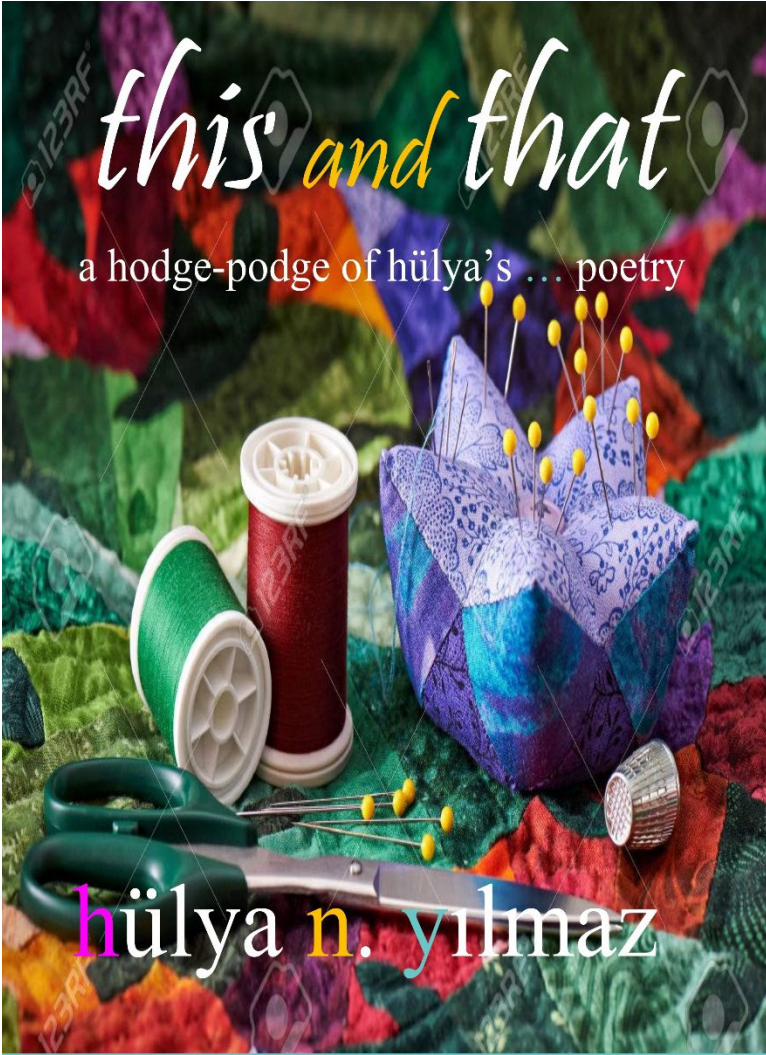


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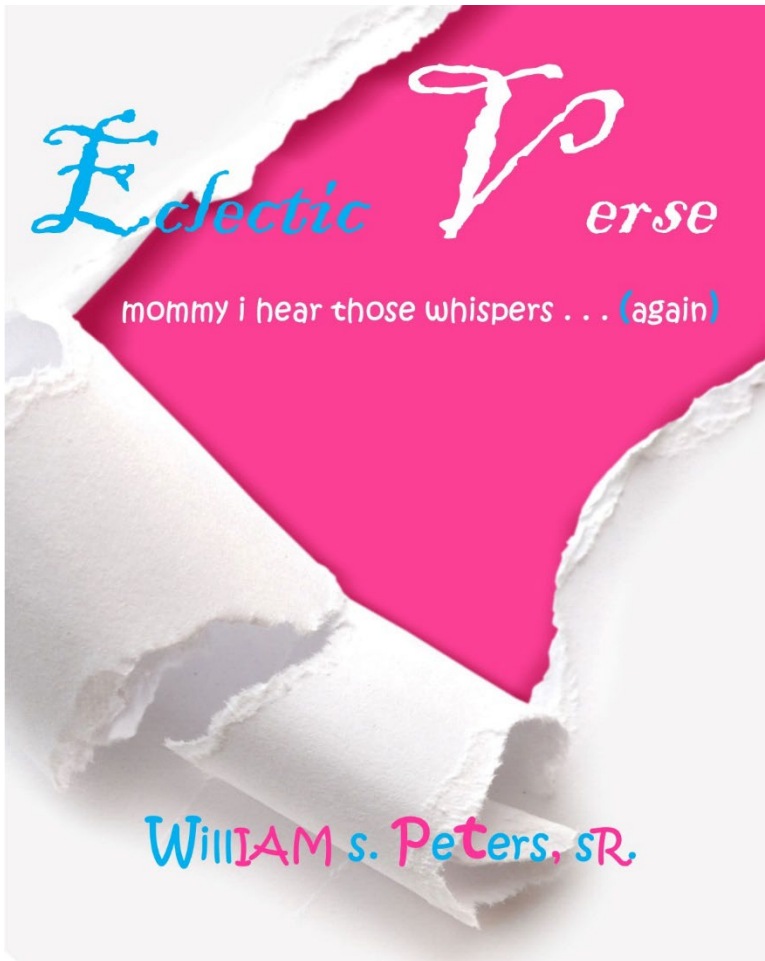


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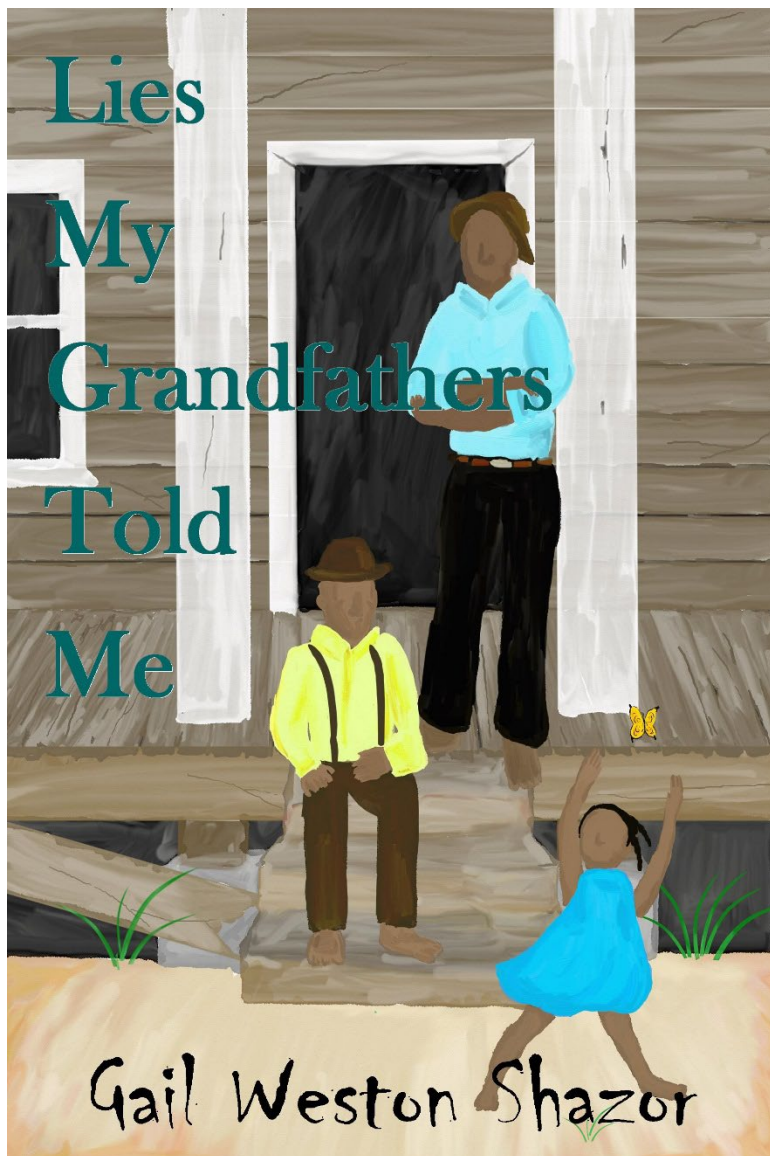
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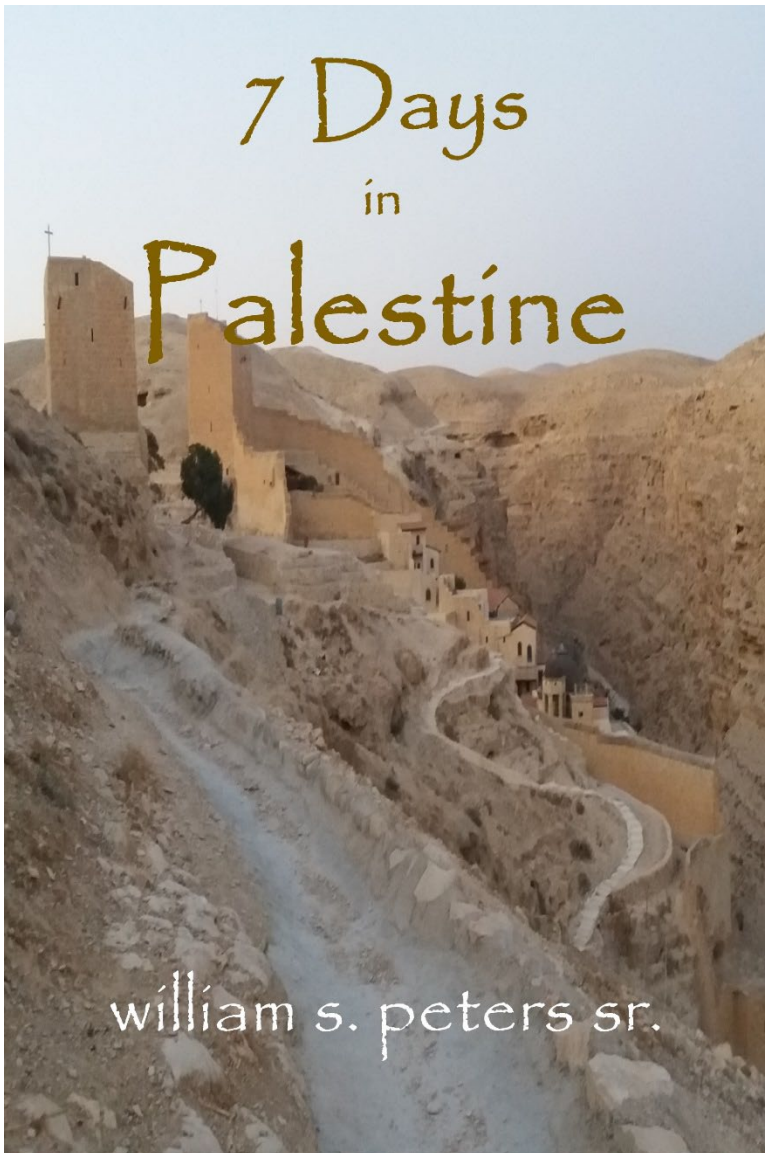
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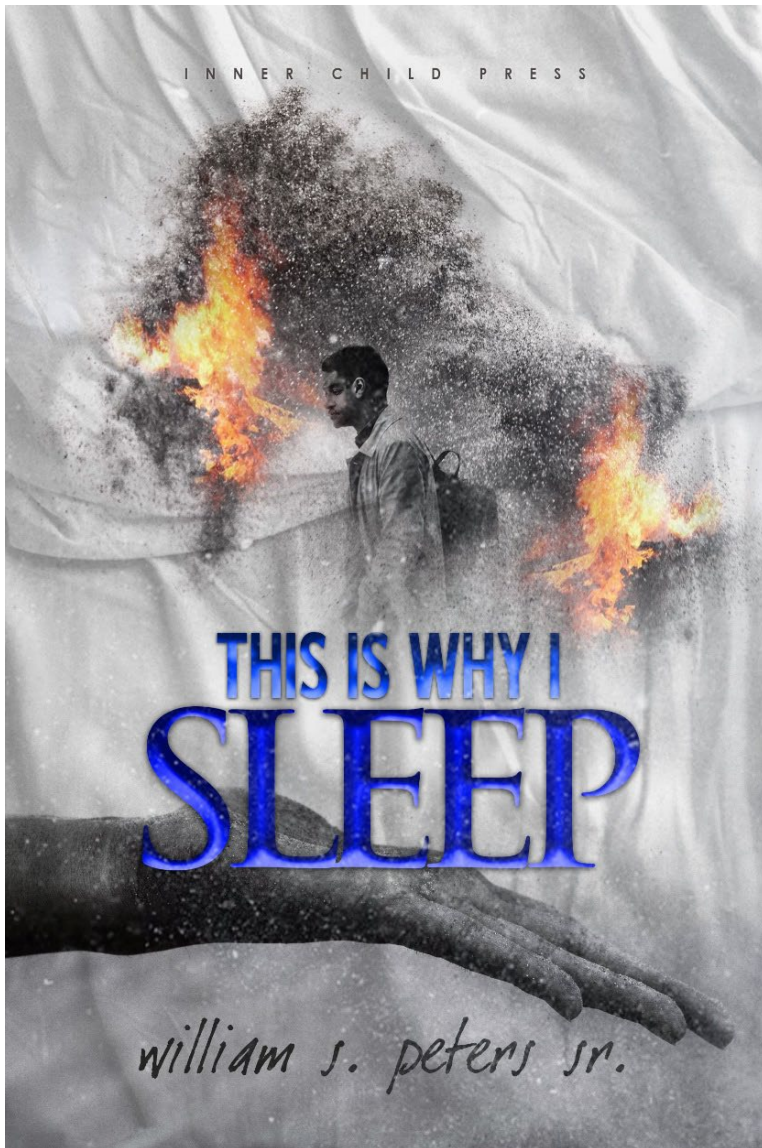


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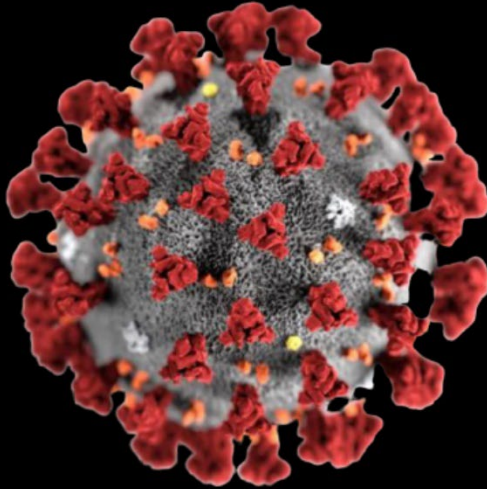
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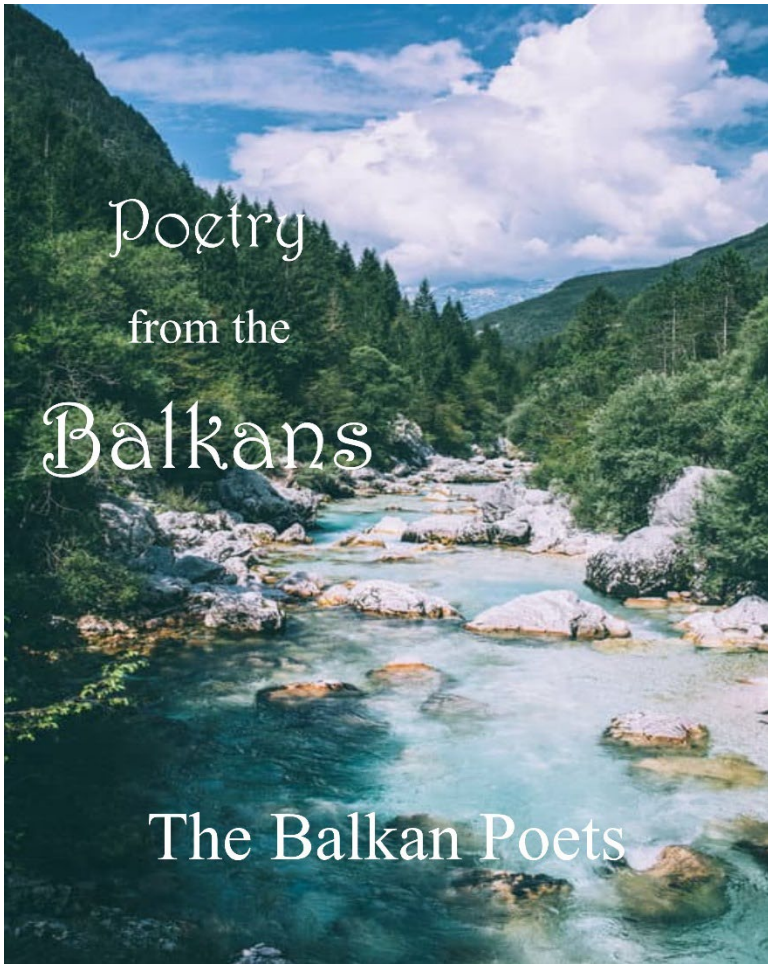
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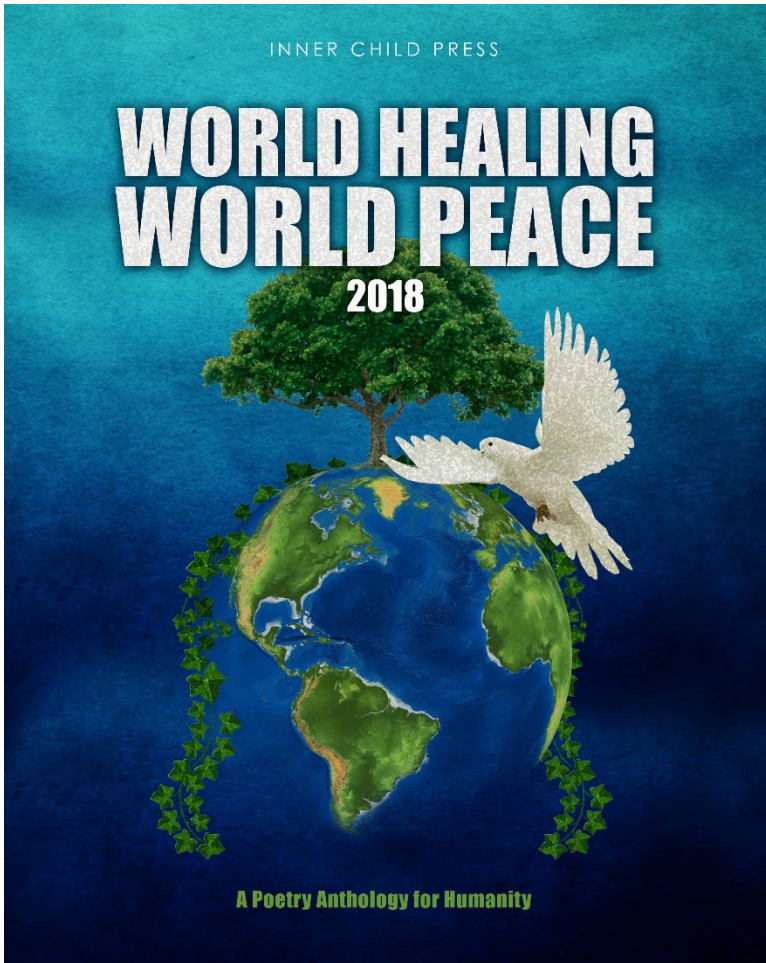
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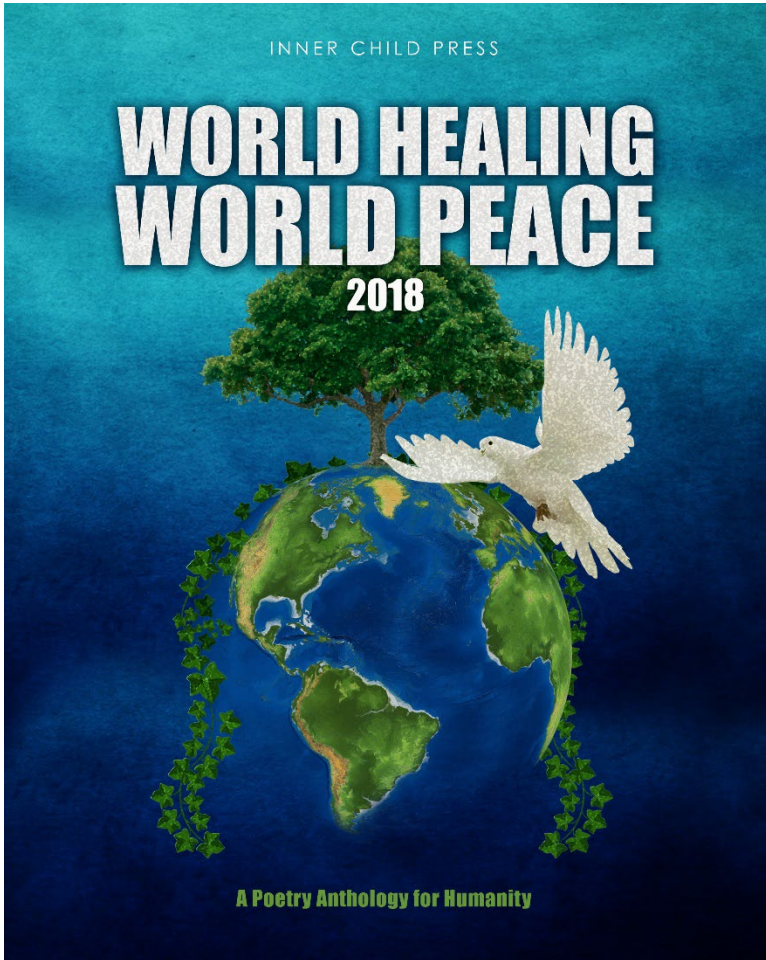


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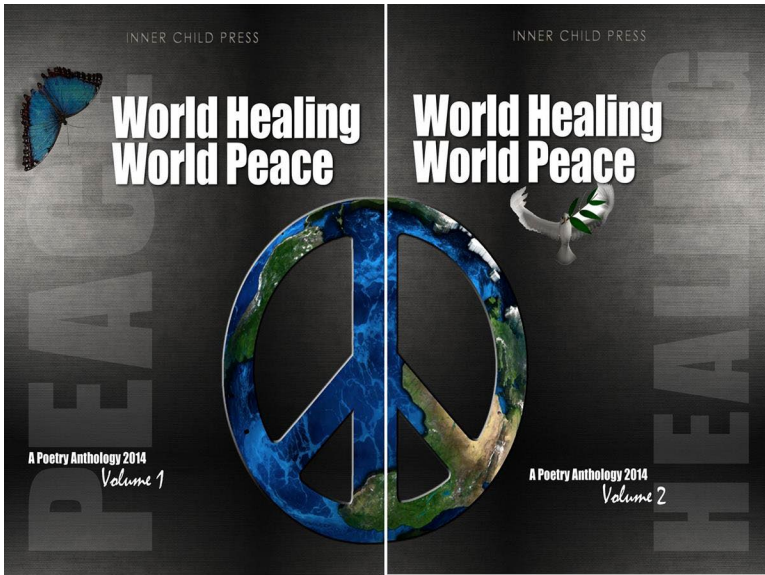


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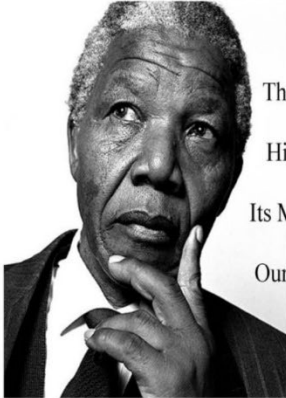
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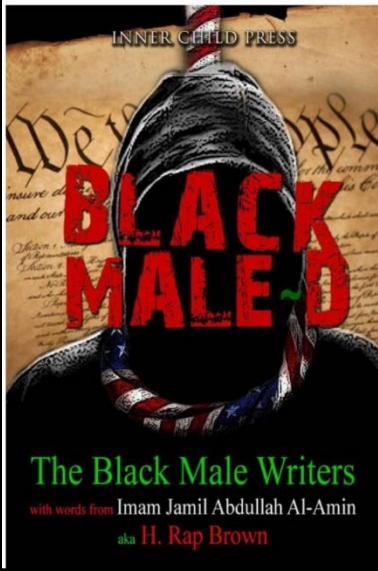
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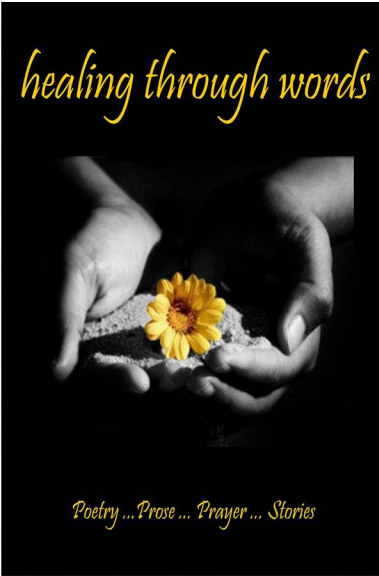
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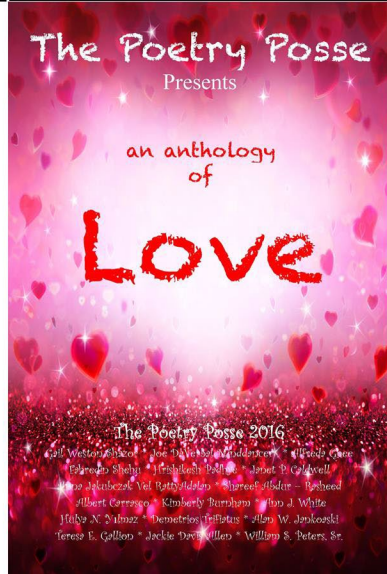
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**Our January Feature**  
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February 2014



*violets*

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March 2014



*daffodil*

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

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*Sweet Pea*

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**Lily of the Valley**

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June 2014



**Love & Relationship**

**Rose**

*June's Featured Poets*  
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Abraham N. Benjamin

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*July Feature Poets*  
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**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

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**Gladiolus**



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

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Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Carnation September Birthday Flower

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October 2014

Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

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Narcissus



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Bismay Mohantri \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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**Amethyst**

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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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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



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June's Featured Poets

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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

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Peridot

Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
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Opal




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 James Moore




Topaz

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Turquoise

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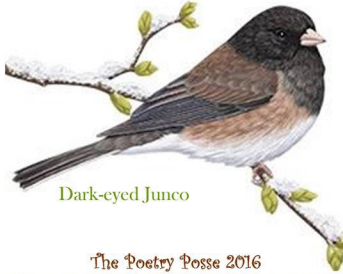


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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

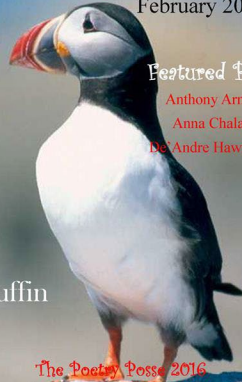
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

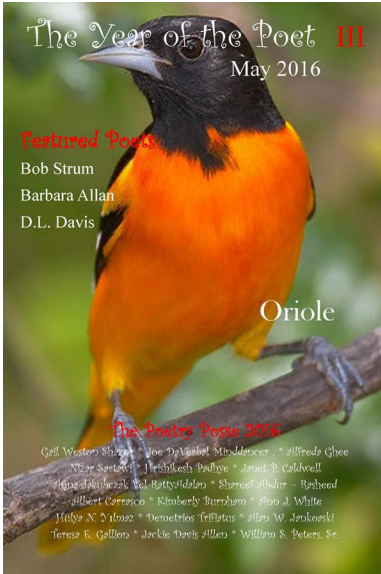
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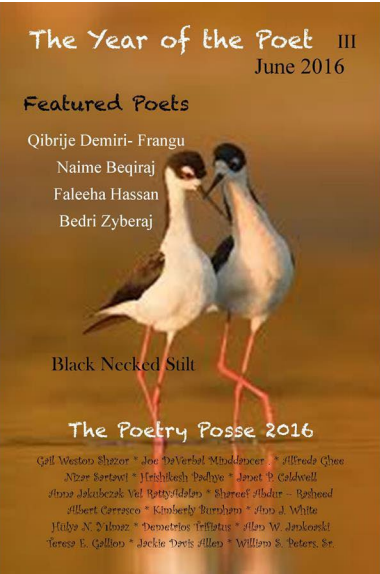


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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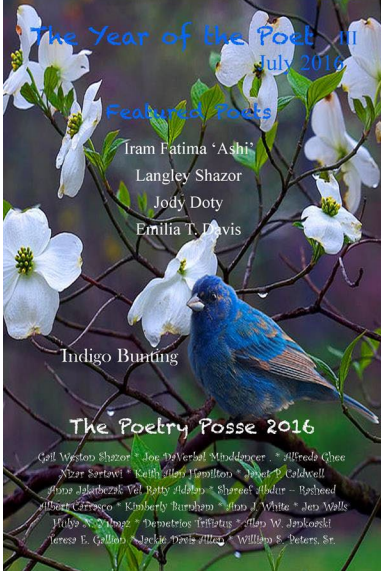


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June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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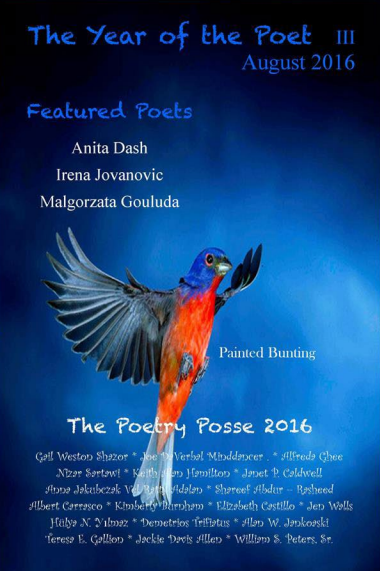


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

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September 2016

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novilla



Long Billed Curlew

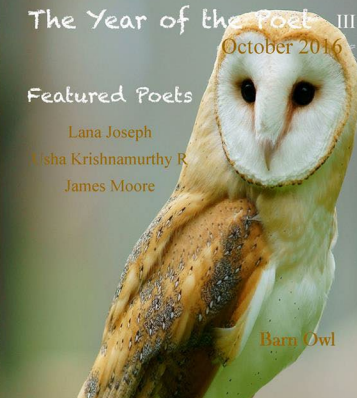
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

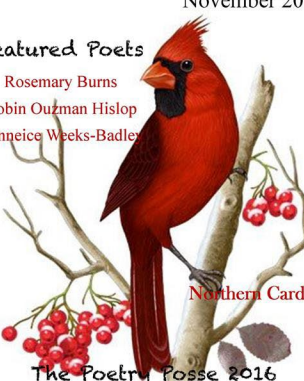
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal


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

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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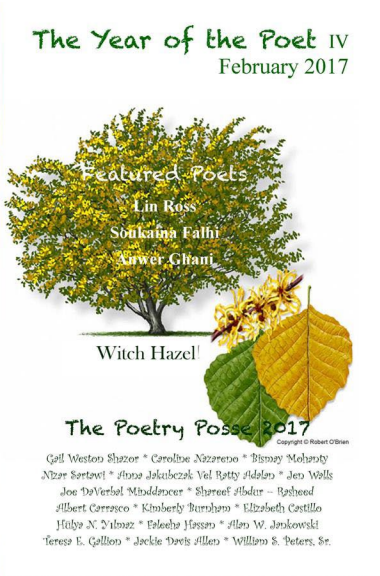


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017

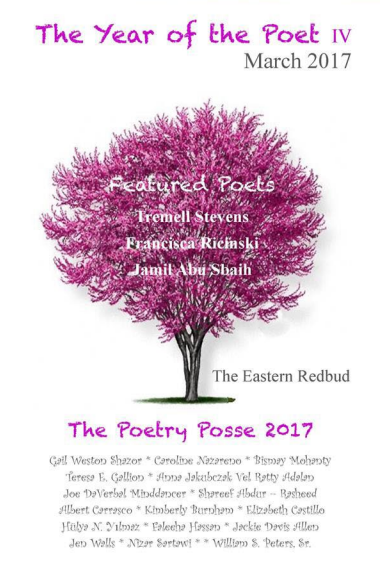


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sohkama Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017

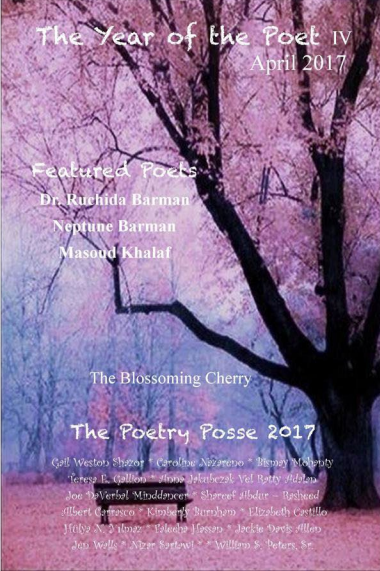


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**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



### Featured Poets

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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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### Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

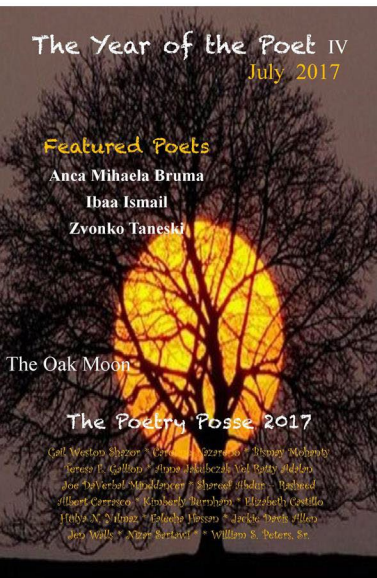
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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### 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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Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

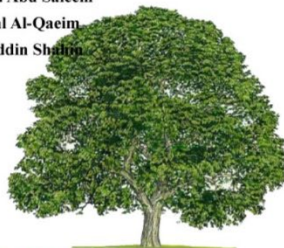
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## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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## The Year of the Poet IV 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 Aery

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March 2018



### Featured Poets

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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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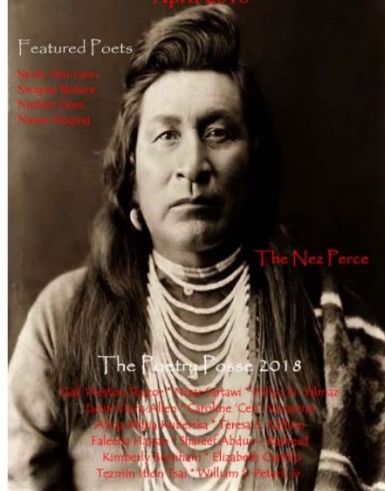
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Law  
Swagata Bhabha  
Nathan Lion  
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

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

Oceania




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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

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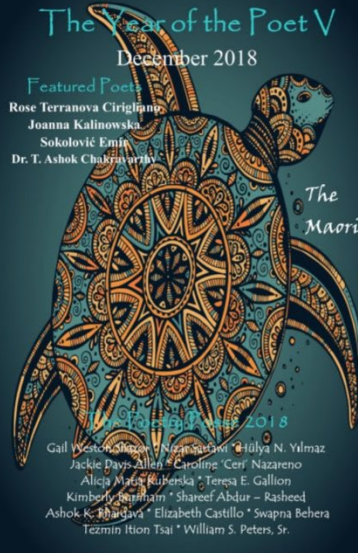
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



The  
Maori

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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January 2019



Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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 May 2019

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




Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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 Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
 Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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 Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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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 Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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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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 Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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September 2019

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




**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019

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




**The Mile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019

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



**Northern Asia**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

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



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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### Featured Poets

B S Tyagi \* Ashok Chakravarthy Tholana  
Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Bunnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rashied  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Bunnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rashied  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Bunnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rashied  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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### Featured Poets

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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazze • Albert Carasso • Hillya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen • Caroline Nazareno • Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska • Teresa E. Gallion • Joe Paine  
Kimberly Burnham • Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava • Elizabeth Castillo • Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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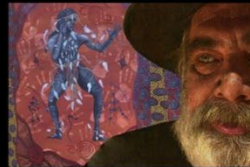
## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paite  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paite  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paite  
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December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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May 2022

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### Climate Change and Birds



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Trees



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## The Year of the Poet IX

July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Animals



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jamnagerwalla

Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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

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Ruby Bridges

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### Featured Global Poets

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

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Yo Yo Ma

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## The Year of the Poet X April 2023

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

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Claudette Colvin

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Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

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Ryan Hreljac

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Johan Karlsson \* Teodozja Świdarska

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~ Bana al-Abed ~

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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

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~ Kelvin Doe ~

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Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

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### Featured Global Poets

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Shaikat Aziz Hajam \* Elarbi Abdelfattah

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~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

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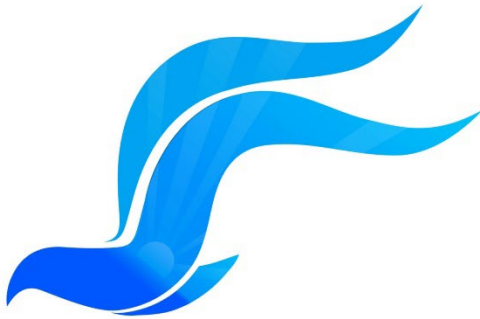
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