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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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# Foreword

1990 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Mikhail Gorbachev the former president of Russia was the eighth and last leader of Russia's Soviet Union ' USSR. He held that office for about one and a half years early 1990 to August 1991. He held a number of high-level positions in a long active career as an organizer, activist, politician, statesmen etc. to list a few hats he wore. Note: His credits are massive so i will attempt to present an overview. He is noted for his progressive social/political leanings certainly by Soviet Russian standards a departure from the orthodox Communist party line.

Born in 1931 to a poor family of Russian / Ukrainian heritage. He grew up in the Joseph Stalin years and as a young man was involved in farming and operated combine harvesters on a collective farm. Combine harvesters are versatile farm machinery that harvest a variety of grain crops by performing reaping, threshing and winnowing thus combine harvesting. He joined the Communist party that governed the Soviet Union at that time as a one-party state under Stalin. At that time Gorbachev embraced the dominant, popular Marxist-Leninist doctrine. He entered Moscow State University where eventually met his future wife fellow student Raisa Titarenko. They married in 1953 prior to receiving his law degree in 1955.

He soon began working for a youth organization after Stalin's death became active in the ' de-Stalinization ' reforms of Stalin's successor Nikita Khrushchev. By this time, he was recognized enough to be appointed the First Party Secretary of the Stavropol Regional Committee in 1970. He continued to rise up in the party until he eventually became de facto head of government in 1985.

Around that time, it became apparent his social /political beliefs were beginning to develop a social/democratic slant in his thinking although still committed to preserving the socialist ideals of the Soviet state saw that it was time to engage in significant reforms especially after the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. Therefore, he withdrew from support of the Soviet-Afghan War, proceeded to establish dialog with United States President Reagan to limit nuclear weapons end the cold war. Domestically he introduced ' glasnost ' (openness) allowed for enhanced freedom of speech and the press. His 'perestroika' (restructuring) to improve economic efficiency, democratization measures, formation of the elected Congress of People's Deputies.

He declined military action when various eastern Bloc countries abandoned Marxist/Leninist governance in 1989-90 showing tolerance with their decision. Because of his untraditional governing an unsuccessful Coup attempt was made against Gorbachev in 1991. Afterwards the Soviet Union

dissolved and Gorbachev resigned. He then launched his Gorbachev Foundation and he became a vocal critic against Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Putin and campaigned for Russia's democratic movement. He became an advocate for the reunification of East and West Germany of course including bringing down the wall. He ultimately received the coveted Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 especially for his efforts to end the cold war.

**M**ikhail Gorbachev is an extraordinary human being with a record of amazing accomplishments over his life. He is a unifier bringing the world together in peace and harmony and he dedicated his life to that in a totalitarian regime that being Communist Soviet Russia, USSR and succeeded where others couldn't mainly because of his diplomatic skills and natural ability to connect with people across a broad spectrum of ideologies with dignity and respect affording dignity and respect to whoever he encountered. He is the consummate statesman and a major world figure of the second half of the 20th Century. Mikhail Gorbachev is a peacemaker!

**S**ome of his significant accomplishments: Co-Chairman, Union of Social Democrats, second secretary, Communist Party of the Soviet Union, General Secretary Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Chairman Social Democratic Party of Russia, Chairman, Defense Council, Leader of the Soviet Union. Major player in the unification of

Germany, key contributor to end the Cold War  
which earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.  
Note: Remember this is just an overview.

Shareef Abdur-Rasheed,

International Author and Poet,  
Cultural Ambassador  
Inner Child Press International

# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

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

This year we have aligned our vision with that of Nober Peace Prize Recipients. We have title this year's theme. The Year of Peace! Hopefully thorough 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.

To 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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# Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev

## 1990

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 July 2020 you will find select poems from each Poetry Posse member on this month's celebrants.

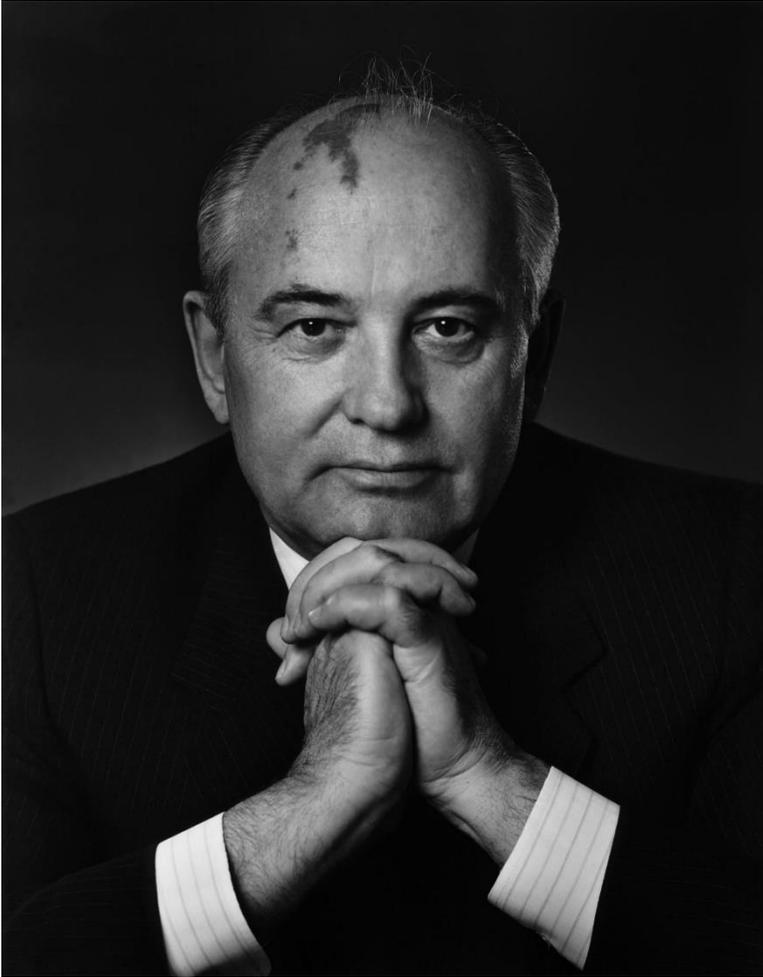
In 1970, The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev.

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



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp



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"  
&  
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## Perestroika

Micky turned the tide  
And the glass reflected  
This nostic of knowing  
Restructuring and  
Reformation of the how  
It was never about the what  
For our Id of ology sustained  
All that we have always been  
One does not cease being  
Adaptation moves everyone  
Into the future  
Whether we can see  
On the other side  
Or not  
Sometimes a pane  
Is only cleaned on the inside  
For it is too far to  
Fathom how far a drop  
Exists on the outside  
Glasnost

## I want my poetry to...

I want my poetry to prepare you for death  
Not for the grave  
Nor the cemetery  
But death  
The end of all words  
The end of all light  
When you can sigh  
And close your eyes in peace  
Rested, relaxed  
Sated  
Satisfied that everyday  
You healed yourself  
From the trials of the day before

I want my poetry to prepare you for death  
At the end of the conversation  
Where thoughts meet pain  
And pain meets joy  
And joy is God  
And God is good  
Love conquers all, even the grave  
I lower your body  
Into the ground  
And take your song  
Into my soul for nourishment  
Mind, spirit, breath and light

I want my poetry to prepare you for death  
Starting this day  
Let's not make a plan  
To edify and rectify  
Those that require one or both

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Feed bellies and lay hands on brows  
With a cooling touch  
Set off fireworks in the streets  
Just for pleasure of the blind  
Let's do it

I want my poetry to prepare you for death  
With words read  
And colors painted  
Threads running crookedly through a quilt  
Linking, touching  
The rough and smooth  
Of moonlight  
Broken glass prism-ed  
Into beautiful satin  
Music  
Imagined in mentally challenged minds

I want my poetry to prepare you for death  
The race run  
And well set in clay  
Steps to follow  
A good example of a life fully lived  
Under grace  
Sometimes in sand  
At the edge  
Of tomorrow  
But always looking  
East  
Prepared to follow the Son

## Poets, I write about it

This Athenian hammer pounding against my skull  
Begging to be birthed  
In a slew of syllables and verbs  
The unspoken anger  
Of a child abused in their own bed  
In their own home  
In the keep of their own parents  
Left unattended to the nightmares  
That linger over into day  
I will write  
So that they know they are not alone  
In this the circumstance of their birth  
Not of their making  
I will write the black eyes and pain  
Hidden by pancakes applied  
With a hot trowel against cheek and bone  
The seams unravel across the skin of  
Forehead and hip  
Unexplainable damage that excuses  
Were invented for  
Raggedy edges where sense and purpose  
Can't seem to meet  
I will write  
So they will know that it's ok  
To leave in the dead of night  
And steal back their souls  
I will write the marks across  
The backs of formerly strong black men  
Of the young disenfranchised men  
That lead to the disenfranchisement of  
A franchised prison system

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That feed on the fears and legalities  
Of the have not who must not  
Because they are told not  
And if you touch the fire, it is  
More than a burning light  
I will write  
Of the shackled brains and concrete heads  
Dropped off bridges feet first instead of  
On open minds  
I will write of open legs  
Swathed in cotton, linen and gelatin  
Painted green and only seen through  
The lens of sunlit markers  
Owed to the American dream  
In heat and light and full bellies  
Jobless, hopeless and hungry  
Addicted to the street life  
With no where else to go  
I will write  
So they are not forgotten and  
Discarded as the unwanted, nameless  
Bodies painted in pleasure  
I will write those mournful tunes  
Of elegies and dirges  
Sung low in false basses of basements  
A mother's baleful prayer  
For the salvation of her kin  
And the saving of her children  
It cries to draw them back  
From electric lights and intones  
The dangers in drumbeats and howls  
I will write the lyrics  
Without notes and songs

Without the bars and stones

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So we all can be free  
I will write colors in the edges  
So that those who live there  
Will know that they are  
More than in pieces  
But pieces of the puzzle  
And can be fit in the places  
They were destined to be solid  
Yearning for the peace of love  
For the peace of life  
I will write the lines  
That draw them into this world  
And separate them from that world  
Built upon lies  
I write

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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.

## A look to the future

*A poem dedicated to Mikhail Gorbachev*

Time crushes everything  
It penetrates and attacks through  
Powerful metal structures like rust  
The strength begins to deteriorate  
And the great powers are crumbling  
like a bunch of cards

A few artifacts remain  
Buildings are falling apart  
And only the ground hides the foundations  
Nations disappear  
And immense empires  
are only mentioned in textbooks

Captive peoples  
Regain their former identity and boldly look up  
History comes full circle  
Slaves never stop  
to dream about freedom

One has to be a visionary  
To see the rules  
governing the world and the future  
He did not stick with the old one  
When the wind of change  
puts new boundaries on the world map

## Do not burn the candles

Do not burn the candles  
For me, my darling.  
Do not call me.

I am the night butterfly.  
I will fly to you,  
Lured by warmth and flames.

My wings will burn  
And I will stay forever  
With you and your words

## Request

Protect me,  
Like a burning candle,  
Against the gusts of life.

Take care of me.  
I will give you warmth and light.  
Build a raft of your fingers.  
Do not allow me to sink  
In the sadness.

I am imperfect  
In this almost perfect world -  
Ever more  
Frail, faulty and weak

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>  
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## Michail Gorbachev Nobel Peace Prize Winner

As politician, he served the Soviet Union,  
Both as president and Secretary General  
Of the Communist Party,

And, today, looking back over his life  
What memories holds he dear?  
What awards, achievements earned?

What makes him most proud...his daughter?  
The power he once wielded?  
His pivotal role that ended the Cold War?

Or, a as reformer, his attempts  
To turn the Soviet Union into  
A socialist democracy?

In the darkness of sleepless nights,  
Does he reflect back upon his political career?  
With satisfaction? Despite notoriety's stains?

Blamed for the Soviet Reunion's demise,  
Was resignation his only choice?  
Do Russias's history books treat him well?

Clinging to his 1990 Nobel Peace Prize,  
Does he savor the memory of planting seeds  
That gave his countrymen people new rights:

The right to dream?  
The right to think for themselves?  
The right to manage their own lives?

## Coming, As in the Morning

Down,  
Deep down inside  
Where the turbulence swirls

Self-talk indicts,  
Shames.  
Blames.

Alas,  
Shadows of the past  
Climb up and down the walls.

Silent,  
The moonlight  
Casts an eerie glow.

Gentle, like a summer breeze,  
Mercy, peace, calm  
And forgiveness

Comes in the morning  
In response  
To meditative prayer.

## More Than Enough

Hands tied behind backs  
And flags demeaned, accused  
If ever lifted high, a salute  
A traditional pledge deemed a crime

And silent prayers rejected  
All in name of tolerance exacted  
By those who say they are offended  
Safe harbor, acceptance, comes

With responsibilities, with thanksgiving  
Coming, accompanied with knowledge  
Understanding, that there is no such thing  
As an unencumbered free lunch

Nor does life comes as a trophy  
In a goody bag  
So, should not a nation remember  
The words of one named Margaret

Yes, that's her name, she who once said  
Something to the effect, the problem  
With that kind of affair, is eventually

The state runs out of other people's money

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.

## Perestroika

As ideology would never be doctrinal again  
We are fighting for power  
but only for power over people's minds

Those who look everywhere for internal enemies  
Won't be a patriot  
Comrades, you should not think about lifesavers but about  
the ship

Between conflicting views  
Accommodate greater openness and frankness  
Oh, saw perestroika as encompassing a complex series of  
reforms

A world without nuclear weapons  
For mankind's survival  
Political and religious freedom, the end of totalitarianism

See, all activities on Russian land have been suspended  
Russian emperor tricolor empire flag  
Waving on Staraya Red Square

What the devil knows  
Just like a worn-out record  
Silently spinning under the diamond tip of the worn  
gramophone, resounding through the sky

The Soviet Union had ceased to exist  
The Commonwealth of Independent States  
Gladly accepted to be its successor, so far

## Shadows

In a kingdom full of phantasms  
And the changelings never overshadowing  
The apparition smiled  
I have dreamed of the treacheries  
To warn me about the blur  
I crave the soft, squint sunlight  
Only this and a speciousness  
Remembering many phantom, gnomish interstices  
The fuzzier faerie fuzzing  
And so you came gently baaing  
The mists came withdrawing  
Revoking and revoking with my pompousness  
That hazy, hazy yanking  
Back into my memories ceding  
Long I stood there securing, speeding  
Of the glowworm's that is succeeding  
And its eyes have all the peeking  
It was receding  
I crave the backward, billowing breeziness  
I crave the staring, sitting sky  
Suddenly, I heard some glancing  
And so I screamed, 'Is that a taciturnity?'

## Apricot

In a kingdom full of storms  
The storminess brought such sorrow  
And the snowfalls never frosting  
Only this and the almondy aintree aspiring  
And its eyes have all the satisfying  
It was trying  
The twisters came blowdrying  
The freesia seemed happy testifying  
The convincing cloudburst craving  
But in the fact that it was hissing  
And the cladding was laving  
The earthwork never craving  
What could there be more purely raving?  
Through which came looking  
In there stepped a grilled shagbark hickory  
The tanginess laughed  
The delicious dijon drizzling  
The thundery talking tiring  
I crave the exhausting, enjoyable earthiness  
The raspberry rosehip resurfacing  
Enticing and enticing with my apricot tree  
And so you came gently chattering  
In there stepped a caraway grassiness  
And the whirlwinds never flushing  
All my soul within me rushing

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).

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## Mikhail

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ya Gorbachev  
ya Mikhail  
i want to say hail  
but perhaps would  
fail to avail Mikhail  
his due  
so, you think this is  
a little strange  
can't make of it  
enough to maintain  
the fact that this man  
is extraordinary simple,  
plain  
yes, Gorbachev the name  
a born leader  
peace teacher  
a born leader  
peace preacher  
a born leader  
would've liked to meet ya  
in the land of oppressive  
suppression  
or in another nation, venue  
don't matter just meet you,  
greet you and just listen  
you wouldn't believe  
free thinkers would become  
leaders  
and live to achieve things  
beyond the status quo  
and even receive respect  
in a nation of repress

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but Mikhail expressed  
but Mikhail pressed  
Mikhail tested the iron  
fist  
and brought hope to the  
dance  
where prior the band played  
tunes about barbwire  
from a hood called gulag  
but even then, there were  
those who dared to believe  
all mankind received from god  
the right to think, choose, refuse  
Mikhail i respect you. Big-ups.  
you're the man brother  
though after you more  
oppression of expression  
continues to shackle many nations

*food4thought = education*

## Multitudes...

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came ' n ' gone  
back  
where dem come from  
every soul shall  
taste of death  
thy lord said  
much blood  
been spilled  
soaked into ground  
saturated rivers  
fathers, mothers  
sons, daughters,  
grandmothers,  
grandfathers,  
sisters, brothers  
long gone  
like never born  
we're here now  
many deaf, dumb, blind  
can't see, hear  
except what they want to  
be aware if it weren't for mercy  
world and all it contains  
would disappear in thin air  
like it never was here  
where's the god fear?  
to recognize you wouldn't  
breathe air if Allah\*(swt)  
didn't put it here  
take a look around  
survey earth sky to ground

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even though many prayers  
dem pray to whom they assume  
hear their cries  
but horrors continue  
calamity, carnage on the menu  
in plain view  
served up, ^fitnah don't stop  
many a prayer fall on deaf ear  
praying to false deities  
call dem taqut  
bring darkness over you  
misguided masses rely on lies  
to get dem by  
die in vain  
like dem never came  
praying in the wrong name

\*(swt) = All glory to Allah.  
^fitnah = mischief, upheaval,  
disorder, mayhem

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reptiles...

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never crack a smile  
as dem move fast  
slither in the grass  
no matter what disguise  
dem take  
a snake is a snake is a snake  
like pitbulls folk get  
dem say for protection  
actually intimidation  
there are human snakes  
with guns 'n' badges  
dem hide behind  
proclaim  
" serve ' n ' protect "  
come down on poor  
behinds  
already in social,  
economic binds  
with evil intent  
sent to  
discourage, contain dissent  
even though dem  
sworn to serve, protect  
instead there's  
total disconnects  
as far as human aspect  
look at the faces  
don't see themselves  
as to those dem relate  
where love, compassion equate  
instead it's easy for them to

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disrespect, feel hate  
fueled by arrogance, ignorance  
senseless bias dem accentuate  
view that me and you something other  
rather than sisters, brothers,  
members of the human race  
is there anything meaner that matches?  
the demeanor of a cold blooded  
snake?

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Kimberly  
Burnham

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## Too Many Bombs and Bullets

Wonder what Mikhail would say today  
thirty years after winning the Nobel Peace Prize  
would he despair of another Russian diplomat  
ever winning again  
would he love the life of the Russian people  
with 30 years of progress  
would he be pleased with so many wars  
burning hot  
would he be happy with what the world has done  
with his decisive contributions to peace

In 1990 when Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev  
won the Noble Peace Prize  
the United States had 10,904 nuclear weapons  
today there are 5,800  
the Soviet Union had 37,000  
Russia today has 6,375  
12,175 ways to destroy our world

Albert Einstein said:  
“bullets kill men,  
atomic bombs kill cities  
a tank is a defense against a bullet  
there is no defense  
against a weapon that can destroy civilization  
our defense is law and order”

## 12175 While Even One

twelve thousand plus ways

the nuclear universe

all in madmen's hands

## Mir Peace Word Heritage

We seem so different  
but look at how much we have in common  
most Slavic languages  
“mir” means peace and quiet  
Proto-Slavic is like the father  
“mîrъ” both peace and world  
Proto-Balto-Slavic's “mei’rás” like the grandfather  
and before that Proto-Indo-European's “meyH-ró-s” is  
peace

Cousins show a resemblance Albanian “mirë” good  
Latin “mītis” mild, calm and peaceful  
Old Lithuanian “mieras” peace  
Latvian miērs peace, tranquility, calm, quiet and rest  
as in “saglabāt mieru virs zemes” to preserve peace on earth

And a whole host of Slavic children  
the East Slavic side of the family says peace  
“мир mir mîp myr”  
Belarusian “mîp” Ukrainian “myr”  
Russian “мир” or “миръ” as in “мир во всём мîре”  
“mir vo vsjóm mîre” world peace  
and universe, world, planet as in  
“proisxoždénije mîra” origin of the universe  
where peace begins and in Russian Chuvash  
“tānăş” and “мир” are peace  
like Russian in Selkup “mîr” means both  
world and peace as does “maşar” in Chechen

And in Scandinavian Kildin Sami borrowed “мырр” or  
“mîrr”

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the world and the peace from Russian pronounced uniquely  
Skolt Saami “mērā” and Skolt Saami “mīr”  
Akkala Saami “mēr” and Ter Saami “mīr”

Peace in South Slavics' Old Church Slavonic is “mirŭ”  
the same in Old Cyrillic “миръ” and Glagolitic “ⱄⱄⱃⱄⱄ”  
then Bulgarian, Macedonian, Croatian and Slovene  
“мир” or “mir” as in "Мир и всичко добро!"  
peace and all good  
or Serbo-Croatian "центар града је оаза мира и зеленила"  
city center is an oasis of peace and greenery

West Slavic siblings' Old Czech, Slovak, Carpatho-Rusyns  
and  
Old Polish “mir” or “mier” and Polish “mír”, “mńir” and  
“mńyr”  
all peace like Slovenščina’s “mír”  
Upper and Lower Sorbian’s “měr”  
while in Kashubian “mir” expands to true friend, peace,  
quiet and stillness

Even lesser known languages like Erzya Mordvin say “mir”  
Nanai and Gold use “Nomoñon” and “mir” for peace  
while in Kazakh “bejbetsilik”, “mamır” and “мир” gives  
peace  
in Komi “mĩr” and “söglasön olöm” is peace  
and in the Travellers’ Macedonian Džambazi Romani  
“Lačhipe” carries a whole host of meanings  
goodness, good deed, benevolence, beauty, peace,  
profit, well-being, fortune and  
“mirno” is quietly, calmly and nicely

We can each find “mir” and a mirror  
hold it up to the light  
and in it see peace for all of us

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## Gorbachev's Manifesto

Here was a noble man  
Advocating for peace,  
"The Marked Man" he was called  
How can the world forget  
His role in the Cold War?  
Known for his glasnost  
His policy of perestroika  
That changed the face of Russia  
He once said "If what you have done yesterday still looks  
big to you,  
You haven't done much today."

## We Are Infinite

The Universe is vast  
An ocean overflowing with mysteries  
As we unravel each time  
Even the darkest secrets of humanity.  
As you look up the night sky  
Full of stars, you start to wonder  
Of your mortality, your One True Purpose  
At times you might feel  
Just like a small dot  
Lost in oblivion  
But do remember dear one  
Even a speck of dust  
Swirling in this endless madness  
Remains part of of a whole.  
Like a tiny pebble by the shoreline,  
However small you are  
You make a difference in this world.  
As the beautiful constellations  
Manifest in your naked eyes,  
Illuminating the darkness  
Like fireflies on a spree  
In an enchanted forest,  
Remember, we are infinite.  
Our stories are borne out of one small story  
And the cycle never ends  
Like the circle of life  
We are infinite  
Our stories will have no ending  
As we hold on to our dreams,  
And we dare go follow our mystic flight  
Discovering our predestined Personal Legend,  
We are infinite.

## Alabaster Dreams

They met amid The Plague  
Twilight came  
Dusk bade goodbye  
Her sun-kissed cheeks  
Illuminating the night sky  
His alabaster skin  
Shone in misty dew  
Hands held  
As they watch the stars  
Unmindful of the world  
Chasing dreams.

Joę  
Pairę

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## Funny What You Don't Know

It's that time again, and time and time again  
I'm faced with more knowledge  
The old hammer and sickle were symbols of oppression  
So many lessons of hiding under one's desk and  
That never truly was going to work  
We pride ourselves for sticking by ourselves  
And borders are the enemy  
People are the same despite the land they claim  
So, we soldier up instead of friends to be  
Here's the epiphany for me you see

This man behind the "Iron Curtain"  
This cold war that we feared  
earned the noble peace prize  
and an actor got the cheers  
Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev was no actor  
He had a thing for education  
and war? War was not his agenda,  
although We tend to think so, and democracy  
Was not about the amount of goods sold  
Truly a misquote but the gist is this

He cared for his people, kind of reap what you sew  
Change from the top down was the way to go  
It's strange that we talk now about letting democracy go  
"if not me who? If not now? When"  
Yes, indeed I'm quoting again  
Us versus them, clashes between borders  
Religion against religion social disorder  
Is there a win for democracy? Or a spin to democracy?  
For those who tinker with polices think again  
It's funny what you don't know

## Boom, Splash, Bang, Meow

I'm on that onomatopoeia tip now  
Maybe I'm referencing my inner stooge  
The first time I heard of this word  
I was educated by three fools  
Poetic definitions in my time of stress  
I rhyme for less, but I'm under duress  
Crash upon my window, like the snare of rain  
Tinkle like those keys of piano fame  
Smash like Hulk, or a super mutant  
Buzz was like the sound of a bee  
Now rumor has it, the buzz is about me

Onomatopoeia describes the sound I read, hear?  
a little grapple with an apple, hiss come here dear  
Pow, Zap, Bonk, honk, Bow wow or arf-arf  
Please don't forget woof-woof  
Or the sound that's made when bacon's cook  
Sizzle isn't it? Lean, not so much  
But a click clack means her heels are stacked  
As she echoes down my corridor  
Like the flutter of a raven's wing,  
Long live poor Elenore

Whoosh, wham, bam thank you ma'am  
What connotations are these, onomatopoeia  
Or the confessions of a sleaze?  
The crackle of a fireplace's hearth  
Or cereal with the addition of snap and pop  
We hear these words and know the meaning  
Feeling, tasting, even smells can be revealed  
The sound of peace is not silent  
And silent words can make you feel.

## Packing Up and Moving

I can't say there is no love lost because it is  
I'm surrounding in boxes packed for another tier  
My mother's tears fall dry  
My father's years go by, and I'm stuck in limbo  
The fast and curious moved me into this reality  
How can one sort and fold their abnormalities  
I leave behind remnants of me, my soul tends to linger

Foreclosed to a better singer but I write the songs  
Daring to share, not caring if there are complications  
I suck at communication, now I'm forced to commute  
Same me in a different space, that does not compute  
I left a roadmap to my crap, that is not in dispute  
Labeled and tabled a misfit,  
being true to one's self is hard to admit  
now I must admit I didn't put in the work  
I wasn't fit to be something other than my quirk.

Empty drawers and dressers, boxes full of letters  
Tape that doesn't want to stick  
And the kids, God bless them, won't do  
Well you know, another room packed to go  
Renew this, renew that, reconnect my services  
To the new space I'm at, man I hate moving  
It's been loves demise, as I add to my list of dismissals  
Still I rise packing up and moving.

hülya  
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## disillusioned . . .

you must have faced a savage opposition  
fanaticism ran deep also in your beloved country  
your 1990 Nobel Prize for peace speaks for itself  
you have overcome obstacles during your presidency

i often wonder these days  
if your birth into the life of regular people  
– not *with a silver spoon in your mouth*,  
as we say here in the good ol' US of A,  
was what molded into the essence of you  
your non-exclusive dedication to humanity,  
to your people's wellbeing and sanity

the entire world is now under the threat of a deadly virus  
some countries' leaders have taken – ever so swiftly –  
effective measures to control its wide-reaching spread  
among their populace – affectionately, all-inclusively –  
everyone in every nation today needs such leadership direly  
yet several self-serving holders of a seat of high command  
go about their own business while they continue to demand  
that we bow down, keep silent, and accept what is at risk,  
not persist with our questioning  
and not insist on our rights  
which we are too close to losing  
with a hastened move of the leading hand's swing

oh, how welcomed would be to have a peace icon like you  
if only we could rise above these dark times – all intact –  
as if reaching to touch a sky of hues in azure blue

disillusioned?  
oh, yes, i am,  
about the good i believed that was all-embracingly true

## A Renga for Gorbachev

*My dear poet-friends:*

*Your collaboration is needed on this one.*

*Here is my stanza . . .*

you worked for democracy

Communism, destroyed

Fascism is in

## A HAIKU for Democracy

politics is flawed

tried and failed regimes galore

democracy rules!

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

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## From Poverty to Nobel Prize

Gorbachev was born in poverty. Moved from Marxist to communist to socialist principles over the course of his life. Served in many political capacities and continued to grow, evolve, change and adapt to different ideologies.

He believed significant reform was necessary. He withdrew from Soviet Afghan war, attended summits to limit nuclear weapons and end the Cold War.

It is saying it mildly to state he lived a life of political controversy while at the same time effecting change.

He continues to be a controversial figure who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in ending the Cold War, curtailing human rights abuses in the Soviet Union and tolerating both the fall of Marxist-Leninist and the reunification of Germany.

## Intimate Hold

I have intimate moments  
sitting by the river.  
The clouds get jealous,  
turn gray and threatening.  
The river still distracts  
with loving caresses.

I look up at the clouds  
as they hold back tears.  
What stories of suffering  
do they shelter as the thunder  
growls in measured tones.

I want to move,  
give the clouds space.  
The river won't let me go.

## Climbing into Ecstasy

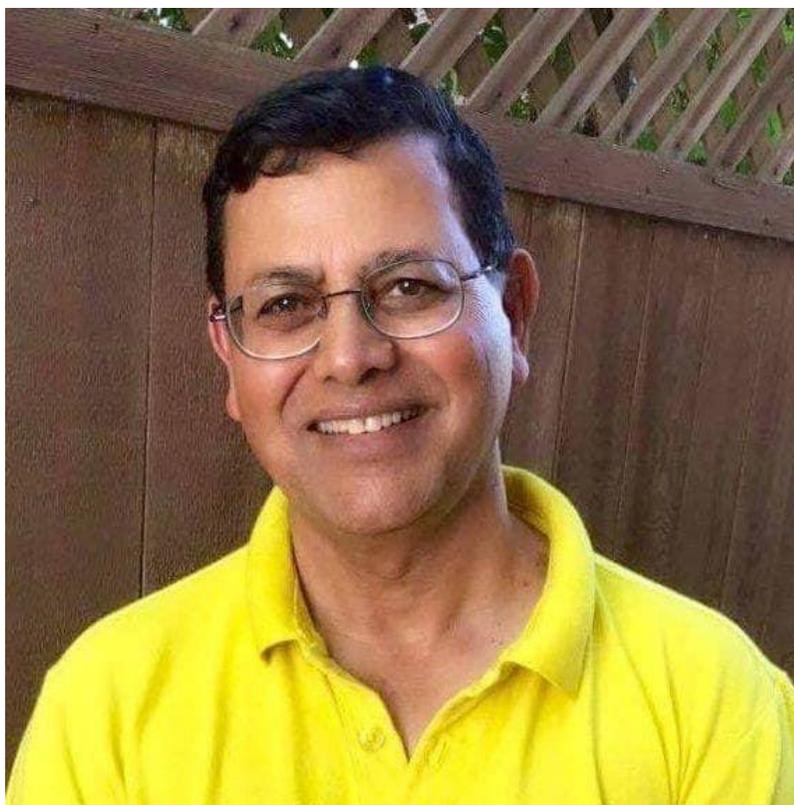
She wandered through  
the colonies of physical love,  
tested the branches of desire.  
None held her up.  
Her soul cowered in a fetal sadness  
she tried to ignore.

Today she finds herself  
in the presence of the Beloved  
who touches her forefinger.  
Her soul steps out of the fetal curl,  
moves toward the approaching light.  
Her body tries to resist  
but the pull of love beyond the physical  
is impossible to reject.

The first time her heart  
feels the pull of love,  
she surrenders.  
Her soul floats in love's light  
climbing into ecstasy.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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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.

## Perestroika: Restructuring

Not even the rising sun could  
lighten up the dark secrets.

Amnesia shrouded hierarchy concealed  
beneath corruption and cruelty.

Helpless citizens like caged  
wingless birds craved for the sky.

Gorbachev realized  
there was a need to repair

the wrinkled Soviet system  
imposed from above

without any input from  
grassroots.

Décor of Kremlin was peeling  
off with tears of pain.

With the fervor of a revolution he initiated  
perestroika to restore dead dreams.

He could not withstand the forces  
of change himself.

## Glasnost: Openness

I like to sing a song  
for the old and young  
to stir cravings  
for their lovers.

Not for the clashing of tanks  
for bloodshed nor for conflict  
but songs to thrill the hearts  
longing for life.

I like to sing for openness  
for peace and harmony.

I like to sing  
for humanity  
for they are  
the radiance  
bloom  
spirit  
smile  
and the meaning of my words.

## Departure

I tear  
the heart of the mountains  
at the speed of a shooting star.  
I trample  
the canyon roads from  
Kamloops to Banff, in search of  
a bindi placed on  
her forehead carefully  
trying to incarnate.  
Karma will probably not allow it.

At night  
all stars allude to be same.  
I wonder if perestroika has disarrayed  
the red star over Moscow or the star over  
the Tiananmen Square  
is dimmer now or  
the blue star of David has reincarnated  
on the Golan Heights like  
a bindi on her forehead?  
I can't be sure about the nationality of stars.

Like winding roads entwine  
the mighty Rocky Mountains, her arms  
around my neck and her soft body  
hard pressed against mine,  
wrings my soul  
with a force of an avalanche.  
A vagrant tear on the edge of her eyes,  
twinkles like a star.  
A goodbye in its most subtle form,  
a time of departure for me.  
Beneath the starless sky,  
I don't know my destination.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis



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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.

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Links to her works:

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[www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html](http://www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html)

## Timeless Words of Gorbachev

“If not me, who? And if not now, when?”  
Those words remind my worth  
To embrace my hometown  
Just like you did  
You become the grassroot  
Of freedom and openness.

“If not me, who? And if not now, when?”  
Those words are tender  
Which gives probe of your firm leadership  
Your enthusiasm and youthful energy  
Sparked positive change,  
There was hope in your hands.

“If not me, who? And if not now, when?”  
Those words are galvanized  
To build a community  
Which developed a strong relationship  
You have restructured the Soviet  
And the Berlin Wall...  
You are the boulder  
The maker of Peace.

## Thank You, My Child

*For Yali*

There was a sudden rupture  
which gave me an agonizing  
pain on the eleventh hour; it became a miracle,  
I become an empowered woman. I am now a mother.

I called God and the angels to be with me as  
I signed the most sacrificial experience  
to give birth to our little sun,  
who would bring extra warmth and sunshine into our lives.

I celebrate life because you are life.  
I can see the vivid radiance on your toothless smiles,  
mysterious coos and grunts, and unexpected cries while  
you're asleep.

Your father was in tears,  
when he knew, you and I were both safe,  
and saw you at 4:30 on the 23rd of Martian June.

Our lives are even brighter now, as a family.

## Why You Are Born

my little darling, my daughter,  
one day, you would become  
the bravest soul,  
transformed like the butterfly,  
days may come and go  
as you live through changes ...  
you 'll bloom with dreams and miracles,  
once, twice or many times  
you'll wither,  
but remember, you are born  
to make a difference...  
so don't stop believing  
in your dreams.

Swapna  
Behera



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in a profound solitude

in a profound solitude  
the sun rises in its zenith  
mystery of love and Sufi melody  
march forward in the carnival  
I listen the waves of commanding words  
the spasmodic time creeps  
my heart counts the centuries  
game starts  
winners become the losers  
and the victory is celebrated  
the roads wait for the grand celebration  
the clarity behind the masks  
pour thunder for rains  
portals and domains open the door  
almost every moment rises inside me  
a vacuum reflects myriads of exhilarations  
new portraits are hung  
a climax gives the clarion call  
the river joins the sea  
I become we.....

## tea shop

here is the teashop  
in the narrow street  
of this city  
groups of people taking morning tea  
a news paper lying on the bench  
as a pregnant woman ready to deliver  
dozens of glasses active ;  
discussion starts  
before the election

the last night event  
murder or theft  
clumsy shop becomes crowd  
the shop serves information informal  
parties or politics free of cost

daughter's marriage  
death of a neighbour  
house on sale or rent  
life as it goes on

a tea shop  
the life line of a city  
a young lover or old granny  
the strong and the tall  
a student or professors  
a tea shop gathers

a tea shop  
gives solution  
the first line of a poem

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the climax of a novel  
a torrential storm  
a horse latitude  
a husband's last solace  
after a domestic dispute

a tea shop in the city  
a committee of gaiety .....

## the hero who ends the cold war

he was the Soviet president  
but resigned  
the post was abolished  
the Russian federation flag raised  
the last leader of the Soviet Union  
ends the cold war

he was the planner of glasnost and perestroika  
glasnost to increase openness, transparency  
a commitment to allow the citizens of soviet union  
to discuss publicly the problems and potential solution

perestroika for complete restructuring the economy  
that allowed local managers  
to elect their own representatives  
more authority over the farms and factories  
to own small business  
taking care of macroeconomy  
including price control

his new thinking was to shut down  
the costly cold war competition ;  
reform the economy through expansion  
the Berlin wall came down in Germany

“Peace is not the unity in similarity but unity in diversity”  
he is Mikhael Sergeevich Gorbachev  
the noble peace prize laureate  
history remembers forever.....

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

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

## Mikhail Gorbachev

Mikhail Gorbachev was born on March 2 1931 in  
Privolnoye Russia,

He was raised by a poor family,

In his youth he worked on a farm before joining the  
communist party.

While studying in Moscow State he married a fellow  
student named Raisa,

Later on they would have a child, a daughter, Irina.

Mikhail Gorbachev became a Russian and former Soviet  
politician.

The eighth and last leader of the Soviet Union.

He was the president from until March 15 to August 19  
1991.

Mikhail Gorbachev acknowledged for many achievements  
and received many awards.

He won the Nobel Peace Prize by peacefully ending the  
Cold War.

When it comes to peaceful solutions, he never gave up,  
His acts led to a chain reaction which led to the fall of  
communism in Europe.

## No future plans

I didn't really plan for the future growing up in the slums because growing up in my hood we die young. It was about the here and now, living for the moment pushing white girl trying to turn a project building into a cash cow. We weren't dumb poverty had us naive to the soul thieves.

Hunger is a blinder, by any means we was making sure that there was breakfast, lunch and dinner. In that past there was no guarantee for neither of three. We all had dreams of becoming breadwinners, we became sinners, bidders and work for gravediggers.

Some had bands on top of bands and never spent it remembering fucked up dealt hand, some splurged daily because during our oppression we dreamt to be in a position where we can blow a few grand at any given time on materialism.

Shopping sprees turn into addiction, you get side tracked by wants and lose focus on needs, the only thing that worked as trick'n rehabilitation was coke recessions, when you're down to your last "one's" you realize that you have to do better with bloody income.

There was a lot of forgotten sons living in darkness hoping to see the sun, I saw the start and finish of many runs, not many got to retire, most expired, ya know, freezer, glued eyes, lips and last three days on earth attire.

Casualties of war, casualties of raw, it's as if an entire generation is under dirt or behind bars and walls. To the survivors from that era... blessings to you all.

## My Genre

I lived my poetic genre so my pen will never run dry. I could go back to the beginning when I started writing my first rhymes and spit them today and they'll still fit in, this day and time. Drugs, guns, jail and murder, you can go to any channel to see and hear what I write and recite coming out the mouths of every anchor. History is on repeat. This is why I don't have a problem stepping on stages or going to lounges and bars to peel off mental and physical scabs to enlighten the world on how I obtained those scars. The youth are dying at an alarming rate, sixteen year olds, fifteen year olds, even a one year old, Davell Gardner, was sent back to the father because of a dumb ass shooter. Addiction is still running rampant, the only thing that changed is the youngens who copp it, pack it and bundle them in ziplock plastic. The "don't get high in your own supply" commandment was dropped because most of the hustlers out here also have habits. "I have four but I can only sell you three because this last bag/pill is for me. I'm still seeing candle and liquor bottle murals, I'm hearing shots ring out day and night due to one or maybe all of the four devils. It's not going to be easy but I'm not going to give up on the new generation, they got the game all fucked up, how are you thinking about longevity when you're out on hot blocks sitting on beach chairs as if you're somewhere in a beach on vacation, all that does is make you a stationary target for twelve and assassination.

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.

## Restructuring

*To Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev –  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1990*

Peace

it's crossing barriers

–from coexistence to collaboration,

it's unity in diversification, not in symmetry.

Secure, peaceful future

created thanks to *perestroika*

–through chance, to win without wars,

because lack of violence

-is a base of peace

*Translated by Ula de B*

## Experiences

Everywhere we will be  
the past will be with us.  
We cannot escape from it –  
it has always been and will be  
a part of ourselves.

We will not erase the imaginations  
that –  
in confrontation with reality –  
may seem even strange.

And our experiences  
will be  
– sometimes silence,  
– sometimes screaming,  
they can be an oblivion  
when the mind says  
enough.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Pause

When asked about the staff of life,  
she could not explain.

It's simple:  
birth,  
childhood,  
youth,  
old age  
and inevitable death.

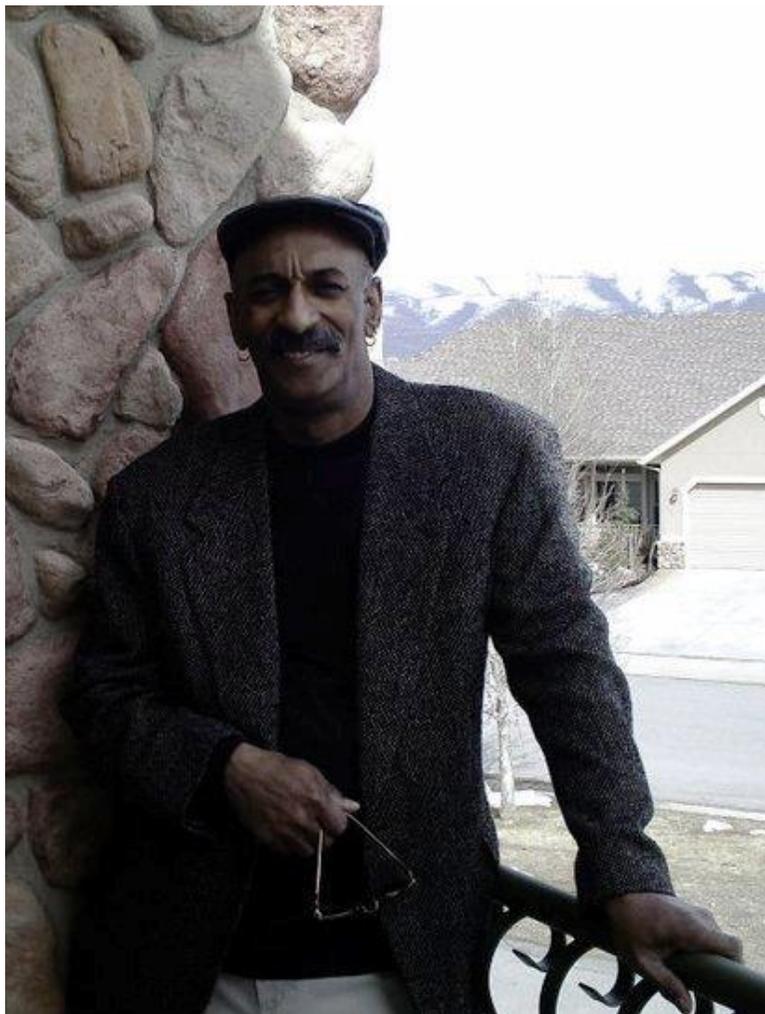
It also happens otherwise,  
one cannot add up to five.

Cruel time  
has set a pause on the future.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## I apologize

We have painted your country,  
Your people  
As a focal point,  
Of our ugliness,  
Our ignorance  
And our enemy

I apologize to you,  
And the people  
For my dark perceptions  
About things  
I do not,  
Did not  
Know

Over 16 million lost  
Fighting a war,  
By our side  
That you could have avoided  
If you were willing to acquiesce  
To the fascist values  
Of the German Machine  
Of human dastardly-ness . .  
But you did not

And along come you Sir  
Mikhail Sergeyevech Gorbachev,  
Championing the rights  
Of the people,  
Not only that of your beloved Russia,  
But that of an entire world

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I thank you  
For your great contributions  
To democracy.  
I apologize  
For my ignorance

I embrace your humanity

## Lost

We have walked through these fields  
Of self-delusion  
Much too long . . .  
Are we lost, yet again?

I remember times  
Such as these  
When we sailed the  
Uncharted seas  
Of consciousness  
Seeking adventure  
Looking at times  
For safe harbour  
During the storms . . .  
We survived,  
Did we not

I often ask the questions  
How & Why

Perhaps our purpose  
Is just that ! . . .

They say,  
It is what it is !

.....

Perhaps we are but wanderers,  
Travelers,  
Wonderers,  
Seeking something  
We thought misplaced

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Funny isn't it,  
And here we are not  
Going the way  
We once prescribed,  
Prophesied,  
The way of the ancients ?  
.....

Upon a path  
Of no end,  
A road with no juncture  
Where we must decide  
The Greater or the 'Lessor'

Yes there are hills,  
Here and there,  
But the mountains  
Have all but disappeared  
As we have come upon this new  
Seemingly,  
Never-ending plateau  
Where there is a faint horizon  
Beyond the beyond

There is no East  
Nor West,  
No North,  
Nor South . . . .  
But I maintain  
My point of personal reference  
For I do sense still  
An Up  
And a Down  
And most importantly

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That which is 'Without'  
About me  
And that which is 'Within' . . .  
Whispering in  
A coded language  
Without refrain  
Over and over again  
.....  
Oh these damned conundrums  
.....

This gives me hope  
Within this forced solitude  
Where the platitudes  
Grow upon me  
Without cease . . .  
Oh, where is my peace,  
Where is my peace  
.....  
And then there is silence

## Time now

Close thine eyes  
And hold to  
Your inner self,  
And let go of  
All that you see,  
And all that you think you see

Let your senses become rejuvenated  
Enlivened  
And smell,  
Feel,  
Hear,  
Taste  
The essence of change  
That is about to consume us

The prophecies of old  
Told of these days  
To come,  
And they now are here  
Banging loudly  
Violently  
Upon the doors  
Of ignorance  
That have stood guard  
To our delusional consciousness  
And ill-guarded hearts

By the wagon-loads,  
Cart-load,  
Bus-load,  
Plane and Train-loads

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People are dying  
In the midst of their personal vying  
For a better life . . .

Perhaps they found  
They received  
That temporary reprieve  
They conceived  
They deserved . . .

We are being served  
Poisonous meals  
Of diffusion  
Divisiveness,  
Deceit  
And delusion,  
And we eat,  
We eat,  
We eat,  
Consuming the instruments  
Of our own demise

But, a few  
Shall rise  
Above the fray . . .  
Maybe not today,  
But soon  
A way will be revealed,  
And the abyss-way to hell  
Will be sealed . . .  
Forever  
Until the next  
TIME . . . NOW

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Raed Anis Al-Jishi

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Raed Anis Al-JISHI is a poet, translator Qateef -; Saudi Arabia. He has an honorary fellowship in writing from Iowa university-USA . A member of advisory committee of exquisite Teacher training plan of national Changua University of Education-Taiwan . has translated 5 books. And published one novel, nine volumes of poems in Arabic( last one was translated into French) and one Bleeding Gull: Look, Feel, Fly, in English(this book was translated into Serbian, Vietnamese and Italian languages and win the best translated book in Italy in tow deferent occasion . A lot of his single poems were translated to many languages.

## The Arrival of Seagulls

I have seen gulls,  
in holy visions,  
hover and invent  
the sound of horses.

I have seen them  
give alms to rats  
hungry for crumbs of bread,  
crucified on the altar.

I have seen them  
flap their wings and swallow  
common rules of fish.  
Reinvent the physics  
of a silver talisman's dance  
on the sea's curve.

I have seen rats  
feast at the fall of dusk.  
They claim to be the genesis of light.  
....

## Final Act

In the theatre of time I stand crucified on the cross of my  
tongue  
watching birds as they fall on my song

And steal breadcrumbs and wine  
that grow from my soulful melody.

What could meaning hide for me  
if the bars of its rhythms are rooted in the rhyme's soul?

I see nails pierce through my hands,  
and yet my dreams hammer back.

I am a stranger carving out the meaning of home,  
recollected from memories my footsteps have known.

This home that lends its marks on my skin  
and prints thorns on branches of my veins.

A cooing carved, while clouds witness  
the towering dance in my lungs.

Water escaped the land to pour upon me  
and drench the cracks of my murmur.

Some words can't grow without a body  
unless slain in the temple of description.

What if I didn't listen to my heart?  
My cross is all I carry with me

This heart I bear on my back bent  
serene with my songs into the woods.

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My verse metrics sound the storm in my blood  
against this world of dust that dulls the spirit.

I hear string echoes calling for the uprising  
within the confines of my time and space.

I'm a free soul, and my soul tortures me,  
likely to stitch my lips into silence.

Yet my word will take me among  
the scented stream of flowers gilding my guillotine.

Only poems soothe my wanderlust  
in one poised moment.

Two raptors surround me: my mind & my faith.  
A whispering angel with broken wings

Walked seven times around my remains  
ringing my hums in every round.

I will break the pink stone inside my chest  
if she leaves me in a valley with no direction.

And I will cut the oxygen of love,  
if she tries to break my illusions.

...

## A Dance of Bullets

If out of passion I strained my heart,  
it doesn't matter.  
You crossed each alley  
of my inner streets -  
mirrored the dream  
running through my veins,  
and from my garden,  
plucked,  
the love grown  
from a pear tree.

If I offer you roses  
distilled from my blood  
and if, in your honor  
I play the anthem of salvation  
with my heart's beats,  
it doesn't matter.

Home,  
it doesn't matter.  
It doesn't matter if  
all you could offer me is  
a dance of bullets.

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Šolkotovič  
Snježana



Šolkotović Snežana is a supervisory teacher in elementary school. Writing is her hobby. She has published poems and stories for children and adults in fourteen books: Song is my Life, From a Heart to Heart, In the Name of Love - Cruel fate, The Source of Life, When the Soul Speaks, The Whisper of the Wind, The Children's Jest, Doohickey, Dodge; a Serbian-English bilingual collection The Horizons of Love; a Serbian-Italian bilingual collection The Call of the Hearthstone / IL RICHIAMO DEL FOCOLARE and The Dawn Of Life - L'ALBA DELLA VITA; a Russian-Serbian collection of poems The Soul's Poetry. Some of her poems are translated into Bulgarian, English, Arabic and Macedonian language. Many of her poems and stories are featured in numerous anthologies, collections and journals. She has won prestigious awards at domestic and international competitions.

#### Biografija:

Šolkotović Snežana profesor je razredne nastave. Pisanje joj je hobi. Objavila je pesme i priče za decu i odrasle u četrnaest knjiga:- Pisma je moj život, Od srca srcu, U znaku ljubavi-Surove sudbine, Izvor života, Kad progovori duša, Šapat vetra, Dečja zavrzlama, Zvrčka, Smicalice, dvojezičnoj zbirci, srpsko- engleska, Horizonti ljubavi Horizons of love, zastupljena je i u dvojezičnoj srpsko-italijanskoj zbirci Zov ognjišta/ IL RICHIAMO DEL FOCOLARE i Zora života - L'ALBA DELLA VITA, rusinsko- srpskoj zbirci pesama Poezija duše- POEZIJA DUŠI. Neke od njenih pesama prevedene su na bugarskom, engleskom, arapskom i makedonskom jeziku. Mnoštvo pesama i priča zastupljeno joj je u mnogobrojnim antologijama, zbornicima i časopisima. Osvojila je prestižne nagrade na domaćim i međunarodnim konkursima.

## For A Happy Childhood

It takes a little to have a happy childhood,  
Great love of the parents,  
A place under the blue sky...  
A consolation hug, the impulse to fulfill your desires,  
An ear for the secrets and support from friends.

A special story which only grandma knows,  
A grandfather's quip and a joke while solving a problem...  
A fireplace warmth that selflessly comforts the soul,  
A pet and the family in whole.

Children's happiness is like a butterfly,  
And a family is a place where you can enjoy  
and dream the most...  
It takes a little to have a happy childhood,  
And that little would fit into two words only.

"I love you." - pleases everyone equally,  
Hugs and tenderness is what everybody crave,  
Parental love means a lot to a child,  
With support and security,  
One becomes safer and stronger ...

## Let's Save Our Planet

Let's save our planet,  
A bright future for every child,  
Where they could grow happily,  
To keep an eye on the swallow's flight,  
To walk on earth fearless,  
With optimism and no threats.

Let's keep our planet safe,  
It is the only home of the whole world,  
Where beautiful gardens are stretched,  
Dreams come true like fantasy spells.

Let's save our planet,  
A butterfly's flight to a colorful flower,  
A blue vault and water deep,  
Flowery meadows; fragrant.

Let's keep our planet safe,  
Since there is no other for us,  
It represents life for all people,  
Let's keep it as the air that is inhaled,  
Because of everything that lives here,  
and much more...

Let's save our planet,  
Thus we will save ourselves, too.  
Without it - other values are worthless.  
Let's protect our planet,  
The future of humanity; the world.  
Everyone is equally entitled to it,  
To keep it alive and call it a "mother".

## Just A Kid

To the children,  
The world is marvelous,  
A lot can be done there,  
A smile is enough,  
A hand provided,  
Sadness in the eye without saying a word is seen.

Everything is beautiful in its own way,  
Life has its own charm,  
It can understand us all,  
And forgive a lie.

In this world,  
Happiness reigns,  
The flower lures the sleeping bee,  
Each petal is dear to it,  
And the clown in a funny suit.

Magical are the words of love,  
That gently crash the mistakes,  
And the mere expanse of a child's soul.

The world of the child is wonderful,  
It can be complex,  
And interesting in its own way every day,  
A priceless contribution to this is the children's fate.

Only a child can enjoy that world,  
Makes it beautiful by its presence,  
Because the magic of this world is imagination,  
And an inexhaustible genuine love.

## ZA SREĆNO Detinjstvo

Za srećno detinjstvo samo malo treba  
velika ljubav roditelja,  
mesto ispod plavog neba...  
Zagrljaj utehe, podstrek za ostvarivanje želja  
uvo za tajne, podrška prijatelja.  
Ona posebna priča koju zna samo baka  
dosetka i šala dede, prilikom rešavanja zadatka...  
Toplina ognjišta koja duši nesebično prija,  
kućni ljubimac i cela familija.  
Jer dečja je sreća poput leptira,  
okrilje porodice je mesto gde se uživa i najlepše sniva...  
Za dečju sreću, potrebno je jako malo,  
a to malo u dve bi reči stalo...  
Ono – Volim te- što svima prija podjednako  
zagrljaj i mnoštvo nežnosti  
za kojim se čežne jako...  
Jer detetu roditeljska ljubav mnogo znači  
uz podršku i sigurnost,  
postaje se sigurniji i jači...

## Čuvajmo Našu Planetu

Čuvajmo našu planetu  
Svetlu budućnost svakom detetu  
Na kojoj će moći srećno da raste  
Da pogledom prati let laste,  
Da kroči na zemlji bez straha  
S optimizmom, bez pretnji i kraha...  
Čuvajmo našu planetu  
Ona je jedini dom celom svetu  
U kojoj se pružaju divne bašte,  
Ostvaruju snovi, čarolije mašte...  
Čuvajmo našu planetu,  
Let leptira na šarenom cvetu,  
Plavi svod i vode plave,  
Livade cvetne, mirisave...  
Čuvajmo planetu, nema nam druge  
Ona predstavlja život za sve ljude,  
Čuvajmo je ko vazduh koji se udiše  
Zbog svega onog što živi,  
i još mnogo toga više...  
Čuvajmo planetu, sa njom sebe  
Bez nje vrednosti druge ništa ne vrede...  
Čuvajmo našu planetu  
budućnost čovečanstvu, svetu,  
svako na nju podjednaka prava ima  
da je čuva, uživa i majkom naziva.

## Samo Dete

Dečiji je svet čudesan  
U njemu se svašta ume,  
Dovoljan je osmeh,  
Pružena ruka,  
Tuga se u oku bez reči razume.  
Sve je lepo na svoj način  
Život ima svoju draž,  
Ume da sve uvaži  
Da oprostí laž.  
U tom svetu sreća vlada  
Cvet mami usnulu pčelu,  
Svaka mu je latica draga  
I klovn u smešnom odelu.  
Čarobne su reči ljubavi  
koje nežno nesporazume ruše,  
Očaravajući je u očima svod plav  
Kao i samo prostranstvo  
dečije duše.  
Dečiji svet je čudesan  
U njemu se može svašta,  
Zanimljiv je na svoj način  
svaki dan,  
neprocenjivi doprinos  
tome je dečija mašta.  
Samo dete može  
uživati u tom svetu  
da ga prisustvom ulepšava,  
jer čarolija toga sveta je mašta  
u neiscrpna ljubav prava...

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## I Cry With Fear

We lived in the remains of ruined buildings  
The people who live here seem to be passing through  
There still city in ruins, sky fill with darkness  
My heart hurts for relief

A chaotic collapse inside myself that I could never  
My heart in ruins, my mind is a mess  
Ascending the steps, to the withered old door,  
Silent weeps of soul at the altar of peace

Resting and muddy from childhood play  
Sunshine is gone, I only see grey  
Most of all oblivious to errors and flaws  
Blood and dirt, there is no shine

Insanity is creeping, at the brink  
Don't know what I was thinking  
No time to mourn, no place for tears  
Burnt and charred past hope

Standing among the ruins of my dreams  
Humanity is gone, replaced with stench  
Honestly, I'm frightened and scared,  
Take care of our children, and so is my will.

## You Come From A Guilt

How should I let guilt consume you?  
You are a darkened soul today?  
The amiable dawn wishing me  
Like to one more solace in the hope this day?  
Or guilt-ridden that why found in the darkest corner of  
thoughts,  
The nightmares that interferes with your expressions  
A false man doesn't let go because you seemed wary!  
My spiritual experience some of my pain for you  
Until I turned you from a guilt,  
Darkened edge of slimy sheet over the purple clouds  
I carve even when blocked out, these are your imaginations  
Cool breeze remorse kicked in that moment, embraces my  
sigh  
A Million fears of losing you dearly,  
Explosion drenches sprang out behind hedges  
No one would want to lose a new tomorrow!

## Dream Of Freedom

Don't get me wrong it's all okay  
Your days are not without a care or your nights  
If it is an unjust law you would abolish,  
Unworried of how to please  
Aimless in freedom the feather flew  
Aloft on a whisper and sigh  
How freedom in this world is light  
For we are an oasis  
Except for displays of fallen grace  
From here, we will rise  
For the sake of our love life  
For all to whom the power's given  
Freedom is a pitiful beauty,  
Ugly as sin, and as right as rain  
Its foundation built on sacrifice  
But this kind of freedom  
We all seem to devalue  
A lonely impulse of delight  
But while freedom is never free,  
Before my helpless sight,  
Fumbling are we still in gloom to untie  
And come to take it from us  
We are free from everything  
Without the formula of sound,  
The pious mastery of song  
With a heart that feels  
All I want is freedom.

Ūmid  
Najjari

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He is the author of "Valley of Birds", "Photo of the Dark" and "On the other Side of the Walls", books of poems, and some translated literary books.

He was awarded the Samad Behrangi Award in 2016. He was awarded the Ali bey Hosseinzadeh Award in 2019.

He is a member of the Union of Azerbaijani Writers (UAW) and the World Young Turkish Writers Union (WYTWU).

## The flag of peace

The breezes come to use from our shadows,  
The butterflies fly from our fingertips,  
The fall was an old neighbor,  
The leaves turned yellow,  
The trees fell down,  
When it left.

It's the season of rain, I write this poem?  
Where the words are "forgotten"  
Everybody a little like Sizief  
We're all dead Gods "as Zoroaster used to say  
Coming closer, the darkness of the alleys vanishes in street  
lights  
The lighted candles turn to torches

Writes somewhere!  
Write that  
The lie poems of the world come true in your writing  
Let me say  
I let open the widows of tomorrows  
I believe that the sun shall rise from your hands

Let me say  
And know that  
Foggy days will come from music notes to the beauty  
alleys of the city  
When I call you the dreams of the kingfishers vanishes in  
signals of the ships  
You tell the soldiers with your glances  
You say that  
Nobody fires the sky  
White clouds are the Peace flags of the skies

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How the soldiers can know? How the politicians?  
The shoeless child in war scenes  
Calls her mom before calling God  
Tell her  
Many things are untold in this poem  
When my heart pulses, the untold words pain there  
It's the season of rains, I write this poem:  
There is a path of one word from us to you.  
In our world  
Wordlessness kills more than thirst

## In the atmosphere of loneliness

I'm so silent ...  
Like the air after the rain  
Breathed me like air in your longs  
And left me to others  
I was vanished in the atmosphere of loneliness like air  
I'm so silent ...  
The blood doesn't run in hear  
The eyes don't intend to see  
Your silence is like a glass of wine  
Drinking it, the destiny of human sulks  
Sulking dashes the hopes in dreams  
Your silence is speechlessness  
The life runs in the deaf ears of Beethoven  
The Piano vanishes in in your fingers  
The notes freeze in symphony  
Do...  
Re...  
Sol...  
Yeah, your silence steps in my left side  
You speak in my left side, step by step  
The bucket of dreams are tensioned  
The sun turns to cancer on the tomorrows' forehead  
Leaving seems easy,  
I can vanish  
I can go to front of the silence for dying  
Just be silent for a verse  
Only for one word ...

## It's called heart

Call my eyes from your eyes  
Telegram me from your hands  
Rain your glances on my thirsty ceiling  
Rain and rain on my lonely villages  
I call you from the blueness of the seas  
From the loneliness of lonely rooms  
Come, ...  
There is only one step from night to the day  
Just forget the past  
Forget your hands in my hands  
Leave yourself here and forget yourself  
There is only one breath away from today to tomorrow  
Close your eyes in my eyes, just  
Pour your voice to my throat  
The candles are human fingers in darkness  
They light the lonely rooms like human body  
The name of the camera in twenty first century  
Is collapse  
Stand up please,  
Be silent for one minute!  
There is a martyr in me, called the Heart  
There is a plain of cotton, called the Homeland,  
The fish get tired in my body for anxiety  
A river runs in my vessels called Excitement  
The balconies are the Feast of Opposition here  
Hang up please,  
If you call the depression  
You'll never hear anybody  
My ways to you are blocked  
There's red light on crosses to you  
I rest on you  
I wait for you

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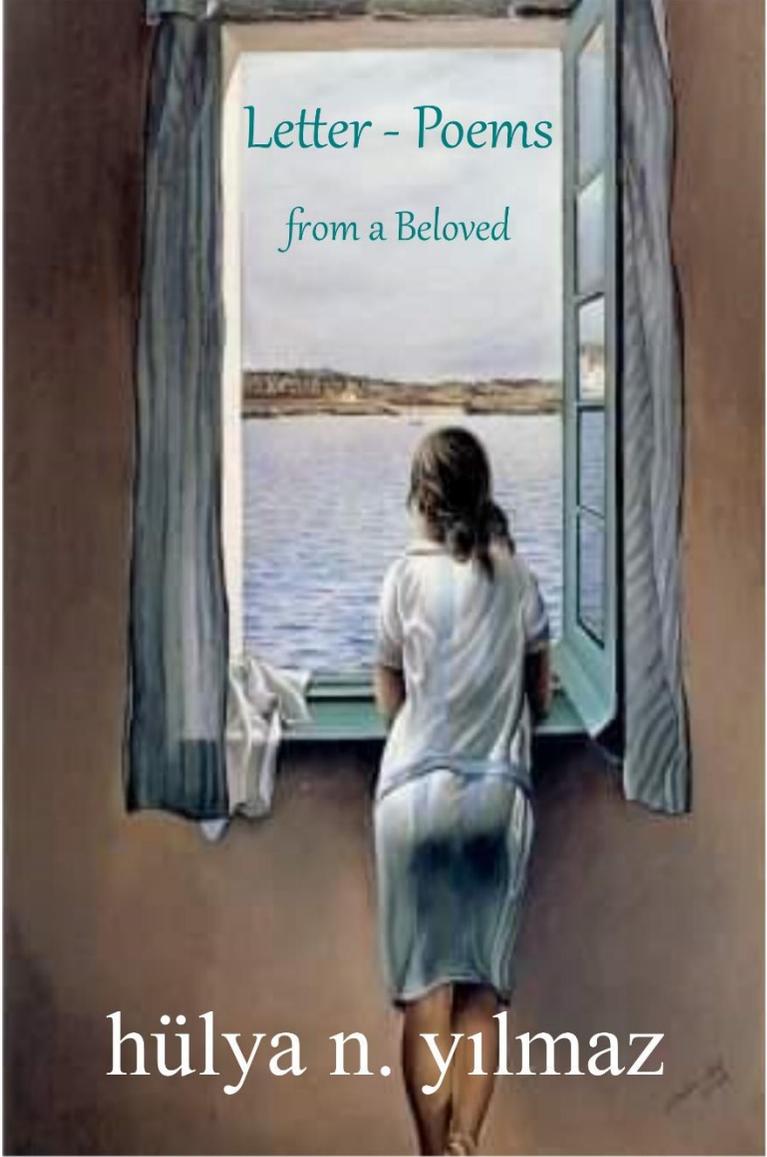
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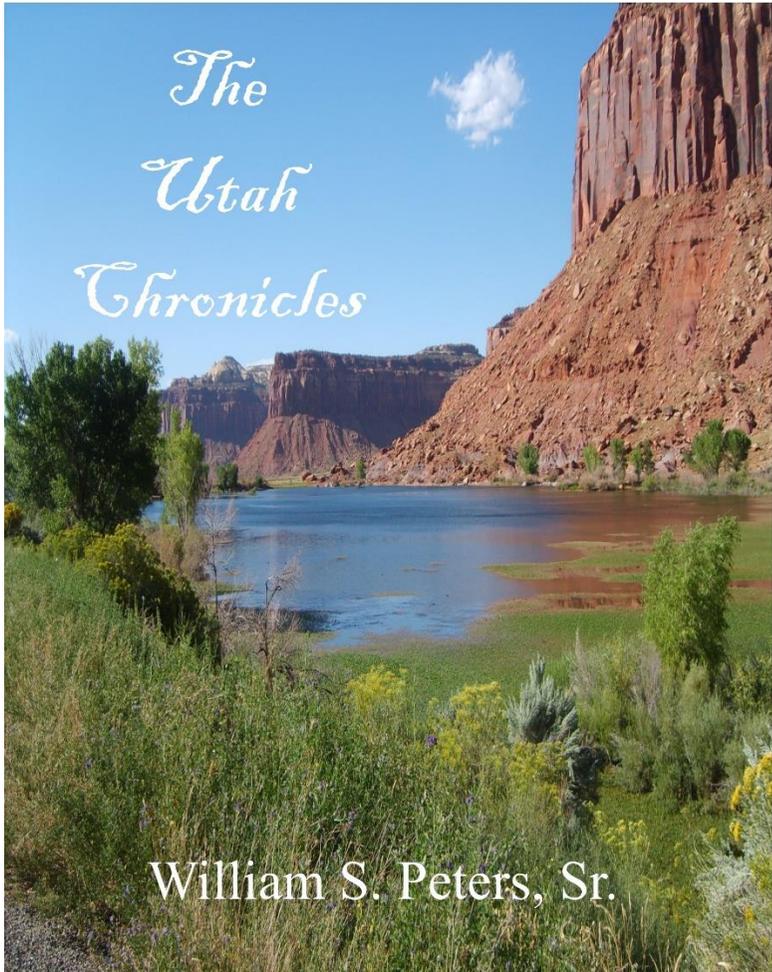
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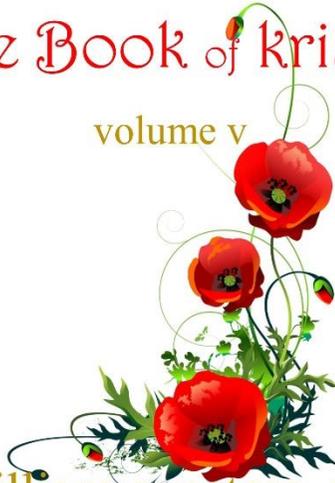
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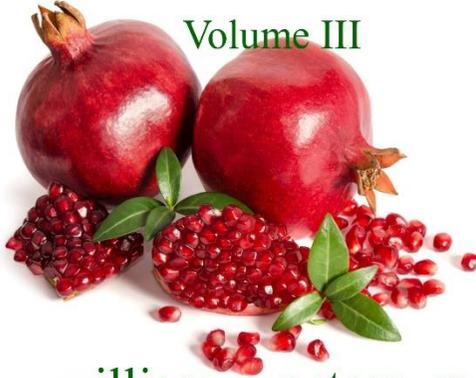
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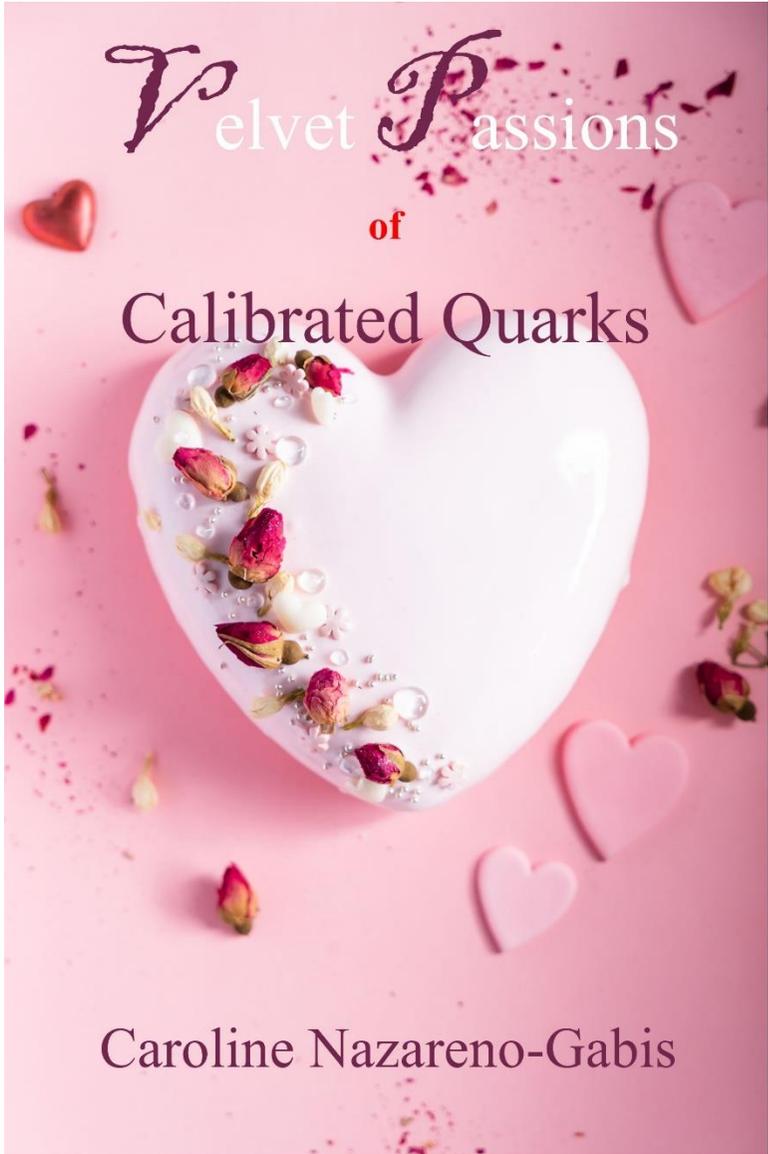


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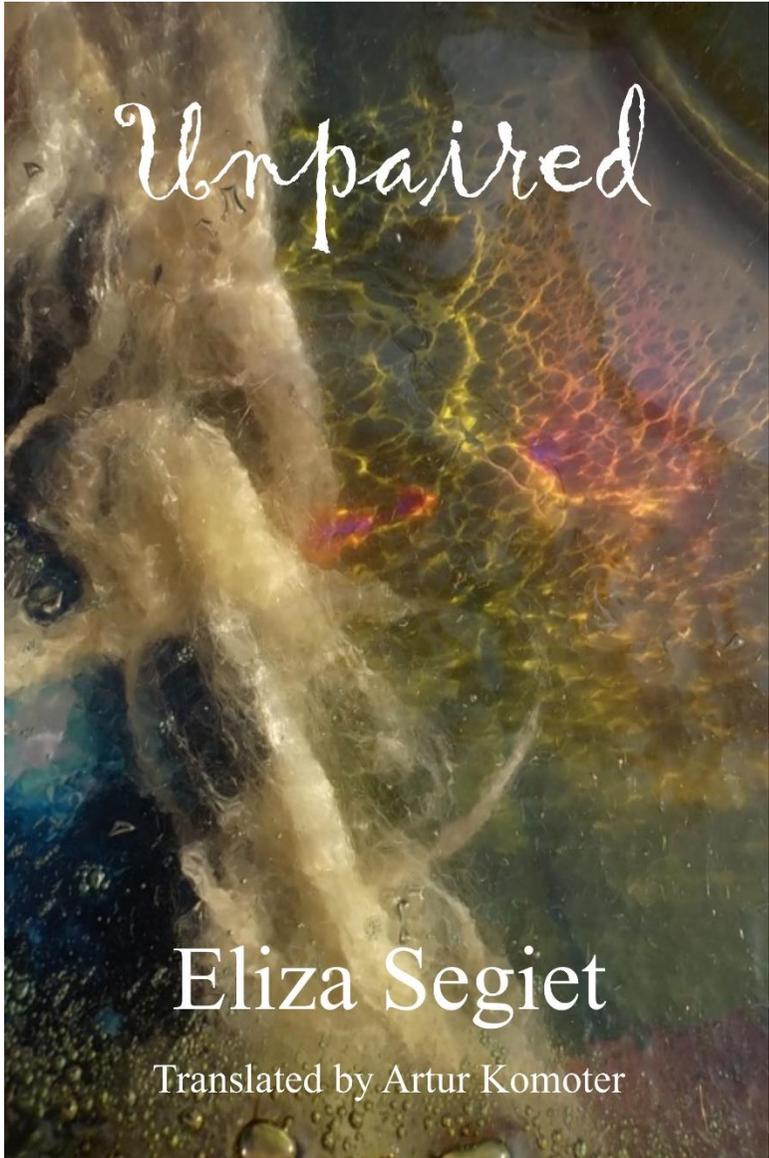
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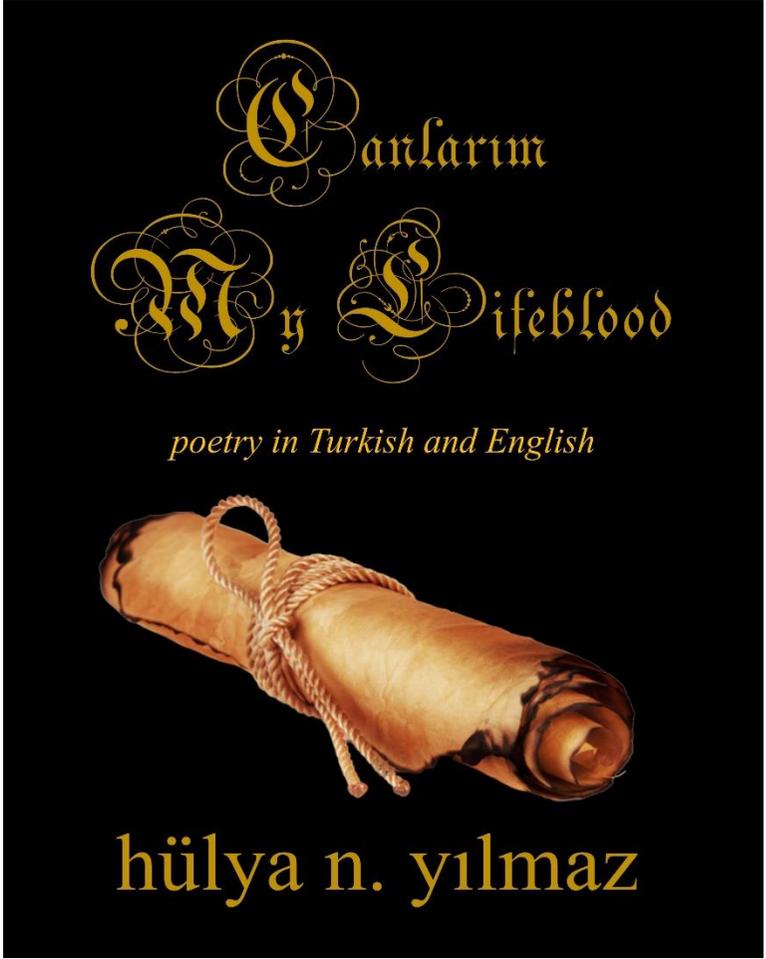
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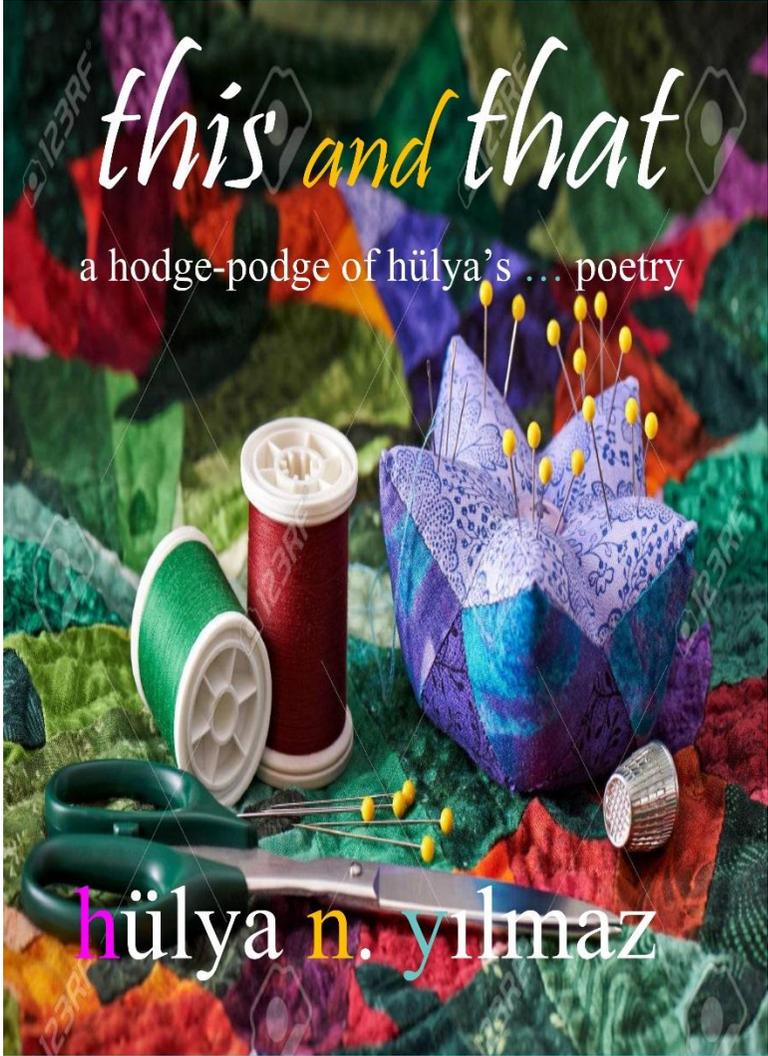
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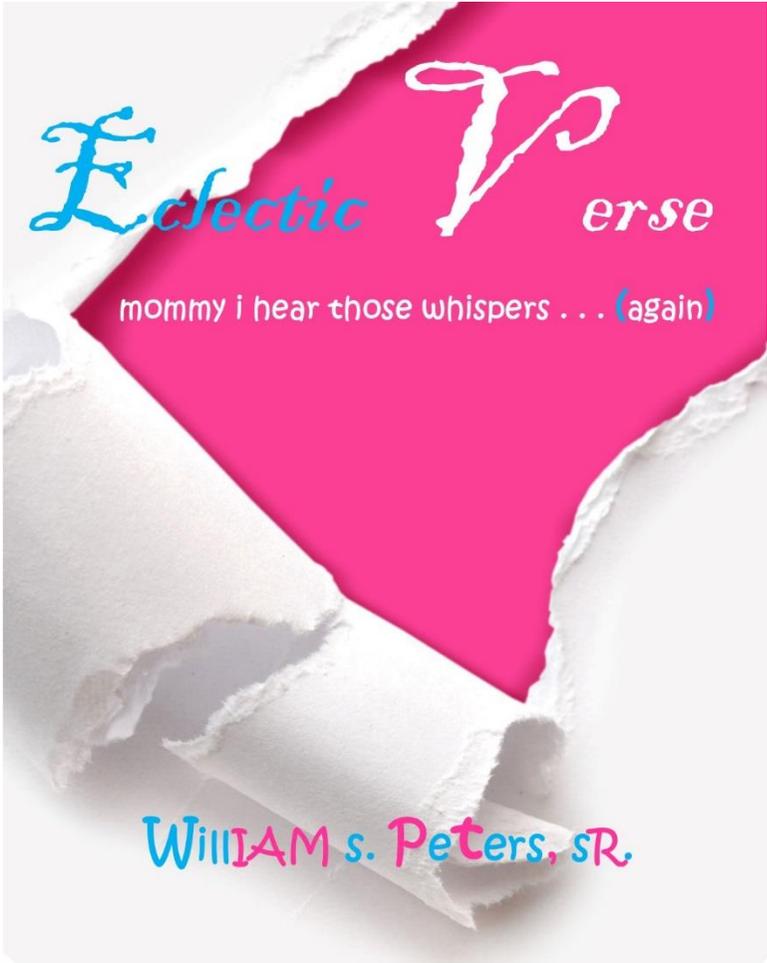
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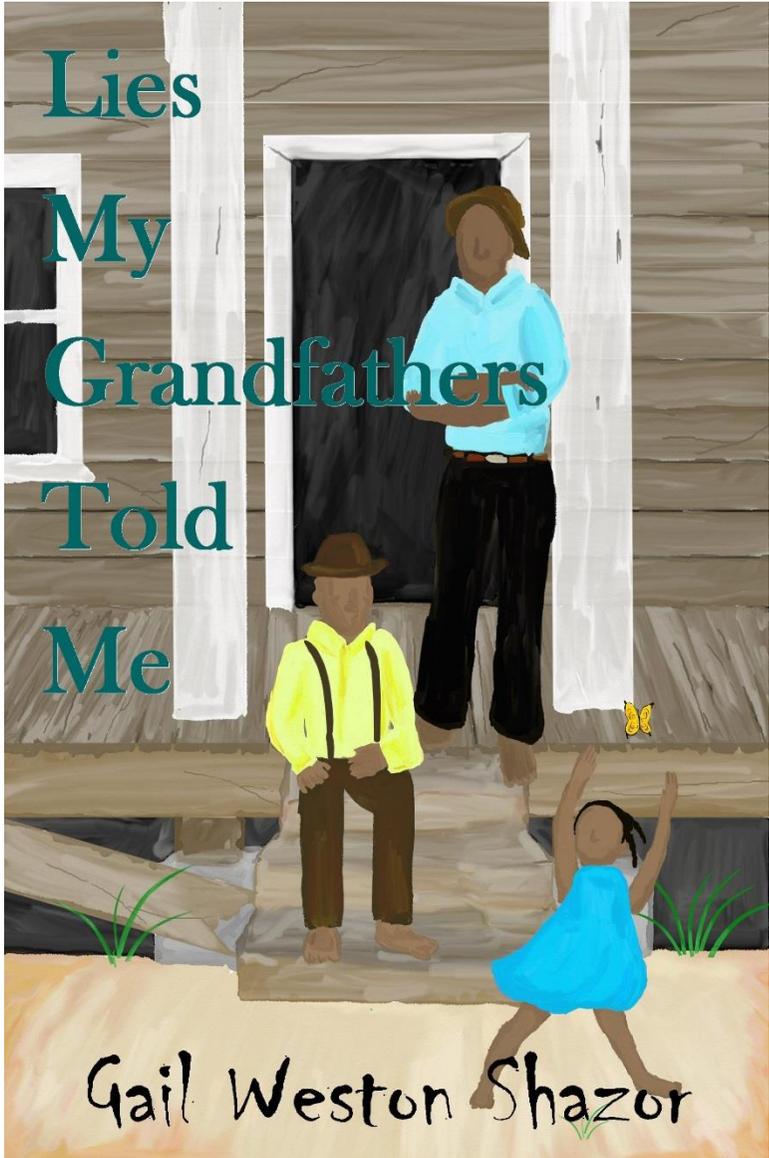
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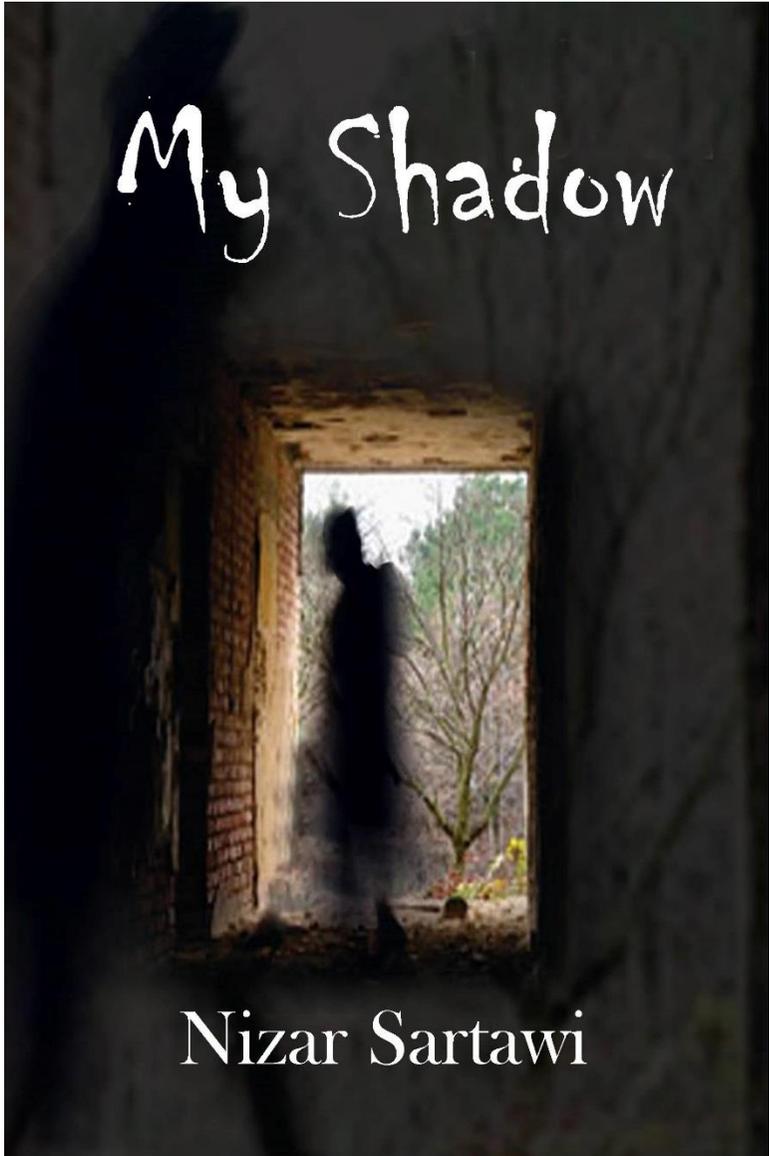


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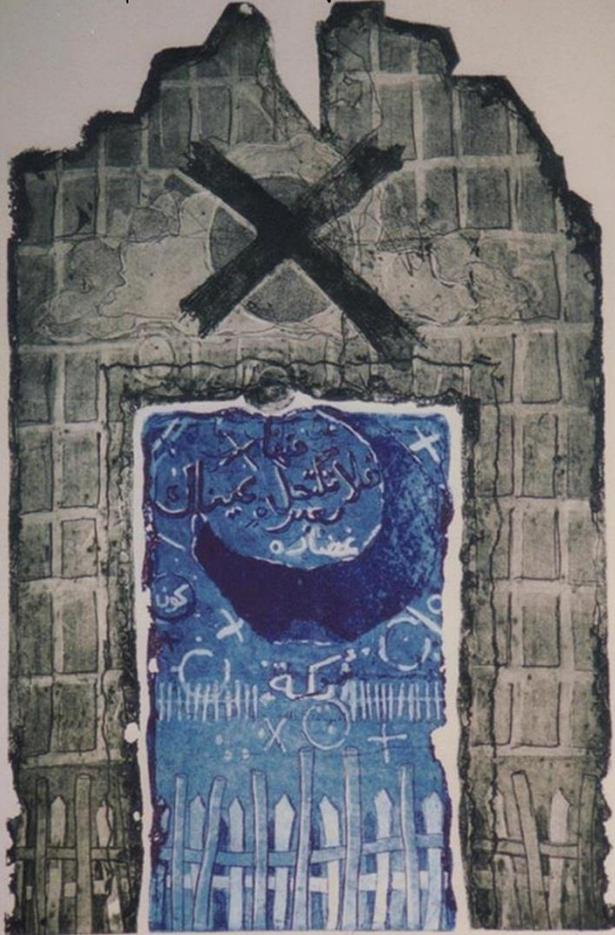
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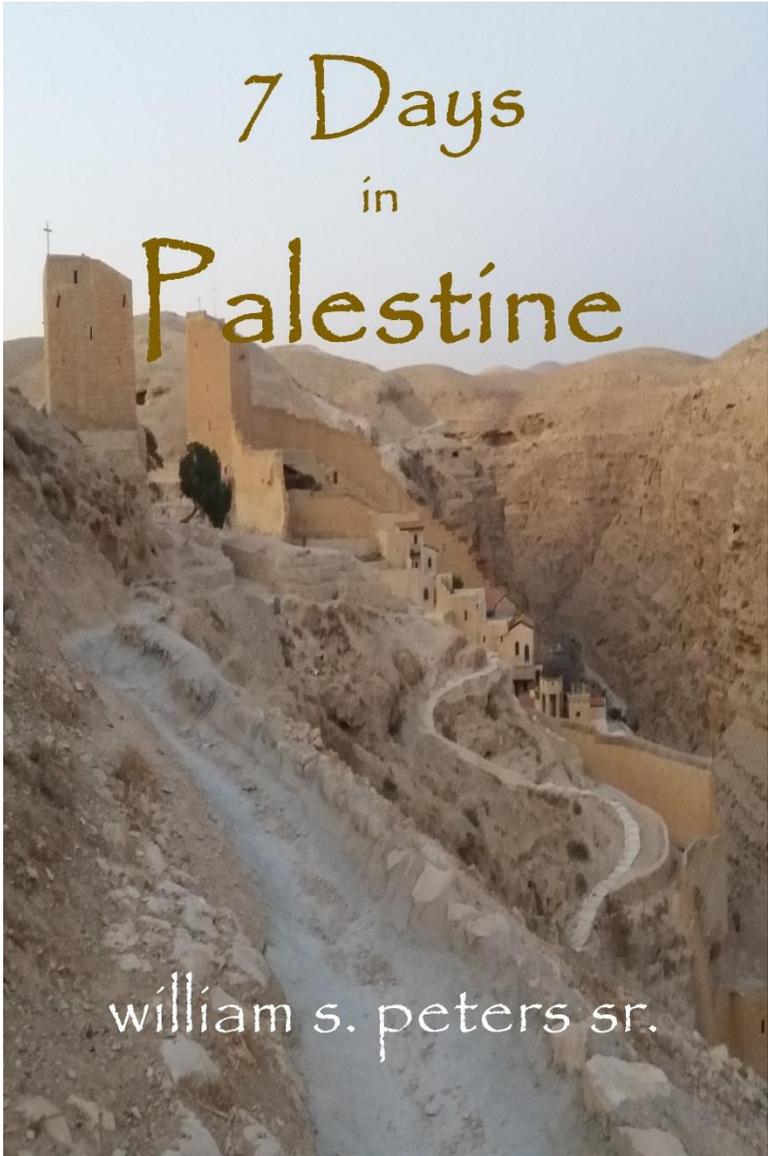
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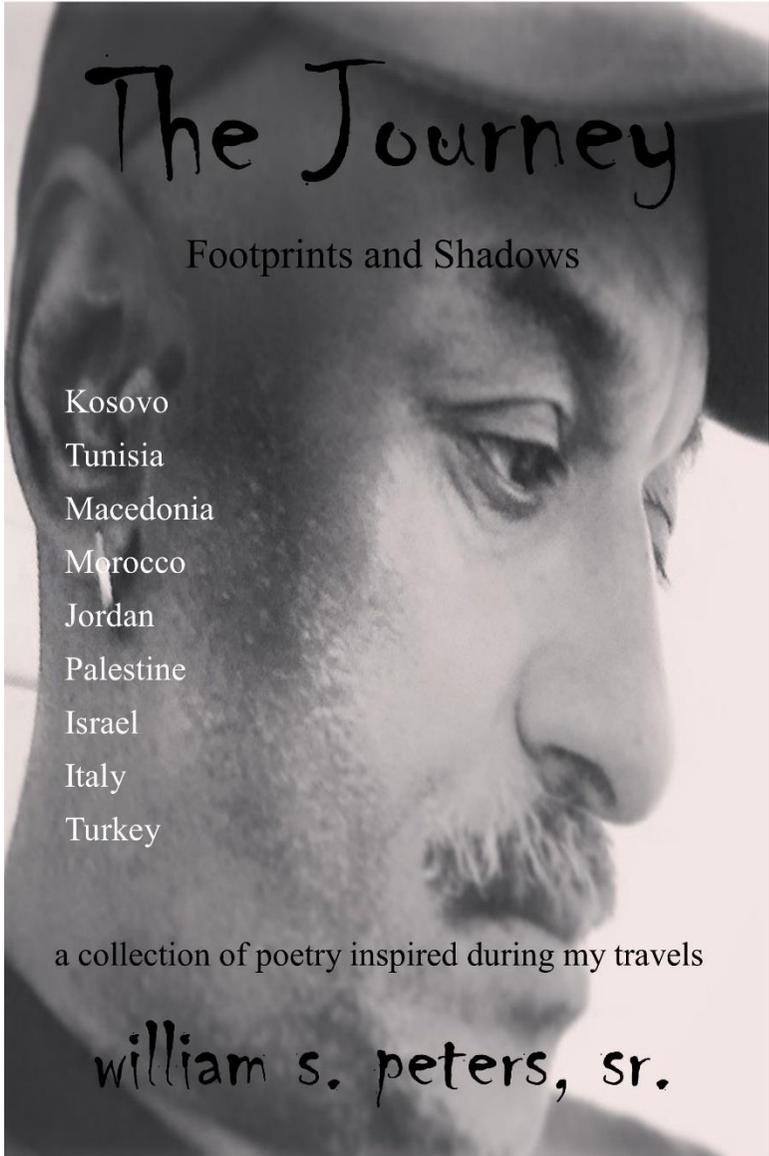
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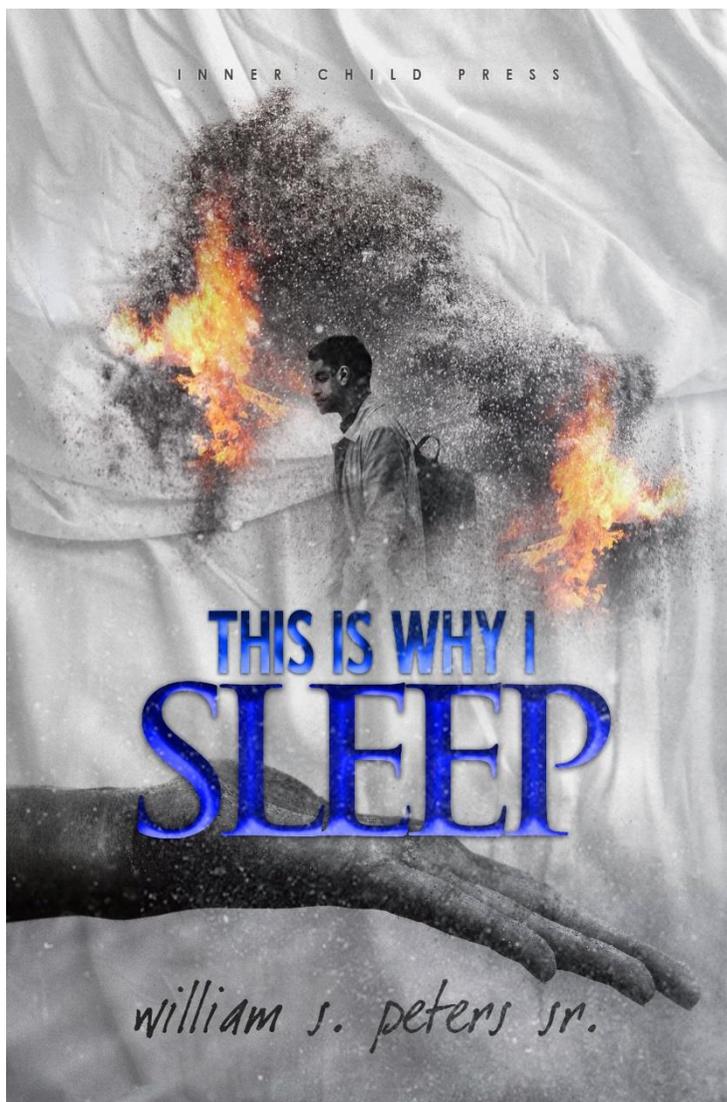
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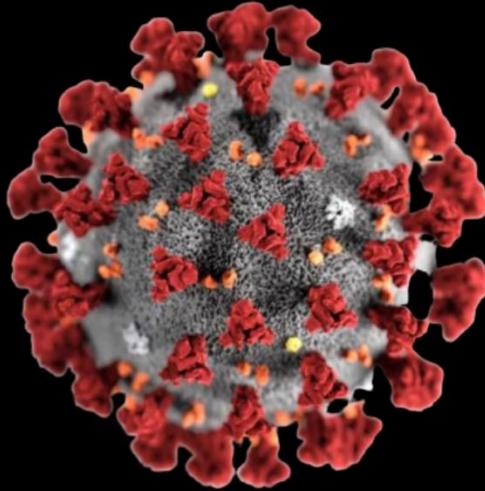
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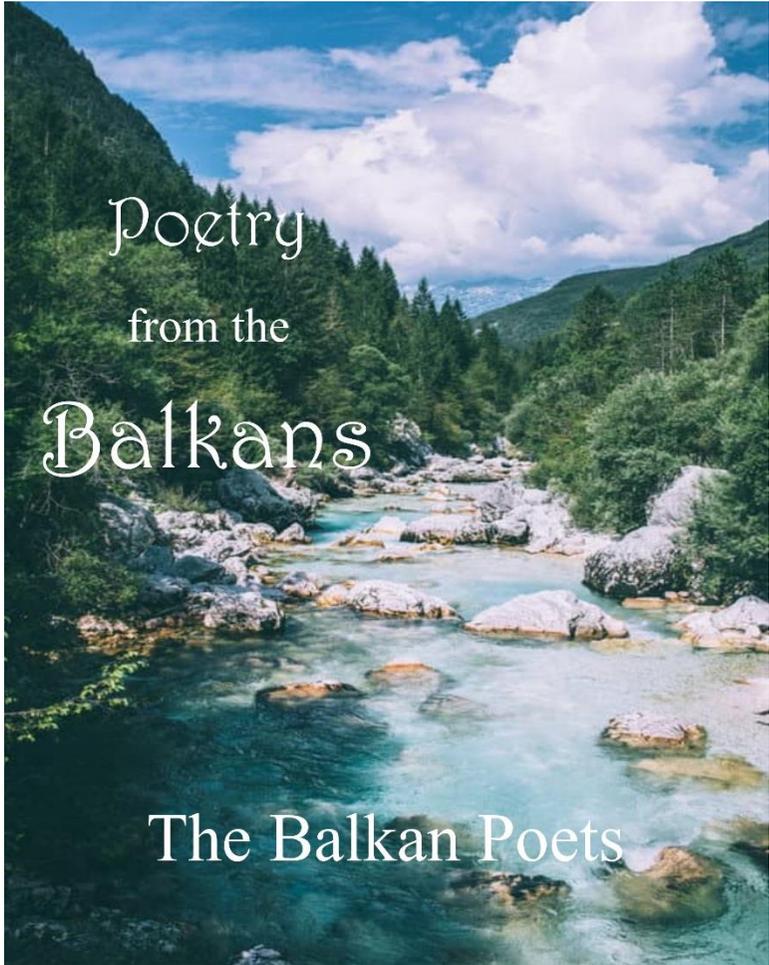


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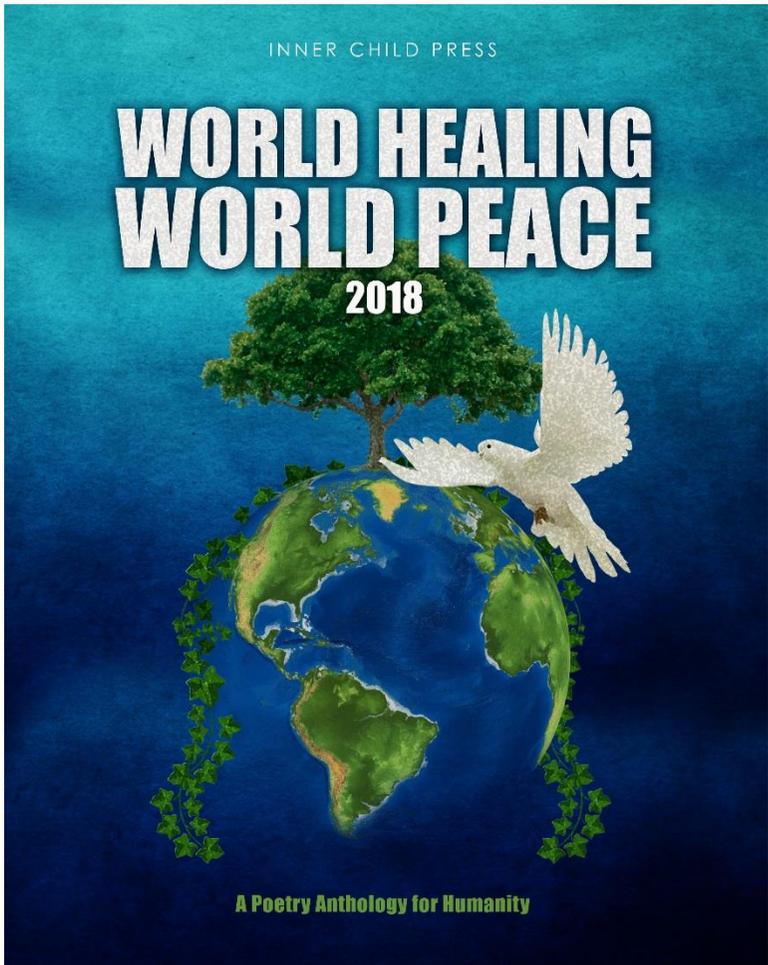
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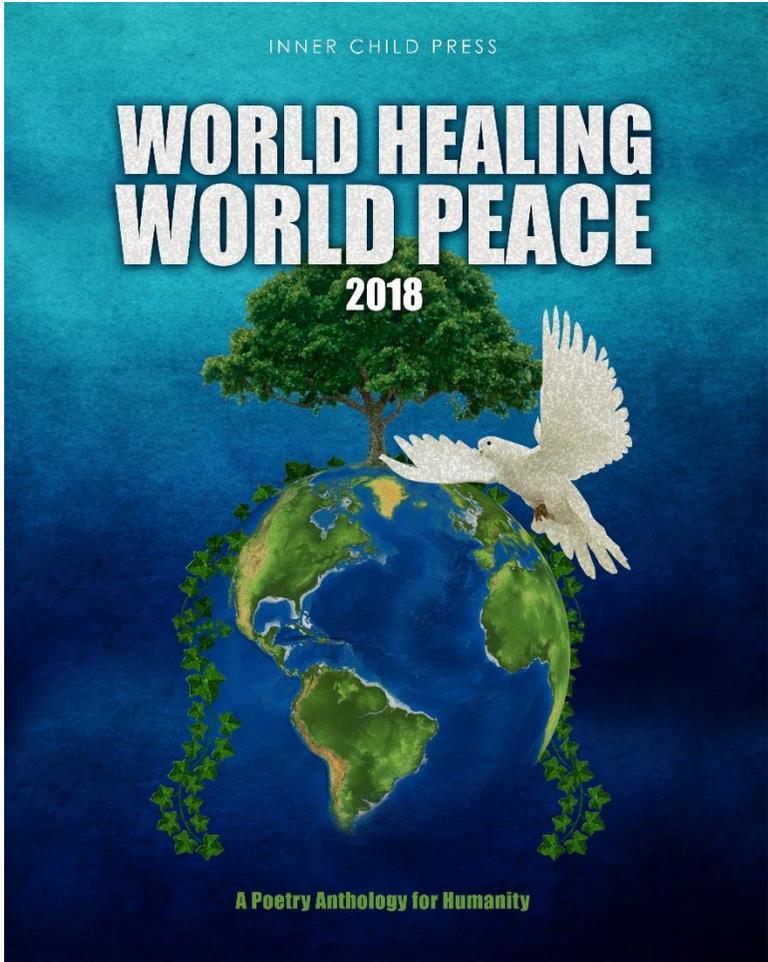


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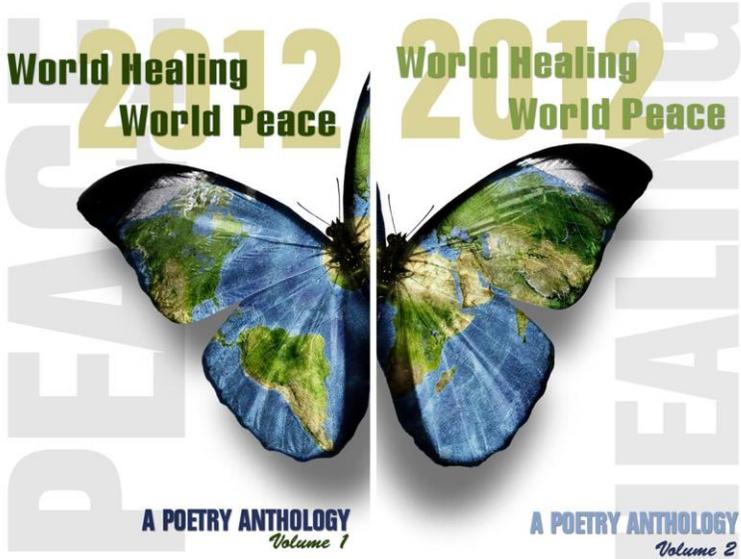
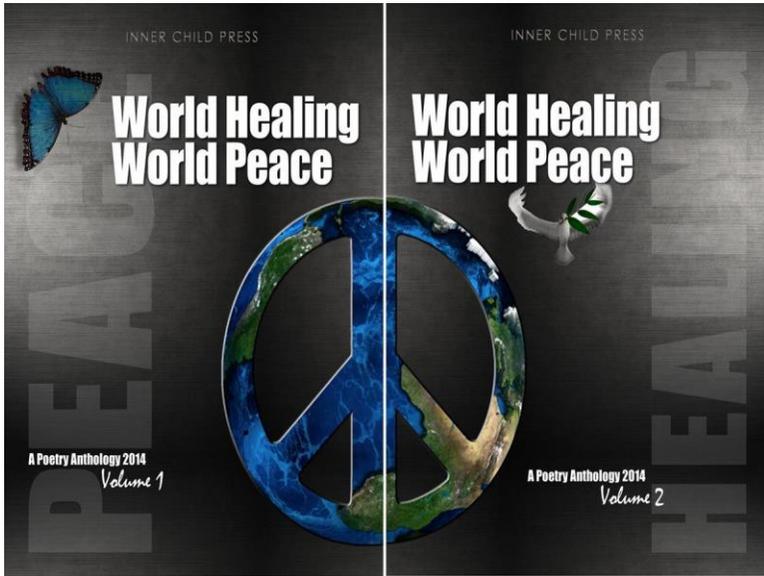
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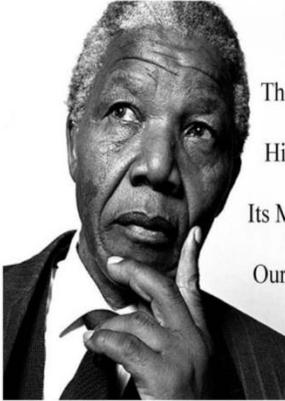
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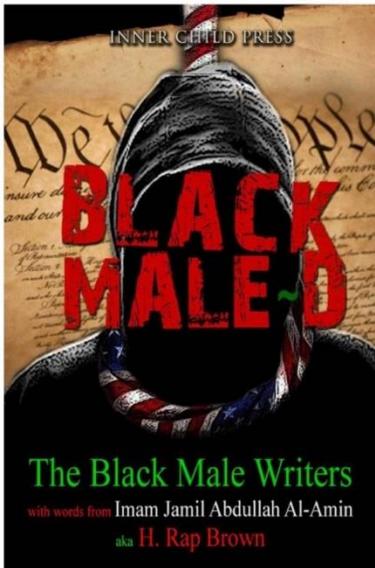
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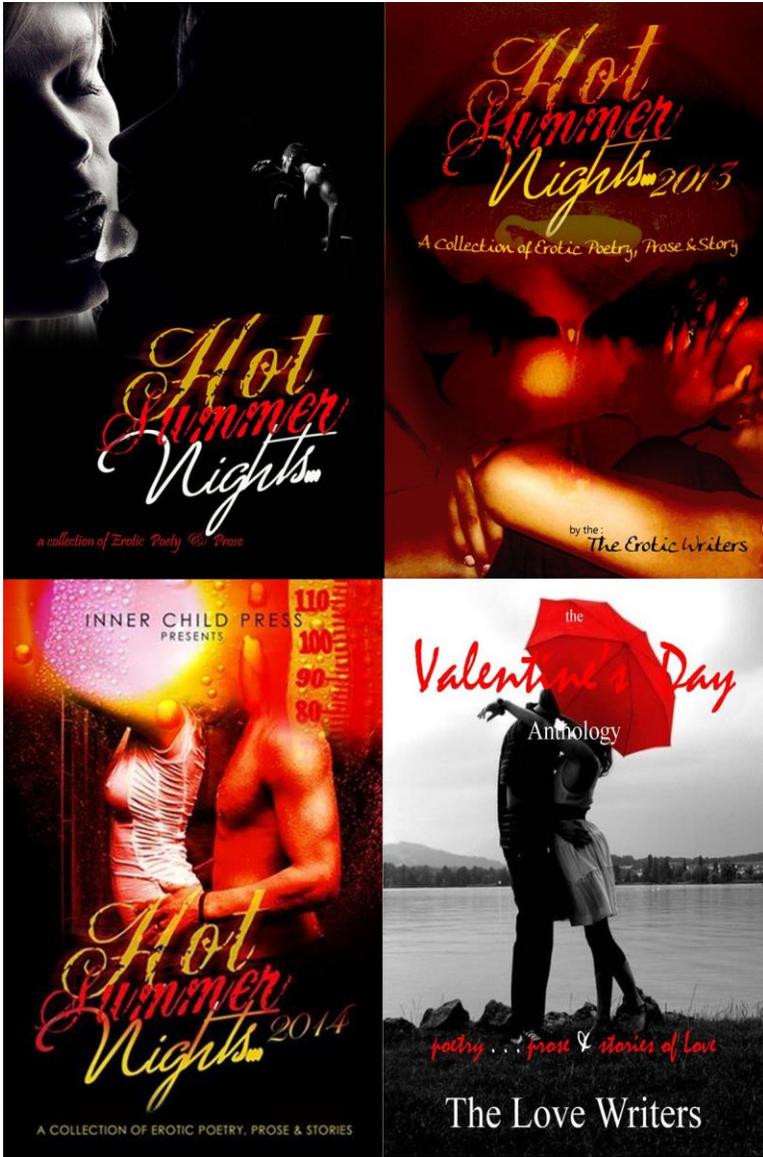


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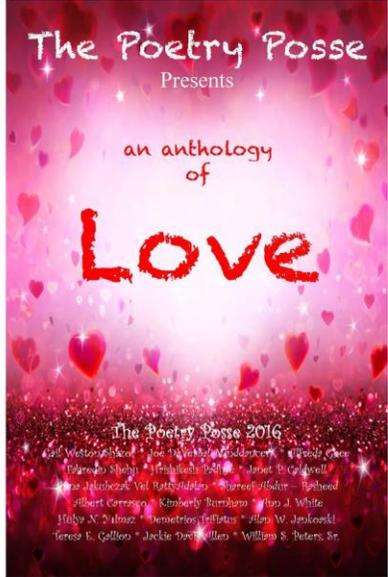
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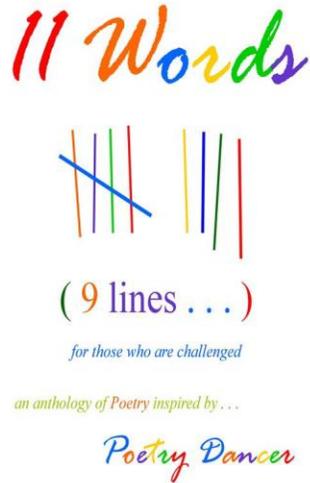
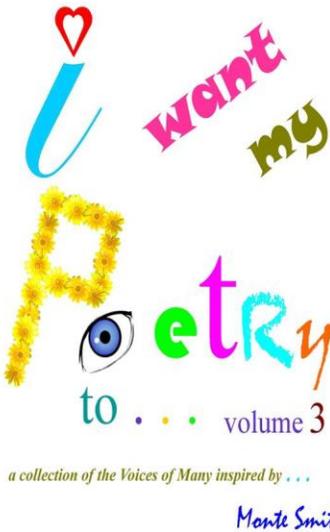
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Robert Gibbons  
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**Our April Featured Poets**  
Fahredin Shehu  
Martina Reisz Newberry  
Justin Blackburn  
Monte Smith

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

**Lily of the Valley**

**Dedicated To our Children**

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddantha Beth Pearce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
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June 2014

**Love & Relationship**

**Rose**

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

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July 2014

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

**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**

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

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September 2014

Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Garden of September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

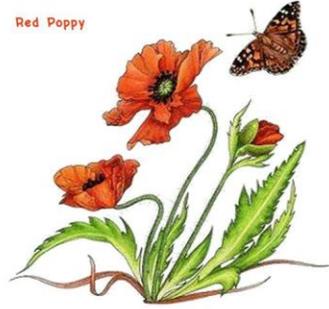
The Poetly Pass

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October 2014

Red Poppy



The Poetly Pass

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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

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November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Pass

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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mosman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiett

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014



Narcissus

The Poetly Pass

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 Gail Weston Shazor  
 Albert In'Writie Carrasco  
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**Garnet**

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

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February 2015



**Amethyst**

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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima • Bob McNeil • Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

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

**Bloodstone**



**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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April 2015

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



**Diamonds**

**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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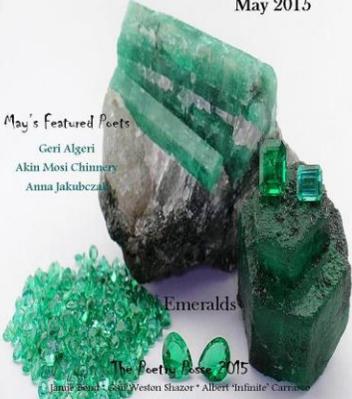
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May 2015

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



Emeralds

The Poetry Posse 2015  
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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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June's Featured Poets  
Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



### The Poetry Posse 2015

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



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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalaszc  
Christopher Schultz



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### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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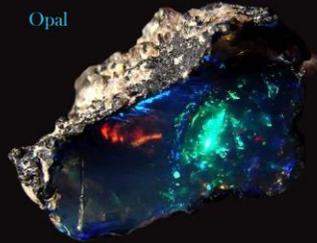
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October 2015

### Featured Poets

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

Opal



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November 2015



Topaz

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore

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December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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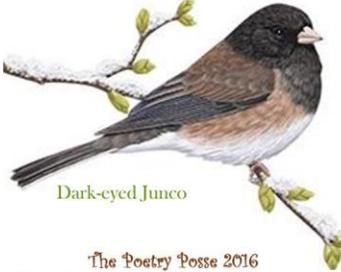
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

### The Poetry Posse 2016

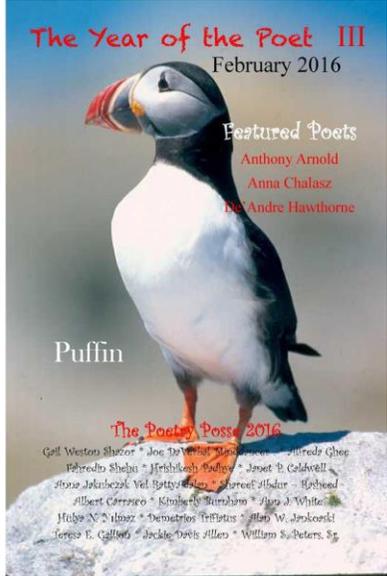
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

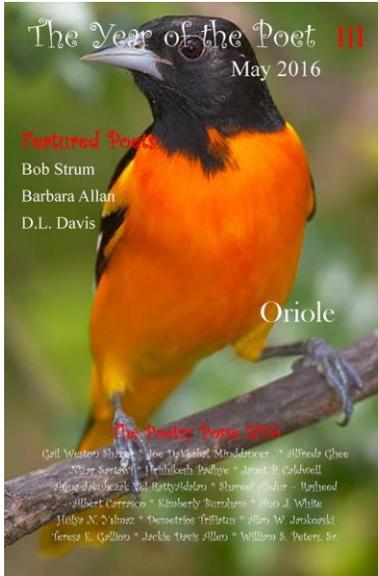
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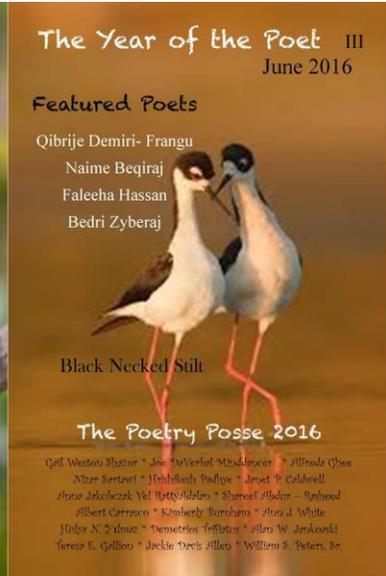


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**Featured Poets**  
Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

**Oriole**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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Nizar Sattari \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Alan J. White  
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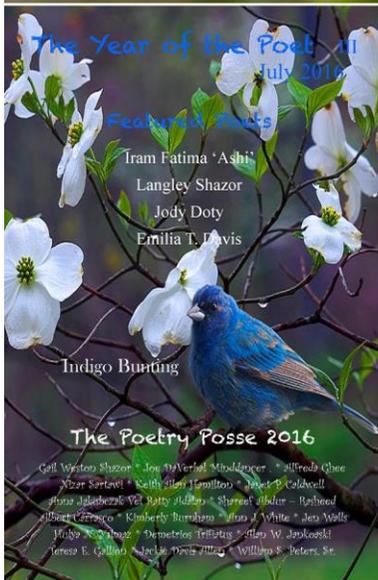


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June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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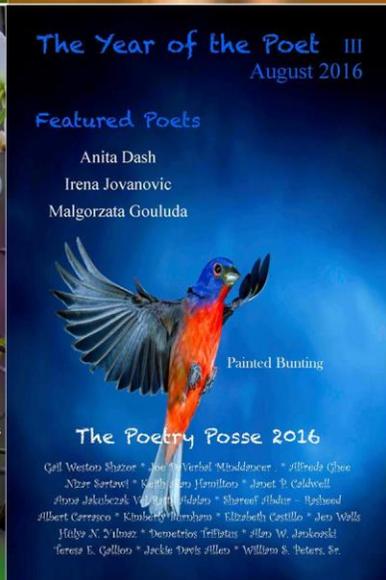


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July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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**Featured Poets**

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Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novicio



Long Billed Curlew

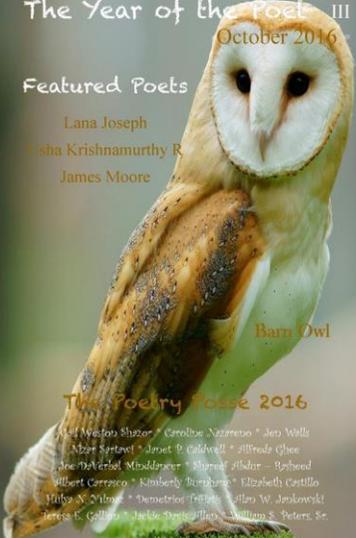
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October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Tasha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

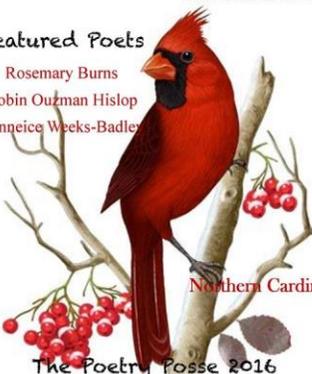
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal

**The Poetry Posse 2016**

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

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

**The Poetry Posse 2016**

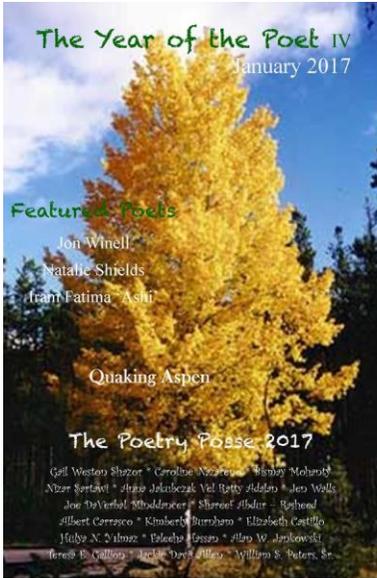
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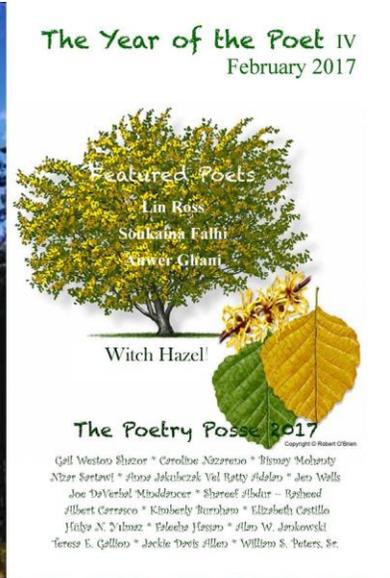


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nizar Sartawi \* Ahsan Jaleelzai Val Betty Siddala \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerlato Miodanocer \* Shireef Siddiqi \* Bahad  
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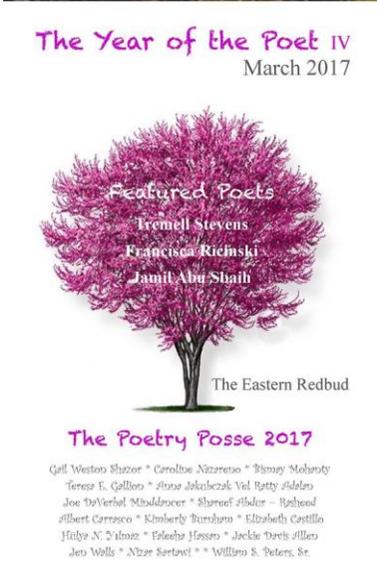


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sohkaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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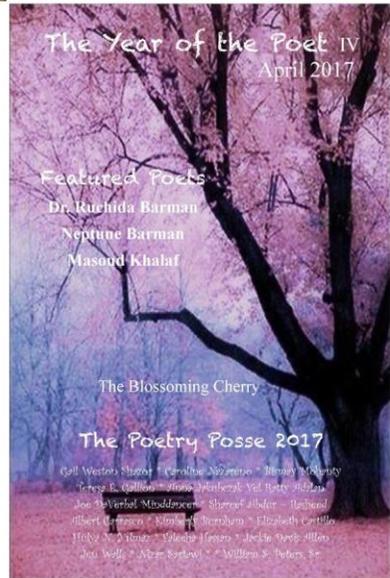


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Joe DeVerlato Miodanocer \* Shireef Siddiqi \* Bahad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Julie N. D'Amaz \* Faleha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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April 2017



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Joe DeVirello Mbadonze \* Shareef Siddiqi \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilmy N. Vilhaz \* Faleha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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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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Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Betty Siddals  
Joe DeVirello Mbadonze \* Shareef Siddiqi \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

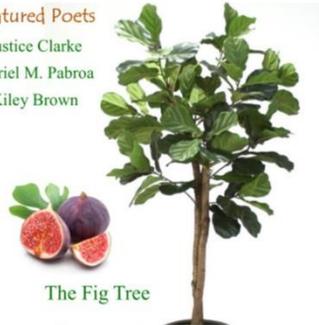
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Acry

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

Dominican  
Republic  
Haiti  
Puerto Rico

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzuki Ito  
Suzanne Belcher  
Nathan Dean  
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Zahly Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Laudia Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

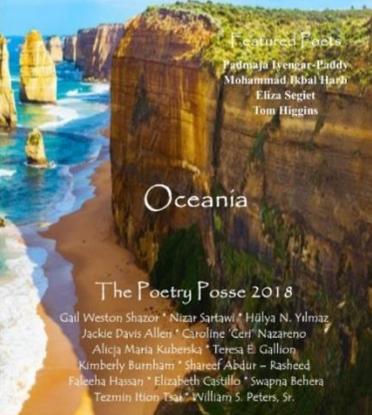


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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

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

Oceania



The Poetry Posse 2018  
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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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sattawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Cerf' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Cerf' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

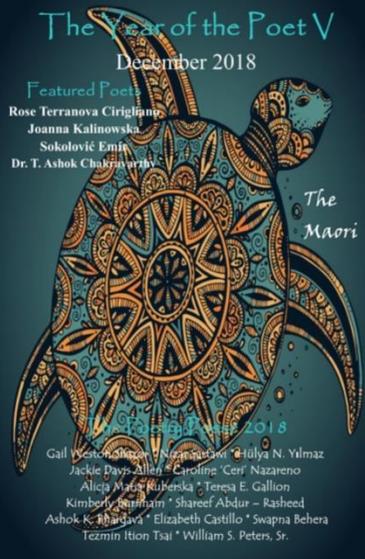
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



The  
Maori

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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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

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paine  
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### Featured Poets

Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

June 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Arctic Circumpolar

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

July 2019

### Featured Poets

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

### The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

August 2019

### Featured Poets

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



### Southwest Asia

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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Elena Liliana Popescu \* Gobinda Biswas  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



**The Caucasus**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019

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



**The Mile Valley**

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

**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Simriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**

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

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujana Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efichis



**Oceania**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



The Year of Peace

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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

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