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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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The Mongolian Civilization

The Mongol Empire sprung from a conglomeration of smaller tribes that were at war with each other. Those groups were formed and united by Temujin / Genghis Khan. They became one of the most feared and most powerful groups in the known world at the time. They formed an empire than spanned thousands of miles and challenged anyone who dare get in their way. The force that was established had approximately 150 years of influence. It goes to show when a people are determined to make a change it can have profound effect on what they can accomplish. Coming from an unknown situation to one of power, takes determination, dedication and sacrifice. Unity can only work if the goals are the same and it must have a leader that they selected who can rise above ego and self- interest. A person that the group has put their collective trust in. They are willing to do what has been commanded of them. That coincides with the goals of the group. The leadership of their organization must continue articulate and remind the group of the goals and objectives set forth in the beginning of that mission. Unified by a common heritage and customs. Understanding that any differences between them

are not as important as the dream, ideas that initiated the strive in the first place. Understanding that everybody has something to add to the struggle. Making everyone feeling confident that their role is just as important as any in the group is tantamount. To instill confidence and self-worth , knowing they are right in what they have taken as a group. Like empires in the past , nothing last forever, everyone gets a turn to implement their plans, ideas. To do good or bad for the people they encounter, history will bare that out.

Mutawaf A. Shaheed

Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

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William S. Peters, Sr.

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R e f l e c t i o n s a n d T r a n s i t i o n s

Over the many years of our history of The Year of the Poet, we have experienced many transitions. We have witnessed poets come and go to include such notable friends as Janet Perkins Caldwell (20 September 2016), Alan Jankowski (10 March 2017) and this year we lost our dear Brother Shareef Abdur Rasheed (11 February 2025), who also crossed that ‘Rainbow Bridge’. Janet, Alan and Shareef have been with us since the very beginning of this poetic effort.

This year, 2026 we are also witnessing our dear Sister Jackie Davis Allen going on a sabbatical. Jackie is a 11 member of The Poetry Posse and has participated right from the beginning as a Featured Poet. Know that we continue to press forward with our objective of bringing to the global reading population our themed poetry. This year we are focused on various civilizations.

Additionally this year, we are blessed to also welcome two new members to our esteemed *Poetry Posse* Khalice Jade who hails from Algeria and Til Kumari Sharma from Nepal. We are excited as usual as we press forward into our 13th year of production. We pray that you enjoy our humble offering.

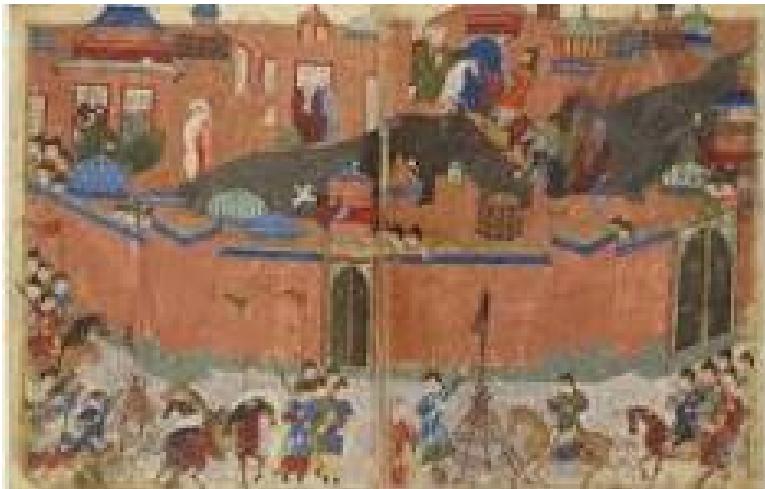
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The Mongolian Civilization



This year the Inner Child Press Poetry Posse will focus on peace and cultures from around the world. We begin with Mongols or the Asian country of Mongolia. Each of us will write one or more poems on the theme of the Mongols, thus learning ourselves about this beautiful culture and helping to spread understanding through our poetry.

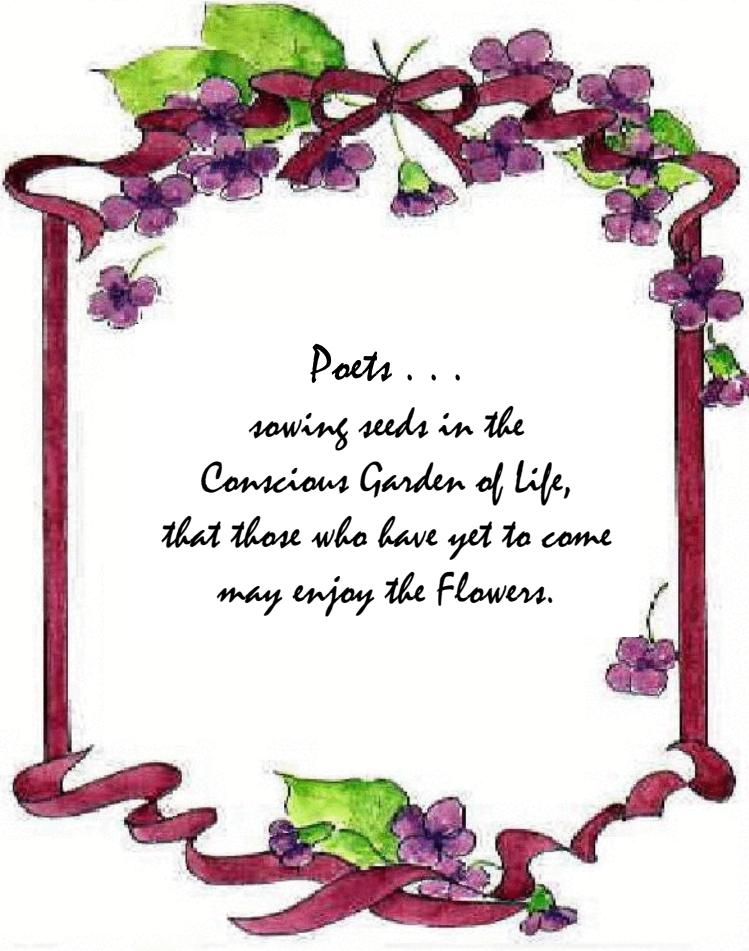
Mongolian poetry has a rich tradition, with poets like Hadaa Sendoo, Begziin Yavuukhulan, and Vanchinbalyn Injinash contributing to the literary landscape.

In Late Summer Storm, Mongolian poet Misheel Chuluun talks of his homeland, "I filled my cup with dewdrops / Before the rain fell / And painted the roads black."

G Mend-Ooyo writes, "I hope that you will agree that, from the many stars appearing in the sky of Mongolian poetry, we are led further into the sky of our own minds, and into the minds of others."

This is also my wish for the readers of this anthology. I hope that these words will stimulate your own creativity and poetry, spreading beauty in the world, even farther.

Kimberly Burnham
(Integrative Medicine)
Jan 1, 2026
Spokane, Washington



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



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

~ wsp



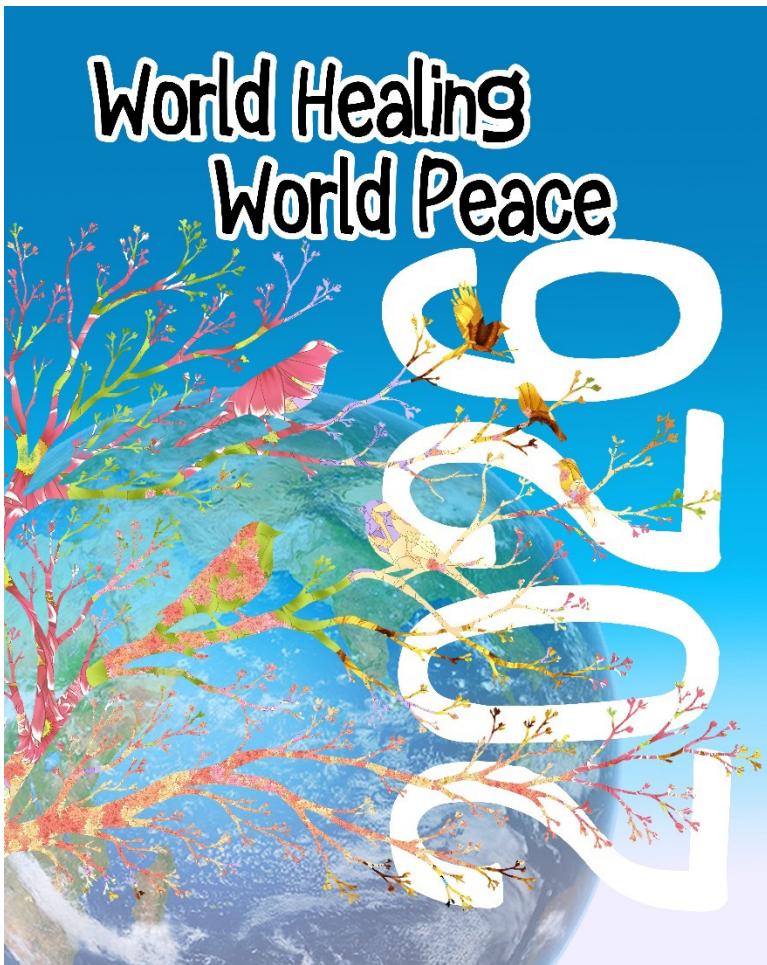


Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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Gail
Weston
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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.

Hordes

Steppes
Grasslands
Savannahs
When will we learn
Nature is important
For man, land and beasts
Mongolians respected
This natural pure trifecta
In the way of indigenous people
Until global climate warming started
And the lands began it's slow shrinking
Replacing nature with machines
And salutations with clocks
The herds slowly died out
Grass became concrete
Mongolians
Now legends
Warrior
Fade

Being Lost

We wait
In quiet corners
And noisy traffic
We beg the stillness to come
In broad daylight
We wait
For that which we cannot see
Loud sounds
Under a heaving chest
For the improbable
We wait
There is no measure
Of breaths
Taken into a barren soul
No timing of beats
In the husks
We wait
Until it seems an eternity
Until the breaking
Of any fast
Blends into moonrises
We wait
For that right moment
To make it right
Write words
Stolen seconds
Forgiving the pitchiness of darkness
We wait
Until broken hearts
Blow in pieces
On the wind
And that which we cling to

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Is scattered
We wait
And we are met in the midst
Of fallow fields
Broken words
For the heart transplanted
In grace
We wait
To be healed of a marred mortality
That once dressed as love.

I have learned this~

A life, a love, a heart
That has been profaned
By trite and hollow words
Can only be made hallowed
Again by learning to embrace
The inner mystery of celebrating eucharisto
I can love you from here or there
It is only important that I do
Love you
And this believing is how my fragileness
Has been made strong
My inner rings keep growing
Because even a barren stump
Can sprout leaves under
The vine keeper's healing hand
Each bar haunts my dreams
A thousand hands
A thousand dreams
Seep into my soul every time
I hold on to this reality
And as the years pass
I am reminded of the many
That remain beyond corporality
It is an easy elegance
This passing through of time
I no longer feel an individuality
Of cloistered dependence
The responsibility of greatfilledness
Is a matter of breathing
In and out, out and in
As I have been cautioned
By one physician or another

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By one friend or another
And yet I have not mastered
This
When you reach out to me
And I am forced
To recall
How it feels to be in your attention
So I pause
To praise Jah for this sole favor
For He, by any of the names man proffers
Has heard my heart
Whether I can speak the words or not
I remain silent
In the face of the work of
Abba Father
And while I would have your love
Without reservation
I can always glory in His
Love of me
My heart, my soul, my spirit
My faltering faith in finding what I need
I peer through the bars
Surrounding this space
These well worn and marked boundaries
With narrow spaces and
I am greatfilled for this~
A life, a love, a heart
Made hallowed by grace

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, Ukraina, 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). She 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).

The Secret

Hell's gates burst open.
Asia and Europe shuddered.
Fire bled across the horizon,
smothering a sky
that once knew peace.
Cries and prayers
rose toward gods
who did not answer.
Nothing stopped the rain of arrows.
Hooves tore through the Silk Road,
snapping its fragile threads.
City walls collapsed.
What hands had built for shelter
was ground into dust.
Out of pain, death, despair
an empire learned how to stand.
A kingdom vanished.
The steppe—
a green burial cloth—
covered the memory of its ruler.
Only grass remembers
where the great warrior lies.
Along its blades
the wind repeats one name:
Temujin.

Dokuzak

A great tree
lifts its arms
around the sky.
Wind braids into its branches
river-sound
and leaf-green light.
Nine springs—
nine quiet blessings—
spill in a wide cascade
into the water's glass.
I sink my hands
into the cold clarity.
Between my fingers
life keeps moving.

Burgas

I returned after years.
The streets remembered
before I did.
Faces resurfaced.
Words breathed again.
The beach kept its colors.
The sky, its blue.
Windows had changed.
Trees stood taller,
wearing more time.
I stopped.
Did the city love me—
or was I only
a second in its hour,
nameless, passing through,
a longing
looking for time
already gone?

Til
Kumari
Sharma

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

Alienated but Shining Moon

The moon is the symbol of pain and sad light.
She is strong with inner intelligence.
She is taking journey with the natural light.
Virtue and dignity in her round shape,
Like the deity of self-standing light.
Her light is more better than the sun.
She is winner against the evil forms of nature.
Moon is the living growth each year.
Melts in my alienated journey of life.
The moon is the magic flower of the universe.
She is stronger than the sun.
Her slow motion is standard to shine in the universe.
She is living worth of the universe.
Moon is the similar journey to me.
She is the deity of purity.
She gets victory over everything.

Grave as Home of Dead Body

The breaths are hovering on the sky.
Their motionless bodies are inside grave.
The spirits are in upper world.
The worth of the dead is no more in the world.
But they can distinguish right and wrong.
The so-called alive people are really dead about justice.
So, spirits are doing justice for the innocent and honest.
The dead people are looking from inner eyes about the
good and bad.
The living people are unconscious to know right and
wrong.
So, graves are not of ghosts.
They are of dead bodies but of lively souls.
The undead souls in grave are higher than lively
unconscious people.
The spirits are transformed to invent something new.
The doubts of bad people are making us dead as we are
worthless to be alive.
So, graves are secured places.

Criminal Deception

The deceptive crime holders, Their intention is to blackmail and earn money.

They are the real scammers.

The crime holder is pretending to love and help.

So, criminals are pretending as social worker and lover.

Deception keeps us in false matter to fall in mischievous works.

To lie to people is a kind of deception.

Deception is a kind of criminal task.

So, don't deceive anyone by creating false matter to make someone infamous.

Deception in anything is inhumanity.

It is a kind of revenge to people.

It is only by egoist people.

Deception is so cruel crime.

That harms someone's humanity and dignity.

The deception is a criminal weapon.

Helping with mischievous matter is deception.

The deception is inhuman thing that is not by quality education.

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.

Lighting a Lamp Amid the Many Voices

Voices surge like a tide, hauling one thirst through the throats of all nations.

In Turkish, awe is kneaded into the fragrance of bread; in Urdu, homesickness is folded into the creases of the palm. At the edge of the procession stands a small allotted lamp ,

not made to dazzle, only so that none may be lost.

Upon the breast, an inscription is engraved guiding, tending,

keeping the order, seeing all safely home.

This calling is named Mutawwif.

What elders bequeath to those who follow is not dominion, but the craft of breaking the vast tide into names that can be summoned with gentleness.

It must be like silk, lest it graze the weary; it must be like stone, lest it indulge disorder.

The guide returns wandering eyes to the shoulder where companionship waits.

The square burns; water becomes the briefest line of prayer.

A bottle-cap is tightened, as though first sealing the world's leaking seam.

When night is not enough, civilization invents streetlamps and rules;

within the clamor, speech is kept in a low register , like fire lit in a gale never glaring, yet refusing to die.

Every face bears a distant history, and a wish to return in peace.

The credit belongs to nameless patience; the embers are left as wick , amid the multitude of voices, faintly, long alight.

The City of Tents Mina's Provisional Civilization

Once the valley opens its mouth, it receives
the tide of countless breaths.

Mina is no rampart ,
it is an order of temporary dwelling, pitched and gathered,
pitched again.

Daylight is a page turned bright by a fierce sun;
nightfall, a star-chart fallen to earth, taking tents for
coordinates.

Not far from Mecca, yet far from the daily world;
a few miles suffice to let ordinary names fall silent for a
while.

Fiberglass wears a flame-resistant skin; steel ribs
brace frailty into a grid.

Ten thousand matching ridgelines ,
civilization recopied, proofread.

In each cell are settled the same fatigue, the same song
cookfires, washrooms, numbers, colored bands ,
even being lost is entered into an algorithm for returning
home.

By day the place of pillars and walls;
pebbles are cast at the name of temptation, not to shatter
anyone.

Fine sand , the powder of borders , is smoothed away by
sweat.

And when moonlight calls each by name,
those white ridges reveal the city's greatest architecture
not tents, not bridges, but one another ,
the moment that consents to let the temporary draw near to
the eternal.

A Ribbon that Binds the Nations

A ribbon circles the wrist, binding the world
into a ring of return.

Unadorned, it carries an office's cold sheen,
yet holds a name, a nation, a medical history ,
as if fragility were honestly written
into a civilization made legible.

Identification's silence reserves an echo for the lost.

On a child's slender wrist, the ribbon is more like an oath
so that, when the crowd becomes a sea,
a small universe can still be drawn back.

The skin-tones and tongues of all nations
acknowledge one another in the same click of a clasp ,
a sharp sound, like a small lock finding its latch
locking panic to the outside, fastening order within.

Thus a poem is written for the ribbon ,
a brief sentence of mercy.

All nations, within this circle,
for a little while become one household,
breathing the same kind of light.

Noreen
Snyder

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

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

Mongols

Second largest kingdom in history

because of great leaders and their armies.

They were successful because

they know how to adapt to

different climates and situations,

great communications skills,

and their reputation for ferocity.

They were known for warfare but

celebrated for productive peace.

Laughter

Laughter is the best medicine
for the distraught, lonely and sad
Smile, and keep on smiling be glad
You've so many people who care.

Please do not give up, we need you.
If we have to, we'll keep on
telling you jokes until dawn.

Let's Make a Difference

Let's make a difference
in this world.
Be kind, help someone
who is in need,
or be a friend
to the lonely, the homeless
or to the elderly,
or to the grieving ones.
Look around you,
all it takes is
one person to make a difference
one good deed at a time.

Gather your friends,
your families, strangers,
your neighbors
to stand together as one
and go out, make a difference.
Make this a better world
to live in.
Make this a better place

for the future generations.
Make this a better place
for the nature, for the animals.
Will you be the one
to make a difference
to go out of your way to help?
Can the world count on you?

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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Children of the Eternal Blue Sky

Under the Eternal Blue Sky
they were born without walls,
only horizons.
The wind named them before history did,
and the horse became their second spine.
They drank distance,
measured time by hooves,
and learned the language of survival
from grass, frost, and fire.
Clans rose like constellations—
scattered, yet bound by fate.
From the silence of the steppe
a leader emerged,
forging unity from fractured bloodlines.
Steel sang,
but so did law.
Not chaos, but order in motion—
a people moving as one breath,
unstoppable as the sky that crowned them.

II. The Khan's Dream

He did not dream of thrones,
but of unity—
a world stitched together by roads,
not broken by borders.
Across deserts and mountains
his banners carried more than war:
paper, numbers, stories, ideas,
the quiet traffic of civilizations meeting.
Cities trembled,
yet caravans thrived.
The Silk Road pulsed like a living vein,
gold and ink traveling side by side.

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He ruled not from stone palaces
but from law—
a code stronger than walls,
where merit outranked birth
and belief walked freely.
Empire as movement,
power as connection—
a conqueror who understood
that legacy is not land,
but what endures after the dust settles.

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the quiet traffic of civilizations meeting.
Cities trembled,
yet caravans thrived.
The Silk Road pulsed like a living vein,
gold and ink traveling side by side.
He ruled not from stone palaces
but from law—
a code stronger than walls,
where merit outranked birth
and belief walked freely.
Empire as movement,
power as connection—
a conqueror who understood
that legacy is not land,
but what endures after the dust settles.

When the Hooves Fell Silent

The thunder faded.
Grass reclaimed the paths of armies,
and the steppe learned to breathe again.
Empires dissolved into memory,
but influence lingered—
in maps redrawn,
in sciences exchanged,
in cultures forever altered.
They were more than conquerors—
they were bridges of time,
linking East and West
before the world knew it was divided.
Listen closely:
the wind still carries their echoes,
not of destruction,
but of movement, exchange, and change.

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Don't Say It

Don't say I'm right because
you like me. I won't say you're
wrong because I love you.

Maybe you can say you'll
think about it.
I try to use working words.

Sometimes that seems
funny at first. Then comes
the blend.

That makes you think a
little. The issues that are
between you and I, hang
within our glances.

We have come to terms on
who the germs are in our
mix. We nixed them.

We are inevitably linked
it seems. It looks like we'll
be.

Our pages will be turned
together. Now, I just said it
for you.

Impressions

Opening my windows thinking that
I may get the rest of the fresh
air that was left there just two
minutes ago. Then the wind said, “no,
not really.”

With cinnamon coffee in tow, I continue
to work on the suggestions of the could
haves. The what ifs, didn’t seem to fit.
Squelching the possibilities of being younger
as tomorrow glides by, today, shaking its
head and fingers saying, “I don’t think so.”

Drawing thin lines between passion and
Romance, taking a chance that they may
be the same. You think so? It may be
easier to take the blame, than to try and
explain, why or why not, or even so and so.

In the process of maintaining bits of sanity,
I believe I go completely mad in the process
of elimination. People find themselves in a
strain attempting understand why they, can’t
be them. Listening to jokes that are fundament-
ally unfunny.

Semi- finally, they find devices that bring
them to the brink of temporary. Libraries
filled with agony. Bookshelves lined with
mis-directions. Finding some relief from
grief in a large glass of whiskey and soda.

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Evolution gone wrong, singing songs backwards to come up with something that can't possibly add up. No more benefits in one and one making two. Waiting to hear the gun shots after the shout, these are the sounds one can hear while hoping they didn't get hit.

Pinning their hopes on Bar Be Que ribs, just as grandma did, thinking that somebody is coming back to validate and endorse them, maybe so? They may have the name spelled wrong? That makes for the completion of the final act of act one. A tragedy at its best, or maybe two?

Restricted

Small world filled with little bitty people.
Giant minds are hard to find in a world
not really round. Just looking for some
square business.

They are finding it difficult to protect the
things they leave behind. Pretty faces filled
with empty spaces in the brain, try to gain
favor before their bodies fade.

The people are facing the fate of a paper plate.
They pursue sad ads that their dads couldn't
reach. They sit and watch contracts are being
breached, by liars dressed in full regalia.

Having morphine dreams plan their schemes
while heads turn in circles. Their clothes get
wet from losing bets they should have never
placed. Then it's back to the wheel to keep their
heads spinning.

Somehow there was great pleasure in losing
every penny. Having to deal with the limitation
of limited imaginations they reach for the preacher
instead of a teacher, who tells them to close their
eyes and pray. He then drives his Benz away.

He asks the passenger in the car, "What the hell
did they say?" The people's eyes are filled with blind
spots. Their future is their past. With minds inclined
toward fast food joints for meals that were prepared
in just less than one minute.

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Can you tell me what's in it?
I think their small world is
Getting a bit smaller.

hülya

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The Eternal Blue Sky

“Tenger,” they called their object of worship;
the eternal blue sky, it means to us.

Yet, *Tengrism*, also known as *Shamanism*,
was not the sole religion for the Mongols.

The decree of religious tolerance,
introduced by the legendary Genghis Khan,
was embraced throughout Mongolia.

Still, Tibetan Buddhism, the dominating faith,
Served the Mongolian Muslims, Christians,
Taoists, and Confucians.

The same faith rules in the country today,
alongside secularism that couples with shamanism.

As for Inner Mongolia, diversity
of the region’s ancient history
enjoys a permanent home.

Töregene Khatun

A lesser known fact . . .

In the history of Mongols,
the name “Töregene Khatun”
is singled out with pride,
for she was one of the most powerful
and influential female leaders,
known and celebrated also for her skills
in complex and prolonged public debates.

A few other lesser known facts . . .

The Mongolian use of thumb rings for archery;

Their high-speed communication,
thanks to their creation of “Yam,”
an elaborately efficient postal system;

Their creativity in culinary art:
cooking meat under saddle;

Then comes their valuing of science and artisans,
and their use of psychological warfare that included
catapulting diseased corpses.

“Töregene Khatun,” thus lived during an era
of numerous innovations. There is, however,
one Mongolian achievement that tops all others:
Thanks primarily to Genghis Khan’s acceptance of
diversity across the board, the development of
the early forms of human rights is attributed to the
Mongols.

An achievement that should serve as a model to us all
in our continuous, pitifully inhumane treatment of others.

HAIKU

home to the largest
equestrian statue?
think: Mongolia!

Teresa
E.
Gallion

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Nomadic Culture

They ride between the earth and sky
where eagles glide in peace
and the horses roam free.

Their yurts sing below the stars.
Firelight whispers their legacy
of resilience and endurance.

The Mongol heartbeat
has stood the test of time.
Survivors who trek in the earth realm.

Homage to a proud people
with reverence spoken
through the sacred flame of spirit.

Approaching Another Year

At the end of another year the night sky
whispers like a prayer of renewal.
Stillness of the breathable air receives
breath strokes on a fresh canvas.

The light stream flutters as stars
begin to throw light to earth.
Each starlet is a new beginning
to share in communion on the planet.

The eternal pulse of nature completes
her trek around the sun and finds herself
ready to begin anew the Spiritual lessons
that raise the consciousness of Soul.

There is something about the ending year
that makes the cosmos seem far and wide.
We make resolutions that take us into
the first taste of a new morning light.

Winter Rites

Winter closes her sparkling eyes,
lays down on a white blanket
and hums a love song to
the trees, grass, and flowers.

Ice cycles hang over waterfalls and rivers.
Crystal dreams hum below the ice
in lyrics that sooth the water's cold bliss.

The sky carries a frosty breath,
exhales a tender massaging mist.
The roots below soil snuggle
under a warm white blanket.

Everything takes a deep breath
and pauses to allow winter
to work its magic over time.
Spring waits with love and patience.

Ashok
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Steppe Without Sound

We still speak of Mongol thunder,
as if its hoofbeats changed nothing;
centuries drift past like steppe winds,
felt only in passing.

We walk with the calm of old riders
whose shadows once crossed continents;
no arrows fly, yet a single gaze
can tighten like a bowstring.
And at night, a soft, unclaimed sadness settles.

None of us pauses to measure
what was built.
Among ourselves now,
the talk leans toward weather, not conquest.

We still lift a cup or two,
unyielding to wine or time—
yet the chronicles fade,
and the old paths grow steeper,
history whispering
what greatness costs.

Threads of the Silk Road

Caravans drift along ancient routes,
spices and treasures binding distant lands.
Letters ride the wind from heart to heart,
maps sharpen as knowledge travels farther.

Messengers leap across deserts,
carrying the pulse of empires in their wake.
Borders bend where cultures meet,
bridges bloom where rivers dared divide.

Stars are charted, coins weighed,
love drifts softly beneath yurt roofs.
Even the fiercest warrior cannot escape

the quiet siege of longing and envy.

Cradle of an Empire

Genghis rides the wind-swept steppe,
hooves drumming thunder into the earth.

Mountains tremble, rivers bow,
as fire and steel carve a world from shadow.

Kublai turns his gaze to cities and stars,
palaces rising where once only dust lay.

The empire breathes in blood and ink,
from conquest's roar to the hush of law.

Time bends beneath their relentless weight,
a cradle of power, eternal and unbroken.

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis



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The Saga of Steppe

The Mongol's Ride

The steppe whispered wild and free,

Genghis rode with a vision vast,

To bind the future, unshackle the lifelong kinship,

Of Mongol hearts' gentle song,

The stories taught a lesson,

Empires bent, history moves

Arrows stretched across the conquered land,

Nomad's carried wisdom,

The temple sky embraced the shadows

Of lessons lived, and justice earned,

Their spirit rides, it shall not die.

Forging Minds

Knowledge flows refined,

With tempered fire,

Truth lifting reason's call,

The anvil rings shape the infinite thought,

In halls of inquiry,

Where scholars shape the future.

Ideas honed by the common sparks

A discipline, sharp and precise,

Thus, wisdom stands, enduring, true,

Forged in minds, seeds of wonder start to glow!

Meliorate

From silence we rise,
gathering the fragments of the broken,
mending with threads of dawn.
Compassion paints the world in softer colors,
a gentler hue against the harshness of time.
Every wound, a seed—
and from its ache,
hope unfurls,
rooting itself in unexpected places.
We lift each other,
we stand together,
trust returning like water to dry earth.
No night too endless,
no storm beyond passing—
we learn, we heal,
we meliorate.
A quiet anthem hums within us,
calling us to wholeness,
to the endless labor of love,
where hearts align
and remake the world.

Swapna
Behera

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fragrance of the Mongolian girl

crossing the battle flag
where is she going?
with banana pudding and cheese bread
she on the Mongolian horse
to speak the folk tales
symbolizing love, resilience and connection
dignity and nobility
the clans of Genghis khan
the snow leopards
holding the lunar calendar
her languid and sequestered ease
breaks the silence of the air
her words germinate
her love for her warriors
like violin voices the wind of the Gobi desert
she is brave,
her luminous hair weaves the sky
and why not
she is the UMAY the highest female deity
the protector of women and new born
the source of fertility and life
she is the saver of a civilisation

(Umay umai Ana is the powerful mother Goddess deity
who protects the
women and new born)

drink the mystic river

the mystic river
flows reverse
from sea to the mountain
it is like the hood of a mythological snake
that carries the water of my soul
I am alone wrapping a blue ocean
my past gives space to my present
I bow to my master
querulous I say
“Please allow me to cry and ooze my last tear
I confess my sins”
life is in death or death is in life?
we lost stories in the past
we lost cities
yet
the mystic river flows in my vein
I am immortal
because I am the mirror reflection of my Master
kill not
steal not
Nirvana is knocking at the door
if you listen; you can
the eternal mystic river is flowing within

do not anatomise

do not anatomise a year
blessings of a single moment
is the prescription
of the whole year
do not anatomise religion
logics are relative statements
of the documents of doctrines
do not anatomise the emptiness
the great dice will fall someday
zero is a hero in the number platter
do not anatomise a portrait
the wheel of our connivance
will stand as a pillar
a new dream winks and stands as bride
do not anatomise Nature
you will dig your own grave
just love her
do not anatomise hunger in seminars
rather give a bowl of rice
who bothers for statistics?
food for stomachs is the root

Albert
'Infinite'
Carrasco

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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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Mongolians

We are bordered by Russia and China in Central Asia,
Our population is about 3.4 million and our dialect is
Mongolian.

Buddhism and Shamanism are our practiced religions,
We are nomadic people, we ride horses without spurs and
live in tents called gers
as we travel grassland and rugged deserts wearing cotton or
fur.

Our values are hospitality, to respect for each other,
connection to nature and ancestry,
freedom, independence and strong ties to family and the
community.

We are strong, we are resilient, we are strategist ready to
brave any storm.

Archers let arrows go, equestrians rode for a better
tomorrow,
blood shed, tears dropped but we emerged out the fire as the
Mongol Empire.

Mongolians have major contributions to history in and out
of their area,

Their impact extended far past Mongolia, in fact, their
impact reshaped Eurasia.

From near and beyond Mongolians legacy will infinitely live
on like Genghis Khan.

Bosses

Infinite broke bread with a lot of bosses that been biddn since the 90's or that are dead, there's not too many walking the streets today that can claim that they were heads. There's right hand men and soldiers still out here, but the ones that put em on are gone. It's sad because although to do good, we had to do bad, I don't think that justifies us being locked up forever or that all drama had to end with murder. I overstand that when you are trying to eat in the streets they become a war zone, there was so much smoke it had to contribute to the pollution of our ozone, so many teams tried to reign supreme causing constant triple days of rain after white sheet crime scenes. I'll never be able to unsee wives and mothers behind yellow tape in those painful silent screams.

Rain, rain, go away

I screamed out rain rain go away... I couldn't complete the sentence because I didn't want it to come back another day. The rain I speak of isn't just water from the sky. Its the symbolism of 36 hour condensation after assassination mixed in with tears when loved ones cry, No, I wouldn't be okay with knowing when someone I love is going to die. Not knowing is equally brutal, today they're here tomorrow they're the reason for triple liquid pain and on the third day of the rain it's their burial, then preparation of Handball courts and bodega bricks getting painted murals. I definitely witnessed torrential downpours more than 40 days and 40 nights due to jealousy and drug wars. Instead of just mourning my brothers I figured I'll make an arch from all the metal and wood in the NYCHA big park like Noah to float on homicide going against the current of murder on a huge deceased river, it'll be called the "Ghetto life" preserver. Since I really don't have the knowledge of a shipwright, I'm trying to keep the future afloat with insight in places where it's dark in broad daylight with experiences that could set the stage for drama packed play-writes. I always wished that there were umbrellas for this type of rain, they would have to cover entire body's and had to be made of kevlar and other materials that could stop slugs of the highest grain, that's just me using my imagination again, I don't have that type of umbrella, but I do have a pen that manifest bullet proof memories embedded in my brain due to the life of heroin and cocaine.

Kimberly
Burnham

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Buriat-Mongolian Peace

In Buriat-Mongolian several words mean peace

"Энхэ тайбан" [Enkhe Tajban]

"Amisxa" is to breathe

as well as to rest, peace, to be

or become quiet, life, soul

To find this peace lay in the grass
as if you have all the time in the world
nearby a pony breathes in
the cool air of the Mongolian steppe
rising in small clouds from warm flanks
calmed by a peace older than language

Here peace is not silence

it is "Amin"

the soft work of breathing

"Amar" the way a pony stands
when nothing is required of it

"Amgalan"

the chest remembers

how to inhale life fully

See the land in your mind's eye

when you rise

nothing changes but a calm has come

the air brighter

birds more vibrant

as we learn a lesson

bring near a culture of "Amisxa"

Amyr, a Tuvin Peace

Peace is not loud
does not arrive waving flags
or separate peoples
it comes watching and listening
flowing a community of water
nourishing all who contemplate beside

Tea cooling in a cup
the long breath between words
the choice to listen
instead of hurry

Peace says
rest here
live from this place
and suddenly or gradually
without effort
the world see a friend in the other

In Tuvan a language of Mongolia
"амыр" [Amyr or Amīr] is peace
quiet, calm, rest
leisure; pleasure
good health, wellbeing
easy, not difficult
peacefully, and quietly

As if when we listen and quiet our mind
as if when we rest fully and engage in life
as if when we take pleasure in our relationships
enjoy and make good choices about our health
we have peace to share with the world

A Bitter Sweet Peace on Earth

It is Christmas at home
in the house I came to when I was born
just as I have come back today
to celebrate with family
lights and ornaments
bright red poinsettias
plants growing in the small greenhouse

An antique Saint Nicholas
acquired when we lived in Europe
stands watching all the traditions and changes
boxes of presents and a wreath
all familiar from my childhood

But the tree is not up yet
I converted to Judaism
and my father is dying
in a nursing home a mile from here
I see it all on the verge of tears
some changes are good

I have a wonderful wife and family
and am lucky at 68
to still have my parents
and be able to look forward
to happiness and peace in the new year

Eliza Segiet

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Might

They lived forever on the march.

Wounding and slaughtering foes

– their empire swelling.

Vast, blood-drenched

stretches of earth turned to trophies.

Their greed never eased.

They ignored the death

carpeting the ground,

they would kill in order

– to claim,

– to magnify their might.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

The Pregnant World

Our perfect,
still fertile, world
in order to last needs
a man
who knows that
the greenness of meadows is more beautiful
than the greenness of dollars.

The Air, Earth, Water
are not just names,
they are the heritage that
is to remain undestroyed,
preserved for posterity.

Shrouded in thick air,
winding roads should lead to
realizing the most important thing
– the tyrannized planet
will not maintain life.
The essence of survival
is not in words.
In dormant minds
– as long as it still smothers –
the fire of existence
must be rekindled.

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

Caress of the Soul

Unstoppable power –
beauty and strength
falling down with impetus
to stop and delight
those of us
for whom this great water
is a miracle of Nature.
We experience it with all our body
while crossing the footbridge
over the *Devil's Throat*.
It's the moment of the birth of memories
which will live in us
and remind us about that magic
lit up by a rainbow over Iguazu.
We will be left only, or maybe as much as, with
– this extraordinary experience –
the lightness which caresses the soul.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

Khalice
Jade

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The Offering of Hearts

Beneath a sky torn wide by human pain,
A child extends his hand, bereft of grace;
I hear afar the innocent's embrace,
Lost echoes wandering through storm and bane.

Rivers of blood lie heavy on the plain,
Yet one soft gaze endures the darkened space.
A broken loaf, laid down in shadowed place,
Revives pale dawn with fragile, trembling flame.

There, in the frozen exile of despair,
A hand dares rise, a star without a name;
To give is hush the grief no tongue can bear.

And I, among these hearts that beat the same,
Bind fate with faith, austere and just and fair:
One sovereign vow, to love, and never claim.

The Forgotten Shadows

Within a sigh's faint echo lives a child alone,
Wandering through lights of a world without recall;
His eyes, scorched wells, hold nightmares carved in all,
The trace of a farewell etched deep in stone.

The cries of innocence, from sacred thresholds thrown,
Fade into silence hard as fortress wall;
The pavement's shadows, speechless, dark, and small,
Keep history sealed where cold stones moan.

Beneath a porch of ash, a fate is sold,
Bartered for moments, betrayed by ruthless law,
Shattered by humankind, not myth retold.

Yet still the child, frail flame against despair's claw,
Lifts up his eyes toward dawn yet uncontrolled,
And dreams of mercy wider than the fall.

At The Source of the Word

Before our cities raised their guarding walls,
Two rivers sang the dawn of human thought;
In living clay, a hand in motion caught
The first-born words that time could not enthral.

There measure rose, and law took form and calls;
Time gained a face, and shadow learned its name.
By naming worlds, mankind embraced its flame
And marked its passage on the fertile plains.

Beneath the sacred clay our origins lie,
Prayers, oaths, accounts, clear offerings of mind,
Where still the pulse of childlike souls runs high.

O Mesopotamia, cradle of mankind,
Through you the human breath learned how to fly,
And speech was born, as memory unconfined

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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Ghengis

I am the progenitor,
I am the one who
Comes to mind
When you mention
Those notable words
Mongol . . . Mongolian

We came together
And swept across the plains
Steppe by Steppe . . .
Conquering,
Assimilating
And teaching a way of life

Our empire was vast,
But like all empires,
They do not last,
Save the legacy
Of its fallacy

We are the Mongolian Civilization
And to this day
We still exist

The Obscure Light

Searching,
Seeking,
Peeking
Behind curtains
Certain that
Soon come a clue,
Where has that light,
That certain light,
That certifiable light ... hidden

That forbidden light
Where true consciousness resides,
Hides,
To avoid over-exploitation
By us simple ones
Who know not the rules
Nor how to master the use
Of the tools
Of en-light-ten-meant ...

Yes I meant to do that

I love to play
With the other children,
Don't you?

Let us skew our perspectives a bit
And take a re-look
At our norms
Before another soul-storm arrives
And shakes our core

I never knew the reason,
Nor what for,
Which only further confirms

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The confluent density of my being-ness

.....

Oh what a mess

I, we, you and I again

Have become

Oh, that curtain i mentioned earlier,

The one i was attempting

To peek behind,.....

Well that is naught but a metaphor

That epitomizes my frustration

That comes about

When I indulge myself

With excessive

And sometimes fruitless

Looking within ... my 'self'

Yes, it is extremely difficult

To interpret the emptiness

That surrounds and envelopes

The dynamics of thought

When it is confronted by stillness

And ultimately.... silence.

Chaos

The madness that evolves

Within the chambers of sanity

Is quite the Conundrum

For we untrained ones,

We undisciplined ones,

But, trust me,

You will get used to it

Sooner or later,

If you keep taking

The Road less traveled

Where there exists

No mainstream dreams

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For we masses of asses
That desire a piper
To lead us
Beyond our feared perils and doubts
Of the unknown

But truthfully
I instinctively feel
That I have been this way before you?

Strange are the footprints
We leave in the Garden, huh?

Is it all a maze, a construct of
Purpose and intent?

The Obscure Light

They would rather hoard it,
Than liberate it.

30 pieces of Silver

Every Christian should
Thank Judas
For fulfilling the prophecy
That led to the resurrection
Of your salvation

With God,
All things possess
A divine purpose,
And Iscariot
Is not,
Could not,
Can not
Exist outside
Of God's will !

These days,
History repeats its self
As the prophecy
Has been foretold,
Though inflation
Has made it's mark
And the payoff
Is much more
Than . . .
30 pieces of Silver,
But the outcome
Is just the same . . .

With God,
All things possess
A divine purpose,

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Featured Poets

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Aklima Ankhi a poet, story teller and a translator, was born on 1 December, 1987 in Mymensingh, Bangladesh. Currently, she is living in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. She is a post Graduate in English literature. She is a Lecturer in English. Her poems published in the national and international newspapers, magazines as well as many global anthologies. Her poems have been translated into different languages around the world. She has published a book named "Guptokother Shobdochabi" in Bangla language. She received many certificates and honours from different literary organizations for her outstanding literary works.

Palestine : Crying of a Chital Deer

Flood-Sediment of river water of century
The sacred story forage in sonorous folk forest
Growing emblazoned impression of chital Deer
Illusion of hunter is drunk by smell of musk
The subtle tricks of business diplomacy
Baneful arrow of vasty charms
Brusque conceit, mythical hesitancy
Fire of opulence esurien as creepy plant
Dissected flesh, clotted blood
Wailing smell of burnt kebab is in the air
Restock the horrific slaughter house!
Sky-kissing wining desire of handsome wit
Repression blow out the lamp of wreckage
The play ground finds out astute whistle of skilled Referee.

The Quilt of Clay

Dedicated to my parents

Believe me, Earth
I have come here only to love you.
Sit down on the cooling mate of confidence.
I fan you slowly for calm down.

Broken nose by the kick has the power of moving air.
Great soul beat is in the ribs.
Piercing thorn on legs can walk shedding blood.
Although eyes acts blindly has a little eyesight.
There is no distaste in outspoken tongue.

Earth, how much reassurance of competency
you need to love you!
Believe me earth, I have come here to love you only.
Illiterate wood craftsman who is irresistible lover from
whom has taken the first lesson of love.
His beloved has taken knit stitch artistic flower of love with
her generous skillful hands.

Earth, believe me or not
In my life lessons, have learned to love you.

Virgin Mother Mary

Mother Mary a blessed lady ordained God.
Be worth with truthfulness hard working and best manners.
A great hearted warden of holy Baitul Muqaddas.
Virgin Mary built her own entity with devotion.

An earnestly committed soul in God's love.
A trustworthy messenger of God's interest and satisfaction.
Was a virgin pregnant by holy spirit.
Surpassingly honoured and fortunate by God.
Mary went torn apart with the public insult and disrepute.
Wanted to die and to vanish herself being labour pain.
Only Canal of water and ripe date were consolation gift.
Virgin Mary brought to this world a devine soul.

Michael
Lee
Johnson

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Michael Lee Johnson is a poet of high acclaim, with his work published in 46 countries or republics. He is also a song lyricist with several published poetry books. His talent has been recognized with 7 Pushcart Prize nominations and 7 Best of the Net nominations. He has over 653 published poems. His 336-plus YouTube poetry videos are a testament to his skill and dedication.

He is a proud member of the Illinois State Poetry Society, <http://www.illinoispoets.org/>, and the Academy of American Poets, <https://poets.org/>. His poems have been translated into several foreign languages. Awards/Contests: International Award of Excellence "Citta' Del Galateo-Antonio De Ferrariis" XI Edition 2024 Milan, Italy-Poetry. Poem, Michael Lee Johnson, *"If I Were Young Again."*

Remember to consider Michael Lee Johnson for Best of the Net or Pushcart nomination!

Turnips in Southern Tennessee Still

In Tennessee, the shadows of the southern
wooden structures stalled off the narrow
highway and came to an abrupt end.

Lost in the deep eyes of forest green,
closing in on night.

From the top of a Yellow Poplar
tree scares me looking down
at the hillbilly stills. Moonshine
and moonlight illuminate the fire stills.

Moonshine murders of the past,
dead bodies hidden behind blue walls.

Mobs lie in Chicago, bullet marks
on the right side lie dormant through plaster.

This confirms my belief that Jesus
only works part-time.

Let me look at this mirage
picture photo album.

One more time—
find the turnips in the still.

Steel Bars a Single Sheet

I'm Steely Dan Seymour Butts,
South America, trust me on that.
I can't pull up my sheet inside
these steel bars anymore. 25 to life.
No man is God in the cold or the clouds.
Isolated poets grab words anywhere
they can find them in newspaper clippings,
ripped-out Bible verses are a sin.
No one pities people like me in prison.
Spiders hang from my cell ceiling—
dance the jitterbug, "In the Mood."
Jigger bug fleas on my unpainted
cement floors.
My butt is toilet paper brown, flush.
Toxic thoughts grind on my aging
face, body, and declining health.
In this dream, I reach
for a hacksaw that is not there.
End this night & so many more
suffer in just a snore.

Breadcrumbs for Starving Birds

Smiling across the ravine,
snow-cloaked footbridge.

Prickly ropes slick with ice,
snow-clad boards, pepper sprinkled
with raccoon tracks, virgin markers,
a fresh first trail.

Across and safe,
I toss yellow breadcrumbs
onto white snow for starving birds.

Priyatosh Das

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Poet Priyatosh Das stands as a towering figure in contemporary literature, his oeuvre a testament to his boundless creativity and intellectual prowess. This erudite poet, thinker, Story Writer and philanthropist hailing from Indian state of Assam has garnered international acclaim for his profound contributions to the world of letters. His bilingual proficiency has enabled him to traverse linguistic and cultural boundaries, resonating with diverse audiences worldwide. He has been honoured with numerous accolades including the prestigious' BHARAT SHREE NATIONAL AWARD-2024 and DOCTOR OF LITERATURE (Honoris causa)by the Latin American Academy of Modern Literature, Mexico. ASIA TALENT AWARD-2024, WORLD TALENT AWARD-2025, NAZI NAMAAN LITERARY AWARD-2020 (LEBANON), SWAMI VIVEKANANDA INTERNATIONAL LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (KOLKATA) ETC.

In The Dreamland Of Green Vale

In twilight hush where shadows softly glide,
'Neath boughs of green plants that bow, silent streams abide.

The zephyrs sing a lullaby, their murmurs low and sweet,
To rouse the soul from worldly miseries and woe,
Where dream and daylight meet.

O verdant vale, with emerald sheen, your beauty does abide,
Where time's unyielding fetters fall, and hearts in peace
reside.

The hills, with velvet mantles clad, in morning's glow
repose,
Where sunlight weaves its golden threads through mists that
gently close.

The brook, with silver laughter, dances o'er the polished
stone,
Its ripples chant a melody in soft, unceasing tone.

In Green Vale's arms, the soul soars, unburdened by despair,
And visions bloom where mortal feet scarce venture to
repair.

The elms, with gnarled fingers, reach to touch the sapphire
sky,
Their whispers tell of stories of days long gone by.
Each leaf, a scroll of secrets, holds the lore of ages past,
Its murmurs breathe of mysteries that mortal minds outlast.

In this enchanted demesne, where starlight weaves its gleam,
The soul beholds its mirrored truth within a waking dream.
The lark, with vesper carols, soars to greet the fading light,
Its trill a hymn to twilight's reign, that guards the gentle
night.

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The wind, with plaintive cadence, sighs through willows by the stream,
Its voice a tender elegy that lulls the heart to dream.
O Green Vale, your art sanctuary, where weary souls may roam,
And find within your hallowed glades a haven and a home.
No chart may map this sacred ground, no compass mark its bound,
For Green Vale lies where mortal thought and boundless spirit sound.

The pilgrim, worn by worldly strife, its clangor and its din,
May find within these sylvan shades redemption from within.

Each blade of grass, each dew-kissed fern, a testament to grace,
Invites the heart to linger long in this eternal place.

The moon ascends, a silver orb, to light the dreamer's way,
Its beams a bridge from earth to heaven, where fleeting fancies stray.

The stars, with quiet radiance, in silent chorus sing,
Their glow a psalm of cosmic peace that bids the soul take wing.

In Green Vale's hush, the heart perceives what reason cannot know,
The boundless fount of mystery where sacred rivers flow.
O fickle heart, that wanders far from Green Vale's tender call,
Why seek the fleeting joys of earth that crumble and appall?
The city's roar, the market's cry, the toils that chain the free,
Are but a shadow's mockery of this eternity.
Return, O soul, to Green Vale's breast, where dreams and truth entwine,

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And sip the nectar of repose from nature's chalice fine.

The meadows, strewn with blossoms bright, in colors bold and fair,

Weave a tapestry of light beneath the summer's glare.

The violet, with its velvet hue, the daisy's starry crown,
Proclaim the vale's unyielding grace where sorrow's cares are drowned.

Each petal sings of hope renewed, each bud of joy to come,
In Green Vale's dream, the heart is free, no longer deaf or dumb.

The oaks, with mighty branches spread, stand sentinel and wise,

Their roots entwined with secrets deep beneath the verdant skies.

They whisper tales of heroes bold, of lovers' tender vows,
Of fleeting joys and fleeting griefs that time no more allows.

In their embrace, the wanderer finds a solace pure and true,
A refuge from the fleeting world, where dreams are born anew.

The twilight deepens, soft and slow, with hues of amethyst,
And Green Vale glows in quietude, by evening's mantle kissed.

The fireflies dance, with golden sparks, in patterns swift and free,

Their glow a fleeting symphony of light's eternity.

O vale of dreams, your beauty holds the heart in gentle thrall,
And bids it linger evermore within your sacred hall.

The river, winding through the glade, with murmurs soft and low,

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Carves its path through mossy banks where silver waters flow.

Its current speaks of journeys far, of seas that lie unseen, Of realms where mortal footsteps fade, yet dreams remain serene.

In Green Vale's stream, the soul may glimpse its own eternal face,

Reflected in the mirror of this pure, untainted place.

The nightingales, with dulcet tones, in shadowed bowers sing,

Their melodies a tender thread that binds the heart to spring. Each note ascends, a silken thread, to weave the night's design,

And draw the soul to loftier heights where mortal hopes align.

O Green Vale, your art music's home, where harmony is found,

Thy songs the balm that heals the heart on this enchanted ground.

The hillsides, clad in heather's bloom, with purple glory shine,

Their fragrance fills the dreaming air, like incense at a shrine.

The bees, with gentle humming, weave their dance from bloom to bloom,

Their labor sweet, a hymn to life within this verdant womb. In Green Vale's fields, the soul is freed from chains of mortal care,

And finds its joy in simple things that linger ever there.

The dawn, with rosy fingers, parts the veil of velvet night,

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And Green Vale wakes in golden glow, suffused with radiant light.

The thrush, with joyous anthem, greets the sun's returning flame,

Its song a call to wandering hearts to join in nature's game.

Yet even as the daylight breaks, the vale retains its spell,
A dream that lingers in the soul where sacred memories dwell.

The wanderer, who treads this path, may pause to hear the call,

Of Green Vale's voice, that whispers soft through glen and waterfall.

Its echoes speak of timeless truths, of love that knows no end,

Of beauty that transcends the world, where broken hearts may mend.

O gentle vale, your cradle green, where mortal hopes abide,
Thy dreamland calls the errant soul to linger at thy side.

The seasons turn, yet Green Vale stands, unyielding to their sway,

Its beauty cloaked in autumn's gold or winter's frosted gray.
In spring, its fields with blossoms burst, in summer, verdant green,

Yet ever does its spirit sing of wonders yet unseen.

No tempest dims its radiant heart, no frost its warmth can quell,

For Green Vale is the soul's own home, where dreams forever dwell.

The children of the vale, unseen, with laughter light and gay,
Dance beneath the starlit sky where moonbeams softly play.
Their voices, like the chime of bells, resound through glade and glen,

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And call the heart to join their mirth, far from the world of men.

In Green Vale's dream, the child within may wake to laugh and roam,
And find the joy that once was lost within its verdant home.

The ancient stones, with moss o'ergrown, stand silent in the glade,
Each carved with runes of mysteries by time's own hand arrayed.
They speak of pilgrims long since gone, who sought this sacred ground,
And found within its tender arms the peace that they had found.

O Green Vale, your art memory's keep, where past and present blend,
A sanctuary for the soul, where broken hearts may mend.
The wind, with sighs of tenderness, weaves through every tree,
Its breath a song of ancient love, of boundless liberty.

The willows bend, with graceful limbs, to kiss the silver stream,
Their shadows dance in harmony within the vale's soft dream.
In this sweet haven, time dissolves, a transient, fragile jest,
And all that was, or e'er shall be, in stillness finds its rest.

Yet lo, the world beyond the vale, with clamour and with strife,
Does call the wanderer back to bear the burdens of his life.
But Green Vale's echo lingers still, a whisper in the heart,

A spark of light that guides the soul when mortal hopes depart.

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Though flesh may tread the common earth, and cares the
spirit bind,
In Green Vale's dream, the heart shall roam, forever
unconfined.

Rajashree
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Her passions include poetry, painting, and journalism, which reflect her creative and socially conscious personality.

Induced Strides

Oh, alas! I wish I could ever sing my own song,
Rather than listening to echoed voices in the social vale all
along.
I'm confused as to who tunes my inner voice,
And helps me find my heartfelt choice.

A question perturbs me: Does the wind in my sphere
whisper low,
Or does it's silence restricts it to blow ?
It might be beyond surprise
If my melody is traced in pain,
Or the melancholy solidarity that cunningly sustains.

Yet, someone exists
Who modulates my voice, through every word of the line,
And helps me sing in harmony divine.
He, no doubt, instigates
A rhythm to establish its own beat,
And leads my steps to synchronize my mind and feet.

I wish the rhythm would continue
And pull me out of the chains in the vicinity,
Set me free,
With brilliant echoes of friendship and fraternity.
I also wish
The beats would make my heart thrive,
Induce rapid strides,
And craft the melody where I would love to reside.

The Darkness

The darkness
Whispers the secrets of a new dawn,
Where every moment apart
Represents a testament to love that's grown.

The silence overflows her womb, filled with hope
That with every touch, love is destined to bloom.
The fragrance of love spreads
Like a pandemic, hard to go unnoticed,
Even in hypnotic moments.

The moon of solitude
Awaits eagerly, looking forward
To every compassion, for the successive morning
Always raises hope for reunion.

A mind that loves to carve you in its canvas
Nevertheless now shivers
With apprehension of your magical disappearance
And plunges into an ocean of thoughts,
Wondering how the cool, silvery light
Would burn the skin, to remove your touch?

Simmering Memories

Memories of the past
Circumvent me with a centripetal attraction,
With you at the center.

And you linger, your loitering
With a bittersweet refrain and simmer.
I try to look through the celestial map,
Across the twilight plain.

A gentle caress that time won't allow you to abstain,
The tender touch that sets my soul at peace
Is yet unnoticed even after a search.
Your absence is a melancholic poetry,
In which the night air vibrates with love in a symphony.

The stars above, twinkling in a reflecting sea,
That glide and guide me to you, wherever you may be.

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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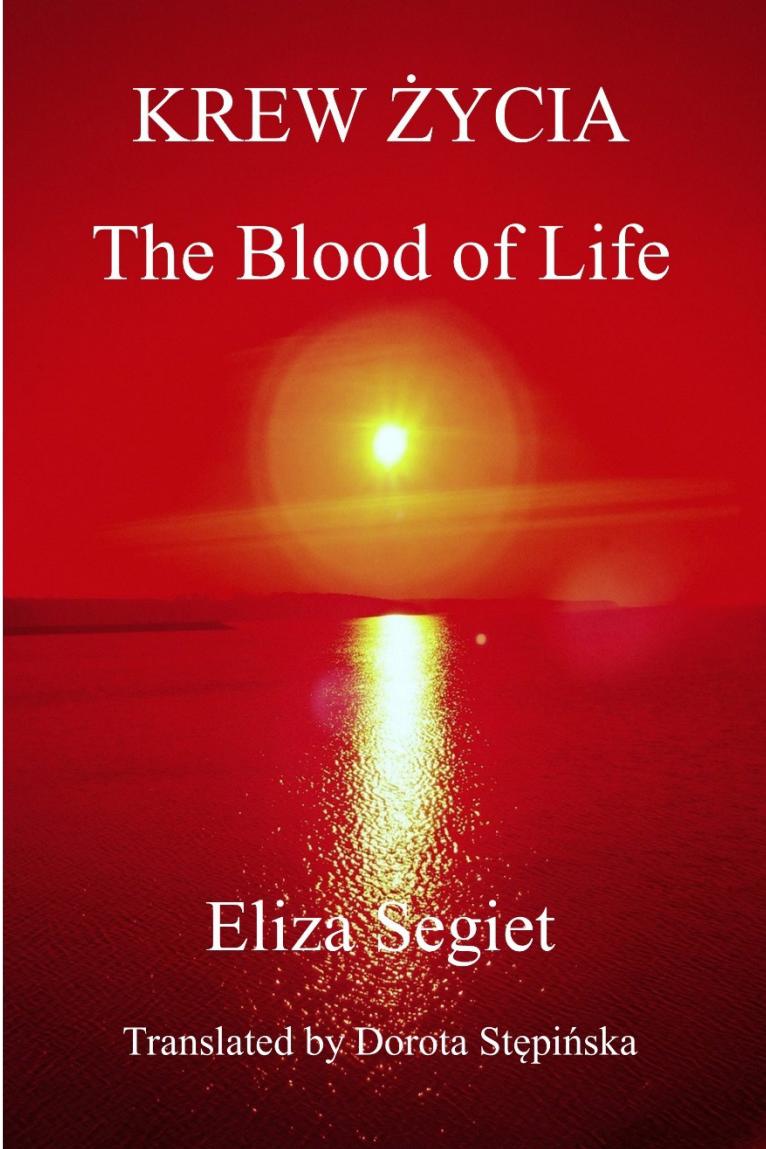
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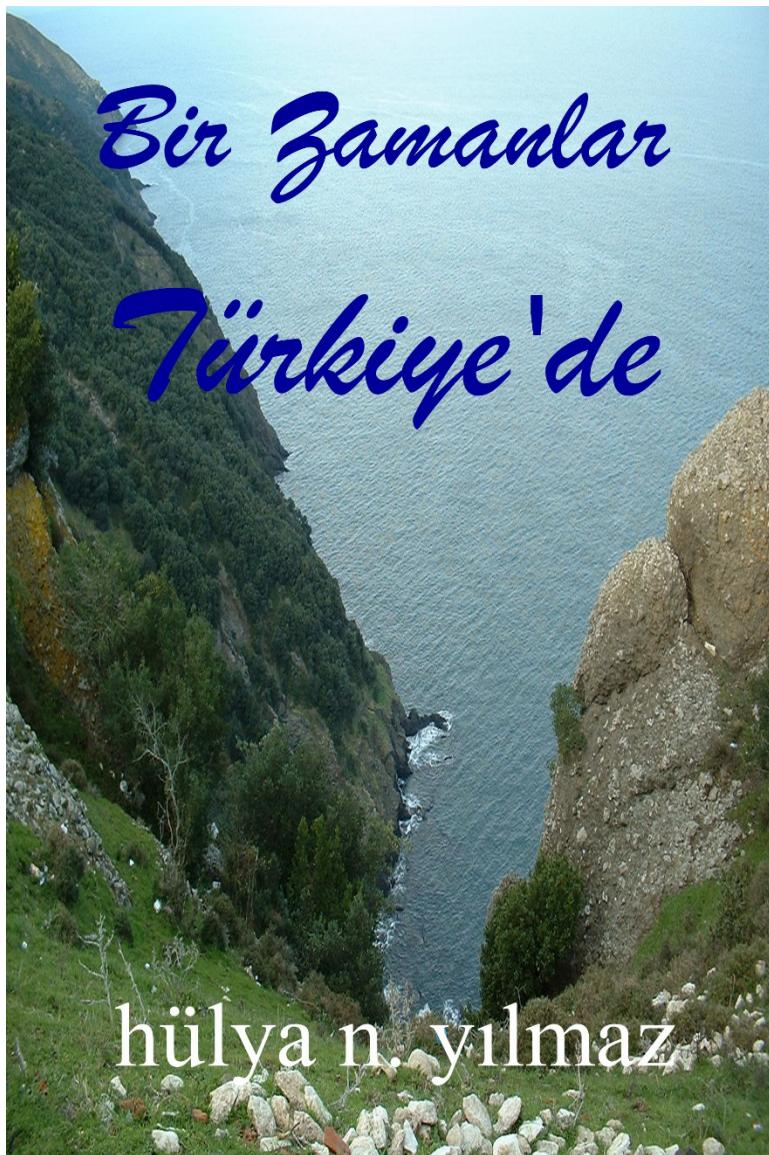


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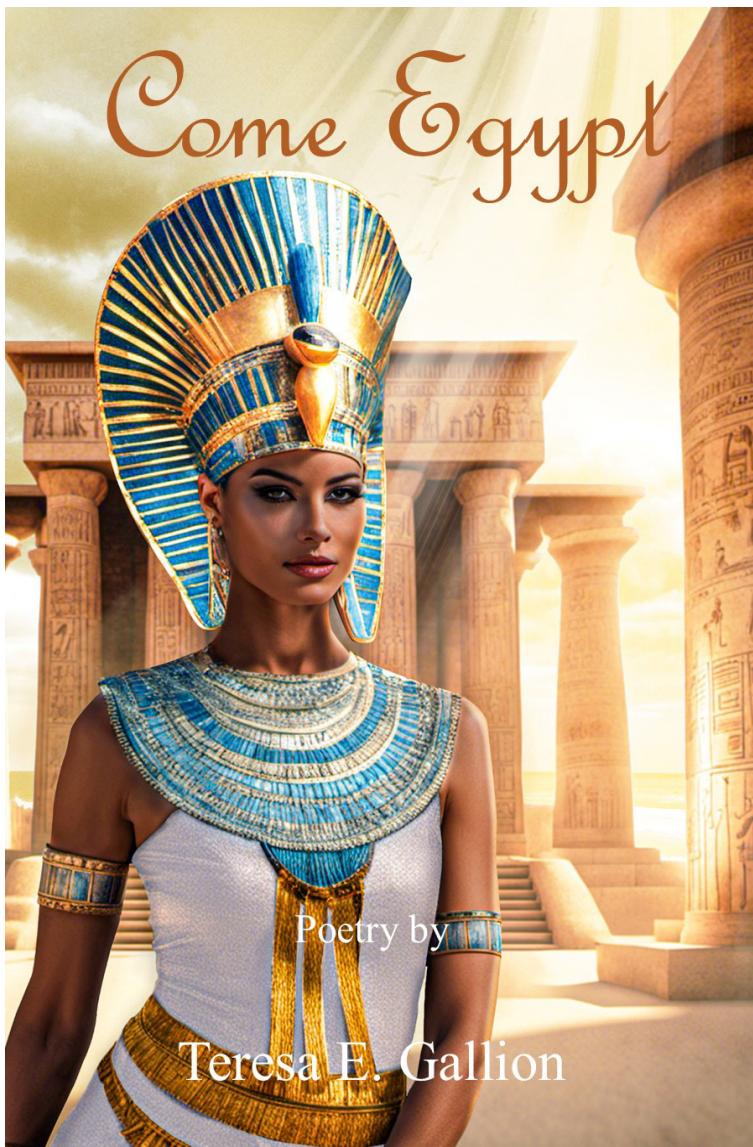
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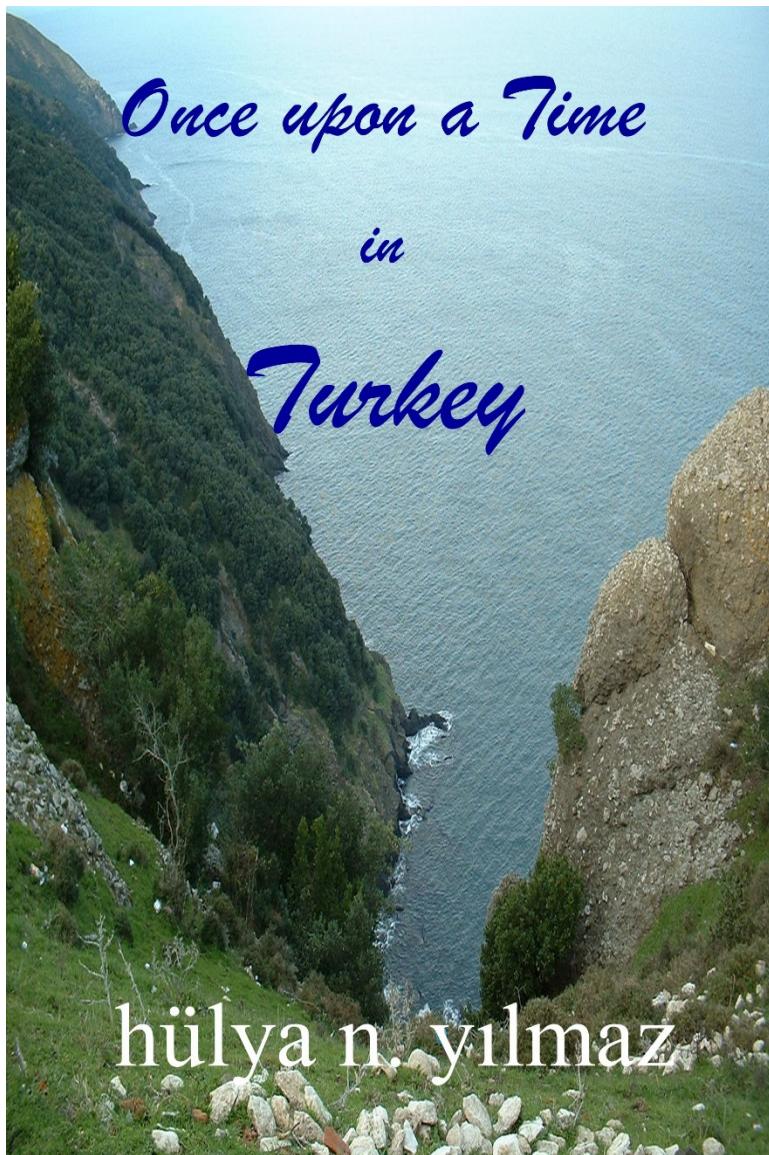
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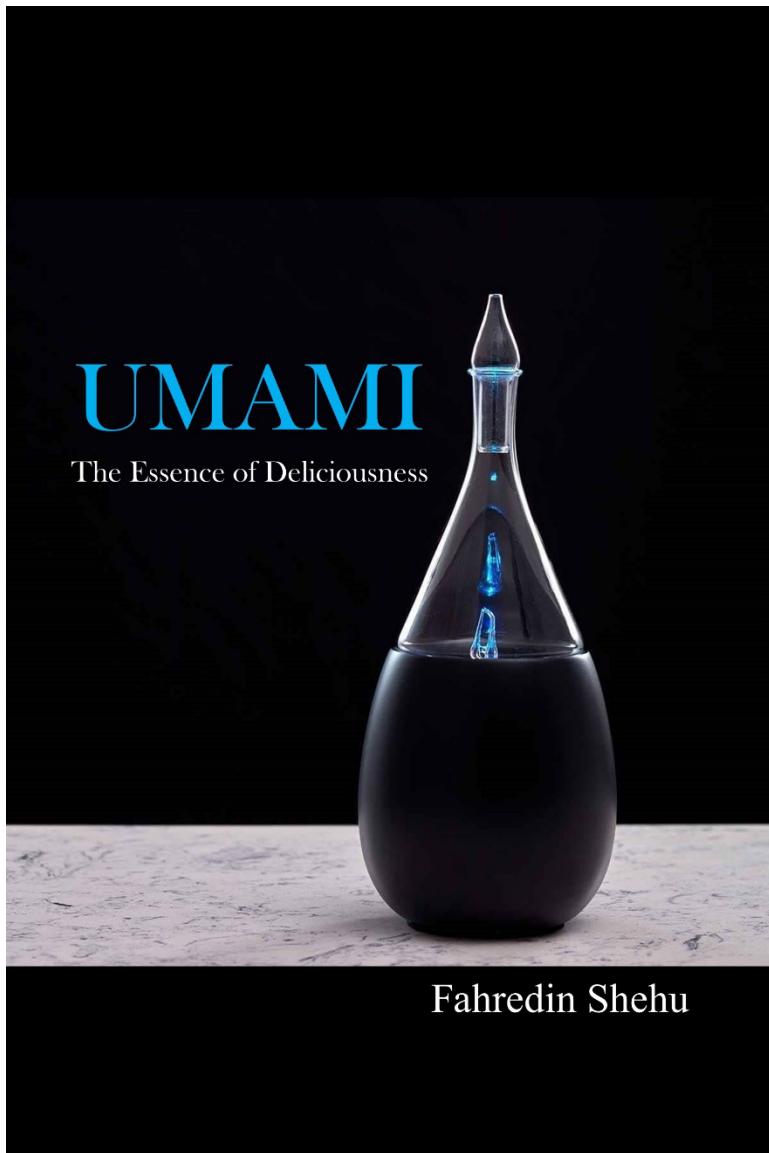
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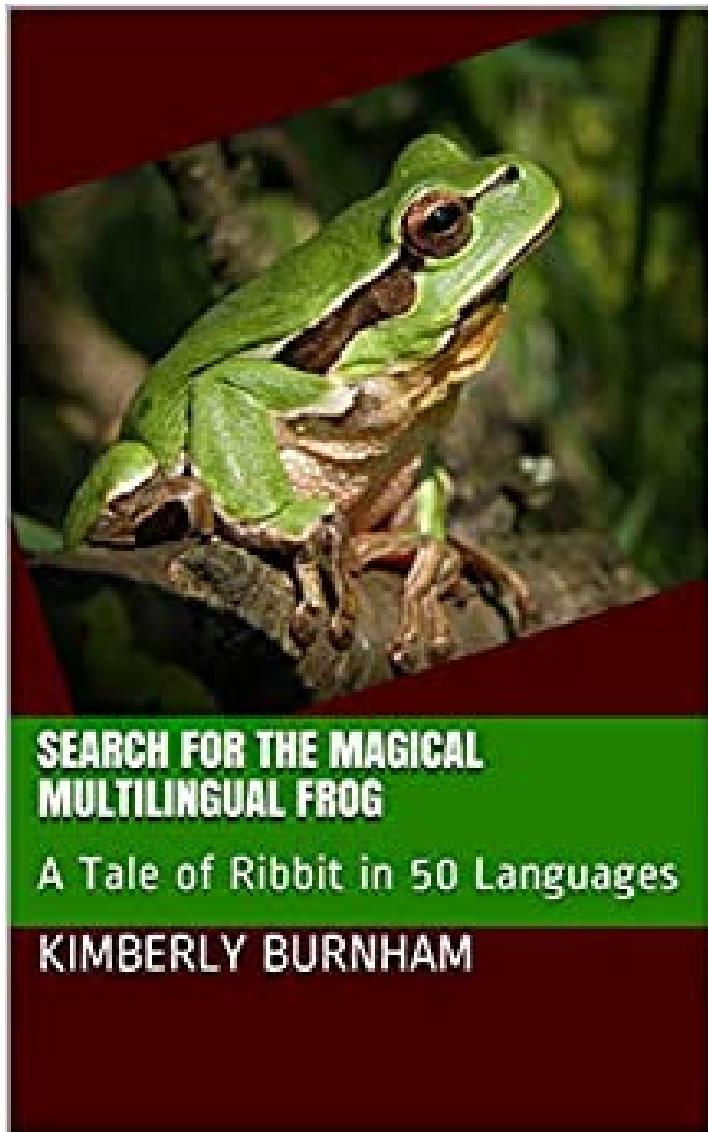
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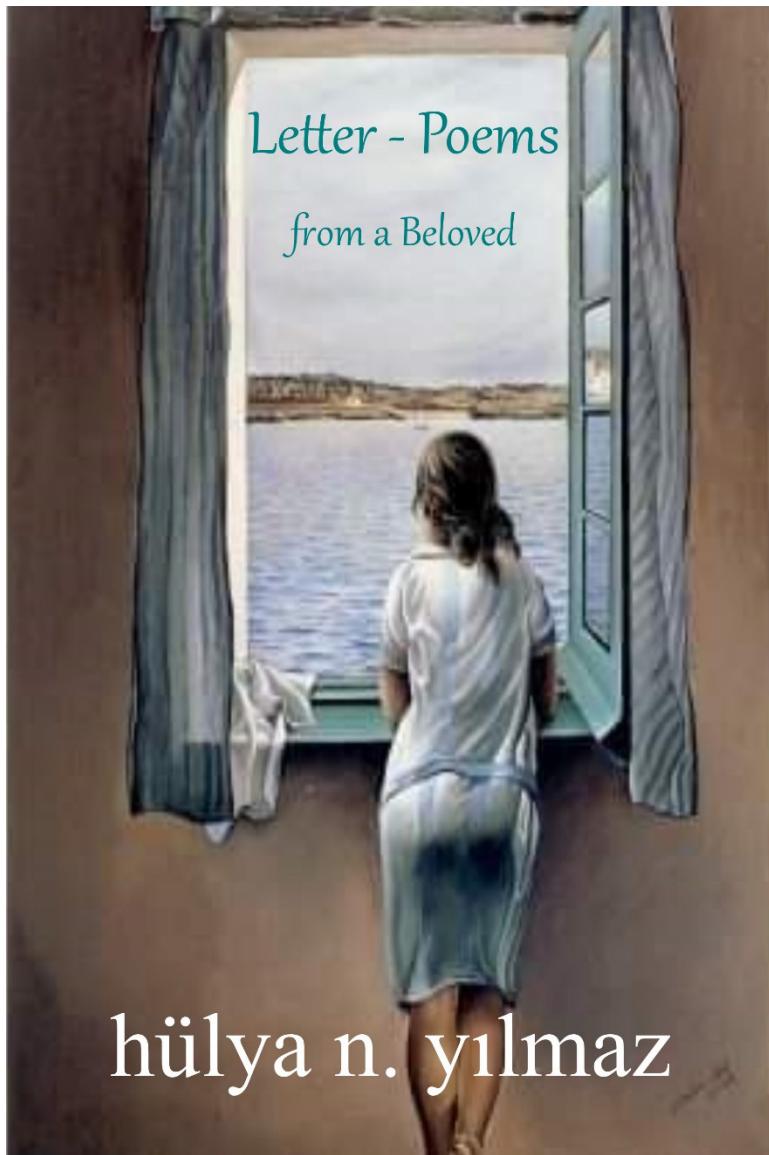


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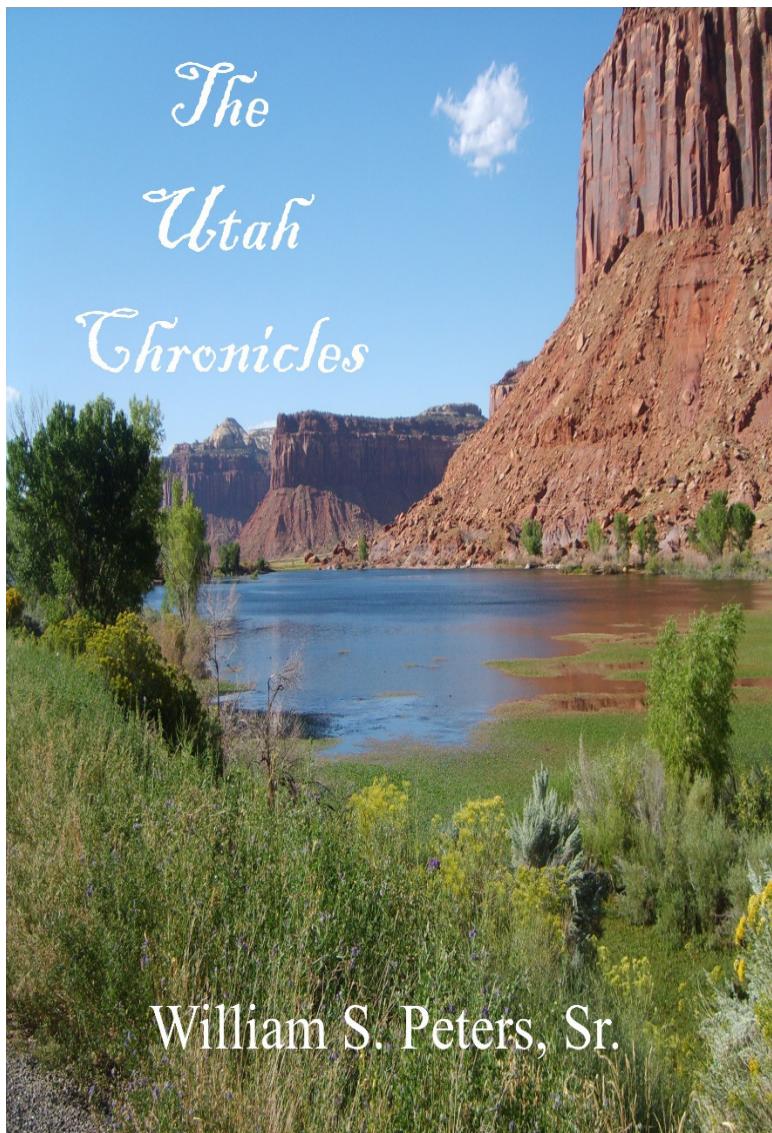
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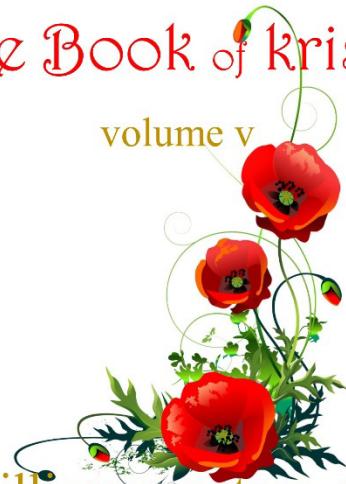
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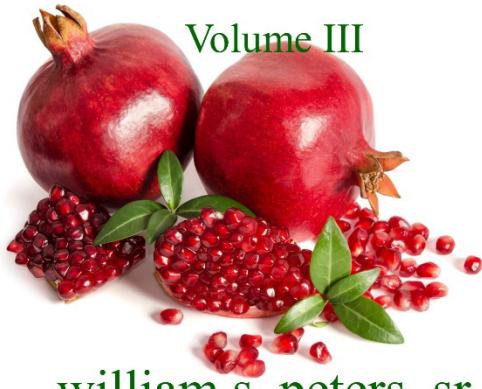
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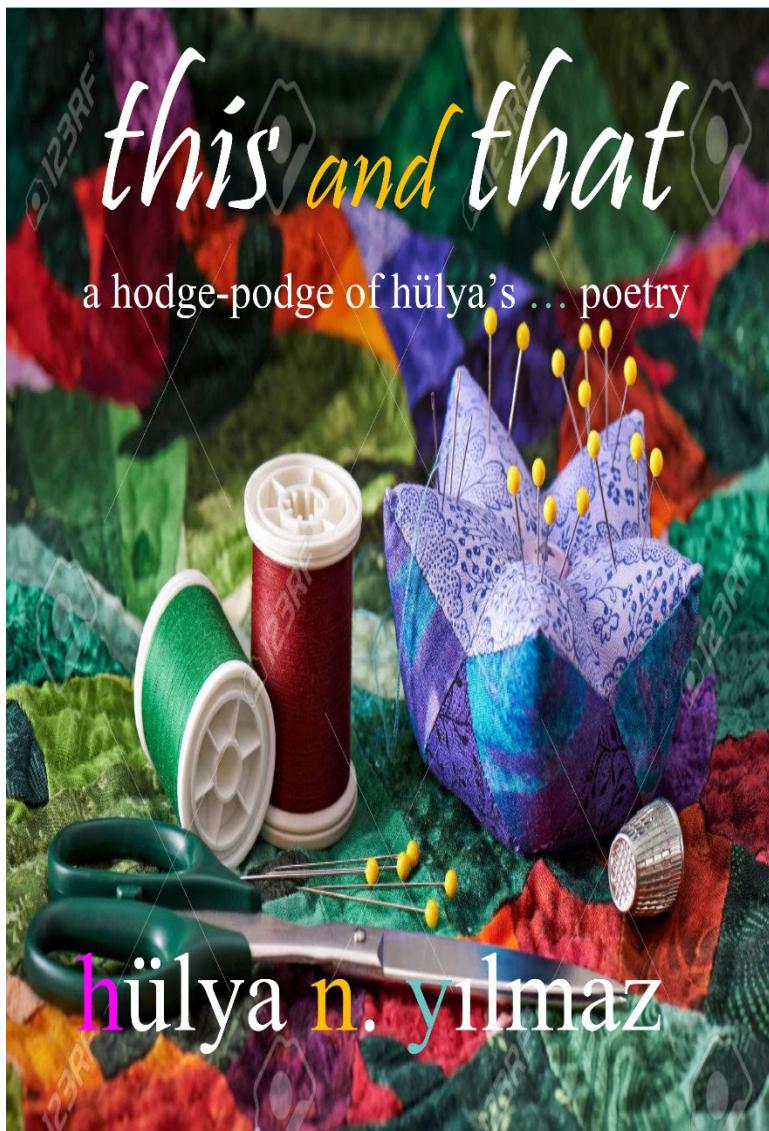
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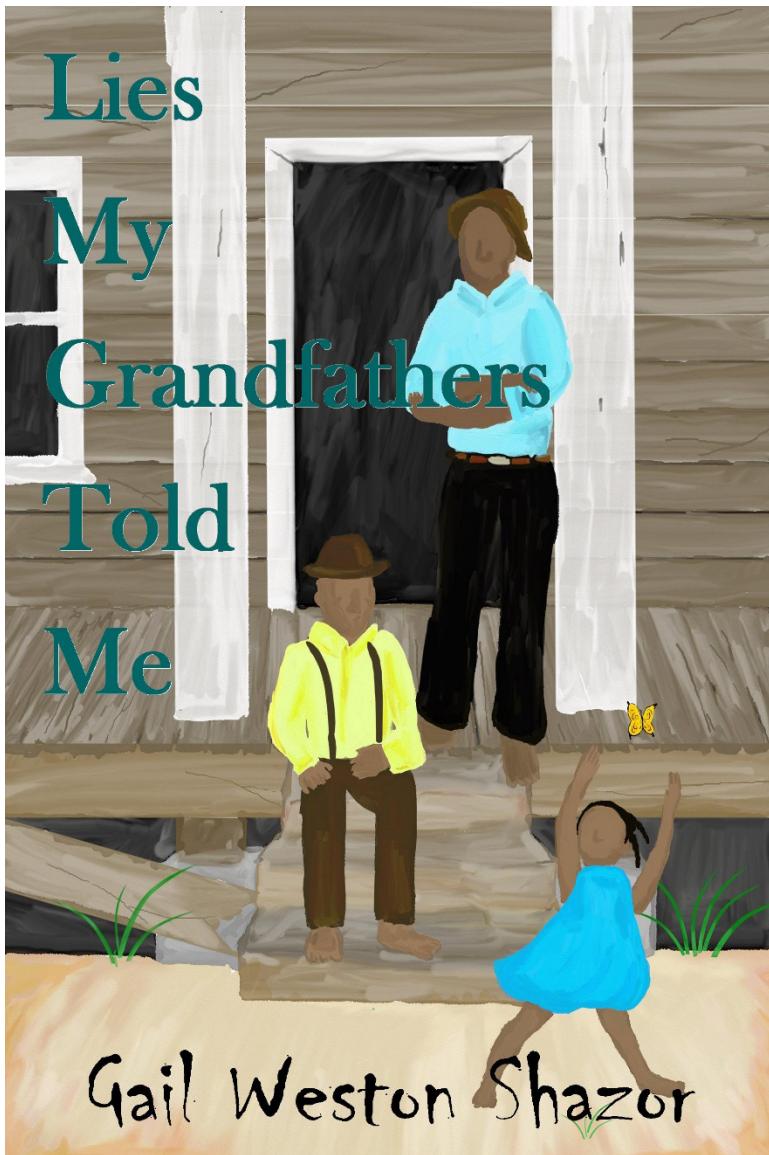


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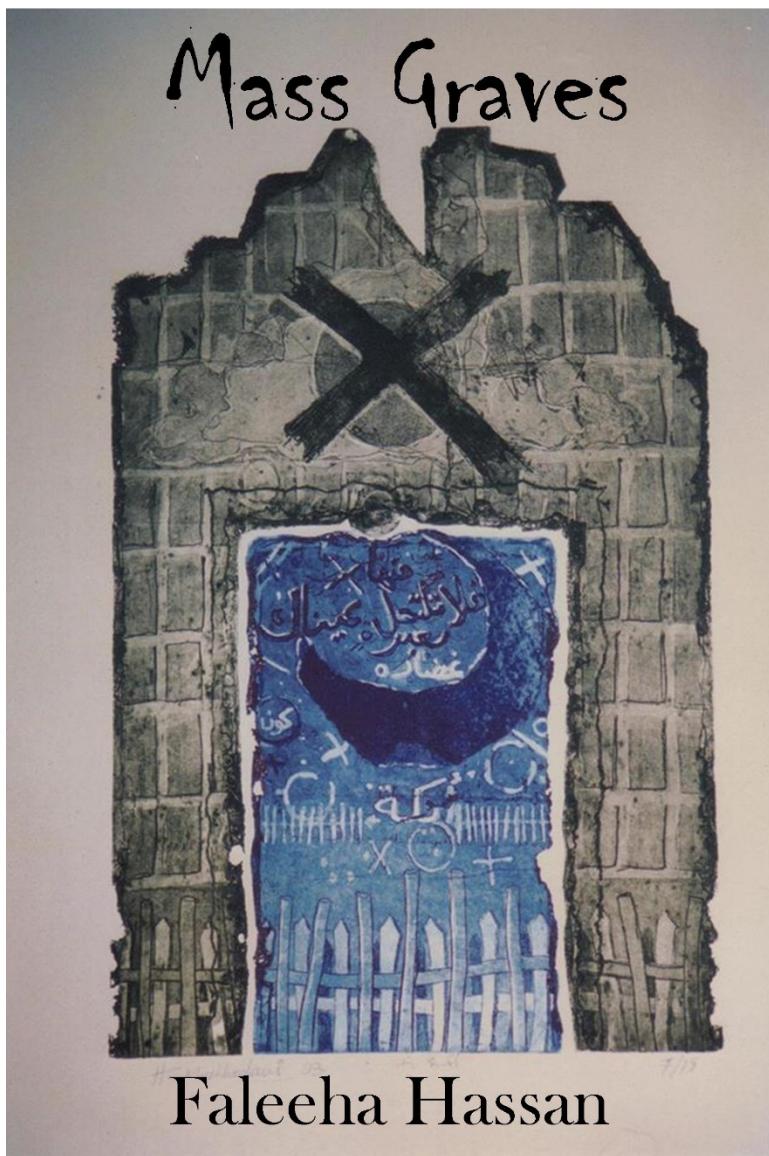


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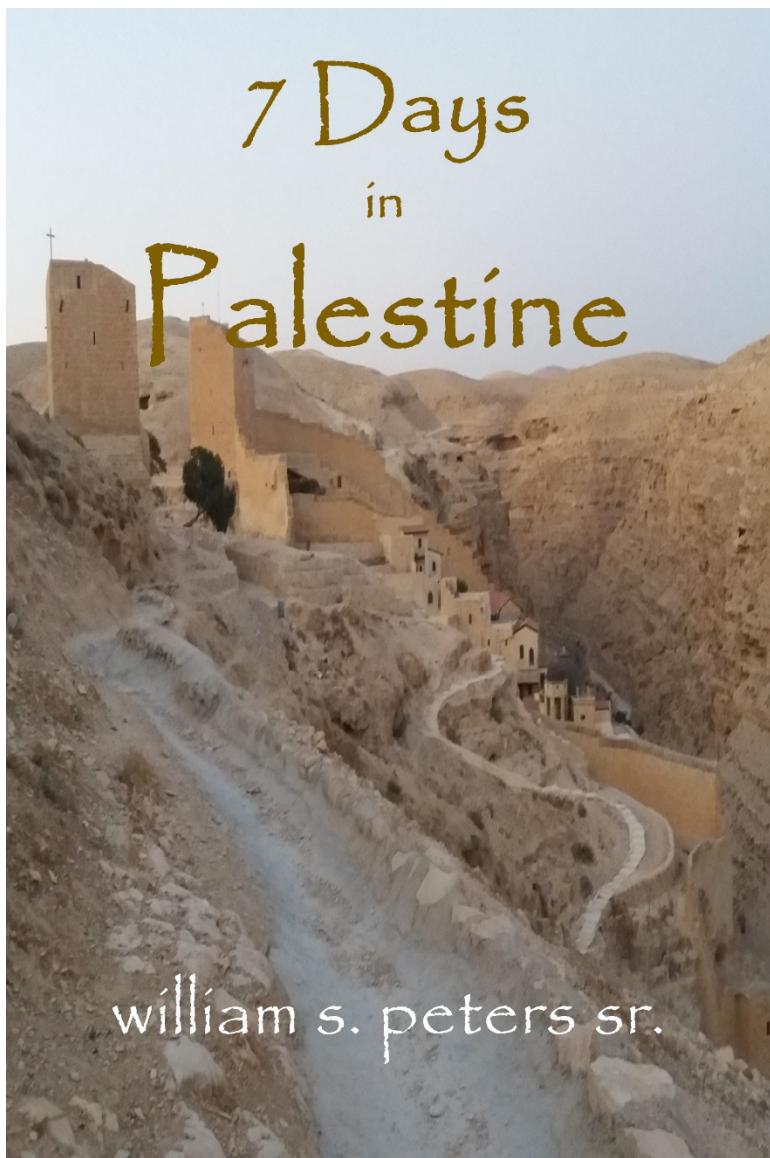
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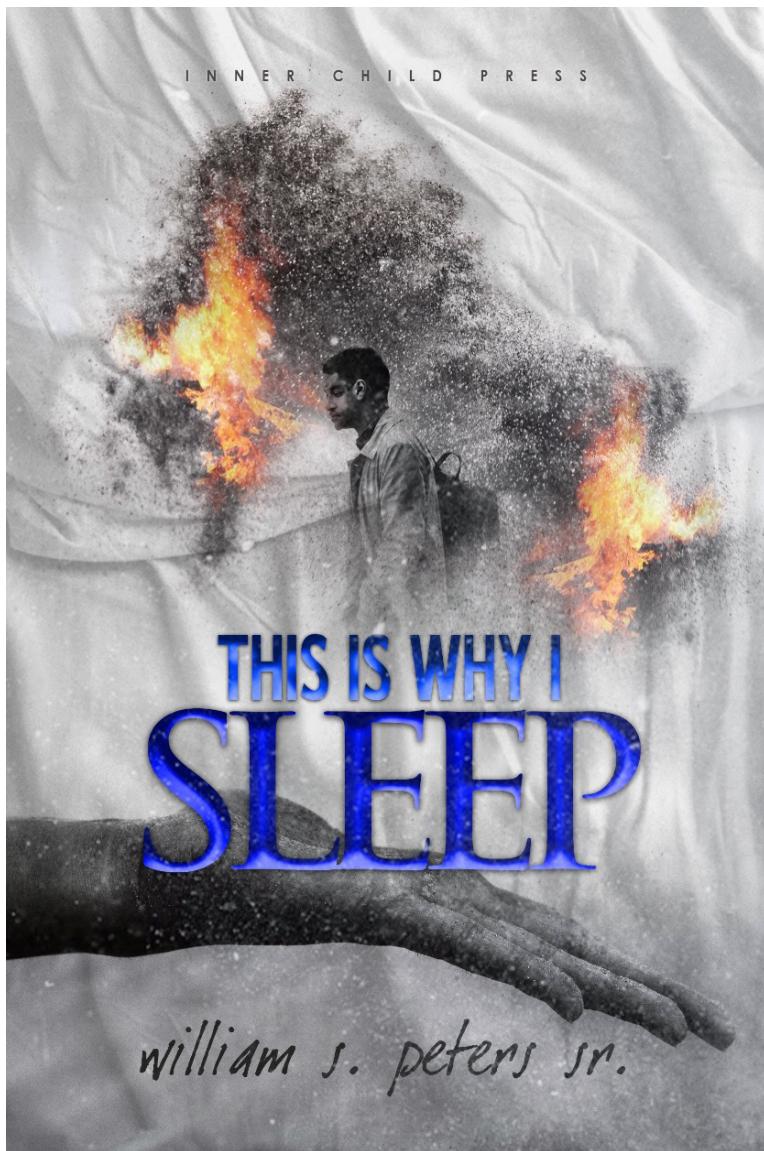
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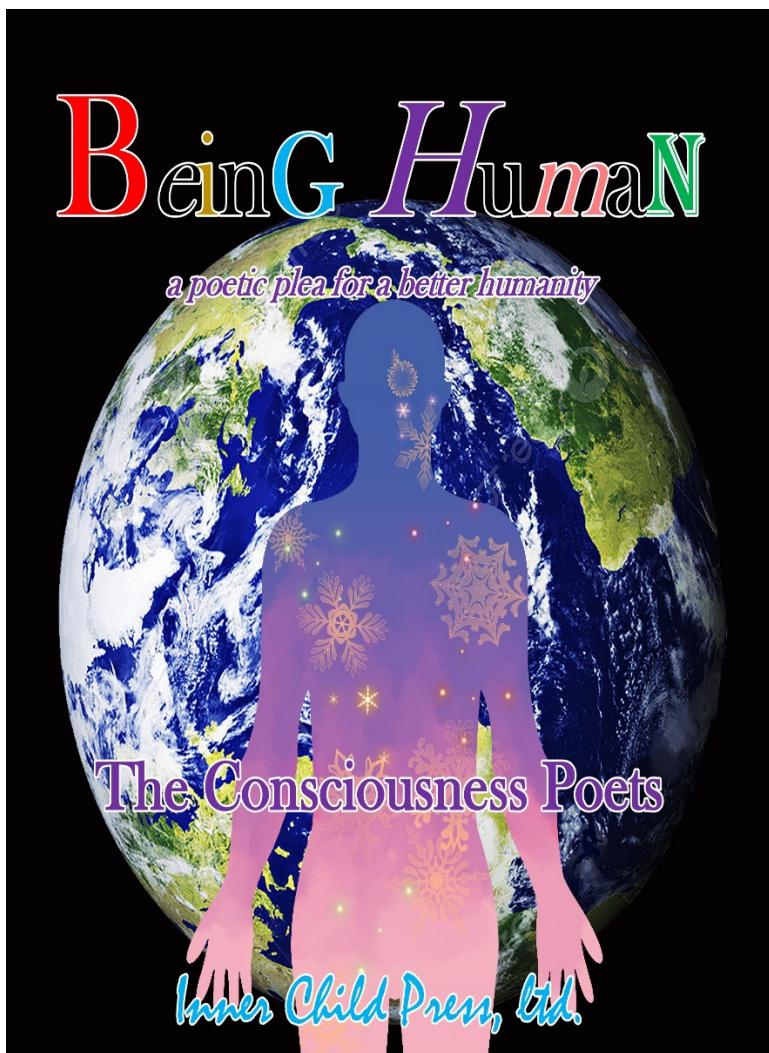


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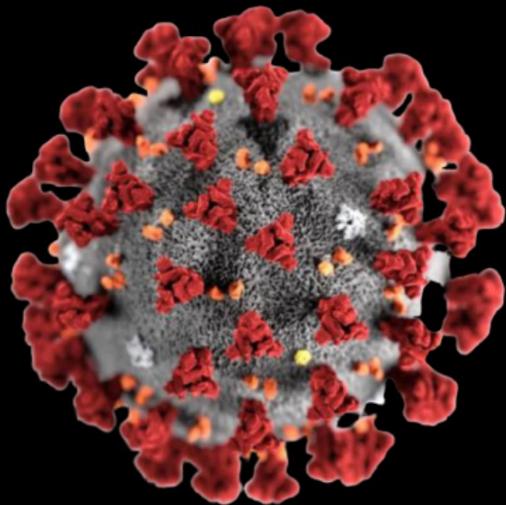
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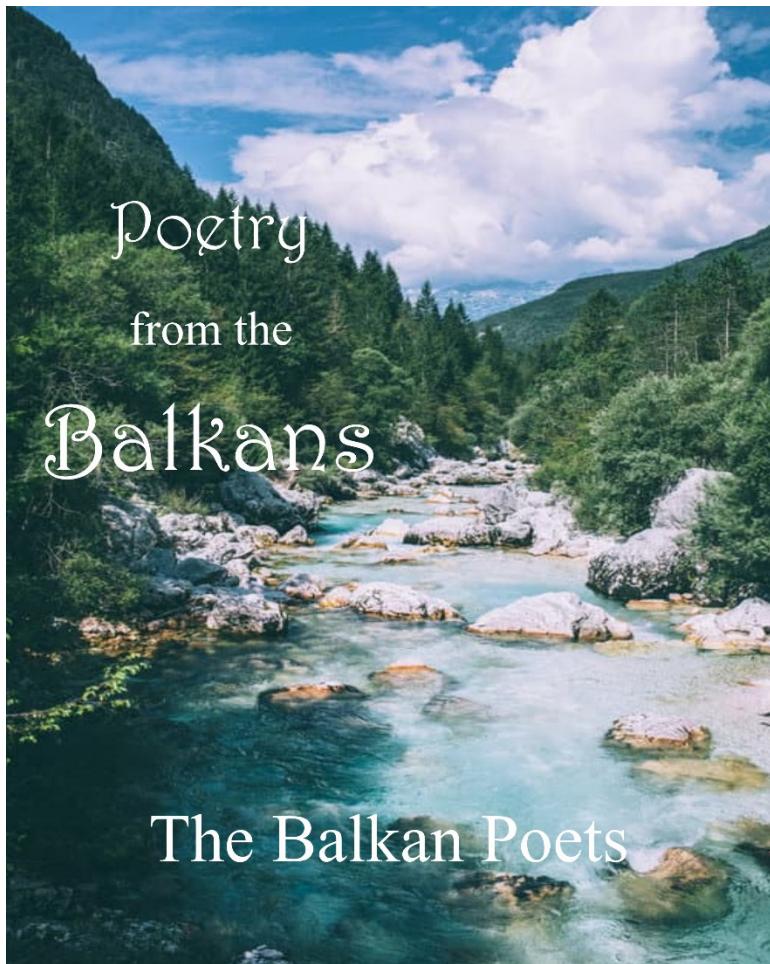


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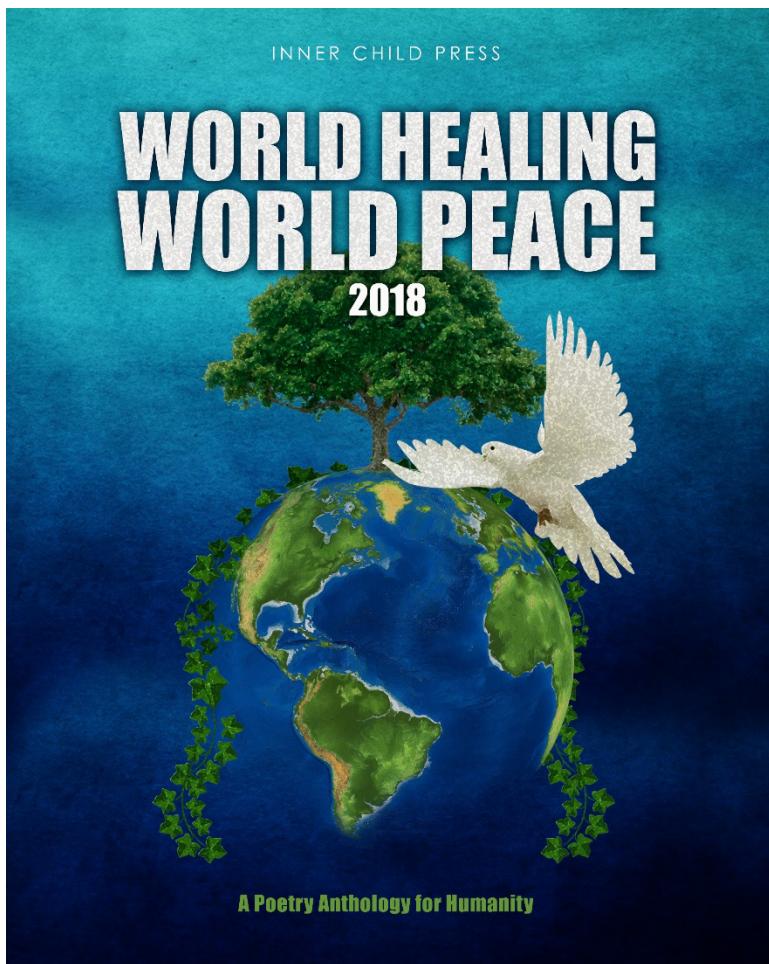
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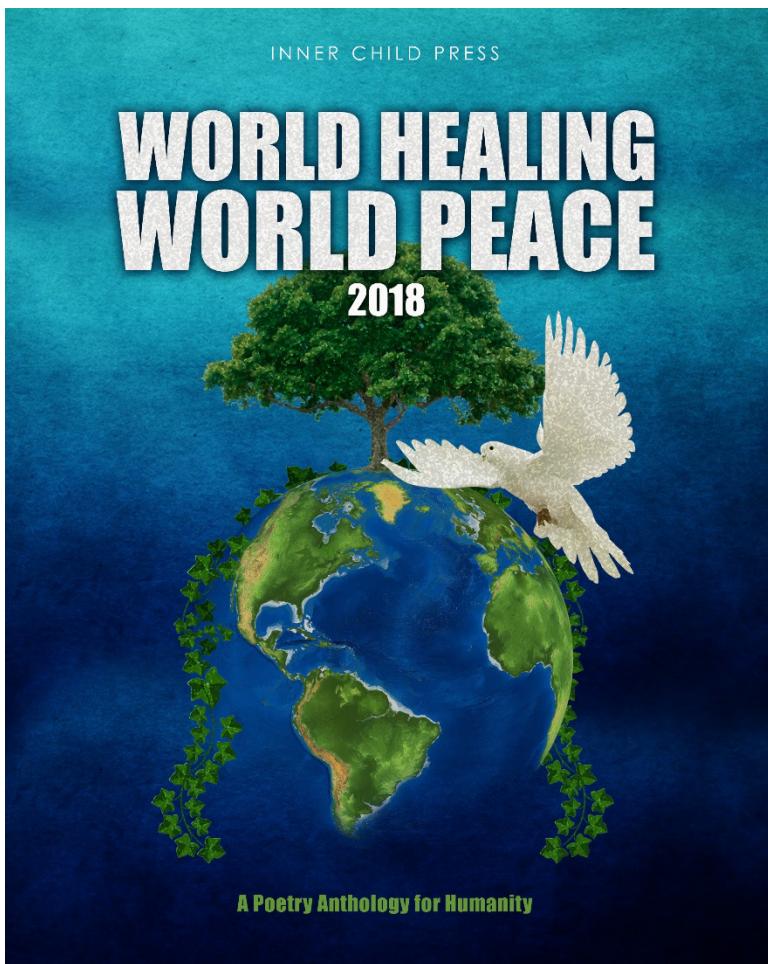


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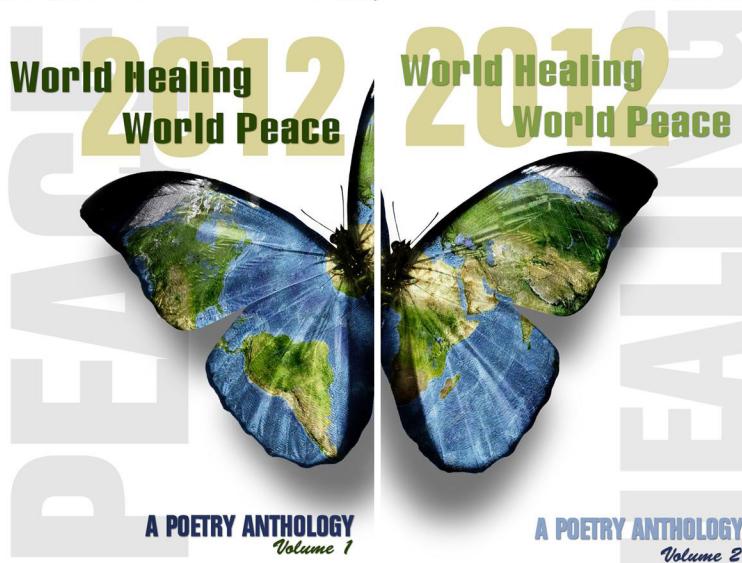
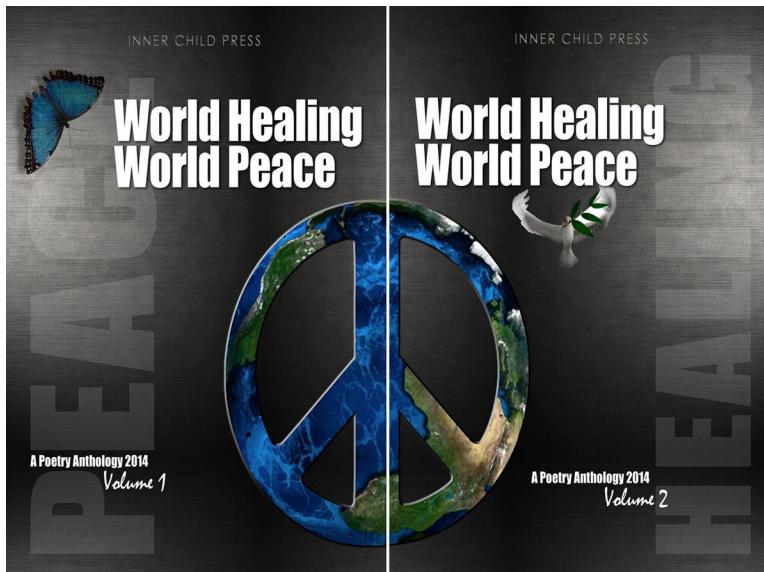
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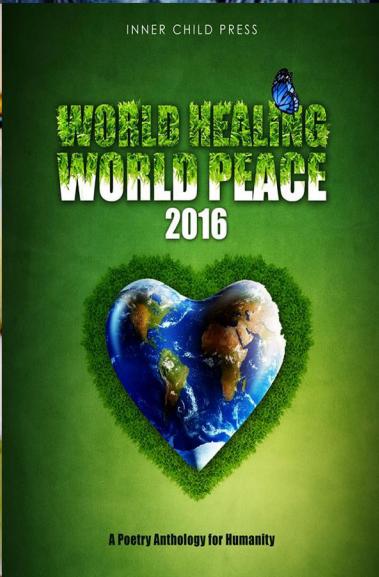
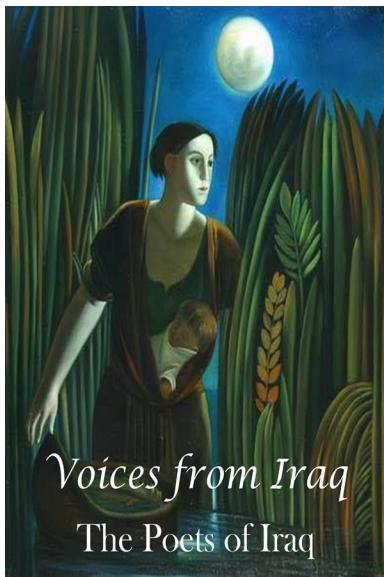
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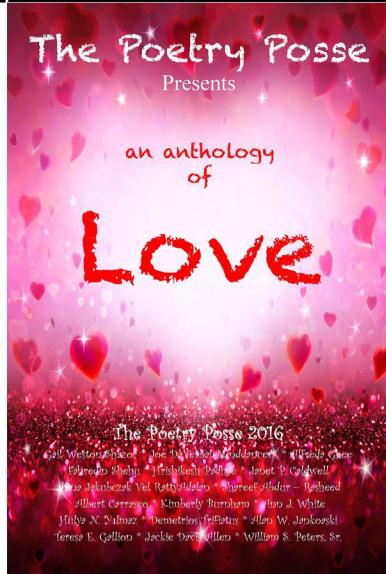
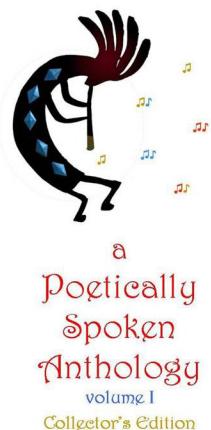
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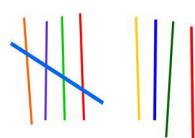
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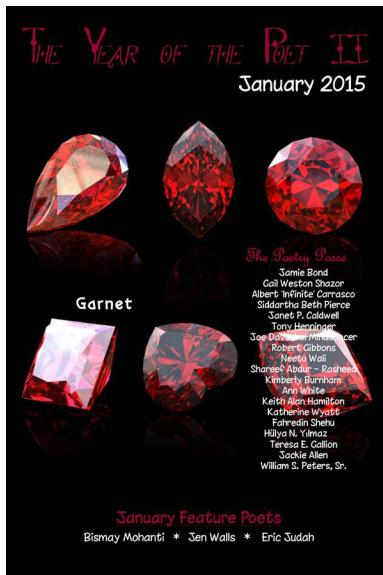
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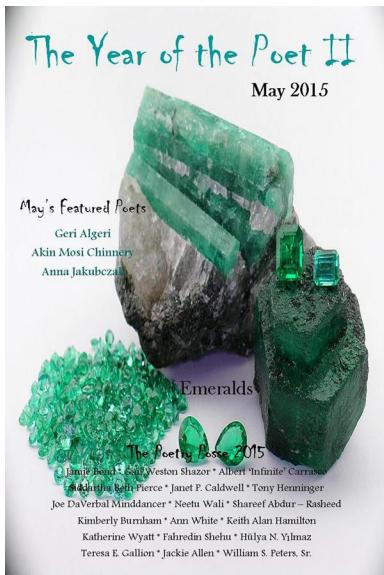
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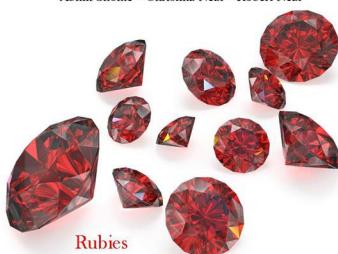
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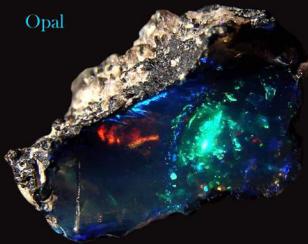
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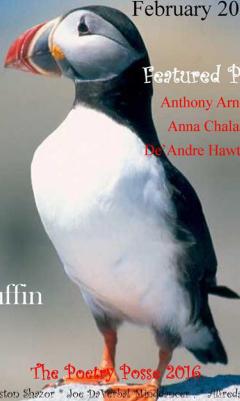
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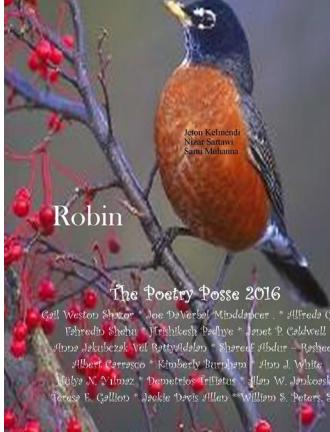
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Painted Bunting

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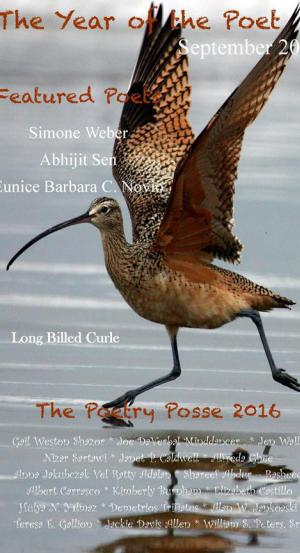
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Abhijit Sen
Eunice Barbara C Novita



Long Billed Curle

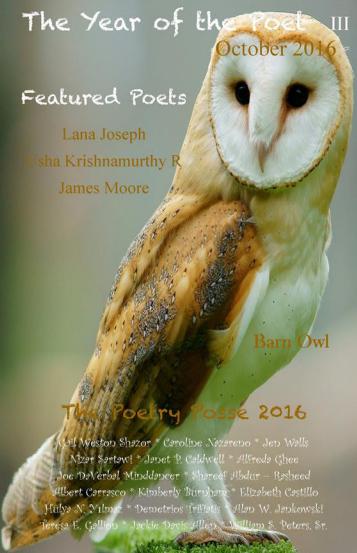
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Usha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

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Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badley



Northern Cardinal

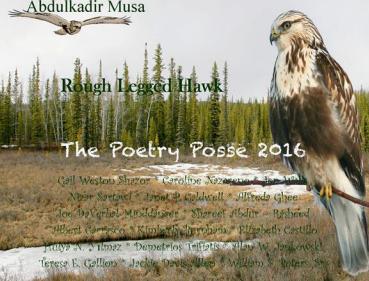
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Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

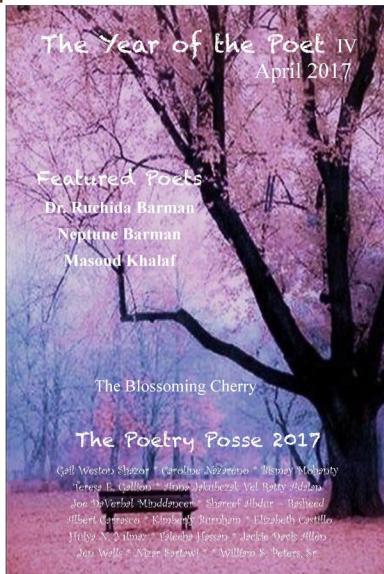
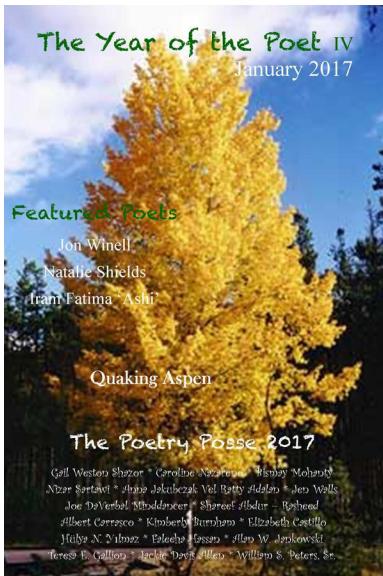
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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicia Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shalim



The Black Walnut Tree

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Featured Poets

Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

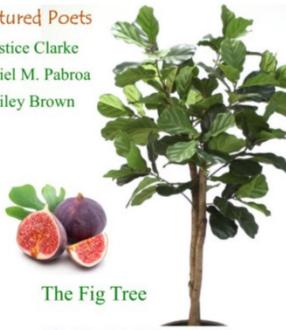
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Featured Poets

Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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February 2018

Sabean



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram
Anna Szawacka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Annika Acry

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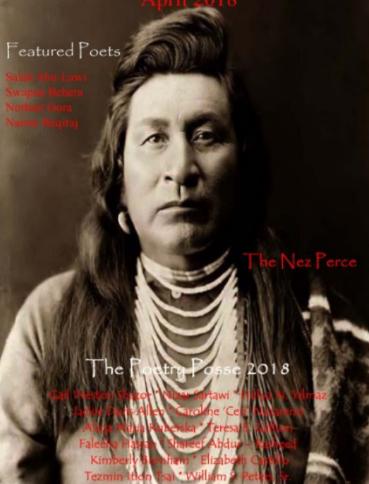
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Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman
Dominican Republic
Haiti
Puerto Rico

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Salah Abu-Lawi
Swapna Behra
Norbert Gora
Nimmi Rajput

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Sylvia K. Malinowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

Featured Poets

Bilall Maliqi * Daim Miftari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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Fatma Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Ikbal Harb
Eliza Segret
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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August 2018

Featured Poets

Hussein Habash * Mircea Dan Duta * Naida Mujkić * Swagat Das

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swarn

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Alicia Minjarez * Lonneice Weeks-Badley
Lopamudra Mishra * Abdelwahed Souayah



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November 2018

Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar



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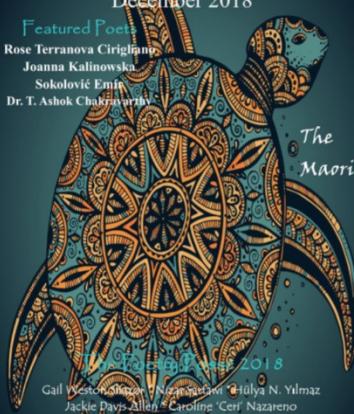
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Rose Terranova Cirigliano
Joanna Kalinowska
Sokolović Emre
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



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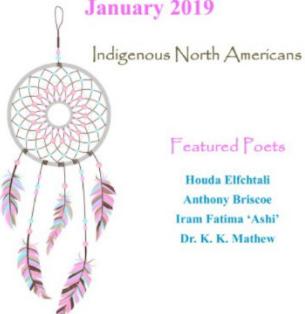
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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Dr. K. K. Mathew

Dream Catcher

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Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Featured Poets

Enesa Mahnic * Sylwia K. Malinowska
Shurok Hammoud * Anwer Ghani



The Caribbean

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Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Faleeha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sheriff * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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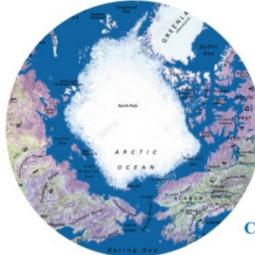
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June 2019

Featured Poets

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



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July 2019

Featured Poets

Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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August 2019

Featured Poets

Shola Balogun * Bharati Nayak

Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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The Caucasus

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October 2019

Featured Poets

Ngozi Olivia Osuoha * Denisa Kondic
Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



The Nile Valley

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November 2019

Featured Poets

Rozalia Aleksandrova * Orbundu Ganga
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleida



Northern Asia

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December 2019

Featured Poets

Rahim Karim (Karimov) * Sujata Patel
Ibarati Nayak * Kapardeli Eltchis



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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace
Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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February 2020

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Jennifer Ades * Martina Reisz Newberry
Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

Featured Poets

Aziz Mountassir * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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April 2020

Featured Poets

Rohini Behera * Mircea Dan Duta
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * NilavaroNill Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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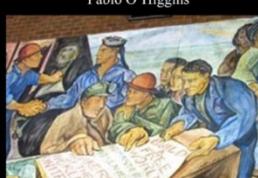
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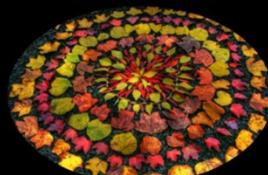
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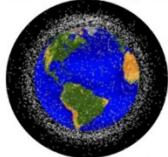
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Longing
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Purple Hyacinth



Determination
Amaryllis

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Lillies



Sadness
Sunflowers

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Blue Hydrangea



Contentment
Azure Blues

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Nostalgia
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Wisdom
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Fearlessness
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Connection
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Fulfillment
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Water Violet



Empowerment
Sunflower



Confusion
Pink Larkspur

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Anemone



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Regret
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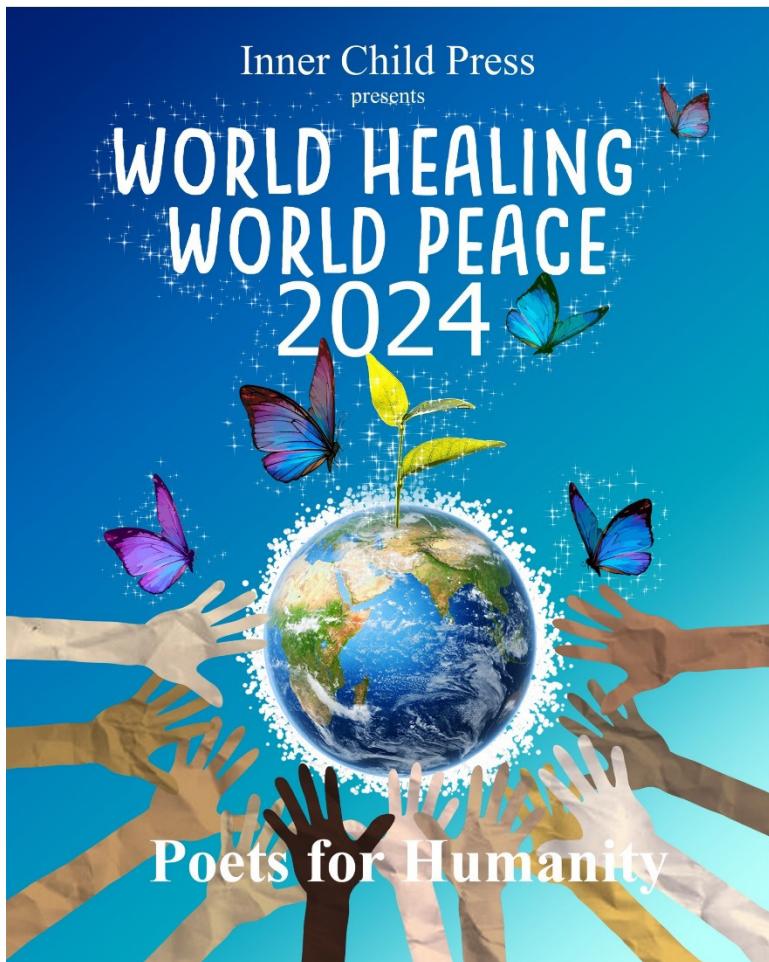


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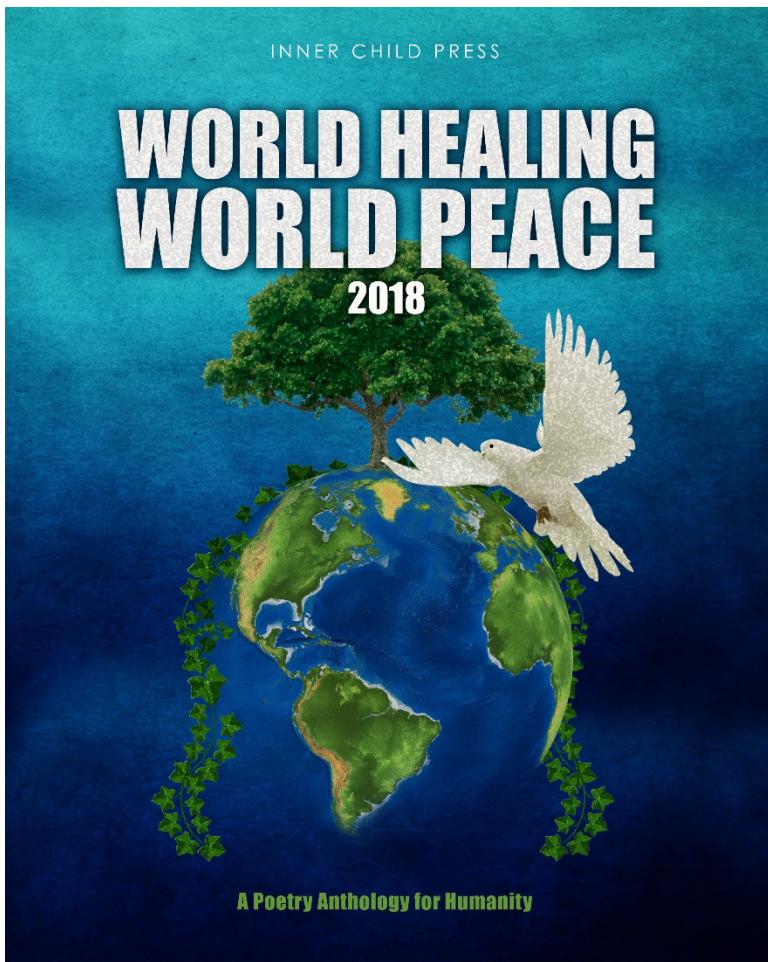


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