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LIFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
POETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

The Poetry Posse  
past, present & future  
our Patrons and Readers  
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# F oreword

## Ralph Bunche

(b. Aug. 07 1904, d. Dec. 09 1971)

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Ralph Bunche was a renowned American political scientist and diplomat. He was Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his work in the Middle East in the late 1940's negotiating to bring peace between Egypt and Israel. In 1950 he became the first African American to be awarded the honor. Born in Detroit in 1904 and after the family relocated over the years several times they settled in Los Angeles, CA. Bunche was an excellent student and was valedictorian of his high school graduating class and his UCLA class as well. He earned a graduate scholarship to attend Harvard University and his South-Central LA community raised money to help him in that pursuit where he went on to earning a Masters and Doctorate (PHD) in Political Science. On the way to earning that he was teaching political science at Howard University a major Black school. He also published his first book *World view of Race* in 1936. Ralph Bunche served as chairman of Howard's Political Science Department for more than two decades (1928 to 1950). During WW2 he was with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) the wartime intelligence service as a senior social analyst on Colonial Affairs. In 1943 he was transferred to the State Dept. He was appointed

Associate Chief of the Division of Dependent Area Affairs.

## UNITED NATIONS

Ralph Bunche was with the United Nations (U.N.) 25 years. He participated in the preliminary planning for the U.N. At the San Francisco Conference of 1945. He was instrumental in the creation and adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

In 1947 he was involved in the negotiations to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. Eventually he became the principal negotiator and through his skillful diplomatic efforts was credited playing a major role in reaching a agreement through the 1949 Armistice Agreement. Prior to the agreement Bunche had a potter create memorial plates to be presented to each negotiator. One of them was the representative for Israel Moshe Dayan who was known to discuss issues relating to the conflict with Bunche over a game of pool. Later he approached Bunche after the agreement was reached and the plates were given to the negotiators and asked him what if the talks fell through after you had the plates made. Bunche replied " I'd have broken them over your dam heads". This accomplishment lead to Bunche being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. Ralph Bunche in addition to the Arab-Israeli conflict mediated in many others in his years as a

diplomat and negotiator with the United Nations including The Congo, Yeman, Kashmir and Cyprus to name a few.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

Ralph Bunche not only played major roles in resolving international crisis but locally he played a significant role in the Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's in the United States. He participated in the March on Washington in 1963 when Rev, Martin Luther King gave his famous 'I have a Dream ' speech and the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. Ralph Bunche received the coveted Presidential Medal of freedom from President John Kennedy in 1963. His amazing work during the 25 years with the U.N. was encapsulated in the United Nations document, Ralph Bunche: Visionary for Peace.

"He championed the principle of equal rights for everyone, regardless of race or creed. He believed in 'the essential goodness of all people, and that no problem in human relations is insoluble.' Through the UN Trusteeship Council, Bunche readied the international stage for a period of rapid transformation, dismantling the old colonial systems in Africa and Asia, and guiding scores of emerging nations through the transition to independence in the post-war era ”.

Shareef Abdur-Rasheed AKA Zakir Flo,  
Poetry Posse, ICPI

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# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

**Yes** I am excited and feel accomplished as we enter our seventh year of publishing what I and many others deem to be a worthy enterprise, *The Year of the Poet*.

**T**his past year we have aligned our vision with that of Nobel Peace Prize Recipients. We have titled this year's theme, The Year of Peace! Hopefully through our sharing each month, our poetry can have a profound effect on our global consciousness and the need for peace while educating ourselves and our readership about some of the individuals who have made history through their efforts to promulgate peace for all of humanity.. We are on our way to hitting yet another milestone. Needless to say, I am elated.

**T**o reiterate, our initial vision was to just perform at this level for the year of 2014. Since that time we have had the blessed opportunity to include many other wonderful poets, word artists and storytellers in the Poetry Posse from lands, cultures and persuasions all over the world. We have featured hundreds of additional poets, thereby introducing their poetic offerings to our vast global audience.

In keeping with our effort and vision to expand the awareness of poets from all walks by making this offerings accessible, we at Inner Child Press International will continue to make every volume a FREE Download. The books are also available for purchase at the affordable cost of \$7.00 per volume.

In the previous years, our monthly themes were Flowers, Birds, Gemstones, Trees and Past Cultures. This coming year we have elected to continue our focus of choosing what we consider a significant subject . . . PEACE! In each month's volume you will have the opportunity to not only read at least one poem themed by our Poetry Posse members about such celebrated Peace Ambassadors, but we have included a few words about each individual in our prologue. We hope you find the poetic offerings insightful as we use our poetic form to relay to you what we too have learned through our research in making our offering available to you, our readership.

In closing, we would like to thank you for being an integral part of our amazing journey.

Enjoy our amazing featured poets . . . they are amazing!

*Building Cultural Bridges of Understanding . . .*

Bless Up . . . From the home in our hearts to yours

*Bill*

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*PS*

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# Ralph Bunche

## 1950

Each month for the year of 2020, which we have deemed as *The Year of Peace*, we at Inner Child Press International will be celebrating through our poetry a few Nobel Peace Prize Recipients who have contributed greatly to humanity via their particular avocations. This month of May 2020 you will find select poems from each Poetry Posse member on this month's celebrants.

In 1950, The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Ralph Bunche.

For more information about visit :

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph\\_Bunche](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph_Bunche)

or

[www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1950/bunche/facts/](http://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1950/bunche/facts/)





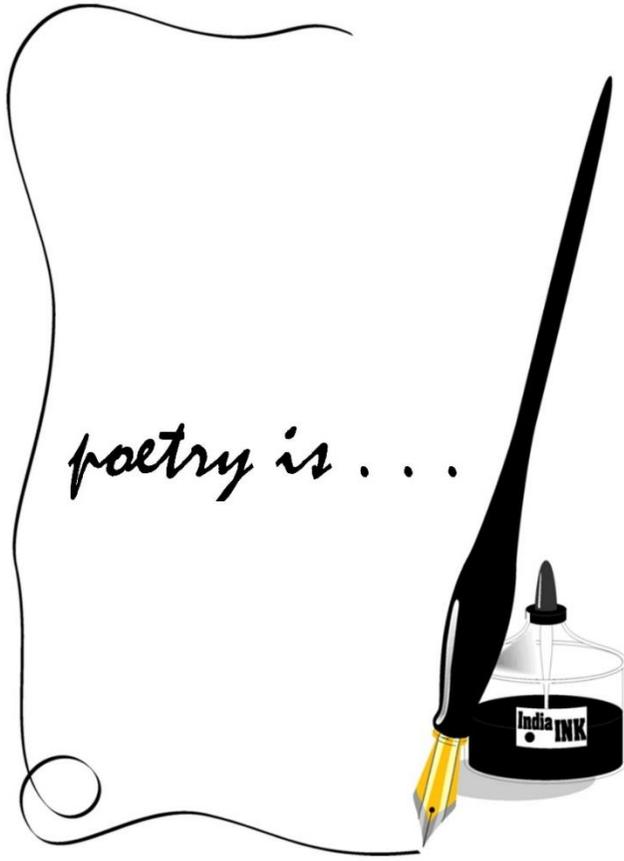
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp



Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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

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## Collateral Damage

We studied Ralph Bunche in school  
But only in February  
Because we thought  
Only the good blacks were born in February  
And so we studied up on Ralph Bunche  
And Martin Luther King and  
Sojourner Truth and  
Mathew Henson and  
No one told us that  
They had to fight to get noticed so  
This light skinned man was given  
The sand filled shoes Bernadotte had worn  
And he marched himself east  
As the next collateral damage  
But little did the world know  
That February born people of color  
Are the most special people  
Under the sun...  
And like all Februarians  
They changed the world.

## Warrior

I got that red woman  
Hid on the inside of me  
We take turns hanging out  
In the streets  
And she balances out my navy well  
When I wake after a long nite  
Of perfecting your movements  
She lingers across the pillow  
In a preening manner  
Shining the Teflon coated places  
She has this repetitive way  
Of telling testosterone lies  
And some find her offensive  
Though my sweet smile  
Softens the marks cut in backs  
We are much better sheathed  
And while bone and sinew  
Are often visible  
It is only the soft kiss of lips  
That you will remember  
Long after you realize  
You didn't get a name

## Funeral

“Standing close enough to kiss, we almost touch and pretend”  
that we really didn’t want to despite the yearning in our hands;  
for the closeness of the familial feel of fingers on face  
my own wrapped around cheeks holding you still

while wiping a smudge off your chubby cheeks. Just a mirror of my mothers, smiling in crooked disgust at being tended to with a gentle assurance that just as quickly, I might let you go before you are ready to leave.

I straighten the collar of your white shirt and smooth the shoulders of the black suit, brushing off the invisible dust That keeps my hands connected to you. My heart tied to the strings that I braided with the third cord I suddenly found

dangling from the umbilical apron ties that my mother left on the hospital bed before she departed for home.

Alicja  
Maria  
Kubørska

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Alicja Maria Kuberska – awarded Polish poetess, novelist, journalist, editor. She was born in 1960, in Świebodzin, Poland. She now lives in Inowrocław, Poland.

In 2011 she published her first volume of poems entitled: “The Glass Reality”. Her second volume “Analysis of Feelings”, was published in 2012. The third collection “Moments” was published in English in 2014, both in Poland and in the USA. In 2014, she also published the novel - “Virtual roses” and volume of poems “On the border of dream”. Next year her volume entitled “Girl in the Mirror” was published in the UK and “Love me”, “(Not)my poem” in the USA. In 2015 she also edited anthology entitled “The Other Side of the Screen”.

In 2016 she edited two volumes: “Taste of Love” (USA), “Thief of Dreams” ( Poland) and international anthology entitled “ Love is like Air” (USA). In 2017 she published volume entitled “View from the window” (Poland). She also edits series of anthologies entitled “Metaphor of Contemporary” (Poland)

Her poems have been published in numerous anthologies and magazines in Poland, the USA, the UK, Albania, Belgium, Chile, Spain, Israel, Canada, India, Italy, Uzbekistan, Czech Republic, South Korea and Australia. She was a featured poet of New Mirage Journal ( USA) in the summer of 2011.

Alicja Kuberska 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.

## Boy with wings

*Poem dedicated to Ralph Bunche*

A black boy in the city of angels  
hid under Grandma Lucy's wings  
He quickly learned the taste of bitter childhood  
And the painful touch of the angel of death

Ambition and talent gave him wings  
And he rose to unattainable heights  
He first crossed the invisible barrier  
And he entered proudly into the world of whites

He replaced bravely the Swedish aristocrat  
When he arrived in Rhodes like an angel of peace.  
He brought an olive branch to the island,  
To announce the Israeli-Palestinian armistice.

## Epidemic

The virus stopped the world.  
Time passed forward,  
It looped reality.

All the doors slammed shut.  
The gates of hell opened.  
Death painted  
Horror in the human's eyes.  
It covered all faces with masks.

A new era has begun.  
Nothing will be as it used to be.  
Will man to man be  
enemy or brother?

## 2020

The sky cracked.  
The rider of Apocalypse  
set out to the Earth.  
Horse hooves crumbled  
human pride and insolence.

Terrified people  
locked themselves in their homes.  
There are no fingerprints  
on shopping carts  
Smiles on their faces  
are hidden under the masks.

Old values are gone.  
For power, beauty and money  
one can't get oxygen.  
The idea of humanitarianism  
broke down,  
when lacked the respirators.

Invisible enemy  
is lurking in the breath,  
in the touch of hand.  
It hides in tears.  
Kisses and touches  
are deadly weapons.  
During the epidemic  
act of supreme love  
is not visiting  
old parents.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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

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

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

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

In 2015 she authored *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*, and in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Both books of mostly narrative poetry were published by Inner Child Press and were edited by hulya n. yilmaz.

in 2019, *No Illusions.Through the Looking Glass*, which was nominated to be considered for a Pulitzer Prize by the publisher and editor of InnerChild Press, ltd.

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

## Ralph Bunche, 1904-1971: Who Was This Man?

High School, Senior Class valedictorian.  
A brilliant student and debater.  
Graduate of the University of California,  
Summa cum laude. And valedictorian.

A Master's and a Doctorate he earned,  
In political science, from Harvard University.  
While teaching at Howard University.  
So, who was this man?

Perhaps, a member of the elite estate?  
Blue blood of an aristocratic family?  
A Roosevelt? A Rockefeller? A Kennedy?  
An author? Nobel Peace Prize recipient?

He was an African American, who  
By the age of thirteen had been uprooted  
From his Detroit, Michigan home, to Ohio.  
Then Michigan. Then New Mexico.

Absentee father. At 13, his mother's death.  
Three months later, an uncle's suicide.  
Whisked off, by an aunt, he and his sister. To California.  
Away from their grandmother.

In 1948, Ralph Bunche, at 44, negotiated  
An armistice between Egypt and Israel,  
Received, in 1950, the Nobel Peace Prize.  
The first ever African American to do so.

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By education's ladder, in part from intelligence,  
Persistence, perseverance, he climbed over obstacles  
Others may have succumbed to.  
So, who was this man?

African American, son of a barber,  
And amateur musician mother. Ralph Bunche.  
Genius of a man. Remembered  
For far more than his 1950 Nobel Peace Prize.

*Wings of a Butterfly*

*To hold you next to me*

*Is to love you*

*And to love you*

*Is to know you better*

*But, to hold a wild*

*And passionate body*

*And never*

*Loosen one's grip*

*Would be like*

*Tearing*

*Off the wings*

*Of a butterfly*

## That Which Remains

There was an old man, lived he by the sea,  
Ruff, tough and gruff, so difficult to please.  
With eyes ever so wary, like those of a cat...

He hesitated, yet came round where I sat.

We watched as big ships sailed in and back out.  
He talked of fishing and of what little clout  
He had now that he was withered and old.

Bragged a little, he once mined for gold.

Gulls gathered on the shore, needing to feed.  
We fed them... fed until we filled their greed.  
With courage I placed my little hand on his hand.

Avoiding my eyes, he looked down at the sand.

Ah! The fading book of time.. how it streams.  
I have forgotten so much, perhaps it was a dream?  
Was he my father or someone else's Dad?

Why can't I remember the last things we said?

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Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai (蔡澤民博士) was born in Republic of China, in 1957. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and two Masters of Science in Applied Mathematics and Chemical Engineering. He is a professor at Asia University (Taiwan), editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text. He also writes the long-term columns for Chinese Language Monthly in Taiwan.

He is a scholar with a wide range of expertise, while maintaining a common and positive interest in science, engineering and literature member. He is also an editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text and a columnist for *‘Chinese Language Monthly’* in Taiwan

He has won many national literary awards. His literary works have been anthologized and published in books, journals, and newspapers in more than 40 countries and have been translated into more than a dozen languages.

## An Orchid Standing on the Peak

This will make me feel ashamed  
If skin color becomes an issue again  
At any time in the future

I am no longer surprised  
If someone mentions it again  
Inter-ethnic conflict and disagreement  
Only reminds me of this sentence  
This bridge will not no weaker and no stronger than we the  
people make it

With a humble smile  
He was forgotten in the world that should not be forgotten  
and  
We could do anything that anybody else could do

I tried to pursue his thinking which belongs to a completely  
unfamiliar person  
In a rational process  
Decolonization for the United Nations Charter  
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
Maybe a statement closer to the truth  
Although the difference between Eastern and Western  
cultures, once make me surprised and overwhelmed  
He has established a firm foothold in the anti-oppression  
movement around the world

There are no words available to me to express the sorrow I  
experience  
A turbulent experience has brought peace

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He was always mediating  
Under the muzzles of some mutinous and very excited  
soldiers  
Except shouting  
We must contribute to the solution of a problem on our  
own doorstep  
Is it possible to write a conclusion calmly?  
Ralph Bunch: the soul of peace

## Wind, You Have To Fly Smoothly

Oh! When the sun hovering over hillside  
Wind shaking the tree shadow  
How to up to you  
Just do not say want to go together

Oh! Red flower opened in full on the hillside  
White Butterfly Dream youth everywhere  
When the wind blows smeared red lipstick  
Do not only care about keen on pleasing  
Forgot patrol the fields

Oh! The former hill can't compare with the back hill  
So beautiful  
Always secretly waiting  
Must not be  
Recall with nostalgia halfway water  
Wind, you have to fly smoothly

## The Swallows' Homeward Journey

Sunset leaves some weak light  
Sky is getting dark  
Elongation in the windowsill of my neck  
An empty corridor  
In classrooms  
Was not supposed to empty  
Unexpectedly dozens of vacancies  
Words on the blackboard deep and shallow  
This letter did not address  
Where to Send  
Come on sunset, remind the swallows,  
Do not forget homing

Azalea trails having a partner  
Duck in Surface of the lake Mullard swimming  
Wave ripples continually  
Reflected outside the classroom  
Full of spring in the air  
So comfortable, Travel in the nature landscapes  
The old man nest in the classroom  
Do have not ever Young?  
Don't regret not having taking advantage of Young  
Try a taste of skipped class  
Who is going to invite the old man leaving the nest

Swallow return or no return always focus on the emotions  
Youth may allow you to run wild  
My heart is not old but also can understand  
Eventually the semester must end  
The only worry is  
Belated swallow accustomed to the wild  
At the final exam, do not say to me,  
The topic in the paper  
Reads just like hieroglyphics

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Sharzeef  
Abdur  
Rashheed

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

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

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

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

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## Mr. Bunche

-----  
blossomed  
stretched towards sun  
proclaimed humanity one  
as creator one  
as earth one  
as truth one  
as justice one  
as right one,  
wrong be done  
Mr. Bunche believed in peace  
Mr. Bunche then received  
divine commission  
alleviate suspicion  
demonstrate vision  
mankind created by divine  
intervention  
to be interwoven in connection  
to thee one  
must be one family  
he truly believed  
peace, harmony  
must be the reality  
if we would remain  
on planet like birds, fish,  
plants, rain, wind,  
trees, flowers  
we then must stop  
devouring each other  
out of existence  
is not an option  
Mr. Bunche rose up,

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Mr. Bunche spoke up,  
Mr. Bunche lived on top  
of the mountain  
and descended  
to convince humanity to  
give peace a chance  
Mr. Bunche danced that dance  
you were blessed Mr. Bunche

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## THINK!

-----  
concerning your rulers, your government  
The extent of incompetence  
goes through the roof  
extent of lies goes through the roof  
extent of crimes goes through the roof  
extent of evil goes through the roof  
extent of racism goes through the roof  
extent of abuse of power goes through the roof  
extent of theft goes through the roof  
extent of arrogance goes through the roof  
extent of collusion in crimes committed goes  
through the roof  
for instance, cold blooded murder and neglect  
of the people goes through the roof  
extent of more than mentioned goes through  
the roof  
this is the reality today in AmeriKKKa  
the people have been meek in the face of tyranny  
the leaders selling the country to the highest bidder  
but this is not without context  
to a deeeep troubled dark history  
a history steeped in all the above and much more  
you call this great based on the material success  
of the few real capitalist that possess the capital  
to benefit from capitalism?  
because the vast majority in AmeriKKKa don't benefit  
from that system a system that sets the table inherently  
for greed, corruption, lies, murder, theft and the like  
that is not in reality great that is in reality evil, wicked,  
exploitative, ungodly, hypocrisy personified  
the creator has warned in effect he gives lots of rope  
before he tightens the noose

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but when he tightens that noose no one can break loose  
not all the kingdoms of the earth collectively  
absolutely all power and strength belong to Allah\*(swt)  
thee lord of the worlds.

wait and see if you don't believe  
you already saw how quick in a how your life  
as you knew it flipped in a blink  
remember it is written " The people get the rulers  
they deserve " look at your hands and....THINK!

food4thought = education

yes

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these are times foretold  
in real-time unfold  
it's time to behold  
it's now to be whole  
yo do ya'll know?  
you who was fashioned  
created made into a congealed  
clot in the womb a soul getting  
made in a boat a float  
in the dark without breathing  
without lungs filled until the  
moment is here to fill up on air  
at any time, the maker can stop  
degree it's over ' by saying ' be '  
but at his command you complete  
the process  
coming out to the other side a success  
but yet you stand out as an open  
adversary as though you made yourself  
the vast majority have turned your backs  
on the giver of life, death  
who said he and you was?  
yet you refuse to adhere to the rules  
put here  
it's in you or not  
manifest by the god fear  
knowing to do what he says is the only way  
no, no, you refused to submit  
following the whispers fake tip from him  
who whispered into the heart?  
lead you astray on a dead-end trip  
because you didn't obey the warning

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stay away obey me now  
you can't obey him who's a  
enemy avowed but some how  
you were yawning  
thus, here we are at this hour getting  
a dose of his power  
that there is no power or strength  
but Allah\*(swt)  
you once again are given pause to  
ponder pray tell  
as death lurks in position to pounce  
and take every ounce of your soul  
a bacterium or whatever is not what  
delivers death's blow  
it's Allah only who knows the hour  
he has written for us all to go  
return back from hence we come  
now or later it's promised to be our  
turn  
know this and learn  
from Allah we come and back to him  
is our return

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\*(swt) = All glory to Allah.

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Kimberly  
Burnham

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## Cease-Fire Follows Tumultuous Birth

At the tumultuous birth  
among murder and mayhem  
in 1948 the state of Israel came to be  
helped on the journey  
by the hand of the first African American  
awarded the Nobel Peace Prize  
he soothed the way  
a cease-fire between Israelis and Arabs  
Shalom Salaam Peace  
"There are no warlike people  
just warlike leaders"  
said Ralph Bunche  
after tough negotiations

## SLM

The differences are nuanced and pronounced between  
the Muslim world and the Jewish world  
between Arabic and Hebrew  
finding peace Salaam سلام and Shalom שלום  
in common three consonants S-L-M  
yes the writing is different  
but the Semitic roots are the same  
the cultures may not find peace  
but look how vastly different worlds say  
this word of comfort, of prosperity  
wholeness and health  
what brings peace is not the same  
for any two people  
not the identical for any two cultures  
but look how much is similar  
“Shalom” in Hebrew of Israel  
“Salaam” in Arabic of the Middle East  
"Salaamata" in Afar of Ethiopia  
"Salum" in Bukharic of Central Asia  
“Sala” in Balochi of Iran  
“Saljám” made it into Russian  
a loan word from Muslims and Jews  
written салѧм in Cyrillic letters  
“Selum” in Jibbali Geblet of South Arabia  
“Šlm” in Ugaritic of Syria  
and “Sholem” in Yiddish of Israel

## Ch'ewata Talking in Peace

As in most cultures in Ethiopia  
the Kafa sit together  
talking in peace  
"Salamoona"  
this is the essence of life  
relationships are strengthened  
constantly updated by greetings  
visits, drinking coffee and eating together  
the preparation of food and beverages is important  
but talking together ጭዋታ "ch'ewata"  
from the verb to play  
is the heart of life

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Bunche, American Odyssey

Here was a titan of 20th century diplomacy,

Coined as an American Odyssey

1940s, led Israel's mediation,

Did peacekeeping efforts to places in division

On to the Middle East, Africa, and Mediterranean,

And also contributed to the freedom struggle of African

American.

## Ring of Light

I met you from the past,  
In one of my reincarnations-  
An unfinished business we must face  
A broken soul must be set free  
Or to be chained 'til eternity.

At the crossroads, we met once more  
My soul recognizing you in an instant,  
From the eddies, sparks ignited  
Setting up constellations from above,  
Cosmic dots intertwining our hearts.

At a certain point some place else,  
The two of us seated in a carriage  
To the point of no return-  
A ring of light flashing before our eyes,  
Blinding us for a moment.

Here, the Aleph ceases time and space  
Bringing us back to where our eyes first gazed  
Centuries past but the scars remain,  
When will the wounds ever heal?  
Redemption, liberation can we still feel?

The ring of light gives you the answers,  
Even of the unspoken questions  
The deafening silence between two hearts  
The raging emotions burning from inside,  
Casting a mystic spell, setting you free.

## Transition

We are on an energy shift,  
As the sun is on a transition,  
The "corona" symbolizing  
A new order, a new world.

Cast out fear and worry,  
Meditate and cleanse the soul  
We are in for a new beginning,  
A new Earth is dawning.

Mother Nature is healing,  
Years of destruction cleansed  
She's preparing an Eternal Home,  
To get back to Paradiso.

Joø  
Pairø

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

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## The Struggle of Color

Was there ever a time when men were accepted  
were they highly respected, while we reflect on this man  
Ralph Johnson Bunche  
Nobel Peace Prize, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.  
Now I ask you, was there ever a time  
We can do all the right things  
When we all do the right things  
The difference is not our distances  
It is the resistance to our differences  
The difference is our hue  
Surprisingly, our view is as diverse as the universe  
We are cursed with some perverse ideas  
that beyond this sphere  
There is a place that will erase that perception  
a little deflection from the man at hand  
Ralph Johnson Bunche  
the list of his accomplishments in a time when  
that time was less disguised,  
The flags of the United Nations fly  
The march on Washington  
Selma to Montgomery  
Voting Rights Act of 1965  
Was there ever a time when the color of a mother's son  
was there ever a time when another mothers son  
Was run out on a rail, or nailed, or jailed  
or roped into a symbol of inequity  
A six dollar figure could never be a  
you look taller than I thought  
The shade of suspicion taught  
I thought I'd ought to look a little deeper  
Ralph Johnson Bunche  
Nobel Peace Keeper.

## Stay at Home Person

Has education taken a turn for the worse?  
I think not my friends  
Have you noticed what you haven't noticed in years?  
Of course, you have, unless you're essential  
Have you had to leave your rental?  
Your mental is on borrowed time  
How you sense the world has been amplified  
you wonder why you wander  
"I want to go outside in the rain"  
Doesn't seem funny now, that little song refrain  
or sayings like "stop and smell the roses"  
in our covered noses  
Outside poses, "The Who" knows this  
"See me, Feel me",  
as we struggle with being alone this way  
This way of my way  
This why me, this why we as a people  
This how we so simple to follow the pie man  
Why Man?  
cover your nose and wash your hands.

## Stimulus Package

If I could run a racket, with all the frills  
I would probably be employed near capitol hill  
Suit and tie, cufflinked shirts  
looking high and mighty and dealing in dirt  
No taxes to pay, well not from my pocket  
I bought a Judge, so I am never on the docket  
my cronies are in lock step  
my enemies are on the watch list  
now watch this space, I have the media laced  
Why groupies woo me with idiotic polices  
Now the sheep that follow me,  
deep down, are a part of me  
family seed know no bounds  
Release the hounds  
so, lets distribute this money funny  
this funny money, these ill-gotten gains from caused pain  
make it rain for the reign I spelled Reich wrong  
this may seem a might strong but its easy money  
when we ease this money back into the economy  
Back to the CEO-NOMY mmm. Co-money?  
Either way this stimulates my package if you get my drift  
The gist is this, its all about the exchange of funds  
To be estranged from funds is beneath this job  
If I could run a racket, with all the frills  
I would probably be employed near capitol hill  
Suit and tie, cufflinked shirts  
looking high and mighty and dealing in dirt

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n.  
gilmaz

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## What's on My Mind?

It is no easy feat to hope for a future.  
A deadly virus is spreading fast,  
Reigning over the world these days.

Eagerness of the recent past to talk about peace  
Seems to have seized to be. At least for me.  
Not much to expect for the mortals.

So, I am letting my demons out to play today.  
While they are having the time of their lives,  
I delve into my imaginary space.

I seek an answer for my concerns from Ralph Bunche,  
The first African American to be singled out  
With the honor of a Nobel's Peace Prize.

One source says that his father, a barber,  
Had a clientele of whites only.  
Easy to picture what he must have gone through.

The son's peaceful initiatives, though, prevailed.  
He most certainly had his objectives intact.  
Even in our dark times, we hail his success.

Also 2020 insists on discriminating against our co-souls,  
Even when the fatal danger is the one and the same.  
Too many people are still ignorant, seeing it all as a game.

White men's risky cures for this century's chief-virus  
Are being tested on our black sisters and brothers.  
Once again, segregationist agendas smother them lethally.

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I know, my poem does not do this great man any justice,  
As there is much with which to fill in the blanks.  
You as well as I know, we now have a noble task at hand.

## The 1950 Nobel Peace Prize

setting up world peace

1949 Armistice Agreements

in the Middle East

## Martin Luther King's Influence

integrationist

the first person of color

a legend's imprint

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>***

## American Nobel Peace Laureate

Ralph Johnson Bunche, man of color  
political scientist, academic, diplomat  
honored for brokering peace between  
Israel and Egypt.

Involved in the formation of the United Nations,  
a major role player in its peacekeeping  
initiatives 1945 to 1971. A respected negotiator  
for peace in the Middle East and Africa.

Bunche was an active supporter of  
the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.  
He participated in the 1963 March on Washington,  
the Selma to Montgomery, Alabama march in 1965  
and vocally confronted racial discrimination in his home  
in Queens, New York and across the United States,

## Together We Can

There is a place inside you and me  
where peace resides.  
I know.  
I have been there.

That's why my smile sings  
even on my down days.  
Because I know,  
we can make it there again.

Let's just sing and dance  
today to honor the blue sky  
and the green grass  
bending in the meadow.

Tomorrow waits with patience  
for those with courage  
to move beyond violence  
to the trail of compassion.

## Go Get Fat

There is bread on the mountain  
for hungry souls.  
Fed through the third eye,

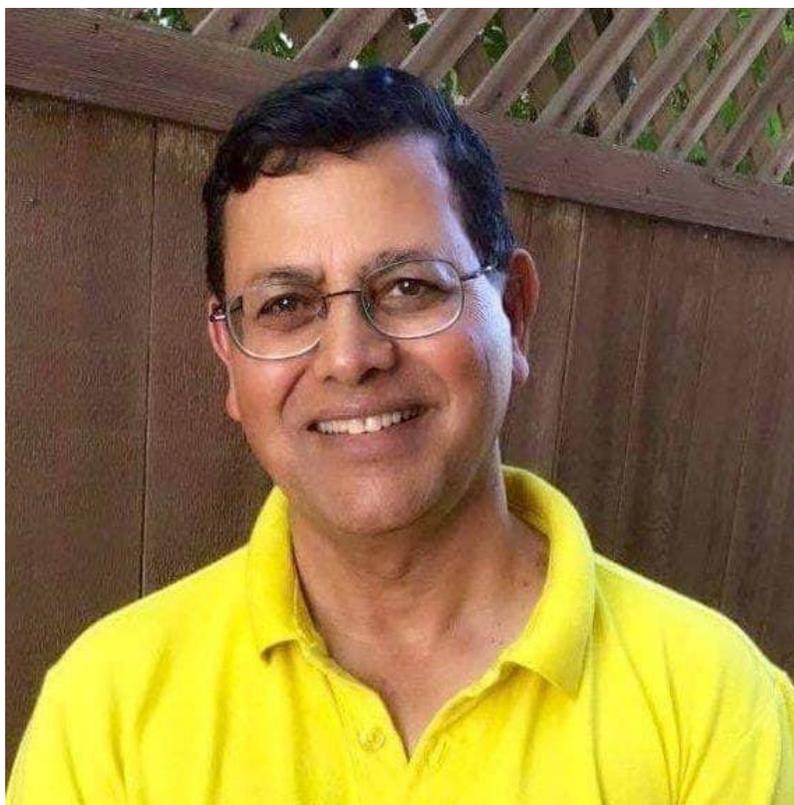
you risk getting fat  
on beauty infusions  
wandering on a trail.

Soaring peaks, evergreen forest  
succulent waterfalls, wild rivers  
and peaceful lakes feed the soul.

What are you waiting for?  
Go for a buffet of grandeur.  
The mountain waits to greet you.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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

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

## What an Irony

I sit to write a poem about peace  
my thoughts return to why  
we take it for granted

that a man named Trump  
in charge of bombs  
with no backbone

on golf course he talks about fire and fury,  
he tweets at 3:00 at night that  
he has a bigger nuclear button than North Korea

he does not know Ralph Bunche  
neither does he care, oddly  
he is President of America

## Nothing Forgotten

Lawns wet from rain in the night  
Birds settled over powerlines  
People inside in homes  
Streets deserted

No good news for weeks  
Announcements and warnings  
Lockdowns  
Social distancing  
Stay indoors  
Wash hands

I remember you  
Hands clasped  
Forehead bowed  
How you accepted and  
looked beyond

You prayed for another chance  
A new beginning

Be together with others  
Eat, sing, dance, endure  
Sleep, wakeup for morning walk

But it was the end  
No more breath  
Only silence

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Nothing forgotten  
Nothing overlooked

You left  
Quietly  
Without  
Any uncertainty

## In This Next Moment I Will...

start a new day  
    a new dream  
and walk into what I am  
    an image of a giant bird  
made of clouds  
    in the skies.  
I will wander   explore  
mountains, forests, rivers, seas  
    and barren cities  
                    locked down   so what.  
Here I am not alone  
I am with the hopes, feelings and anxieties  
    held in layers  
                    tightly woven together.  
Each moment  
    new each time  
                    eternally       whatever  
happens       happens  
yet we'll make it  
through        Coronavirus  
    journey through it  
                    together.

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Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

Among her poetic belts include 7 th Prize Winner in the 19 th and 20 th Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada “Amazing Poet 2015”, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), the sair-gazeteci or Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT ), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

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

Links to her works:

[panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis](http://panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis)  
[apwriters.org/author/ceri\\_naz](http://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz)  
[www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html](http://www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html)

## Bunche World View of Race

Thinking big to march against slavery  
He delivered the rights of the Negros in America  
With Martin Luther, he built no fear  
His influence through speeches  
That racial discrimination is not a reason  
To separate the blacks from whites,  
Thus, democracy is color blind!  
Bunche, your phenomenal milestone  
Brought pride to the Black History  
Your ideas become the spirit of hopefulness  
Your belief that everyone should progress  
Without racism isn't an illusion  
It was a big dream conquered  
In the name of peace.

fly like a butterfly...

your propelled wings  
show how to blossom  
courage to face new beginnings,  
even some days  
don't agree with the weather  
you're expecting...  
what matters is  
you become a beautiful butterfly  
flying free  
bringing sunny days  
though your eyes  
are keeping rainy days

## ode to a portrait

the pen and ink  
marrying the canvas  
is the passion you convey  
the best sketch  
you're framing is yourself  
the best colours running through your hands  
are the symphonies of your humble heart,  
the best image being treasured  
is your beautiful soul  
the best photo of the day  
reflects your goodwill  
your great self as a whole  
the force beyond four corners  
beyond the portrait without borders.

Swapna  
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of Gold Cross of Wisdom Award, the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE AWARD 2018, Ambassador De Literature Award 2018, Global Literature Guardian Award, International Life Time Achievement Award and the Master of Creative Impulse Award. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government accredited Literary Society LLSF. Her one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 50 languages. She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union, Kazakhstan 2018. Italy, the National President for India by Hispanomundial Union of Writers (UHE), Peru, the administrator of several poetic groups, and the Cultural Ambassador for India and south Asia of Inner Child Press U.S.

sincerely yours .....

the catastrophic cloud represents  
a city  
that stands in the distant land or in my heart  
strangers have no voice  
they just rearrange the dreams  
make the sand dunes and oasis

the digital footmarks on the time zones  
only frame a number ,a code  
neither I nor you have any promises for the ether  
death is a bureaucrat  
it can arrive from nowhere to every where

there is hunger  
preserved in every cold stomach  
no churning ,no smell of spices  
no fluttering  
dead butterfly wings can never explain colours  
everything can start fresh  
concealed lips will open  
windows will throw glances  
listening will do a magic  
shapes of solitude will profuse  
already jasmines bloom in the abandoned courtyards  
to recreate  
a bridge ,a play ground ,a school  
grand mothers are still on the road march  
planting basils to sanitise each house  
the ground zero workers  
are  
building the city in a do or die mode  
because  
they are sincerely yours  
indeed sincerely yours

## the lost key of a palace

the mirror house reflects  
grass ,clouds and an image  
that is as orphan as the intestines  
on the post mortem table.

while crossing the main road  
the garish dialogues frame Mona Lisa smile  
everything seems so organised  
yet  
the virgin eyes seek pure love  
the hymn of life is flashed  
on the beaks of the parrots

the strange oxymoron  
searching the lost key of palace  
without any price tag.....of lost democracy !!

## a mediator's clarion call .....

the first African American  
a political scientist  
Ralph Johnson Bunche  
son of a barber and musician  
gets the scholarship from Harvard University  
studies the colonial policy in West Africa  
active in civil rights movements  
a service that he rendered for United Nations  
a mediator and peace negotiator in Middle East  
arranged the cease fire  
between Israelis and Arabs

certainly an arduous task  
to divide Palestine between Arabs and Jews

the Arabs rejected the resolutions of United Nations  
concerning Jewish state  
“people never like wars  
leaders like wars” said he

eleven months of negotiations  
concluded with the armistice agreements  
“If you want to get across an idea, wrap it up in a person”  
clarion call for tenacity and persistence  
no room for bigotry in democracy  
that's why he received Noble Peace Prize  
he a peace maker and mentor  
we remember you dear professor .....

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

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## Ralph Johnson Bunche

In 1904 Ralph Johnson Bunche was born in Detroit  
Michigan,  
His father was a barber and his mother was an amateur  
musician.  
his grandmother was born into slavery.  
When Ralph Johnson Bunche was ten years old he moved  
to Albuquerque,  
Two years later his parents died,  
Him and his two sisters were lucky,  
they had a strong grandmother that took good care of the  
branches of the family tree.  
They moved to Los Angeles.  
Ralph started working to help with finances.  
He was very intelligent.  
He was valedictorian in elementary,  
Got a scholarship to Harvard and earned his master's  
degree,  
Then started teaching in Howard university,  
While he continued to go to Harvard for his doctorate  
degree.  
Bunche was a teacher and student that was active in the  
civil rights movement.  
His fame will arise from his service to the us government.  
He did and achieved so many things, too many to mention,  
Ralph Johnson Bunche became the first African American  
to receive the Nobel peace prize  
For mediating Arab and Jew tension.

## Corona

Waking up to deal with death,  
Going to sleep remembering those that took their last  
breath.  
Horrific times,  
Horror fills the mind.  
You can't unsee what you're witnessing,  
You can't undo what's done,  
You're praying for the best but watching the worst  
outcome.  
It's amazing to see those loved filled hearts,  
Man the frontline to play their part.  
You guys are heroes,  
Life savers,  
Saviors to survivors,  
Rays of hope finding ways to cope.  
No monetary figure can show your worth.  
You're the first responders to deal with this covid drama,  
The ones to deal with covid trauma.  
Most have their own children,  
but their call to duty is to try to save other mothers  
immaculate conceptions.

## Bottom to the top

I went from the bottom to the top and always stood being a boss even when I had to come back down and get my own color off, whether it was good times or wartime my job was to keep shop open and money coming in at all cost. Inf is a protege of old reys of her-ron and yey. I never let em down, I was destined to be the heir of the throne, always aired shit out to make sure the throne was never overthrown. We was either good money or i saw you as enemy, there was no in between, no one was around me unless you was a plug, shooter or a worker on the block feeding fiends. My life was all about drugs, guns and lucrative traps in and out the slums, went to bed at night counting funds and a few minutes after waking up my pointer and thumbs went numb, kept fresh gems but no matter how sharp they were, when you chop cookies there was always crumbs. I got tired of baggn shake so I left the powder on the plate then re melted it after a while, sometimes it would be and extra twenty eight. Stood on hot blocks discreetly moving rock since taj mahaj tops, strapped with one in the top and thirty two underneath for when there's beef. infinite is a veteran, one of the last living legends, I could open up any block and shut down every opp, if I wanted to I can monopolize all over again but I retired from birds and if I start again that'll be hustln backwards, so I leveled up, now I'm hustl'n words.

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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Eliza Segiet - A graduate of Jagiellonian University, The author of poetry volumes. *Romans z sobą* [*Romance with Oneself*] (2013), *Myślne miraż* [*Mental Mirages*](2014), *Chmurność* [*Cloudiness*] (2016), *Magnetyczni* (2018) *Magnetic People*- translation published in The USA in 2018, *Nieparzyści* [*Unpaired* ] (2019), A monodrama *Prześwity* [*Clearance*] (2015), a farce *Tandem* [*Tandem*] (2017), Mini novel *Bezgłośni* [*Voiceless*](2019). Her poems can be found in numerous anthologies both in Poland and abroad. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The World Nations Writers Union. The laureate of The International Annual Publication of 2017 for the poem Questions, and for the Sea of Mist in Spillwords Press in 2018. For her volume of Magnetic People she won a literary award of a Golden Rose named after Jaroslaw Zielinski (Poland 2019 r.). Her poem *The Sea of Mists* was chosen as one of the best amidst the hundred best poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada. In The 2019 Poet's Yearbook, as the author of *Sea of Mists*, she was awarded with the prestigious Elite Writer's Status Award as one of the best poets of 2019 (July 2019).

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

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

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

In November 2019 she is a nominee for Pushcart Prize.

## Origin

*To the memory of Ralph Bunche ~  
Nobel Peace Prize laureate of 1950.*

He was convinced that  
a human is not deprived of goodness,  
but should draw it from the self.

A mistake  
is to divide people  
by the cause of their origin.

A harmony in the world  
– not just for victims of daltonism.  
Those unconcerned about skin color differences  
they know,  
what tolerance and acceptance is.

He aimed,  
for the words *peace* and *freedom*  
to be  
exactly,  
what they mean.

Wars are not merely fights and suffering,  
but also are a loss of dignity.  
Everyone ought to  
have the views for a new day.

– And life needs to be given a chance!

*translated by Ula de B*

## Paradise

I filled my eyes with beauty and ugliness.  
In the damp basement  
I recall  
the murmur of the river,  
which,  
without paying heed to the obstacles,  
douched the still boulders.  
For years, in the same place  
the anchored stones  
did not allow the elements  
to move them elsewhere.

The relentless, mindless  
figments of the earth  
are to be harder than the human?

I will drift with the current of life  
—I will find my paradise.

*translated by Artur Komoter*

## Roads

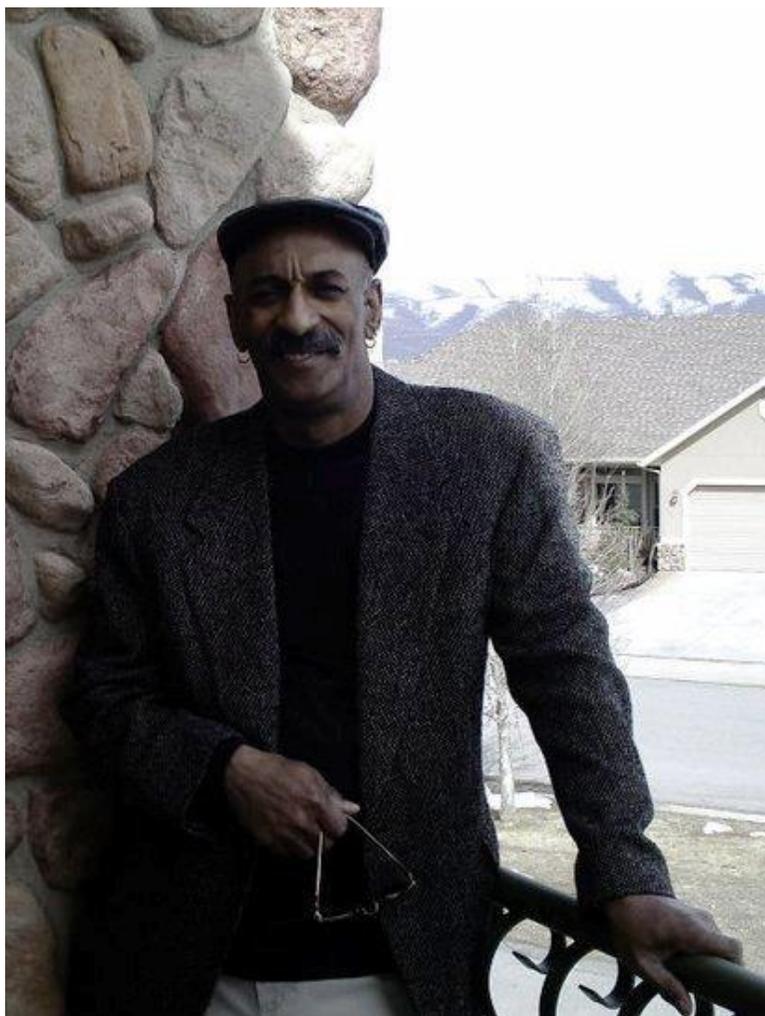
The roads are not always lit,  
we do not know who will come out of the corner  
– a brother or an enemy.  
*And when both are evil?*  
You have to trust  
that the good time,  
– will remain  
and will be what has to be.

Everyday life  
changes one,  
and words  
– do not have to hurt.

*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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## Conviction

He witnessed far too much turmoil  
Where the peace of the people  
Waned into  
An almost non-existence

He knew with an absolute certainty  
That this was not just a [plight-blight  
Of his own innate community,  
But that of the global neighborhood

So . . .  
He educated himself,  
Taught what he learned  
And what he believed  
And shouted, marched  
And discussed his ideas  
And adopted ideologies  
With other leaders  
Who though perhaps  
Similarly . . .

And it worked,  
They listened  
And they followed  
The pathway he laid  
To peace for all men

Ralph Bunche

## Her

It was a day of Angels,  
And her holy presence  
Gave cause for them to sing  
Sweet melodies of love  
Within the recesses of my guarded heart

I wanted so desperately to dance,  
But my limbs were frozen  
With an awe  
That comes upon me  
Every time she comes unto me

Her grace was a light one  
That permeated  
All of my darkness

Her fragrance made the flowers  
Undulate  
With a mesmerizing sensuality  
That I have always longed for,  
And here she is,  
As they are  
Imparting unto my soul  
A divine 'Trance'  
That sweeps my being-ness  
To lie prone  
Before the Throne  
Of creation

Most certifiably,  
I am blessed,  
And I live this

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With a gratitude of certainty  
That none may refute,  
Reject,  
Nor rebuke

Mere love alone  
Is small  
In her presence,  
For she brings unto me  
A greater light-filled understanding  
Of who i can be,  
And who 'I AM' . . .

....  
Yes, it is 'Her'  
My divine feminine,  
My 'She-ness'  
That actualizes  
A beauty beyond wonder

Her !!!

## My Fault

I did not have anything  
To do with it! . . . hhhmmmmm

I did not ask for you  
To drop bombs  
On the villages, towns and cities  
Of my fellow human beings

Why are you making more bullets,  
And bombs  
And disease  
To kill others,  
My sisters, my brothers,  
Whom I have never met

Politicians,  
Doing the bidding  
Of the 'Greed Merchants'  
For oil, land  
And any other resources  
That belong to the Mother  
And the people  
Of the earth

They live in castles  
With more than enough,  
But they want more . . . for ?

They look out their guarded windows  
And they see possibilities  
Of greed . . .  
They see the sunshine of growth

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I look out the blood-stained glass  
Of my window,  
And I see fear,  
Death,  
And more fear  
That we will not make it  
As a humanity  
As long as we continue  
Our silence  
And allow the demons  
To rule

The common 'school of thought'  
These days,  
Is based upon us  
Attempting to make a way . . .  
To live,  
Feed our families,  
Pay the bills  
That are slowly choking us  
To death

We wish to educate our children,  
With truth,  
Compassion,  
Sincerity,  
Gratitude,  
Understanding,  
And Love for all things . . .  
But where do we find these sacred seeds  
To plant in the gardens  
Of their future  
When there is so much blight  
Upon us

Is it 'My Fault' ?

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I say it is . . .  
But I also say it is not,  
Yet what we now have  
Is what we got,  
Because I did not speak,  
Raise my voice in protest,  
Shout loud enough  
To effectuate any change,  
And with that  
The ugliness perpetuated itself  
Upon us all . . .

Yes it is time for change !  
.....  
And should we fail  
To assail ourselves  
Upon this prevailing evil . . .  
Then yes . . .  
It is . . . .  
**MY FAULT!!!!**

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Alok Kumar Ray

Eden S. Trinidad

Franco Barbato

Izabela Zubko

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Alok  
Kumar  
Ray



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Dr. Ray by profession is a lecturer who teaches Political Science to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Being a bilingual poet ( Odia and English) many poems written by him have been published in many national and international anthologies, magazines, tabloids etc. He dwells at Kendrapara district headquarters in Odisha state of India.

## Smile is an Asset

A smiling face we all appreciate as asset  
It feels good for us to associate without any pretext

Smile with blink of an eye makes us happy  
So penetrating it is that each one wants it to copy

It cools an aggrieved soul like rain does to a parched field  
With smile in your face you can achieve miracles indeed

Smile of a child is so soothing and captivating  
Like the morning Sun it touches all , very enchanting

A smile has the power to subdue the tempo of anger  
It binds us in rapture , keeps us afresh very longer

Smile of the lover mitigates all hues and cry  
Beloved is mesmerized, forgets past area so grey

A crooked smile has the capacity to turn your enemy as a  
fool  
You can encash enough dividends when smile acts as a tool

In silver screens we see smiling face of heroes and heroines  
It takes us to a state where we feel sizzling sensation in  
arteries and veins  
A politician has expertise in manipulation of different  
aspects of smile  
We people are so engrossed that we forget everything for a  
while

## Repentance

I only wanted your selfless love, total dedication  
Leave the past as a nightmare behind  
The dullness of my life, was so painful, disgusting, stressful  
, the life should rise above now  
Night let filled with joy and contentment, a gentle breeze  
let blow  
As I proceed for a brand new life  
I only wanted your bygone love, your unconditional  
surrender

A deafening uproar I hear all around  
Piercing into my very heart and soul  
It echoes the voice of my soul  
Cinematographically all are displayed  
To eyes these are gruesome

I only wanted your pure love, your blind acceptance  
The curtains fell upon that scattered my dreams  
In a strange manner I only witnessed to see  
I preserved all those sweet memories  
A piece like diamond that dazzles my eyes  
Eyes succumb to rays of that light  
The light so gorgeous, also moonlit like cold  
Oblivion, nothing concrete is going to happen!!!

## Volatile Mood

Summer is speeding up obviously in a greater pace  
Quickly preparing own self to go to native place  
We all are in hurry mood and are as if in a race  
Mood is fluctuating, need cool breeze to energize base

Oh lo ! I have changed the plan in the meanwhile  
The tour was cancelled that made me volatile  
Went out for evening walk as usual in own style  
Searched something important from bookrack's file

Now writing for literary groups with enthusiasm  
This relieves me from monotony and shields sarcasm

Eden

S.

Trinidad



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Eden Soriano Trinidad hails from the Philippines. She is a Lifetime Achievement Awardee on the 12th Guntur International Poetry Festival and Poetry on Wheels held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad, India September 18-23, 2019.

Her *Eden Blooms*, a bilingual book has been released on this occasion, translated and published by Dr. Lanka Siva Rama Prasad.

She translated in the Filipino Language an epic poetry book of Dr. L Sr Prasad, titled “The Casket of Vermillion”, and Zen Poem collections of Krishna Prasai.

Every Saturday her poems are being translated, recited and aired over Internet Radio in Mexico Vision Universal Radio program in English and Spanish Languages.

## Last Years, This Year

I thank the past years for all those who walked into my life  
They all professed and added savor to my already flavored  
full life

Gallant, romantic, poetic friendly souls  
You are all dear and enthralling.

Thank God for this green planet which carries our feet,  
Mingling with us the trashes, and clutters that we shredded.  
Thank God last year was the future  
This year is our new future.

Always be excited as our eyes flap open  
While our ears and lips tingling on the “radio smiles” on  
the streets  
Within lies an immensurable treasure in each one of us.

Shall we smile more often, respect more often, love more  
often  
Share more and make more new friends  
Let’s all be excited, and be expectant  
On tremendous blessings and life’s surprises!

Our hearts would burst with joy  
Let’s laugh often and clap our hands often  
Express freely our admiration  
*Mind not the negative vibration*

Our hearts and spirit unruffled  
Expectantly waiting for great things to unfold.

## Oh, Palm!

She offered him a flower...  
Her palm excites him surprisingly.  
It looks too good for poetry.

He wanted to shower it with kisses  
And grab it tenderly.

Her palm drives him crazy  
And feel her palm is sultry.

Finds it so lovely,  
And wish...their palm to marry.

The palm pine for heaven,  
Touch- me not, cheeks burnt shyly.

Oh, Palm!  
I want you dearly.

Gorgeous as flowers that she touches,  
That she finds along life's byway.

## My Only One

He fell in love with me,  
For the first time ...  
I was sporting a navy collar top  
And my hair tied up in a ponytail.  
(I was 12 years old then)

He fell in love with me  
On the second time,  
I was chasing rainbows.  
I was scaling heights of many mountains  
I was persevering to attain my dreams.  
(I was 40 years old.)

He falls in love with me  
In every turning of the new leaf  
While I'm engrossed with my e-pen  
Scribbling, writing, composing.

He is always proud of me  
He prided himself  
in every achievement and prestige  
that I achieved every day.

My first love, my closest friend,  
My faithful husband,  
My number-one fan until the end.

Holding hands while we calmly  
traversed life's valleys and dales  
Tossed in many roaring rivers and life's upsurges  
Under the scorching heat of the sun

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Turbulent, stormy and strong rains  
Like the rising of the sun every morning  
And the phases of the moon every evening  
Our love will forever go on  
Like our wedding ring which did not end  
on our honeymooning.

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Franco  
Barbato

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Franco Barbato was born in Santiago-Chile in 1983. As a poet he wrote *The Pillars of Creation* and he often publish

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magazines from Italy, Switzerland, Mexico, Chile, Ecuador and more. He participates in the Slam Poetry with poets from Italy and Switzerland. Barbato is the founder of Poetic Unrealism, is a movement of creators from different countries trying to make a difference and make a way to arrive to transcendence. Recently he was translated for a special magazine called Greece anthology of young poets from Italian part of Switzerland. Also, he was been translated to the hindi for the Kritya Poetry Journal.

Through The Wall

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A man and his shadow  
A shadow without eyes  
Eyes to pocket  
Lonely road  
Heading to the soul  
A mountain  
Abandoned  
Waiting for me  
The man  
Looks at me  
I break  
The mirrors  
He is still in his corner  
The shadow is me  
A stain  
About the  
Walls  
Of the  
Mind  
On fire  
Someone's  
That dreams to me  
Or invent me about  
A blank sheet  
My nature  
It is of letters  
Bones  
And veins  
They are rivers  
Words  
That come down  
That open  
Like roads  
About the life that barks at me  
About the death that awaits me.

**Turn Your Eyes**

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My dreams

Go away by my eyes

When I'm sleeping

They back home

And show me

How I've to

Write

About my

Burning

Soul

My Secret, The Sun

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I have a secret  
A small one  
Is inside  
My eyes  
But if  
You  
Wanna take a look here  
You must to know  
How to fight  
Against my  
Burning  
Mind  
Because  
Some people  
Already trayed  
But all of them  
Found just the fire  
So  
My secret  
The smallest one  
that I have, is crying  
It ask me for the light  
But I have just ashes  
Ashes and a dirty  
Darkness behind  
My tired back  
My secret  
Is my soul  
And I'm gonna  
Share it with you  
Just after I died

Izabela  
Zubko



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Izabela Zubko – born in 1974 in Warsaw, Poland - poetess, journalist and translator. She is an author of 10 volumes of poetry. Her poems were published in many newspapers in Poland and abroad. They can be found in many anthologies, too. For example her works there are in the collection entitled "The poets of our time" and "Anthology of Slavic Poetry". She is a member of: the Union of Polish Writers (ZLP), the Polish Writer's Association of 2nd Warsaw Branch (SAP) and the Association of Culture Originators (RSTK).

## You came

now I can get warm  
my cold hands and feet  
in the garden of your touch  
swim freely  
in the bay of words  
sweet like black cherries  
dance in the teardrop  
treading upon discontent's  
heels  
you came like the good fire  
that melts the darkness  
like the flame that consummates

*translated by: Anna Mazur*

## The Viewing

I'm standing on the veil of light  
and I'm looking from under its shadow  
at the changing colors  
of those several words about us

untangled from the comet's tail  
a request to life  
is wrapping around the loom of film  
of the stopped future

it speaks with silence of  
dancing with the wind force  
flashes of our glances  
staring at the sun

*translated by: Anna Mazur*

## A Lighthouse keeper

you are the motion of my hands  
the voice of shut mouth  
and the mystery  
warming up a frigid night

stealthily in drowse  
we stumble  
on bare shadows

I braided a footbridge from them  
over an unflowing river

*translated by: Anna Mazur*

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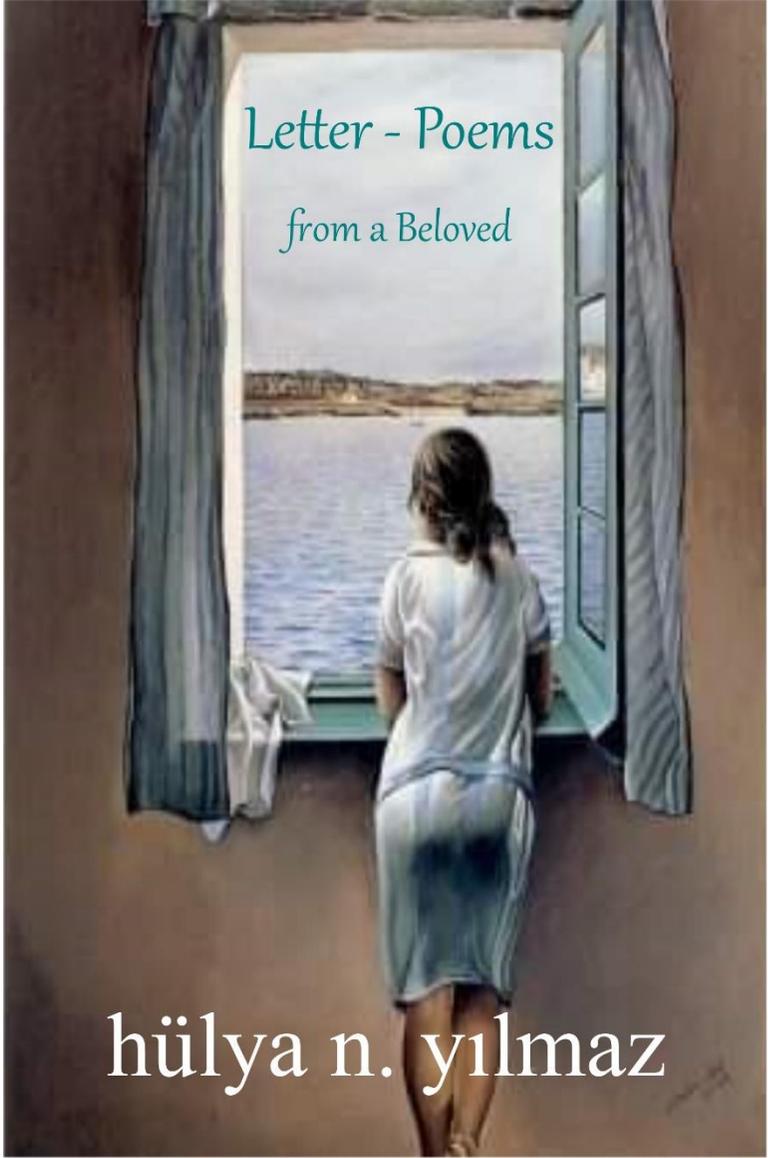
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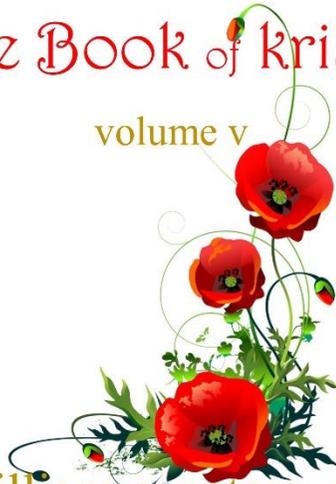
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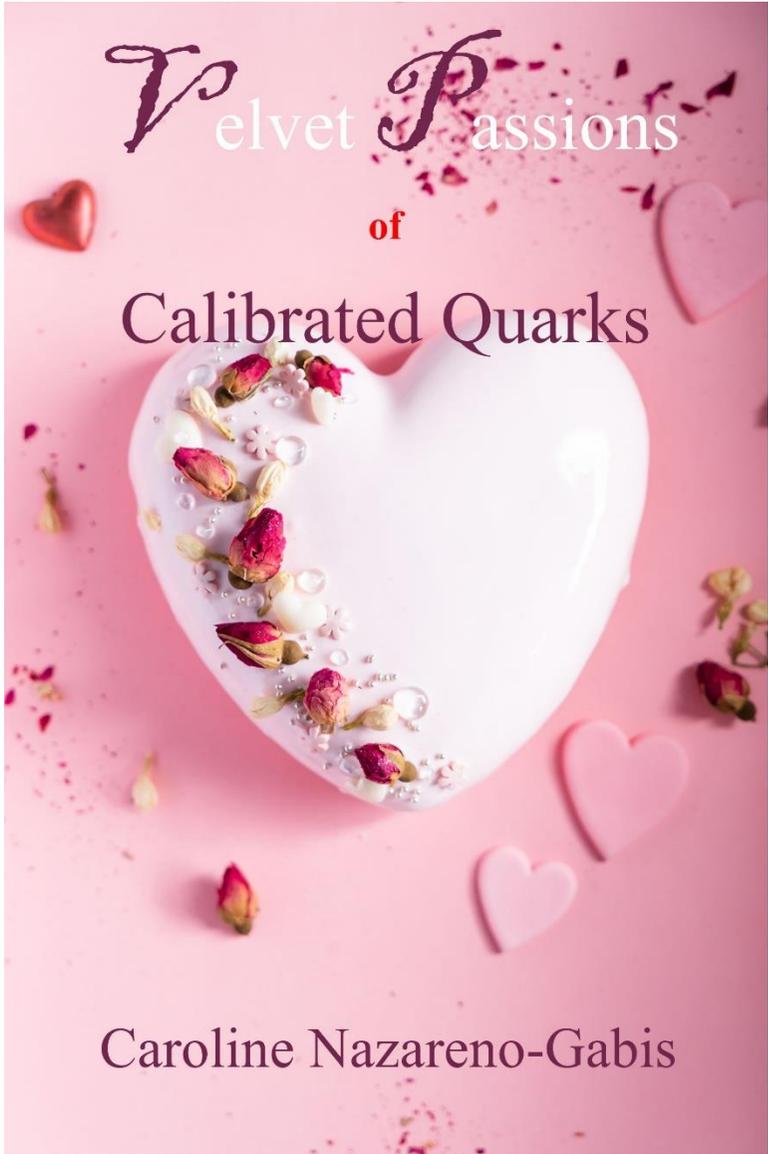


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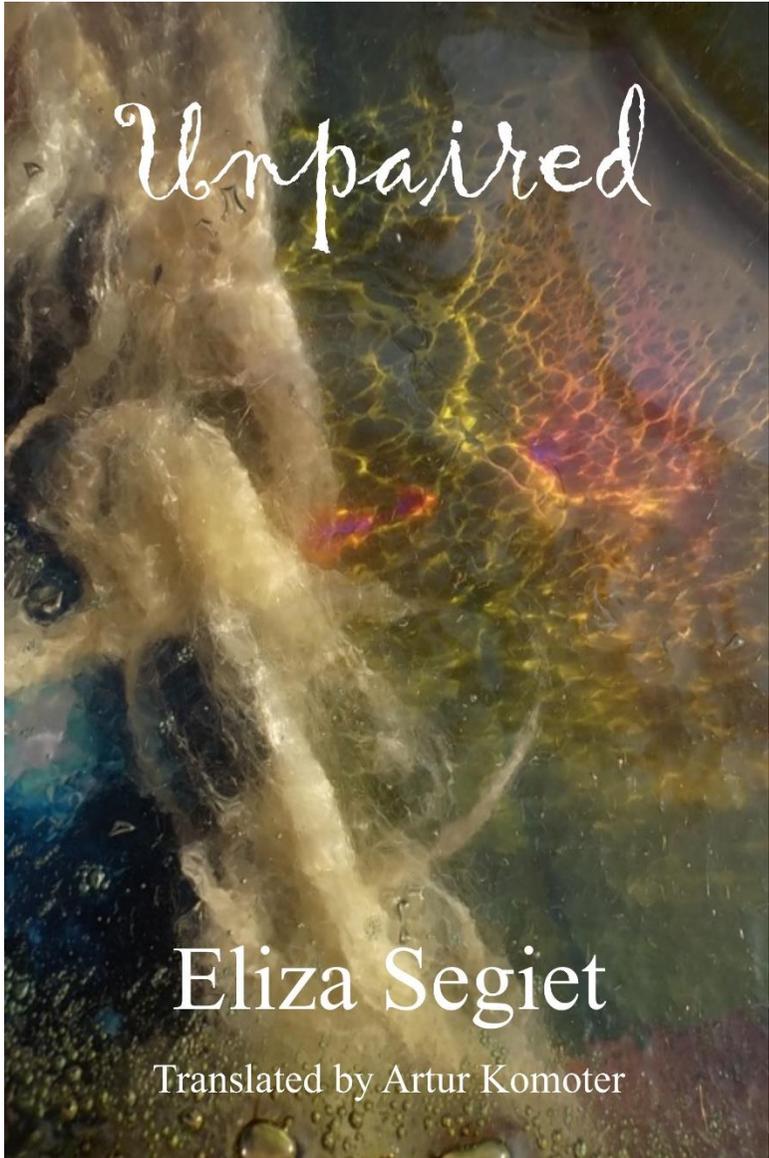
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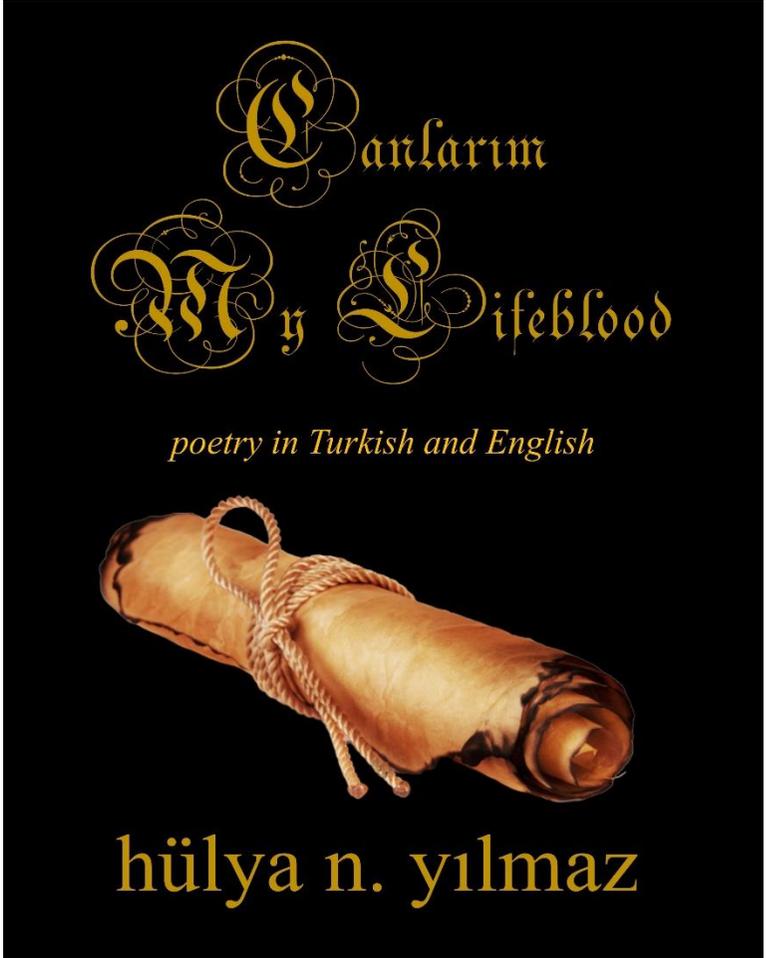
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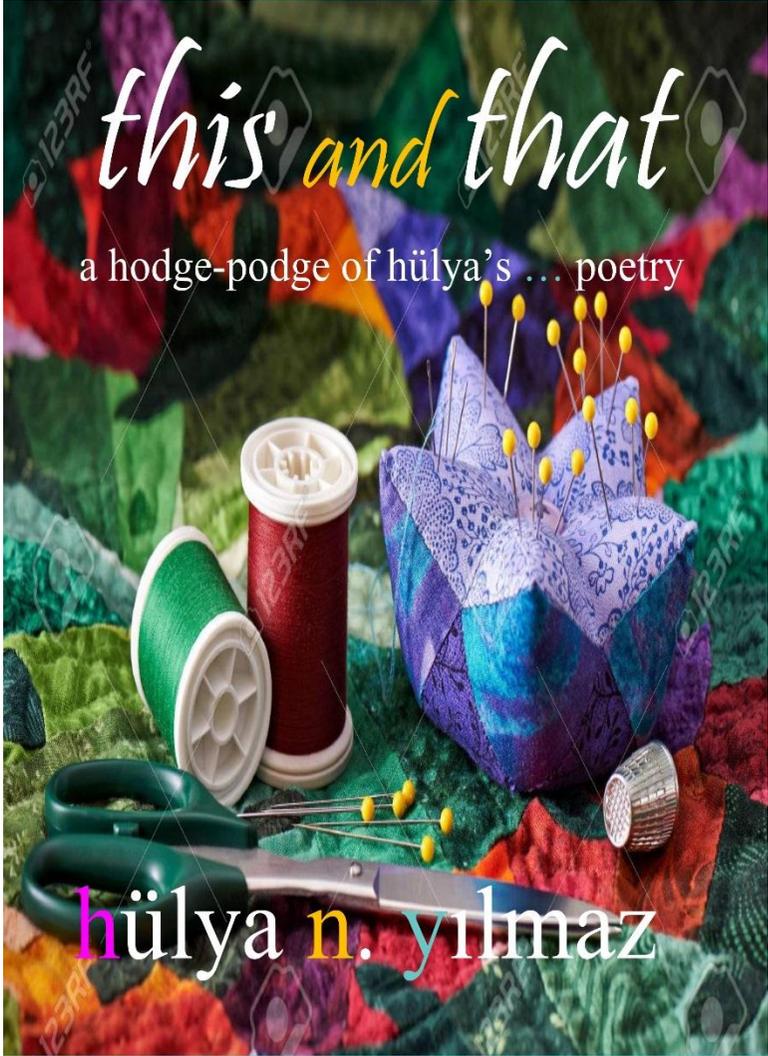
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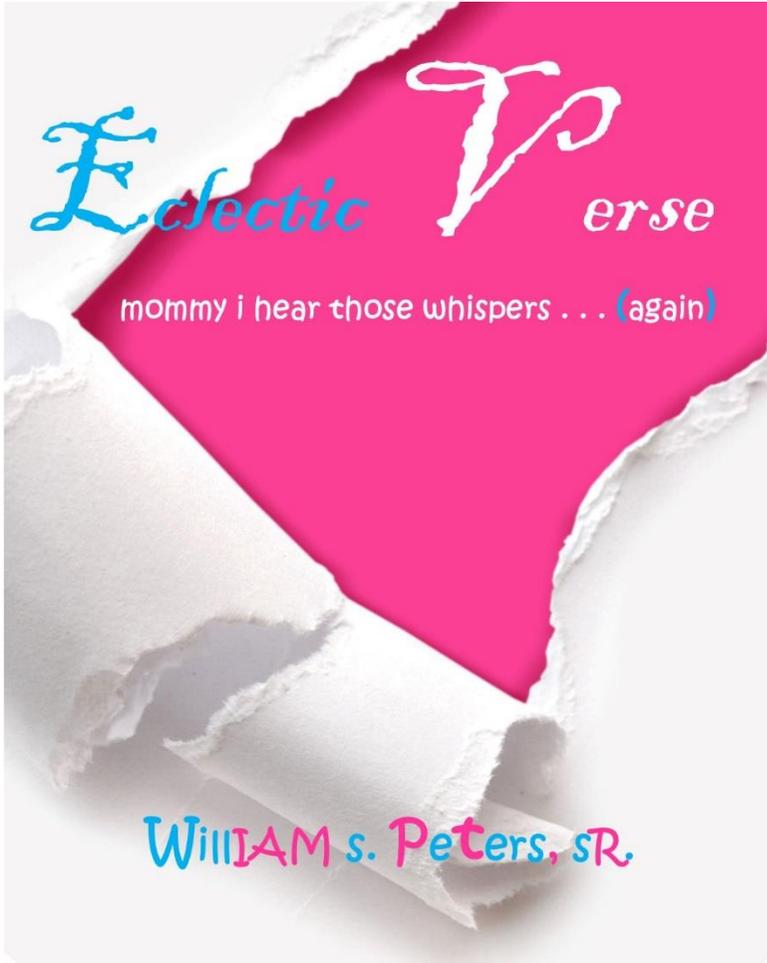
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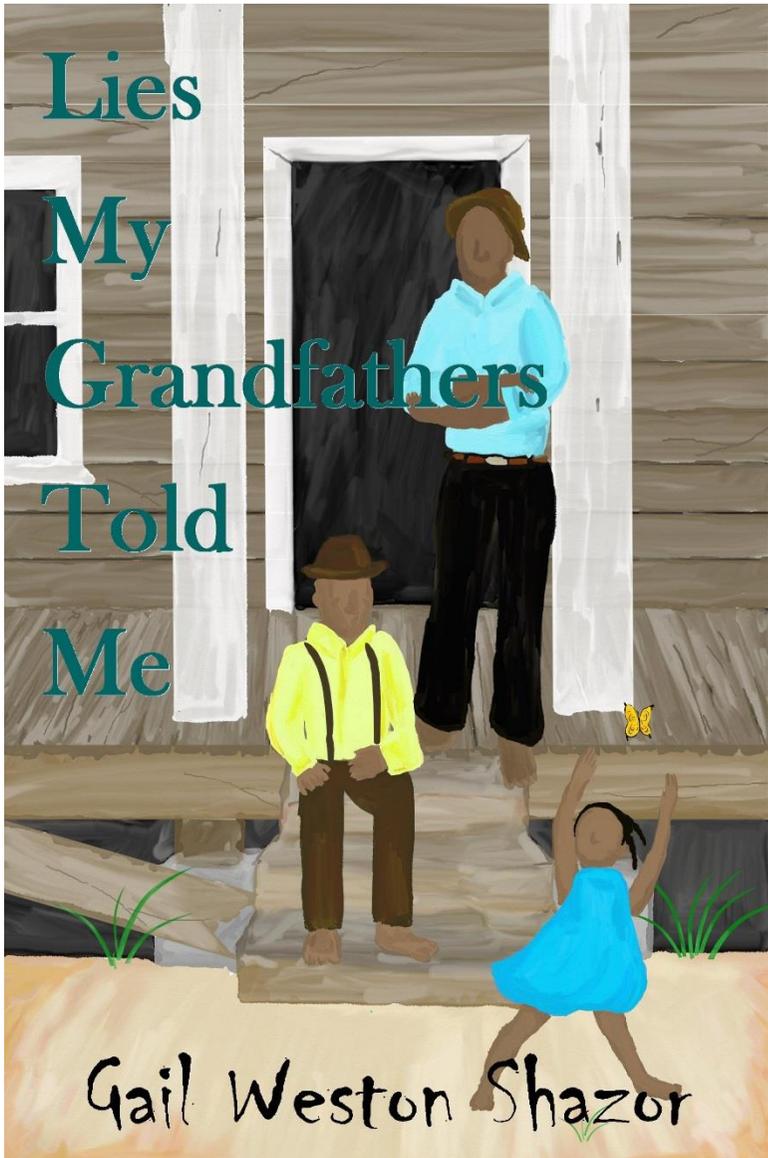
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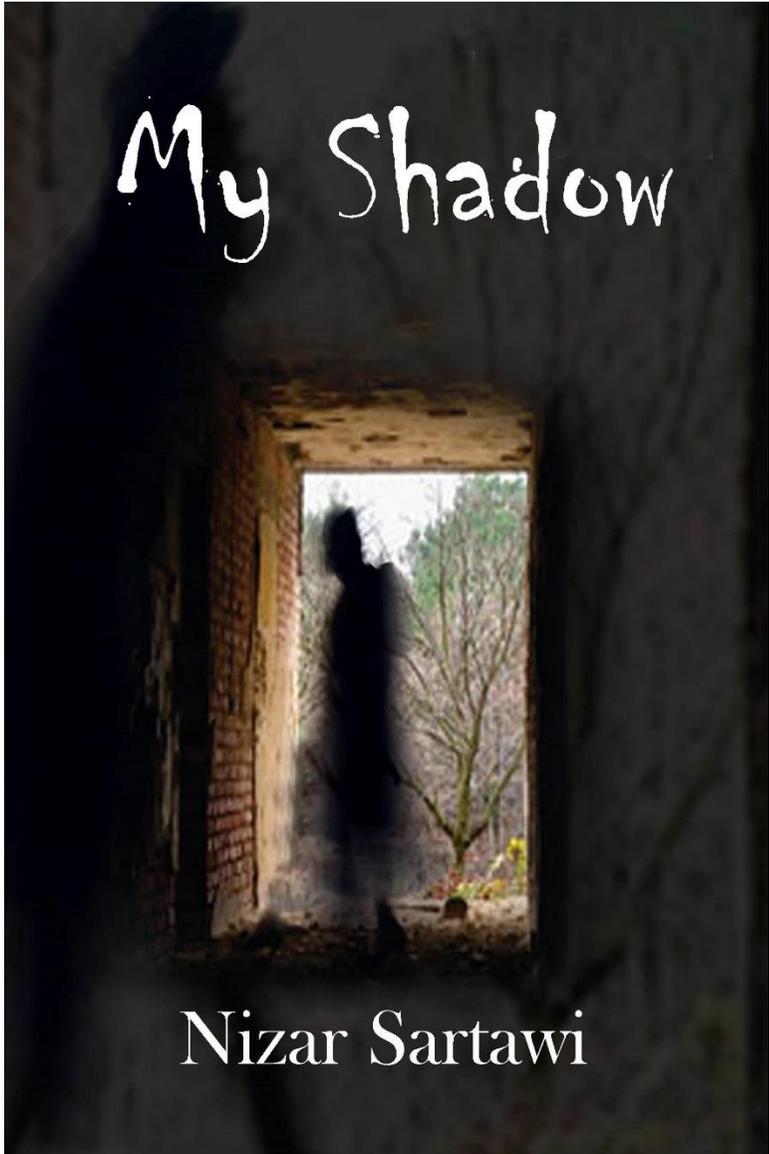


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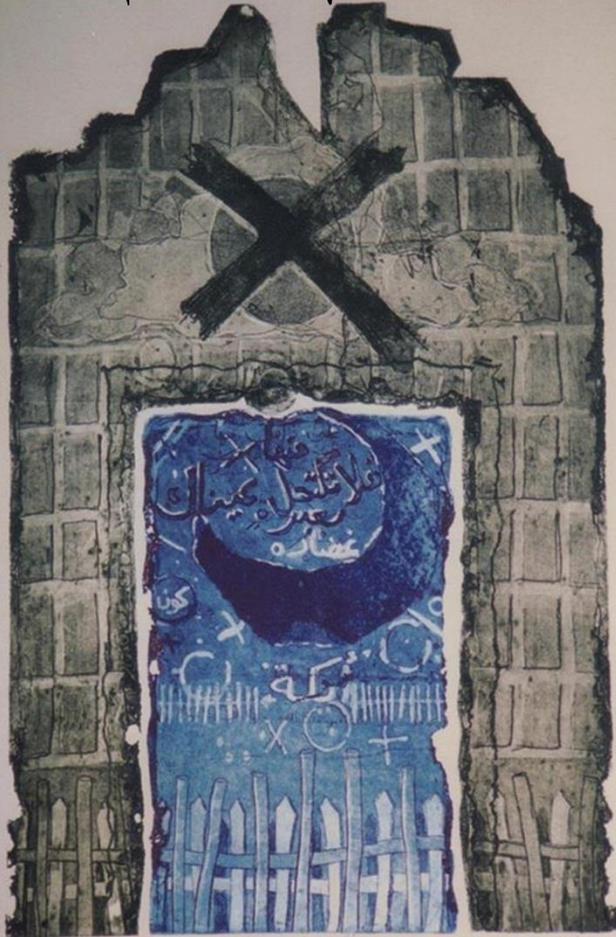
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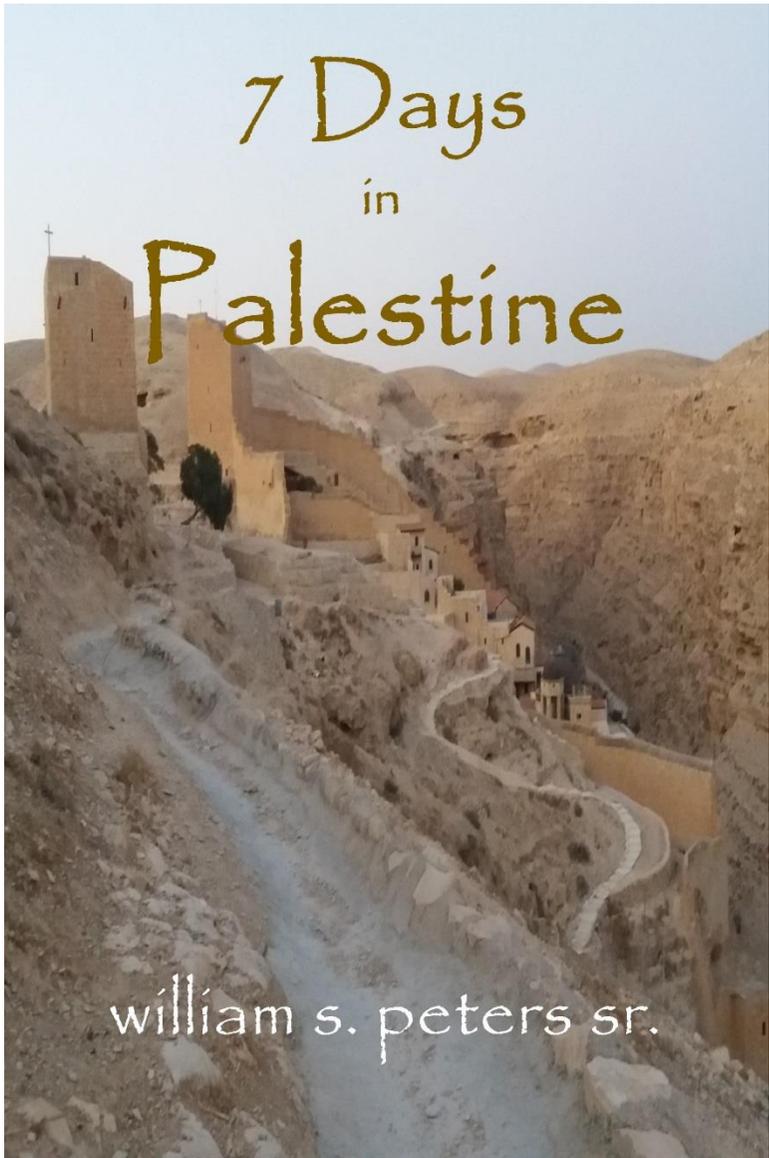
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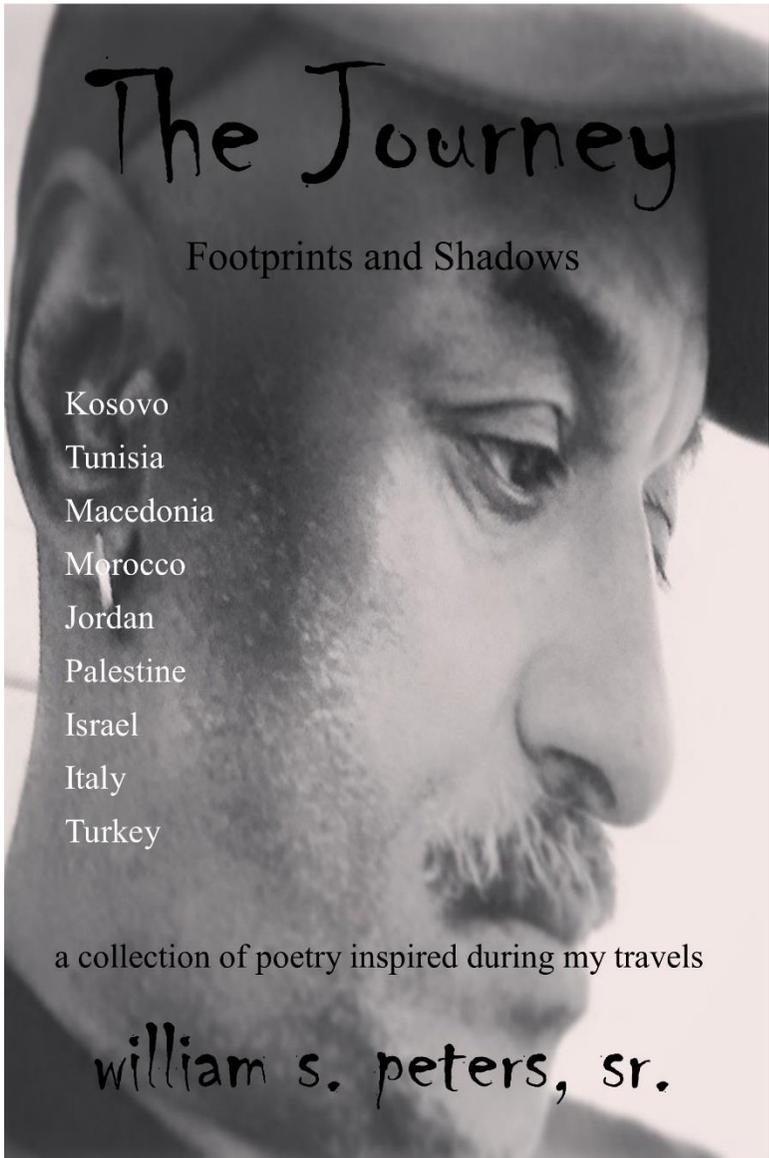
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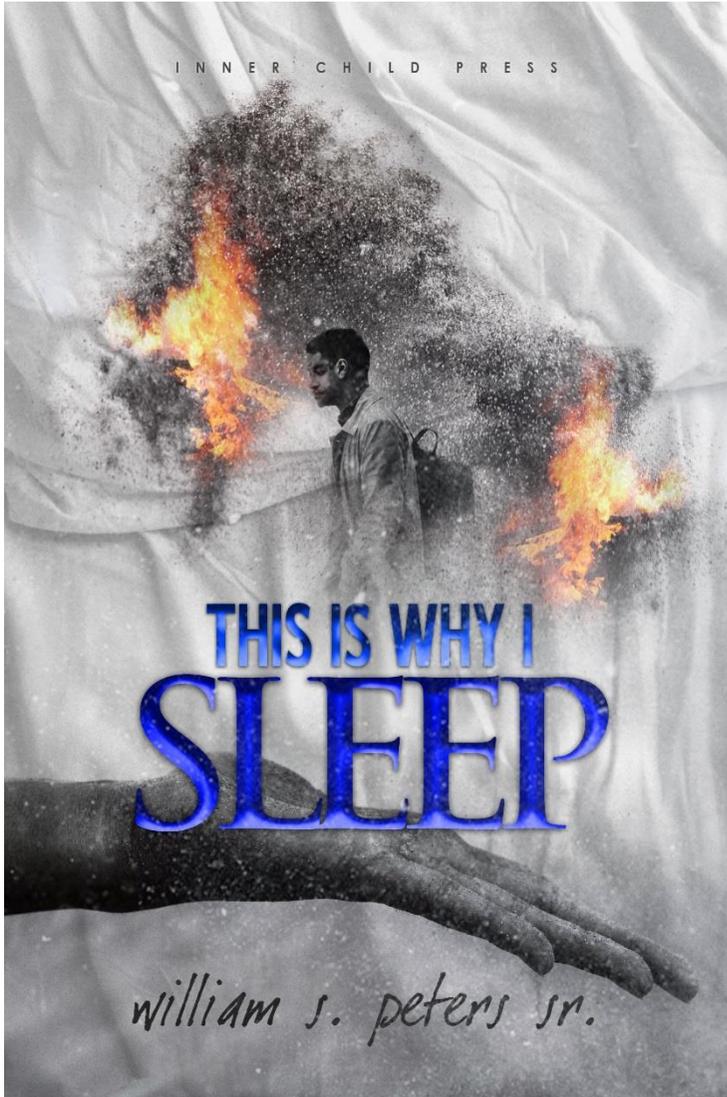
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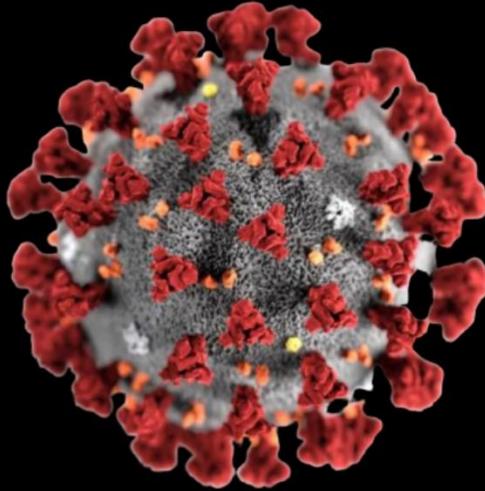
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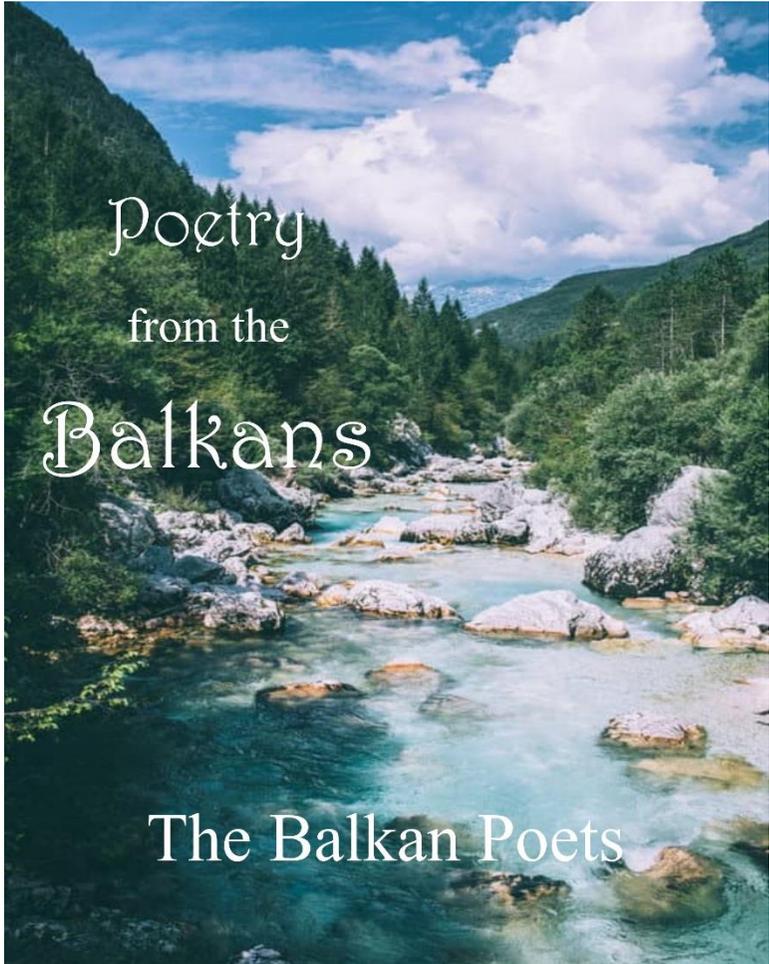


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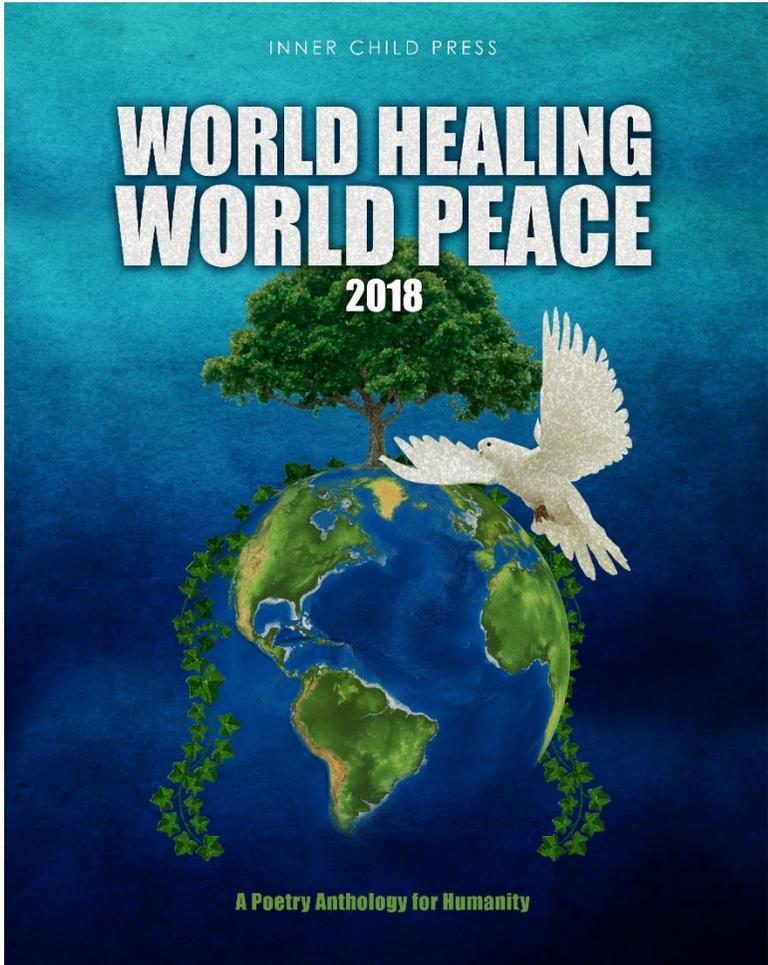
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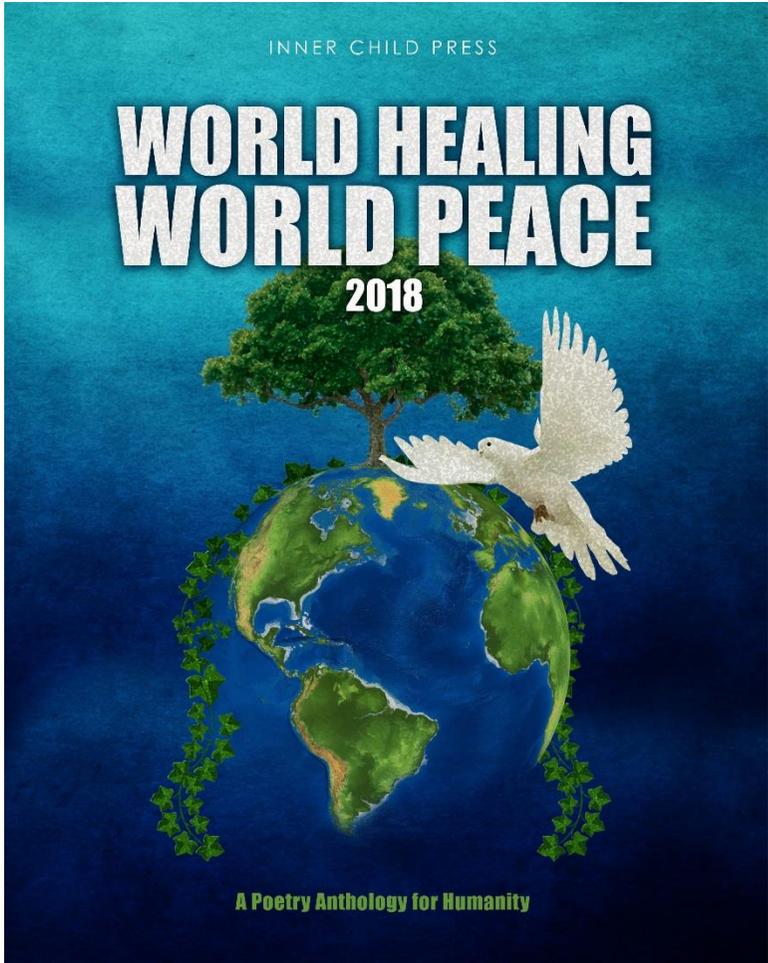


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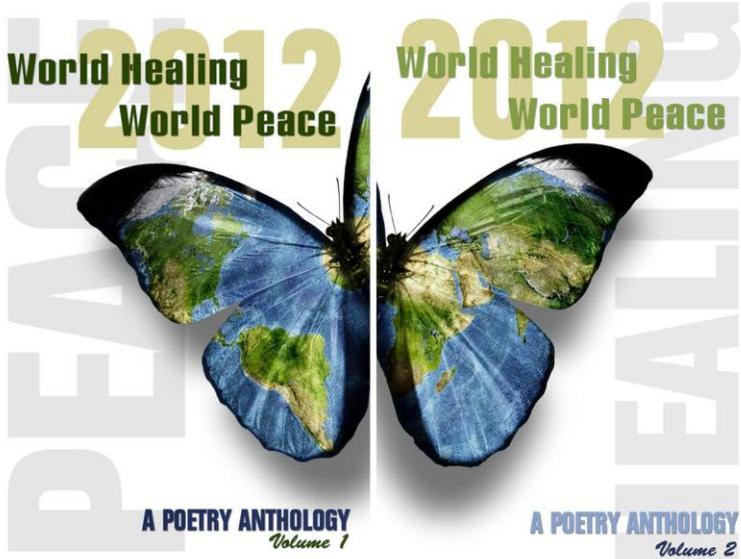
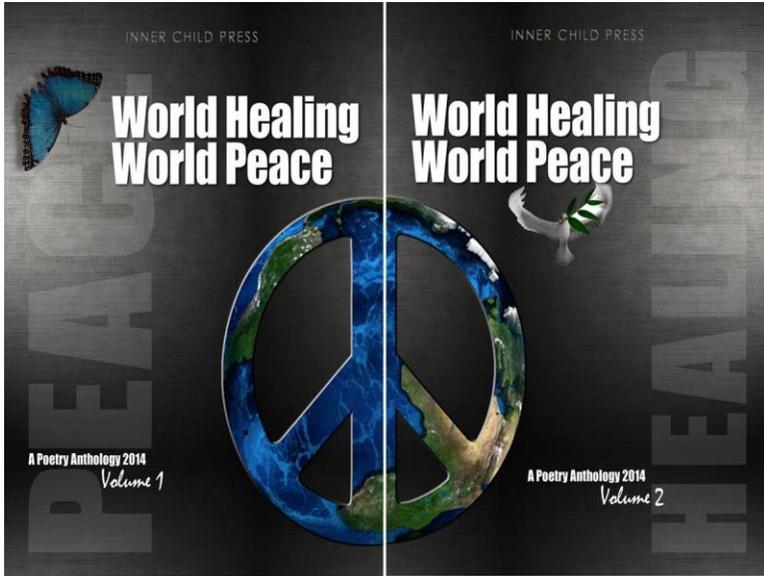
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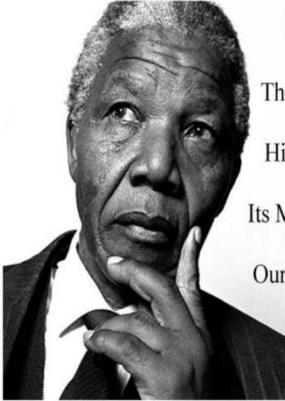
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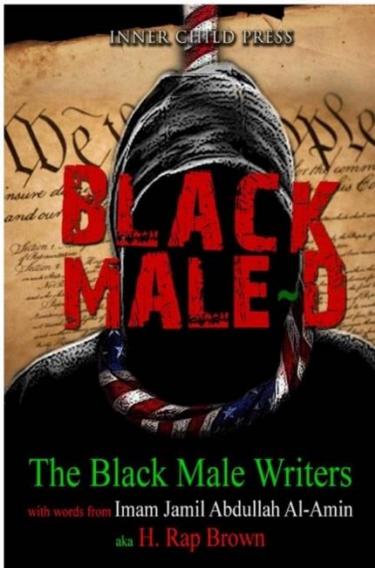
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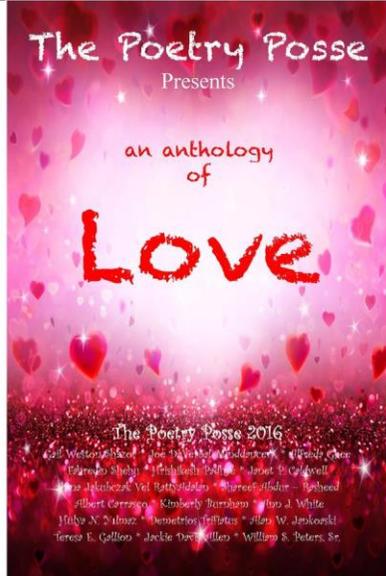
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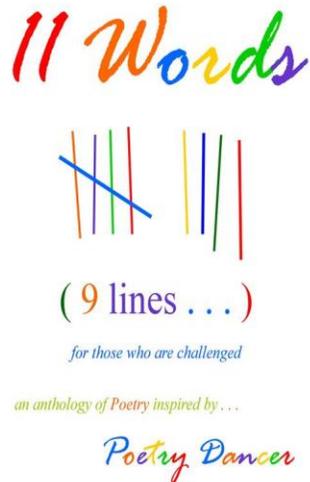
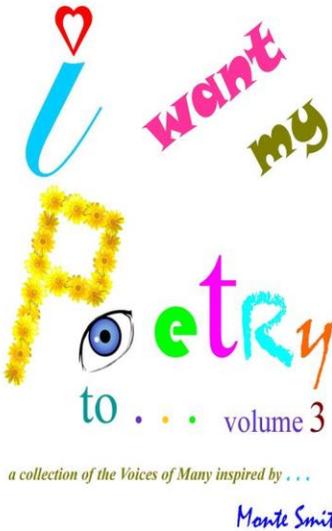
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*Carnation*

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**Our January Feature**  
Terri L. Johnson

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February 2014



*violets*

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

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March 2014



*daffodil*

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

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*Sweet Pea*

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

**Lily of the Valley**

**Dedicated To our Children**

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**Love & Relationship**

**Rose**

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

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

**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 Garden of September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

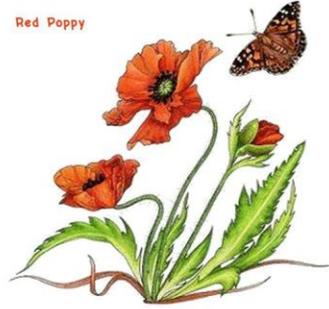
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October 2014

Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

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November 2014

Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Roseman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

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Narcissus

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December Feature Poets

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**Garnet**

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

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**Amethyst**

**THE POETRY PESSE**  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Imam Fatima • Bob McNeil • Kerstin Centervall

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

**Bloodstone**



**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



**Diamonds**

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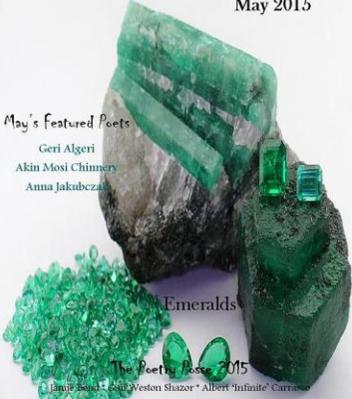
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Akin Mosi Chimere  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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June's Featured Poets  
Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



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The Featured Poets for July 2015  
Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



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Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasiz  
Christopher Schultz



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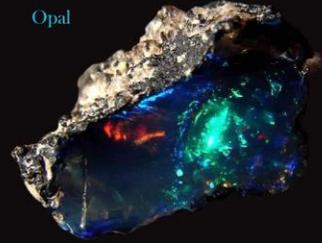
Sapphires

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



Opal

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Topaz

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 Bisimoy Mohanty  
 James Moore

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



Turquoise

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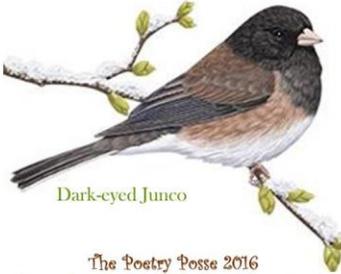
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Dark-eyed Junco

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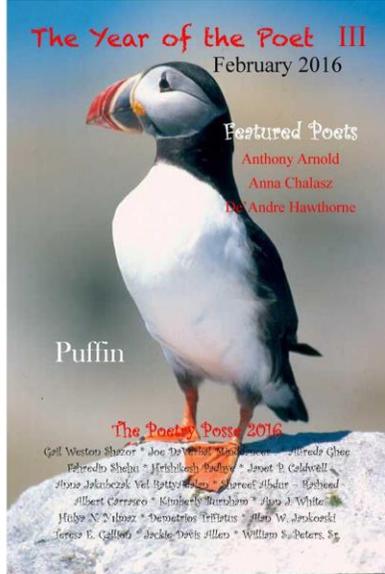
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

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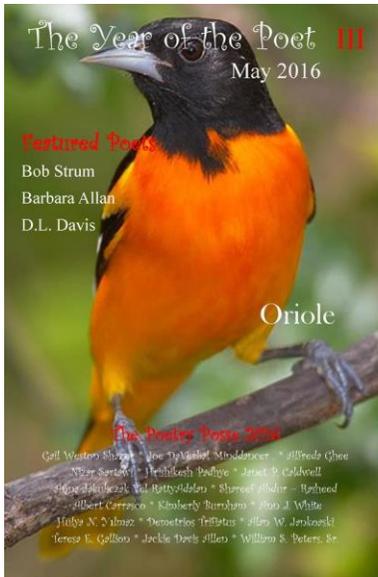
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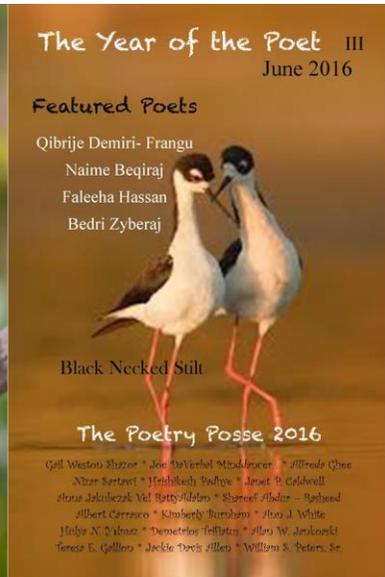


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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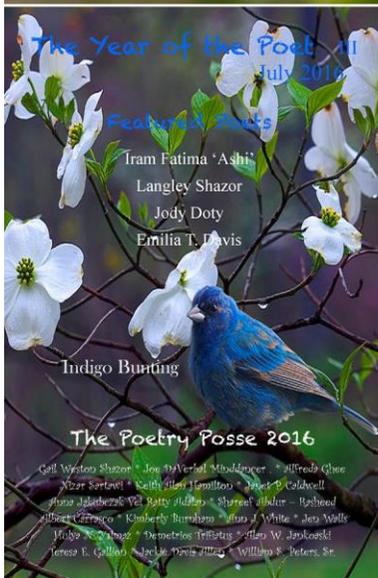


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June 2016

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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj

**Black Necked Stilt**

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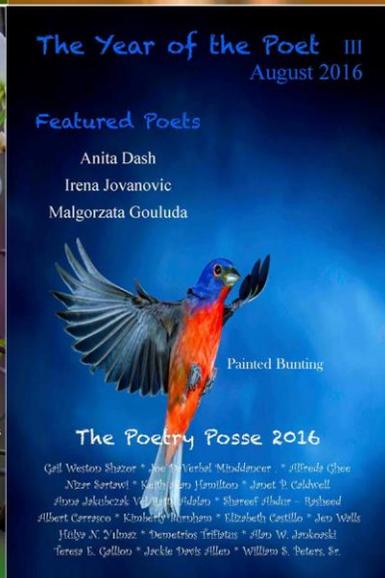


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

**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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Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novicio

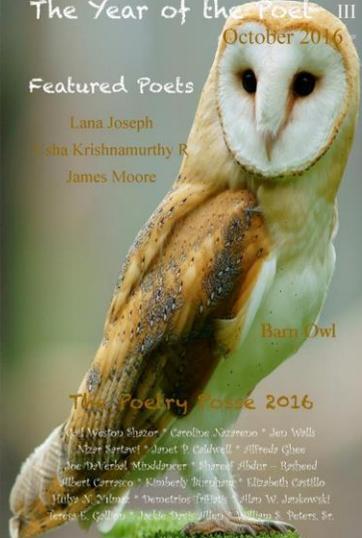


Long Billed Curlew

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October 2016

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

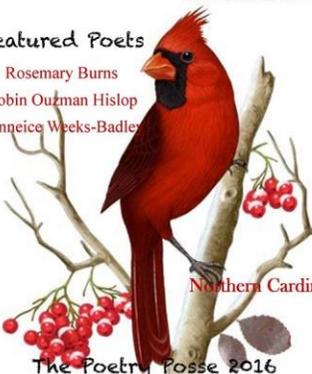


Barn Owl

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November 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badler

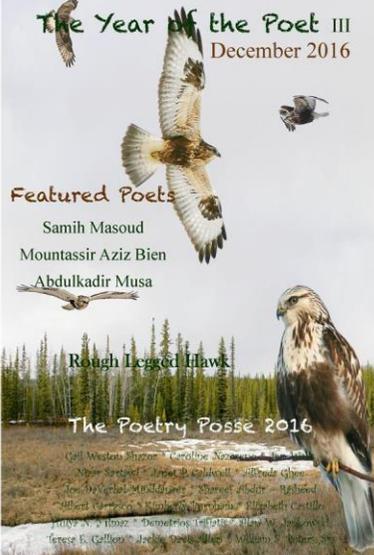


Northern Cardinal

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December 2016

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



Rough Legged Hawk

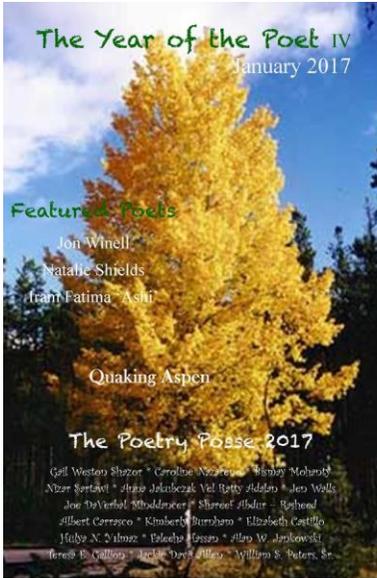
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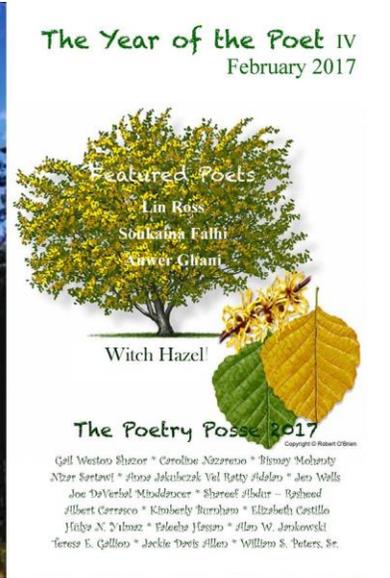


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

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February 2017

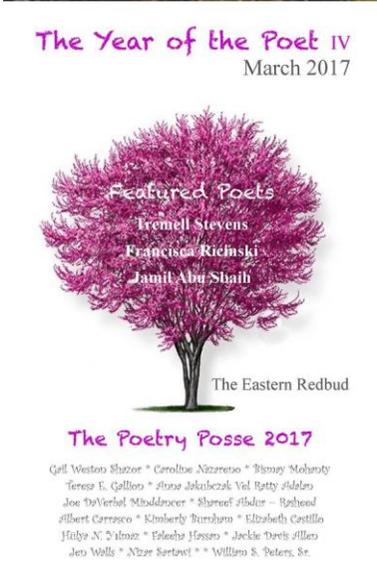


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sohkaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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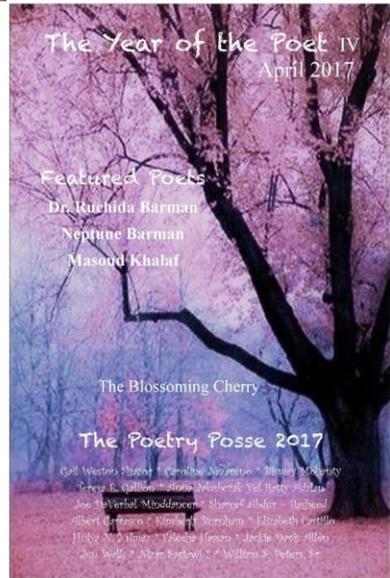


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaikh

**The Eastern Redbud**

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April 2017



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

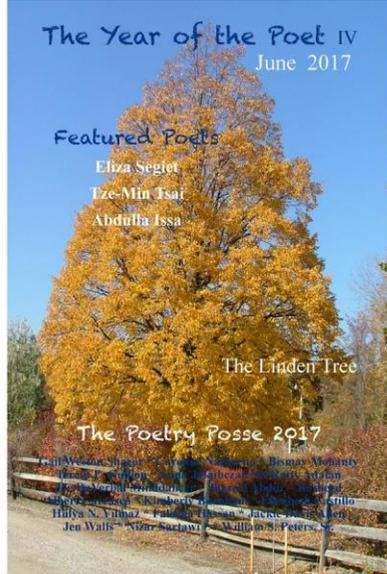
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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

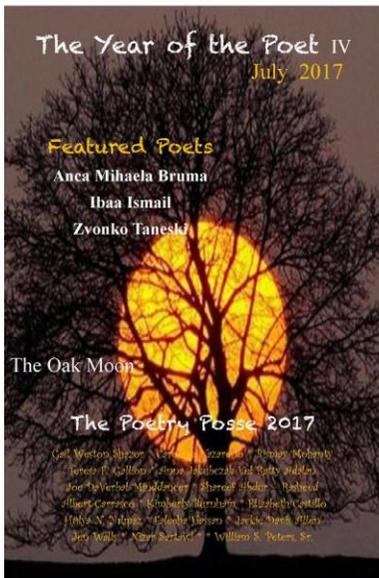
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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



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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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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yılmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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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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### Featured Poets

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Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Acry

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March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzie Abu-Lala  
Suzanne Belcher  
Nathan Dean  
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Laudia Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

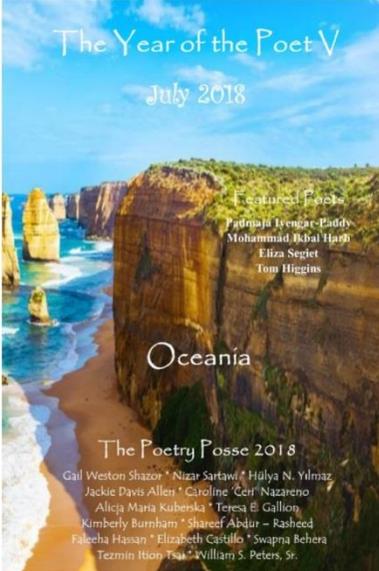


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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

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

Oceania



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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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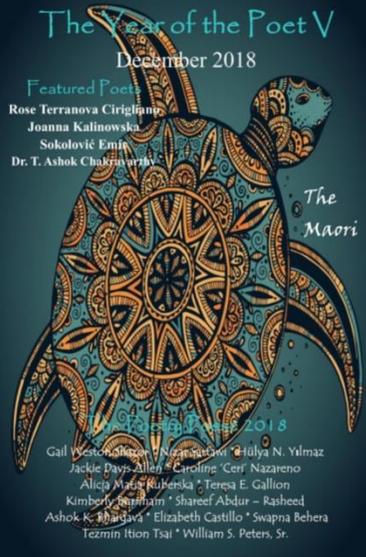
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December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



The  
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paine  
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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April 2019

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Central & West Africa

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Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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June 2019

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Iwu Jeff \* Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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July 2019

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Fahredin Shehu \* Alok Kumar Ray

### The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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September 2019  
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Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



**The Caucasus**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019  
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Ngozi Olivia Osocha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
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Simriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**  
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December 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
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Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efiichia



**Oceania**  
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Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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