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A LITTLE  
OETRY?



# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to  
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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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# Foreword

## Renowned Poets

### Imru' al-Qais

#### *A Pre-Islamic Poet*

I chose this poet because I have traveled to the area he was born, where he was raised and probably where he was inspired as a young man. He was born in pre-Islamic Arabia. He is considered the father of Arabic Poetry. He was born in 501 A D died in turkey 544 A D. He didn't live a long time by today's standards. He was able to establish himself as an important influence during and after his life time, in the field of poetic expression. During the Islamic period he was acknowledge as a major figure in the world of poetry. The Arabs were known for the great memories and it was through poetry, many historical events were preserved and remembered. He was the author of one of the seven odes in the famed collection of pre-Islamic poetry, The AL MU'allaqat was a style he was credited with inventing. There many poets who in the Islamic era who became reciters of the Holy Quran and memorizers of the sayings of the Prophet Muhammed (PBUH). For many decades a poem was selected to be located on the corner of the



Kaa'bah. Im-ru lived in Constantinople Moved to Ankara, where he fell ill and died in 544. He was on his way back from seeking the Roman emperor's help in taking back his father's kingdom.

Mutawaf Shaheed



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# Preface

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

**WOW . . . a decade +.** We continue to be excited as now finishing our 11<sup>th</sup> year of Production for **The Year of the Poet.**

This particular year we have chosen to feature renowned poets of history. We do hope you enjoy. 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 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](http://www.innerchildpress.com). If you would like to know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :



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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](http://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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# Renowned Poets

Imru' al-Qais Junduh bin Hujr al-Rindi

(501 AD-544 AD)

December 2024

by hülya n. yılmaz, Ph.D.





Imru'al-Qais Junduh bin Hujr al-Kindi is generally considered to be the father of Arabic poetry. He has been acknowledged by the Prophet Muhammad, by 'Alī, the fourth caliph, and by Arab critics of the ancient Basra school as the most distinguished poet of pre-Islamic times. By some literary critics, the origin of the Arabic ode has also been attributed to this poet. His famed *Al-Mu'allaqāt* is a collection of his seven odes originating from the pre-Islamic, i.e., the Jahiliyya period of Arabs.

The first six stanzas of *Al-Mu'allaqāt* find Imru'al-Qais in deep melancholy as he stands before his beloved's former home. The lovesick poet honors her memory while he stresses the impermanent human condition:

*Let's stop and cry over the memory of a lover and a place, in the drop of the valley between Dakhul and Haumal*

*And Taudih and Mikrat. Their traces haven't been wiped out from what wove them back and forth between the southern and northern winds.*

*Look at antelope droppings on its alleys, its tracks like seeds of pepper*

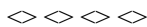


*As if it's only been a morning since the day they  
departed, and I'm at a nearby thorn tree, splitting  
desert gourds,*

*And standing near it are my companions on their  
travel animals, saying, 'Don't suffer from sorrow,  
remain firm.'*

*But my healing is a matter of spilling tears. So, is  
there a trace here from a reliable artist?*

At this point, I will dare a quantum leap from AD to our times in order to build a “reliable” (line 13) bridge between the Bedouin poet of our focus in this month of December 2024 and us, The Poetry Posse and the featured poets. For I view the status of each of our contributors as that of an “artist” (line 13).

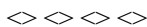


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The Hanging Poem of Imru' al-Qays

The Poems of Imru' al-Qais





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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  
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.



## YWHW

i say YWHW from You  
i breathe Your very name into my mouth  
And the whisper covers the air i taste  
You name yourself everlasting  
Alpha and Omega  
Am that you Am and  
It is sufficient for my limitedness  
And i breathe after You-Abah  
In the midst of my day  
In the middle of my life  
i find that You are here  
In the same place i find myself  
It is not that You have ever left  
i moved  
And now that i have returned  
i say yes  
And draw close to You  
For in this i am refined after my rescue  
Storms rarely run in a straight line  
And i have been buffeted around  
And i have run headfirst into the wind  
Even though You told me no  
i could not hear for the listening  
To my flesh senses  
So my doxology has become this  
i am greatfilled to the inked  
And to the said  
And to the whispered breath of You  
i say yes to the wind across my face  
The salty sea on my lips that flavors  
My independence of dependence  
For You are my choice



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This one of abundant living in the midst  
Of practicing to yield to You  
i am your child of water  
i am your adult of giving  
i accept who You made me to be  
So i live You in my waking  
And in every love of my life  
i expand, reach and fill much farther  
Than i can ever hope to do alone  
And though i am not perfect  
You  
Are



## standing in the wilderness shouting

I am here, arms wide open  
Waiting on my creator to  
Speak  
Talk  
Move  
Give  
Me something for you  
So that I can be obedient  
To fall on my knees in fasting  
Eating only the words of  
Life  
Death  
Birth  
Stillness  
With all the power of first  
And all the waiting of last  
Beginning and end  
The words of the crafter  
Poet  
Writer  
Lyricist  
Deliverer  
And I will ink it quick  
Placing it everywhere you are  
So that you can see and hear

What is in store for you  
Me  
They  
Us  
All  
There is never a time



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When the word was not offered  
Only when it was not received  
And not called forth to teach  
Truth  
Wisdom  
Correction  
Love  
For that is our purpose  
And why were made  
And what we have been  
Ordered to spread among  
Ghettos  
Cities  
Fields  
Hearts  
Til all has been healed I remain  
Jusbill in the Wilderness



## wake up

You knead my soul  
Until my bones ache  
I hear your cries in my sleep  
And yet  
I cannot find you in the morning  
In the full awakening of daylight  
For that is when you are muted  
When you can be seen  
Unaided by policies and laws  
And it is too hot to be awake  
Too cold to move around  
Too arid and windy to wander about  
Too weak to move against the tide  
In the before  
You hung around ghetto corners  
Waiting on programs  
Stood at the end of long rows  
Waiting on conscription  
Sat in the back of the room  
Waiting to be aborted  
And covered in coal dust  
Yet they say they are here for you  
A shell game of benefits  
Have you looking for the misdirection  
Because you know it's there

You have seen it  
And have felt it  
And have tasted it  
Like bile in the back of a dry throat  
I hear your cries  
In my sleep



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On the edges of darkness into daylight  
I want to soothe you  
Rub your back and circle  
Your belly with the span of my heart  
I will bring you clean water to drink  
If you don't hide from me  
When I am consciously aware  
That you do not enjoy  
The freedoms that I do  
The love that I do  
The dissension and confusion that I do  
Because you do not live  
In the comfort and safety of knowing  
That some things are only dreams  
And my heartache will ease  
My bones will heal and my belly will  
Be filled  
If not today, then tomorrow  
But you  
Will always long for us to  
Wake  
Up



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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).



## Imru al-Qays

*Arab Prince*

The stars shine with a cool glow over the desert.  
Between grains of sand, longing slips through.  
The wind tirelessly erases traces of past time  
and mournfully sings a song of parting with a beloved.  
In the silence, verses of love and desire are born.  
Memory replays the happy moments of lovers.  
Memories take on a bitter taste  
like the ripe fruit of colocynth.  
Centuries have passed,  
yet the zephyr still whispers love spells.  
It inscribed the poem on the stone at the Kaaba,  
so letters of gold would capture  
the beauty of the desert and feelings.



## Lecce

The city of stone lace  
resembles a bride  
dressed in a baroque gown –  
seemingly modest, yet rich.  
Whorls and flourishes adorn  
the snow-white fabric.  
The young girl walks among  
the sculpted garlands of altars.  
Into a wreath of oak leaves  
she adds the Latin word *leccio*.  
Here comes Venus, born of foam –  
the patroness of artists and lovers.  
She needs no golden adornments  
to shine in the temple's dim light.



## Autumn in Belgrade

The city sprawls between  
two shades of blue.  
It seeks solace, silence  
in the arms of the Danube and Sava.  
Against the clear sky,  
the orthodox churches domes gleam.  
Into the rustling of lush plane trees  
are weaved the solemn songs.  
Time does not hurry  
to take away the city's Art Nouveau charm.  
The wind arranges arabesques from leaves,  
the sun gilds balconies and roofs.

Tsar Alexander I gazes  
from the portrait in the hotel lobby.  
He was here yesterday and will be tomorrow  
– he will not abandon the white city.  
See you in the future.  
The autumn wind will lead me here.  
I am like threads of spider silk  
drifting on the wave of events.



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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## Who Was He?

He was a young man, in his prime.  
Most likely, handsome! He was a prince-of-a-guy!  
Wealthy, and yes, he had a roving eye!

A bad boy, living for the moment, in search  
Of the pleasurable, the forbidden, enjoying the good life.

A playboy, no stranger to the scandalous, he was a smooth  
operator,  
With a penchant for the ladies-of the night.

"Self-indulgent" to an excessive degree, his actions,  
his reputation, heaped flames of shame upon his father's  
head.

Hungry, always, ever, thirsty, he sampled temptation.  
Yielding to its attraction, a striking figure with generous  
gift of gab,  
He could be found night or day, beneath the influence of  
the vine.

You wouldn't be surprised to discover, that from an early  
age, that young man began penning poems, perhaps some  
rhymes.  
A singer of song, he may have had a melodic, lilting voice.

Tragedy, like a dark cloud, descended, and as fate  
intervened,  
He, his life, his conscience, and his attitude changed.

Motivation came, to exact revenge, in retribution, a way to  
seek retribution for his father's death, his father, the King!  
To exact revenge, he had to act. And so, he did.



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You might be forgiven for thinking him a modern-day performer, actor, composer. But no, he was the son of a King!

*Inspiration for this poem came from reading Wikipedia, about the prince Imru' al-Qais.*



## As Thorns in Achilles Heel

Didacticism, how wide the prevalence,  
The essayists, handmaidens, imparting bias,  
Propaganda tainted without truth, rhetoric,  
Painted with Stalinist prose, nothing else.

Their dreams, fruitless, impotent by negligent intent  
Overtly dependent upon riding backs, by those  
Whose dreams are devoid of a fiscal conscious,  
Robbing Peter to pay Paul: a fatal design.

Ignorant of the fact, or from avarice, greed,  
That which one sows is that which one reaps.  
Chanting, whining, liberally, literally, their  
Knuckles worn bare, in pockets not their own.

An insidious cloying fever, heads bowed before  
Fame of the drawing card, a cult of those  
For whom personal responsibility belongs only,  
Solely...(they chant)...to the other side.

Has common sense withered and died, that a  
Nation of sheep are led in race over the cliff,  
By one, in disguise, each one coveting, jealous,  
Wanting, claiming that to which he has no right?

George Orwell and 1984 have come and gone, yet  
The vision, about a body left unchecked, remains.  
The Wolf still lives, wields control, pronouncements  
Are as infected thorns in a nation's achilles heel.



## Self Portrait

From all of the colors, which ones will you  
Use to paint your likeness, your self portrait~  
The colors of kindness, of loyalty,  
The colors of forgiveness, of great love,  
Or, will you paint in self indulgent shades?

From which of your most pronounced attributes  
Will character evolve as true likeness?  
Will your pose be dark or cheery, a face  
Transparent or concealed behind deceit?  
Does it matter which colors will be used?

Within the framework of your humanity,  
There exists traits, both the good and the bad,  
Some highlighted by notoriety  
Some hidden, like secrets in a diary,  
Waiting, praying that they've been forgiven.

A book by its cover, we should not judge.  
Yet, why then do you, with your self portrait  
Discard some images as unworthy?  
Are you ashamed to face mirror's disgrace,  
Deny the extent of your vanity?

You peruse the contents of books, so too,  
The illustrations and ask yourself,  
Is there a price to pay in the painting  
Of a self-portrait? And, if there is, what price need  
Anyone to pay to paint each and every day?



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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.



## Remembrance of Chang'an

Upon halting my steed upon the broken bridge,  
The wind bears scents afar, Qinhuai's shadow gleams  
serene.  
It floats so lightly, as if thy graceful sleeves do dance.  
The willows of Chang'an, where we once walked, laughing  
as petals fell,  
Now remain but a desolate terrace, bathed in cold  
moonlight, recounting partings and tangled fates.  
The gentle rain enshrouds, yet temple bells pierced the  
shroud,  
Softly drawing the echo of the whispered tones.  
Before the sacred lamps, I did a beseech, yearning they  
form restored to light.

Amidst the shadowed mountains, countless deities rest in  
their azure calm.  
The pine winds murmur, might they carry dreams where we  
meet anew?  
Would I not offer a thousand cups of pure tea, in tribute to  
time long departed?  
Time flows onward, beside the River Luo, I hear songs  
crest waves, catching lines of fishermen's lore.  
The lotus sways, weaving itself into yesterday's dust.  
Might the clouds, perchance, know?  
Thy light-footed steps—  
Hast thou borne thy soul to join their ethereal shapes?  
And the waters—have they ferried my lingering dreams to  
thee?

The night's lamp dims, at last, the candle's tears fall,  
Yet undying is that which—  
Is etched into the very marrow of longing.



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Chang'an's walls, lofty still upon my backward glance,  
But all else, the people, their stories, are gone.  
The lone crane wails: the fractured clouds seek their retreat.  
Should we meet again amidst the rivers and mountains,  
Let strings of the zither weave our words,  
And moonlight vow to heaven and earth: our hearts bound,  
unbroken.



## Lofty Aspirations Across Millennia

From humble lands I rose,  
With blade and steed, clad in chaos-stirring green.  
Under the Han banner, I swept binding foes of the northern  
plain,  
Sword's edge gleaming bright across nine realms.  
Against tempest waves, I struck.  
Time flows, its autumns fleeting beneath the mist of  
borderlands.  
Through the swirling paths of Shu, clouds ascend,  
Lances fall, tents scatter, resounding cries echo deep.

With golden arms and iron steeds, who dares not kneel?  
On Taishan's peak I stand,  
Singing boundless tunes, defying saddle-bound invaders.  
No bowing brow, no servitude to fleeting power.  
Let trials sharpen my blade, deeds carve mountains  
asunder.  
This life seeks but one—an enduring name in the annals of  
time.  
Heroic spirits, fleeting as dreams,  
Leave vows etched upon swords and scrolls,  
As the Yangtze roars eternally through the ages.



## Lonely Journey in the Yellow Sands

The morning wind sweeps past,  
The Yellow River churns, its waves coiled like dragons.  
Endless desert stretches forth,  
Camel caravans take on the shadowy form of the Great Wall.  
Countless footprints of the past are scattered by the wind,  
In the fleeting moment of time,  
Ancient legends are lost upon this silent, desolate land.

In the vast desert, a solitary plume of smoke rises straight,  
As the setting sun turns the earth a golden hue.  
Like the carving of time's blade,  
Light and shadow intertwine to paint a vast, empty scroll.  
The traveler journeys a thousand miles,  
Only the stars guide him north and south.  
Each star, like a lantern in the eyes of an old friend, faint,  
yet eternal.

Beyond the frontier, snow presses down on the poplar trees  
like silver robes,  
Each snowflake that falls carries with it the cold of the past,  
The poplars silently stand guard,  
Blooming the sharpness of life in their solitude.

In Guanzhong, plum blossoms bloom fiercely, defying the cold winds.  
The traveler steps boldly, unafraid of the perilous path,  
Each step as though traversing the tunnel of time,  
The unwavering strength within,  
Crossing thousands of mountains and rivers,  
Only to behold the grandeur of the Nine Provinces.  
The other shore of the spirit is the source of all dreams and desires.



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In the eyes, a thousand leaves and flowers,  
The vastness and magnificence of the earth,  
Every sunset and sunrise serve as a guide to the journey  
ahead,  
In the boundless desert, he seeks only the invisible faith to  
lead him onward.



Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd







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Shareef Abdur-Rasheed, AKA Zakir Flo was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. His education includes Brooklyn College, Suffolk County Community College and Makkah, Saudi Arabia. He is a Veteran of the Viet Nam era, where in 1969 he reverted to his now reverently embraced Islamic Faith. He is very active in the Islamic community and beyond with his teachings, activism and his humanity.

Shareef's spiritual expression comes through the persona of "Zakir Flo". Zakir is Arabic for "To remind". Never silent, Shareef Abdur-Rasheed is always dropping science, love, consciousness and signs of the time in rhyme.

Shareef is the Patriarch of the Abdur-Rasheed Family with 9 Children (6 Sons and 3 Daughters) and 41 Grandchildren (24 Boys and 17 Girls).

For more information about Shareef, visit his personal FaceBook Page at :

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## Imru

B 496 AD D 565

son of tribal king  
born Arabia  
very complicated deep  
poet from young age  
loved sensual poetry  
loved wine  
loved many women  
king papa didn't  
threw him out  
eventually king assassinated  
by opposing tribe  
wine drinking poet,  
women chaser became a  
warrior seeking to avenge  
the death of his father  
he conducted a sustained  
attack on the Asad tribe  
for years  
all the while he was considered  
the greatest poet in pre-Islam Arabia  
he continued to write love poetry  
also, tearful remembrance  
paying tribute to his fallen comrades  
coming from seeking more military  
aid from a Caesar  
that Caesar got word that Imru  
was having an affair with his daughter  
he gave him a garment as a gift  
laced with a poison that gets into  
the body through the skin  
it killed him while traveling  
on the grave of a women, he laid  
dying and said whoever from near  
or far who has soil over their body are kin,



## wild

what the hell  
more madness the  
better  
so much for majority rule  
if majority acting a fool  
would you get on a plane  
piloted by a madman  
who never flew a plane  
if the majority of passengers  
said take-off, would you?  
the population contains  
deaf, dumb, blind, bias  
tribal zombies  
humans void of humanity  
seeking the good and plenty  
the wrong way  
they created their own prison  
cell  
what the hell locked themselves in  
self-inflicted cult members already  
doing time  
in the prison of the mind  
majority rules even though  
majority fools?  
democracy or dem a crazy?



## Life in a Nutshell..

welcome to a glimpse of heaven/hell  
just a taste of where you may dwell  
haste makes waste so contemplate well  
before you choose where forever you decide  
to reside  
remember your fate that awaits from which no one  
can hide  
nor shuck, nor jive square your life away before you die  
you don't know the day before it arrives  
then it will be too late to strive  
when your fate without warning arrives  
so you go ahead and ignore instead, like you got rocks  
in your head  
so you act like life will last eternal until the angel of death  
shows up getting personal  
now what ?.....datz watsup!  
the day for which we should prepare for and pray  
your soul's taken gently and your destination is  
the kingdom paradise, good ' n ' plenty, milk ' n ' honey  
no more evil world and all its fake monopoly money



# Norøen Snydør



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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.



## Imru' al-Qais

Imru' al-Qais, an Arabian poet,  
the wandering king  
His dad kicked him out of his court  
because of his poetry and his style of living,  
and that's how he became the Wandering King.  
His poetry reflected his life experiences,  
love, loss, nature, and warfare,  
the inventor of so many styles, including  
the Qasida, the Classical Arabic Ode.  
He's the father of the Arabic poetry.  
His masterpiece can be found  
in Mu'allaqat, (The Hanging Poems.)  
His poetry is raw, the kind where  
you'll say "Wow,"  
one-of-a-kind, talented poet,  
the one you won't forget.



## Reflect

Reach until you cannot stretch.

Roar loudly like a lion.

Reduce the negativity and  
refuse defeat and despair.

Reflect who you are and what you want.

Respect yourself and others.

Rejoice and be glad you're alive.



## Be Inspired

Time to mend  
not the end  
just a beginning  
pick up the pen,  
and write  
like it's your last night.  
Write from your heart and soul,  
write from your guts deep within.  
Just pick up the pen  
let the pen guide you,  
let the ink drip  
forming words.  
Be inspired, get inspired!  
Don't be afraid!  
Be you!  
Just write  
and write, and speak, and speak.  
And remember read and read  
to get and to be inspired.



Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo



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## In the Shadows of Imru Al-Qais

In the desert's heart, where the sandstorm sighs,  
Beneath azure skies, where the lone hawk flies,  
Imru Al-Qais traversed, with a soul made of fire,  
His heart a wild steed, with a spirit to aspire.

Lost in tales of love, both bitter and sweet,  
He penned his longings in verses complete;  
Of a maiden so fair, with a gaze like the moon,  
In the echoes of night, he'd whisper her tune.

By the gushing springs and the palm trees' shade,  
He'd craft his lament, where lovesick dreams played.  
With a lyre of stars, and the breeze as his guide,  
He'd sing of his passion, with the dunes as his bride.

But the winds would not tell of his joys or his pains,  
They carried his verses through mountains and plains,  
And the world became witness to heartache's embrace,  
As the poet found solace in poetry's grace.

O Imru Al-Qais, in a realm forged by fate,  
With the weight of your love, bore a soul desolate,  
Yet in every heartbreak, a legacy blooms,  
For the echoes of longing find life in tombs.

So let the sand swirl and the stories be spun,  
In the tapestry woven, your spirit shall run,  
For the heart that knows sorrow, in beauty takes flight,  
In the shadows of history, you'll shine ever bright.



## Velvet Moon

In the velvet cloak of night,  
The Moon hangs high, a silver sight,  
A lantern casting gentle beams,  
Illuminating whispered dreams.

She sings to tides, a muse of seas,  
A guardian of secrets in the breeze,  
Her craters tell of ages past,  
Of lovers' vows and shadows cast.

In her glow, the world transforms,  
Fields shimmer, and the wild norm swarms,  
With fireflies dancing in her light,  
A ballet woven through the night.

Oh luminous orb, you wax and wane,  
A playful lover, a dance of gain,  
You guide the lost with your soft embrace,  
A tranquil balm, a timeless grace.

Beneath your gaze, the heart confides,  
In starlit whispers where hope abides,  
You cradle dreams, both big and small,  
A witness to the rise and fall.

So here I stand, in reverent awe,  
As you cast your gaze, without a flaw,  
Oh Moon, my muse, forever bright,  
A beacon of wonder in the endless night.



## Nature Goddess

In the cradle of the cosmos, where silence softly breathes,  
Lives a spirit clad in green and gold, in gentle winds she  
weaves,  
Her laughter ripples through the rivers, her whispers dance  
with trees,  
For in her arms, the earth awakes, beneath her watchful  
ease.

The morning sun awakes her heart, with a symphony of  
light,  
Awakening the blossoms, painting fields in colors bright.  
From mountain peaks to valleys deep, her canvas stretches  
wide,  
With every shade of life she breathes, in her embrace we  
bide.

She cradles clouds, and stirs the seas, with storms that roar  
and play,  
With tender hands, she nurses life, at night and during the  
day.  
A tapestry of ecosystems, every thread a story told,  
Of ancient roots and feathered flight, in her arms, life  
unfolds.

Yet in her eyes, a glimmer shows, a worry, deep and real,  
For as we claim her cherished gifts, our greed becomes the  
steel.  
Oft have we dulled her vibrant hues, defiled her sacred  
ground,  
Forgotten that the pulse of life in harmony is found.

With every tree we choose to fell, with every river run,  
We test the limits of her grace, beneath the sinking sun.  
But still she offers second chances, with resilience, she



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stands tall,

A reminder of our fragile bond, the tether that we call.

So let us heed her whispered calls, in every leaf and stone,

To cherish what is given us, and not to stand alone.

For Mother Nature's heart is vast, her love, a ceaseless tide,

In unity, we find the strength to walk, together, side by side.



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# Mutawaf Shahzeed



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## Dust Storm

Caught up in the storms of dust, bringing sayings with  
winds at their backs.  
Blending in with the mirage sown by the dust. Thoughts  
blasted by sand  
making issues clearer, nearer to being transparent by the  
poet's magic  
hands. Clear night skies. Eyes focused on lights that arrived  
a billion years  
ago. Too far away to grasp their meanings as they twinkle  
off and on.  
Imagination working from hot to cold. From a land that  
was told by sages  
from ages long ago. Fulfilling a destiny written before he  
wrote a single  
curved line in the sand or any other place in the land.



## Almost Maybe

I think I can find a little refuge in the ink,  
to let my thought's rise and sink as they  
will. Looking for comfort on the bottom  
line. Trying to seek shelter from some  
subhuman beasts. At least for a decade  
or more. Unable to understand or define  
a life form created from crime.

Sperm packed with germs let loose to  
undermine human kind. Almost no clean  
water left to drink. Not enough letters to  
describe what kind of creature you're  
standing next to. your blood is not enough  
to fix a freak's need to fulfill their unnatural  
needs. Serving time with slime while I try  
to find some breathing room.

Still being dazed by the familiar phrases  
that justify their very existence. Watching  
the mischief makers describe made up  
situations, while their soulless bodies are  
put on hold until they catch on fire.  
Ambitions filled to the brim with filth.  
The people mind's lined with laminated  
lies, no need for open eyes, if they open  
them, then all they'll see is rated X TV.

Misery sells, the media is full of it. Holding  
dreams together with scotch's tape, in the  
background are flawed landscapes designed  
by rape artists. The rights of today are the  
left overs of tomorrow. Falling further and



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further from the center of attention, when words of beauty are spoken of, your name is never mentioned. If I saw you, like you see yourself, I'd be blind to.

Rated triple AAA in destruction. Scurrying around the earth mind boggled, disrupting everyone and everything you see. A tour guide to genocide and it's practical applications. the poster boy for horror stories. Nobody counts, they are just numbers in a perpetual stacked deck. Voices raised high, asking the reasons why their babies must die?

You smile and grin saying, let them say it again. Let them scream on to the top of their lungs. They can't do a damn thing about it. That's their conscience, not mine. Next to them standing in the line is a killer of mine. They have a voice, not a choice. I can't remember ever telling them that they did! You, don't think you actually have a seat at this table? Do yah? Not even almost maybe.



## Alleged

It's been alleged that this country is mine. Where is the deed that I can't seem to find? Why would I pay taxes to someone so unkind, if this spot where I live was really mine? Reaching for the pencil that will help me erase the shades of gray.

The ones that don't want to go away. Some of my ideas may viewed as being cynical. Knowing that they aren't reckless, assists me reaching the pinnacle of the influences of what my words will do.

Can't stay away from the ER because he won't stop lying. Reality represents me, if and when the truth is told. It won't be told by them about me. Being twisted and bent out of shape are the new dimensions that align themselves with the mischief makers.

Sentences constructed sent out like mis-guided missives. Shopping with comen, make what people buy much easier. Manipulated minds can't seem to find a straight path to anywhere.

Standing on a square suffering from round house kicks. She found joy derived from the pool boy, after being dug from the bottom of the barrel. He



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should have lowered his expectations  
and his gaze then been happy with the  
minimum wage.

When they got finished, she screamed,  
RAPE! Nothing one can say that would  
Make it go another way, because being  
screwed up and astray is their path to  
heaven, by the way of a flawed percept-  
ion.

Doing to others what they have done,  
means, don't do it to them, just keep  
doing it to others. Married to the idea  
that they have been divinely guided,  
they should never have to suffer.

Human sacrifices strewn all over the  
globe. Animals , insets, flowers and  
plants don't stand a chance against the  
pests among the sub-human branch.

Cutting no deals with cut throats.  
Avoiding conversations with back  
stabbers. Another day of staying  
above the fray, this is the way to  
keep my values intact.

No more unlocked doors or walking  
down the streets after dark. The parks  
close now by the time the sun sets.  
That's the time when the miscreants  
get lodged and let loose, to become  
the things that go bump in the night!



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I wish I didn't have to walk with my Glock!  
Using words full of deception to acquire  
his neighbor's processions. That kind of  
logic is completely sick and incoherent.

These are the things that happen when  
the brain drains and is left without any  
kind of direction. Crimes committed are  
then acquitted, depends on who the hell  
you are?

In your case, the facts are omitted, so you  
can't get with it, or get a chance to even  
know who the heck you were or who you  
now are.



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hülya  
n.  
gilmaz



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Her works of literature include a trilingual collection of poems, memoirs in verse, prose poetry, short stories, a bilingual poetry book, and two books of poetry (one, co-authored). Her poetic offerings appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors.

hülya writes creatively to attain and nourish a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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

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## disillusioned

pity to all who like i  
think that one could return  
to some thing or someone  
who was built there before,  
who breathed there before

Imru' al-Qais lived through  
such a despair times and times again  
his beloved, no longer in her old place,  
filling her lifeline with an empty space

al-Qais' odes or "hanging poems"  
would not suffice to replace  
his utterly-felt heartache

pity to all who like i  
think that one could return . . .



## cemeteries

the blame is on me  
each time, i have missed  
the burial ceremonies of my loved ones

did i lament their void?  
did i cry in their absentia?  
did i feel like an inadequate human?

i still do  
at each of my breaths

these days, i seek only those stories  
where i, as the antagonist, visit cemeteries  
to pay my due service to those beloveds of mine  
who passed on - sans my dearly loving presence



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snow

flakes larger than life

upon the freshly cut grass

nothing permanent



Teresa  
E.  
Gallion



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Teresa E. Gallion was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and moved to Illinois at the age of 15. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of Illinois Chicago and received her master's degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She retired from New Mexico state government in 2012.

She moved to New Mexico in 1987. While writing sporadically for many years, in 1998 she started reading her work in the local Albuquerque poetry community. She has been a featured reader at local coffee houses, bookstores, art galleries, museums, libraries, Outpost Performance Space, the Route 66 Festival in 2001 and the State of Oklahoma's Poetry Festival in Cheyenne, Oklahoma in 2004. She occasionally hosts an open mic.

Teresa's work is published in numerous Journals and anthologies. She has two CDs: *On the Wings of the Wind* and *Poems from Chasing Light*. She has published three books: *Walking Sacred Ground*, *Contemplation in the High Desert* and *Chasing Light*.

*Chasing Light* was a finalist in the 2013 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards.

The surreal high desert landscape and her personal spiritual journey influence the writing of this Albuquerque poet. When she is not writing, she is committed to hiking the enchanted landscapes of New Mexico. You may preview her work at

***<http://bit.ly/1aIVPNq> or <http://bit.ly/13IMLGh>***



## Response to Imru al-Qais Poem

The stars open their curtains  
to expose you in night's light  
while you take what is not yours.  
After the long night, your love  
will beg for mornings kiss to the earth  
in the stream of first light.

The dust of weariness cannot hold you back.  
The birds in the valley serenade you.  
You will not confess today  
that you took everything from this woman  
and left her in cold, bloody sheets.

Because you could not face the truth.  
Love cannot be forced  
with violent overtures of power.  
In the long run, you lose.  
Left to the ages with an empty heart.



## Seasonal Massage

Fall teases on approach,  
then rushes like a whirlwind  
as colors fall to earth.  
The soil is flush with fullness.  
Hunger is released to the wind.

We cling to the last massage  
as fall folds into winter light.  
A sudden cold, dampness  
brings a wave of gray skies  
that lull us into sleep.

There is always reason for hope.  
Spring always comes  
with a flame of sweetness  
to kiss the meadows.  
Our nostrils tremble in spring's smell.



## High Stakes

You cannot shake off  
the anxiety that chases your bones.  
That is your sign to work hard.  
Change is coming.

Swallowing becomes difficult.  
Indigestion sings in your chest.  
Transformation is biting at your heels.  
That is your sign to move forward.

Open your arms.  
Accept your blanket of desire.  
The truth wants to lay its head  
on the warm blanket you hold.

Look into your third eye.  
Spirit is waiting to initiate you.  
You must walk alone  
into your new realms of joy.



Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava







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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.



## The Lost King

*For Imru' al-Qais*

Waves of restless sand dunes  
rock tribal loyalty  
avenging slayers of the king.

For the slain father  
he renounced his passions -  
poetry, wine, women and  
fought to extract  
revenge in blood.

He spent the rest of his life  
to regain what was lost..

I imagined asking what he missed most.  
He answered, pointing to the fingers writing poems.

He didn't miss scandalous orgies or wine  
but poetry that  
his father didn't want him to write.



## Let it Go

Life is always shifting, forming.  
Nothing lasts forever, let go of fears.  
Alone at night, I sing to myself -  
What looks real isn't real, let go of it.

Let me tell you I'm living a life  
that was about to leave me  
quietly without fanfare hugs or kisses.

I'll not let it go without celebrations,  
giggles and laughter.

We are all made up of broken  
and mended hearts.

So we must thank God  
for all the joys and blessings.

We are so lucky  
to have food to eat  
home to live  
family to love  
and friends.  
Could the garden of Eden  
be any better?



## I'm a Tree

holding the soil  
like deeply held  
eco-secrets  
in my heart.

I sing with winds  
I whisper with rivers  
I fly with my leaves  
I dance with clouds  
I'm a tree.

Love me  
hug me  
don't dismember my limbs  
I am your friend  
I'm a tree.



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Among her poetic belts include **Gabrielle Galloni Memorial Panorama International Youth Award 2022**, Panorama Youth Literary Awards 2020, 7th Prize Winner in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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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## Wanderer's Whisper

(Tribute to Imru' al-Qais)

Imru'l al-Qais, The King of Wanderers,

He was born into royalty,

His name echoed in the desert,

The Tales of Thrones soared,

His words are as sharp as warrior's blades,

But his heart adorns his home of love,

The starlit canopy worn grips of fierce,

His soul roamed like people's song,

The rebel poet's unspoken desires

Were written in the stars.

His verses paint the crowns of humanity,

His legacy is a timeless channel of poetry.



## Omoiyari

Sometimes the world of words fall short,  
Silence speaks volumes,  
The spaces between us were misunderstood,  
Like unbound footsteps  
And raging paces,  
If you don't mean the words uttered,  
Your feet stomped one's despaired road,  
It breathes like a bridging soul,  
Rushing care lingers  
and empathy shapes our world,  
the gesture finds a gentle spirit,  
a call beyond ourselves,  
to embrace  
all.

*(omoiyari- is Japanese concept that means empathy,  
compassion and deep consideration for others)*



## Pathways to Excellence

Here's the journey we take,  
Stride to find the best of luck,  
The era of Enlightenment flashes doors  
Of opportunities, of possibilities,  
We cross the miles and find the ship,  
That sails the ocean of breakthroughs,  
Finding innovative solutions and learning,  
Like great minds move mountains,  
Open gates that trailblaze the myriad schemes,  
Where synergies of triumph are resounding bliss,  
We stand strong, we walk along.



# Swapna Behera



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Swapna Behera is a trilingual poet, translator, environmentalist, editor from India and author of seven books of different genres including one on children's literature on Environment. She is the recipient of International UGADI AWARD 2019, honoured from Gujarat Sahitya Akademi 2022, 2021 International Poesis Award of Honor as Jury, Pentasi B World Fellow Poet, Honoured Poet of India from Seychelles Government and International awards from Algeria, Morocco, Kajahkstan, modern Arabic Literary Renaissance of Egypt, International Arts Council Argentina etc. Her stories, poems, articles are published in many International and National magazines and ezines. Her poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 67 languages. She has received over 60 National and International Awards. At present she is the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child and the life member of Odisha Environmental Society

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## Imru al -Qais: the father of Arabic poetry

Imru al- Qais Junduh bin Hujr al- Kindi  
the pre Islamic poet from Arab  
born at Najd in the late sixth century  
the last king of the kingdom of Kindah  
passionate about love  
author of the Muallaqat ( hanging ones)  
suspended odes in the framed collection  
expelled twice from his father's kingdom for his erotic  
poetry  
he invented the techniques of qasida  
his themes were on love, loss, longing, desert landscape  
Arab chivalry, seduction of women,  
victory of battles, skills with swords and arrows  
each line is the combination of two verses  
each called a BAYT  
a melancholic poet he was  
whose poems written on golden letters on the scrolls of  
linen  
hung on the walls of the Kaabba in Mecca  
symbolic they are with vivid description  
indeed, he is a classical poet and father of Arabic poetry



## When a transwoman speaks .....

*"On the subject of sex, silence became the rule"*

FOUCAULT

I am a sleeping beauty  
my beauty trapped inside the cage of my soul  
with the body of a man  
I need a red gown and lipsticks  
I may not have breasts of a woman  
I wish to be a mother  
What an agony I face for my gender dysphoria and  
discrimination  
I am not a beggar or sex worker  
Why should I be segregated?  
Why can't I reveal my gender identity?  
I am a good dancer, a public speaker  
need to express my grief, my potentialities to work  
for our culture, humanity and sustainability of nature  
Just give me an opportunity  
I can teach, reach beyond all boundaries  
Here I dedicate my life to all the humanity  
Don't ever irritate me or humiliate  
I am a queen who has overcome the transit period  
Now I celebrate the peace zone after my surgery  
Hold my hand dear community  
We will walk together  
discuss with me of any political, sociological issues  
I too have my views, my rights  
as a part of the cosmic entity as you all are  
don't throw stones at them  
never ever try to make them the sex workers  
they are intellectuals  
recognise their existence



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after my death, I know the police will write my gender  
identity

Yes, I am a transwoman who glorifies creation  
I too stayed in my mother's womb for nine months  
crossed the painful journey with  
memoirs of experiencing loss of acceptance  
discovered myself reconciling my past and present  
my vulnerable gender fluidity  
transitioning is a journey and not the destination  
"help me to grow" is my appeal  
empathy or sympathy both I don't need  
I just wish to live in my own way  
with my ear rings and of course with my voice  
that I am a trans woman  
a beautiful creation  
I am your friend forever



## Oneirataxia

I flow

to meet my destination  
carrying the dead saliva of ash,  
resurrected dead body on the pyre  
I am a river by the way

I stand

as a pillar  
my voice truncated  
green monologues surrender  
clouds drizzle  
the vision is clear  
Save the flora and fauna  
I am a mountain by the way



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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco



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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

[www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html](http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html)

[www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco](http://www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco)



## Imru Al-Qais

What looks like waves of water made of crystal like powder mixed in sand is usually the back drop of my land.

Standing here I sigh of content as I stare at the sky because it's heaven sent.

I was a prince that turned into a poet of kings, in exile I understood why a caged bird sings. When no one was around, "I" was found, "I" is my emotions put into sound.

He gave the naked truth, his verse was bare, he was raw beyond compare, the only thing covered was his body with cloth to protect his skin from the sun and sand from his hair. He braved the monsoon of dunes.

In darkness he brought light, when he spoke his poems were bright, verses of love and war took flight, he had a way with words, his similes and metaphors were tight.

I loved and I've lost, but I've gained from the experience, to me it's still a win because we learn from loss, it's like a second chance to begin what we began in the land of Arabian deserts and wavy sand.

The world knew my voice and my story, in Arabia I'm considered the father of poetry.



## Caught in the mix

I was caught up in the mix, ya know poverty, the drive to end poverty, cocaine and heroin,

The streets was the blender that spun with the earth's rotation, the end process was bars, burials and addiction in the pursuit of financial freedom. Unfortunately, my story is the same story for many men, there's not a lot of parents that gave birth in New York in the late 60's and 70's that still have those children due to the mayhem that started in the 80's under Reagan.

It feels like a dream but I know it's true when I look at my bullet wounds and all the funeral cards of my crew and affiliates that were also mixed into that deadly brew. When I rewind time in my head, I see visions that should be beautiful but are mostly ugly because most of the images I see are me surrounded by faces of the dead. I'm at that point in life where if I haven't seen a person in a long time and I see a mutual friend I won't ask "hey how's so and so?" because I already know how that convo will end, that way I can picture them blessed with no stress and I'll be able to keep the thought of "I'll see them again". The run to reign caused a lot of pain due to life sentences and those dreaded three days of rain.



## Masked up

I made sure to load clips with gloves so no prints stay, when the gats up I'm masked up, no prints on the casings of slugs, no face of the blaz'n thug, that's what you call a clean get away.

After made moves pipes were dismantled to put new pins/hammers and barrels to change strike marks and to remove lands and grooves, nothing was garbage, everything was recycled for more carnage. In broad day while pushn hard yay I taught recruits how to shoot, we sent boxes of ammo to the sky over the 20 and the boot, then it was cans and bottles before they was ready for urban battles, had to get their aim right in preparation for gun fights to possess that evil root. I made marksmen, when the timing was right they'll take one shot that'll take out two men... precise precision. They know how to cover their tracks before they leave like dope fiends with long sleeves, I taught em all of that from experiences in trap. It was a kill or be killed time, you had to be ready to die or in order to live on the C and D grind. While you plot on what moves to make next theirs opps plotting your death, I keep on point watching my surroundings, while you're scheming, I'm already red dotting, holding my breath.



Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich



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Michelle Joan Barulich was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. She started writing poetry and songs with her younger brother Paul. They have written many songs in their teen years. She is currently studying Alternative Medicine and would like to become a Homeopathic Doctor. Michelle loves all kinds of animals and birds; she does wild rehabilitation. She has also rescued rock pigeons that make great pets.

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## Let Us Stop and Weep

Imru an Arabian poet

Known as the Father of Arabic poetry

As a child he began composing poetry

Like many figures of the early Arabia, they relied on stories

One of his famous quotes was today for drink tomorrow for  
serious matters

It has been said that after the passing of Imru

The Greeks made a statue of him

To remember his poetry

and his literary and national inspiration.



## God's People

I can see myself looking through the mirrored glass  
I can feel the pain with every breath  
Somebody says your life is down the street  
I turn around and I see  
Everything makes sense  
Now it connects with our spirit  
I can feel God's hand touching mine  
Through times, I have my highs, and I get my share of lows  
I wonder if I'll ever make it  
Wishing I could follow in the saint's footsteps  
St. Jude, I pray to you  
You are the forgotten one  
And I had to say all my goodbye's  
So, I know you understand  
St. Anthony, you are the finder of lost things  
Help me find the good in everyone  
Help me find God  
St. Anthony, there are many times I think of you  
St. Mary The Mother of God Your eyes are full of love  
Teach me what it means  
Thanks for pulling me through  
And I dedicate the rosary to you  
Jesus,  
You are the best example of a man  
You are everything to everybody  
Guide me to be a part of you Jesus,  
I look up to you and with my burning heart  
I think of you, And I pray, dedicate, and love you all God's  
people.



## In The Midst of the Night

I hear an angel call  
A calling for everyone  
There's no more time to waste  
And there will never be  
No more crying from a child's eye  
In the midst of the night  
We will be free  
In the midst of the night  
We will see  
A man I knew  
Had to prepare to fight  
He wrote me a poem  
Not more than two lines  
For he said he couldn't go on  
He said, if we both make it  
We will be together  
In the midst of the night  
We will be free  
In the midst of the night  
All the children too  
Before the night will fall  
We will have to fight  
We will walk through hell  
Before we see the light  
before we see  
Theres a war going on  
Its hate against hate  
We will just have to wait  
Oh, please come quickly  
I hear an angel call  
It's for everyone to hear and see  
Now the stars are falling



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And the fog is rolling out  
I can see everyone  
Everyone is coming home  
In the midst of the night  
It will be our sign  
The children reunite  
In the midst of the night  
We will be free  
In the midst of the night  
Everyone will see  
In the midst of the night  
We shall be freed.



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# Eliza Sørgiøt







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

Received *Global Literature Guardian Award* – from Motivational Strips, World Nations Writers Union and Union Hispanomundial De Escritores (UHE) 2018.

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

World Award 2020 *Cesar Vallejo* for Literary Excellence. Laureate of the Special Jury *Sahitto International Award 2021*, World Award *Premiul Fănuș Neagu 2021*.

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.

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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



## Revenge

*In memory of Imru' al-Qais\**

How is it possible that because of his poetry  
he was forced to leave the kingdom?  
The king had forbidden his son to write....  
*'It's not appropriate.'*

The son  
had not yielded to his father's will.  
The punishment for his disobedience  
was exile.

He began to live  
by his own rules.  
Gambling, hunting, drinking  
and women became his bread and butter.

The awakening came  
when  
the news of his father's death reached him.  
Still one more day after his passing  
he continued to play but his reason  
was already telling him:  
*Today is for a drink, and tomorrow for serious matters.\*\**  
The latter were to mean revenge for killing his father!

He declared: *Wine and women will now be forbidden to me  
until I have killed a hundred Banu Asads (...).*  
And he kept his word.

Despite being in exile,  
he'd decided to avenge the king's death.  
Perhaps he had realized



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that all his father wanted was his son's good  
though ignoring the fact  
that everyone has the right to make their own decisions.  
The son had chosen to write.  
His poetry transported him  
– through the world, through the centuries, to non-  
oblivion.

*\*Imru' al-Qais Junduh bin Hujr al-Kindi was an Arab king and poet who lived in the sixth century. He is considered the father of Arabic poetry.*

*\*\* "Today for a drink, tomorrow for serious business" is one of his most famous quotes.*

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*



## Grief

Old age  
may never chance,  
it has a chance  
to come around.

In the times  
when the pace of life  
is getting faster  
youth can be  
overworked  
instead of outlived.  
It slips away,  
leaving insufficiency  
and grief.

So many,  
very many  
lost moments.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*



## Karma

Molded not in the image of others:

– not worse,

– not more foolish,

– or maybe smarter?

These are the ones  
who choose the path  
to the beauty in the garden of life.

Not those  
who know  
where the good is, and  
where the evil is

but those  
who feed with good

will gain the furthest.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*



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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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## Imru' al-Qais bin Hujr al-Kindi

By way of the word,  
I poetically ushered in  
The wave of Arabic poetry & Poets  
Who were to come

I left footprints  
In the garden  
Of which I had many.

I am a Bedoin,  
I am a King  
One whom even  
The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)  
Paid homage

My words had meaning then  
As much as they do now

I encouraged the wind  
To whisper to the souls of men  
And they have been inspired  
For centuries past  
And centuries to come

Come taste of my verse,  
It is a sweet inebriating wine  
Like the nectar of the Gods,  
For his angels  
Spoke to my soul  
As I speak to you . . .  
Hark, listen,  
I am  
Imru' al-Qais bin Hujr al-Kindi



## Alchemist

With just a little hope,  
And some well positioned dreams,  
A bucket full of will,  
And a heart full of humanity,  
And we can change the world!



## 1 eye blind

A deep rose colored monocle  
Adorns the left,  
The right?

Night endures  
Sight obscures  
There are no sure- ities  
That appease our wonder  
Our quest  
For truth

The test we face  
Has a space ... somewhere  
Out there in the nefarious ether,  
The never ever neither either  
Where you nor I  
Can seem to get to

The anguish  
Of no light,  
Only blight seen  
Demeans our essence,  
But our very presence  
Confirms the present,  
Yet to come,  
And validates our delusion  
Pertaining the illusion s  
Of the past  
And the future  
We must face ...  
Can you taste  
Your sense of it all



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Worry not  
About the fall,  
For it has already happened  
And perhaps ...  
We are flapping  
Broken wings  
Attempting to fly  
In the liquid soup  
Of subterfugeous dischord

1 eye blind,  
The other adorns  
A deeply colored  
Rose flavored monocle

Smell the flowers my child  
Smell the flowers,  
For therein lies  
The hope you have yet  
To grasp.

Poke me in my 3rd eye,  
And perchance  
I will know you are here  
With me



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Til Kumari Sharma







# Kapardəli Eftichia







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*Kapardeli Eftichia – From Greece has a degree as an art conservator 2021 She has a Doctorate from **Arts And Culture World Academy**. [World Academy of Art and Culture | Facebook](#) International Ambassador of the International Chamber of Writers and Artists LIC ,Member of the **World Poets’ society** and **poetas del mundo** , member of the **IWA**, member of **E.E.Α.Σ.Π.Η The Union of Greek Writers - Authors of the Five Continents**, member of the **International Society Of Greek Literatures – Artists - Deel and Pel** (the world association of writers in Greece) **Panhellenic Union of Writers**.*

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## ΑΓΟΝΕΣ ΓΡΑΜΜΕΣ

Άγονες γραμμές γεμάτες ταξίδια  
άγονες γραμμές χωρίς αγκαλιές  
οι σκιές μας μοιρασμένες  
οι διαδρομές μας πετρωμένες  
και οι ρίζες μας κομμένες

Άγονες γραμμές ,απολιθωμένες  
σε συνθήκες ματαιωμένες  
σε μέρες που τρυπούν και κολλούν  
στο σώμα με πνοές, ματωμένες

Έρημη χώρα η ζωή μας  
πάντα θρηνεί την αποχώρηση μας  
και για τα βελούδινα αγγίγματα θρηνεί  
που στριμωγμένα ,σε ασταθή  
ορίζοντα βυθίζονται ,μοιάζουν αγριολούλουδα ξεριζωμένα  
στο πλήθος για μένα και για σένα

Στην κούραση άνθρωποι σμίγουν ,μας μιλούν  
και με γυμνά βρεγμένα χέρια μας χαιρετούν στην άμορφη  
μάζα των χρόνων με την Ηχώ της Άρνησης ,στα φώτα της  
Πόλης που  
στολίζουν τα σπίτια και τις κάμαρες  
μας προσπερνούν



## **Infertile lines**

Infertile lines full of travel  
Infertile lines without hugs  
    our routes are stony ,our roots,  
cut off and  
our shadows, are divided

Infertile lines, petrified  
in aborted conditions  
on days that pierce and stick  
in the body with breaths, bloody

Our life is a desert country  
always mourns our departure  
    and for the velvet touches he mourns  
that squished, in unstable  
horizon they sink, they look like wild flowers uprooted  
in the crowd, for me and you

In fatigue, people come together,  
they talk to us  
and with bare wet hands they greet us  
in the formless mass of the years  
with the Echo of Denial, in the lights of the City that  
they decorate houses and chambers  
they pass us



## Μητερα Γη

Στην χρυσή κοιλάδα με τον απέραντο ουρανό  
στη γη της αθωότητας  
Εκεί που τα σύννεφα της σκόνης  
έλιωναν στο φώς του Ήλιου  
Εκεί που το νερό του ποταμού  
σκέπαζε τα γυμνά μου σώμα με τα μυστικά και τα  
χαμόγελα  
όλου του κόσμου  
Και ένα πανέμορφο λουλούδι  
σπόρος της μάνας γης ,στις ρίζες ενός δένδρου  
να με καλεί .....εκεί  
Και τώρα η καταστροφή , η εισβολή ,η ρύπανση  
Κόκκινη γη ...τα θεμέλια σου σκάβουν  
άσχημοι καιροί ,και τα σπλάχνα σου καίουν  
στάχτη και σκόνη ,ζώα φοβισμένα  
ρίζες νεκρές, έρημα τα βουνά ,η ζέστη το χώμα καίει  
Οι μηλιές δεν θα έχουν πια καρπούς ,το τριαντάφυλλο δεν  
θα  
ανοίξει πια  
οι μελωδίες θα έχουν σιωπήσει, με κουρασμένα και νεκρά  
πουλιά  
Και το δένδρο ,που αλλάζει  
κάθε εποχή θα μας προσκαλεί να ταξιδέψουμε  
με τα φύλλα που του πήρε ο άνεμος την αυγή  
Στην ψυχρή σιωπή και την καταδίκη  
στην αγκαλιά μου αργοπεθαίνει  
Η πρώτη αγαπημένη μου μητέρα ,η Γη



## Mother Earth

In the golden valley with the vast sky  
in the land of innocence  
Where the clouds of dust  
melted in the light of the Sun.  
Where the river water  
covered my naked body with secrets and smiles  
of the whole world  
And a beautiful flower  
seed of mother earth, at the roots of a tree  
to call me .....there  
And now the destruction, the invasion, the pollution  
Red earth, your foundations are digging  
bad times, and your bowels are burning  
ash and dust, scared animals  
roots dead, mountains deserted, heat the soil burns  
The apple trees will no longer bear fruit, the rose will no  
longer  
open  
the melodies will be silent, with tired and dead birds  
And the tree, which changes  
every season will invite us to travel  
with the leaves that the wind took at dawn  
In cold silence and condemnation  
in my arms he dies late  
My first beloved mother, Earth



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Irena  
Jovanović



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Irena Jovanović from Zaječar, Serbia ( born in 1971 ) is a Master of Ceramics Design, Painter and Poetess. She has been writing poetry since 1992, and has published her poetry book „Let It Be“ with „Inner Child Press“ in USA in 2013. She writes poetry both in Serbian and in English, and publishes in online magazines, Facebook groups, and her Facebook page, as well as in printed magazines in her country and abroad. She founded a club for poetesses in her hometown and is leading it, with 30 members of different ages, and poetry reading once in a week.



## Being Interconnected

With nature and universe  
with energies and dimensions  
with particles and transcendence  
with vibrations and fractals  
with Fibonacci Sequence and Golden Ratio  
with mandalas and water memories  
with cells, atoms, and subatomic domain  
with frequencies and creation  
with sun, earth, wind, oceans  
moon, planets, synchronicity and all  
with soul and Supreme soul  
it's natural to be  
interconnected  
with universal codes and ciphers  
with ancient secrets and mysteries  
with crystals, rocks, depth and eons  
with timelessness, eternity, bliss and endlessness  
with vastness of ideas of the most brilliant mind  
with essence, substance, purpose and cause  
with everything possible and impossible at all  
with life, change, continuity and path  
it is absolutely primordial  
to be interconnected  
with sacred geometry and perfect miracles  
with DNA sequences and infinite knowledge  
with inner silences and immersive meditations  
with fluffy snowflake images  
and interstellar travels  
and all knots-woven patterns and plans  
blueprints, schemes and schedules  
with time and space, events and stillness  
with gods, deities, sacredness and truth



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yes, it is very much and positively recommended  
to be opened and highly perceptive  
it is very good, very best and exquisite  
it is extraordinarily majestic indeed  
being in tune, being in harmony  
being in tao  
being interconnected



## Both Heaven And Nature Sing

Uplifted vibrations of brilliant whiteness  
purity in perfect, essential  
crystal clear shiny eloquence  
of winter wise covers  
making all nature sleep and rest  
in preparation for new life burst  
for spring of joy  
now meditating so deeply, inside  
planning, dreaming, getting all ready  
for the next brand new motion  
play, performance, interpretation  
during and throughout  
this snow-white intermezzo  
in orchestration of  
exceptional life symphony  
now singing in mind and soul  
high frequencies on sky and ground  
everywhere  
so pleasing  
so neat and delightful  
so unlimited  
so fulfilling, so blissful  
oneiric  
both heaven and nature intone  
this ultimate melody of whiteness  
within the clear mind  
of ultimate creature...  
...creating universe choruses...  
of eternal whiteness...  
within sound...  
vibrating...



## Emerald Gardens

Evergreen thoughts  
deeply diving into the Self  
recalling peaceful nuances  
and mildest waves of the attitude  
of the natural and wild growth echoes  
listening to miraculous interiors  
entering emerald gardens of the mind  
finding tender bliss and openness  
to the widest ranges of endlessness  
of eternity of our soul residing  
in green areas of a heart garden  
energy beautiful as an unreal dream  
as an unchangeable fairy tale  
very brilliant part of a being  
in any circumstances present  
and all present in the glory of God  
laid down in a true beauty  
in emerald gardens  
set just for its throne  
presiding over all appearances  
offering brilliance unconditionally  
harmonizing each and every move  
leading all to the light of the substance  
residing in absolute undivided fantasy of joy  
unimaginable realms of utmost experience  
wonderful, ecstatic, ravishing, astonishing  
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of Lord's dreams...



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# Sudipta Mishra



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## Ennui

Oh! I have to walk again  
on the known valleys of tedium  
"I am bored now and that's all"

The same sunshine penetrated my skin  
Giving me a sign of living  
Again the sun has drowned in the wide unknown

With the soft murmurs from leaves  
I realize the ritual of the flock of birds  
Fluttering, silky wings disappear in the sky

Soaring desires tempt me to live  
Crowded streets chase me with desolate appetites  
I peep into the empty houses

No more I can see the laughing walls  
What is left there?  
Corpses of dead desires hang on the roof

I can see hunger, there  
The cravings for love succumb to a realm of nothingness  
A cycle continues

Desperation settles everywhere  
Clouds of fear cover the sky  
I silently sip my tears

I submit my empty wishes  
Upon the arrival of a new day  
Again I try to hold the hands of Ennui...



## The Mute Doll

There was a doll, so beautiful  
pretty eyes and lovely lips  
Then came a man  
Master in the art of stagecraft  
He played with the puppet  
The dummy obeyed its master  
Everything went well  
The magic was lauded by all  
The roly-poly toy became everyone's favorite

In the World of Deception,  
The doll played so well  
It swayed with the blowing air  
Never did it disobey the commands  
It rose to fame  
With golden wings  
To touch the sky  
Suddenly the strings were cut  
The master died  
Now, the doll was in foul hands  
The dumb doll failed to listen to the multiple voices  
Nobody loved the voiceless, poor fellow  
Now, the mute doll is left in a glass case  
With drooping eyes,  
it greets everyone at the doorstep  
Nodding its head in a slightly tilted face!



## Ignorance

I do not know the reason  
I can only hear a voice inside me  
My soul sings a poem, so pure  
so melodic, stirring  
A song that speaks the voice of silence  
That ripples inside my chest  
Sparkling ideas boil in my mind  
I just form them and  
I whisper them in the spiraling wind  
For reaching out to you all

I console and negotiate with words  
My untamed mind always struggle  
To express my conflicting feelings  
Finally, words explore the game  
In the game of intriguing thoughts,  
I cajole my verses to note my expression!  
Oh, then the weight of my memory  
Finds a subtle way to release...



Til  
Kumari  
Sharma







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## Alienated Life Journey

The birth alone is our life.  
Death alone is our journey to reach.  
Destiny of everybody is to reach in death bed.  
No alive ness is eternal here.  
Body melts in soil.  
Bone acts as light of earth.  
Nothing has complete death in real world.  
Transformation is essential.  
The birth and death are enemies and friends.  
The womb of mother is tomb too.  
It has already structured tomb in womb.  
So birth meets life in tomb.  
The harmony is death too.  
Loss is gain too.  
Death is guest to take life.  
Again it brings birth of someone.  
Soul is taking journey.  
Spirit has friendship with air and wind.  
Storm is my breath to defeat death.  
Life is in journey of death.



## Human Agony

The rope of agony is part of life.  
Smiling is another part of life.  
The essence is to breathe.  
The alive ness is our acting in theatre.  
The dancing is our movement.  
The light is to see death.  
Pyre is our destination.  
It is eternal home.  
It is light of life.  
The duty is to regard happiness.  
Smiling is an art of agony.  
Tears are blocking happiness.  
The happiness is brief and short.  
Grief is built up of human agony.  
The walls of life are higher.  
Genuine beauty is lost in agony.  
To grieve is essence of life.  
Agony is in the end of life.



## Harmony of Humanity

Humanity as light in earth.  
It is inborn in particular human.  
The delighting is in humanity in world.  
Human is higher being in earth.  
Consciousness is our heart with mind.  
Humanity in world is huge achievement.  
The harmony is ornament.  
That leads world of moral wisdom.  
The association of world people is humanity in earth.  
The alienated selfishness is mad point.

Considering other is huge tribute.  
The life is decorated with cloth of humanity.  
Then world is our home.  
No boarder in our friendship is in humanity of world.  
The wonder is the human discrimination.  
Humanity does not like discrimination.  
Love with humanity is our jewel of harmony.  
The gist of life is to help each other with respect.



# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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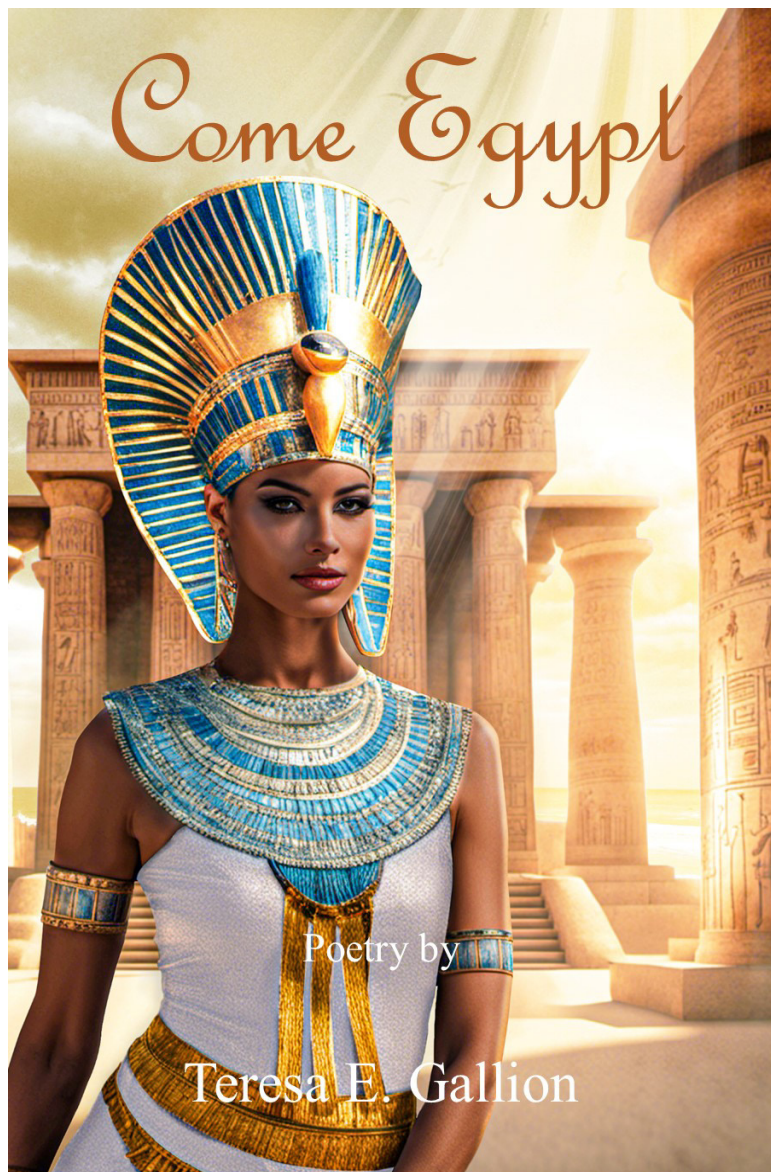
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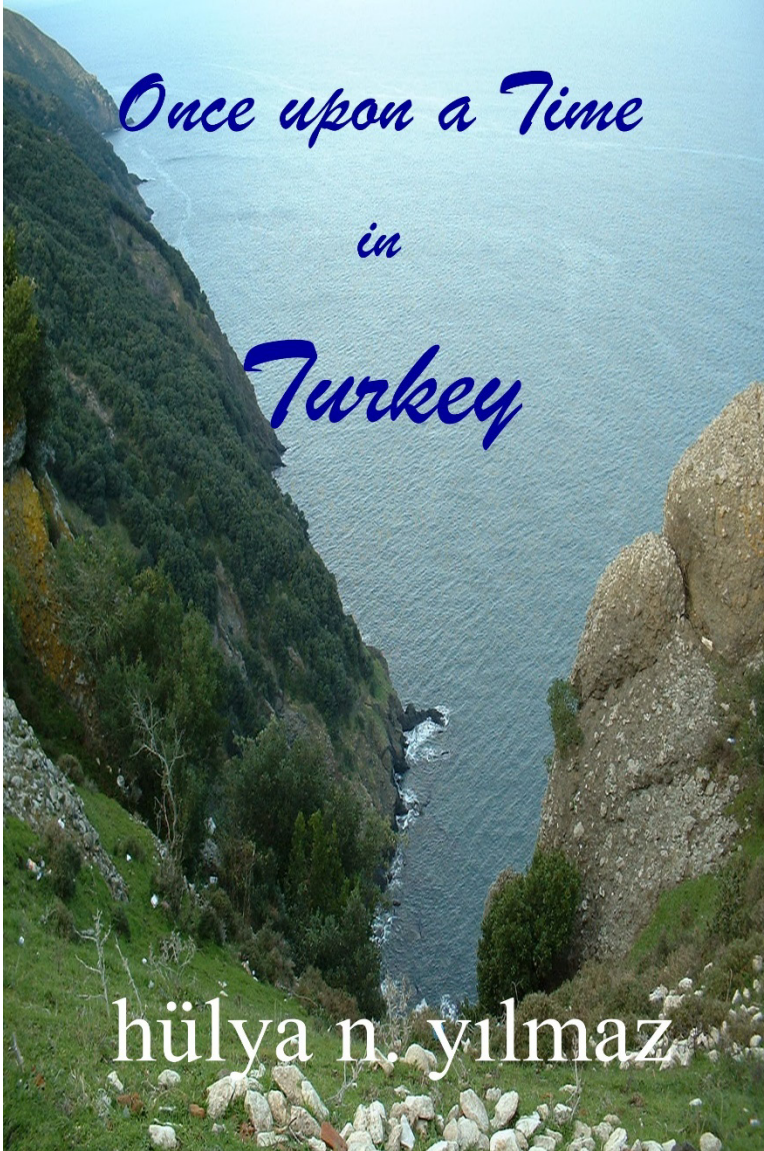
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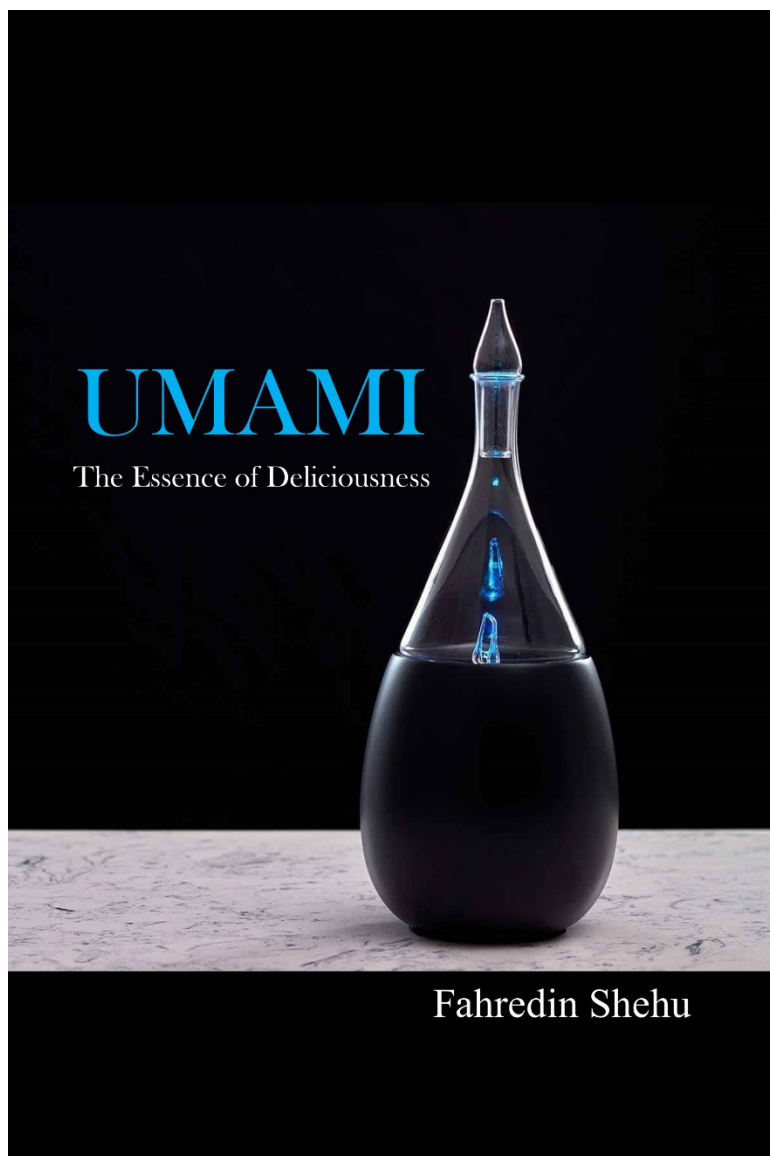
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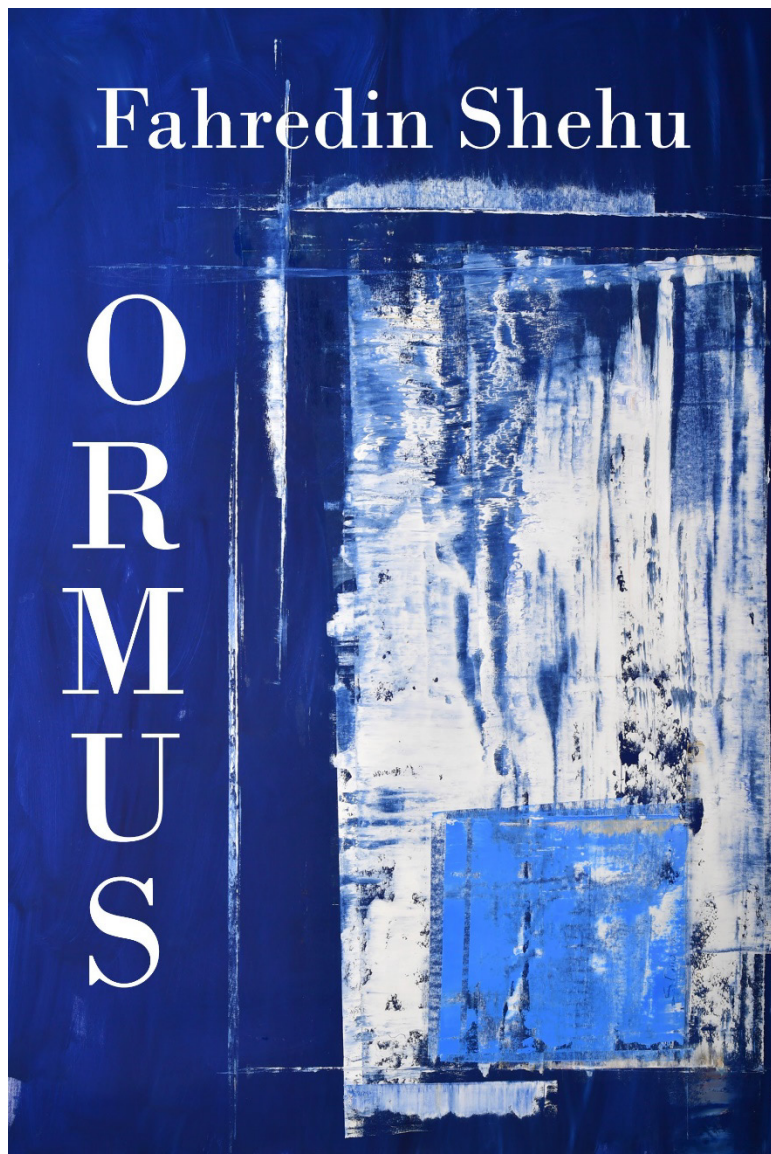
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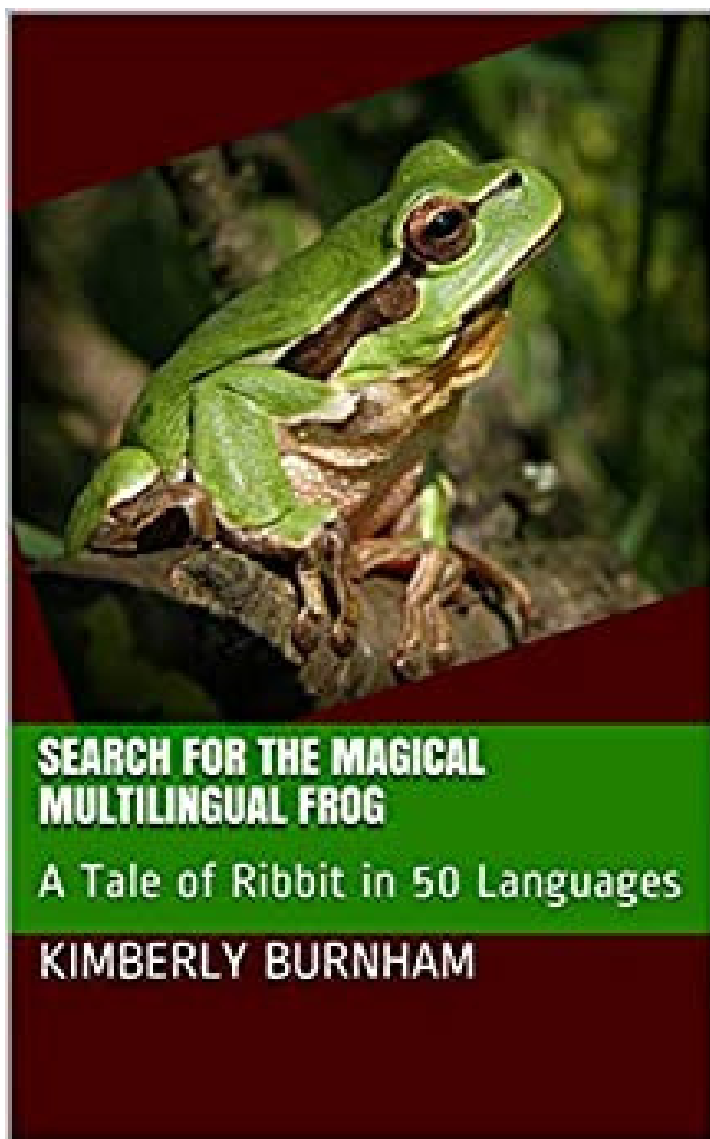
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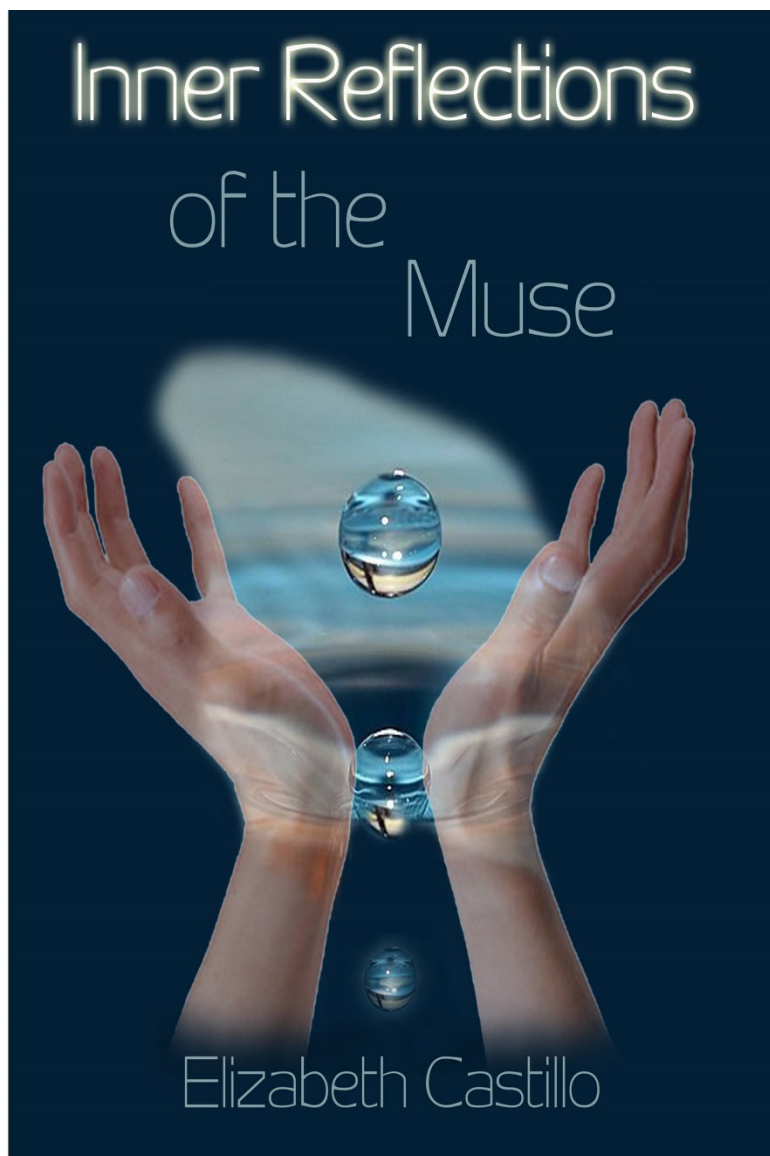
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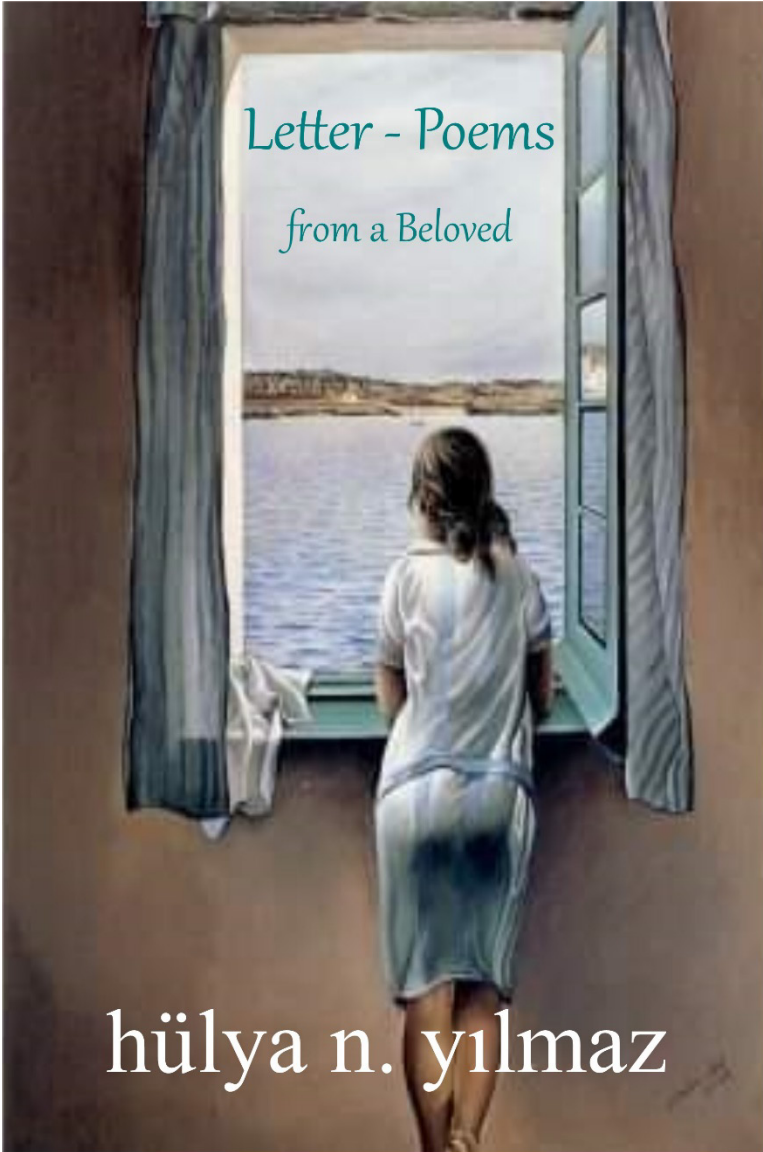
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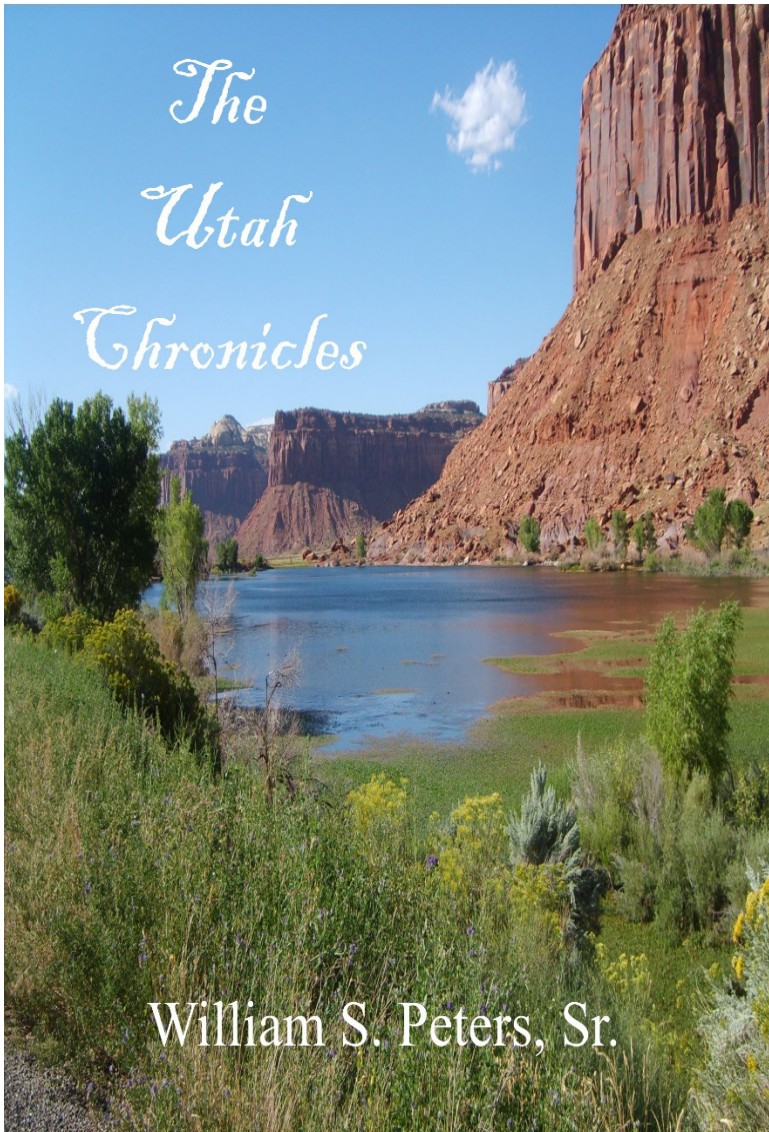
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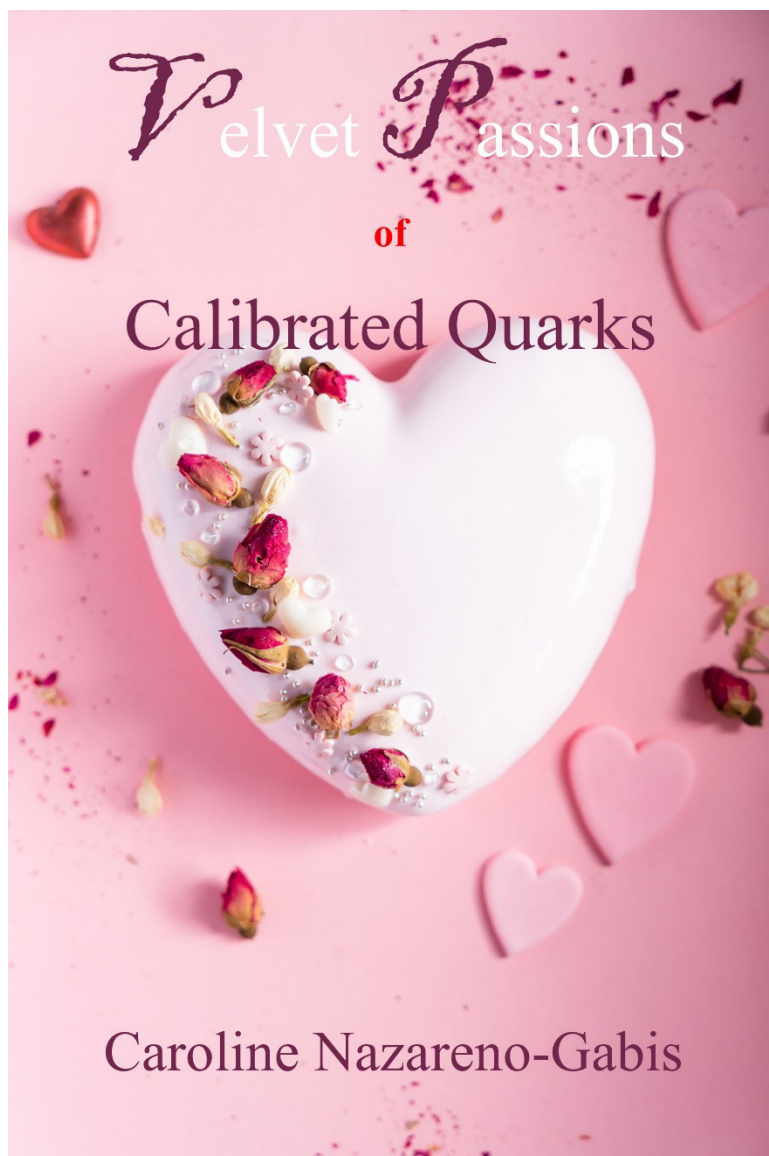
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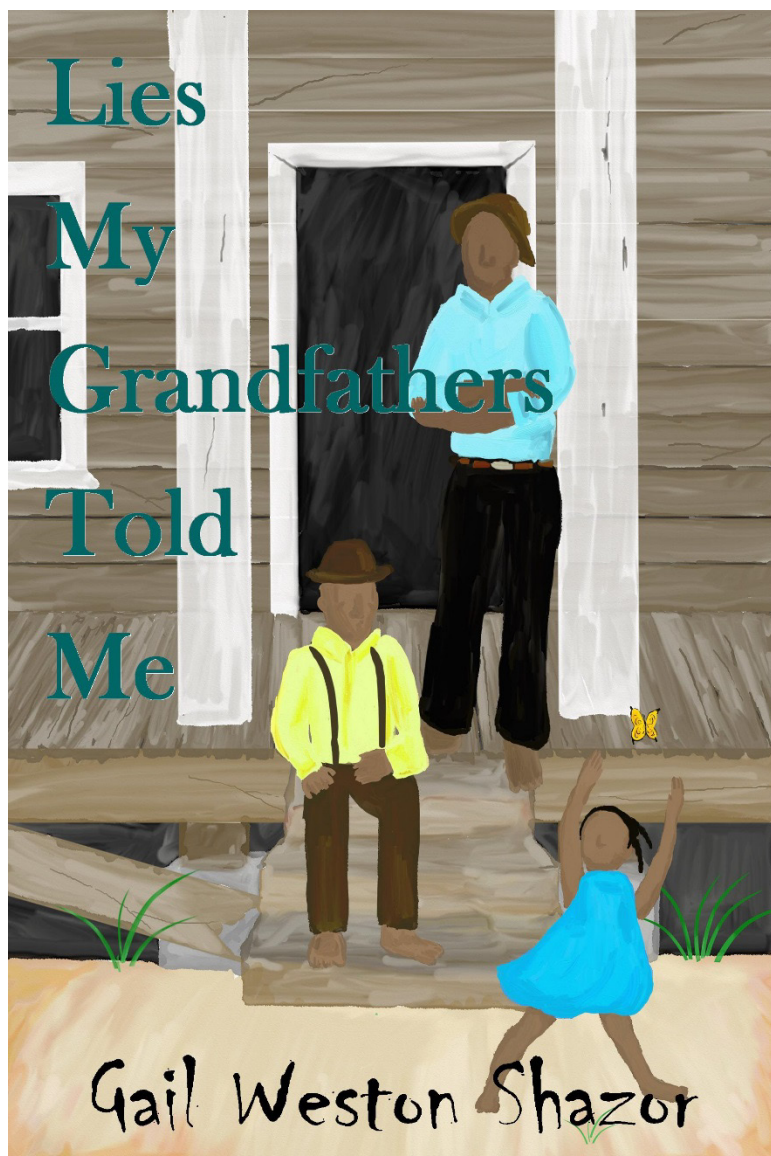
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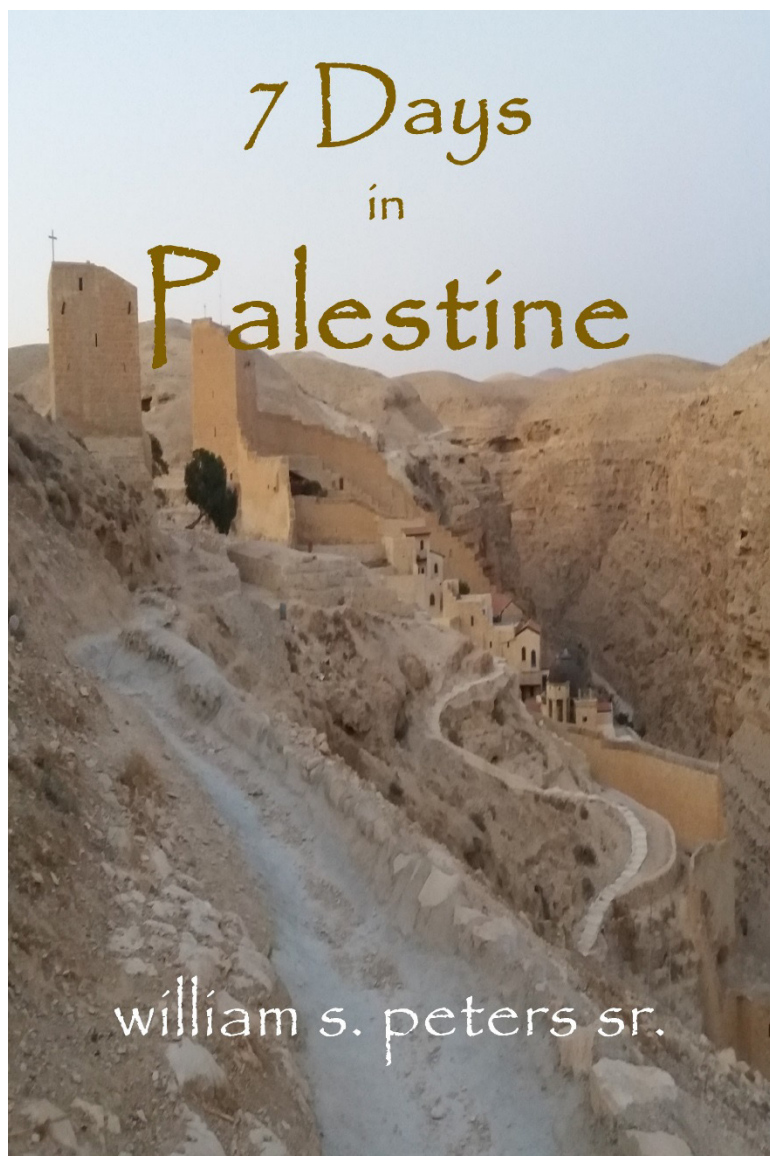


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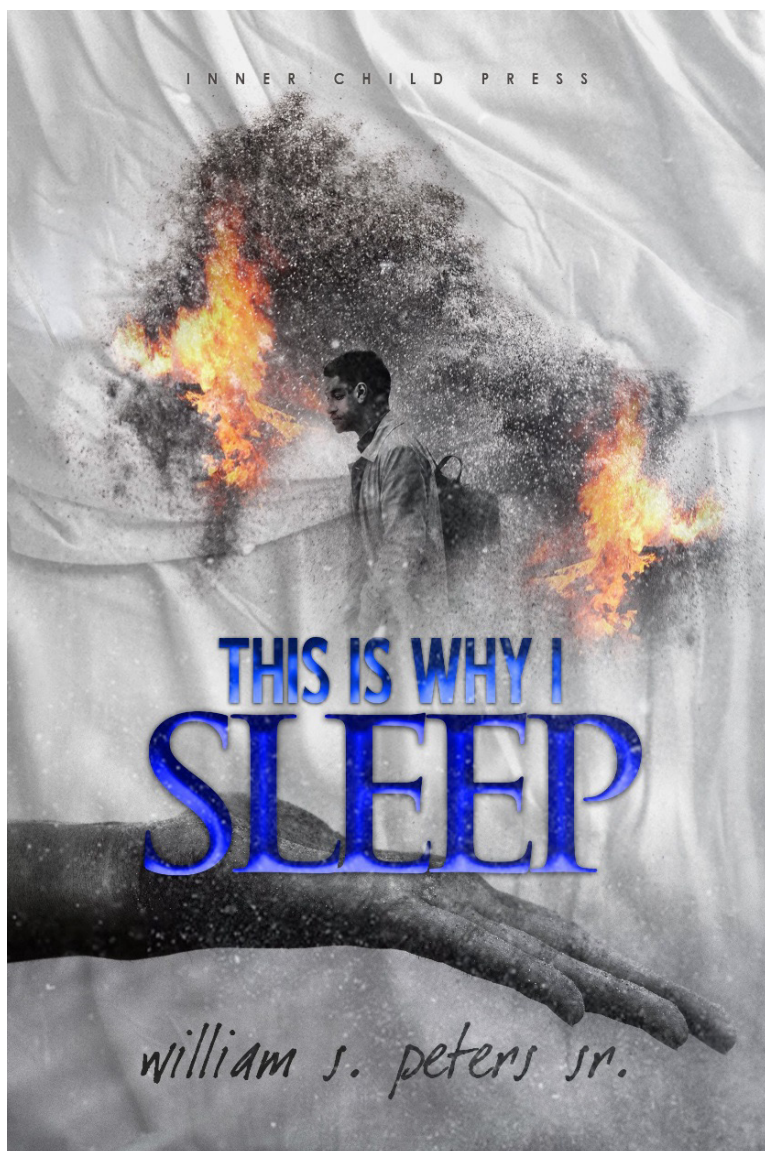


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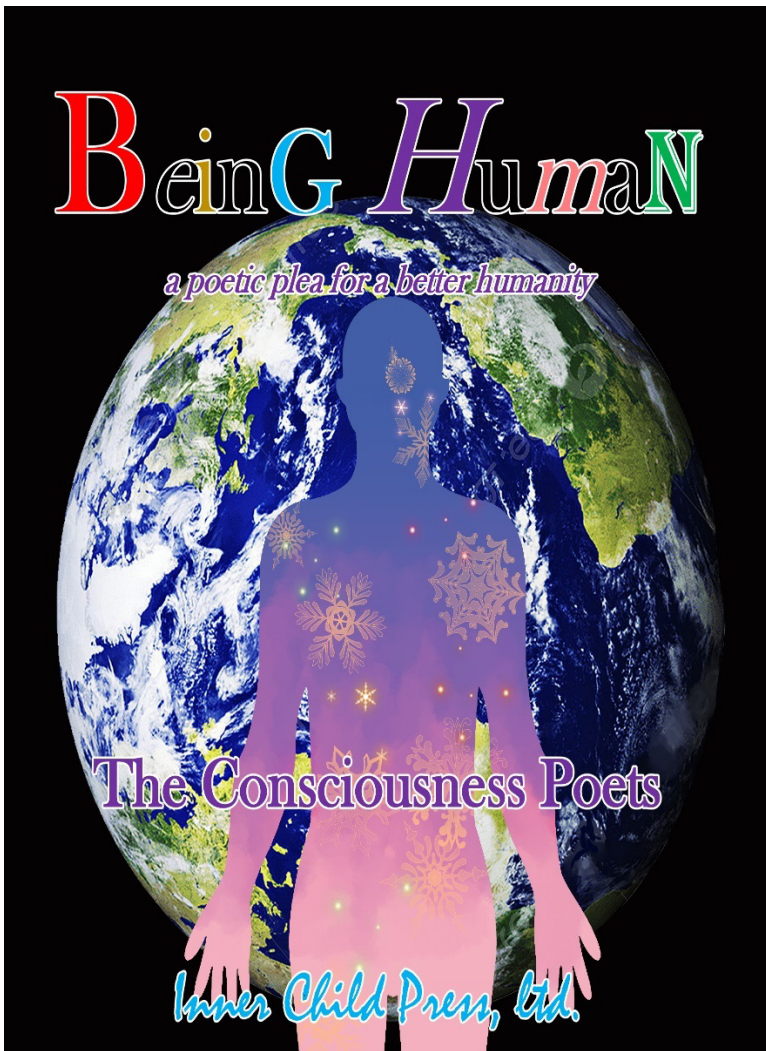
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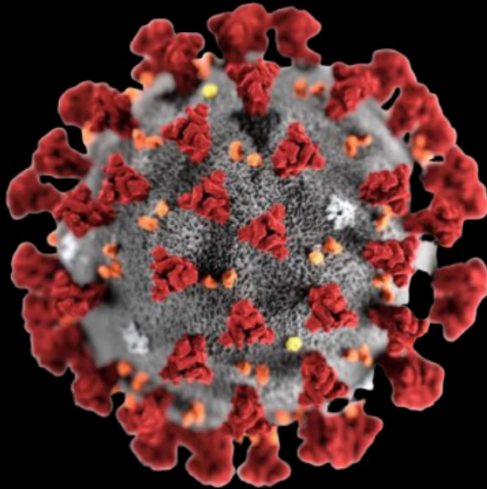
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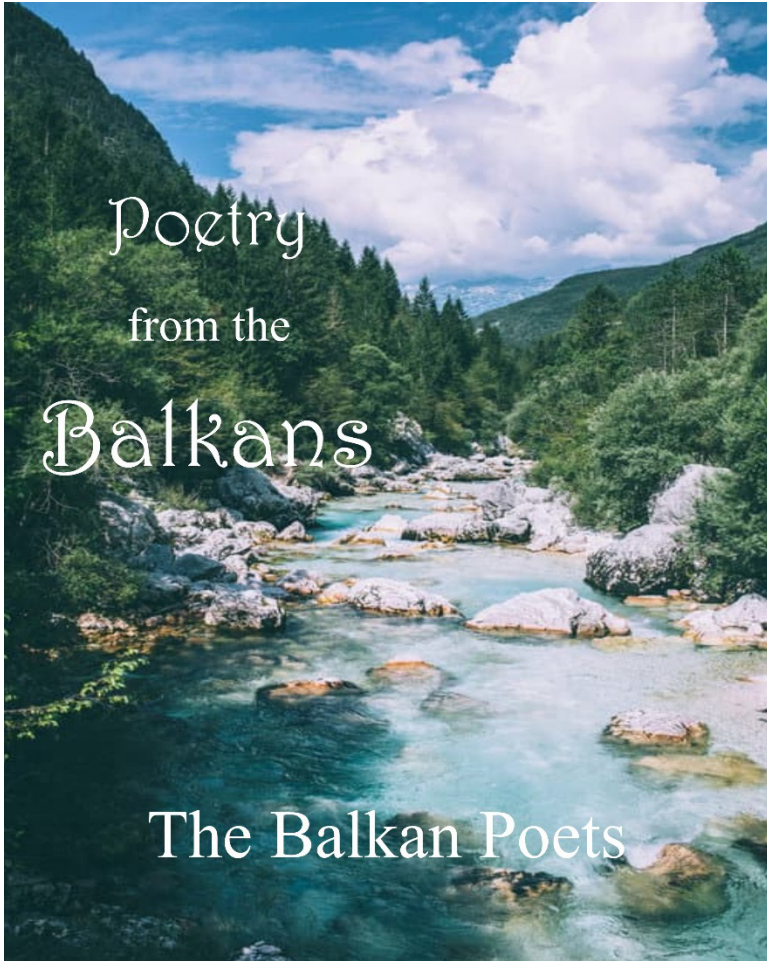
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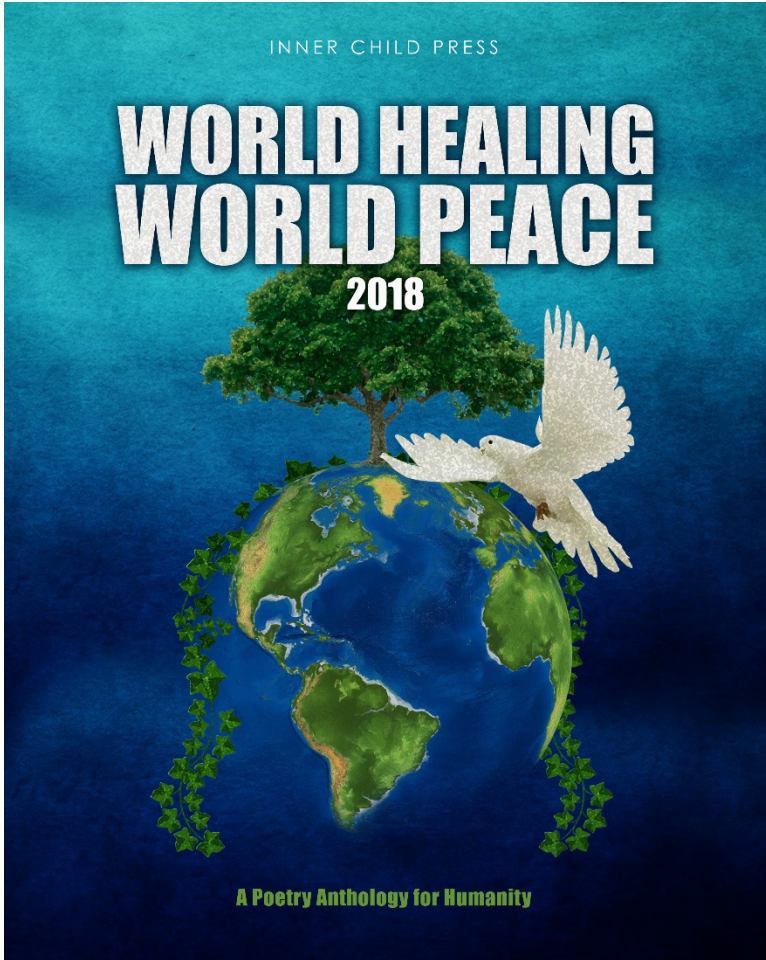
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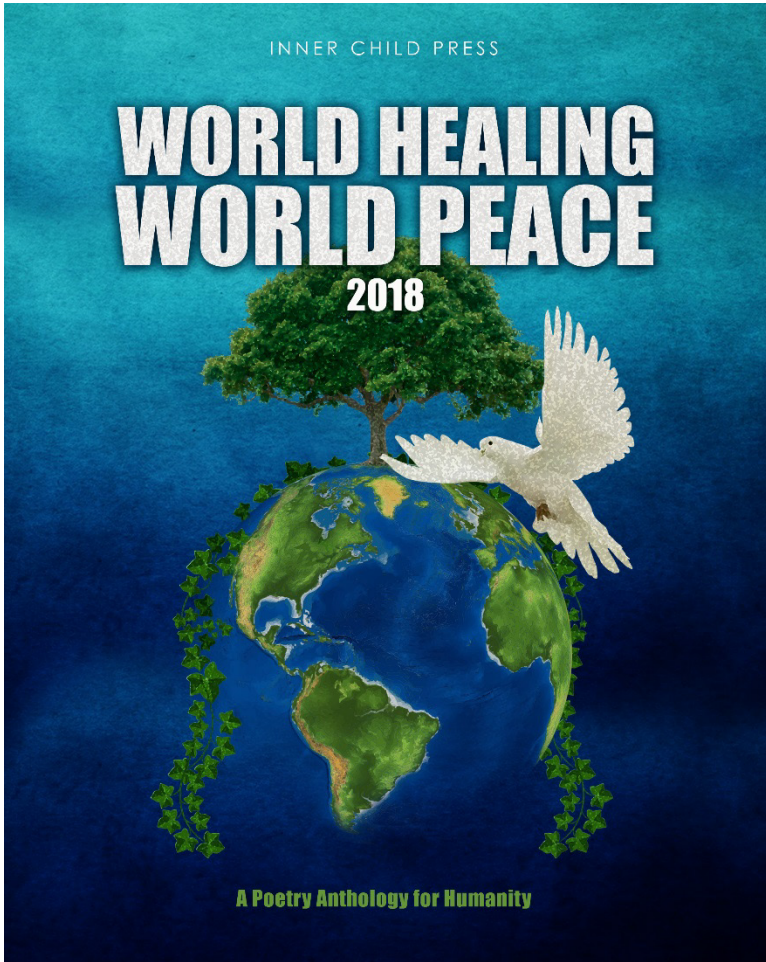
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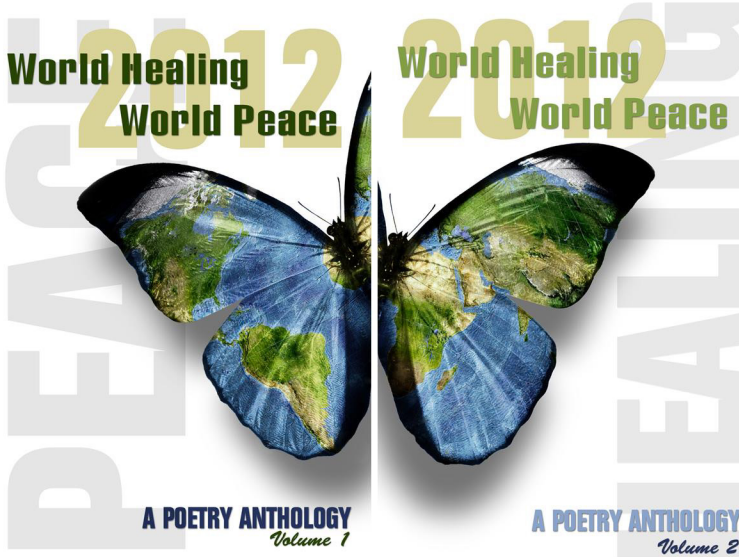
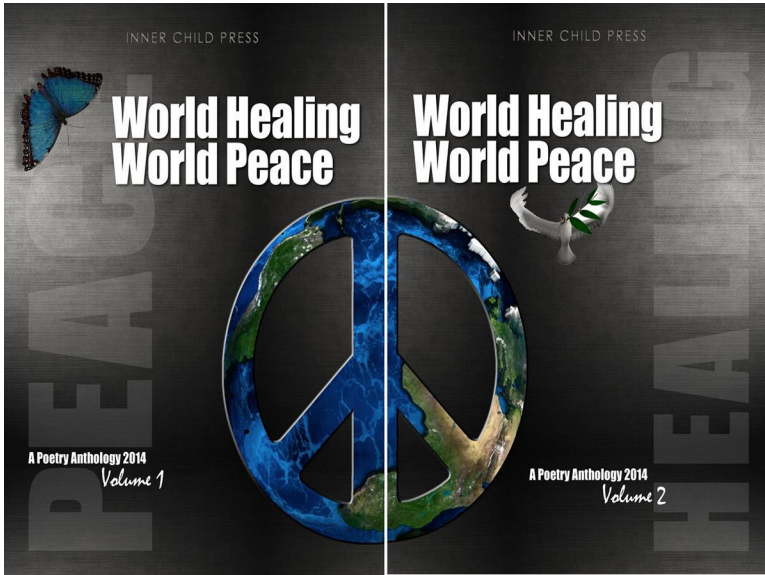


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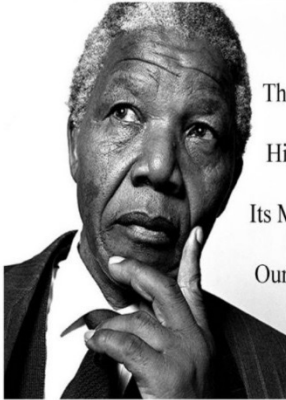


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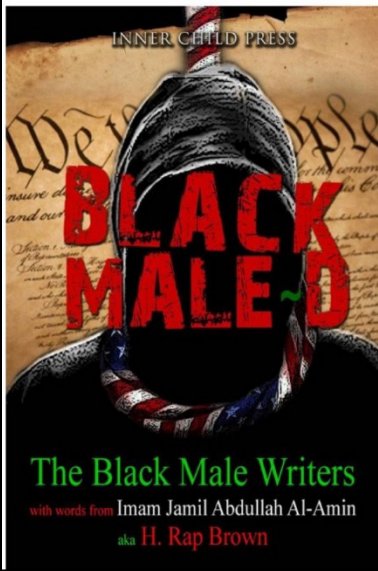
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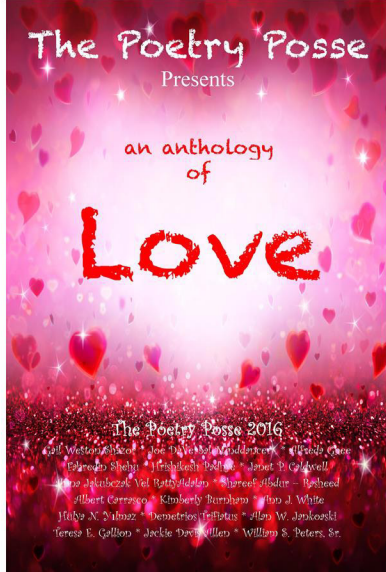
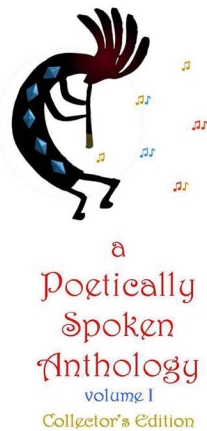


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**The Poetry Posse**

Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June 'Bugg' Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wali  
Shareef Abdur-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
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**Our April Featured Poets**  
Fahredin Shehu  
Martina Reisz Newberry  
Justin Blackburn  
Monte Smith

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September 2014

Aster

Morning-Glory



Wild Churn of September-Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

The Poet's Poet

Janie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infante Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Barefield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Harringer  
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## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



The Poet's Poet

Janie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infante Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Barefield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Harringer  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaSendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poet's Poet

Janie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infante Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Barefield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Harringer  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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November Feature Poets

Jacelyn Moorman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014

Narcissus



The Poet's Poet

Janie Bond  
Call Weston Shazor  
Albert Infante Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Bugg Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
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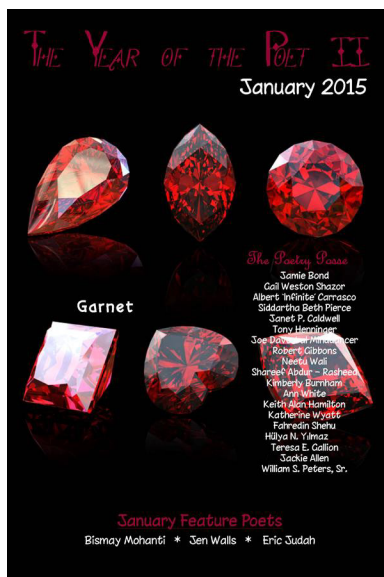
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## The Year of the Poet II

March 2015

### Our Featured Poets

Heung Sook \* Anthony Arnold \* Alicia Poland



### The Poetry Posse 2015

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Hemminger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hilbya N. Yilmaz  
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## The Year of the Poet II

April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

### Our Featured Poets

Raja Williams \* Dennis Ferado \* Laure Charazac



### The Poetry Posse 2015

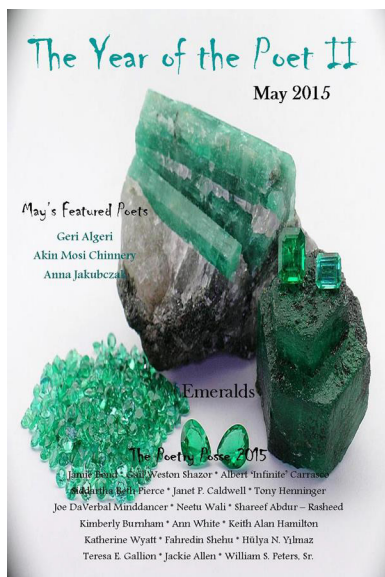
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June 2015

### June's Featured Poets

Anahit Arustamyan • Yvette D. Murrell • Regina A. Walker



### The Poetry Posse 2015

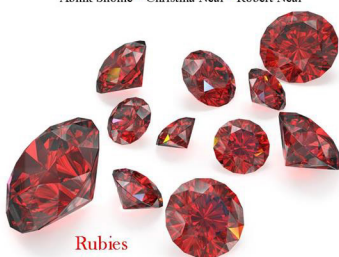
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## The Year of the Poet II

July 2015

### The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome • Christina Neal • Robert Neal



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## The Year of the Poet II

August 2015

### Peridot

### Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chlasz  
Christopher Schultz



### The Poetry Posse 2015

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September 2015

**Featured Poets**  
Alfreda Ghee • Lonnie Weeks Badley • Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

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Jamie Bond • Gail Weston Shazor • Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
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Katherine Wyatt • Fahredin Shehu • Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
October 2015

**Featured Poets**  
Monte Smith • Laura J. Wolfe • William Washington




Opal

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce • Janet P. Caldwell • Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer • Neetu Wali • Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
November 2015

**Featured Poets**  
Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore




Topaz

*The Poetry Posse 2015*  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
December 2015

**Featured Poets**  
Kerione Bryan • Michelle Joan Barulich • Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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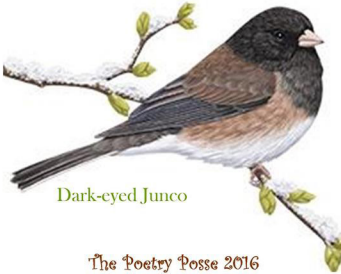


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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

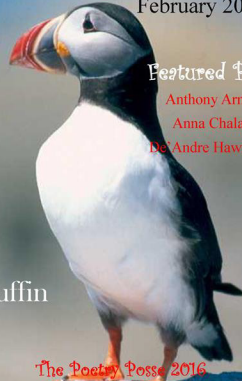
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Fahredo Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Joe DeVetral Mindlauser \* Sharief Abdur - Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Agim Vinca  
Huiya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Trifitatos \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
DeAndre Hawthorne



Puffin

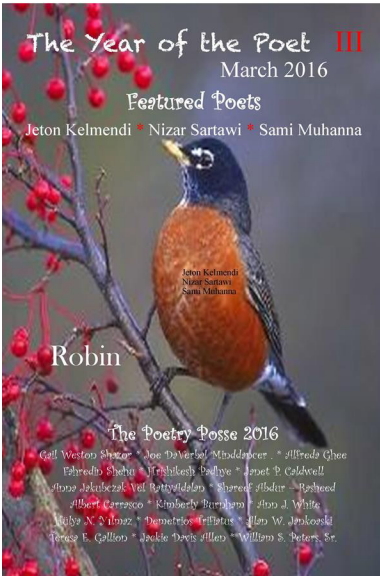
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Fahredo Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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Fahredo Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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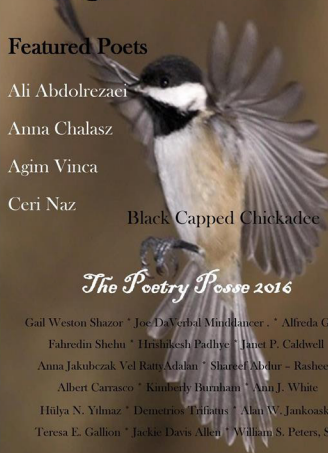
### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei

Anna Chalas

Agim Vinca

Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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Fahredo Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Anna Jakubczak Vel Rany Adalan \* Sharief Abdur - Rasheed  
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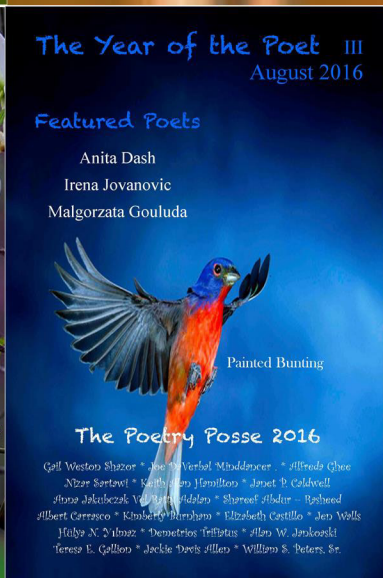
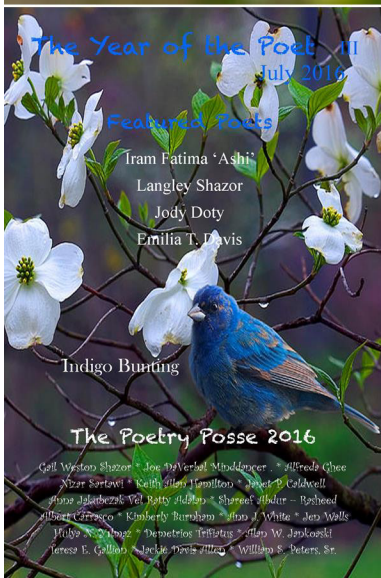
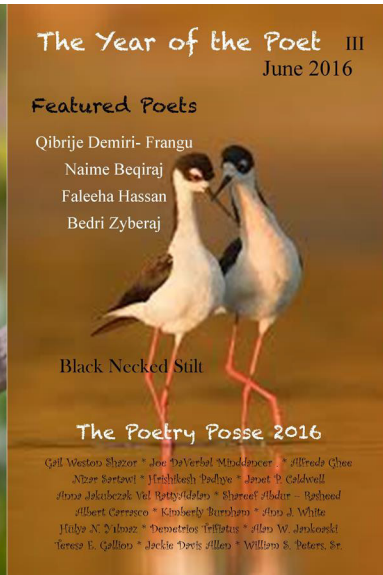
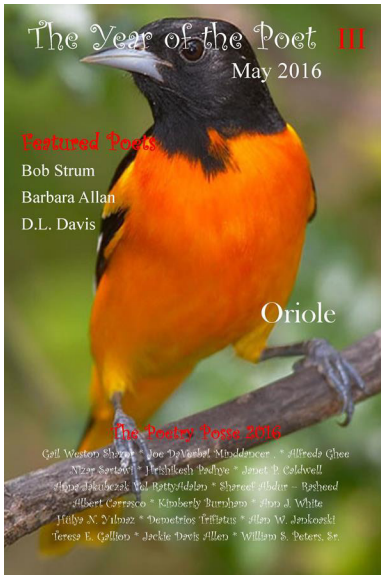
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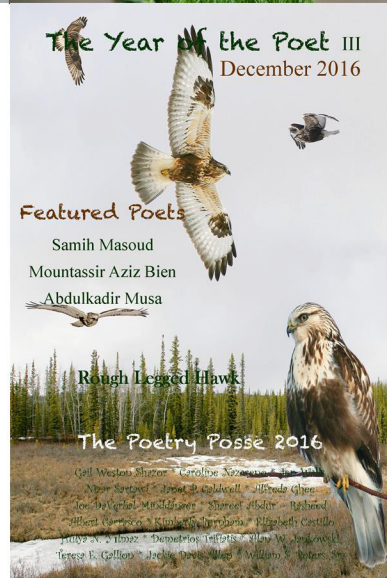
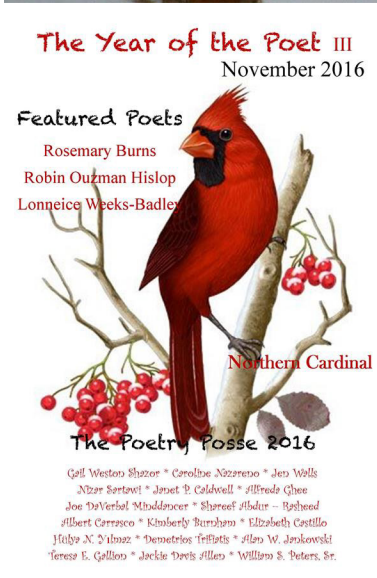
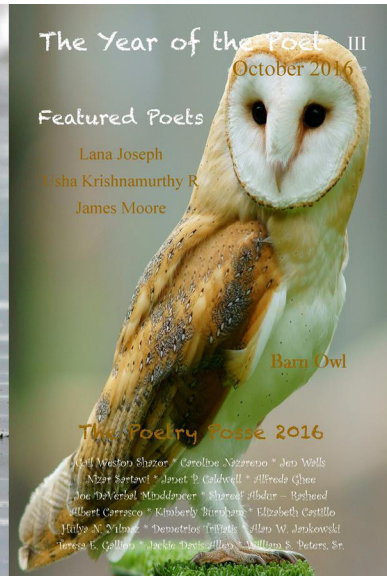


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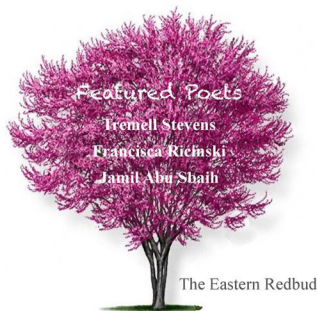


## The Year of the Poet IV February 2017



Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Nizar Sertawi \* Alana Jakubczak Val Betty Adalan \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Alidur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdum \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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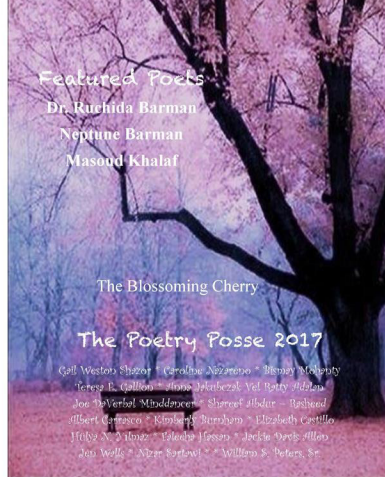
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## The Year of the Poet IV April 2017



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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Aldana  
Joe DeVerbal Miodanczer \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Yilmaz \* Falecia Hossain \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Aldana  
Joe DeVerbal Miodanczer \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Yilmaz \* Falecia Hossain \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV

September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry

Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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## The Year of the Poet V

January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



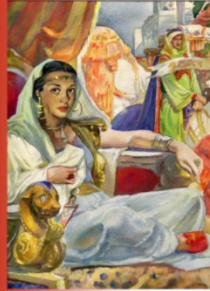
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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sirtawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sirtawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018

### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'

Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman



### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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April 2018

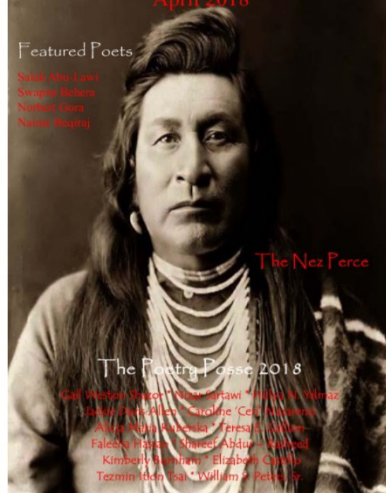
### Featured Poets

Sabah Abu-Lawi

Suzanne Bohara

Shirley Goss

Suzanne Riegler



The Nez Perce

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May 2018

Featured Poets  
Zahdy Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

**The Sumerians**




**The Poetry Posse 2018**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sattawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

Featured Poets  
Bilal Maliki \* Daim Miflari \* Gojko Božović \* Sofija Živković

**The Paleo Indians**



**The Poetry Posse 2018**  
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Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet V**  
July 2018

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

**Oceania**




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

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

**The Lapita**



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

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## The Year of the Poet V October 2018

### Featured Poets

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



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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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## The Year of the Poet V November 2018

### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V December 2018

### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**Featured Poets**  
Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
August 2019

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



Southwest Asia

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Elena Liliana Popescu \* Gobinda Biswas  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



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


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



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

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



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

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Elitschik



**Oceania**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dumant & Frédéric Passy



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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May 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1960



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

June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

Mykola Martyniuk \* Orbindu Ganga  
Roula Pollard \* Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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### Featured Poets

Raed Anis Al-Jishi • Sotkenović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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Jackie Davis Allen • Caroline Nazareno • Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska • Teresa E. Gallion • Joe Patte  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh • Jbtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodh • Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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### Featured Global Poets

Andrew Scott \* Debaprasanna Biswas  
Shakil Kalam \* Changming Yuan

Banksy's The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paite  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

T. Ramesh Babu \* Ruchida Barman  
Neptune Barman \* Faleeha Hassan

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paite  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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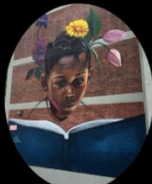
## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Claudia Piccinno \* Mohammed Jabr  
Luzviminda Rivera \* Nigar Arif

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Katarzyna Brus- Sawczuk \* Anwesha Paul  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Shahid Abbas

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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### Featured Global Poets

Paramita Mukherjee Mullick \* Rose Zerguine  
Jaydeep Sarangi \* Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Alonzo "ZO" Gross \* Lali Tsipi Michaeli  
Tareq al Karmy \* Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevsk-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Kamal Dhungana  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadaïro Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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January 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Ratan Ghosh \* Christine Neil-Wright  
Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

### Climate Change : The Ice Cap



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet IX

February 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Roza Boyanova \* Ramón de Jesús Núñez Duval  
Mammad Ismayil \* Tarana Turan Rahimli

### Climate Change and Mountains



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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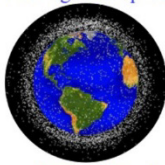
## The Year of the Poet IX

March 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Dimitris P. Kraniotis \* Marlene Pasini  
Kennedy Ochieng \* Swayam Prashant

### Climate Change and Space Debris



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

April 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Alonzo Gross \* Dr. Debaprasanna Biswas  
Monsif Beroual \* Carol Aronoff

### Climate Change and Oceans



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Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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May 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Ndaba Sibanda \* Smrutiranjana Mohanty  
Ajanta Paul \* Monalisa Dash Dwibedy

### Climate Change and Birds



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeizat Okunlola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioke Abonyi

### Climate Change and Trees



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich \* Mili Das  
Anna Ferriero \* Ujjal Mandal

### Climate Change and Animals



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Pankhuri Sinha \* Abdulloh Abdumominov  
Caroline Turunc \* Tali Cohen Shabtai

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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September 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Biswajit Mishra  
Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Sajid Hussein

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Andrew Kouroupos \* Brenda Mohammed  
Carthornia Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Hema Ravi \* Shafkat Aziz Hajam  
Selma Kopie \* Ibrahim Honjo

Climate Change : Time to Act



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Elarbi Abdelfattah \* Lorraine Cragg  
Neha Bhandarkar \* Robert Gibbons

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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### Featured Global Poets

JuNe Barefield \* Swayam Prashant  
Willow Rose \* Shabbirhussein K. Jammagerwalla

### Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X February 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Christena Williams \* Hilda Graciela Kraft  
Francesco Favetta \* Dr. H.C. Louise Hudon

### Children: Difference Makers



Ruby Bridges

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X March 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Clarena Martinez Turizo \* Binod Dawadi  
Til Kumari Sharma \* Petrouchka Alexieva

### Children: Difference Makers



Yo Yo Ma

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X April 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Maxwanette A Poetess \* Alonzo Gross  
Türkan Ergör \* Ibrahim Honjo

### Children: Difference Makers



Claudette Colvin

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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Csp Shrivastava \* Michael Lee Johnson  
Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown  
Children : Difference Makers



Louis Braille

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Kay Peters \* Carthornia Kouroupos  
Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

Children : Difference Makers



Ryan Hreljac

### The Poetry Posse 2023

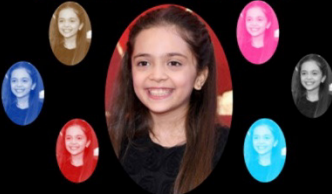
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## The Year of the Poet X July 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Rajashree Mohapatra \* Biswajit Mishra  
Johan Karlsson \* Teodozja Świdorska

Children : Difference Makers



~ Bana al-Abed ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X August 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Kennedy Wanda Ochieng \* Jose Lopez  
Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

Children : Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

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Effichia Karpadeli \* Chinh Nguyen  
Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

Children : Difference Makers



~ Easton LaChappelle ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X October 2023

### Featured Global Poets

CSP Shrivastava \* Hunie Parker  
Noreen Snyder \* Ramkrishna Paul

Children : Difference Makers



~ Malala Yousafzai ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X November 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Ibrahim Honjo \* Balachandran Nair  
Xanthi Hondrou-Hil \* Francesco Favetta

Children : Difference Makers



~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

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## The Year of the Poet X December 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Neha Bhandarkar  
Shafkat Aziz Hajam \* Elarbi Abdelfattah

Children : Difference Makers



~ Melati and Isabel Wijzen ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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### Featured Global Poets

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Daniela Marian \* Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskon

### Renowned Poets



~ Phyllis Wheatley ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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## The Year of the Poet XI February 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Julio Pavanetti  
Lidia Chiarelli \* Lina Buividavičiūtė

### Renowned Poets



~ Omar Khayyam ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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## The Year of the Poet XI March 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Francesco Favetta \* Jagjit Singh Zandu  
Carmela Núñez Yukimura Peruana \* Michael Lee Johnson

### Renowned Poets



~ Nâzım Hikmet ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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## The Year of the Poet XI April 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Hassanal Abdullah \* Johnny Takkedasila  
Rajashree Mohapatra \* Shirley Smothers

### Renowned Poets



~ William Butler Yeats ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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Binod Dawadi \* Petros Kyriakou Veloudas  
Rayees Ahmad Kumar \* Solomon C Jatta

### Renowned Poets



~ Makhanlal Chaturvedi ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet XI June 2024

### Featured Global Poets

C. S. P Shrivastava \* Maria Evelyn Quilla Soleta  
Moulay Cherif Chebih Hassani \* Swayam Prashant

### Renowned Poets



~ Langston Hughes ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
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## The Year of the Poet XI July 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Barbara Gaiardoni \* Bharati Nayak  
Errol Bean \* Michael Lee Johnson

### Renowned Poets



~ Pablo Neruda ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
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## The Year of the Poet XI August 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Ibrahim Honjo \* Khalice Jade  
Irma Kurti \* Mennadi Farah

### Renowned Poets



~ Li Bai ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Teodozja Świdorska  
Chinh Nguyen \* Awatef El Idrissi Boukhris

### Renowned Poets



~ William Ernest Henley ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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## The Year of the Poet XI October 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Deepak Kumar Dey \* Shallal 'Anouz  
Adnan Al-Sayegh \* Taghrid Bou Merhi

### Renowned Poets



~ Adam Mickiewicz ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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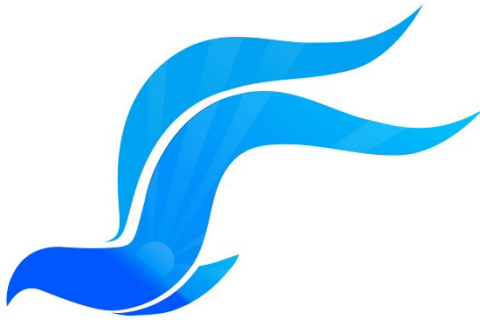
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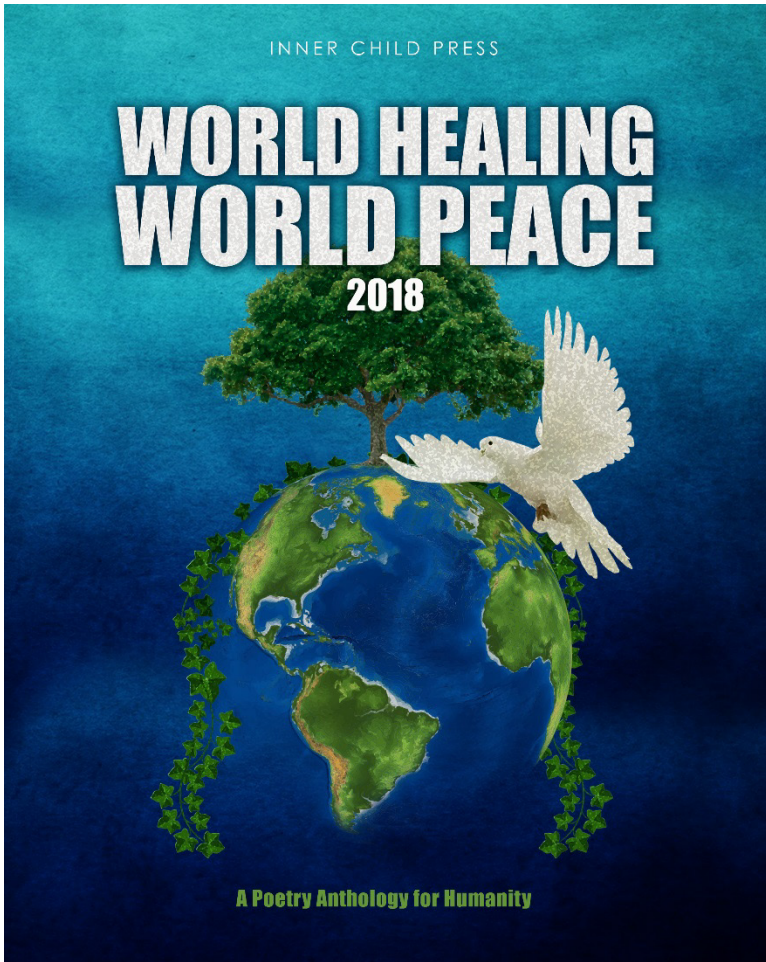
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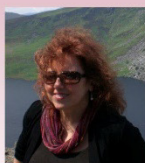
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