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# Dedication

We dedicate this volume of poetic consciousness to all the souls who are in need of a love healing, and to those that service others, themselves and our world with love.

All about the Love Baby.

A world without love,  
Is a world without !  
~ krisar

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# Foreword

In Greek mythology, we can find a story about the creation of the world. According to old beliefs, from Chaos (“Non-existence”) emerged Ouranos (“Heaven”), Gaia (“the Earth”) and Eros (“Love”), and life on our planet was initiated by a small god with a bow and arrows. The deep wisdom of the ancients is hidden in this beautiful story. Our world exists thanks to the phenomenon of love, and its lack gives results in wars and destruction. It has different faces – it can be a great feeling between a woman and a man, parental love or grandparents' love for grandchildren. In my opinion, this feeling also functions in the world of animals. What is the feeling of a dog to a man when it sacrifices its live to save human? Love is a phenomenon and good energy, which we meet every day. Some people say that every person in love becomes a poet and probably in this statement there is a grain of the truth. Everybody knows the words of this popular song: "Love is all we need, all we need is love." After a deeper reflection, we must admit that the writer is right.

Love lives permanently in the words of songs and poetry. We can find it starting from ancient times (both, in secular and religious works) in the literature of Sumer, Egypt or China. Until today, many wonderful stories about love were created. The greatest poets of all time wrote about it. Let me quote one of Shakespeare's sonnets, Sonnet 18, which is considered among the most romantic poems ever written. Shakespeare was the bard who kickstarted the modern love poetry movement with his collection of 154 love sonnets. You can still hear many of these on Valentine's Day and in marriage ceremonies today:

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:

Rough winds to shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;  
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:  
    So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
    So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Is there a more beautiful feeling than love? Someone can say this subject is "well-worn" in poetry. Maybe, the most beautiful love poems have not been written yet . . . I believe in it and I am always happy to read poems devoted to this subject.

This feeling is sparkling in the sun like precious jewels. It has different colors and shades. It changes in time and space. You will find this diversity in this anthology, and maybe in this book you will find a story about your love . . .

**Alicja Kuberska**

**Cultural Ambassador ~ Poland  
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# Preface

Every once in a while, you get the chance to actually witness a dream, a thought, a vision of what we consider a far away land. It is only in that moment that we realize that what once seemed far away is right next door. Our community of poets is always within hearts reach, if we dare open up to see each other.

This anthology is one such opportunity. Do not be afraid of the languages or the different cadences and syntax. Our dreams and visions for our lives are the same. Love rings true. Love of our homes. Love of our people. Love of the hopes for our lives. Love for the very ground upon which we stand. We are more same than different.

Listen closely. This is what you must hear. Our hearts beat the same.

I am moved and my wish is that you are also. The honesty of the poetic prowess is much to bear witness to. The translations are for my benefit and I am greatfilled for them. As Chancellor Gorkin states in *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country* "You have not experienced Shakespeare until you have read him in the original Klingon." I look forward to knowing more of the voices as they are meant to be heard as well.

Gail Weston Shazor

Poet, Writer

Director of Anthologies

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I love you . . .  
Now it is time,  
For you to do the same . . .  
Love you !  
~ krisar

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# Eliza Segiet

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

Poland

## Sunflowers

In the head was born a garden,  
which still awaits for the smell.  
What a beautiful one,  
flowered in a harmony of colours.  
Behind the enchanted gate,  
open to sensation  
stand  
two drooping heads  
of ripe sunflowers.  
Bowing down likely  
to love drifting in the distance.  
The wind  
shut the enchanted gates,  
feeling insufficient.  
It knew  
that the garden can be made up,  
and love  
has to be felt.

## easel

If you  
kept me forever  
in the clouds of pastels.  
My body would seduce  
with the smell of memories.

I would have dreamed  
on the stone wall,  
on the canvas.  
I want to, on an easel,  
invite to my sleep.

If you  
kept me forever  
in the smell of print.

Or maybe,  
just keep me in the heart.

I know,  
you won't do that, because it died.

And I,  
my Abelard,  
am still headed for the love.

## How to Confess

Every day,  
unrestrained thoughts  
execrated the fate.

Sentenced to silence,  
locked in the speechless abyss,  
he learned the world  
– by looking.

Not everyone understood  
his tongue,  
he, from lip movement,  
understood a lot.

But he never understood  
how in darkness  
to confess  
– love.

hülya  
n.  
yılmaz

U.S.A.

## late love: perfection!

i admit  
i allowed to submit  
my original self to Ego  
as if i myself had not traveled  
on a long-ago colorful-enough past  
before the two of us discovered our essence

at first . . .  
no, not true  
actually, for a long while  
heavy doubts showered me  
not letting my authentic-me be  
you know, those self-sabotaging "what ifs"

but then . . .  
i remembered to look in the mirror  
my meant-to-be spirit gave me a broad smile  
that inner-child we all house deep inside at the core  
of our gifted beings even started to giggle in abundance  
and spoke to me in a most enchanting, soothing love-voice

what is it that you fear to lose?  
have you not dwelled in the past enough,  
drowning your self in trials and tribulations  
amid the conflicts of the heart, soul, body  
and mind? do you not see the garden  
of possibilities, probabilities on the  
ledge of your soul's windows,  
kept tightly shut since  
so that no one could  
sorrow your psyche  
anymore?

i remembered to look in the mirror . . .  
and i saw perfection in our image

# Monsif Beroual

Morocco

## My Holy Muse

Our life is like a song  
Writing by gold  
In every word  
Filled of joy  
We are in love  
Like spring's season  
Fully of beauty.  
She is my muse  
The ink of love fills my heart  
Word after word  
Made by gold  
Carried by wind  
Whispers in my ears  
Rock my heart  
Shaking my soul  
Burns, burns, with the fire of love  
Burning us  
Dancing under the moon's light  
Reaching the skies  
The seven skies  
There's no limit  
For our love  
Is infinity love  
As the space and time  
Endless  
Cause she is  
My holy muse  
My living poem  
And my heaven gift.

Kimberly  
Burnham

U.S.A.

## What I Wish for You

*by Kimberly Burnham*

Love  
my love  
from the children  
and family  
the love of good friends  
true and insightful

Respect  
engaged community  
colleagues and friends  
lots of wins  
in tennis and life

Interesting work  
challenging enough  
accolades and respect  
together I wish for us  
my love  
love

Tzemin

Ition

Tsai

Taiwan

## That Pink Clouds Always Like to Follow Us

Sunset leads dusk. In the small alley  
All turned into long oblique shadows  
We get rely on so close  
Do not try to eavesdrop on, the road with the pink clouds  
Fireflies seem so mysterious under the shade  
Bypassing the backyard, Magnolia higher than the wall  
Aroma of the flowers hastily proclaim the advent of night  
Our two-hand more tightly  
Let the little yellow mud road, only suit to walk slowly

The memories still fresh laughs loudly and scared  
Maniac informal bouncing and vivacious still in sight  
Watching you, Awoke  
This winding road, with over thirty years of effort  
Day by day, Step by step  
Was printed on yellow mud, how many pebbles  
Near the thin soil, Oxalis flower still sneaking around  
What happened?  
When your hair black and white mixed but so clear?  
Gently stroking, hanging forehead hair  
Both distressed and pleased  
Fortunately, your eyebrows did not follow into white

Small ditches less than half a foot  
At the bottom of the path  
Missed my footing, how you get giggled so mischievous  
Just Like you were in youth  
Implying, Pink clouds deliberately teasing the memory box  
In the past, Maniac uninhibited dance  
Now you and I both need a hand gently hold

Return on, The Magnolia also sneaking around waiting  
Silence like a fairy  
Pick them off one, hanging on your hair  
You finally shy in silence  
But more than this floral scent

To be able to stop the night  
To take you away from quietly  
Please moon to illuminate the path home  
But  
I can't find the slightest drowsiness

~

True love can only be found  
In the heart of a 'true lover'.

~ krisar

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

Poland

## The Next Chance

Carmine roses bloom in the midst of winter,  
Drowsy violets peak from under leaves  
And daisies stand white in the grass.  
The sun heats the earth  
And brightens short days with a warm glow.

I notice a tenderly embraced couple in a park.  
Gracious fate gives them one more chance  
For an unexpected meeting.  
Eyes, surrounded by rays of wrinkles, laugh.  
Wind ruffles hair, tosses delicate  
Silver threads of gossamer.

And so, unannounced, tardy love arrived  
They have a choice of a new path,  
Maybe the last chance for happiness.  
Life took away their naïve faith  
And burned away old feelings.  
It left them some dreams  
And much hope for a better tomorrow

They are lost in thoughts  
Doubts and fears spring up  
From the shadows like ghouls  
The head says: no... it's not worth it... think it over...  
The heart says-yes... go forwards... fall in love

Nature stopped the hands of the clocks.  
Red flowers bloom

## Thief of Dreams

I was silent, smiling, undemanding.  
You did not expect that I would take without consent.  
I was too close, and everything was within the reach of my hand.

Like a thief, I stole your glances and loneliness.  
Your thoughts, I tied in a myriad of knots, creating a dense net,  
And from dreams, I wove a gentle curve of a woman's figure.

I stoked the spark of passion in your eyes, and a fire erupted.  
I wrapped us in a sweet scent of flowers in my hair  
And we glided towards many, distant nights.

Day has no right to enter the precipitous depth.  
It is a place, in which the contours of black shadows fall asleep.  
Only at the bottom of the abyss, can dreams and starlight be seen.

You are from Mars, I am from Venus.  
Far planets are the bright points on a firmament of tenderness.  
Our words and hands attracts to the force of gravity of life.

If not for love  
What would i be, or become ?  
~ krisar

Anna  
Jakubczak  
vel RattyAdalan

Poland

## Planetarium

My converser became a stargazer  
create own planetary system  
from dreams  
rolled up in a ball  
weightlessness of touch

draws me in the sky  
like a new constellation  
only discovered  
for the astrolabe of his arms  
playing with matter

plastically forming  
into a planet ready to explode

# Anwer Ghani

Iraq

## Valentine's Birds

I am not a tree and can't sleep in the hearts of these springs, but the lovers have made a home for valentine's birds which they know nothing but love and say nothing but chants. They are the creatures of light; from their journeys, all the beginnings started, and on their hands you can see the chants lying with inner peace. Those valentine's birds stand under love's trees and give me an amazing kiss but my days, like my poems, are grey and tasteless, and they oftentimes asked me to throw them from that old bridge. Yes, I am an old lover who can't drink his coffee without s ardent tears and his wide heart passionately disappeared in the remote cities where the souls can't say anything but love. Yes, I will bring a jar of valentine's smiles from those cities to color my grey days. I will tell my land that love is a colored treasure I saw before the wedding of the sun and the growing up of the grass, so our earth will wear a white dress, our shy whispers will breathe kindhearted gazes, and our birds will sing their chants.

Iram  
Fatima  
‘Ashi’

Saudi Arabia

## I Love You

I feel butterflies in my belly, tickling inside,  
A shine of bashful color occurs into my wide eyes,  
Twinkling brightening stars over the head turn blue,  
Whenever you ask to me say, 'I love you'...

These three words create magical effect on you,  
It is a matter of pride that they have filled you with life,  
You shine like stars, glow like a moon of night,  
Dancing to the music of rain, like a drop on leaf slight.

I fall more in love, imagining your fascinating glance,  
I know you can feel warmth of my emotions for you,  
It is music for your ear and for me the reason to live.  
As I am away from you and I say 'I love you'...

Deon  
Souldier  
Ballard

U.S.A.

## Her Love

When you love so hard  
But your heart  
Becomes so soft  
As Egyptian cotton  
Forever this devotion  
Stays on  
While your wait  
For her is weak  
But your emotions  
Are so strong  
This embrace is so short  
But sweet  
In the back of your mind  
It becomes a  
Twenty-four-hour event  
As the baton of passion  
Relays in the spaces  
Of your mind  
Then you will find  
The strength of love  
From a woman  
Makes a grown man  
Fall into a helpless state  
But she becomes  
Your Florence Nightingale  
Nursing you once again  
To another peak  
She seeks as you feel  
Her love is so soft  
But it's truly real  
Something so hard  
Can't help to feel

It's difficult to leave  
Your diamond girl  
Just for a brief moment

But through her distance  
She would always shine  
Follow her light  
From the sun  
To lead you back  
No length apart  
Could put asunder  
It's really hard not to have  
Your eighth wonder

I fell in love with Love today  
And that was many a lifetimes ago !

~ krisar

# Faleeha Hassan

Iraq ~ U.S.A.

## Faces of love

Do not carry me in your hand  
Like a small bird wet with rain drops  
Love is a traumatic experience  
But I want to live it  
To keep my windows overlooking the lake of the pink dolphins  
When the evening comes  
They will start dancing for me  
And clouds will bunch across the ceiling of my kitchen  
Love is a mysterious experience  
I would like to sing to your photo  
Which I keep under my pillow  
But my voice is not suited for singing  
Even my bed sheets are still laughing  
Whenever I wash the dishes  
And I think of you  
The lather dances between my hands  
Yes, love is a dangerous experience  
But I will live it  
Because I'm afraid of continuing my life  
With the furniture trembling  
From the intensity of loneliness.

# Fahredin Shehu

Kosovo

## Is it Crimson or is it Carmine?

...cold air  
froze our breaths  
Fall in its end  
threw the last  
all color leaves  
city lights  
bedazzled  
the dusty street  
we were not  
strangers  
who ride  
furiously  
madly and  
deliberately  
on the wild  
stream of  
the winds  
nor we had  
had ever  
realized  
who was so  
kindhearted  
wise and  
clever to  
bring us  
here to  
descend us  
here in  
this land  
where we  
never understood  
was it washed  
with the crimson  
of the heaven or  
with the carmine  
of the blood

the hearts  
were pulsating  
we buzzed  
like bees and felt  
warmth of our beings  
for far, far too long  
than a mere human life

Love has never abandoned me.

But it was i who left her

In the cold!

~ krisar

Gary  
Malone

U.S.A.

## The Soft Side of Love...

An impeccable radiant rainbow faded into obscurity  
Darkness filled the sky hiding the dazzling orange sunset  
Through the tranquil stillness of the night  
Moonlight peeps in between the cracks of slightly open blinds  
Glowing and mixing in with flickering flames of scented candles  
Along with the fragrance from a bouquet of fresh cut black roses  
Which creates a romantic ambience that pervade the atmosphere  
A swirling white ceiling fan stirs a gentle breeze of myrrh  
Beaming from two hearts beating in synch  
Ready to explore the magical soft side of love  
The cool side of downy plush pillows soothes and appease  
The innermost mental space occupied by emotions running deep  
A bearded face buried deep between strawberry flavored strands  
Of curly jet-black hair-free flowing against chiseled cheekbones  
Pulling each other closer and sharing a spiritual connection  
So strong that even their dreams morph into one  
Sweeter than a box of chocolate on Valentine's Day  
Like vanilla ice cream  
Two celestial beings melt into each other arms  
Juices of a physical bond saturate the threads of satin sheets  
Mutual vises grips lips locked in a passionate embrace  
Slow dancing to serenading sounds of a songstress in distress  
Feelings of pain, sadness and bliss of the lovely Phyliss Hyman  
Sensual, haunting and ever so tender love ballads

Old friends who knows what it's like to be living all alone  
Engulfed in a pit on the dark side of love  
Having become disillusioned  
By a cycle of disappointing heartaches  
From fallacies and deceptive false pretenses of love  
A divine hand of mercy reached down and saves  
Returning broken hearts back to the soft side of love  
Where there is liberty in trusting fidelity and loyal companionship  
Smothered in amicable feelings of respect, reciprocated  
Once heavy dismal shadows of a hurtful past  
Now drifts like two sentimental silhouettes  
Under comforting light on the soft side of love

Where brilliant feathery birds of paradise  
Elope and flock together on a tropical paradise island  
To watch the robust rumbling tide and  
Build sand castles of friendships  
That decorate the soft sandy beach side  
Trails of footprints going in different directions  
Contains watery time capsules filled with precious memories  
Joyous teardrops of shared cherished moments like  
Meeting love at first sight, nervous happy proposals  
Elated engagements and jubilant anniversaries  
Or the welcoming end of abusive relation-ships  
Ransacked by angry pirates and unfaithful thieves  
And robbed of their scared treasures  
Sunken and left at the bottom of an empty ocean floor  
Leaving shattered debris to float to another opened door  
Like the two jovial lovers craving intimacy  
Standing in a bedroom window, admiring  
The promise of a colorful majestic rainbow, high above  
One that gives hopeful hearts the assurance  
To keep believing and keep trusting  
In the soft side of love.

We search for 'Love' feverishly  
Only to discover that the love we seek  
Abides within us !

~ krisar

# Swapna Behera

India

## In Between your Words

In between your words  
You stopped a while  
may be searching for something  
in the exuberance

You looked towards the sky  
then down the ground  
You tapped your right foot in a rhythm  
With a sync of the spoon on the cup

In between your words  
You travelled a lyrical valley  
May be the last line of your poem

In between your words  
You dazzled and became  
a star with the aura

In between your words  
You became a river  
With the rainbow of emotion

In between your words  
You became silent and paused a while  
With the lucent satin smile

In between your words  
You stopped awhile  
And perhaps in the mood  
to express the paregoric melody

You gave me a paper  
a poetry, on the throne  
That you have scribbled last night

In between your words  
You became an angel  
Holding your pen as the magic wand  
And I got the universe in one moment- - - -

Kathleen  
Crump

U.S.A.

## ALONE

### *MY VALENTINE STORY*

I am alone, again  
Sitting by the telephone  
Wondering if you will call  
Or, if I should forget it all

I wonder what you're doing tonight  
If you're holding someone tight  
The thought is driving me crazy  
I ask myself, Is it worth the fight?

What has happened to all our good times?  
The sweet times that we shared  
Have they been lost forever?  
This is something that I fear

I search deep down inside of me  
My heart, where did I go wrong  
Please, please tell me if you can  
Is there another woman?

I'll always love and want you  
But I will bow out of your life  
You do what you want to  
I will no longer put up a fight.

The tears have dried on my face  
I'll always pray for GOD's grace  
To put me on another path  
To continue, and to avoid your wrath

# Jean-Jacques Fournier

Canada

“ Love ”

- by any definition -

Love,  
Be what you sense  
Until it turns,  
To how you feel...

Love,  
Be dreams  
Of how ought be,  
Eventually...

Love,  
Be images  
Of cloudy definitions,  
Coming into focus...

Love,  
Be feelings  
At times of desire,  
Assuringly amorous...

Love  
Be thought  
Provoking fantasies,  
Screaming for reality...

Love,  
Be craving  
For one's touch,  
That has one feeling human...

Love,  
Be emotions  
That you hope share,  
And won't be made to fade...

Love,  
By any definition  
Be about admission!

Valentine  
McKay  
Riddell

U.S.A.

## Boot Camp

I saw her  
Watching you,  
Love and pain warring in her eyes,  
And remembered when she left me  
Long ago...  
Come back to her, m'hijo!  
No longer child but man,  
Come touch her hand.  
She's only half herself  
Without you...

# Caroline Gabis

Philippines

## Love, Live, Light

it's not about changing yourself overnight  
when someone compares you to others;  
it's how to love the way you are.

.  
the symbolic YinYang  
etched in every gem you buy  
has nothing to do  
in building a remarkable future  
it is you-- who will build the legacy;  
live your story.

.  
you'll learn lessons from day to day encounters;  
and each encounter is a teacher;  
as you transcend to reach the apex without borders,  
you mean to light the life, you love to live.

## Did you know?

if i am a song  
will you sing it  
over and over again?

if i am a dance step  
will you dance  
sway, slip and flamingo with me?

if i am a spoken poetry  
will you recite the words  
with all your heart?

did i mention  
all i have in this beautiful life,  
so I can sing and dance,  
to seal the voice  
of my poem,  
is you.

Did you know?

## i get by

it was a coffee 'n cream and a bun  
asked for a combo, a must have pancake too,  
told myself, this was once a date,  
everytime, i remember the receipts tendered,  
i haven't gave up the aroma and scents;  
that feeling of belongingness,  
because you made a portrait of myself  
embracing the petals  
dropping one by one.  
until i get by,  
with a cup  
of love,  
and loving is real  
with all of you.

Elizabeth  
Esguerra  
Castillo

Philippines

## Written in the Stars

They say for each person  
There is a certain Miracle from within  
And you are meant to be just for one person  
As time draws to a close to meeting the One,  
The Universe and your Spirit Guides are on your side  
To help you fulfill your One True Destiny.

It's written in the stars  
And before you know it, I am coming to hold your hand  
You may not know now but soon you'll get it somehow  
I may have bumped into you along life's journey,  
But you were too preoccupied with your own story  
That you didn't notice me passing you by.

If in this life, we have to say goodbye  
As my soul reincarnates, I'll meet you again in the next,  
When our eyes lock as we cross our paths once more  
You will know in your heart that it was me – your Destiny,  
Just look at the stars on a beautiful night such as this  
And know that the time is near to feel eternal bliss.

It's written in the stars  
For even when True Love is lost,  
Your soul will bleed for a meaning in your life  
But though the inevitable happens, searching for your One True Destiny remains  
If we are yet to discover our One True Miracle,  
Even time may defeat itself in order for you to see me in  
another lifetime.

## Immortal Love

a love that transcends time and place,  
a soul meeting her twin flame in her recurrent abstract  
dreams  
a love that defies laws immortal love,  
one that is extra-ordinary a love that takes her far into the  
heavens.  
changing faces, in every century, every decade that passes but it's still YOU my heart  
beats for mystic love,  
through fragments in space illuminated by a strange force I keep on seeing you in every  
place that I go to.  
centuries passed, memories elapsed still this heart aches  
dying to be with you once more,  
serendipity playing a game on us for this love always leads  
me to just YOU.  
immortal love, my soul intertwined to just ONE

I have been reincarnated a thousand times,  
but through all the changing seasons and lives my spirit keeps on searching for only  
YOU.

Love has no equal !

~ krisar

Iwu

Jeff

Nigeria

## Writings of Love

I'll write on you,  
The writings of love  
From bottom up  
For you are a house of words  
And my pen(is) a rambler  
Seeking lexical vegetation  
On colourful pages,  
Meandering like a snake on rocky shores —  
Writing onomatopoeias,  
Telling stories of metaphors  
Hidden in ecstasy,  
And nouns stuttering  
With the electrification of your lips.

I'll write on you,  
Up to down —  
Flipping on to new pages —  
Writing to extinct verbs,  
Writing to mute the descriptions of adjectives  
For you are a comfort zone  
Where the soul craves to etch forever.

Tom  
Higgins

Ireland

## This Heart of Ours

*To Gill*

Before you came into my life  
My heart was all my own  
Before you became my wife  
It was mine, and mine alone

Then suddenly I had to share  
This heart of mine with you  
And even after all these years  
That's what I love to do.

You never asked me if I would,  
You never needed to  
Because it came so naturally  
And that's what I had to do.

I never asked if it could be  
Or wondered how it could be so  
I simply understood that this  
Was how things had to go.

Before you came into my life  
My heart was all my own  
Before you became my wife  
It was mine, and mine alone.

Then suddenly I had to share  
This heart of mine with you  
And even after all these years  
That's what I love to do.

Alicia  
Minjarez  
Ramírez

Translated by: Alaric Gutiérrez

Mexico

## It Rains...

A longing breeze  
tries to show itself,  
like nostalgia migrating  
up in the air.

Water permeates  
my body.  
Your breath  
fills in the context.

Longing secrets  
that the wind  
shakes up in the offing,  
then nothingness.

I walk behind  
upon the moisture  
left by the drops  
under the branches.

Birds get detached  
from their nests,  
looking for  
the promised shelter.  
Church bells ring,  
outside  
the night interrupts.

I long to dry off  
the rain,  
like those birds  
besetting park trees  
in the evening.

The stillness of your eyes  
invades me...  
Ecstatic wings,  
paralyzing their flight.  
At my silence's feet.

## LOVERS

Longing mitigates  
the drunken night,  
treasuring the imprint  
abolished by desire  
that breaks us  
and brings together,  
intrinsic fire  
of profane verses  
under the intrigue  
of shadows.

Materiality keeps  
our bodies tied up to  
the lunar instant  
of balsamic ether,  
burning desires  
falling apart  
evaporating  
the mossy seduction  
of having the absolute void.

You're dust in the breeze  
of my conscious being,  
bringing delightful  
and melodic essences

inside hollow fruit trees  
of worn out headings.  
Imprecise and sharp legend  
of upcoming evenings,  
barking at the sap sight.

Derange me, seduce me, drive me.  
Like a consonant plunging  
upon the rhetorical memory,  
dialect upsetting and chaining us up  
beyond our hands.

Exhalation,  
dementia without sanity  
defining my earthly Nirvana,  
meanwhile, I belong to you  
under the remote  
silence glass...  
By rubbing  
your timely  
spike.

## The Path of Your Steps

*To my dear angel.*

Naked and lurking  
tenderness  
at the riverbank,  
a kiss clinging on  
as a vine  
and climbing  
through the sap  
of my branches.

I spy on the night  
in your thistles,  
adjacent meridians  
in the nectar  
of your Nile.

Of all your summers  
emanate and disappear  
crepuscular fragments,  
frosts decorate  
the melodic chant  
of orioles  
and blackbirds.

I invent you and lose you  
in the zephyr choleric notes,  
the sublime lightness  
makes silence thunder up.

Dissolving my dawns  
in the hustle of memory,  
fire against the light

of the stranger and nubile  
torso of your body.

You rain and crumble  
over my fragrant touch,  
blast that exalts  
the sound of the stones  
building up  
my roads,  
long gone  
and desolated  
landscapes  
blooming today  
behind your  
own steps.

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

U.S.A.

## Lift Off

Love walks in the flame.  
Fan the flame to keep love  
engaged in its ritual dance  
as you melt in my arms.

I am love filled with you.  
A burning, seeking desire  
reaches for a glimpse of stars  
to lift us into the cosmos.

I want to touch you forever  
as your heart flutters in love's light.  
Your presence serenades my soul,  
moves me with your radiance.

I want to hug the universe,  
as a ritual of thanksgiving.  
The Beloved's presence gives my feet  
courage to face the battering wind.

## Rose and Iris

Spring drives on the ridge.  
He is cruising the bud festival.  
A glimpse of rose makes him brake.  
His eyes focus on her buds.

He is cruising the bud festival.  
Rose shows off her sexy curves.  
His eyes focus on her buds.  
Rose knows he is looking.

Rose shows off her sexy curves.  
Iris sticks out her purple tongue.  
Rose knows he is looking.  
Iris wants his attention too.

Iris sticks out her purple tongue  
invites him to touch her velvet.  
Iris wants his attention too.  
Spring stretches between two beauties.

Inviting him to touch her velvet,  
Iris sways in the wind.  
Spring stretches between two beauties  
competing for his attention.

Iris sways in the wind  
A perfect dancer in the meadow  
competing for his attention  
and rose opens herself slowly.

A perfect dancer in the meadow,  
a glimpse of rose makes him brake.  
Rose opens herself slowly  
and spring drives on the ridge.

## Today

Today we go sailing  
on the blue-green carpet  
holding your sack of words.  
The paper fades with age  
and you still hold tight.

Today I have a scheme  
to burst your bag  
with my pin of love  
and watch your words  
fall into my arms.

Today is the day  
you will let go  
because my patience  
grows old  
and this life  
will fade crossing Jordan.

Today is the day  
I will take your words  
sailing into my next life.

William

S.

Peters

Sr.

U.S.A.

## The touch

She extended her hand  
In need for someone to touch her  
That she could feel their warmth  
In the connection

Her eyes bore a look of longing  
that no one with a heart  
Could deny

Her tears waited at the rims  
Held back by her lower lids

She had a smile standing in her heart  
Waiting for that touch  
So that she could reconcile  
All her past anguish  
And pain

The touch

## Discovery

She brought out my magnificence  
As I attempted  
To bring hers about  
As well

We felt compelled  
To share this gift  
Of each other  
With the world  
We journeyed  
We met many souls  
Who beheld us  
Where we are beholding . . .  
In our hearts

Yes, we love each other  
And our sisters and brothers  
As well

From land to land  
And back to our homestand  
We saw the sights,  
The lights . . .  
By day  
And by night

We were embraced  
By cultures discovered  
Uncovered  
By the lovers  
Of life

Yes, there was strife  
But that did not stop  
The children  
From smiling . . .  
And adults as well

I can not begin to tell you  
About all  
That we discovered . . .  
uncovered

We were witnesses  
To the greater aspects  
Of what humanity is,  
Can be,  
And is becoming

And all of this  
Is . . . simply  
Because  
We danced  
In our hearts  
As we were enhanced  
As we strove  
To discover our  
Magnificence  
And your as well

Discovery

## Mutuality

She gave me her heart  
In exchange  
For that of mine own  
And in that moment  
Of mutuality  
We both won  
The lottery



epilogue



about Alicia Maria Kuberska . . .

Cultural Ambassador : Poland ~ Western Europe

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 word from Gail Weston Shazor . . .

## Director of Anthologies

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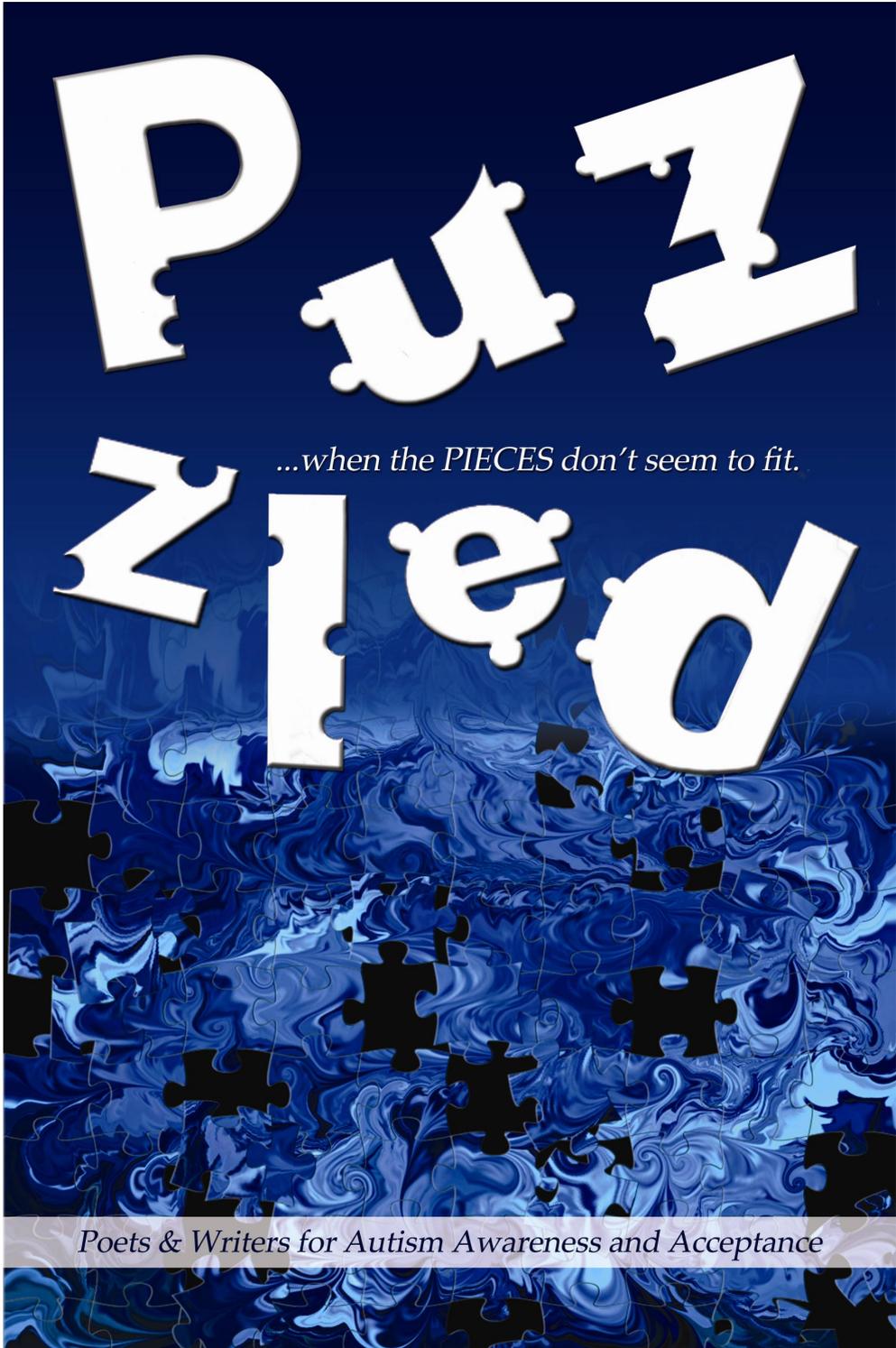
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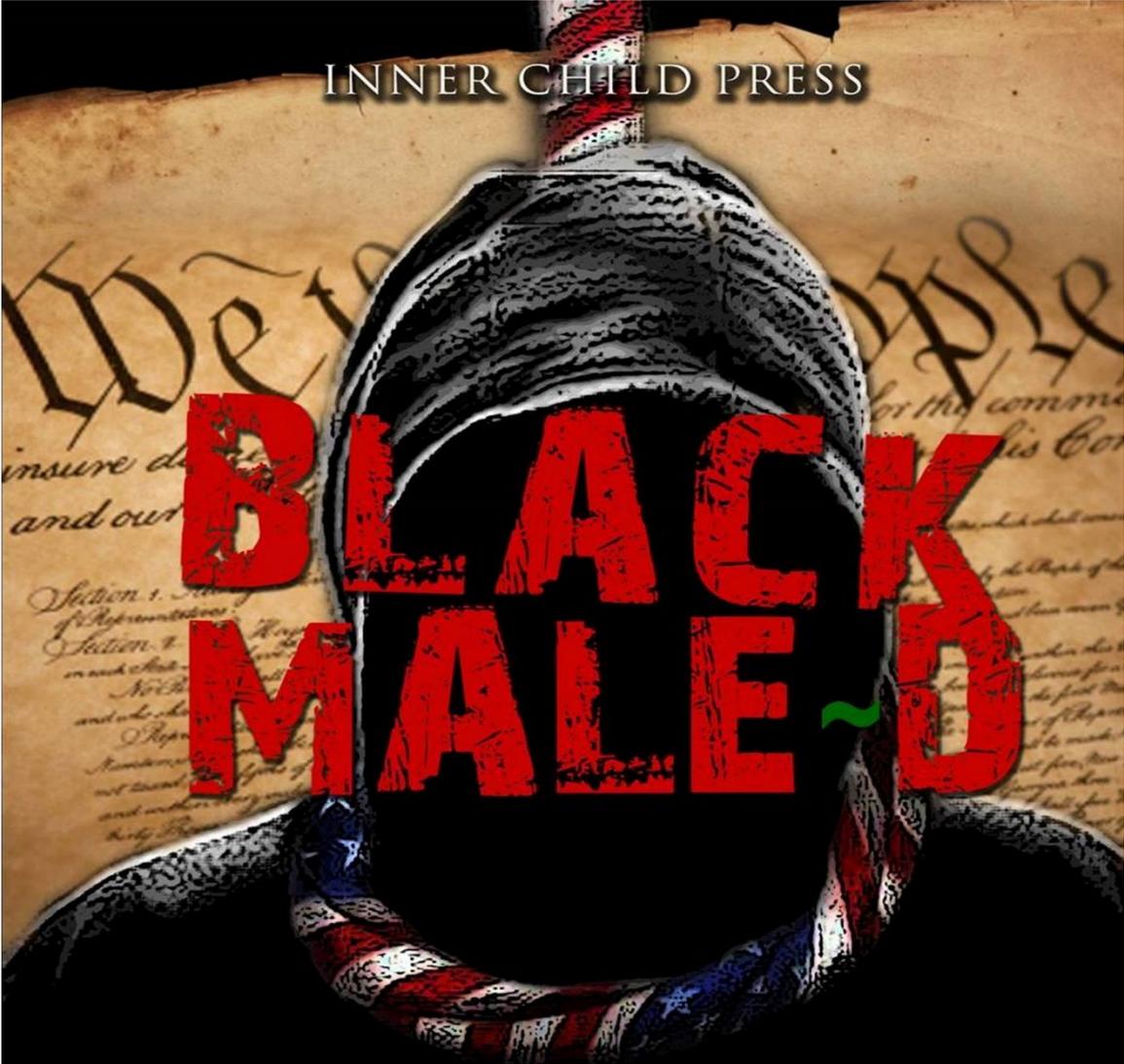


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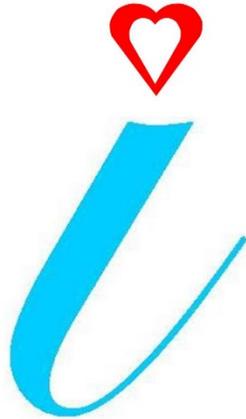
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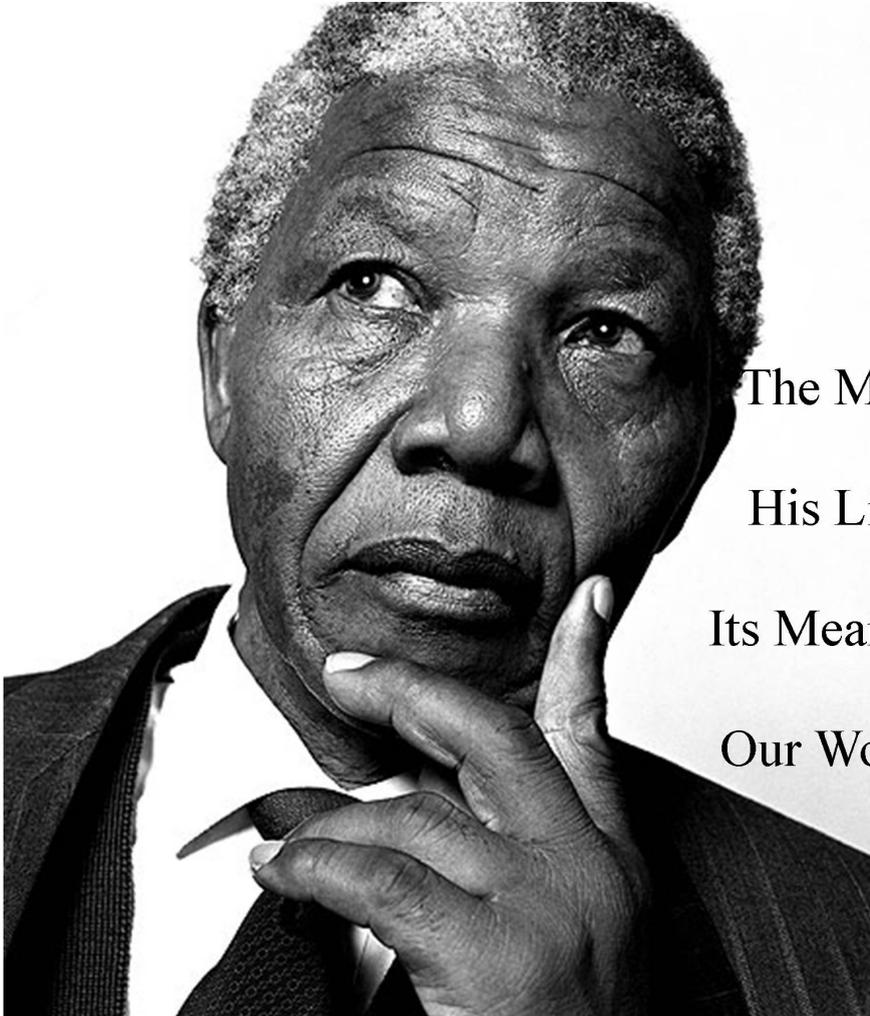
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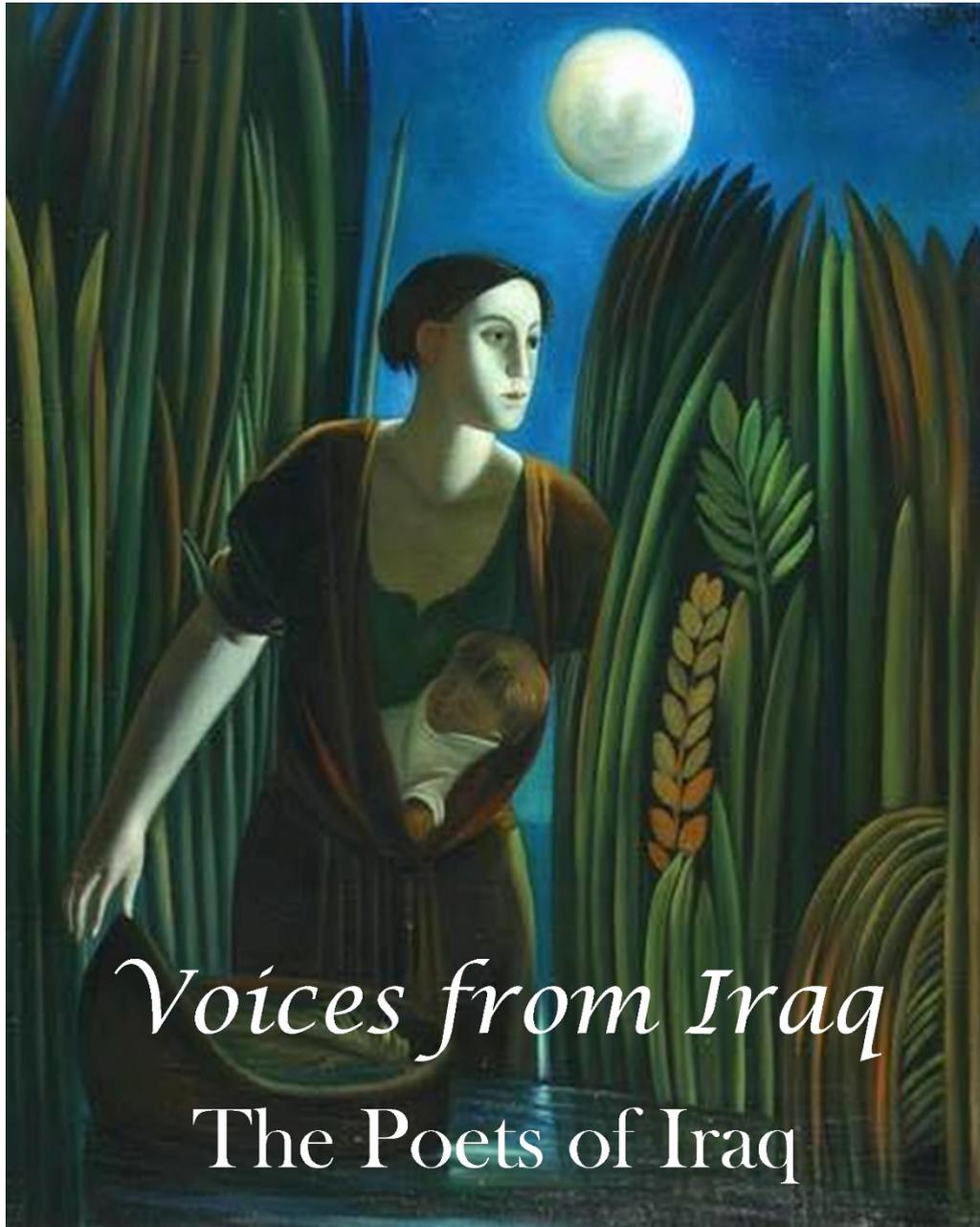
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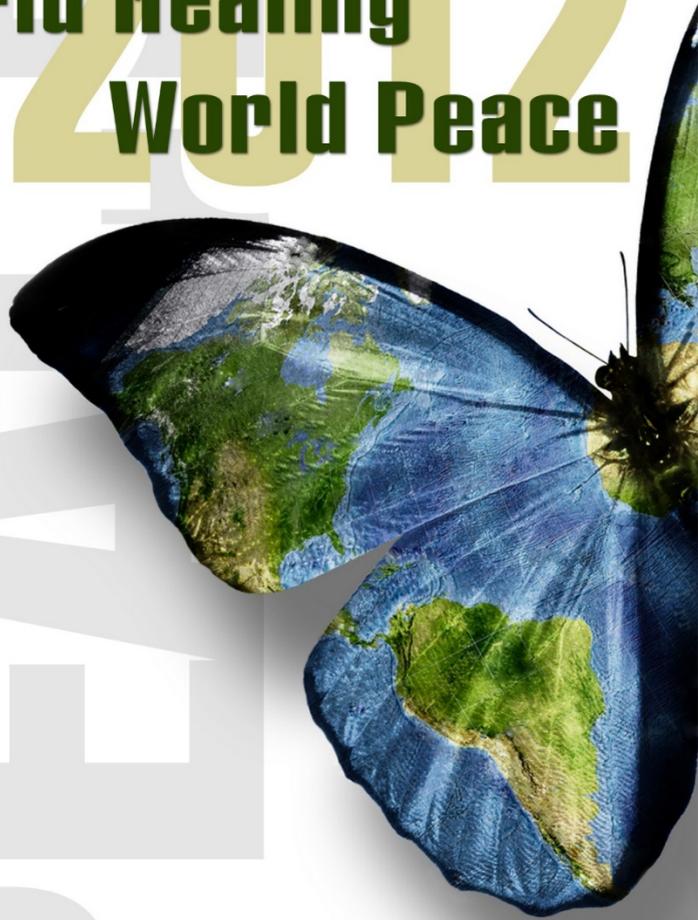


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Our March Featured Poets  
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Sweet Pea

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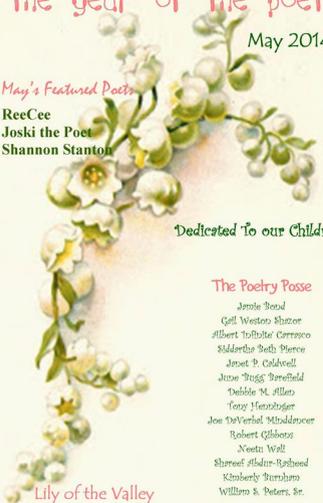
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*Lily of the Valley*



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*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

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

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Dr. John R. Strum  
Rolade Olanrewaju Freedom

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*Lotus*  
*Asian Flower of the Month*



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**Gladiolus**

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

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Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Child of September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone \* Keith Alan Hamilton

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Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz \* RaJendra Padhi \* Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mossman \* Jackie Allen \* James Moore \* Neville Hibbit

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Narcissus



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**Garnet**

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Fahredin Shehu  
Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohanti \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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**Amethyst**

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Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

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



**Bloodstone**

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



**Diamonds**

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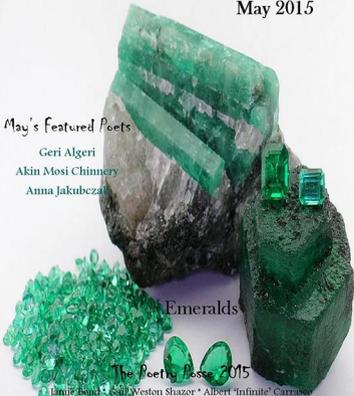
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Akin Mosi Chimney  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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



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## The Year of the Poet II

July 2015

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



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## The Year of the Poet II

August 2015

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalaszc  
Christopher Schultz



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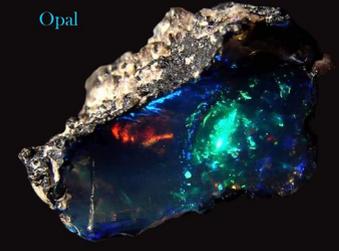
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 September 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifatis



Sapphires

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*The Year of the Poet II*  
 October 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Monte Smith \* Laura J. Wolfe \* William Washington



Opal

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**The Year of the Poet II**  
 November 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore



Topaz

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 December 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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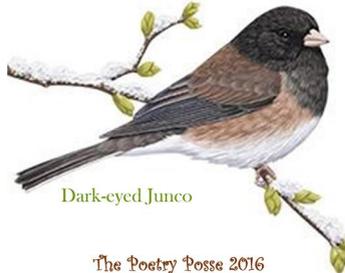
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January 2016

Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

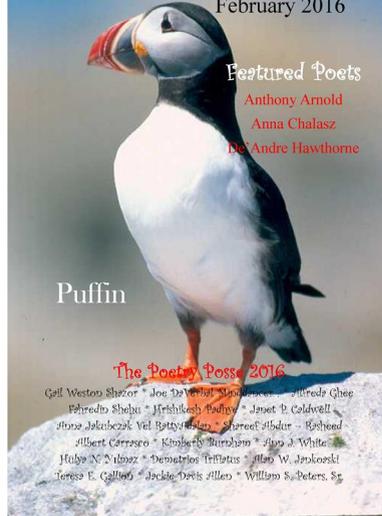
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Keith Allen Hamilton  
Huiya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Trifitatos \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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The Year of the Poet III  
February 2016

Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Re Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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The Year of the Poet III  
March 2016

Featured Poets  
Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

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Featured Poets  
Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

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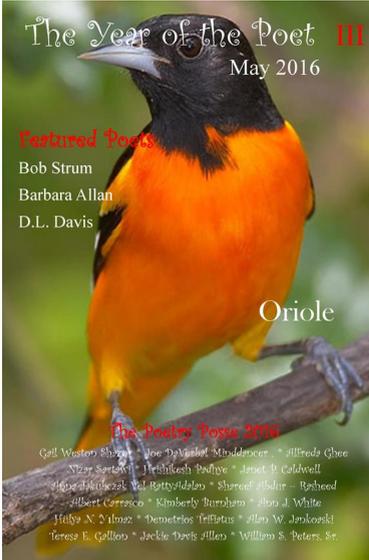
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**Featured Poets**  
Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

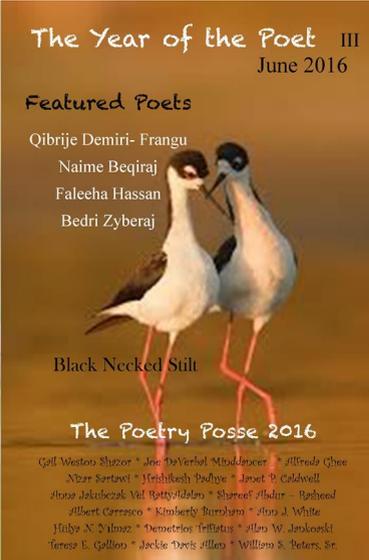


Oriole

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June 2016

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

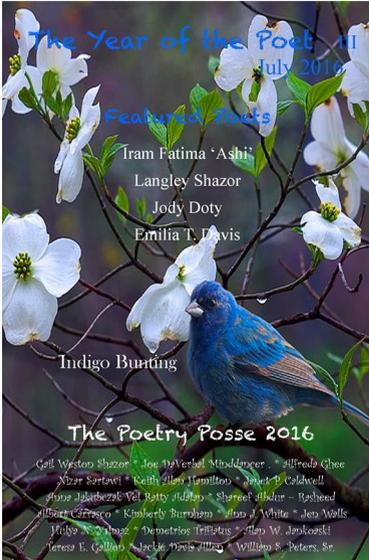


Black Necked Stilt

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July 2016

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

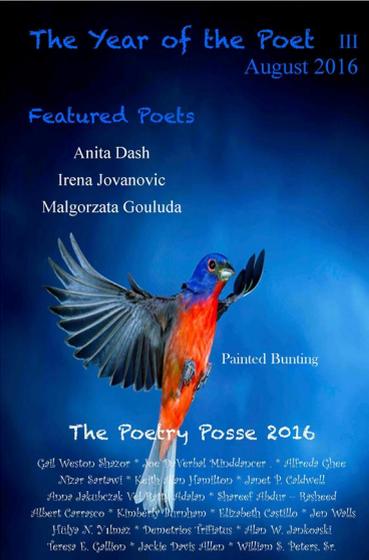


Indigo Bunting

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alan J. White \* Jeni Wells  
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August 2016

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Anita Dash  
Irena Jovanovic  
Malgorzata Gouluda



Painted Bunting

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September 2016

**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novales



Long Billed Curlew

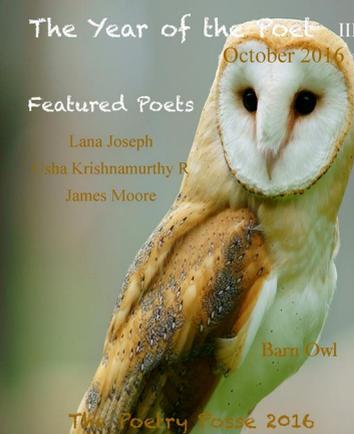
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October 2016

**Featured Poets**

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Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

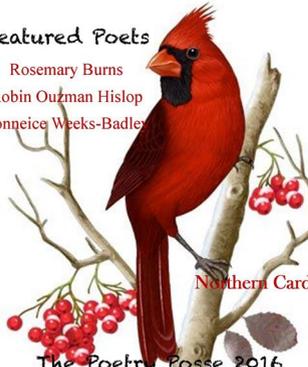
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November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

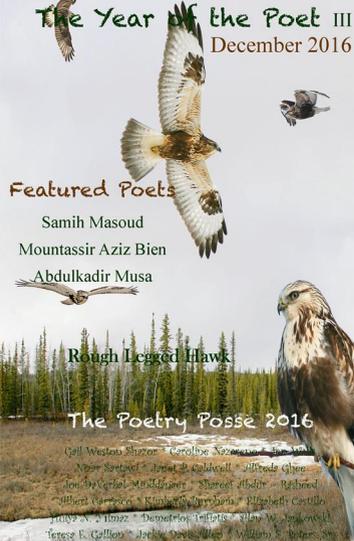
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December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

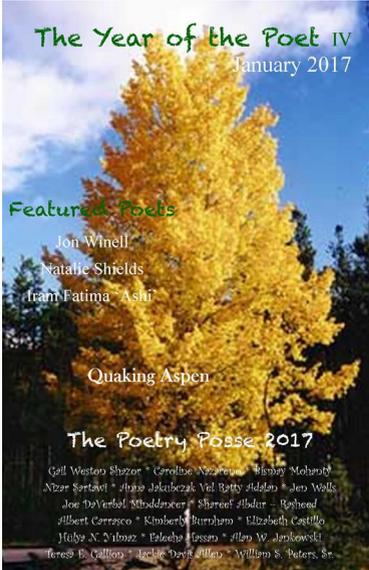
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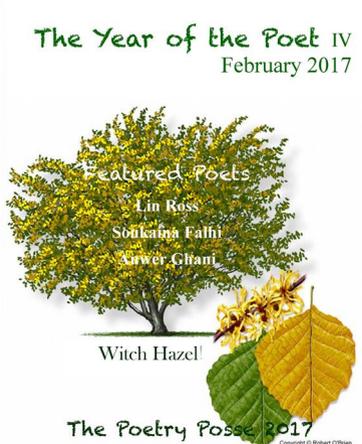


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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Nizar Sertawi \* Ahsan Jaleelbek Val Betty Adalan \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Muddancer \* Shareef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Julya N. D'Amaz \* Falecha Jesso \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
February 2017

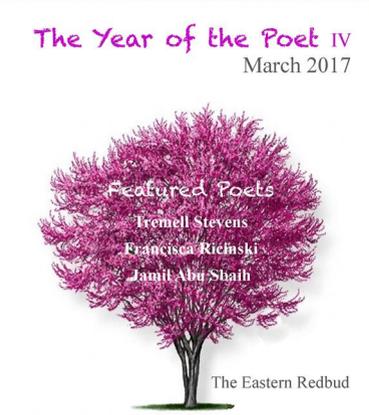


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Lin Ross  
Soukaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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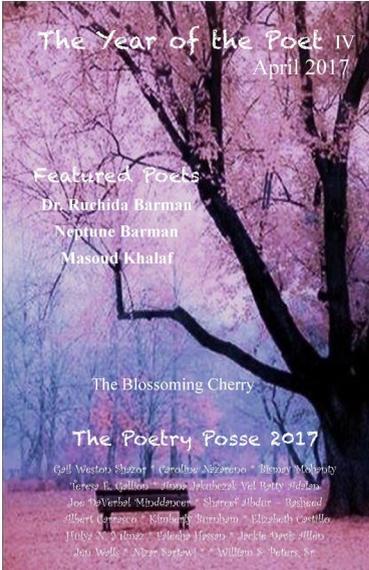


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Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Richski  
Jamil Abu Shafi

The Eastern Redbud

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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
April 2017



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

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



Featured Poets

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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

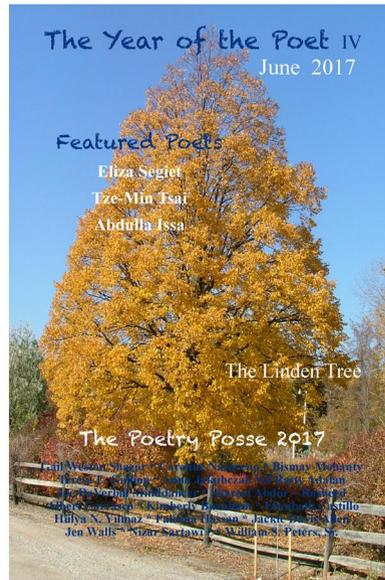
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilby N. Yimoz \* Faleha Jasson \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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The Year of the Poet IV  
June 2017

Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

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July 2017

Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



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August 2017

Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor



The Hazelnut Tree

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September 2017

Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

The Year of the Poet IV  
October 2017

Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shalim



The Black Walnut Tree

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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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The Year of the Poet IV  
November 2017

Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabiella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

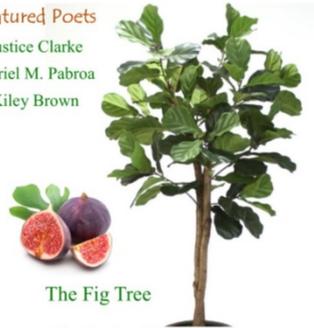
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The Year of the Poet IV  
December 2017

Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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

**Featured Poets**  
Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

**Aksum**



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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

**Sabeen**



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

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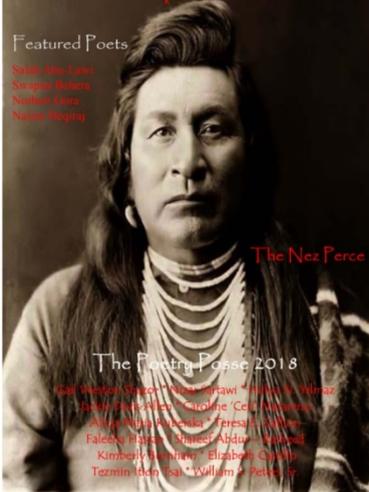
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March 2018



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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazal  
Shazia Zaman

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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**The Year of the Poet V**  
April 2018



**Featured Poets**  
Sahar Alvi-Lewis  
Suzanne Roberts  
Nashim Gray  
Nashim Gray

**The Nez Perce**

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Sylvia K. Malmowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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

The Paleo Indians

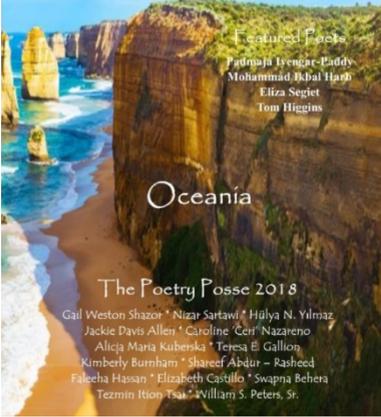


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Padmaja Tevencar-Paddy  
Mohammad, Iqbal Harb  
Eliza Segiet  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

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



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Featured Poets

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



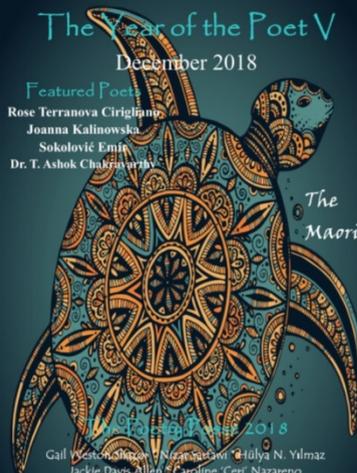
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Rose Terranova Cirigliano  
Joanna Kalinowska  
Sokolović Emir  
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



The  
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans



*Dream Catcher*

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

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Aida G. Roque \* Jean-Jacques Fournier



Meso-America

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March 2019

### Featured Poets

Enesa Mahmić \* Sylwia K. Malinowska  
Shurook Hammoud \* Anwer Ghani



The Caribbean

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