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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.

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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.



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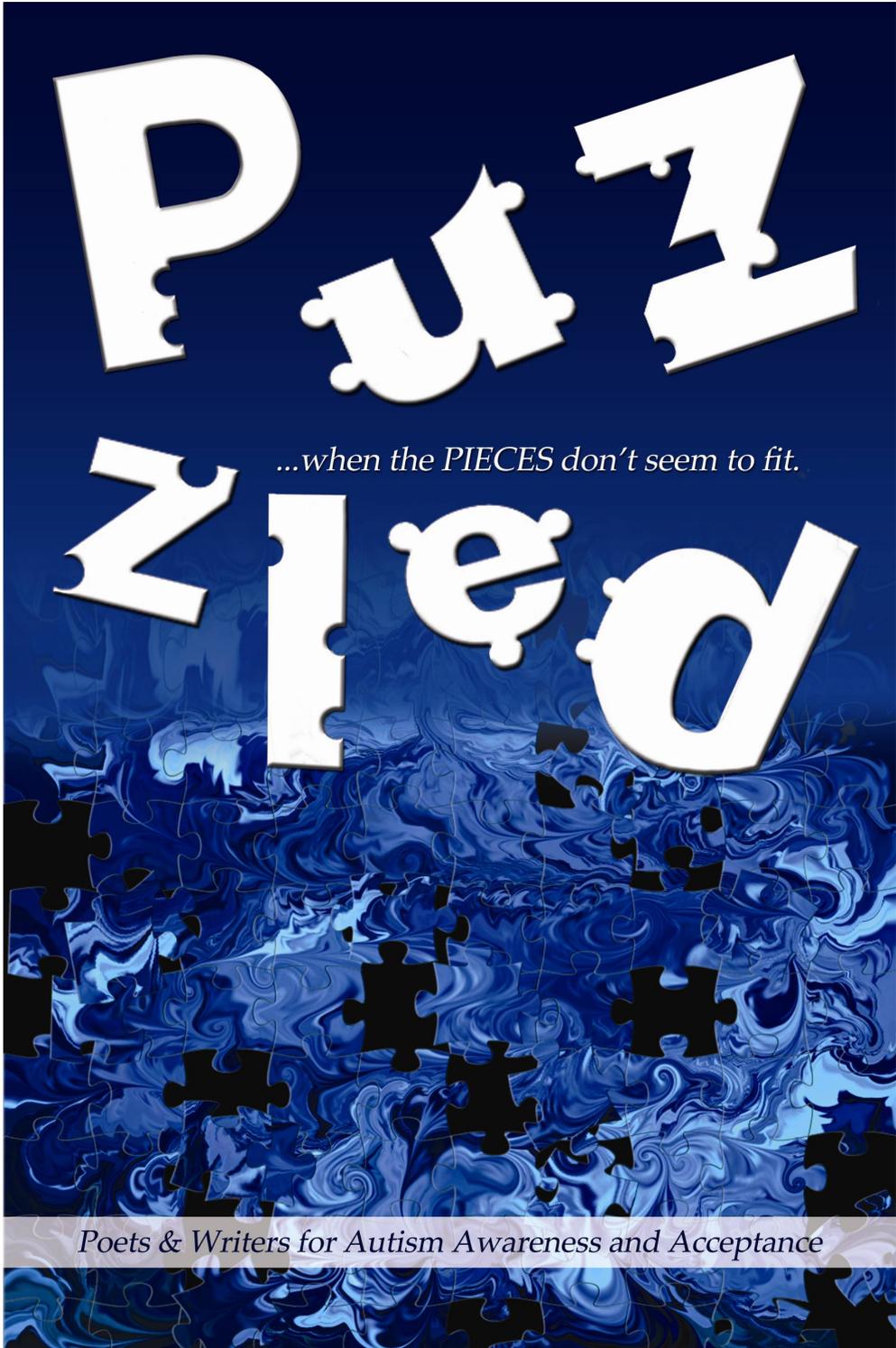
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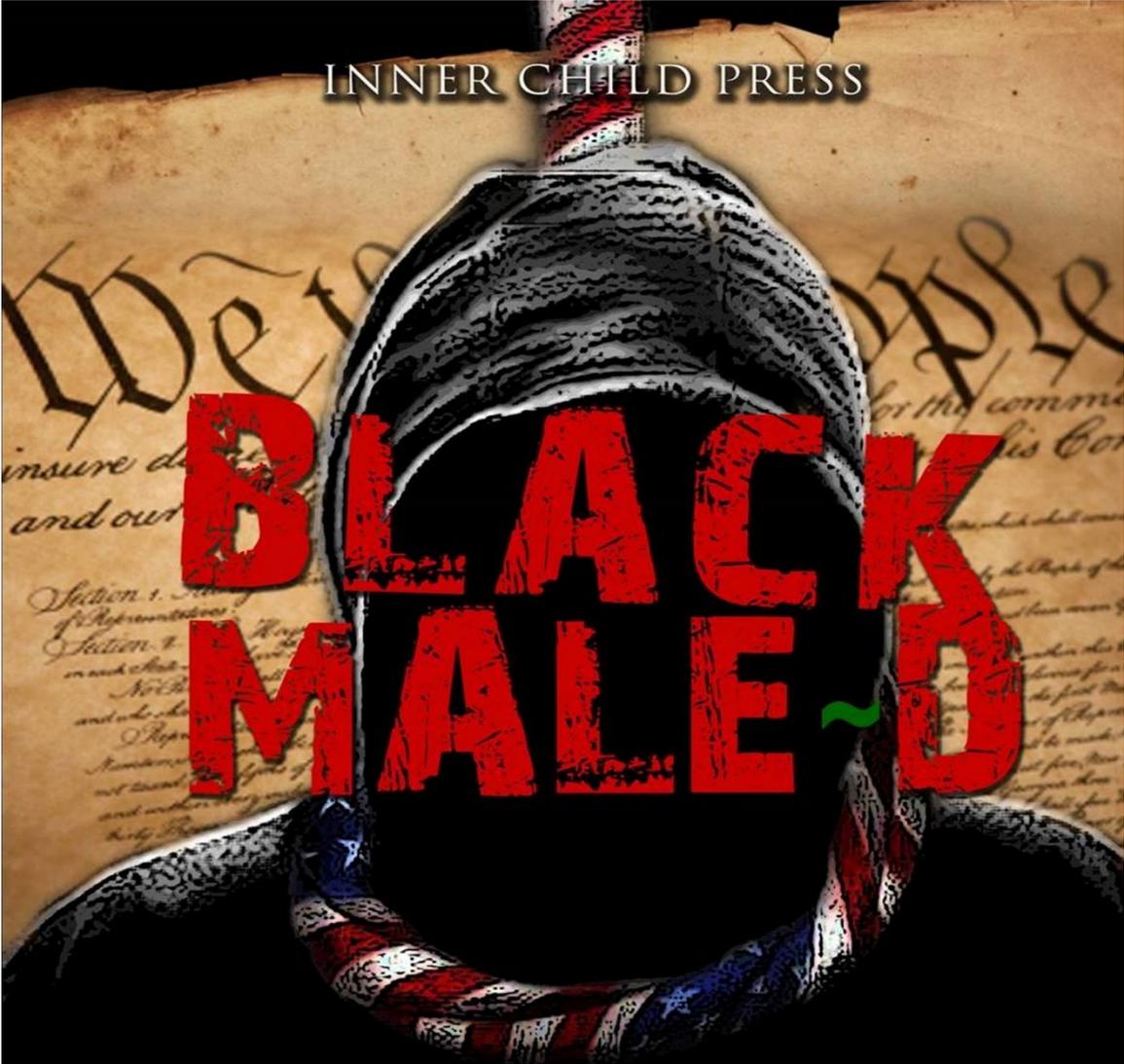


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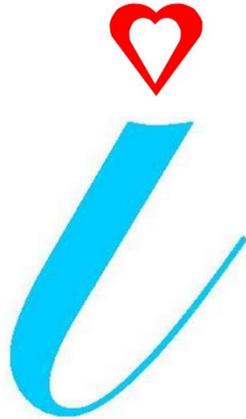
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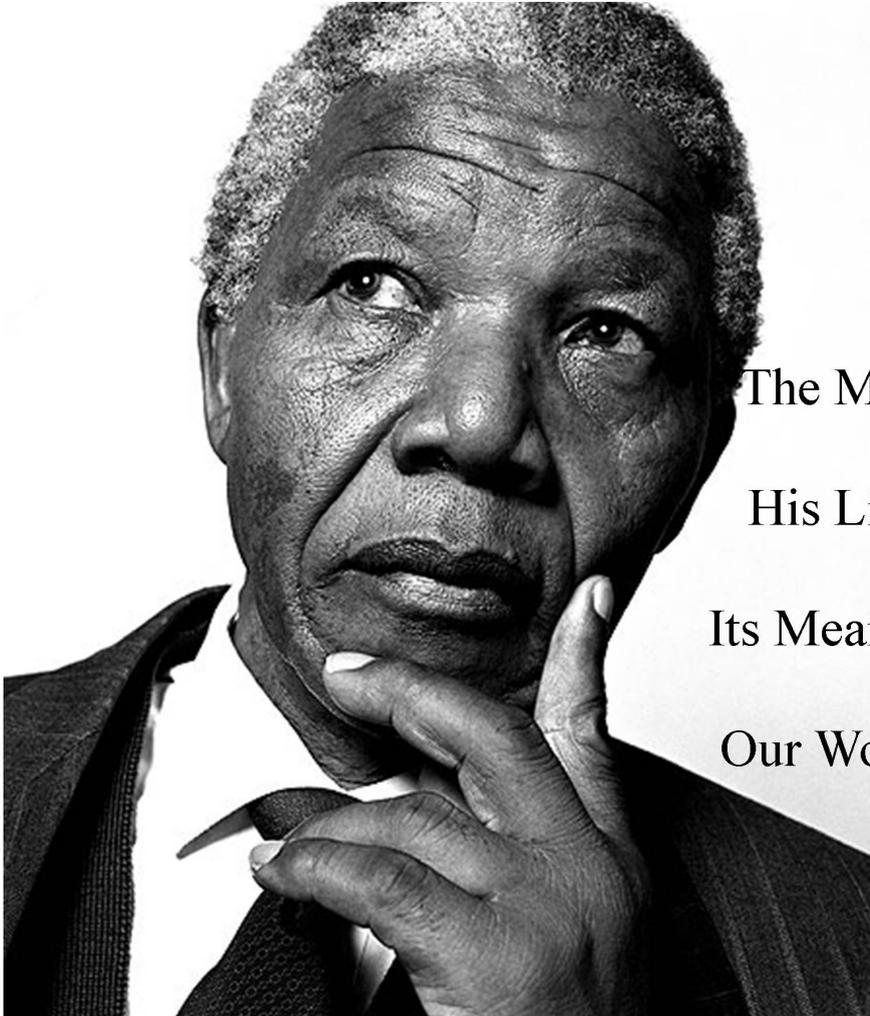
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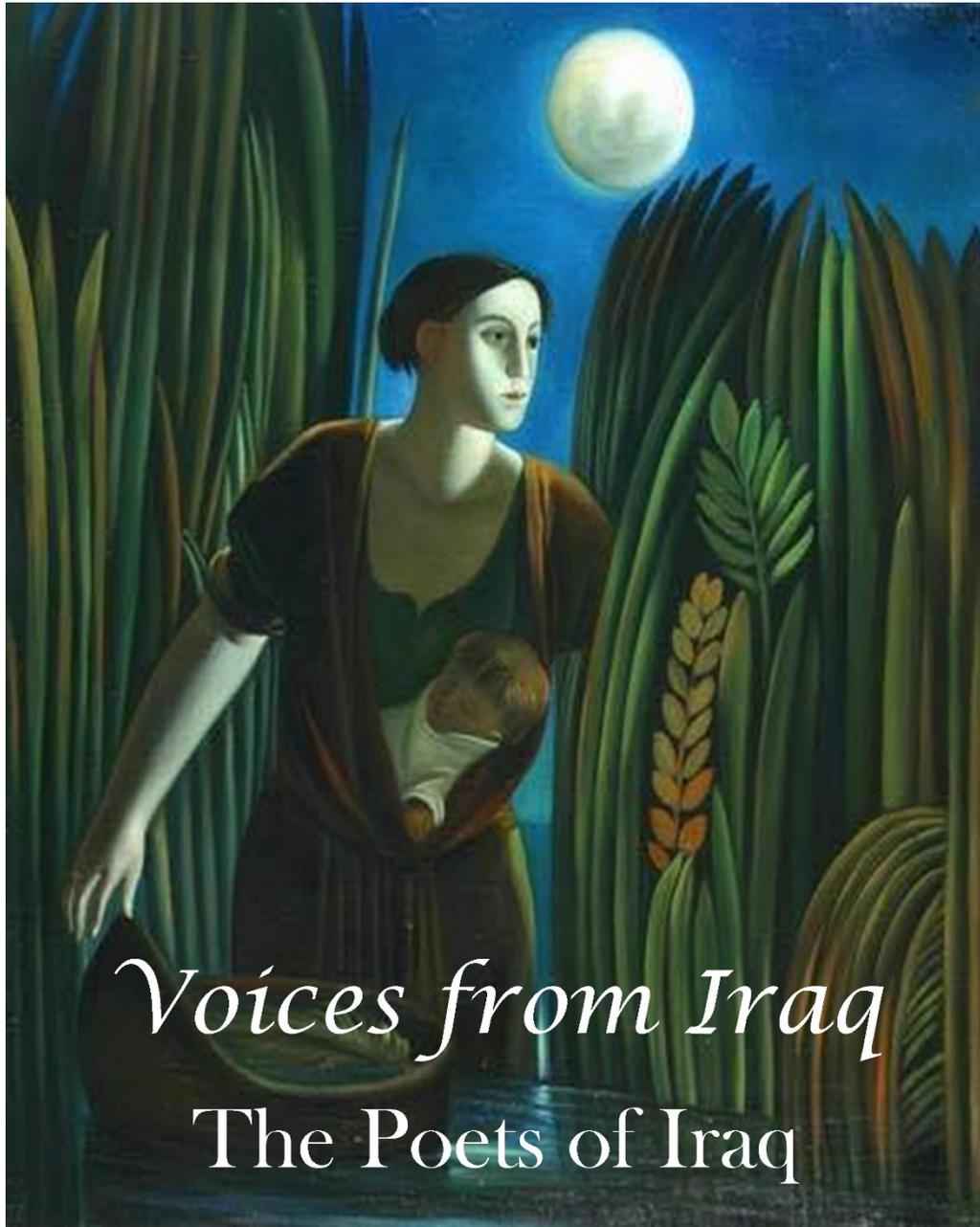
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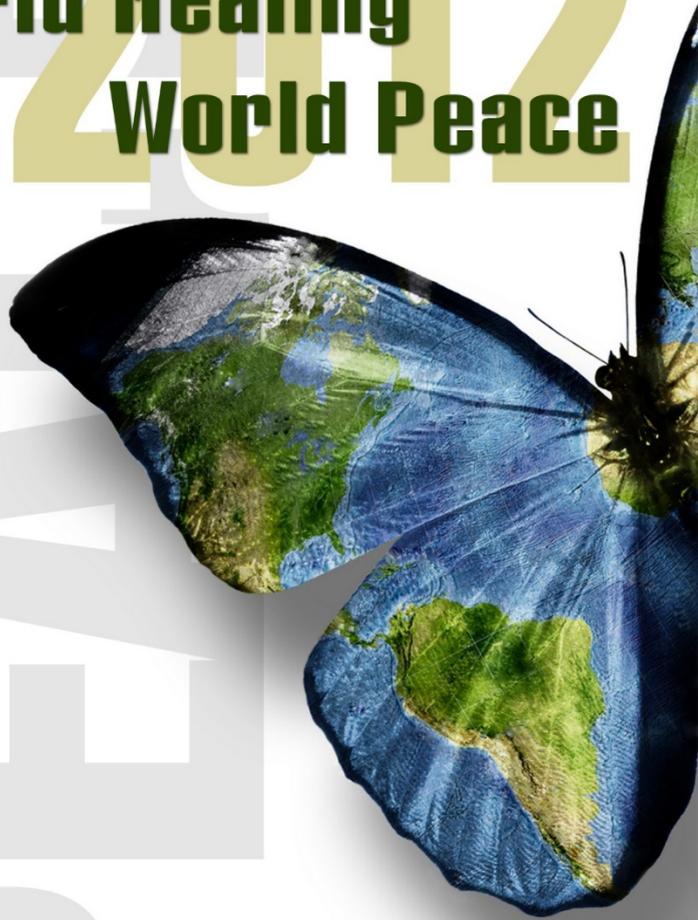


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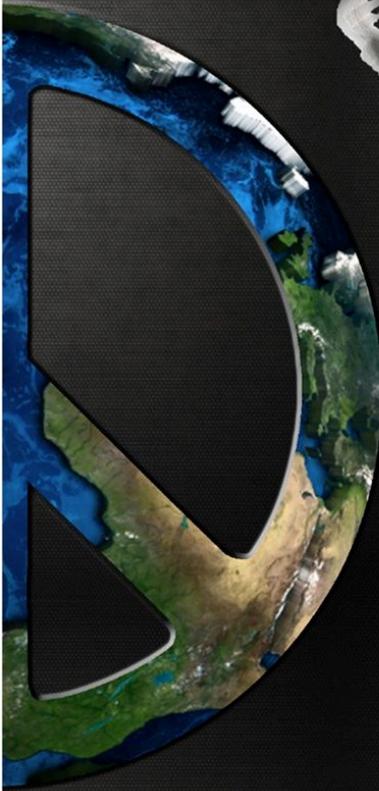
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Sweet Pea

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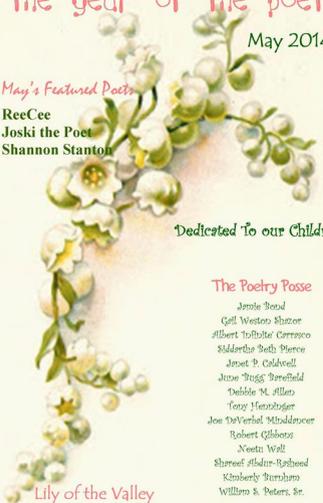
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Lily of the Valley



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Love & Relationship

Rose

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Lotus
Asian Flower of the Month



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Gladiolus

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Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Crown of September Birthday Flower

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Red Poppy



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Chrysanthemum



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Narcissus



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Amethyst

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 Iram Fatima * Bob McNeil * Kerstin Centervall

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Bloodstone

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Celebrating International Poetry Month

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Diamonds

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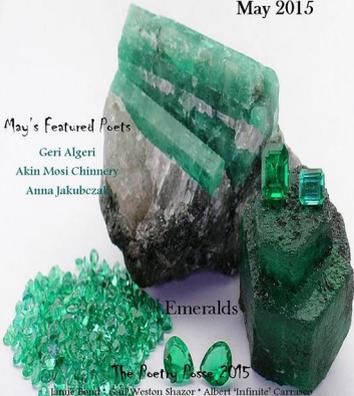
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Emeralds

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Peridot

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Ann Chalaszc
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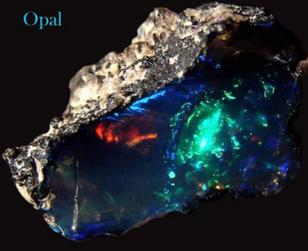
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Sapphires

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Opal

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Topaz

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Turquoise

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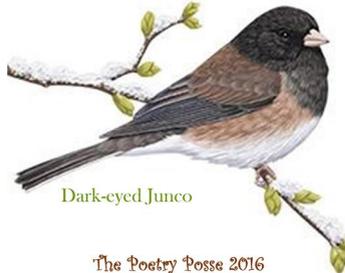
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Dark-eyed Junco

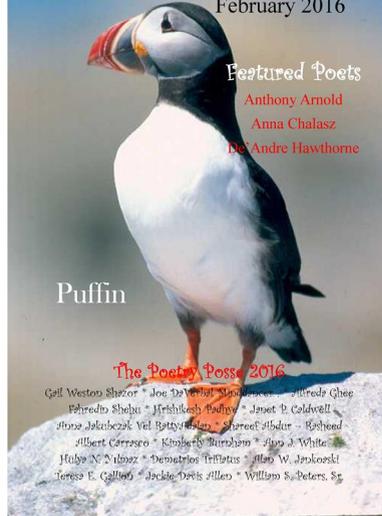
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Anthony Arnold
Anna Chalasaz
Re Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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Jeton Kelmendi * Nizar Sartawi * Sami Muhanna

Robin

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Ali Abdolrezaei
Anna Chalasaz
Agim Vinca
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

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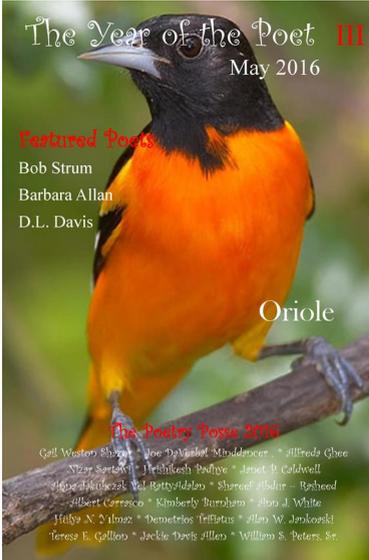
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Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

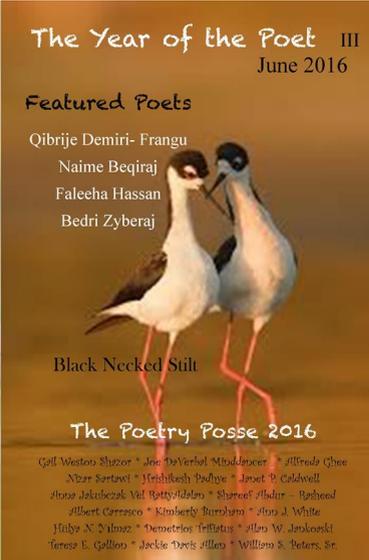


Oriole

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Qibrje Demiri- Frangu
Naime Begiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

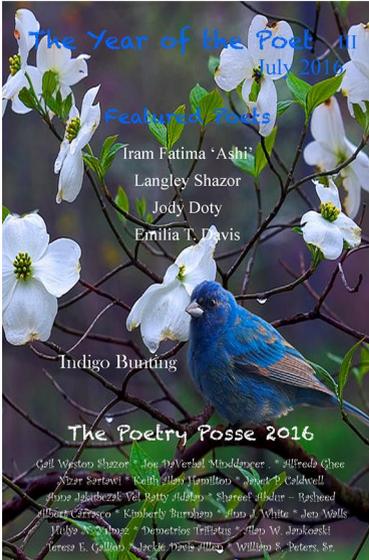


Black Necked Stilt

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

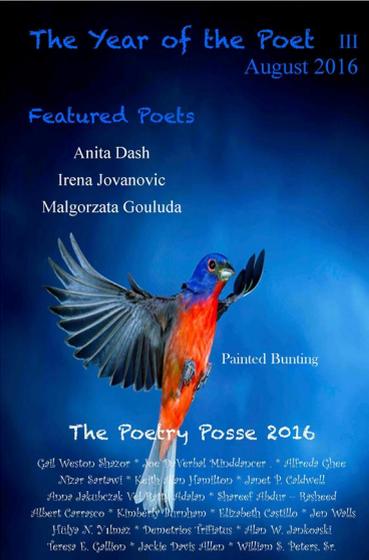


Indigo Bunting

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Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda



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Long Billed Curlew

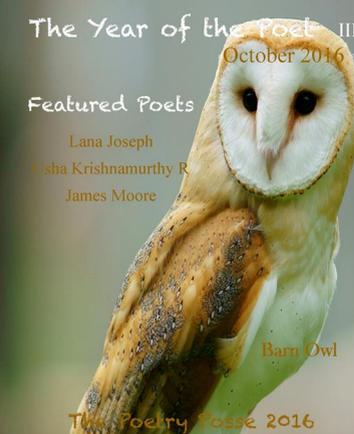
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Visha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

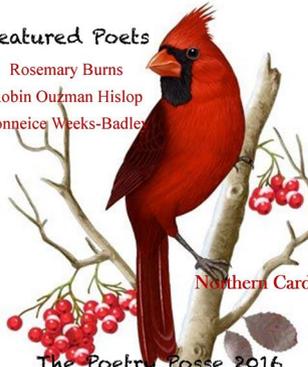
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Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonnie Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

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Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

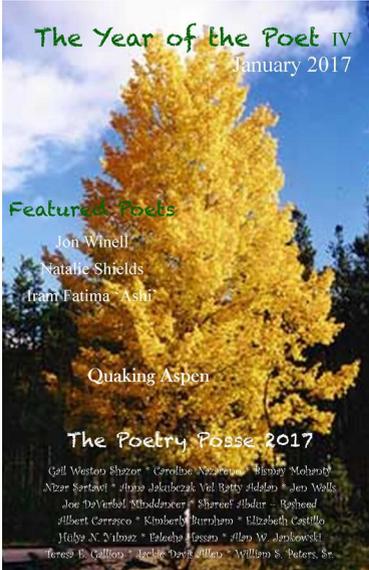
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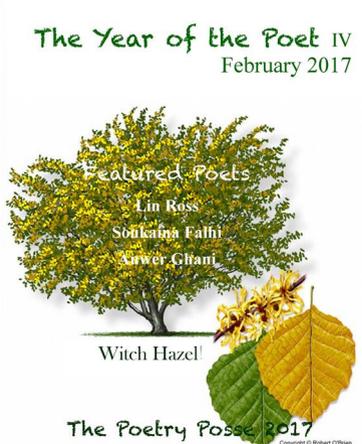


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Natalie Shields
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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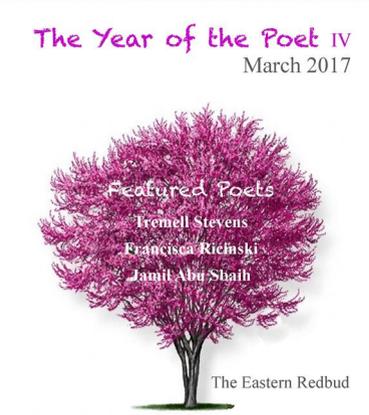


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Lin Ross
Sunkana Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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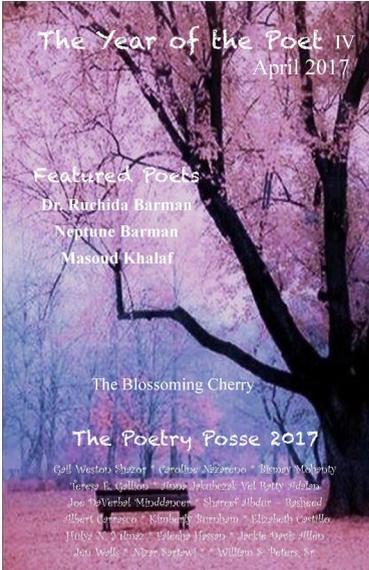


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Francisca Richski
Jamil Abu Shafi

The Eastern Redbud

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Nephtune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Fethi Sassi

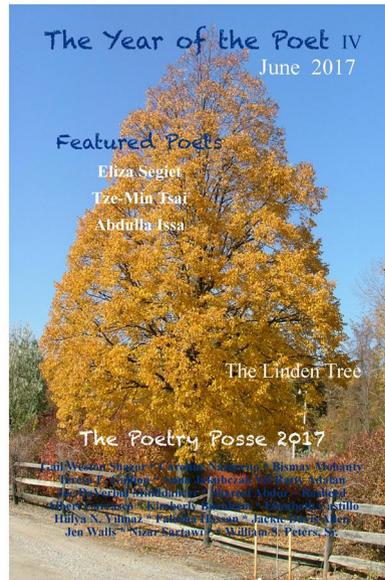
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Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

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Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



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Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor



The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir
Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

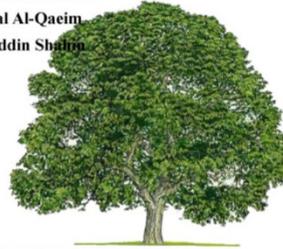
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Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shalim



The Black Walnut Tree

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Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

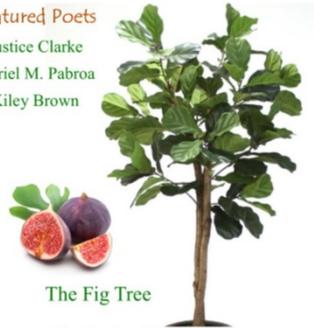
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Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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Sabeen



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Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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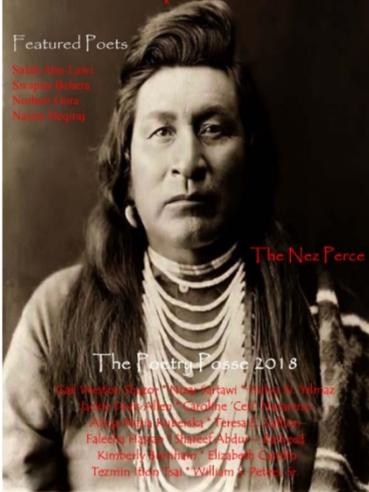
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Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazal
Shazia Zaman

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Suzanne Roberts
Nashim Gray
Nashim Gray

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Sylvia K. Malmowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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Bilal Maliqi * Daim Miftari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians

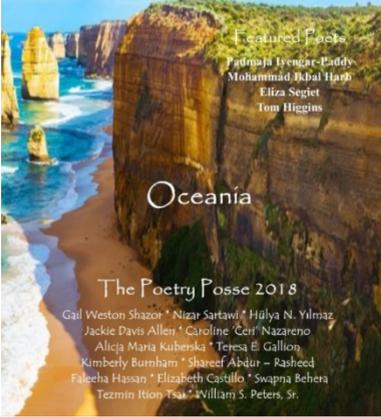


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Padmaja Tevencar-Paddy
Mohammad, Iqbal Harb
Eliza Segiet
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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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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November 2018

Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar



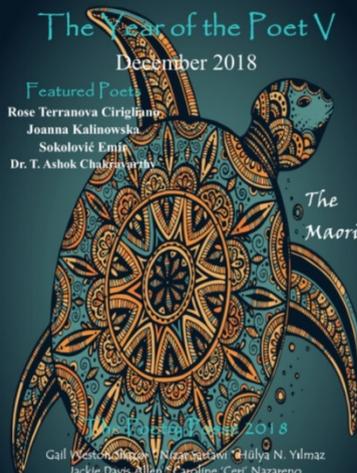
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Rose Terranova Cirigliano
Joanna Kalinowska
Sokolović Emir
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



The
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans



Dream Catcher

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

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Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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