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the Power of the Pen
can effectuate change!

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our Patrons and Readers &
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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Connection ~ Fulfillment ~ Hope

Embracing the Heartbeat of Life: A Journey Through Poetry

I am elated to write the Foreword for the August
2025 Edition of the Year of the Poet.

There's something magical about poetry—it has this unique way of reaching into our souls and pulling out emotions we sometimes struggle to name. This collection is all about those *deep connections* we share, the sense of *fulfillment* that keeps us moving forward, and the ever-present spark of *hope* that lights even the darkest paths.

Whether you're seeking comfort, inspiration, or simply a moment to reflect, these poems invite you to:

- Celebrate the bonds that tie us together
- Explore what it means to find true fulfillment
- Hold onto hope, no matter the challenges ahead

In yet another beautiful and enchanting collection of verses, The Poetry Posse and our Featured Poets for the Month of August takes you to the various depths

of human emotions as depicted in their evocative and inspiring compositions.

My congratulations once again to my Poetry Posse Family spearheaded by William S. Peters, Sr., to the Poetry Posse, and to our Featured Poets of the Month!

So, take a deep breath, open your heart, and let's dive into words that remind us we're never truly alone on this journey.

Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo
International Author/Poet/Visual Artist

Preface

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

As we now are in our 12th year of monthly publications for The Year of the Poet, we continue to be excited.

This particular year we have chosen to feature a collection of human emotions. We do hope you enjoy the poet's perspectives on these subjects. Read ~ Learn.

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 2023.

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 on 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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In July, the Inner Child Poetry Posse shared our thoughts on Nostalgia, Wisdom and Fearlessness. This month in *The Year Of The Poet* we look at the similar but more forward thinking theme of “Hope” for the future. We are rising into the future as opposed to remembering past experiences.

As Maya Angelou says in *Still I Rise*, “Just like moons and like suns, / With the certainty of tides, / Just like hopes springing high, / Still I'll rise.”

I love this line, “with the certainty of tides.” It evokes certainty and hope in the natural world as well as an expectation of permanence or predictability of something that is fluid and fluctuating. Our poems represent the idea of balancing life and death, certainty and chaos, and hope and disappointment.

Another theme is “Fulfilment”, which often goes hand in hand with wisdom. Fulfilment comes from making wise choices and dreaming of how to create a better world. As poets, we dream big and here we share what brings us a sense of fulfillment and hope. We imagine the future we would create if we were all powerful.

We imagine as in the poems of fulfillment from Lao Tzu, “Empty your mind of all thoughts. Let your heart be at peace. ... When you realize where you come from, you naturally become tolerant, disinterested, amused, kindhearted as a grandmother, dignified as a king.”

We come from so many places, people and experiences.

Bringing it all together is the third theme “Connection.” Where do you come from? Where do you connect to others? Is it a place, a where or is it a way, a how? How do you connect to others?

We hope that these poems stimulate you to wonder at hope in the future, the fulfillment of dreams and the ways we are all connected.

Kimberly Burnham

Integrative Medicine
Spokane Washington





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

~ wsp



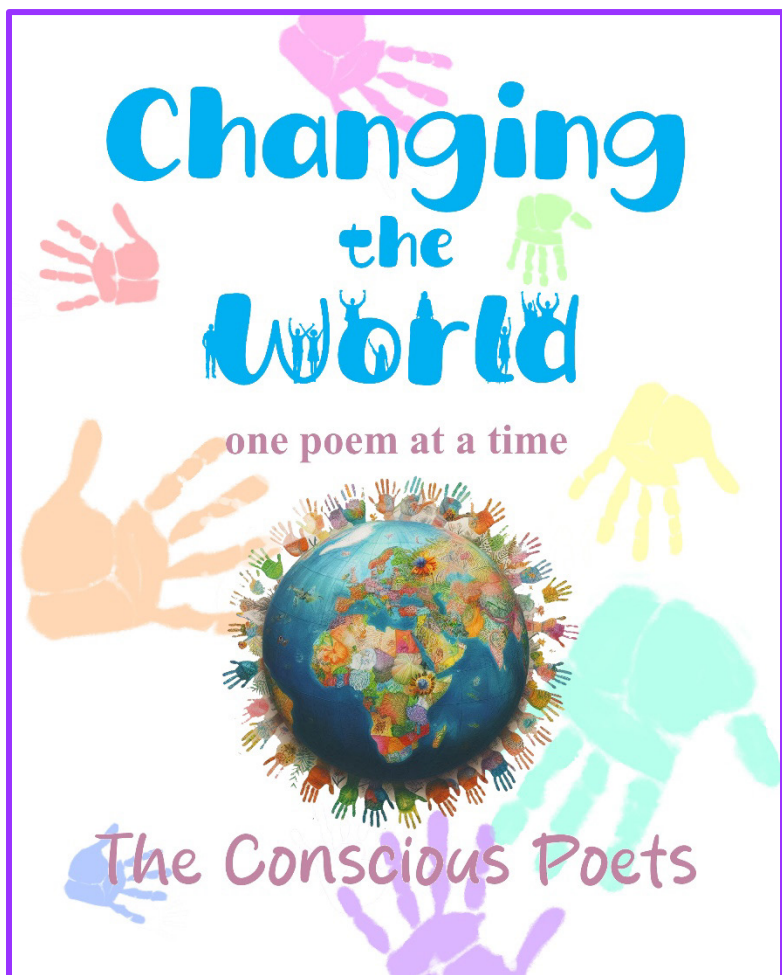


Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

~ wsp

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Gail
Weston
Shazor

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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.

Blue Roof #23

Lie with me on this rooftop
Smooth my scalp
From the nape of neck
To my brow
I am powerless to stop
Remembrances
Of the pure blue pleasure that comes
From being
Touched
By caring hands
Ministered to in moments
Of weakness, clarity
Vulnerability
At the moment in between
Yes and no
Alone and attended
It is in this blue space
That I come to realize
I may never be touched
Again
Simply
Without reservation, wholly
As one who is wanted
Or even as one who is convenient
For the moment
Run your fingers across my
Exposed back
Unguarded to your touch
And in a lazy fashion
I will sigh
Drawing that much closer to you
Whisper to me
I will not care of what

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Just that it matters to you
These stories
In the telling
I will become wiser
For the knowing
And it will be as poignant
A lie
As the ones I had previously known
When my life was changed
Without the notice
Of your pending withdrawal
The sober navy changes
To a washed out place
Matching the knowledge of
No longer being

Blue Roof #22

You spread your fingers
Across the spaces
Between my ribs
My agitation calms
Beneath your gift
The need precedes
The grace of your presence
And I am reminded
That you are my blessing
In this world of unsurety
From an ever changing life
You remain steady but not staid
The confidence of hope
Cloaks me in comfort
And I will rest easy
And i will rise well
Because I know that
I will remain yours
Until the tide does not retur

The Ink

My hands have been wrinkled with time
It's tough to hold onto truth
So i paint it on my mind and on my arms
Words, images, pictures and memories
The weight is heavy across my shoulders
But that is Your way, to keep me focused
To my task of repetition and salve
Sketches of hearts in indigo, ochre, dirt
Smoke fills my sacred space
Scents of myrrh and fragrant incense
Reminding me of my needs nor wants
Apart from your grace

My story is one of fingers and wrists
Clutched in embraces cold and barren
Of essential smoothness flowing
From lips and across tongues
And the most secret inward places
That only You can see, when i bow
Forehead to the stone tablets
Laws unmitigated by science or physics
Knees bent and ankles straightened
Elbows taunt into unfeeling
my eyes and the corner of my mouth
Silvery liquid dried at the edges
A well pumped and abandoned
In a dry place
Words that can only be whispered
For the lack of a perceived answer
So i wait on Your breath
To smooth back the edges

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i paint in words unknown to me
It coils across my limbs
And creeps inside my heart
i have shaved my head for more space
Palms to palms my entreaties
Gather together in tongues not my own
Ancient and not heard aloud
For it is oft misunderstood
This longing for peace
A need for contentment
To return to the rib from which i came

And i am here before you
Before the breaking of one fast
And the beginning of another
Forgive me for my story
Though it is a testament
Not to my hopelessness
But to Your faithfulness
Grant ease to this stained soul

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).

Poems on The Lake Ohrid

Three shades of blue – mists, mountains and sky
fell softly into the water in a wide cascade.
The fishing boats were lying lazily
on the yellow sand of a nearby beach
- gazing at golden reflections glistening
on the smooth surface of the lake

It was a beautiful day - full of sunshine and love
There were roses and the wind hid in the flowers,
to listen to the silence interrupted
with the carefree laughter of playing children.
The old people sat down on the park benches
- they were similar to birds tired after a long flight

In the odeon, as in ancient times,
the subtle music of the words sounded.
Here we were, the wanderers from distant lands
- we spoke with all the languages of the world
and we felt the common speech of poetry

The differences are gone.
In our veins,
in the same rhythm drops of blood throbbed,
calmness settled in our minds.
Against the world, full of wars and hatred,
we built a new tower of Babel
to climb above the walls and touch the azure sky.

Festival of poetry, North Macedonia 2021

Infinity

I am a fragment of light enclosed in matter,
A word brought to life,
A memory inscribed in my genes.
Each day I climb, like a vine,
Along the branches of the tree of knowledge
Of good and evil —
Advancing step by step.
I possess free will.
I can choose the sunlit path or the shaded one,
Bear fruits that are sweet or bitter.
I am grateful for the gift of life and awareness.
With hope, I look toward the future,
Journeying toward infinity.

Fulfilment

With thought, I shape reality,
Weaving events on a loom of dreams.
I speak the words — and they gain power.
Fate has given, and fate has stolen.
It planted doubt within my mind
— Whispered that things could have been better.
And yet, I surrendered to what came,
— I am where I am meant to be,
And I do not curse destiny.
I have learned to rejoice and laugh,
To speak with leaves and birds,
To play with each fleeting moment and word.

Jackie
Davis
Allen

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

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

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

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

In 2015 she authored *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*, and in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Both books of mostly narrative poetry were published by Inner Child Press and were edited by hulya n. yilmaz in 2019, *No Illusions. Through the Looking Glass*, which was nominated to be considered for a Pulitzer Prize by the publisher and editor of Inner Child Press, ltd.

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Connections

My mother-in-law: she obtained
Her Master's Degree, with honors.
The same year that I received
My BS degree, in Early Education.

Despite, the connection,
Both of us loving her son,
When it came to letter writing,
I was intimidated by her expertise.

"I'm not reading with red pen.
We just want to hear from you."
This coming from one with
A column in a local newspaper.

It continued on, like that, for a time,
Until I felt more comfortable.
Time passed, our letters continuing
Back and forth through the mail.

Along, with the once a week, phone call.
Too much a strain on our budget
For any more-frequent interactions.
Cell phones, internet still in the future.

Years later, both knees, a doctor's
Diagnosis: surgery and bilateral
Replacement. Both find a date
On my to-do calendar. But when?

"After the Steeplechase Race
In May. A request, please.
Will you replace both knees
At the same time?"

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He agrees. I facetiously, almost,
Ask my surgeon to replace my knees
With ones to increase my height, I'm
Little more than five feet tall.

He said, "Impossible. He leaves.
I'll be back in a moment or so."
He slipped inside an adjacent cubicle.
I imagine it similar to mine.

Between thin walls, separating
Our examining rooms, I hear
A male voice, a patient. Pleading.
"Do mine on the same day, like hers".

I hear, "You don't understand.
She can handle it. You can't. "
This from his having performed
Two previous surgeries on me.

How interesting it is to discover,
That from serendipity, from pain,
The door can open to so much more
To a greater fulfillment of self.

And, the healing of lingering feelings
Within, awaiting opportunity,
As from revealed acknowledgment,
Discovery, reason, excuse. Need.

Healing well, pain not yet dissipated,
Able to dance, walk, but with winter
Coming, how was I to get up, were I to fall?
I was unwilling to be held hostage.

A Writing Workshop was offered, free
Of charge. All I had to do was to register.
But I waited, until the last minute. Not

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Because it was too difficult to drive.

Rather, because, being honest
With myself, I felt uneasy.
Uncomfortable at the thought
Of revealing too much of myself.

Or, able to withstand the scrutiny.
Something akin to standing naked
In front of my peers. I hobbled down
The steps, registration accepted.

I hesitated. There's time enough
To turn around, to leave; I tell myself.
Yet a voice in my ear
Whispers, "Go on inside".

The connection between pain,
Physically, emotionally, even
Self-inflicted had opened up
New avenues to self awareness.

Today I am an author,
A writer, a published poet,
With three books to my credit.
Ten years, plus, as contributing poet

To The Year of the Poet magazine;
Four years of contributing poetry
to my church's monthly newsletter.
and, some international notoriety.
The Virginia Mountaineer,
my hometown newspaper,
Published an extensive article
About me and my writing.

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My third book, was nominated
For a Pulitzer Prize, by my publisher.
Several of my poems were
Nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

A friend, Dr. John T Martin
Has beautifully composed music
For piano, and or guitar,
To accompany one of my poems.

Listening, yielding to heart's hope
Fulfills my deepest creative need.
It allows me to share the gifts
With which I have been blessed.

Fulfillment

Opening up the wellspring

Wherein lies the untapped,

The risk outweighs
Any thought of rejection.

Only thoughts

Of heart and mind's expression

Of thankfulness expressed
For the thirst quenched.

And for the fulfillment found there.

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Hope

As long as health's wealth lasts,

As long as lungs breathe, and

As long as my pen can move

Or my finger can tap,

May the words that flow out

From my pen, find approval

With the One who instilled

In me the gift of poetry.

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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.

Ode to the Bud of Spring

On the Loess Plateau, the snow lies heavy this year.
Old Zhang's wheat, last autumn, lay unsown.
From the village loudspeaker, echoes call for reforestation;
his son has long since moved to the city.
Yet in the dead of winter, he carves the frost, sowing again.
His wife sighs with a life-worn breath "Three decades of
toil?"
He scratches his head, saying nothing aloud,
but softly within: "Last night, I dreamed of spring."

The seeds beneath snow are cold as hammered iron.
Each dawn, he walks the field,
as one waiting for a letter forever delayed.
Come March, the wind softens, and beside the field,
a mulberry tree unfurls the tiniest shoot.
Zhang opens his lips and laughs: "Ah, spring, you've
chosen to believe me once more."

Hope is not the art of waiting, but of faith.
Faith that a flicker will one day brush past snow and stir the
soil.
Faith that, within one's heart,
a sliver of green may still be planted, unsundered.
Amid crumbling walls and wintry winds,
there sleeps one thought, not yet dead.

Night-Blooming Accord

At the bean curd stall west of town, she's sold unsweetened
syrup for thirty years,
Each night, before shuttering the shop, she nods to the
empty chair.
Has he appeared today?
She asks the wind, though truly, she means the husband
who never returned.

In youth, he chased a northern dream,
And sent back, in the end, a single lamp.
She could not bring herself to light it.
It sleeps now in the drawer, the way hope slumbers in
silence.
Each day, unchanged: she feeds the cat, stirs the broth,
replaces the curtain's fade,
Sometimes folding her hands before the temple's Guanyin,
And within that hush, wonders:
Was this life of mine not lived in vain?

That evening, spring still cold, a child came for a bowl of
tofu,
And as she served it, something glimmered inside.
The unopened lamp, glowing softly in the heart's far
chamber.
Fulfillment was not in his return,
But in her long-awaited accord with memory itself.
There are flowers of the soul that bloom
Only in nights where no eye lingers.
To be replete in spirit
Is to desire, quietly, a blossom that opens in shadow.

The Loom of Hearts

At the lane's southern end, where the opera stage gathers
dust,

Two cups of tea cool untouched in twilight hush.

She comes from the alley of willows,

Cradling a piece of torn cloth.

He, beneath the window, mends a fishing net,

His brows stitched with the silence of years.

"This eye of the needle," she says, "cannot mend all that
was unsaid."

She smiles. He answers not,

Yet in the same small tear,

Glimpse the flicker of lives long passed.

It is not love, not longing,

But something older, a recognition born before names.

At the loose thread of an old sleeve,

Both pause,

The forgotten warmth of frayed fabric

Holding the unfinished rings of their shared time.

If souls could be woven,

They would be like a wind-drawn curtain's shadow,

Two life threads drawn tight on the same spindle,

Spinning a poem in the clamor of the marketplace.

And there they sit, unmoved,

Listening to their hearts weaving dreams.

They weave not for passion, but for the harmony of souls.

Each stitch a fated meeting, each thread a silent destiny.

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.

Hope

I look forward to the future
with positive attitudes,
hopes, and dreams.
You're never too old or
too young to live your dreams...
new dreams, old dreams.

My new dream is to
be the best I can be as
a Kick streamer
putting poetry out there.

My old dreams are to keep on
writing poetry,
learning more poetic forms,
and publishing more poetry books.

Yes, my hope for the future
will be better
for God is here with me
leading me on.

Warm Summer Mornings

It's one of these
warm, summer mornings
I just want
to play, walk, dance
in the rain
while thinking of you,
My Sweetheart.
I just want
to reach to the sky
pulling you down
here with me
no worries in the world
Just listen to the orchestra!
It must be our angels!
Oh, isn't this romantic?
Play, walk, and dance
in the rain with you.

Memories: Dancing With You

Dancing with you
like leaves falling
slowly from the branch
spinning, shaking, twisting,

just having fun.
Oh, if only, if only we had
another chance to do it again
but now it's too late.
I still have these memories.
It will never fade away.
No one can take it away
not even Death.

Elizabeth
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Castillo

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Entwined Souls

A whisper soft, a silent plea,
A yearning deep, eternally.
A thread of light, a fragile grace,
A bond that time cannot erase.

Across the miles, a whispered name,
A shared experience, a kindred flame.
A mirrored soul, a heart's embrace,
A symphony of love and space.

Through laughter shared and tears that fall,
A tapestry of moments, standing tall.
A connection forged in gentle hand,
A sacred trust, throughout the land.

From distant shores to skies so high,
A whispered word, beneath the sky.
A bond that binds, a love profound,
A connection, deeply understood and sound.

In every touch, a whispered vow,
A silent promise, ever now.
A heart entwined, a soul's delight,
A connection burning ever bright.

Purpose

A tapestry woven, thread by thread of dreams,
Where whispered hopes in silent shadows gleam.
A journey's start, a path yet to unfold,
A story whispered, yet to be grown old.

From fragile seedlings, reaching for the sun,
A blossoming flower, brightly, bravely spun.
Each tiny petal, a moment cherished deep,
A silent promise, secrets softly keep.

The heart's soft pulse, a rhythm strong and true,
A melody of moments, old and new.
With every step, a lesson learned with grace,
A gentle whisper, finding its own place.

Through trials faced, and burdens gently borne,
A strength discovered, a spirit newly born.
The soul takes flight, on wings of hopeful might,
And finds its haven, bathed in golden light.

Guiding Star

A fragile whisper, soft and low,
A flicker caught in shadows' flow,
A seed of yearning, deep and true,
Hope's gentle dawn, a vibrant hue.

Through darkest nights, it softly sighs,
A guiding star within the skies,
A whispered promise, faint and clear,
A beacon burning, banishing fear.

Though storms may rage, and winds may blow,
And shadows lengthen, to and fro,
Hope's steady flame, a constant light,
Igniting embers, burning bright.

A whispered prayer, a hopeful plea,
A whispered dream, for you and me,
In moments fractured, hearts in pain,
Hope's gentle touch, a soothing rain.

A whispered word, a tender touch,
A whispered promise, held so much,
A whispered hope, that blossoms forth,
A symphony of joy and worth.

For in the depths, where darkness hides,
A spark of hope, forever glides,
A steadfast faith, a guiding hand,
To heal the wounds, across the land.

So let us hold, this precious thing,
This fragile flower, on hopeful wing,
For in its grace, and gentle might,
Hope's radiant dawn, forever bright.

Mutawaf Shaheed

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C. E. Shy has been writing since the seventh grade. He continued writing through high school, until he became more involved in sports. After his graduation, he worked at the White Motors Company where he wrote for the company's newspaper. He started a column called: "The Poet's Corner." That was his first published work.

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While We Can

Hey grandson walk come with
me while we can, talk with me
while you can.

I may be able to point out some
things you don't see. I can tell
you some stuff you don't understand.

I will give you some knowledge
that will put out front of the
crowd.

I'll show a way you can side step
trouble and stay out of jail, to
keep your parents from posting
a bail.

I know right now you think you
know. If you take this walk with
me, you'll see you don't.

If you apply what I teach, you may
survive. Asking your friends, don't
bother, until they take a walk with
their grandfather.

You Got A Deal

There was hand stitched wit on his
upper lip, the words were as sharp
as shards.

All the stones were over turned so
there was nothing one could hide.
Quick witted opponents, typhooned!

Their speech was breached before
they spoke. Ambushed thoughts lay
along- side abandoned minds.

His ear hears their minds squeak, even
as the things they think begin to
form.

It was the status quo that screwed
them. Hand-picked tricks packed
their eyes with lies.

Now, flies won't leave them alone.
Mass mental incarceration, that was
planned for others, has them doing
the time.

The TV is the warden. It was too late
to escape a programed fate. That
paradigm wasn't worth one nickel.

They 're, now enjoying going along
for the ride.

Trane Ride

I rode the Trane into the Deen.
I left the stains where I found them.

I located the other words that were
hidden in plain sight.

No more mental fetters to bind me.
I was unaccustomed to that kind of piece
of mindlessness.

It was a new rush. Being lifted from the
madness that surrounded me. Cool!

There was an honor I never knew.
I was un-deluded by a knowledge that
couldn't be disputed.

No substitution for what's real.
Well, that's my overview of a
personal shared opinion.

hülya
n.
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hülya n. yılmaz, a traveler on the journey called “life” . . .

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Rowing Against the Current

Holding a pail with large holes in it
In a boat on a stormy sea,
Trying in vain to dump the water
Where it belongs.

No land in sight.
Once again,
Facing a plight
Of overwhelming proportions.

Arms are limp now.
Lungs, out of breath.
Sleep deprivation settles in.
Eyelids sit down heavily onto their seat.

Hallucination?
No, no! There IS a light in the distance!
Must make it there. Must make it there.
Hoping against hope is going nowhere!

A Phone Call

How many of them have I skipped?
Calling a loved one simply to say, “Hello!”
Not much of an effort!

Remembering the immense joy I felt
When a beloved gave me a phone call
Out of the blue.

The smile on my face would linger.
Yet, I have failed to give the same gift
To precious others.

A phone call . . .
Was that too much to ask?

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promises

fulfill a promise

you have made to anyone

don't neglect yourself

Teresa
E.
Gallion

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Teresa E. Gallion is a seeker on a journey to work on unfolding spiritually in this present lifetime. Writing is a spiritual exercise for Teresa. Her passions are traveling the world and hiking the mountain and desert landscapes of the western United States. Her journeys into nature are nurtured by the Sufi poets Rumi and Hafiz. The land is sacred ground and her spiritual temple where she goes for quiet reflection and contemplation. She has published five books: *Walking Sacred Ground*, *Contemplation in the High Desert*, *Chasing Light*, a finalist in the 2013 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards, *Scent of Love*, a finalist in the 2021 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards and *Come Egypt* in 2024. She has two CDs, *On the Wings of the Wind* and *Poems from Chasing Light*. Her work has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies.

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Links to Connection

We embrace moments.
Bound to time and memories stored.
The thought of what stands behind us
becomes our connection to earth.

Words collide and ears hear
voices from the past.
We accept and reject things we hear.
Everything is a lesson
binding us to time and space.

Everlasting bonds are tied
to our shared experiences.
We can reject moment by moment.
The thin veil of connection
is never cut loose.

It lingers in our dreams.
Scratches us in our sleep.
Follows us on every walk.
Teases us with every breath we take.

The eyes do not deceive
if we dare to look.
Connection always rides the waves.
It lands gentle or rough dependent
on where you stand in the moment.

Cup of Contentment

Morning light stretches at dawn.
Fills me with gratitude
for this exhale from my lungs.

No words may prescribe meaning
to the fullness that embraces the soul
with the first breath of the day.

That first sip of coffee
titillates the lips.
Fills the heart with ecstatic trembles.

Whispers in the breeze
sound like a call to prayer
to bend your knees in gratefulness.

The light stream rubs the ears
with a delicate message.
Open your arms to love.

I will not tell
if you do not tell.
Joyfulness is a full cup of love.

Hope Is

Hope is a whisper
that massages the earlobes.
A resilient tease,
like a gentle breeze.

Hope is a scent
that lingers in your nose.
Tickling the hair follicles
that defend your airways.

Hope is a taste
that hangs out on your tongue.
Always ready to motivate you
with an unbroken song.

Hope is a vision
connected to your brainwaves.
Waiting for you to look
deep within your soul.

Hope is a touch
that binds you to commit
to the universal truth.
Never, ever give up.

Hope is a resistance move
that shows courage
in daring steps
with each inhaled breath.

Ashok
K.
Bhargava

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Ashok Bhargava is a poet, writer, inspirational speaker and a literary consultant. He has attended poetry conferences in Italy, Turkey, India and Philippines. His latest book "Riding the Tide" about his battle with cancer has been translated and published in Arabic, Hindi, Telugu and Bengali languages. He is a contributing writer to several anthologies worldwide including World Poetry Almanac 2014. He has been published in numerous print and online magazines.

Ashok has won many accolades including Poet Ambassador to Japan, Kalidasa International award, World Poetry Lifetime Achievement award, Writers Beyond Borders Peace award and Tapsilog Leadership award for his community involvement. He is founder of Writers International Network Canada Society to discover, nourish, recognize and celebrate writers, poets and artists and to assist them to network with the community at large. He is the author of eight books of poetry and one anthology. He is Artist-in-Residence at Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre and also co-edits the literary section of The Link Newspaper.

Fulfillment

“while the truth has many forms, love stands apart.”

I compose poems
like marigold flowers
yellow, gold, pastel and maroon
carefully pierced and
threaded
into a garland of colorful harmony
placed on your lap
to evoke monsoon dreams.

Words drop
like rain
to inflame
craving for you.

I am waiting
to be loved
to be fulfilled.

Hope

Hope is a seed that lays in darkness
beneath the dirt
not fully conceived
pulling gently toward the light.

Hope must not be diminished
by fate or man
kept alive
through the darkness of the night.

Bodies decay with the passage of time
yours and mine.
Just hope and hush, nothing remains
all turns into the dust.

Connection

It's not rare
for a moment
to lay in eternity.

Time always
runs out
for the hide-and-seek sun.

Come out and connect
with beauty of nature
waiting to be noticed.

A giant
floating in the western sky
painting you pink with glee.
Windows opened
letting soft breeze in
Kissing you in bliss.

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis

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Caroline ‘Ceri Naz’ Nazareno-Gabis, author of *Velvet Passions of Calibrated Quarks*, World Poetry Canada International Director to Philippines is a multi-awarded poet, editor, journalist, educator, peace and women’s advocate. She believes that learning other’s language and culture is a doorway to wisdom.

Among her poetic belts include **Gabrielle Galloni Memorial Panorama International Youth Award** 2022, Panorama Youth Literary Awards 2020, 7th Prize Winner in the 19th, 20th and 21st Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada ‘‘Amazing Poet 2015’’, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua. Her poetry and children’s stories have been featured in different anthologies and magazines worldwide.

Links to her works:

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boketto

(gazing vacantly at a distance)

Dear mind,
i can feel you,
as moments blend
into an endless firmament,
eyes escape weightless,
dreams float unfolding,
like a tumbleweed,
thoughts dissolve
in falling waters,
nexus of nature,
interconnected
in my veins,
i am suddenly lost,
but i exist.

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Quotidian

Day by day
You're part of the puzzle,
that's a routine being fulfilled,
existence in every way
the one that got away!
your masterplan bears numbers,
engraved totems
and codes of humanity,
like waking up for another day,
is a fulfillment
of a dream,
that never wane.

The Distance Nearest to Hope

Storms circling in the Pacific,
People fear of the flood and of soil erosion,
When the strong winds strike all roofs and fall in the
ground,
It gives distance of losing a home,
When the home becomes waterworld,
The dreams vanish,
but calling it home gives foundation,
of love, of strength and of resilience,
People extend hands
to let you feel,
The Distance of Moving forward is still there,
The more empowered soul you become,
Rising beyond the nature's call,
Rising above the floodwaters and trip for tomorrow and
after,
Calamities end through the colors of the arising sun,
I look at the nearest distance,
The hope of unstoppable force.

Swapna Behera

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The Wings Of Hope

Hope is the last thing ever lost

is hope a Lazarus syndrome?
even if the heartbeat stops for sometimes
a sudden unexpected heartbeat brings life even after the
death
hope always winks at the horizon
it has many forms,
an open road, a radiant page
where a new story can be written
it is a lost and found ring
that always promises a new commitment
a new document to build a new civilization
hope heals, feels the vibration to march
fills the era with zeal
to end all ordeal
a beam of light at the end of a tunnel
hope sings near the cradle or coffin
yes, hope is the anthem of victory over fear
a butterfly on the mast of a submarine

Fulfillment

I just wanted to be a queen
with the crown on my head
yes, I am a farmer's daughter
can you see the basket of corns on my head
I grow food
my sweat and blood are crowned
the bright sunshine in my courtyard;
plants in the periphery
no traffic sound or dust pollution
I get oxygen, free water of the spring
people surrounded by sprinkle the values
the granny speaks of the chronicles
the soul starts with a haiku and ends with a sonnet
liberation ends all traumas
let there be an architect
who can build and paint the fragrances of contentment
grass has a dream, The Sun has a dream too
let our hands spread and stretch to both ends
yes, I hereby declare I am happy
my soul is fulfilled with peace and love
mother nature is holding my hand
so why should I cry?
allow me to smile

Connection

tear of one is tear of all
vowels and consonants are spread
only the alphabets are different
you have porridge in dinner
I have roti
but hunger is the common spice in our plates
the haves and have-nots strive
as survival is the issue
sometimes stories swirl hurricanes
battles lead to wars
ego crosses boundaries to be the superego
blasphemy gives birth to weapons
always the mother waits
at times quantum physics crawls;
the journey starts from a dot
to reach existentialism

Albert
'Infinite'
Carrasco

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

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

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Hope

Hope is the one thing in life that I'll never give up. Hope gave me a reason to look forward to another day. No matter how hard life was to me, I would just pray for the best while expecting the worst. There were always more bad times than good times, so the norm to me was chaos and misery. I knew the sun would come out tomorrow before the Little Orphan Annie, it just took many tomorrows before the dark cloud left and life got sunny. I got a chance to eat when I was hungry, I got a place to sleep with a permanent roof over me and my family, we finally got the opportunity to live contentedly without the assistance of the government for food, clothing, and shelter. That's what I call fulfillment. We broke the chains of poverty that was passed on for years and years from parents to children as an unwanted tradition; hope was how we ended monetary oppression. Now I pass down hope from generation to generation with words of encouragement and motivation. I share my experience with trial and tribulation with the world to show that giving up should never be an option.

Kimberly
Burnham

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Let Them

Let the birds sing you awake
not with chaos, but with wonder
the morning light already loosening
the last dark threads of night

Let the warmth come
a silk blanket spreading over your skin
as if the world has begun again
invites you to begin
with hope and light

Let the roads' curve winding beneath
tall tunnels of trees overhead
their green hands blessing your lungs
a natural embrace supporting you

Let the narrow bridges carry you
not just across rivers and avenues
but across quiet worries
between one breath and another

Let the city pause in its rush
engines idling, people waiting
each one with a reason
a hope, a yearning
trying to arrive by nine am
at something that matters
meaningful work, a child's game,
a torah study or prayer

Let them speak
telling you why
they cannot understand
listen
not because they are right

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but because listening stretches
the muscles of the heart
and sometimes through a doorway
love walks in

Let them talk
the ones who scowl at difference
who carry sharp metal
in their voices

Let them pass by
because there are also those who smile
like a lighthouse on your path
who remember your name
who offer you back
wholeness and peace

Let dogs shed on your black pants
your clean shirt.
leaping, howling and loving you
with their entire body
without needing a reason

Let them heal
however they must
let them name their pain
in languages you don't speak
hold beliefs
like magical pebbles in their pockets
for who among us has ever known
every step of the whole path

Let creativity come
as rain does
not craving permission
from the ground
drenching you
wild and soft

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carving paths
toward connection
toward the world
we still hope to make

Let it all be
Let them
Let us

Where I Am From

I am from pioneers
not the shouting boasting kinds
but the quiet ones who walked
toward an open sky
seeking a place where seeds take root
and water runs clean

We know how to listen
to the rhythm of the earth
how to dig deep
for something that feeds
body and soul

I am from street corners and libraries,
from hands blistered by work
and minds bent over books
from sweat, from ink,
from words that mean survival
and also, give meaning

I come from the mountain
its green summer back
giving way to gold
then snowy white

I have stood where the air is thin
and the sky feels closer than the tree tops
but I am also of the sea
where starfish linger in tidal pools
and starlight spills on midnight waves
where every rise and fall
is a lesson in letting go and moving forward
with more knowledge and less stuff
more relationships and love

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I am also from the place
where deserts meet water
the in between places
of strength and challenges
where heat holds silence

I am from artists
from color that dares to be bigger than life
from shapes that don't quite belong
but insist on being seen
from the square peg and the round hole
from the ones who say

Try again
try differently
see what beauty
can be made
telling us something new
about the space
about how we each can fit and
how sometimes we have to be
more creative
when nothing fits
until you reimagine
the space

This is where I am from
soil and salt
canvas and questions
from every place
that asked something of me
and gives back a piece of myself
in return

With the Certainty of the Tides

“With the certainty of the tides”
Maya Angelou said it,
and something in me opened

I remembered beaches
in far-off lands
where the sun kissed the sea
with no apology
where I stood
tall and sun-warmed
sand clinging to my feet
as the waves
whispered their ancient rhythm

In Hawaii,
just steps from college
I learned the tides by heart
I watched starfish move across coral
anemones folding in like secret caves
at low tide waiting for the sea
to rise again

I believed then
that love would always return
a tide
a rhythm
a certainty

Now
after a fight
words flung like shells
sharp and breaking

I sit in a quiet forest waiting
for her voice

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soft again
for the air to clear
for the tide of love
to rise and wash over us
make smooth the broken places

Still
I listen for the tide
I hope
for the swell
because if love is anything
it is not always certain
it is not always soft
but it is
like the tide
returning
a rhythm
we remember
even when the shoreline
is dry

Eliza
Segiet

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Eliza Segiet graduated with a Master's Degree in Philosophy at Jagiellonian University.

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Finalist *Golden Aster Book World Literary Prize* 2020, *Mili Dueli* 2022, *Voci nel deserto* 2022.

At the international Festival of Poetry CAMPIONATO MONDIALE DI POESIA (2021/2022) she won the title of vice-champion of the world.

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Award - *World Poets Association* (2023).

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

Plans

For a moment, he realized
that this journey,
this exhausting flight, was his
– to live or not to live.
Gazing at the clouds,
looking down below,
he was scared. He was scared as hell!

When he saw the snow-covered hills,
his unspoken thoughts
whispered
that nothing bad would happen.
He was not alone.
All those
who, at the same time, in the same place,
were – like him –
torn between Shakespeare's
– *to be or not to be*.
They too had fear,
but they had plans as well.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

Voices

It did happen!
I am who I wanted to be.
A doctor – oh, how it sounds!
Yet, is it enough
to understand a person?

I have one more goal,
I will do it for myself
and for my patients.
Let philosophy
be the trampoline
to delve into their
and my own psyche.
This is it!
I will devote my time
to
– good,
– health,
– understanding.

To explore the unexplorable,
will be an attempt at a positive
uplifting of
– actions,
– words,
– thoughts.

A return
to a tranquil world.
A world free of
contrived voices.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

Fame

She always knew
that she would do
what no one had managed before.
She wanted to gain fame and money.
She chose sports.
She trained all day,
exhausted, fell asleep in the evenings
only to do it all over again next morning.

Hoping that in another field
she might achieve something,
she kept wandering towards
attempts at uplifting herself.

Maybe fashion, beauty, health?
She changed her interests,
to become the person
who she was meant
to be
– the best mother of all.

A person has true value only when
they mean
– the whole world to another.

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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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I am the hope

i am the dream my Mother had
for a better world
that has yet to come true

i am the wish of my father
who sweated and bled
to provide a way
that my way
would be an easier one
for me, for you

to some degree it has
for i did not ever learn
to sacrifice my self
such as he did

i am the embodiment
of the aspirations of my ancestors
pooled in this collective consciousness
we call humanity . . .
are not we all ?

I offer my sacred seed to the Mother
that she may entomb it
in the Womb of Life
nurture it and bring forth to birth
the light of life . . . Love

for . . .

i am the hope

as are you !

Hope

It was a strange time, the strangest of times I have ever experienced in the entirety of my life. All the soldiers had laid down their guns, and they were smelted to make plows for our gardens that we may grow a natural food to feed ourselves healthily. Police Officers had shed their uniforms, tasers, clubs and weapons. People were milling around in the streets hugging each other. Of course, the children were still playing, faces adorned with unbound smiles with giggles and unrestrained laughter filling the air. There were many adults also pretending to be children, emulating an unbridled mirth and joy that has never before been witnessed on this earth to my limited knowledge.

Politicians of all levels had taken to the avenues and highways, marching through the cities, communities and neighborhoods, shaking hands, kissing babies and getting to know first hand the people they served. Solemn vows were being made from their hearts, and you could tell they were authentic by the apologetic tears running down their cheeks, tears of sorrow, tears of an awakening.

All the global despots and demons, had submitted themselves to the courts of righteousness, begging to be judged that they may begin the resurrection of their souls. Billionaires have given all their wealth away to feed and care for those in need. There was no longer such a thing as a 1% or 3% . . . there was only 100% WE, the People of Humanity.

Grocery Stores and Farms alike were open to the public. The objective was to feed the hungry. Hospitals and doctors required no paperwork nor signatures, they just went about the business of healing, as they were designed to do. Pastors, Ministers, Rabbis, Priests and Imams began again to service the soul as opposed to the habits of men and women alike

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and equally. We embraced our differences. The only colors we acknowledged were that of a yellow sun, the green of the plants and trees, the color of the petals of flowers, the blue skies, the diverse colors of our beautiful eyes, rainbows, that after the rain, and the variable beauty of our human pigmentation.

Builders were building, handymen were fixing, for all the people were of one accord . . . the betterment, health, safety and love . . . of all the people. Giving, sharing, loving and caring was its own reward.

Hope, it knows no limits save the limits we impose upon our possibilities.

Unspoken

There are words
Floating, hanging in the ether;
Questions, declarations
And idle conversations
That could have been voiced,
But have lost the opportunity,
For those who I wished
To offer them unto
Are no longer with us

At this juncture, this time
My heart, my soul is
Subjected to never be
Completely fulfilled
For I either
Had not the courage,
The time,
The inclination;
Or I was far too busy
Doing me
Instead of paying attention
To the things
That matter so much
Now

There are parents,
Loved ones,
Friends
And a myriad of others
For whom I could have
Picked a few flowers
And offered them
In a time of
Meaningfulness,
But yes,

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As I said a bit before,
I was too busy

I now am destined
To speak these words
Into an unknow ether,
A void of non-understanding
Where I am facetiously
Hoping, praying'
They are heard
Along with my quest
For forgiveness

.....

And my prayer is simply
That though I spoke not the words
At the most opportune times
In the past,
That they hear now
That which was
Once upon a time
Unspoken

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Ivan Pozzoni was born in Monza in 1976. Between 2007 and 2024, different versions of the books were published: *Underground* and *Riserva Indiana*, *Versi Introversi*, *Mostri*, *Galata morente*, *Carmina non dant damen*, *Scarti di magazzino*, *Qui gli austriaci sono più severi dei Borboni*, *Cherchez the troika. et La malattia invettiva*, *Lame da rasoi*, *Il Guastatore*, *Patroclo non deve morire*, and *Kolektivne NSEAE*. He wrote 150 volumes, wrote 1000 essays, founded an avant-garde movement (NéoN-avant-gardisme). His verses are translated into 25 languages. In 2024 he return to the Italian artistic world and melts the NSEAE Kolektivne (New socio/ethno/aesthetic anthropology).

Hotel Acapulco

Le mie mani, scarne, han continuato a batter testi,
trasformando in carta ogni voce di morto
che non abbia lasciato testamento,
dimenticando di curare
ciò che tutti definiscono il normale affare
d'ogni essere umano: ufficio, casa, famiglia,
l'ideale, insomma, di una vita regolare.

Abbandonata, nel lontano 2026, ogni difesa
d'un contratto a tempo indeterminato,
etichettato come squilibrato,
mi son rinchiuso nel centro di Milano,
Hotel Acapulco, albergo scalcinato,
chiamando a raccolta i sogni degli emarginati,
esauendo i risparmi di una vita
nella pigione, in riviste e pasti risicati.

Quando i carabinieri faranno irruzione
nella stanza scrostata dell'Hotel Acapulco
e troveranno un altro morto senza testamento,
chi racconterà la storia, ordinaria,
d'un vecchio vissuto controvento?

Hotel Acapulco

My emaciated hands continued to write,
turning each voice of death into paper,
That he lefts no will,
forgetting to look after
what everyone defines as the normal business
of every human being: office, home, family,
the ideal, at last, of a regular life.

Abandoned, back in 2026, any defense
of a permanent contract,
labelled as unbalanced,
i'm locked up in the centre of Milan,
Hotel Acapulco, a decrepit hotel,
calling upon the dreams of the marginalized,
exhausting a lifetime's savings
in magazines and meagre meals.

When the Carabinieri burst
into the decrepit room of the Hotel Acapulco
and find yet another dead man without a will,
who will tell the ordinary story
of an old man who lived windbreak?

La Ballata Di Peggy E Pedro

La ballata di Peggy e Pedro è latrata dai *punkabbestia* di Ponte Garibaldi, con un misto d'odio e disperazione, insegnandoci, intimi nessi tra geometria ed amore, ad amare come fossimo matematici circondati da cani randagi.

Peggy eri ubriaca, stato d'animo normale,
nelle baraccopoli lungo l'alveo del Tevere,
e l'alcool, nelle sere d'Agosto, non riscalda,
obnubilando ogni senso in sogni annichilenti,
trasformando ogni frase biascicata in fucilate nella schiena
contro corazze disciolte dalla calura estiva.
Sdraiata sui bordi del muraglione del ponte,
tra i *drop out* della Roma città aperta,
apristi il tuo cuore all'insulto gratuito di Pedro,
tuo amante, e, basculandoti, cadesti nel vuoto,
disegnando traiettorie gravitazionali dal cielo al cemento.

Pedro, non eri ubriaco, ad un giorno di distanza,
non eri ubriaco, stato d'animo anormale,
nelle baraccopoli lungo l'alveo del Tevere,
o nelle serate vuote della movida milanese,
essendo intento a spiegare a cani e barboni
una curiosa lezione di geometria non euclidea.
Salito sui bordi del muraglione del ponte,
nell'indifferenza abulica dei tuoi scolari distratti,
saltasti, in cerca della stessa traiettoria d'amore,
dello stesso tragitto fatale alla tua Peggy,
atterrando, sul cemento, nello stesso istante.

I *punkabbestia* di Ponte Garibaldi, sgomberati dall'autorità
locale,

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diffonderanno in ogni baraccopoli del mondo la lezione
surreale
imperniata sulla sbalorditiva idea
che l'amore sia un affare di geometria non euclidea.

The Ballad Of Peggy And Pedro

The ballad of Peggy and Pedro barked out by the
punkbestials
of the Garibaldi Bridge, with a mixture of hatred and
despair,
teaches us the intimate relationship between geometry and
love,
to love as if we were maths surrounded by stray dogs.

Peggy you were drunk, normal mood,
in the slums along the bed of the Tiber
and alcohol, on August evenings, doesn't warm you up,
clouding every sense in annihilating dreams,
transforming every chewed-up sentence into a gunfight in
the back
on armour dissolved by the summer heat.
Lying on the edges of the bridge's ledges,
among the drop-outs of the *Rome open city*,
you opened your heart to the gratuitous insult of Pedro,
your lover, and toppled over, falling into the void,
drawing gravitational trajectories from the sky to the
cement.

Pedro wasn't drunk, a day's journey away,
you weren't drunk, abnormal state of mind,
in the slums along the bed of the Tiber,
or in the empty parties of Milan's movida,
with the intention of explaining to dogs and tramps
a curious lesson of non-Euclidean geometry.
Mounted on the edge of the bridge,
in the apathetic indifference of your distracted pupils,
you jumped, in the same trajectory of love,

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along the same fatal path as your Peggy,
landing on the cement at the same instant.

The punkbestials of the Garibaldi Bridge, cleared by the
local authority,
will spread a surreal lesson to every slum in the world
centred on the astonishing idea
that love is a matter of non-Euclidean geometry.

Ballata Degli Inesistenti

Potrei tentare di narrarvi
al suono della mia tastiera
come Baasima morì di lebbra
senza mai raggiunger la frontiera,
o come l'armeno Méroujan
sotto uno sventolio di mezzelune
sentì svanire l'aria dai suoi occhi
buttati via in una fossa comune;
Charlee, che travasata a Brisbane
in cerca di un mondo migliore,
concluse il viaggio
dentro le fauci di un alligatore,
o Aurélio, chiamato Bruna
che dopo otto mesi d'ospedale
morì di *aidiesse* contratto
a battere su una tangenziale.

Nessuno si ricorderà di Yehoudith,
delle sue labbra rosse carminio,
finite a bere veleni tossici
in un campo di sterminio,
o di Eerikki, dalla barba rossa, che,
sconfitto dalla smania di navigare,
dorme, raschiato dalle orche,
sui fondi d'un qualche mare;
la testa di Sandrine, duchessa
di Borgogna, udì rumor di festa
cadendo dalla lama d'una ghigliottina
in una cesta,
e Daisuke, moderno samurai,
del motore d'un aereo contava i giri
trasumanando un gesto da kamikaze
in harakiri.

Potrei starvi a raccontare

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nell'afa d'una notte d'estate
come Iris ed Anthia, bimbe spartane
dacché deformi furono abbandonate,
o come Deendayal schiattò di stenti
imputabile dell'unico reato
di vivere una vita da intoccabile
senza mai essersi ribellato;
Ituha, ragazza indiana,
che, minacciata da un coltello,
finì a danzare con Manitou
nelle anticamere di un bordello,
e Luther, nato nel Lancashire,
che, liberato dal mestiere d'accattone,
fu messo a morire da sua maestà britannica
nelle miniere di carbone.

Chi si ricorderà di Itzayana,
e della sua famiglia massacrata
in un villaggio ai margini del Messico
dall'esercito di Carranza in ritirata,
e chi di Idris, africano ribelle,
tramortito dallo shock e dalle ustioni
mentre, indomito al dominio coloniale,
cercava di rubare un camion di munizioni;
Shahdi, volò alta nel cielo
sulle aste della verde rivoluzione,
atterrando a Teheran, le ali dilaniate
da un colpo di cannone,
e Tikhomir, muratore ceceno,
che rovinò tra i volti indifferenti
a terra dal tetto del Mausoleo
di Lenin, senza commenti.

Questi miei oggetti di racconto
fratti a frammenti di inesistenza
trasmettano suoni distanti
di resistenza.

Ballad Of The Non-Existent

I could try to tell you
with the sound of my keyboard
how Baasima died of leprosy
without ever reaching the border,
or how the Armenian Meroujan
under a flutter of half-moons
felt the air in his eyes vanish
thrown into a mass grave;
Charlee, who moved to Brisbane
in search of a better world,
ends the journey
in the mouth of an alligator,
or Aurelio, named Bruna
who, after eight months in hospital
died of AIDS contracted
to hit a ring road.

Nobody will remember Yehoudith,
her lips carmine red,
erased by drinking toxic poisons
in an extermination camp,
or Eerikki, with his red beard,
defeated by the turbulence of the waves,
who sleeps, scoured by orcas,
on the bottom of some sea;
the head of Sandrine, Duchess
of Burgundy heard the rumour of the feast
as it fell from the blade of a guillotine
into a basket
and Daisuke, modern samurai,
counted the revolutions of a plane's engine
transhumanizing a kamikaze gesture into harakiri.

I could go on and on
in the stifling heat of a summer night

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how Iris and Anthia, deformed Spartan children
were abandoned,
or how Deendayal died of deprivation
attributable to the single crime
of living the life of an outcast
without ever having rebelled;
Ituha, an Indian girl,
threatened with a knife,
who ends up dancing with Manitou
in the anteroom of a brothel
and Luther, born in Lancashire
freed from the profession of beggar
and forced to die by His Britannic Majesty
in the coal mines.

Who will remember Itzayana
and her family massacred
in a village on the outskirts of Mexico
by Carranza's retreating army,
and what of Idris, the African rebel,
stunned by shocks and burns
while untamed by colonial domination,
he tried to steal an ammunition truck;
Shahdi flew high into the sky
above the flagpoles of the Green Revolution,
landing in Tehran with his wings torn apart
by a cannon shot,
and Tikhomir, a Chechen bricklayer,
that fell among the indifferent faces
to the ground from the roof of Lenin's Mausoleum,
without comment.

From objects of narrative
fractured into fragments of non-existence
transmits distant sounds
of resistance.

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Krishna
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Freaky Bodies

Mood of the moment
seductive in dullness
eternal eros:
changing constantly inside
now says she hates my scent

taunting the old pain
in the brothel of bed
kitchen or shower
she fears the freaky bodies
snaky arousal and peak

through sucking hisses
thuds and soft screams repeated
in sync dripping down
until next round of silence
with back to each other

Abrupt Notes

Intentionally layered
internally fragmented
queer antics:

she builds up her own
sexual toolkit to prove
how coward man is

she sees a rapist
in each man detests
the male smell but trusts
one night stand
with deep thrust
long erections
and climax control
for blood to soak smoothly

she sits shrouded
in her see-through pink gown
on the terrace
inviting autumn winds
for longer stopover
just to accuse the artist
of invading her body

she curses a young bull
for obstructing her way
in the street shouts at hawkers

and, yet another
at eighty re-imagines
fading memories
with snaky radiance
to break a new dawn

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my friend says
the dynamics change:
there's a before
and an after
to feel life

I say yes, but I'm tired
of walking and writing
what I watch

I'm no tout to comfort
or restore the faith
of a dwindling flock in heat
culling is convenient

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Tanka:

she gives him the push
when he says sex starving
is a greater sin
than fasting for his long life
or praying to the *lingam*

after a tiff
lying under the same blanket
two of us stare
the peeping moon and turn
with glee to each other

shaped like a bird
a drop of water lands
on her breast:
my breath jumps to kiss it
before her pelvic flick

weaving no web
a dark fishing spider
mates in the creek
and curls up hanging from the twat
in one-shot deal

Stains of honeymoon
the sun and clouds:
sky's gentle embrace

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time can't erase
hues of passion

I clasp your hands
and feel the blood
running savagely
through your arteries
in tulip silence

her beauty
smells the soil that sings
grace in look:
I whisper my heart and chase
the glow her shadow spreads

the wind lifts
her curved nudity
in the water curtain
I touch the strings that whisper
love in each falling drop

unquenched thirst
more and more indulgence:
momentary pleasure
she says it's enough now
rein the horse and seek the missed

Ibrahim
Honjo

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Ibrahim Honjo is a Canadian/Bosnian poet-writer, who writes in Bosnian, and English language. He has worked as an economist, journalist, editor, marketing director, and property manager. He is currently retired and resides in Canada.

Honjo is author 26 published books in Bosnian Language, (8 books in English, 3 books bilingually (in English and Bosnian language). In addition, 5 joints' books of poems published with Serbian poets. His poems have been represented in more than 90 world anthologies, and more than 60 literary magazines.

Some of Honjo's poems have been translated into Italian, Spanish, Korean, Polish, Slovenian, Bahasa (Malaysia), Mongolian, Turkmen, Turkish, Russian, Bengali, Portuguese, French, Thai, Arabic, Tajik, Vietnamese, Chinese, Macedonian, Filipino, Persian and German. He received several prizes for his poetry.

What About Tomorrow

Today I am the one conflicting in me
I from the past
I from the present
I from the future
Wars are springing like mushrooms
Necks are broken
I from the past, am bleeding
I from the present, am bleeding
I from the future, am bleeding
In me today
Today in me
Cannons are roaring
Like the insides of a mountain
While earthquakes are going on
Sites of fire are burning after battles
And in me
I from the past
I from the present
I from the future
And nothing else
Winners leave and pass by with laurels
I with a curse

Who will bury me tomorrow?

The Stone

They never asked me
For my name
They wanted my identity card
Or its number

I did not have one

I said Stone

They laughed
Asked me where I was from

From the stone - I said

They asked for my age

Twenty pebbles – I answered
And showed them gray spotted pebbles

They are opening their hearts to me
I am closing the doorway on the invisible wall
Which divides us
I am going away

Disharmony

Blue

Blue

I am passing, crawling

By the azure sleeplessness

I harmonize hunger with winter disharmony

With ghosts and sycophants

Slander blue snows

I fall asleep in bear's pool of mud

In the morning, I wake up with thorns in sight

I take bears as blood brothers

In some powerful blueness

And then using a stick made of a black thorn

I count the news

And line up illusions

Until the day comes

While from everything

Only disharmony is left

Kazimierz
Burnat

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Retreat

I am afraid of lost time
it intensifies the malaise
of an escape into creativity
and one needs to immerse oneself in it
compulsively desperately
to enslave fear
out of books building a barricade
against the massacred truth
against hatred

writing – a nightmare
I have become a poet
requiring correction
and changes
pinch the authenticity

I must necessarily
engraft wild words
overheard in dreams
to anew be able to
express myself and the world
in the best possible way

Translated by Anna Maria Stępień

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*Not death separates people
but lack of love.*

Jim Morrison

Love
is wild flowers
simplicity-colored

the sky's clear azure

soul and flesh entwined
by a flimsy unity

it is you and him
in the glow of trust
showing the common path
to Sesame

love
is an ebony tunnel
with bedazzlement at the end

not seeing
will arouse new sensations

Translated by Anna Maria Stępień

Wrongheadedness

Discouraged by waiting
for prosperity
they abandon the pretense of bonds

though unripe are the common fruit
ready to pollinate
wayside flowers
already burdened with a flaw

distrust
makes them the carriers of hatred
indwelling the innermost resources

and so
nestled into foreign tenderness
hearing the pulse bubbling
of leaky hearts
they savor the image of unfulfillment

from breathlessness
souls grow blue

the final wake-up call
for a compromise lesson

Translated by Anna Maria Stepień

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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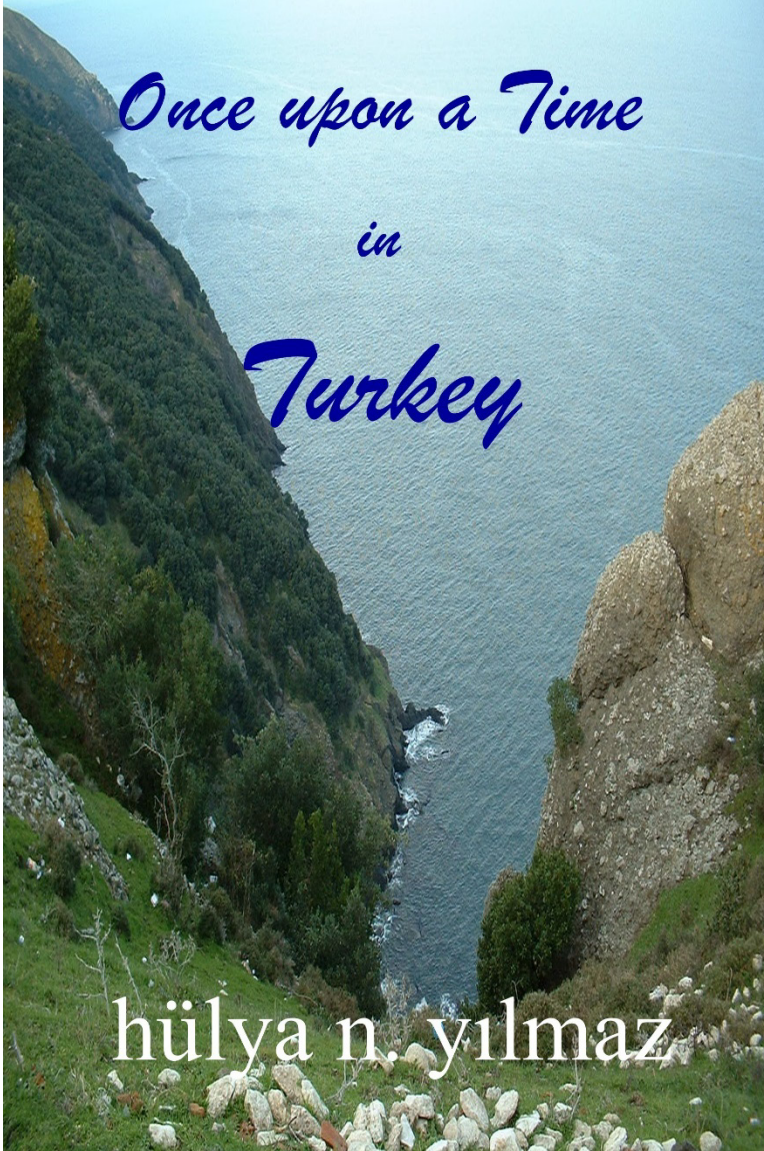
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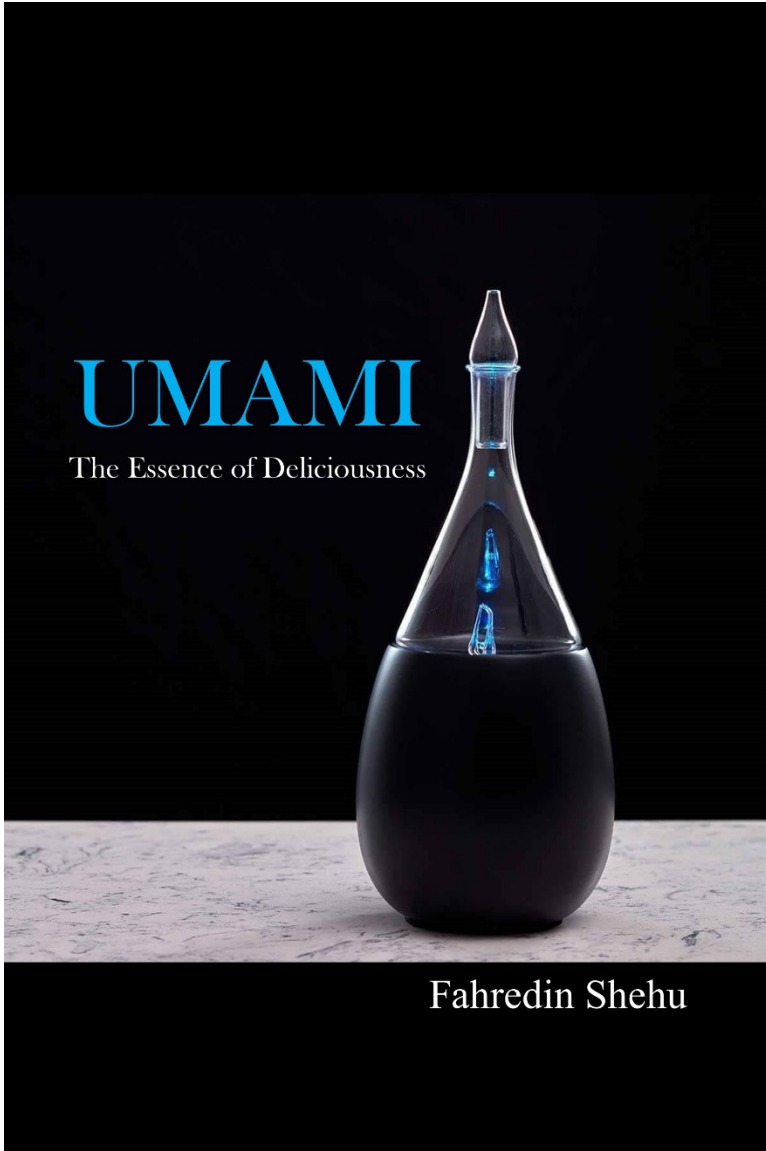


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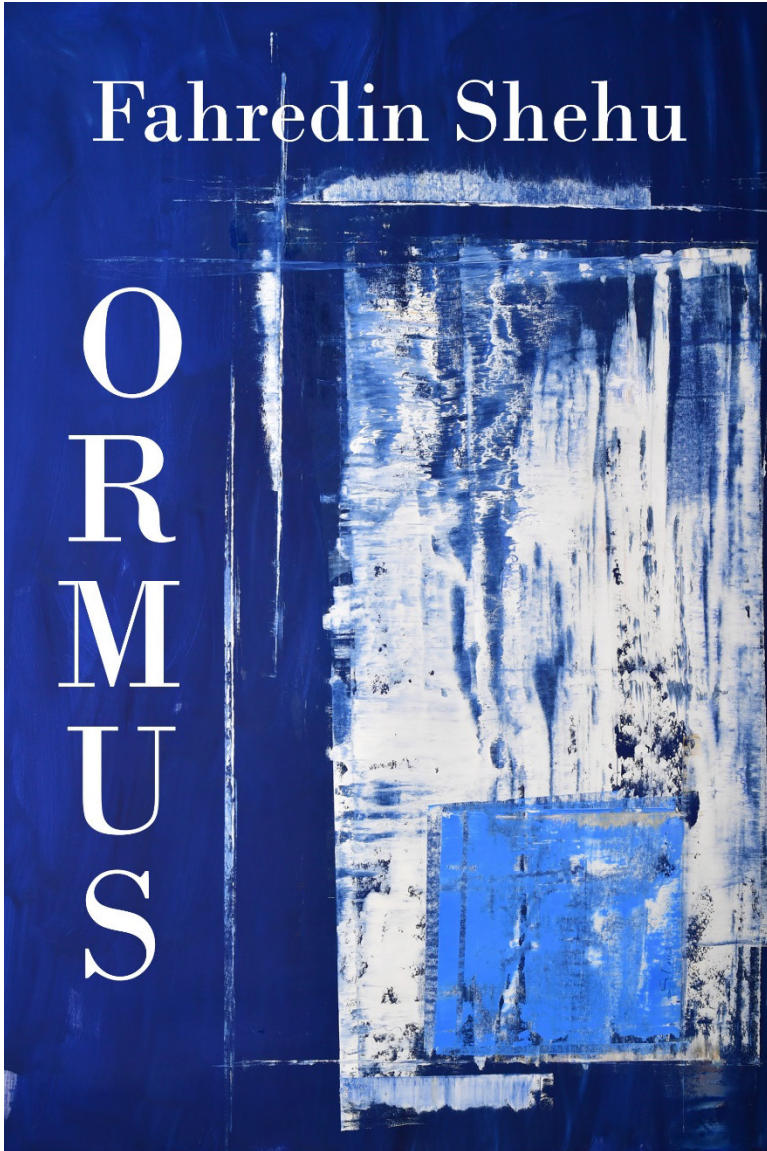
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... from the Streets to the Stages



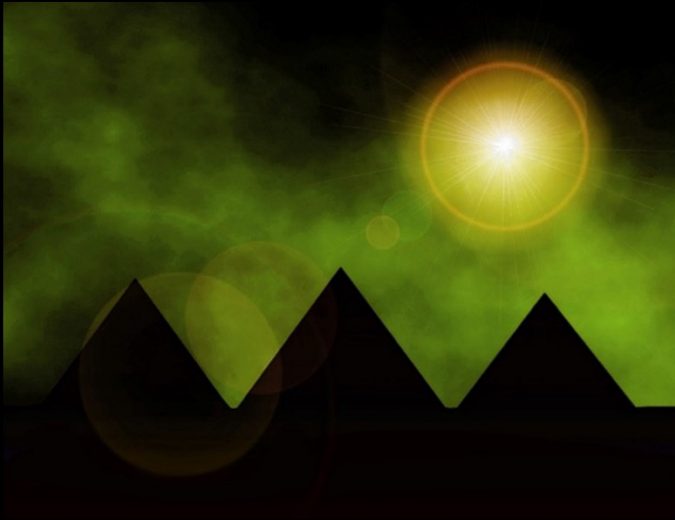
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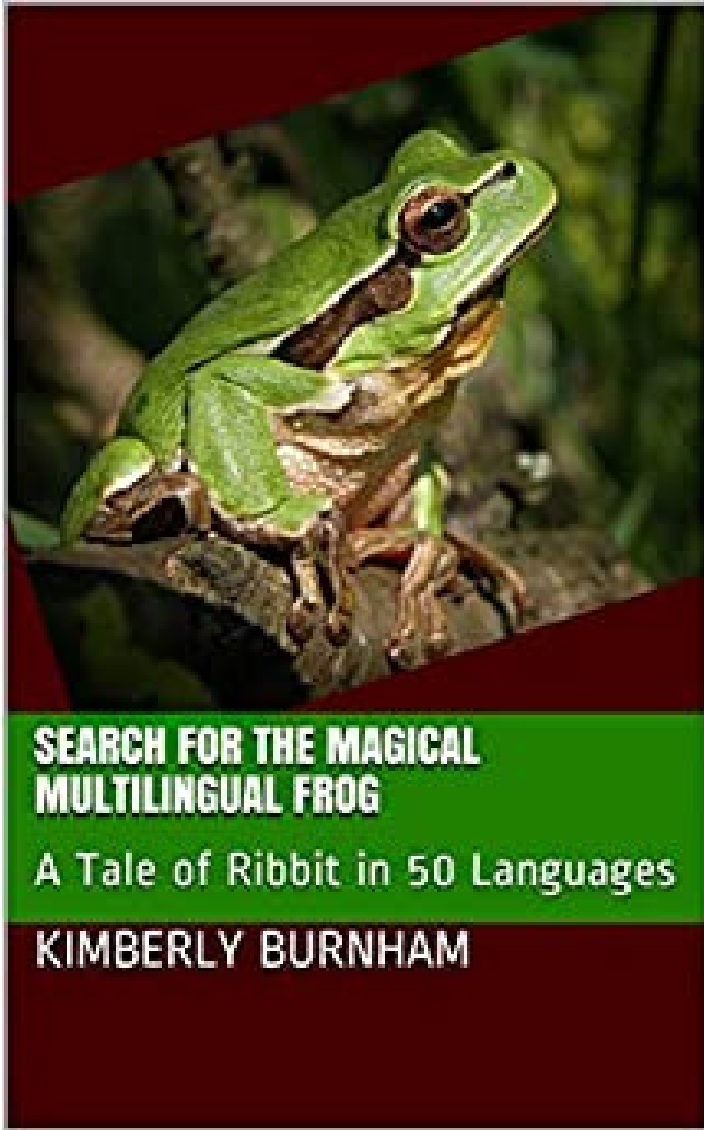
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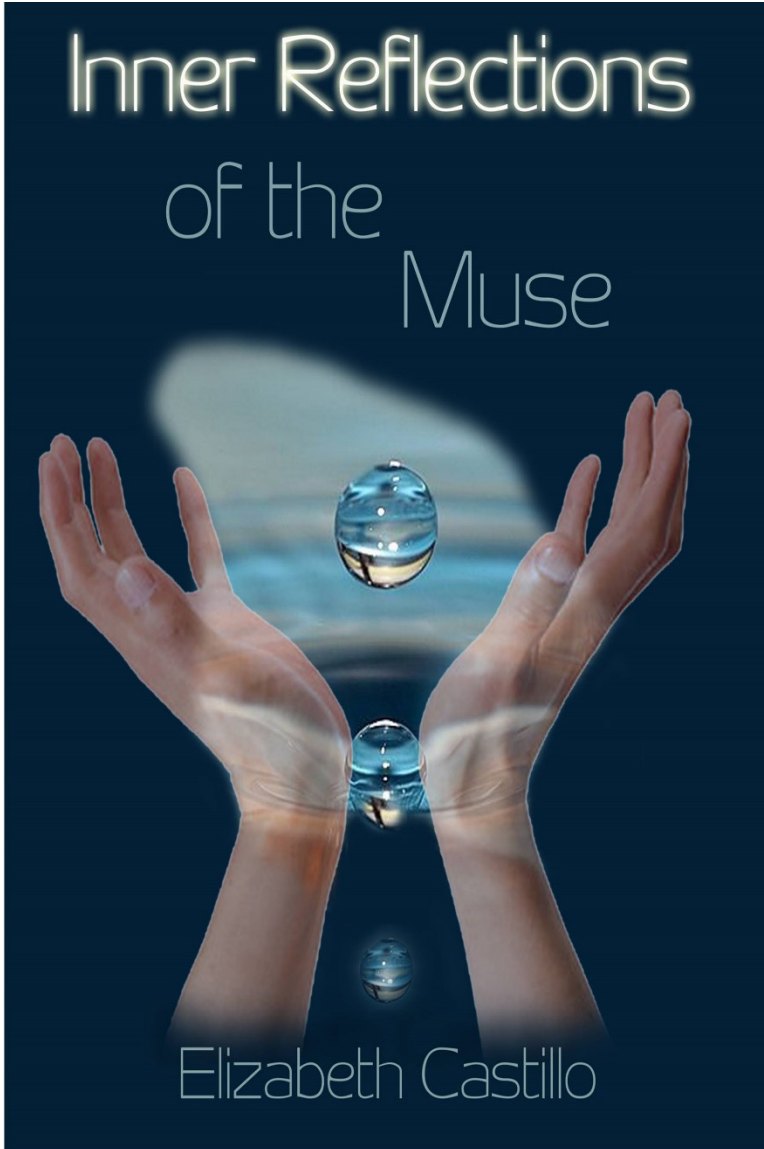
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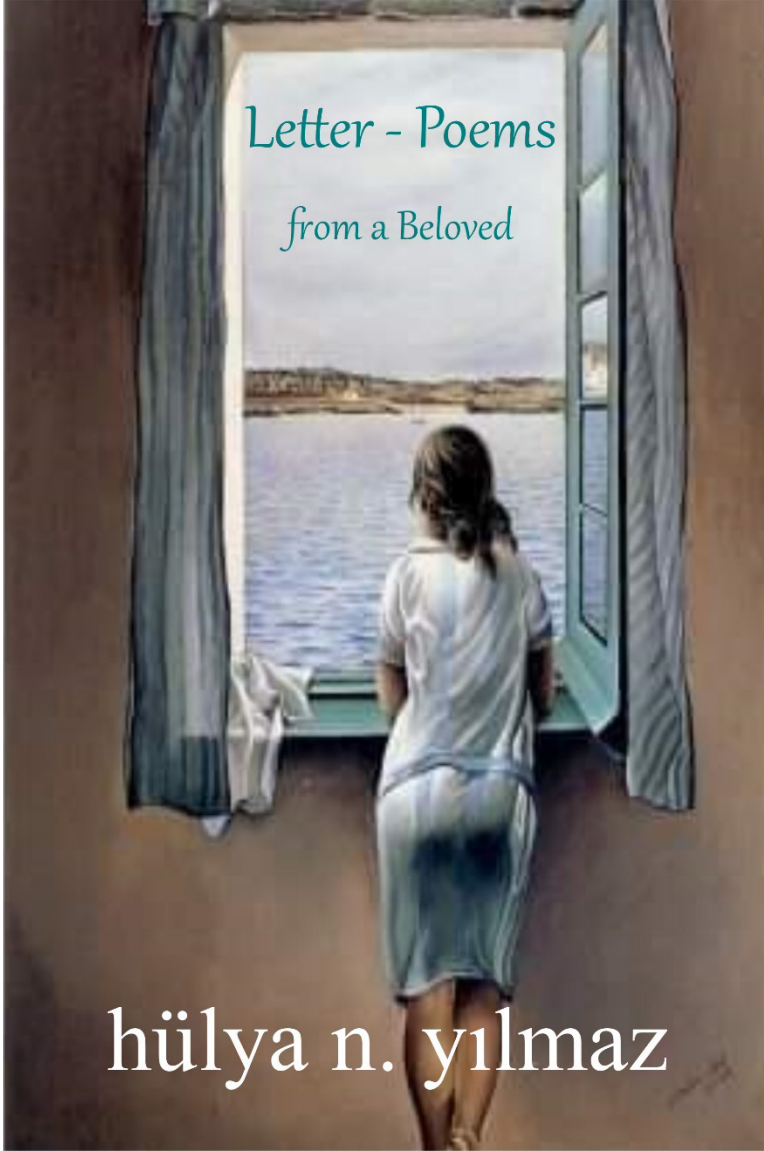
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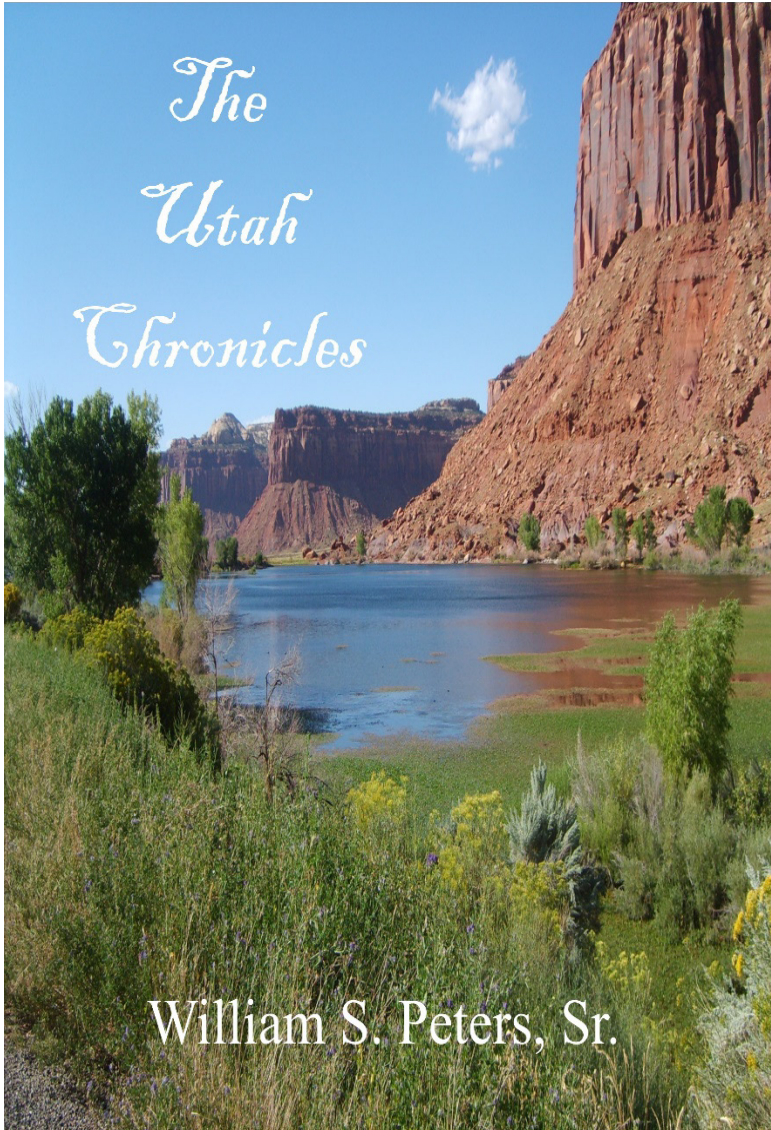
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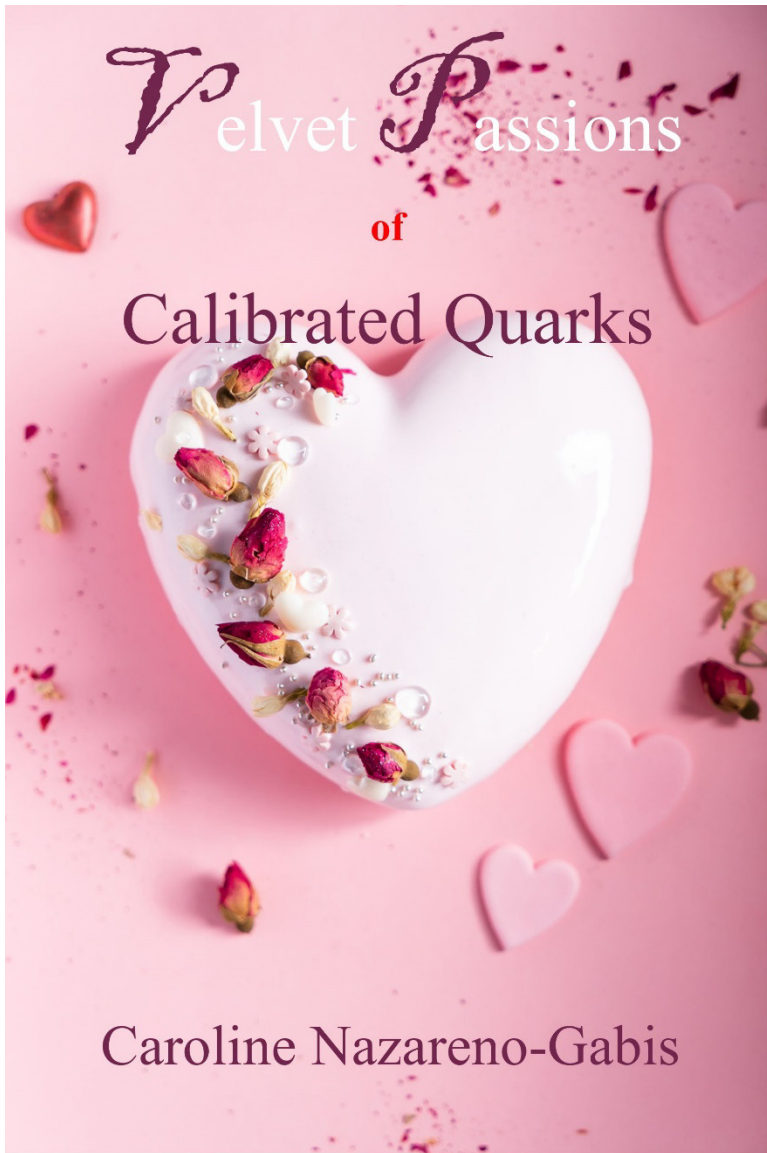


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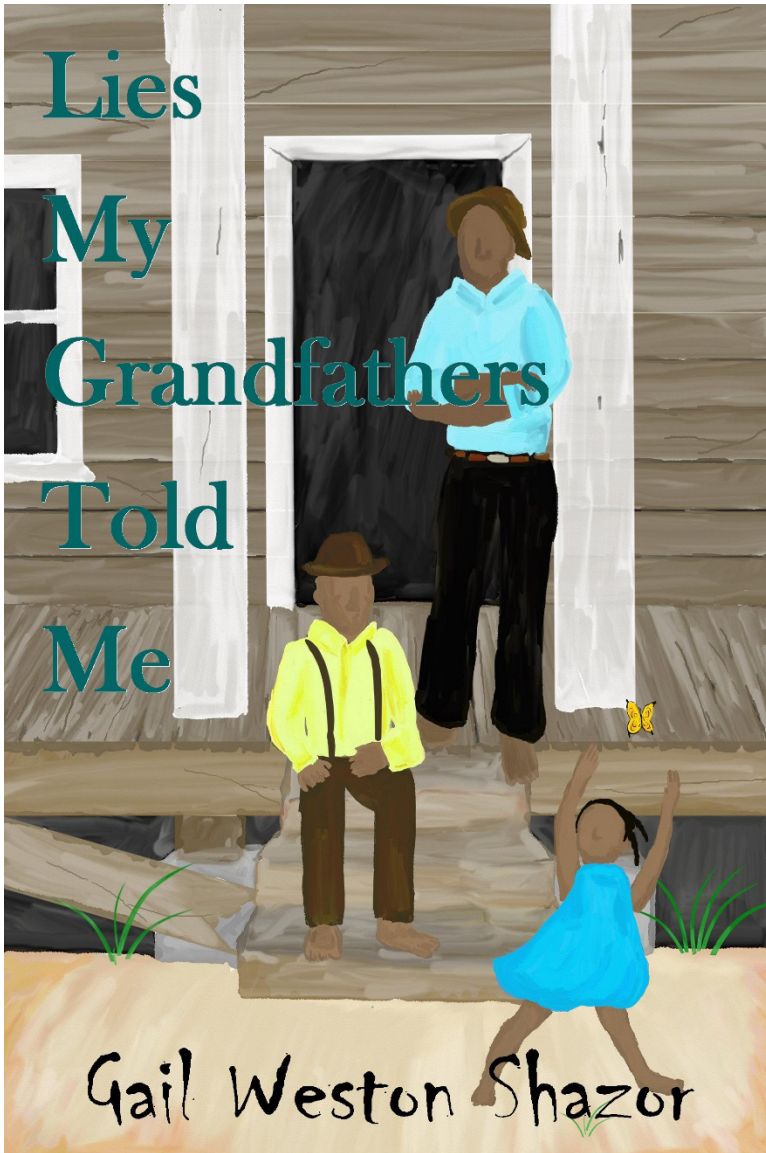
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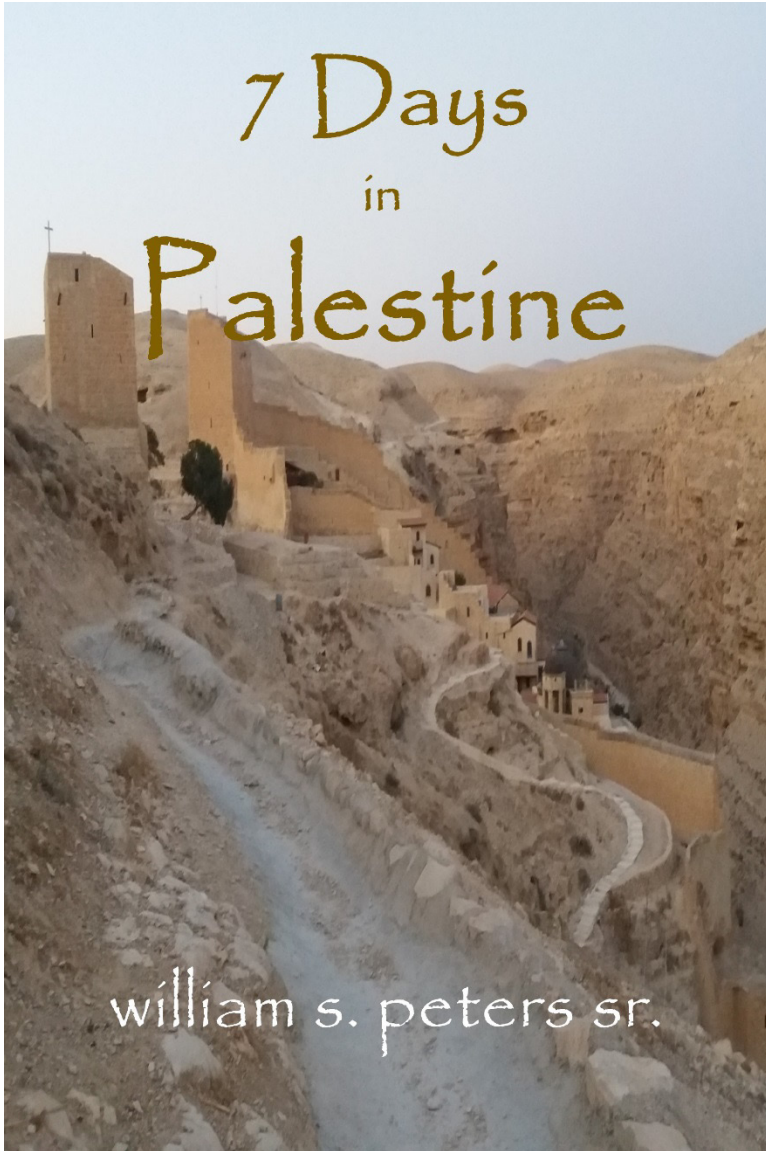
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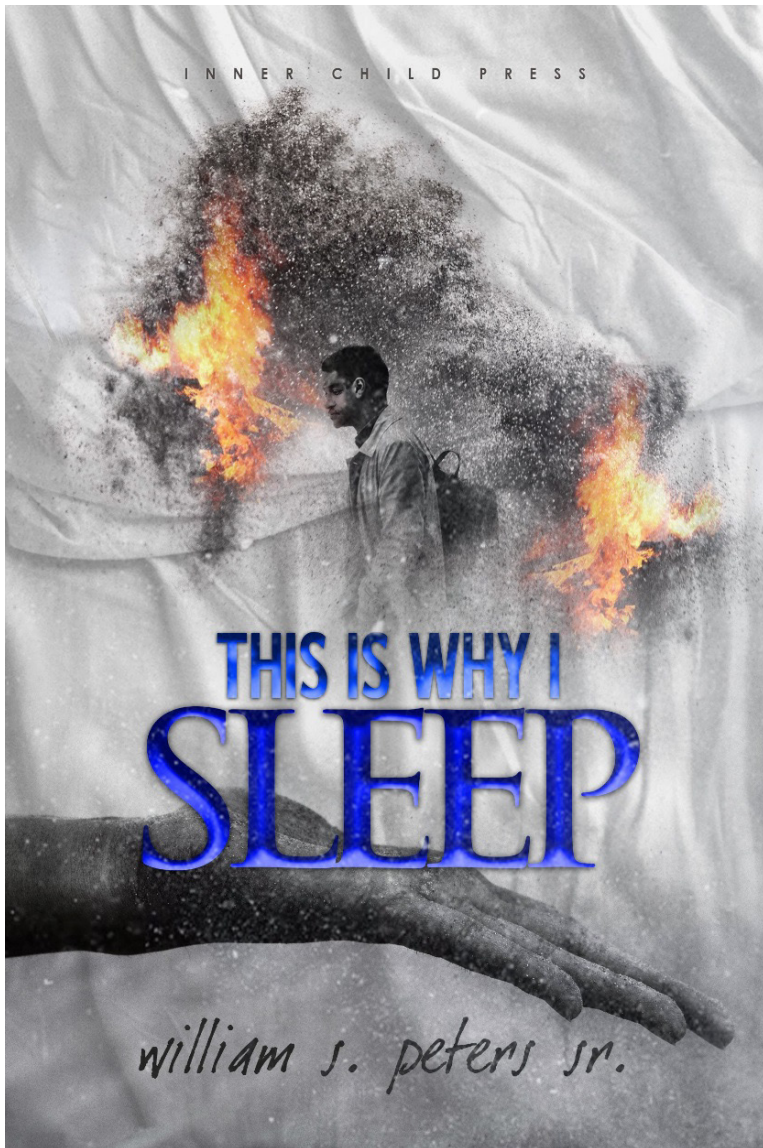
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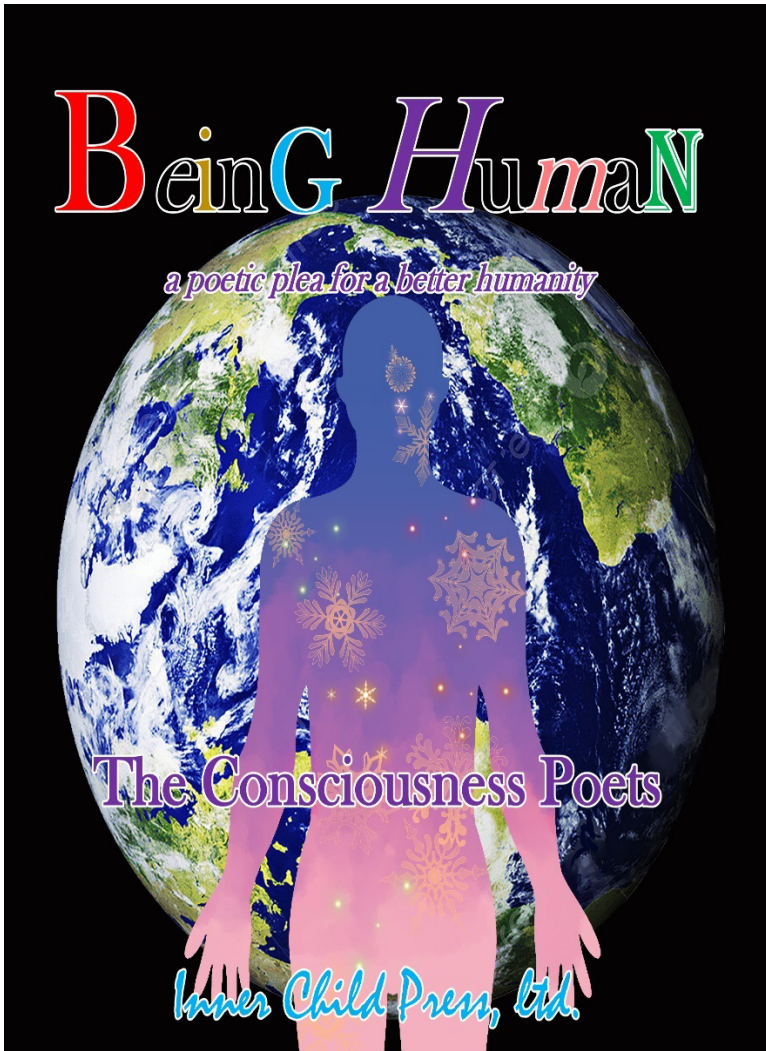
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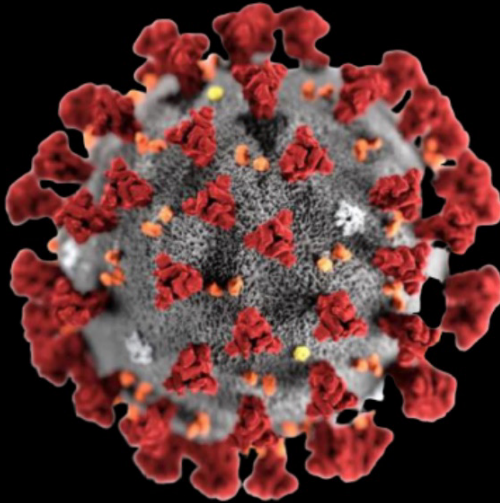
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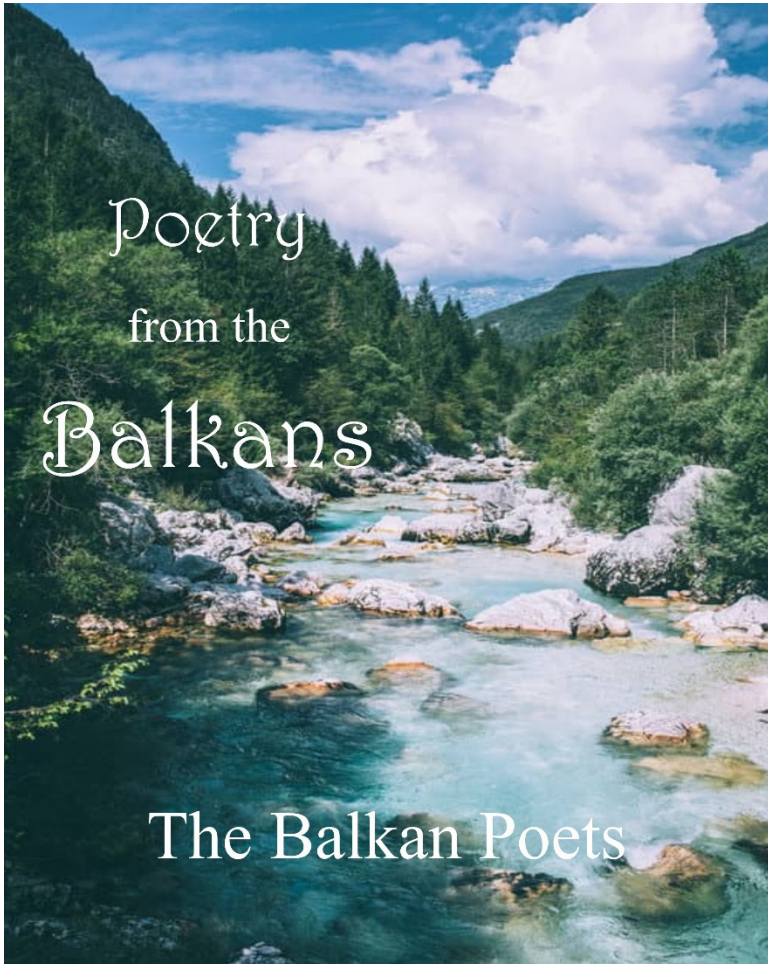


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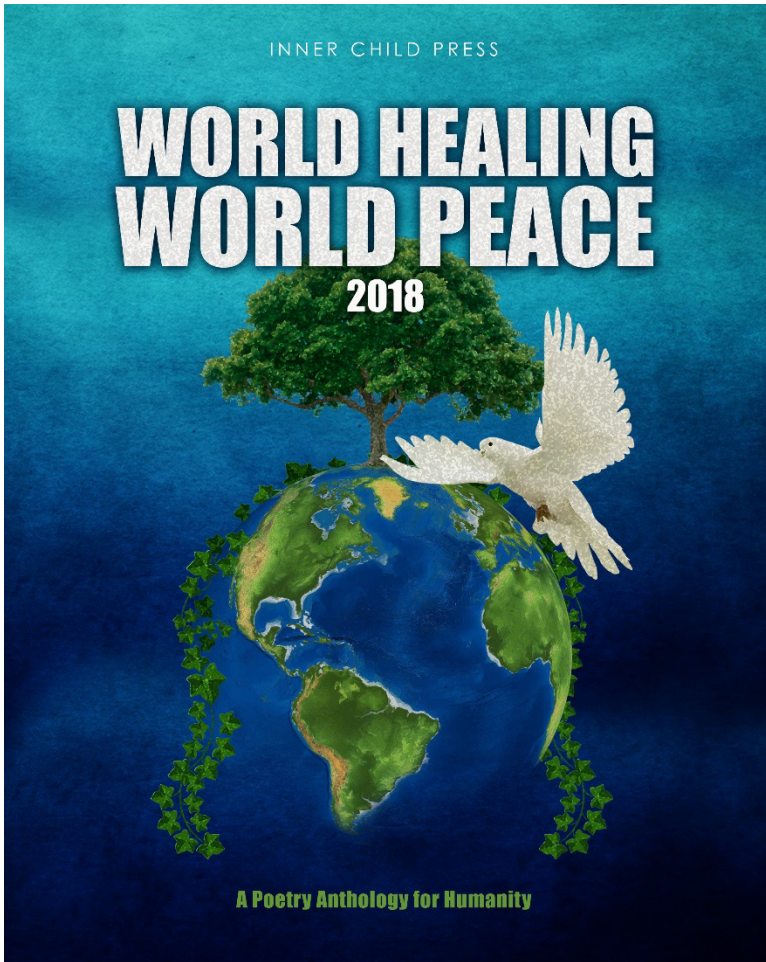
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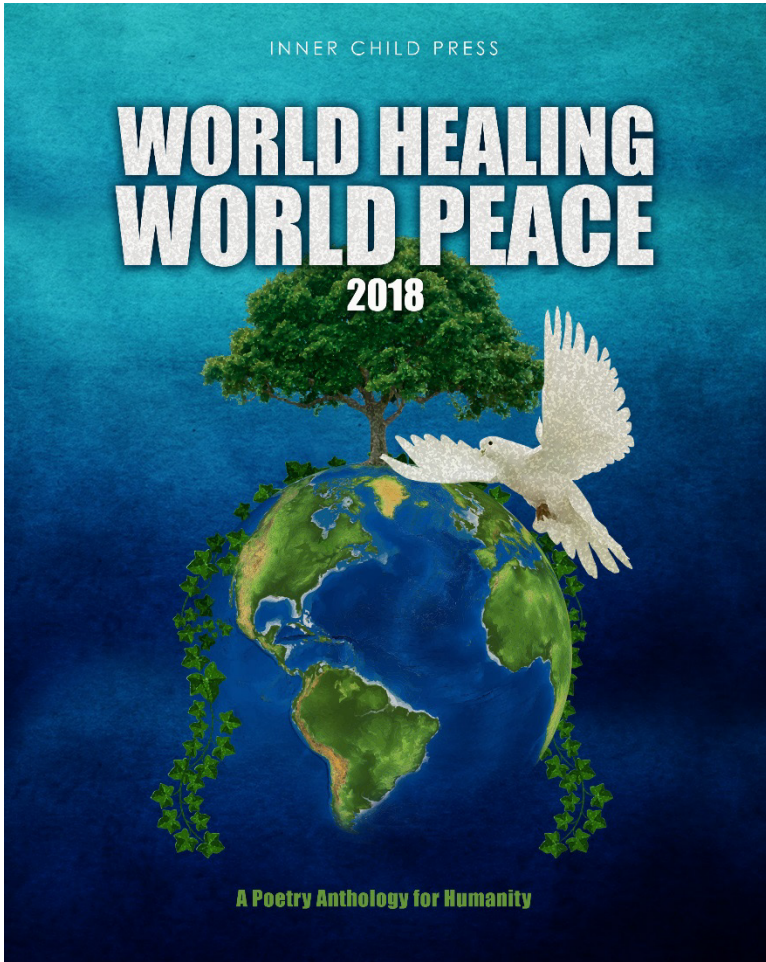


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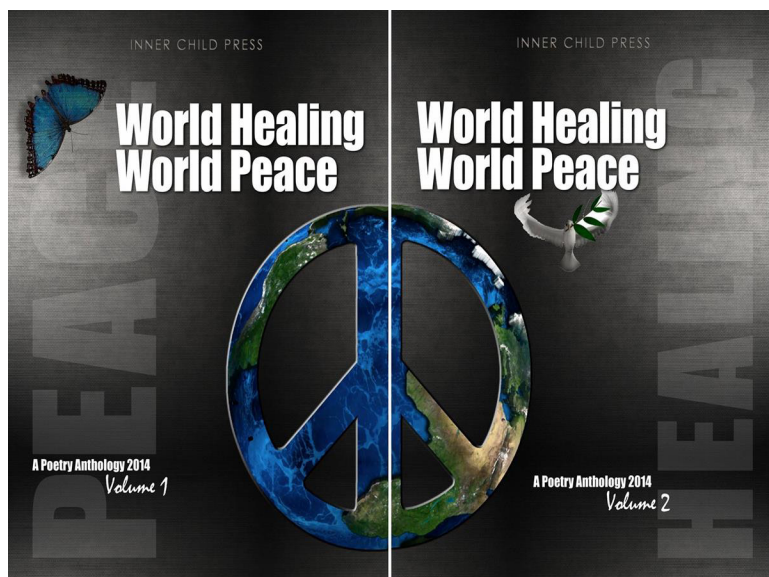
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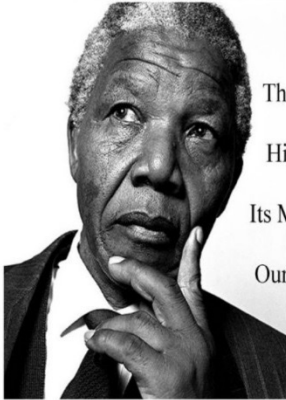


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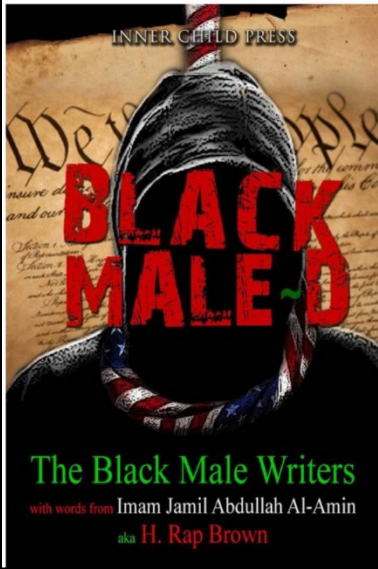
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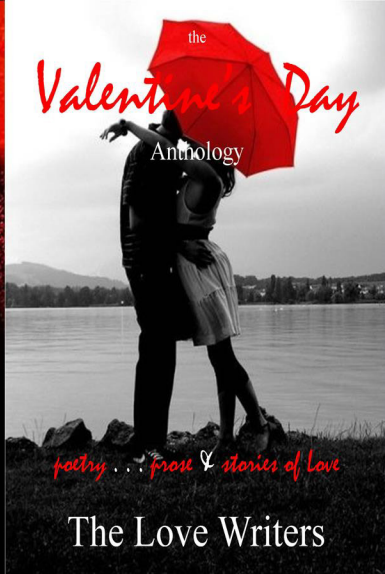
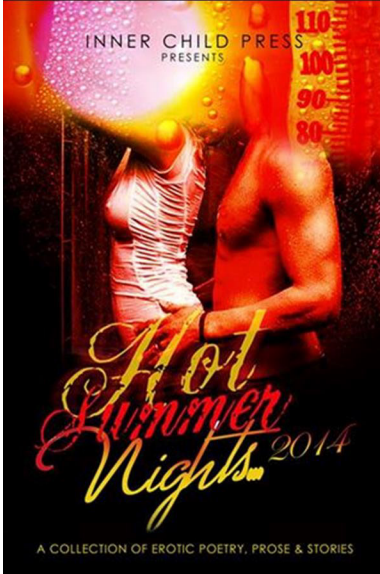
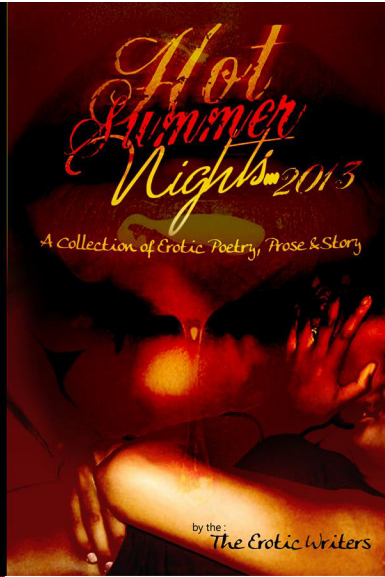
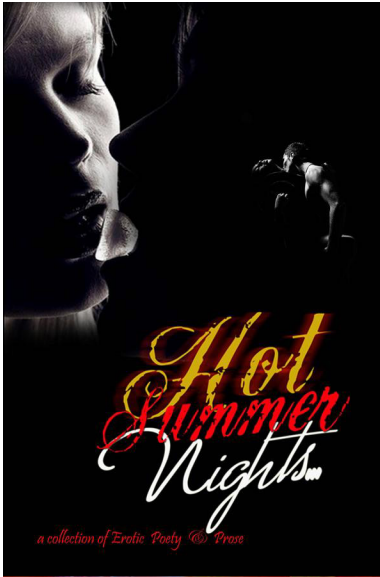
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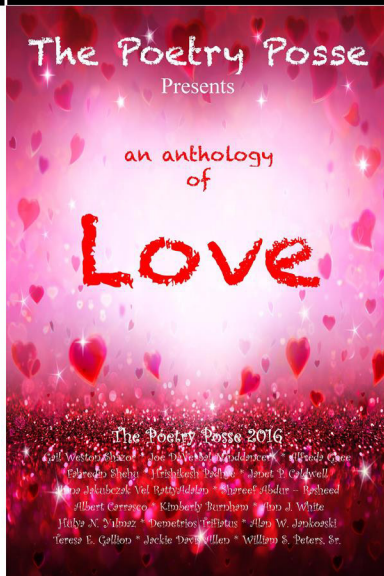
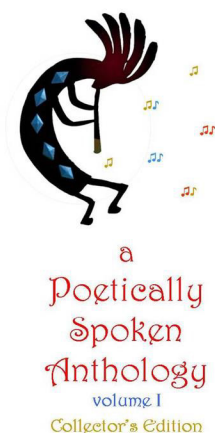
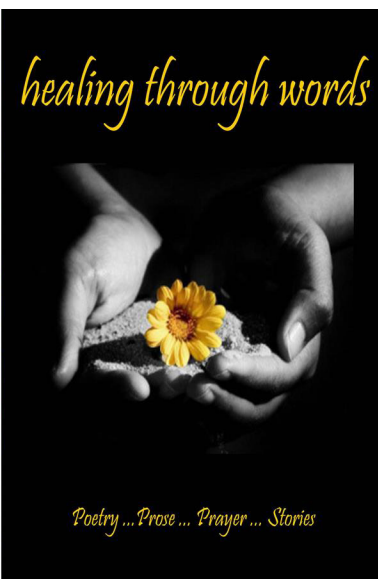
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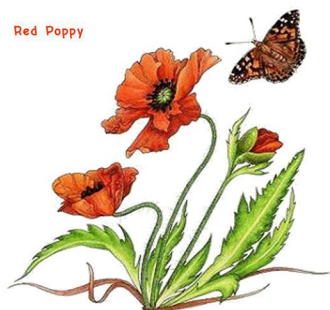
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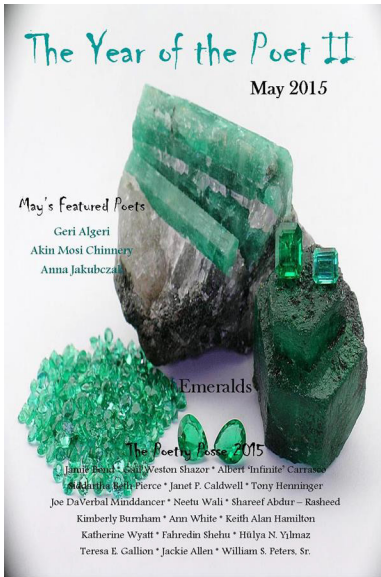
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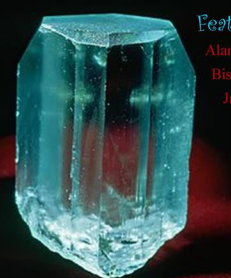


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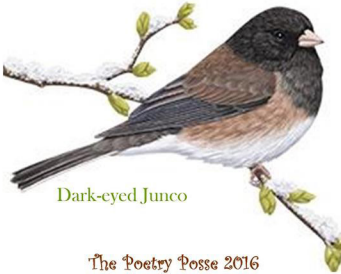
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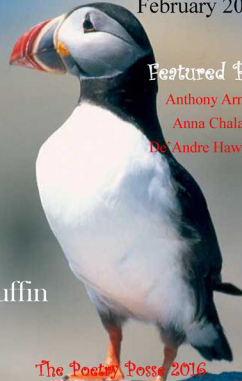
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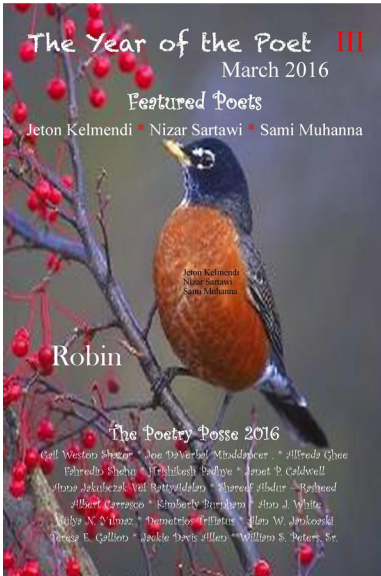
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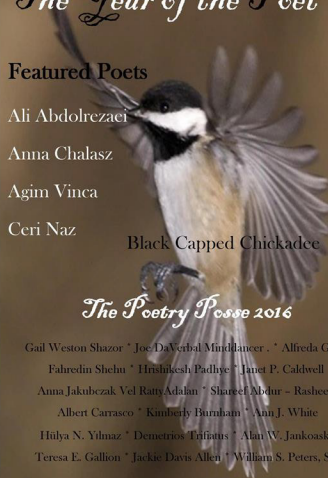
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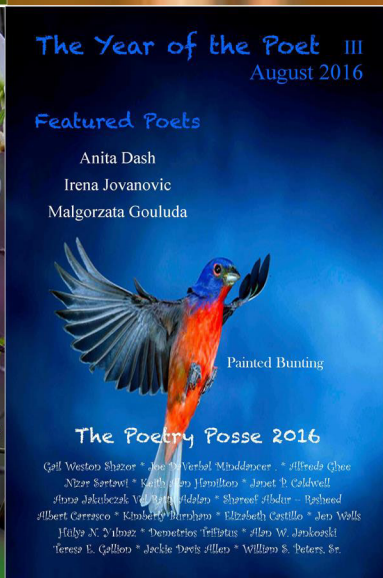
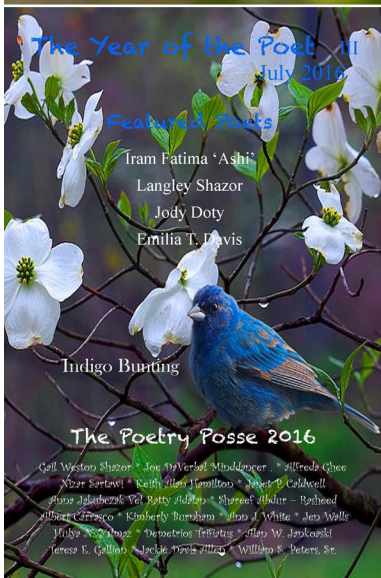
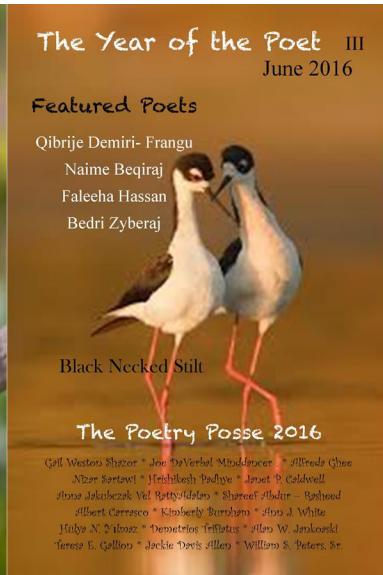
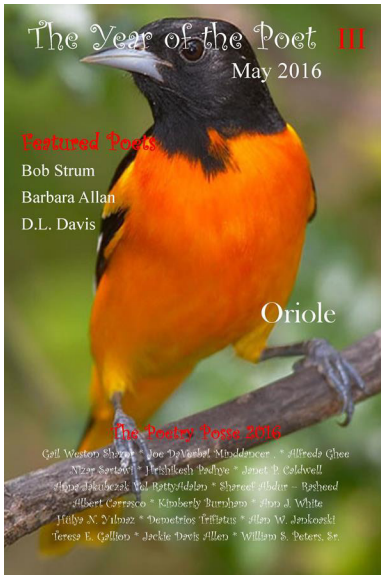
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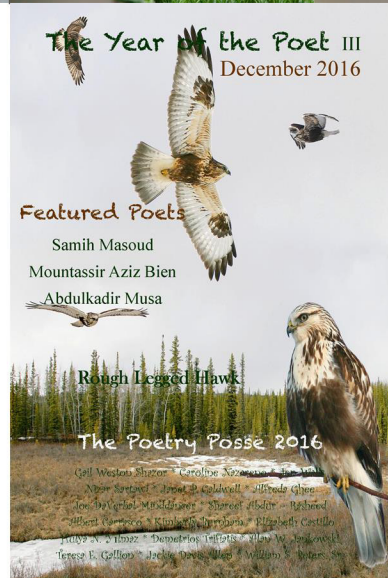
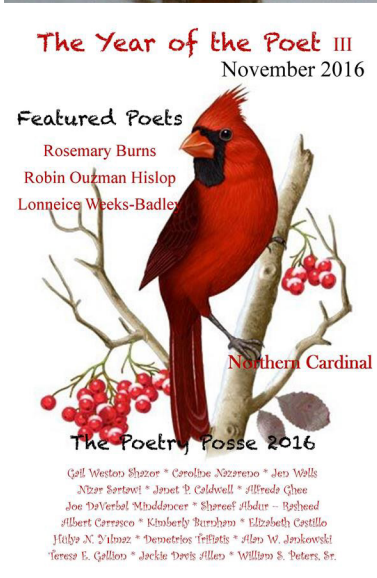
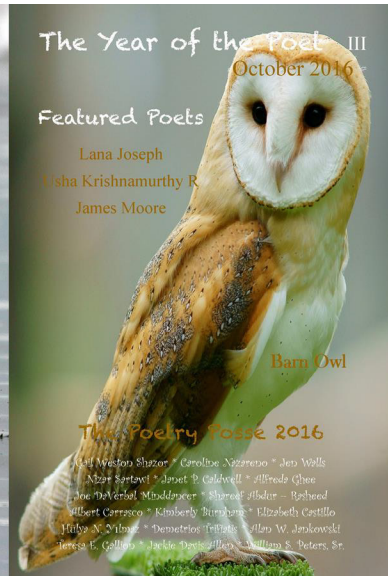
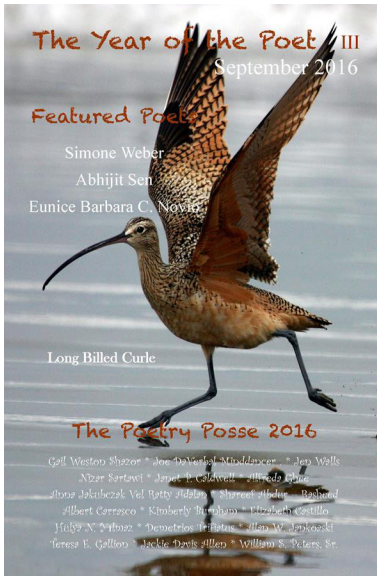
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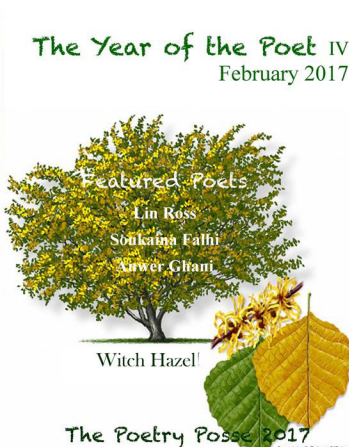
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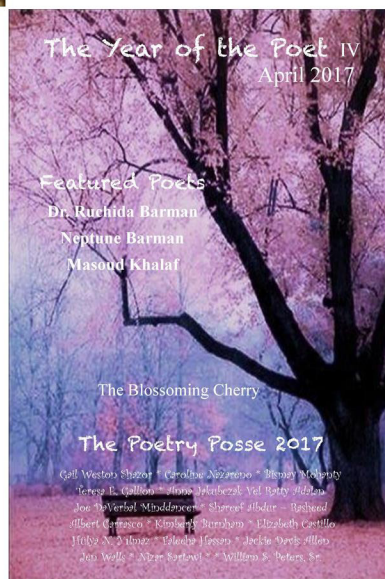
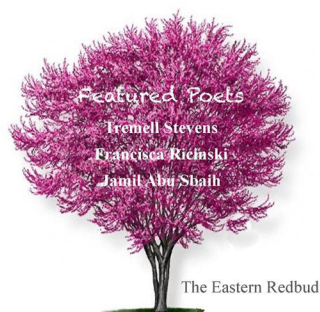
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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibba 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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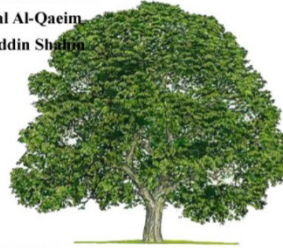
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Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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November 2017

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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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Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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Sabeen



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Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman



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Sabah Abu-Lawi
Swagata Bhowra
Nurhan Gonen
Suzanne Riegler



The Nez Perce

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Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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The Paleo Indians



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Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akbal Harsh
Eliza Segiet
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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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 Chakravarti



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Dream Catcher

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Aida G. Roque * Jean-Jacques Fournier



Meso-America

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



The Caribbean

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DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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




Arctic Circumpolar

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Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray


The Horn of Africa




Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Shola Balogun * Bharati Nayak
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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Ngozi Olivia Osocha * Denisa Kondić
Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



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



Northern Asia
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Featured Poets
Rahim Karim (Karimov) * Sujata Paul
Bhurati Nayak * Kapardeli Elitschik



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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dumant & Frédéric Passy



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Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

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Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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Rohini Behera * Mircea Dan Duta
Monalisa Dash Dwivedy * NilavroNill Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato * Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1960



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June 2020

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Efichia Kapardeli * Metin Cengiz
Hussein Habasch * Kosh K. Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

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Mykola Martyniuk * Orbindu Ganga
Roula Pollard * Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

Featured Poets

Dr Pragna Suman * Chinh Nguyen
Srinivas Vasudev * Ugwu Leonard Ifeanyi, Jr.

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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October 2020

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Mutawaf A. Shaheed • Galina Itlyanskaya
Nadeem Fraz • Avril Tanya Meallem

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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November 2020

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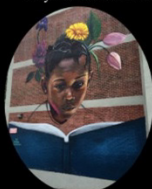
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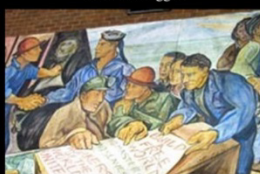
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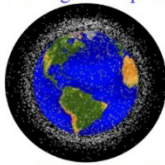
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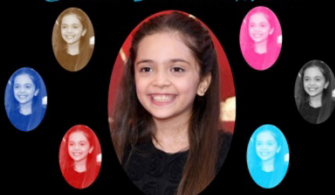
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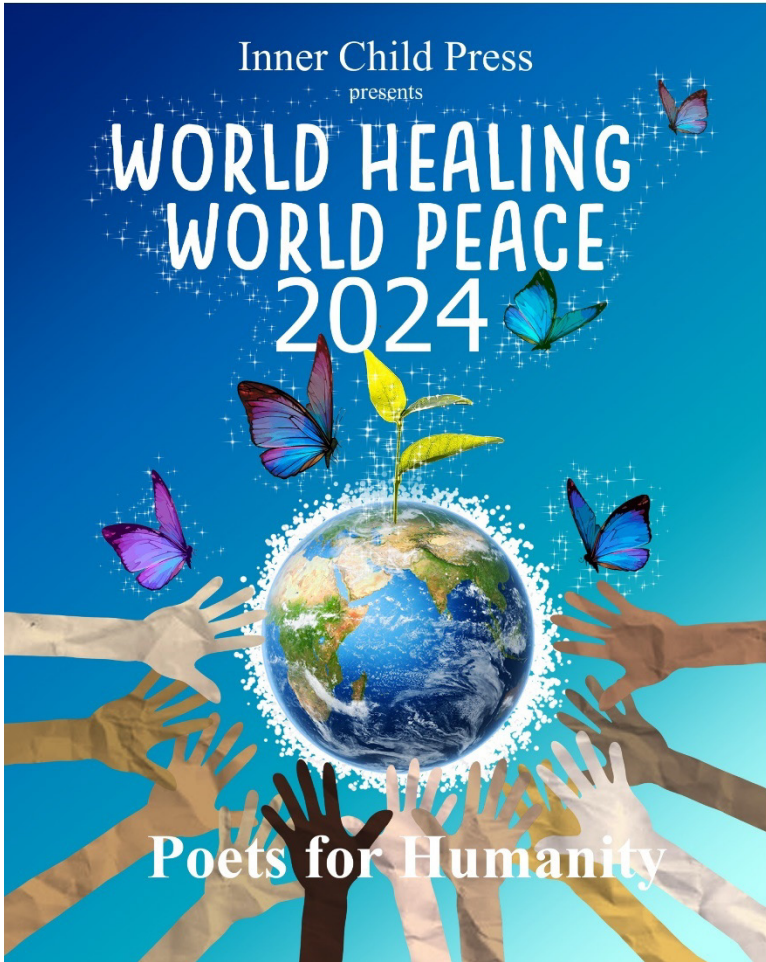


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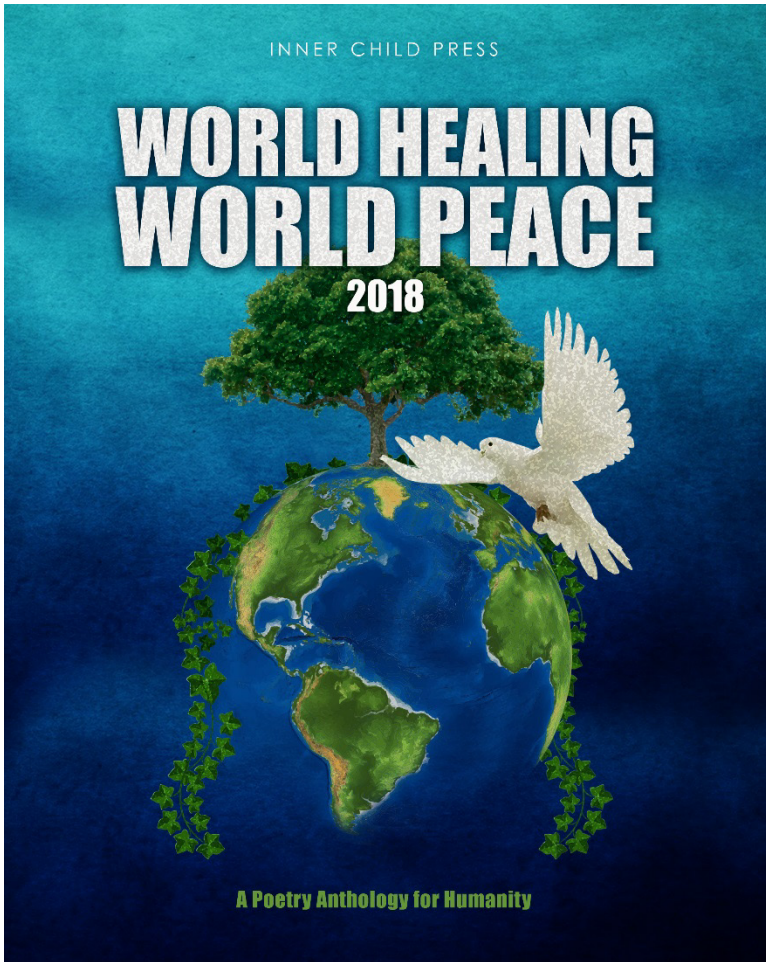


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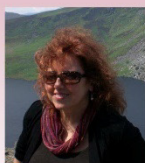
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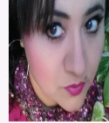
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