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

Janet P. Caldwell

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French

Anthologie 2026 : Mésopotamie

Nous écrivons depuis un lieu qui nous précède.
Un lieu où la parole a pris forme, où le signe est devenu mémoire, où l'humanité, pour la première fois, a tenté de se dire au monde. La Mésopotamie n'est pas seulement une terre entre deux fleuves ; elle est un seuil, un commencement, un souffle ancien encore vivant dans nos mots.

Entre le Tigre et l'Euphrate, l'homme a appris à nommer le jour, la nuit, la loi, le rêve, la peur et l'espérance. Il a appris à inscrire sa trace non plus seulement dans le sable, mais dans le temps. Écrire aujourd'hui sur la Mésopotamie, c'est donc écrire depuis une source, depuis une origine où l'histoire et le mythe marchaient encore main dans la main.

Cette anthologie est née du désir de faire dialoguer les voix du présent avec l'écho des premiers pas de la pensée humaine. Nous venons d'horizons multiples, de cultures diverses, de langues parfois éloignées, mais une même mémoire nous réunit : celle d'une humanité qui cherche, qui doute, qui espère, qui s'élève par la parole.

Ici, les poèmes et les textes ne prétendent pas reconstruire les pierres disparues ni ressusciter les

cités enfouies. Ils tentent plutôt de réveiller ce que ces terres ont semé en nous : le sens, la question, l'élan, la fragilité, et cette lumière intime qui pousse l'être humain à créer, même au cœur de l'éphémère.

La Mésopotamie devient alors plus qu'un lieu : elle est un symbole. Celui de la naissance de la conscience, du passage de l'instinct à la pensée, du silence à la parole. Elle nous rappelle que toute civilisation commence par un souffle et se prolonge par une voix.

À travers cette anthologie, nous n'offrons pas seulement des textes ; nous offrons un chemin. Un voyage entre passé et présent, entre mémoire et création, entre ce qui fut et ce qui continue d'advenir en nous. Que le lecteur y trouve non des réponses toutes faites, mais un espace pour ressentir, interroger et peut-être se souvenir de ce qu'il porte, lui aussi, des origines.

Car écrire sur la Mésopotamie, c'est, au fond, écrire sur l'humanité elle-même.

Khalice Jade/ Saliha Ragad

Alger. 2026.

F oreword

English

We write from a place that came before us. A place where the word took shape, where the sign became memory, where humanity, for the first time, tried to speak itself into the world. Mesopotamia is not merely a land between two rivers; it is a threshold, a beginning, an ancient breath still alive within our words.

Between the Tigris and the Euphrates, humankind learned to name day and night, law and dream, fear and hope. It learned to inscribe its trace not only in sand, but in time. To write about Mesopotamia today is therefore to write from a source, from an origin where history and myth once walked hand in hand.

This anthology was born from the desire to let the voices of the present converse with the echo of the first steps of human thought. We come from many horizons, from diverse

cultures and distant languages, yet a single memory brings us together: that of a humanity that seeks, doubts, hopes, and rises through the power of the spoken and written word.

Here, the poems and texts do not claim to rebuild vanished stones or resurrect buried cities. Rather,

they strive to awaken what these lands have sown within us: meaning, questioning, longing, fragility, and that intimate light that urges human beings to create, even at the heart of impermanence.

Mesopotamia thus becomes more than a place: it becomes a symbol. The symbol of the birth of consciousness, of the passage from instinct to thought, from silence to speech. It reminds us that every civilization begins with a breath and is carried forward by a voice.

Through this anthology, we offer not only texts, but a path. A journey between past and present, between memory and creation, between what once was and what continues to arise within us. May the reader find here not ready-made answers, but a space to feel, to question, and perhaps to remember what they, too, carry from the origins.

For to write about Mesopotamia is, in truth, to write about humanity itself.

Khalice Jade / Saliha Ragad

Algiers 2026.

Preface

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

As we now in our 13th year of monthly publications for **The Year of the Poet**, we still continue to be excited.

This year of 2026, our themes will be civilizations. As we month by month poetically explore many current and past cultures, I hope you will join us.

For those of you who are not familiar with our story, back in 2013, a few of us poets got together with the simple intention of producing a book a month. That was our challenge. Since that time the enterprise has blossomed and brought forth a fruit that seems to keep on growing as evidenced as we enter 2026.

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

www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet

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

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

Bless Up

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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Mesopotamia



We know not the names of the poets before Ancient Mesopotamian poets. Enheduanna (c. 2285–2250 BCE), the earliest known named author in human history, wrote in Sumerian, A hymn to Inana, "Her great awesomeness covers the great mountain and levels the roads."

Sin-leqe-unnin I (c. 1300–1000 BCE), whose name means "O Moon God, Accept my Prayer, is credited as the editor of *The Epic of Gilgamesh* "He who has seen everything, I will make known to the lands."

Temple hymns, short poetic compositions to praise a specific temple and the god believed to reside within it filled Mesopotamian thoughts. The temple an earthly dwelling of the city's patron deity, a place where divine authority and civic life were believed to meet. Praising a temple was also a way of praising the god, the city, and the social order connected to it.

Mesopotamia, the ancient “land between the rivers” (the Tigris River and Euphrates River), has also produced contemporary poets in lands corresponding to Ancient Mesopotamia including Iraq in the center, Syria to the West, Turkey to the North, Iran to the East, and Kuwait to the South.

Iraqi poet, Badr Shakir al-Sayyab (1926–1964), is considered the pioneer of Arabic free verse, “Rain... rain... rain...” In *Rain Song After Al-Sayyah*, Khaled Mattawa writes, “how rain stripped everything of urgency, how to the lifter of harm rise those who despair.”

Nazik al-Malaika (1923–2007) was one of the first to break classical Arabic poetic forms. She wrote in *Revolt Against the Sun* “I came to pour out my uncertainty, in nature, amid fragrances and shade, but you, Sun, mocked my sadness and my tears and laughed, from up above, at all my pain.”

In *The Artist Child*, Iraqi American poet Dunya Mikhail writes, “I want to draw the earth” and I wonder how each of us would do that, draw the earth or the sky or the moon or paradise or the war. Would we draw what we see is good or what we imagine of far off places being bombed. Would we draw what we hope for and wish the earth would be?

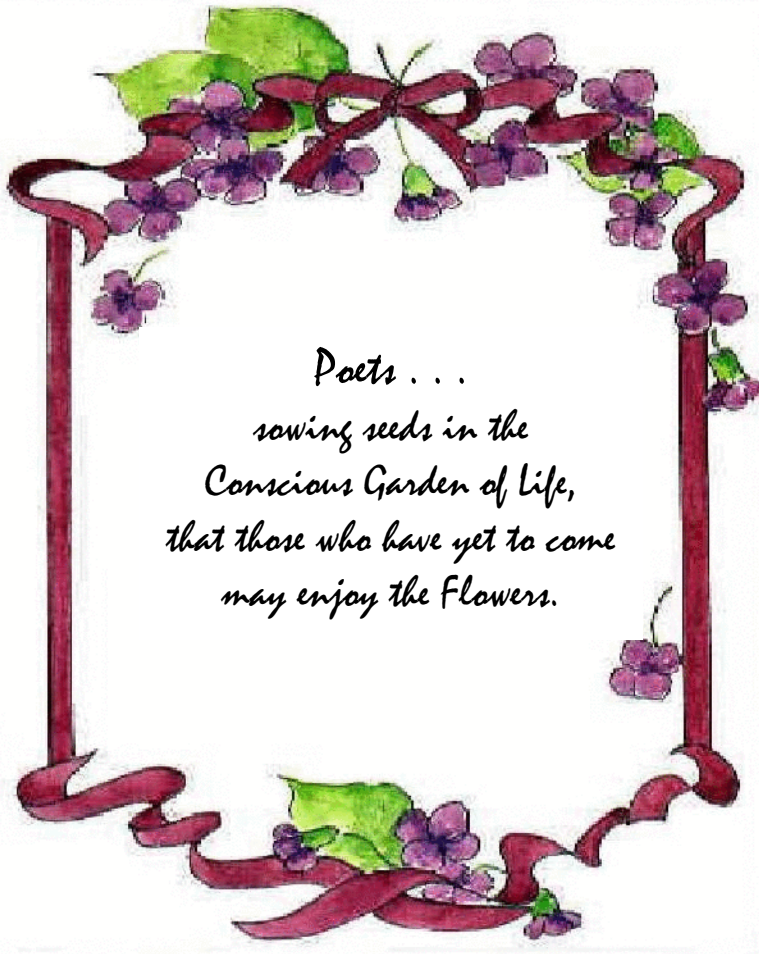
Mesopotamia is the birthplace of written poetry, starting with temple hymns and epics. How will we draw the earth as we contemplate this ancient and modern culture?

Kimberly Burnham

(Integrative Medicine)

March 1, 2026

Spokane, Washington



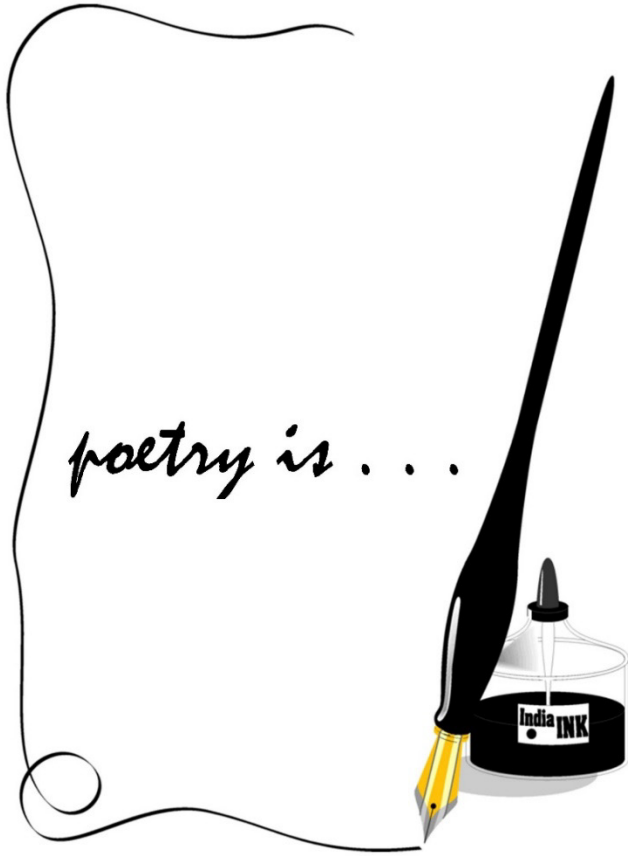
Poets . . .
sowing seeds in the
Conscious Garden of Life,
that those who have yet to come
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp



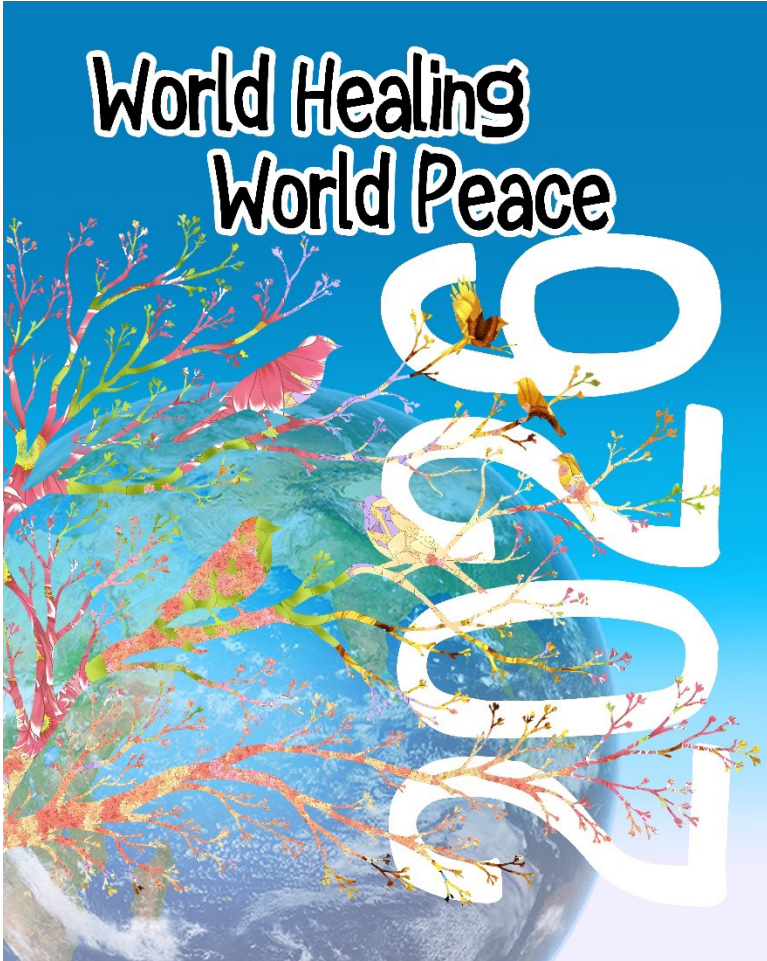


Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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

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

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

360 degrees

From where we are
To where we turn
All is life
Fertile crescent babies
Birthed under a hot sun
We run to the rivers
That flank a new world
Oftentimes it brings things
Shiny, muddy treasures
From far away lands
Mesopotamia
Between two rivers
Where everything you need
Is right here
But nothing lasts forever
In this in between land
When the Gods created man
Death became his share
So we sow seeds
And water them from the great Tigris
The sacred water makes them grow
But just like us,
Only for a while
We write our temporary story
On the stone steps
Of the ziggurat
Until only the cuneiform
Is left

Navy Poet and 'just bill' joint write

(Gail)

Falling from thoughts
We try to gather up
The leavings of yesterday
Left to be wishful
Of laughter and pain
Residing in piles of
Unorganized memories

Browns and golds and oranges
Painfully bright under the earth
For that is where
My mortality now resides
In glimpses of your smile
On stranger's mouths
And I am drawn to kiss
Just for the salty tears
Of the year's passing

I have been told that this
Would eventually happen
But I was not yet ready
To be rid of youth

(BILL)

i look upon the stilled surface
of my consciousness
the waters are clear
and i see the silt of my past
a bottom feeding energy
still there muddying my peace

many times i have come

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and knelt at the altar
seeking reconciliation
an exacerbation
that would be gone
forever
and return to me
my joy

providence seems not
to be on my side
it hides from me in my dreams
my reason almost fails me
yet i hold desperately
to that singular seed
for indeed
the possibilities
of what may be
overwhelms me
salty tears and all

(Gail)

days fill their own path
the rising and falling of the sun
arcing through the heavens
and though I would bear witness
I am only blinded by that
Which I cannot see nor understand
But its heat I feel on my face
And music fills my ears
As the hosts sing of my rebirth
Upon muddy altars

Glassy reflection casts through seas
An intermittent calm
Unbroken by waves or wind

A mighty heron glides above

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Content to enjoy the peace
Of a multitude of blessings
That until today was only possible in dreams

I will tread gracefully
Through a purified passage
Salted by your hand held years
Prayers of feet and hands

(Bill)

and because i am present
the present of my presence
yields to me
the Music
the warmth
the joys
and i bear witness
to the gift
as i shift
from my numbness
shedding the dumbness
they have fed to me

i am alive
i give of my self to my self
to creation
i give life unto life
devoid of any particular strife
for i realize
with the opening on this 3rd eye
that i Am the grace
as sure as the unfettered joys
upon the faces of the children

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i too will not be tethered
to any more “woe is me”
and with that certainty
i am ordained to be
as i so desire
for i have now acquired
the source of this fire
burning
that which at one time has been yearning
and is now no longer discerning
for i am no longer learning
that which i always knew
that you
and i
are

(Gail)

always to be as one
spirit filled
halves of a whole
and in our imperfections
complete

For my poetic kings...

I know you
You are the voice in my head
The lyric of my soul
I know you
You are my words come to life
The spirit of my prayers
I know you
You sing to me in psalms
And add balm to my heart
I know you
You words hold me in your arms
through time and space
I know you
Though the eyes cannot see
My passion is aroused
I know you
By the emotions that are pressed
Into life by your hand
I know you
By the spirit in which you write
For
I know your heart.

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Alicja
Maria
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

Mesopotamia

Between the rivers
Euphrates and Tigris
humanity strayed
from the path
that led toward the paradise.
The wind swept away
the traces of footsteps.
The Tower of Babel
entangled every tongue—
and forgetfulness
spread wide across the land.
On barren earth
ruins rise slowly
from beneath the sand—
artifacts of a greatness long lost.
Thousands of clay tablets,
inscribed in Cuneiform,
tell the stories of heroes
and carry the knowledge
of ancient sages.
The past, like grains of sand,
slips quietly into the present,
and the centuries whisper
their forgotten histories.

Politicians

Entangled deep in webs of their own words,
they quarrel fiercely for their share of power—
for privilege, for wealth, for fleeting rule.
Within their speeches echo ancient cries
of democracy and human rights proclaimed;
yet loudest voices often carry most,
as if the strength of thought were born of noise.
They cast their angry missives to the world
across the restless forums of the net;
there insults bloom and bitter hatreds spread
through lines that drip with scorn for those opposed.
They seem to have forgotten, in their haste,
that the wide Internet remembers all—
it does not lose, nor willingly forgive.
And they forget the old and sober truth:
that speech is silver in the mouths of men,
but silence, oftentimes, is purer gold.

The Well

In the depths,
the earth blinks a dark, watchful eye,
tracking clouds drifting across the blue.
Wild geese wheel above,
a lone butterfly pauses
on the stone rim,
as if to marvel at the world beyond.
Water pulses and murmurs,
sings softly,
then rises in the bucket, leaving
its hidden chambers behind.
No light may enter this abyss,
where shadows finally fall asleep.
Yet at the very bottom,
in the quiet hollow,
dreams stir,
and distant stars
tremble like silver flames.

Til
Kumari
Sharma

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Til Kumari Sharma is internationally awarded poet, essayist, story writer, reviewer, translator and so on. She has got numerous awards through writing around the world. She is a best-seller amazon no 1 poet. She is a featured- poet around the world. She is a poet in world record book “Hyper poem”. She has got World Creative Hero Award from LOANI. Anyway she is world famous author who was born in Paiyun 7- Hile, Parbat, West Nepal. Now she is in Kirtipur Kathmandu. Her portrait by Ukeme Udo is famous.

Meaning of Mesopotamian:

Civilization of ancient in- between rivers,
The ancient time of human dignity near rivers,
Cultural beginning with human civilization is meaningful.
Method of agricultural development is there.
Green civilization from Iraq began in ancient time.
Beginning of human civilization was planted.
Three civilizations began from the part of rivers.
Civilization between Egyptian and Indus began with
agricultural development.
It seems with Iraq, Syria, Iran, Turkey and so on.
Anyway Mesopotamian is the famous old human
civilization.

Deceptive Life

Life is deceptive and it is too much endurable.

It is wound of much endurance.

People forget their misbehavior.

Nation is curse to me to inspire.

Home and family seem opponents to my artistic progress.

So, deceptive is the love life.

Pretending the death as one seems in the distance.

It is huge deception to me.

Struggle is the huge time spending to forget their disrespect
to me.

Journey is the bitter often.

Deception is to endure for all otherwise the people
disrespect me much.

So, the life is deceptive part of love.

It is the wounded tear if people disrespect me.

Wounded Part of Struggle:

My struggle is painful.

But people think it is my joyful walking.

Journey of books is very hard and complex.

Few educated think it is my challenge of life.

Few uses to hate my journey or walk of books.

So, I want to be alienated.

So, life is complex and difficult.

Struggle is not easy and joyful.

Often complexity brings the wounded heart and walk.

The struggle of books is challenging job.

Walking is the standard and respected job.

It is higher than the walk of ministers of all kinds.

It is higher then political explanation.

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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

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

Temple And Ziggurat

Earth passed through fire,
fire through hands, through the long weather of years,
until at last it stood
a silence lifting toward the sky.
The city was still asleep;
only the wind had started upward,
sounding the mind of the gods
and the smallness of man.
These mud bricks were never clean.
They had known flood, and drought,
the salt on a laborer's brow,
the mute ash on a widow's sleeve.
A temple is never holiness fallen from heaven,
but burden raised, layer by layer,
until unspoken hope
gathers a form the eyes can follow.
The priest climbed. The merchant climbed.
The boy bent beneath sheaves, the sleepless old man—
each carrying a fragment of a life,
each giving his breath to the wind.
Nothing waited at the summit
but nearer cloud, harsher light;
yet finite hands kept lifting the heart
toward what could not be seen.

Against Losing What Cannot Be Lost

People think what they are fighting is death.
What they learn much earlier
is how to endure the world
continuing after loss.
Morning enters the city gate.
The market keeps its noise; the river keeps moving.
Only the one who once crossed the wilds beside you
does not turn back, does not answer.
A name suddenly grows heavy,
heavy as a crack through a clay tablet;
memory takes on weight and shape,
like a stone buried deep in yellow sand.
So the king went out beyond the walls,
not for the sake of how legend might write him down.
He crossed mountains, crossed the lip of the sea,
crossed nights even the gods might refuse to name,
carrying fear with him
like a blunt knife he could neither wield nor lay down.

Between The Two Rivers

Between the two rivers,
water arrived before empire.
The Tigris and the Euphrates,
with a patience almost maternal,
washed, silted, and named the land,
until wilderness became a habitable time.
Reeds flashed along the banks.
Cattle pressed hoofmarks into wet earth.
Here humanity first learned to mark out fields,
to wait through the turning of seasons,
and to give that waiting the shape of words.
Then clay tablets took their wedge-shaped marks,
slanting like the shadows of resting birds.
Law received its stone.
Epic received its flood and long road outward.
The gods went up into high towers.
Human life remained below, in markets, hearth-smoke, and
dusk.
Even now,
the water between those rivers seems to murmur from
below:
every human effort that refuses collapse
comes nearer eternity than empire ever does.

Noreen
Snyder

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

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

The Legacy of Mesopotamian

Sargon of Akkad, the ruler who
established the world's first empire
in Mesopotamian, a cradle of civilization.

They built the first cities, and
developed the oldest political
and administrative system.

Our modern 60-minute hour is
a direct legacy of the Mesopotamian.

They are the birthplace of writing
and recorded history.

The first known poet and author,
Enheduanna, Sargon of Akkad's daughter.

Enheduanna

Enheduanna, the daughter of Sargon of Akkad,
the first known poet and author,
the high priestess.

She was extremely powerful
and influential.

She wrote personal, first-person poetry,
powerful hymns,
about her experiences, her emotional struggles

Her poem, “The Exaltation of Inannan,”
(her famous poem),

her personal and emotional
struggles during her exile.

Hunger and Satisfaction

Making homemade bread
is like love.
You put your heart
and soul into it
taking a chance
willing to give it a try.
When you mix
the right ingredients,
and it comes out
perfectly,
the aroma of homemade bread
is enticing
to your palate; your face
glows with
excitement and happiness.
That is the same way
when you're in love.
You know it is just right.

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Between Two Rivers

Between the arms of the Tigris River
and the Euphrates River,
the earth learned how to speak in lines—
not of wind, not of waves,
but of wedges pressed into clay.
A hand, calloused and patient,
carved memory into mud,
and called it forever.

The sun leaned low over Mesopotamia,
watching men bend toward soil and sky,
their prayers rising with the dust,
their gods shaped like storms and stories.

Here, cities stood like questions—

Ur,

Babylon—

asking the heavens for meaning,
answering with walls, laws,
and the fragile order of kings.

Time did not pass here quietly.

It was written, recorded, remembered—
in tablets that outlived the breath that made them.

Even now,

if you listen beneath the noise of centuries,
you can hear it—

the scratch of reed on clay,
the first whisper of history
refusing to be forgotten.

Clay and Kings

The land was soft with promise,
wet with the overflow of rivers
that did not ask permission to give.
In the cradle of Mesopotamia,
they built not just homes,
but certainty.

A man stood above others,
crowned not only by gold
but by the weight of command.
He spoke, and laws took shape—
etched in stone, unyielding as the sun.
Hammurabi carved justice
into something that could not be argued with,
only obeyed or broken.

Yet even kings were made of the same dust,
their empires rising like breath in winter,
visible for a moment,
then gone.

Temples climbed toward the sky—
ziggurats like stairways for gods
who never seemed to descend.
Still, the people believed.
They planted, they built,
they wrote their names into existence.
And when the rivers flooded,
as they always did,
they remembered—
that power was never theirs alone,
but borrowed
from water, from earth, from time.

The First Memory

Before the world was crowded with voices,
before maps were filled with borders and names,
there was a place that began remembering.
They called it Mesopotamia—
though it had many names before that,
spoken in tongues now folded into silence.
Here, stories did not drift away.
They were anchored—
pressed into clay like seeds
waiting for centuries to bloom again.
A flood, a hero, a search for something eternal—
echoes of the Epic of Gilgamesh
still move through the bones of literature,
still ask the same question:
what does it mean to last?
The answer was never simple.
It lived in the rise of cities,
in the fall of walls,
in the quiet persistence of words
that refused to disappear.
Civilization began not with certainty,
but with the need to hold on—
to time, to memory, to meaning.
And in that ancient land,
between rivers that carried both life and loss,
humanity first learned
that to write
is to defy forgetting.

Mutawaf Shaheed

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Mesopotamia

There was no grand plan
that man had in hand,
when this land appeared
between the river's banks.

Who knew where all this
would take us. Can your
minds replay the special
day, that now lays in history?

Traveling roads that have
now eroded. Languages that
can't be decoded makes one
wonder what the people had
planned.

Armed with picks, shovels and
tiny brooms trying to see if they
knew we were coming. Looking
for hidden lines to read between.

Wanting to know if they were right
or wrong . Not being really sure, we
just make up some stuff as we go
along.

Bargains

Using brain coupons to reduce mind slime
that produces morpheme in the paragraphs
locked on my laptop's screen. I scream when
I see it. Over joyed when I feel the wind again
scraping my face, tearing a brown leaf from a
branch that gave up. I heed the warnings in the
clouds.

I see cheap music in eyes that have no light.
I sit filling empty thoughts with candy creatures
whose features resemble gingerbread men. Then
my dog skip ate them and kind of smiled at me.
Tadpoles linger at the bottom of my lake knowing
that they are running out of time told by the frog in
them.

The sun rises on thieves as they open their prizes from
a night of mayhem and plunder. Waiting again on sunset
to garner another night of bargains gained through
basement windows and unlocked screens.

Lovers

She was in love with the them she found in him.
It was the way he held the liqueur glass, the way
she was whisked away by smell of the whiskey on
his breath when he kissed her organic lips, that was
coated with GMO gloss. She was indeed the boss.

It was exciting to her the way he followed her plans,
how he cow-towed to her demands. Sometimes she
thought he was her daddy. She loved this kind of man!
He was never raised to have a spine, one time he asked
me if he could use mine.

He was six foot two and could bench press 400 lbs.
He talked, real loud, well, until she came around.
There were brothers in his family who had been
trained well too. They worshiped so many women,
they didn't know what to do.

She and their mother became best friends. The father
worked in the coal mines until he was dead. I heard
it was only the dog that had a tear in one eye. By then
the system had rolled out many new genders.

She found her guy in a newspaper ad. He was wearing
Suspenders. It stated that he was confused and sad, that
was just the kind of thing she had to have. It said, he
smoked reefer and drank Old Grand Dad. He was a lot
different than the last guy she had.

He prayed too much, and only had one God, plus, as
hard as she looked, there was no trace of them, that
could be ever found in him. He wasn't just a thing, he
was a real man.

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Mesopotamian Mythology

A melting pot of Sumerian, Akkadian,
Assyrian and Babylonian hymns, epic tales,
And ancient polytheistic beliefs . . .
In sum, the mythology of Mesopotamia
Offers those dedicated to the region's history at large
Richly diverse content for lifelong study.

How many of us have not heard about Enki, Inanna,
And Marduk, the anthropomorphic gods, that is;
Or the narratives centering around creation, mortality, and
The flood myth? Enuma Elish, the Epic of Gilgamesh,
And Atrahasis . . . all riveting to humanity's role
In serving deities.

Gods' Familial Ties

What we get from online sources . . .

Enki, aka Ea, narrated as a Sumerian god, Is a creator figure and humanity's benefactor. Known For his wisdom, crafts (having created humanity from clay), Magic, and his control of all fresh water, he dons Mesopotamian myths as the father of many gods.

The young, ambitious, and impulsive Inanna, aka Ishtar, Represents love, fertility, and war. Her personality traits Are demonstrated through her interactions with or the Challenges she places to other gods. Not excluding Enki.

The mythical Mesopotamian narratives assign Marduk, aka Bel, over 50 names. A prominent Babylonian deity, he is Often described as the son of Enki and Damkina, the Mother goddess. Marduk is said to have attained his Prominence as Babylon's patron god and to have become The king of the gods in the Enuma Elish myth, taking on Creator and leader roles.

Time for a Quiz

*Which ones are gods, and which ones are goddesses?
What significance or roles do Mesopotamian myths
Attribute the following? How do the names match with
Their AKAs?*

Damkina

Inanna

Enki

Bel

Damgalnuna

Marduk

Ishtar

Ea

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Mesopotamia Ancient Claim

You rose between two rivers,
Tigris swift and Euphrates slow flow.
History proclaims you as the land

where first cities, government, agriculture,
advanced mathematics and astronomy
bloomed in ancient Mesopotamia.

Priests whispered to the stars,
asking for the blessings from the gods.
They walked with respect for the land.

Your history carries the echo of humanity
that thrived in ancient times.
Today is a reverent embrace for ancient wisdom.

Solitudes Seven

I am in one of my happy places
absorbing the energy of this sacred space.
I get so high on each inhale
I must sit, catch my breath and
pinch myself to feel the weight of earth.

Then I look out.
Bone and beige fades into red.
All sorts of beings stare and smile
from indescribable rock formations.

I suddenly lose control
and just laugh.

Solitudes Eight

Solitude is a dinner with fantasy.
Can you hear the stillness of the desert?
Watch a blade of grass lean in
to another blade and kiss it
ever so gently.

How lovely to see this Divine touch
of nature gathering as the sun fades
into the embrace of evening.
Where are you, my friend?
I want to share this holiness with you
just once
before the death angel takes me home.

Ashok
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O Mesopotamia

Imagine
the reeds of the Tigris River whispering,
bending in devotion to the gods
beside Babylon, city of sunbaked clay.
Sweet-dates wine
in carved cups evokes
hymns to Inanna, goddess of love—
a reminder that tenderness
has always belonged to humanity.
Oil lamps cast gentle amber light
while lyres release soft notes,
their strings trembling with care.
Constellations shimmer above,
inviting us—across centuries—
to feel our own longing
echo through the stillness
of a Mesopotamian night.

In Sweet Silence

In the cradle of early civilization,
a quiet force rises on its own,
meeting anyone willing to pause.
It comes gently, like breath that finds us.

No calling is needed—
only the relaxed hands of attention
and the stillness that receives what arrives.

Between movement and surrender
lies a tender threshold
where the world briefly unravels its noise.

In that subtle clearing,
ancient wisdom lingers, patient and near,
guiding how we walk in modern times.

The Imagined Babylon

By the rivers of Babylon
the music was too loud for prayer,
yet everyone spoke—
not to be heard,
but to remember their own bucket list.
Someone, a stranger,
held a glass of barley beer
and started talking to me as if we were friends.
The date palm trembled
in the wandering air—
its leaves turning and turning,
like the careful way
I straightened myself
before I stepped out
into unknown surroundings.

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Heralds Of Mesopotamia

Guarding the Ancient Mesopotamia
Ziggurats, temples and rivers,
Life beyond the waters, arts and literature,
Gilgamesh walks with a sage and a king,
Hammurabi's stone, carved with codes,
Justice chiseled for eternity.
From the world of Babylon,
They sing—law, myth, and lore,
Ancient voices that still endure.

Her Majesty

She creates like Isis;

she owns the sky, the sun and the moon,

the alchemic maxim of force and femininity;

She rules like Hathor;

she wears the crown of love, joy, music, dance,

motherhood and fertility;

She wins like Artemis; she is fearless, strong,

adventurous, and youthful.

She is March.

The birthmark of empowered homeless suns.

Woman

her love is a radiating oomph,
inexhaustible paragon,
her dreams are embodiments
of oceanwide crystals,
she becomes the character
of phronesis,
inside her womb
is a nourished world.

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Mesopotamia : the cradle of civilization

on the banks of the river Tigris and Euphrates
the cradle of urban civilization
languages and cultures blend
the epic of Gilgamesh
chronicles of adventure
the burden of divine service,
the importance of wisdom
fragility of life
Mesopotamian writings
known as cuneiform
their contribution for future
sixty minutes an hour
and twenty-four hours a day
sexagesimal numeral system
world's first civilization
to record legal codes
the code of Hammurabi
principle of
“Innocent until proven guilty”
the wheel used for chariots,
water management
arches, domes and baked bricks
earliest medical texts and
record keeping
developed the first music theory
history will remember
their wisdom and skill forever ..

And I obeyed

and I obeyed you
you expected me to give you shadow
I became a tree
rather I tried to be a forest
to give shelter to all
the birds, squirrels, bees
but you chopped my body and soul
to make a coffin
and I obeyed you
you expected me to walk behind you
and not ahead
I had the desire to be bold
and hold your hands to walk together
I opened the umbrella throughout
in sun and rain
and I obeyed you
you expected me to keep quiet
and say “yes boss”
I wrote your script in my language
sans my name
to coronate you
as the emperor
my definition of existence changed
and I obeyed you
never sang loudly
never smiled in public
never demanded
never spoke politics
never took a decision independently
indeed, I obeyed you
my diaspora heart was screaming
screaming for liberty to have a choice
to say a big NO.....

I say “STOP WAR ”

in every courtyard
there is the sobbing
aftermath of war is whispering
in schools, forests, airports
who are the policy makers?
their ego is devastating
that takes a decision
they never get bullets in their chest
innocents are killed
a young soldier's mother pours tear
martyrs are used as puppets
orphans crying in the refugee camp
insecurity and superego dash as missiles
stop war not by bombs
stop war not by blood
stop war by love
war is a monster
victory stands on the graveyard
stop war
I say “Stop war ”

Albert
'Infinite'
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Mesopotamian

I stand between the Tigris and the Euphrates river,
history and wisdom flow through me like the bordered by
water,
yesterday I was Sumerian, Akkadian, Babylonian and
Assyrian,
today I am Iraq, Kuwait and Syria, the cradle of
civilization.
We built empires from clay for the heads of kings to lay.
Tall walls like our pride separated us from the broken
system outside.
Cuneiform etched in clay was formed as knowledge for
tomorrow,
created by yesterday.
Hammurabi laid down laws, Gilgamesh told a man about
mortality,
they both built historic legacies.
We had the blueprint of ambition,
we looked at nothing and made something to tell our story
of living conditions.
Voices needed to be heard,
so globally people that are speaking are echoing our
ancestors,
there's Cuneiform derived in every word.
Poetry didn't start on stages, it started between two rivers
by Mesopotamian writers.

What am I going to do?

Damn what am I going to do? who am I going to call? it feels as if all hope is gone and everyone is saying fuck you when my back is against the wall. insurance is past due, Rent is late, breakfast, lunch and dinner is coming from the faucet, water to drink, ice to chew, all I do is clean cups because there's no food staining plates. I don't know how it got to this point, I have multiple financial problems and I have hit rock bottom. Should I go and get paid for a hit? should I run in the bodega and tell the owner to open the register or their wig is getting split? should I home invade, tie up the wife and kids, pistol whip the father till he opens the safe, like... I want the money and the jewelry, all of that shit? My thoughts are racing and I'm trying not to fall for the devils temptation at this time of desperation. I have a job but right now there's no work and bills don't wait, unemployment isn't cutting it and I don't qualify to be assisted by the government, something gotta give before those letters start coming in saying I'm about to get evicted from my apartment. I'm stressing at the highest level, if someone gave me consignment I'll go out and hustle, I'll take a block and show em my muscle, take another, then another etcetera etcetera, the game will be in trouble. I'll have to be on point from raids, I'll be worrying about gettn locked up or shot up to get paid, I'd rather earn an honest dollar but honestly I'll do whatever to avoid burning twigs for fire to get light and heat as a squatter. So today when I walk out my door I'll be looking for a job or work, one way or another I'll be in possession of that in God we trust whether it's another nine to five, or me out there at six in the morning to feed that AM rush.

Gun shots

When gun shots interrupted the silent night, everybody would run down with their strap and extra clips ready to join the gunfight. You had to be careful on the way down, you didn't know what you're getting into, but you couldn't hesitate, a slow reaction could be the reason you lose a member of the crew. Everybody that ran down looked deranged holdn small arms and shit for range. Ayo where they at? That's the only question we're asking before blasting semi and fully gats, the details are spoken about later, right now we gotta defend a trap attack. When you're gettn it, there's those that'll try to take because they're hungry, they'll kill and die for it, you have to be ready to kill or die for it, that's why they call it blood money, that's why these New York streets are so bloody. Unfortunately there was times when teammates weren't around to save another member, it's war then murder, then going to wakes sitting in the front row with wives and mothers. Death came so often you start building relationships with funeral directors, hearse drivers and gravediggers. It's messed up when you're gettn discounts due to large body counts.

Kimberly
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Rain on Clay

The rain is pounding on the tile roof
as it must have in ancient cities
full of poets and temples

Each drop says:
where can I go from here
who will I join
what will I nourish

Towards everyone
who has stood beneath this sky
growing here
nurturing the world

And I believe
in what seems impossible
for just a moment


After everything
the bombs
the horror and hate
the boastfulness
and bitterness

I wonder what the real story is
when we keep walking forward
hoping for light
when we keep making dinner
hoping for growth
for becoming human

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The tree does not ask
whose land is this
it reaches for the sky
revels in the rain
watching people
writing poems
creating homes
caring for children
as it grows fruit
leaving behind lessons
grow where you are
share what you can

Roots of Poetry

Before there was poetry and words
there were roots S-L-M
deep in the earth
languages planted and growing
side by side
Akkadian peace “šulmu”
Sumerian “silim ”
being whole and in balance
Arabic “salaam (سلام)”

Each one
a slightly different path
into the same home
siblings even

Weaving a world of words
thought and ideas
desire for peace and wholeness

Aramaic “šlama (שלמה)” peace and completeness
Hebrew “shalom (שָׁלוֹם)” peace, wholeness, harmony
The Kurdish of Northern Mesopotamia
“aşî” peace and reconciliation
siblings seeking roots and peace

Peace Prayers

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We must find our roots again
a feather falls towards me
loosed from a bird flying south
towards the warmth in the fall

This is how prayers begin
loosed from something solid and real
towards a felt but unseen power

I must fly towards compassion
understanding that my thoughts
and words have power

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

Freedom of Thought

Between the rivers
lived those
in whom *the mother of invention*
– necessity
was born.

Between the oceans,
their brilliant achievements shall endure
– forever.

The world is not merely
brushed by the past,
it is deeply rooted in it.

Only once can one forge bronze.
Only once can one invent
– the wheel,
– the sailing boat,
– clay tablets bearing cuneiform signs.

A testament to those times,
their words etched by the hands of Sumerian scribes.

Between knowledge and unknowing
there lies a space for creation,
where only
– freedom of thought
grants the power to bring forth new discoveries.

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

White Doves

In the memory of those who failed to reach their destination

A motionless point
started to disappear.
Suddenly, in this
– so far unfenced –
place stood a fence to gag the reality.
Its aim – to silence the cry of those hungry
for better days and quiet nights.

To look at white doves' wings
– we need PEACE.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

Avalanche

All he could always hear was:

– *You're different.*

So he asked himself:

– *Does that mean worse?*

In his world,
in his house of no understanding,
like an avalanche,
fell of his face the mask.
Now, he no longer pretends.

He overcame fear.
He cherishes
what's visible and what's invisible.

In the light, dusk and darkness he is now himself.

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

Khalice
Jade

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Khalice Jade, born Saliha Ragad, is an International Peace Ambassador, author, and engaged philosopher. Awarded the Excellence Prize for Peace in France at age 11 and recognized by the newspaper La Voix du Nord, she has published over thirty personal works and contributed to fifteen international anthologies, eight of which she directed. Passionate about cultural diversity and human understanding, she uses poetry and prose to inspire, encourage reflection, and promote peace, celebrating the richness of human experience and sharing a universal message of openness, harmony, and compassion.

At The Source Of The Word

Before our cities raised their guarding walls,
Two rivers sang the dawn of human thought;
In living clay, a hand in motion caught
The first-born words that time could not enthrall.
There measure rose, and law took form and calls;
Time gained a face, and shadow learned its name.
By naming worlds, mankind embraced its flame
And marked its passage on the fertile plains.
Beneath the sacred clay our origins lie,
Prayers, oaths, accounts, clear offerings of mind,
Where still the pulse of childlike souls runs high.
O Mesopotamia, cradle of mankind,
Through you the human breath learned how to fly,
And speech was born, as memory unconfined.

Light Of Hands

Poem 1 – Cultural Bridges

Hands reaching out toward distant shores,
A gesture lighting up a world to be;
Invisible bridges are written on our pages,
And our hearts learn to love and smile freely.

Languages entwine and become song,
Voices rise and spread their gentle light;
Friendship is born where peaceful breaths belong,
And the world is joined within this sight.

A meeting is a seed that gently lands,
A breath that blooms like roses in the air;
Our open hearts unfold at life's commands.
Thus unity springs from the elegant deed,
And humanity, in its diversity,
Learns to reach out and lovingly proceed.

Harmony Of Voices

Poem 2 Cultural Bridges / Diversity

Beneath the city skies where a thousand laughs soar,
Gestures weave invisible threads in the air;
Each gaze becomes dance, rhythm, and more,
Connecting souls, making life fair.

The song of cultures resounds in harmony,
Hands cross, voices blend in tender flight;
Our stories become infinite melody,
And the world is nourished by shared light.

A glow is born in hearts open wide,
A breath of peace illuminates our days;
Extended hands chase all fear aside.
Thus humanity learns to unite,
To build bridges where all can merge,
And through the other, grows in shared sight.

William
S.
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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From Birth to Death

In the land where
The crescent moon walks upon the land
And the Four Rivers converge
To be the spawn of things
We believe to be
Life
There is a resounding lore
That speaks of the myths that
This is a place
Where God's are born
And their children once played

Kings and Queens
The bringers of life . . .
The bringers of death
Yet still to this day
The lands bleeds for us
As it calls to us
Here and now
From Birth to Death

a nice Casablanca day

A relaxing day
Contemplation at the edges
Not wanting to indulge
Thoughts drifting
To and fro,
No agendas

The sun not beaming brightly
Obscured behind a soft cover
Mottled with light greys
Slightly tinted blues
And white

A soft soothing cooling breeze
Coming and going
Keeping me stimulated
Involuntarily ...
I like that

No decisions
Though I hear the faint calling
Of hunger
Desperately
Calling incessantly
For my attention

I turn a semi deaf ear,
It can wait
Until I give it permission
To indulge

People walking by,
Cars doing what cars do,
Parking and moving,
Motorcycles, scooters, bicycles,

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Buses and Taxis
Children playing,
Chatter in the audible horizon
Footsteps on the pavement

City ? ... Life ?

The world is awake
And I have chosen
To be withdrawn
From its busy-ness
Yet here I am
Immersed in a Casablanca ambiance
On a beautiful Casablanca day

A Night in Tunisia

I have dreamed of this land
Long ago,
And now my feet
Are planted
Upon her soils

Her beauty captured me
When I was young
Though I knew nothing of her
Save what I have read in books

But through the passages
Found in verse,
In prose
She embraced me in love
And whispered sweet incantations
Beckoning me
To come, come, come

Now here I am,
With her people,
With her beauty
Being embraced
Once again
In my dreams,
Of her,
And her dreams of me
Just as I am

In the cloaked night skies
With her stars peeking through
I feel her light
Shining in my soul

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Softly whispering
"There are no coincidences,
I have called you long ago,
And here you are.

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Md Ejaj Ahamed was born on 26 February 1990 at Mahendrapur, Aurangabad, Murshidabad, West Bengal, India. He is a bilingual poet, writer, journalist, translator, teacher, peace ambassador, an editor. His published books are seven, edited books are four and translated book is one. Besides his poems and articles have been published in many joint books and journals. He is the chief editor of Swapner Vela Sahitya Patrika (The Raft of Dreams Literary Magazine). His poems have been translated into 23 languages. He has gotten many national and international awards with Honorary Doctorates.

Peace's Regret

O peace, please come into view.
Where are you?
We really need you.

O peace, you are a basic need of ours;
Without you, resources are wasted flowers.

You have left with regret
From the warring and conspiratorial world with upset.

Humanity's tears, the dew's tears are everywhere.
O peace, please come to us without fear
To wipe out tears with a handkerchief anew;
The soldiers of humanity always stand by you.

Where are you?
please come to us with the blanket anew.

In Autumn I Will Go

I will go to the river bank in autumn
By a happy boat hearing the laughter of water.
I will hear the whisper of air
And see the dance of rippler,
I will also hear the Bhatiali song of the boatman.
How fascinated I am!

I will go to the river bank in autumn
Where dancing catkins call human,
The happy white clouds fly like birds,
I will take photos with them holding their hands,
I will listen to their sweet words.
At dawn on the grass
I will see the weep of night,
The tears sparkle like diamonds in the sunlight.

Questions to Clouds

O clouds,
Where do you go in summer?
We all wait for you to get shower.

O clouds,
You give heavy rainfall in rainy season.
Where do you get so much tear?
What is your tear's reason?

O clouds,
Where do you get so much white colour
In autumn?
In the blue sea of the sky I gaze at
Your charming floating raft.

Taghrid
Bou
Merhi

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Taghrid Bou Merhi is a Lebanese–Brazilian poet, translator, editor, and journalist based in Brazil. She has published 23 books and translated over 47 others, with her works appearing in more than 220 international anthologies and translated into 47 languages. President of CIESART Lebanon and an international cultural ambassador, she has served as a judge for several Poetry Competition international. Recipient of global honors including the Naji Naaman and Nizar Sartawi Awards, First prize of the Zhang Nian Cup, she was named among the Top 10 Poets in the World and Top 50 Women Shaping Modern Literature in Asia.

The Dialectic of Reflection and Existence

I stand before the mirror
as if facing a river flowing out of nothingness.
My face emerges from the silent glass
and returns to me as a stranger... as if I do not know it.

The mirror does not lie,
yet it never tells the whole truth.
It grants me half of myself
and hides the half that dwells within.

I stretch my hand toward it,
and the hand becomes a question in the void.
Who touches whom?
The one outside... or the one within?

In my eyes lies the reflection of my eyes,
facing each other like night and night.
The closer I come to the light,
the heavier the shadow grows inside me.

The mirror is a stage without an audience,
where I am the only actor,
the only witness,
and the slain who rises after every scene.

The face of childhood passes swiftly,
like a forgotten phantom in the glass.
The face of old age waves from afar,
a rendezvous from which there is no escape.

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How many images has the mirror kept of me?
How many versions of myself are scattered in its silence?
And each version whispers to the other:
No one resembles him... and no one resembles us.

When I close my eyes before it,
I hear the echo of my steps resounding in the unknown.
As if the mirror does not only reflect the body,
but also leaks the secrets of the soul into other mirrors.

I ask it: Who am I?
It answers with rigid eyes.
I ask it: Where am I?
A thousand broken images shatter across my face.

Breaths of the Earth

In my palm, a handful of soil,
I breathe in my grandfather's scent,
and the seeds of old tales.

I press my finger into the earth's heart,
and it beats with me,
as if it knows I am searching for myself within it.

I plant a rose,
and a window of joy
blooms in my heart.

I plant basil,
and a prayer blossoms in my soul,
one that cannot be spoken in words.

In the garden,
I learn patience from roots
stretching in deep silence,
and I learn hope from branches
lifting their faces to the sky.

Water sings when it nourishes,
and dew paints on my leaves
poems no poet can write.

Birds read my green notebooks,
and butterflies hang upon my branches
a scarf of light.

Every seedling is a new child
I embrace with my eyes,
I give it a secret name
and wait for it to speak to me.

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In gardening,
I escape the city's noise,
I listen to the dialogue of earth and sky,
to the secret of seasons as they succeed each other
like chapters of an endless book.

My hobby is a bridge between me and God,
through it I reach out to His mercy
in every leaf that springs from nothingness.

Every morning,
I open my green notebook
and write a new chapter in it
with the language of planting, watering, and dew.

I know I am not a great farmer,
but my small gardens
are enough for me as a homeland of serenity,
enough for me as a hymn of colors,
and enough for me as a life
that blossoms despite decay.

Echoes Of Absence

I sit by the window of time,
counting the shadows of passersby,
and no one returns.

Absence
is not a void in space,
but an echo that lingers in the heart
and never fades.

I reach for an empty chair,
and the cold strikes me,
as if to remind me
that warmth has departed.

The night is long,
stretching like a desert
crossed only by
the footsteps of memory.

I write your name on paper,
the ink runs like blood,
and each letter becomes
a wound that will not heal.

How many times have I tried to seize the air,
hoping it might conceal you,
but absence is vaster
than my small grasp.

Every door opens onto silence,
every path leads nowhere,
as if the earth had lost its maps
after you were gone.

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I know I still breathe,
yet I live with half a heart,
dream with half a dream,
and walk in streets
that miss your steps.

Absence is not death,
it is a life amputated,
a poem without rhyme,
a sky without stars.

And still,
I plant in the void
a tiny rose,
hoping it may bloom one day
when you return.

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Shikdar
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Pure Father

Here life is nothing but a shameless woman
Standing in a blind narrow lane who colours
Her lips with a painful bloody rose of bad luck.

Art of toiling life makes a shortcut bargain
Ravings of night vomits a darker dirty dawn
To be prepared for another upcoming night.

Modern city walks through a tiring darkness.
Still tries to find out a meaning of noise and
Suddenly boxes in the air to be offloaded.

When I will be eighty-over and cover my face
With ashen sky or grey water wets my chest
Right then you, an ideal leader will emerge!

Then that of the good days as if our children
Could find the minimum means of existence.

In a Sweet Nativity

Pinching of crooked rainfall
As cock-eyed poking of Bhabi.
Suddenly shaken summer rain
By crazy air.
Covered courtyard
With a candescent raining
Like a falling moonbeam drops.

Green mangoes picked up by elder sisters
Get warmth in their arms.
Trembling their couple pigeon being wet
And signify soft geography
Of growing existences with watermark,
As if, they got a scope of being noticed.

Sultry earth had sunburnt by lilac ray
Fills Its fractures with watered mud.
Brown Bengali body is the symbol
Of earthy nature scented muddy.
Rainy fondle opens Bangladesh
And its enclosed earthy door.

The country, its earth and ordinary rainy lifestyle
Settle me eternally in a pure and holy marked
Lively world.

Autocratic Season

Missing cloudy sky
Killed sea deity falling in a crossfire.

All the year round the spring is runner
As the killer, summer is often chaser.

Neither the rainy nor the spring
Everywhere dictator summer
Dominating.

How the cuckoo could sing!
They heard magical music eagerly
"Risen Bangladesh!
It is the time only for her"!

Confused cuckoos forget
The difference between fire and 'fagun'!

Seeing the uprooting
Of some banyan trees
Mango orchard excited too much,
Thought they would be swinging
With the spring air
But the root is gone under
Summer command.

Summery rage of autocratic domination
Burns the largest delta of the world

Wherein the shadow of wisdom tree
Hideaway air would stand
Even The Buddha doesn't know.

Swapan
Sarma

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Swapan Sarma is a poet based in West Bengal, India. He has nine books of poems and a collection of short stories published in Bengali. He is now translating his works into English for international readers. His poems have been published in a number of renowned Bengali poetry magazine and europeanpoetry.com .

To the Poem

as I'll write you, verse not being averse to Muse
the flock of delighted peacock around me
as amid the sound of rattling cloud
the song of lightning heard

as I'll write you verse traversing your world
the time free from burden
dance in my inherent existence
let you and I become a single entity

as I'll write you verse, say being terse
a burdensome frame becomes light
life flies like a bird flapping its wings
towards the endless blue

as I'll write you verse forgetting commerce
my "Self" sings with the tune of eternity
with the freedom of fancy
a different sun rising in me
becomes my ever-smiling companion
making familiar with the unfamiliar

A Cave's Tale

say, i was a cave and many a moving stream of spring
beauty entered into
Me dancing waves in Me rang like the sound of female
anklet
lived through many springs
in this rocky frame drawing sustenance from that sound
that caused barren and
jealous rock shiver and enter into
Me the streams then took a detour when the cave entity of
mine was blocked
all unheard music being
suppressed under the same rock sad cave and
the moving streams lost their entity
once the jealous rock gave way i was reborn with the
stream of spring beauty entering into
Me as before

To the Unknown

venturing out from the known to the unknown
like Columbus discovering America
a precise promise to myself.
answers to endless questions of my entity
along my journey's course

in the known world of colors
a lover of the unknown
trying to capture in fancy dark cloud
within doors and windows

confines of flat found aroma-rich
replete with color and potentiality
because of the musings of monsoon
the known gives birth to the unknown
the sweet melody of which rings in a troubled heart

this being for the time being,
the gulf between the known and unknown can't be bridged

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our fallen soldiers of verse



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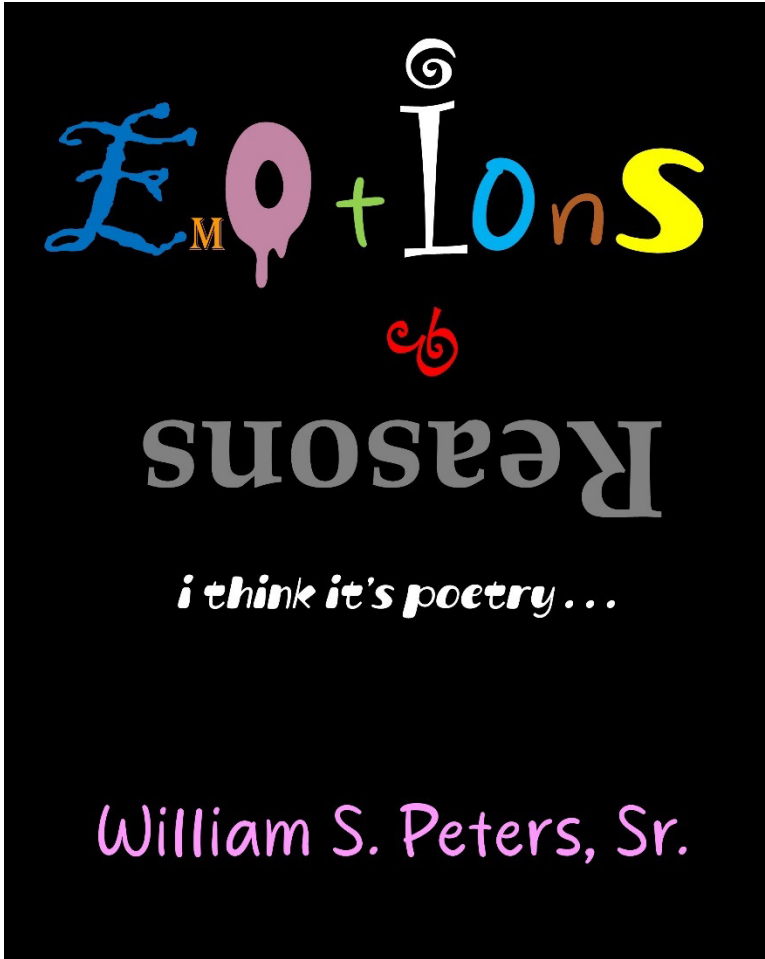


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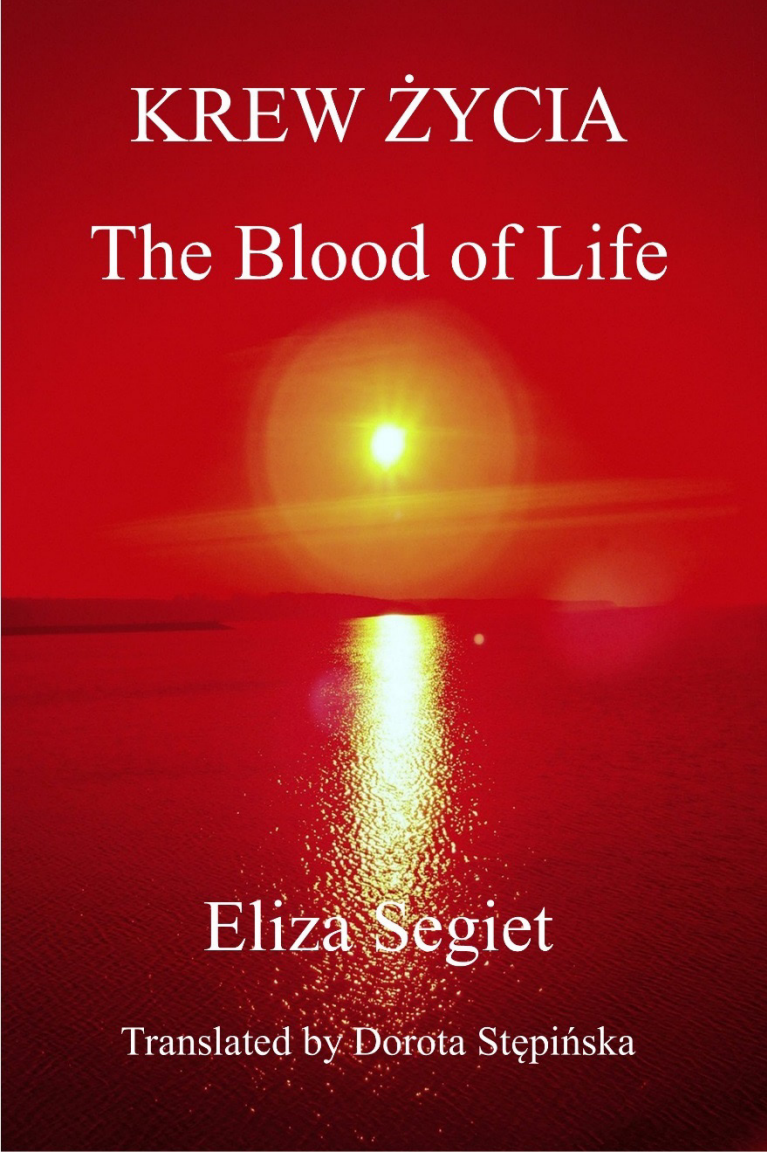
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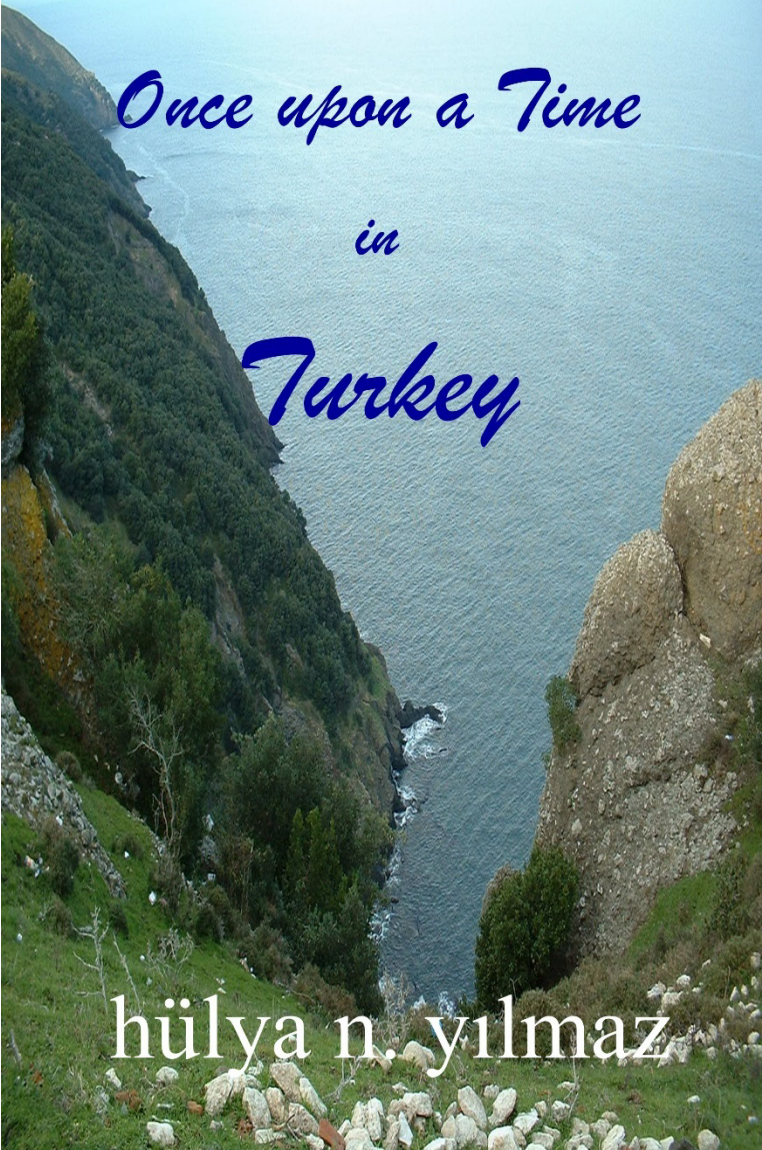
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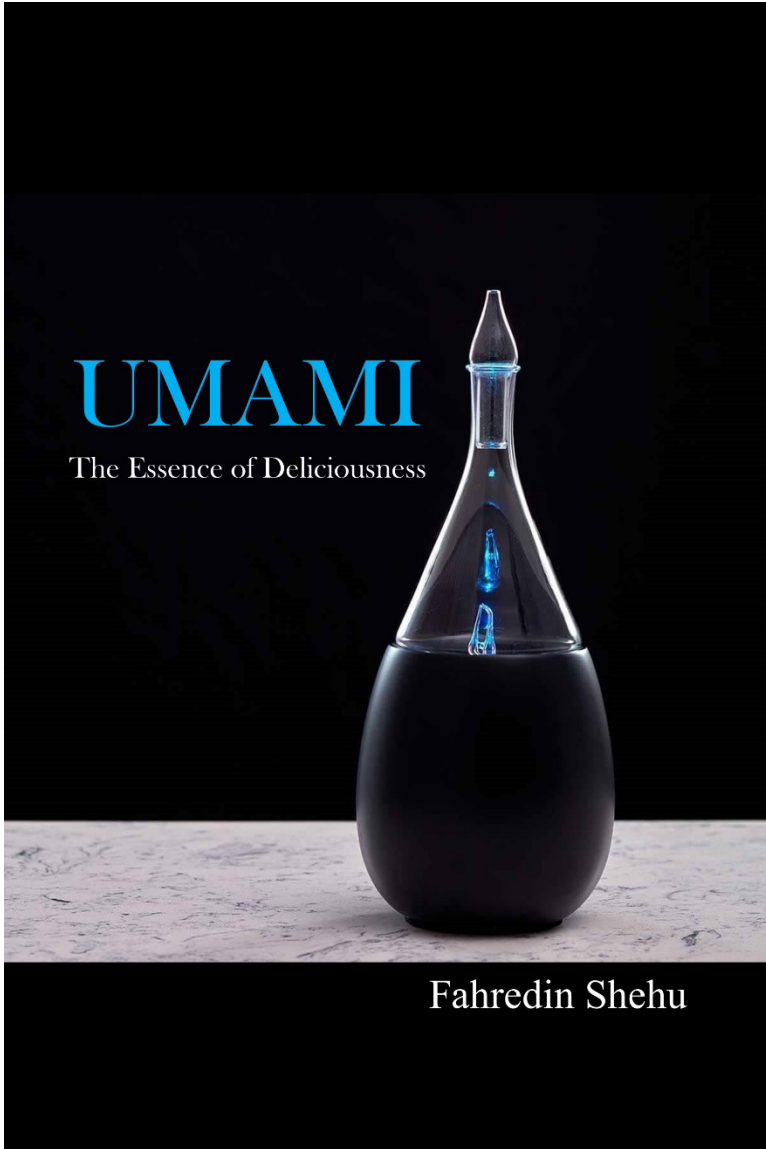
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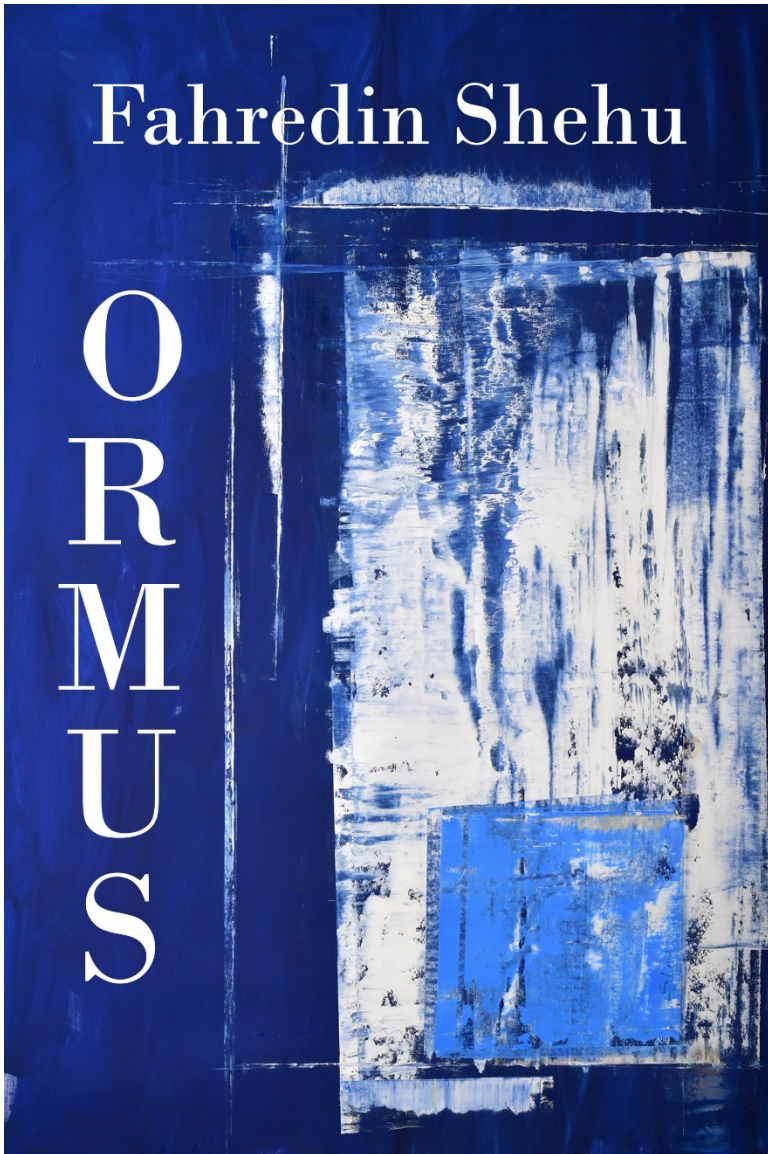
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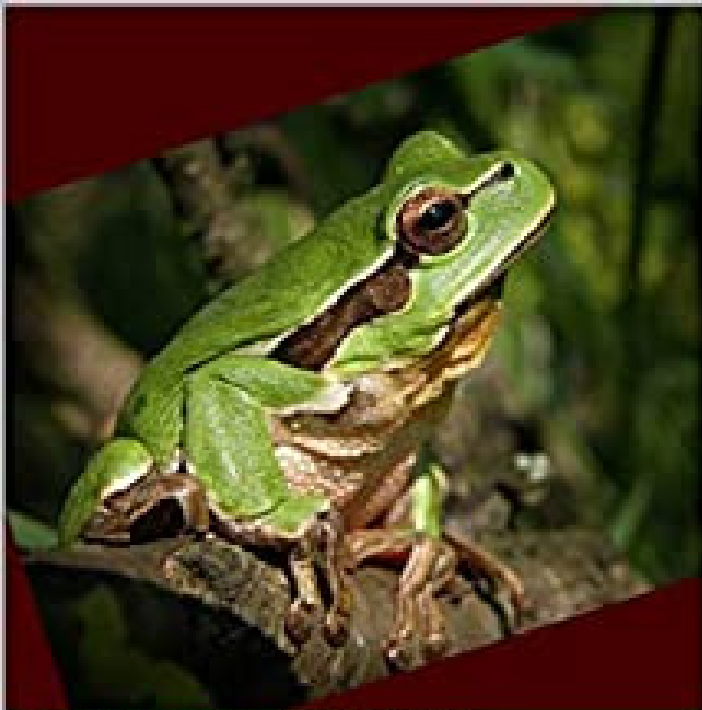
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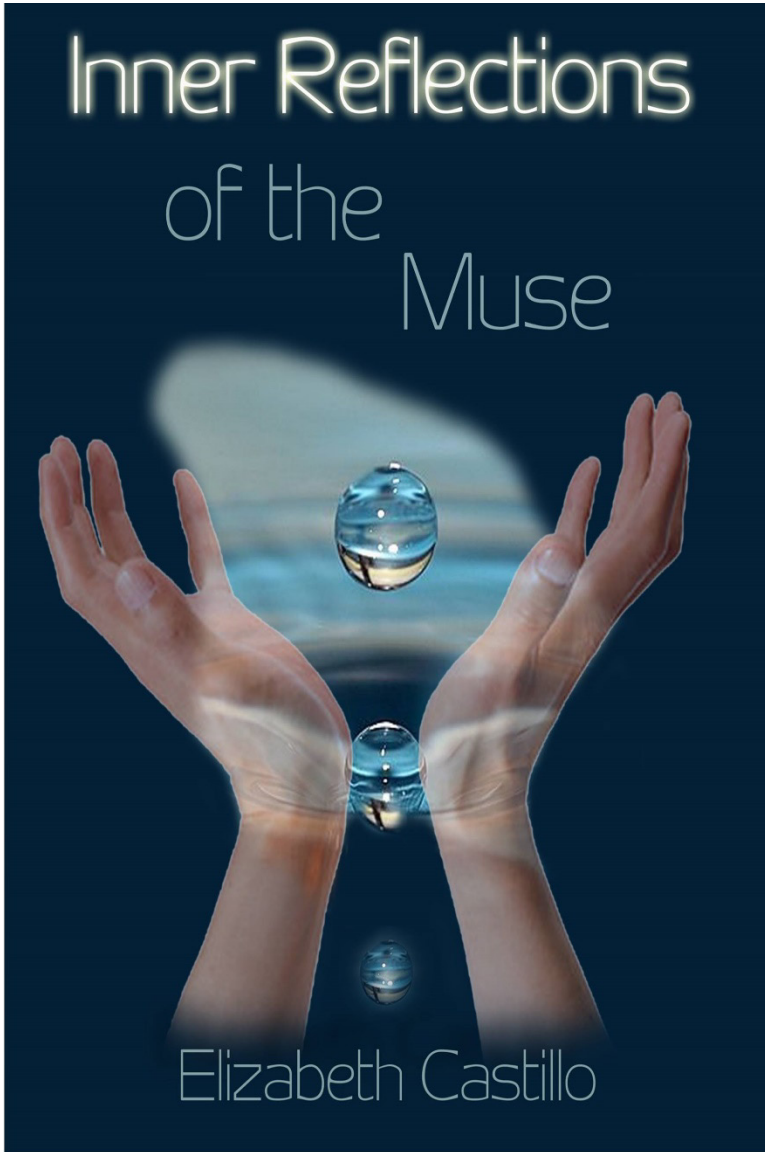
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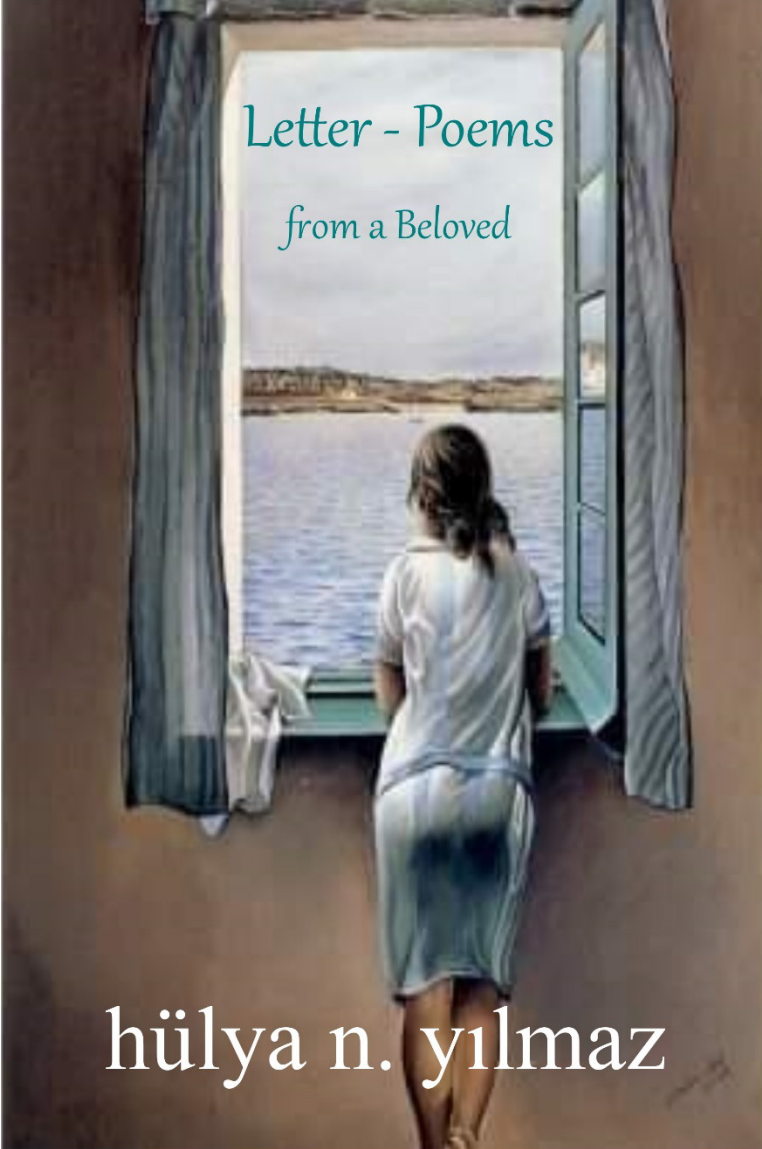
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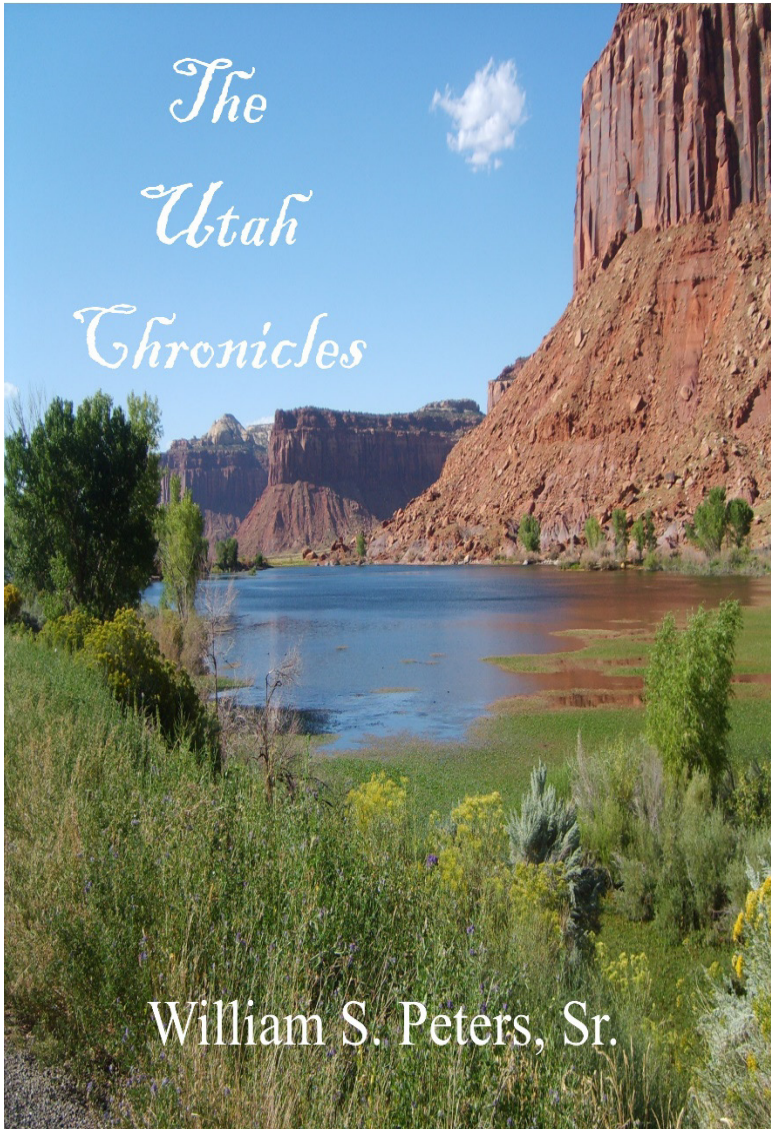
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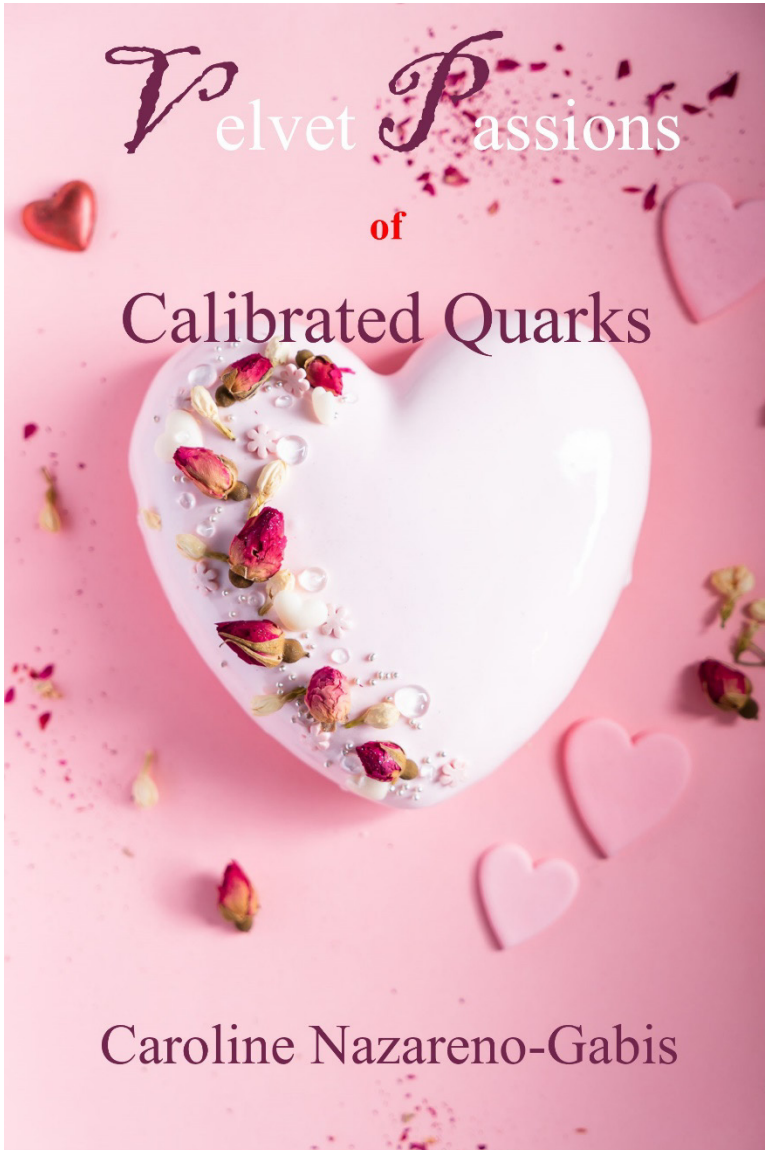


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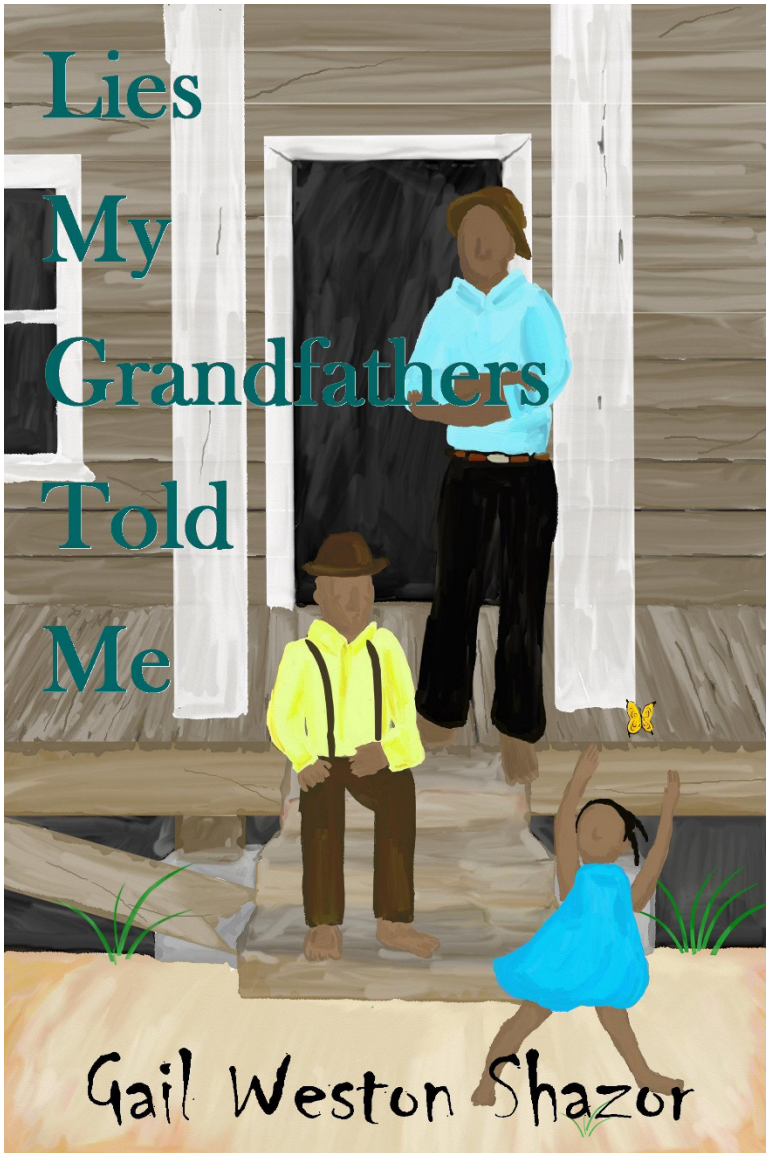
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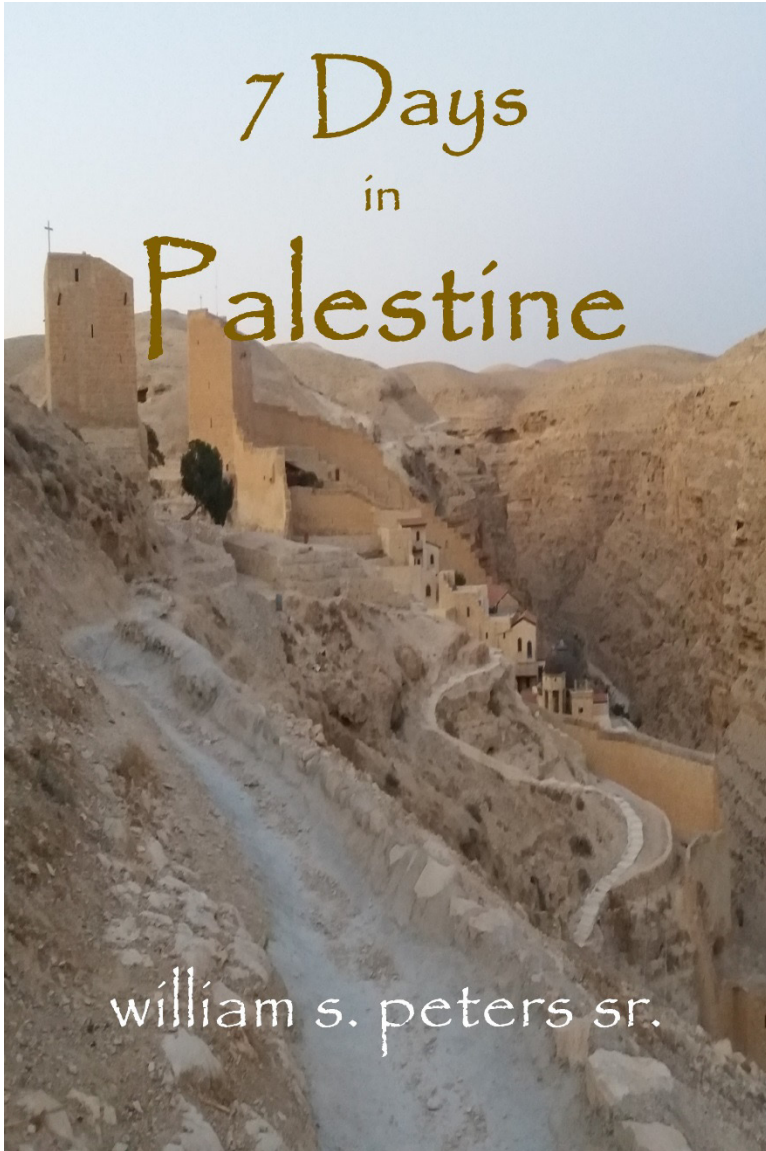
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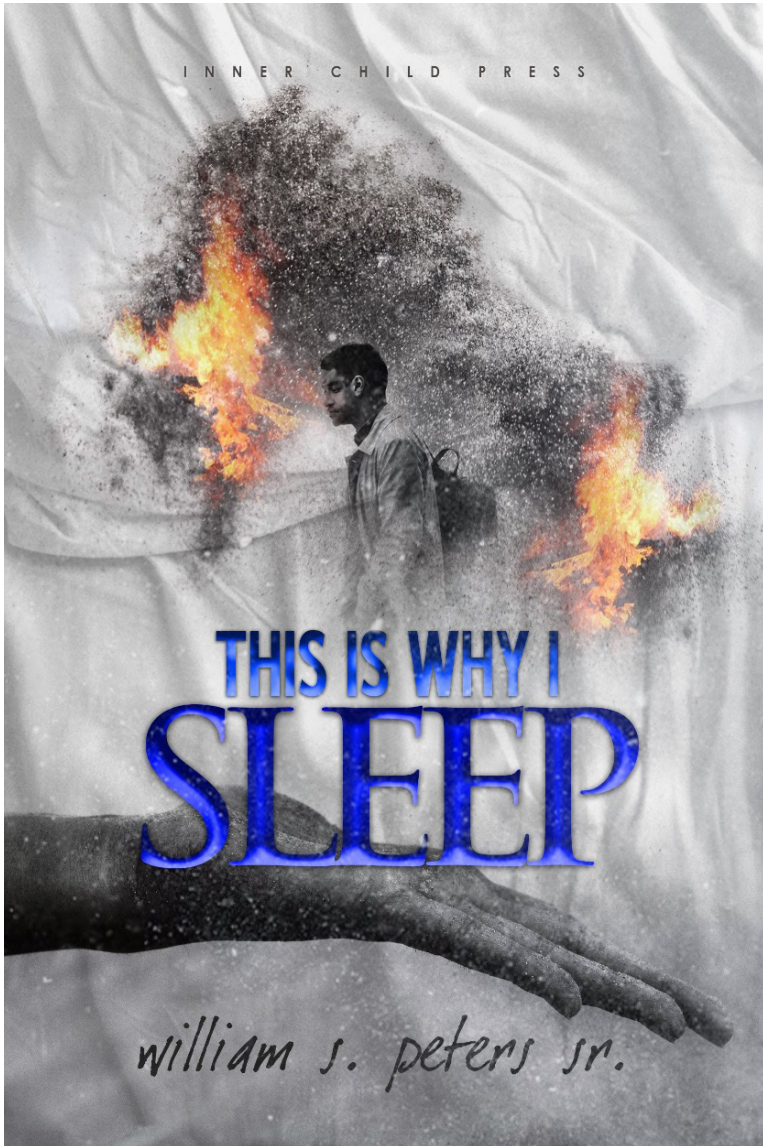
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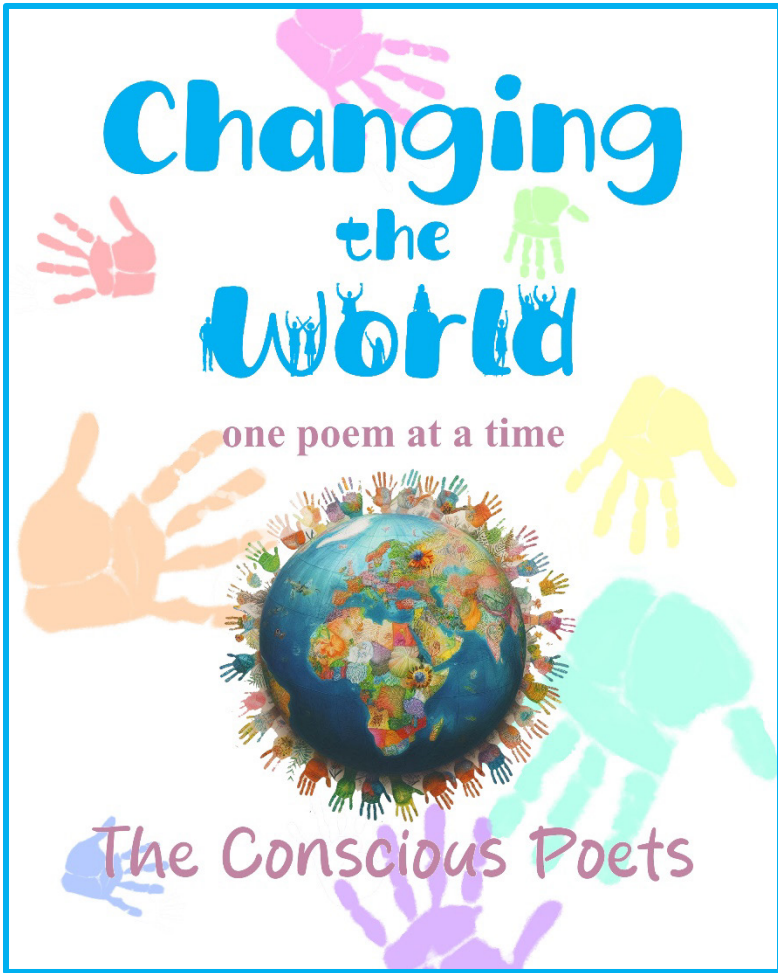
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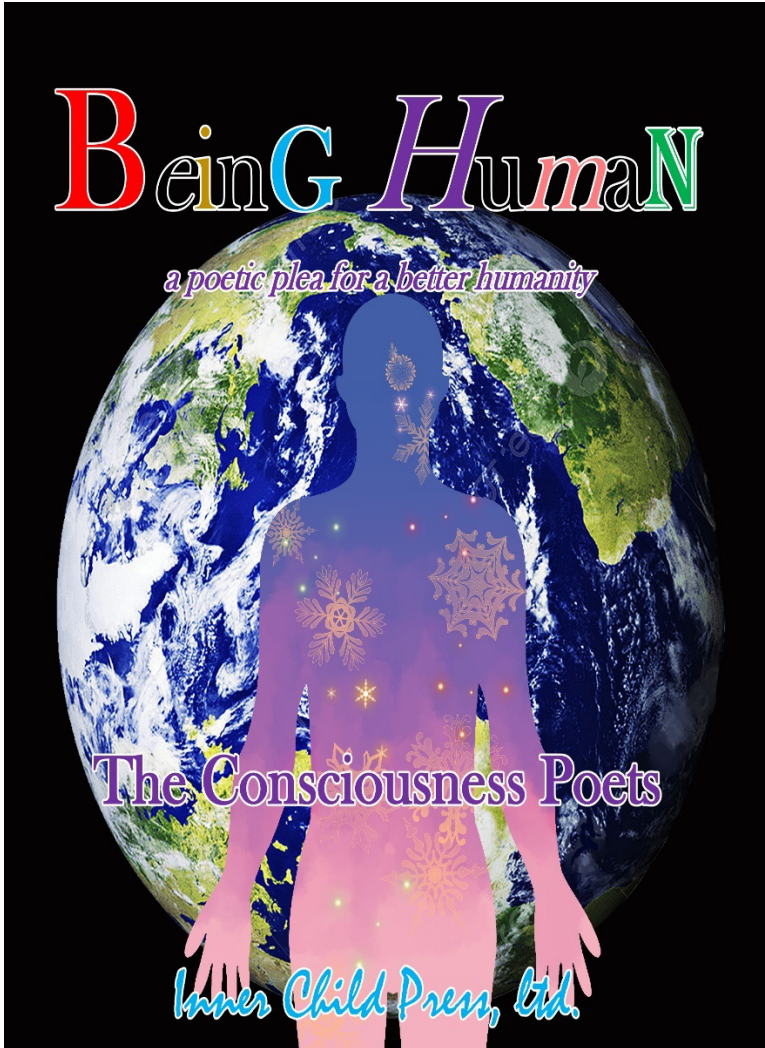
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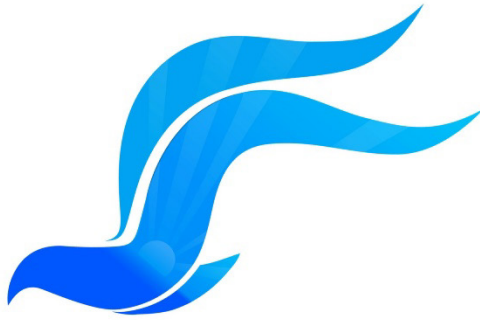
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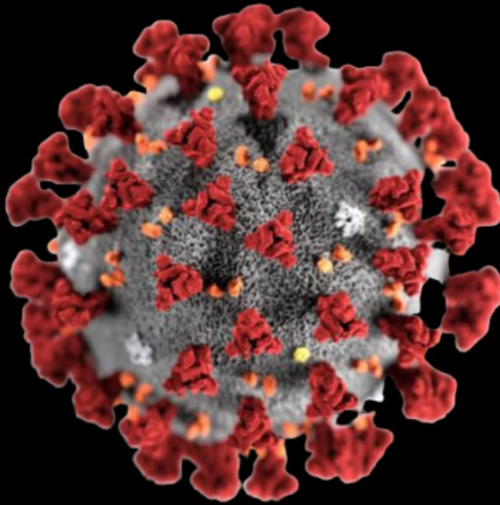
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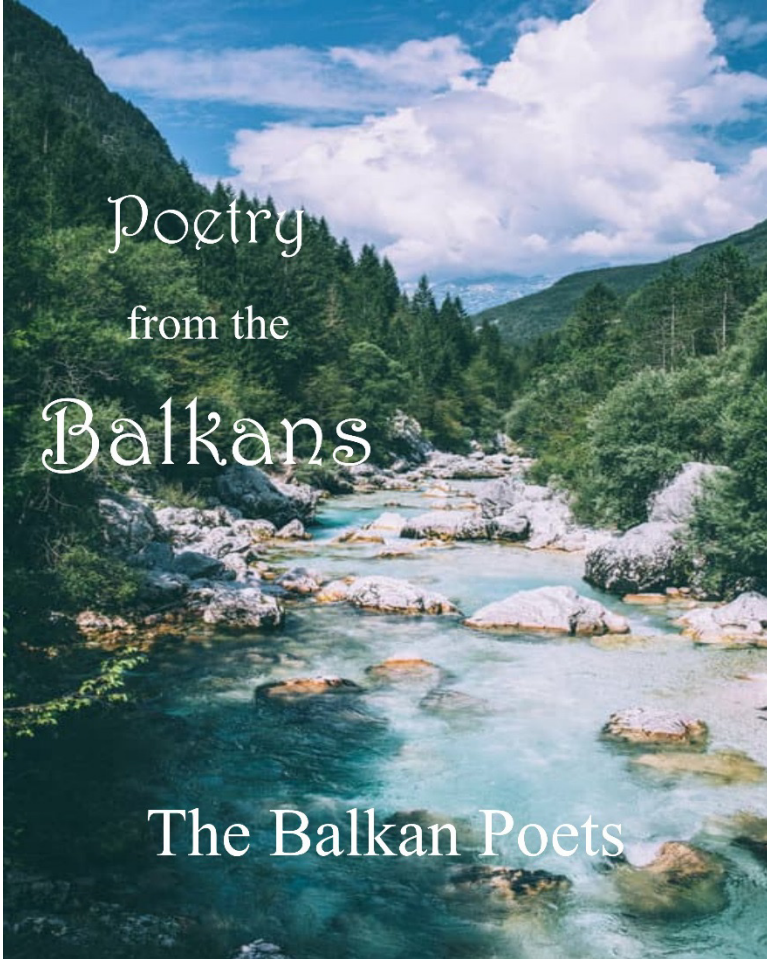


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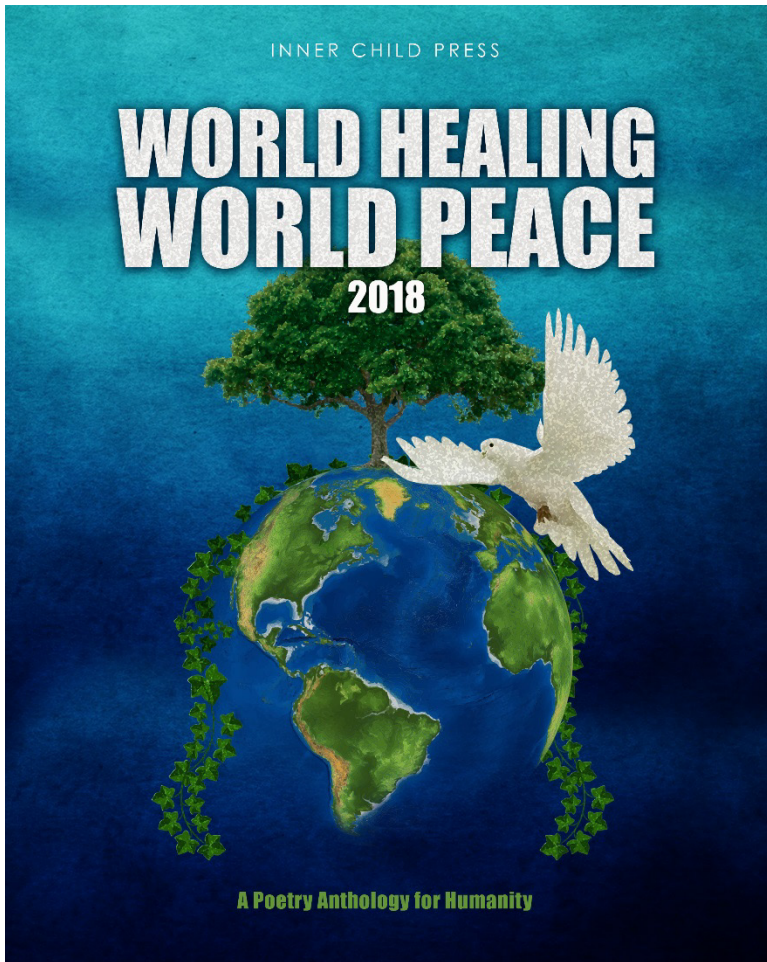
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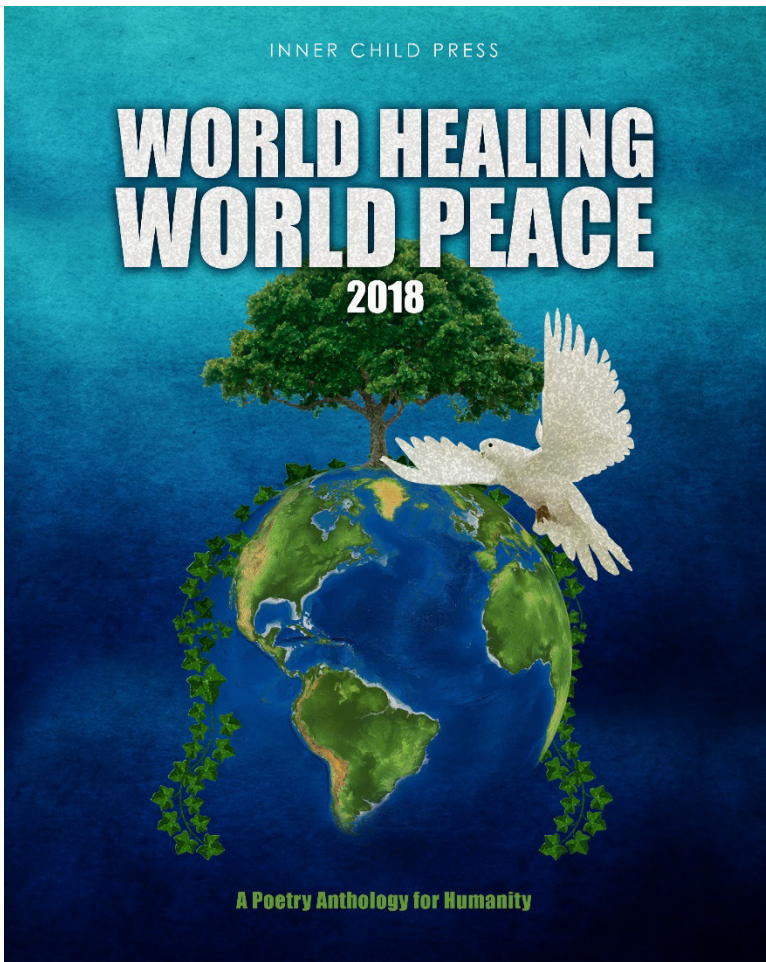
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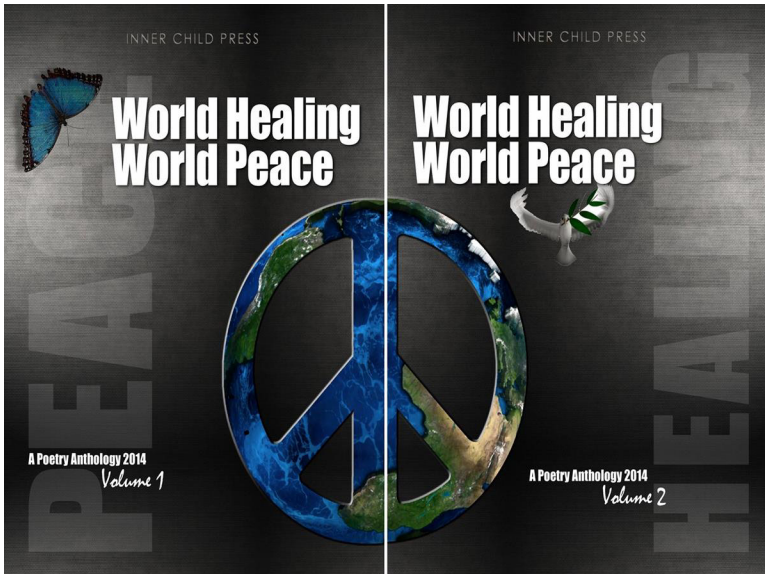


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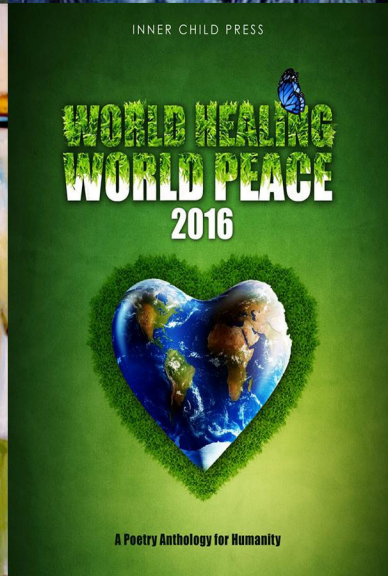
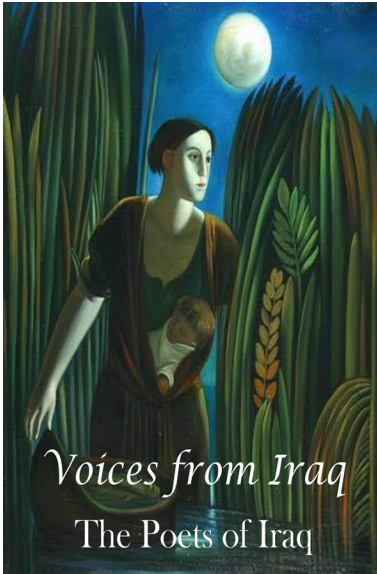
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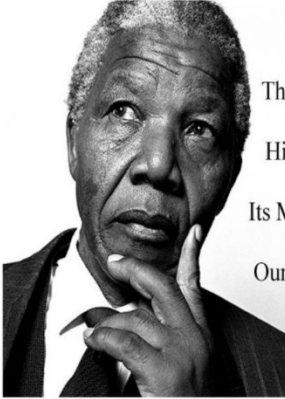
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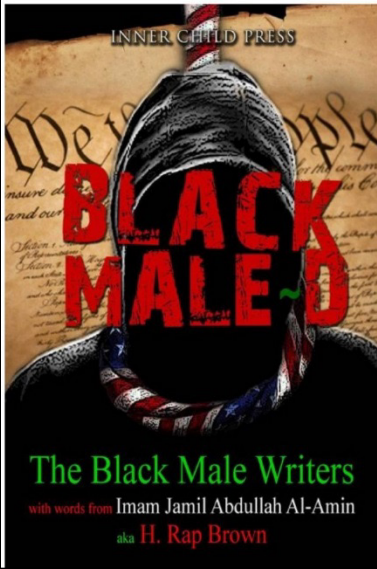
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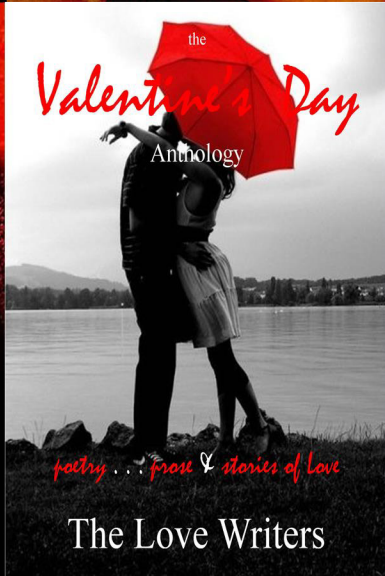
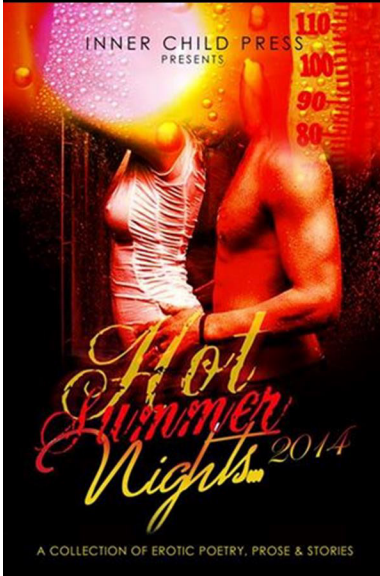
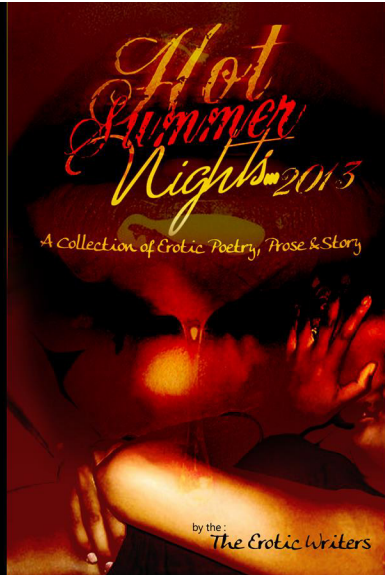
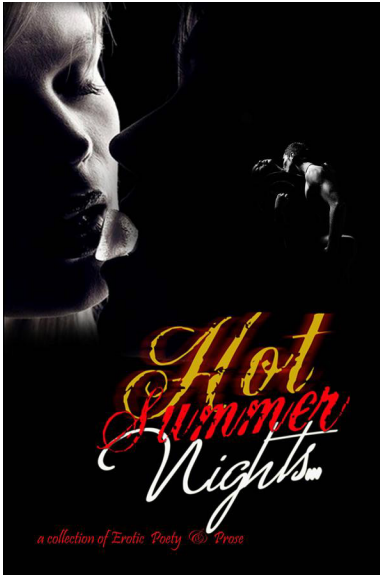
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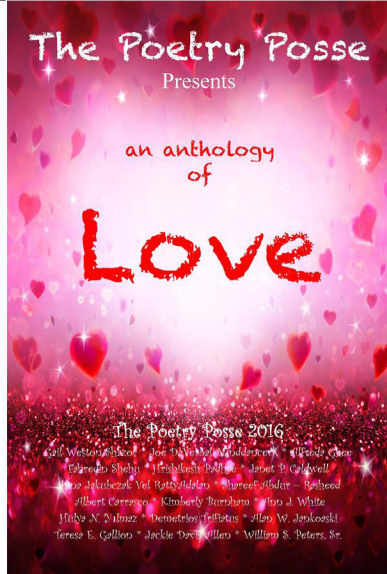
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Lily of the Valley



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Love & Relationship

Rose

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June's Featured Poets
Shantelle McLin
Jacqueline D. E. Kennedy
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July Feature Poets
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Lotus
Asian Flower of the Month



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Gladiolus

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Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • Raendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mosman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

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Narcissus



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Bismay Moharrir * Jen Walls * Eric Judah

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Our Featured Poets
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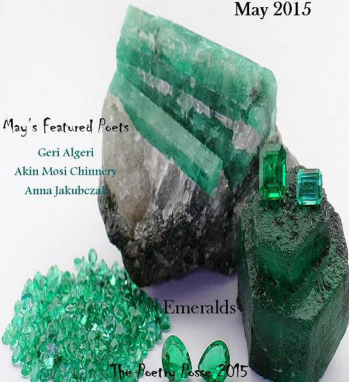
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June's Featured Poets
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Pearl

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



Rubies


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Peridot

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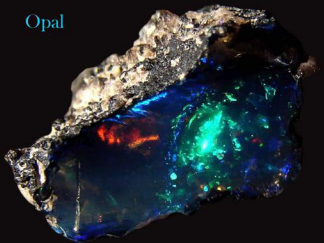
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Featured Poets
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Opal

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James Moore




Topaz

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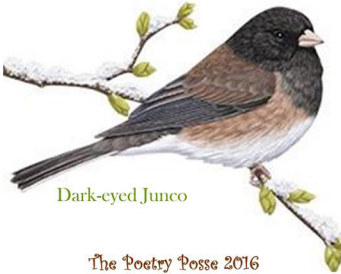
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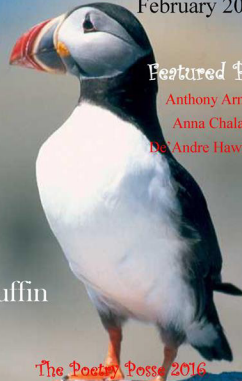
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Puffin

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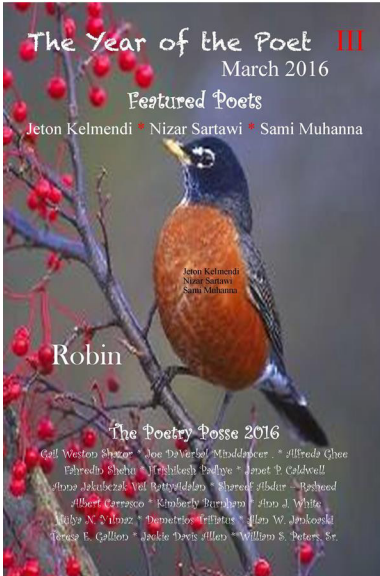
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March 2016

Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi * Nizar Sartawi * Sami Muhanna



Robin

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 Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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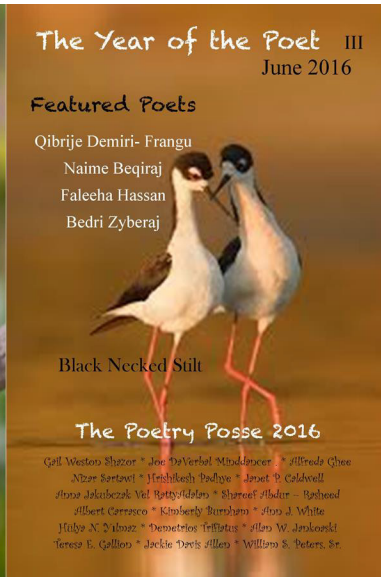


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Oriole

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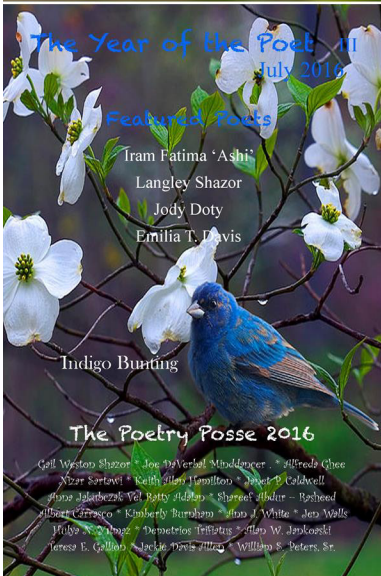


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June 2016

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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu
Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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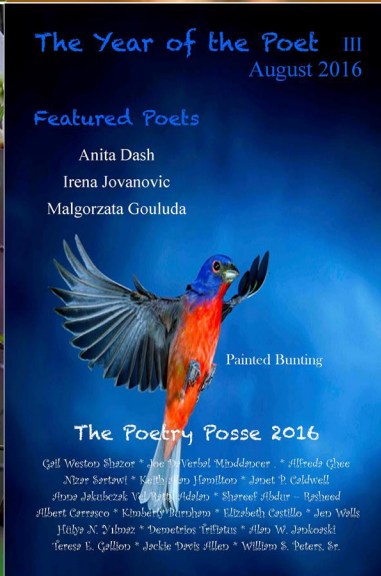


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July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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Anita Dash
Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Simone Weber
Abhijit Sen
Eunice Barbara C. Novales



Long Billed Curlew

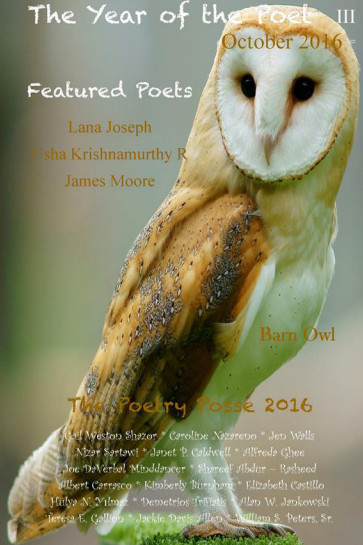
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Usha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

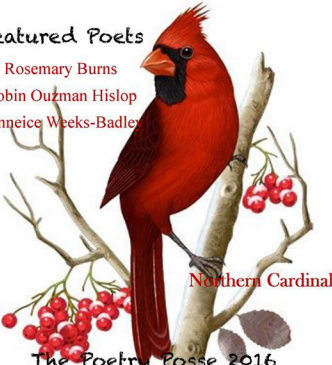
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November 2016

Featured Poets

Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice 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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Quaking Aspen

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Lin Ross
Sunkaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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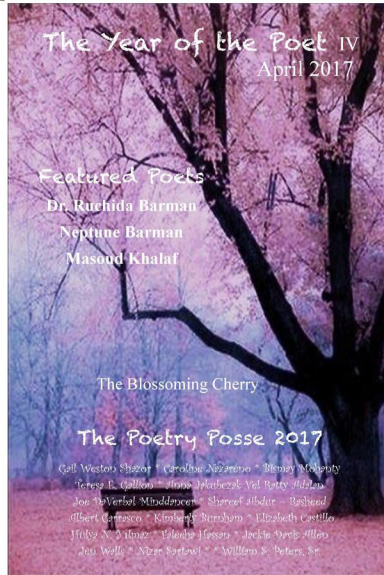
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Featured Poets
Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Sbah

The Eastern Redbud

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April 2017



Featured Poets
Dr. Ruchida Barman
Nephtune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



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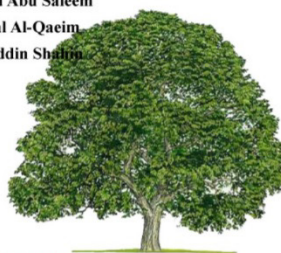
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Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shuhin

The Black Walnut Tree



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November 2017

Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



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December 2017

Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown

The Fig Tree



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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram
Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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March 2018



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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman

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April 2018

Featured Poets

Suzak Abu-Law
Swagata Bohara
Nurhan Goren
Savina Hoquej



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Sylvia K. Malinowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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June 2018

Featured Poets
Bilal Maliqi * Daim Miflari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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July 2018

Featured Poets
Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akbal Harsh
Eliza Segiet
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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August 2018

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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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Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swann

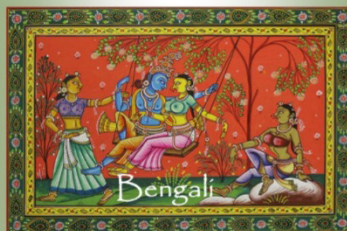
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Featured Poets

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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Featured Poets

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



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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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February 2019

Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Featured Poets

Enesa Mahmić * Sylwia K. Malinowska
Shurouk Hammoud * Anwer Ghani



The Caribbean

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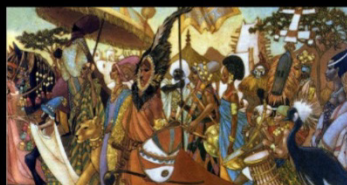
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April 2019

Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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




Arctic Circumpolar

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July 2019

Featured Poets
Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray


The Horn of Africa




Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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August 2019

Featured Poets
Shola Balogun * Bharati Nayak
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia


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Iram Fatima 'Ashi' * Joseph S. Spence, Sr.




The Caucasus
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October 2019
Featured Poets
Ngozi Olivia Osocha * Denisa Kondić
Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



The Nile Valley
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November 2019
Featured Poets
Rozalia Aleksandrova * Orbindu Ganga
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleida



Northern Asia

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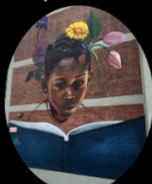
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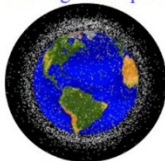
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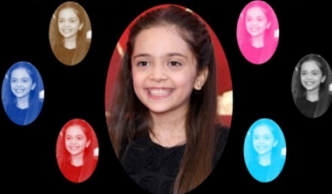
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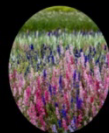
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Water Violet



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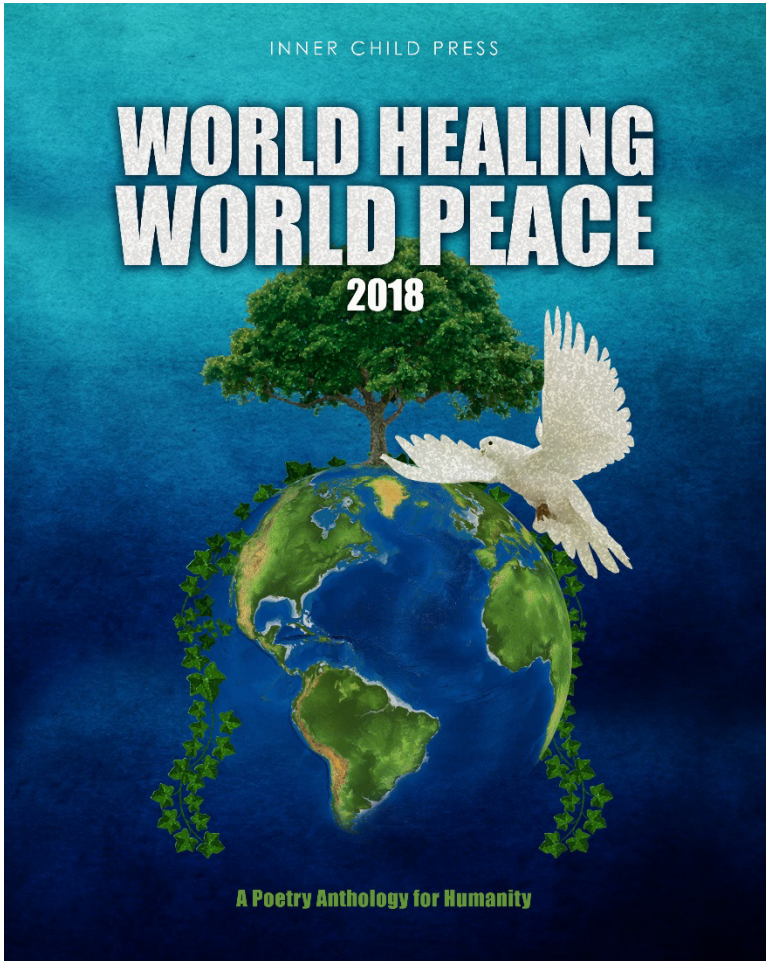


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