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the Power of the Pen
can effectuate change!

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our Patrons and Readers &
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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Nostalgia ~ Wisdom ~ Fearlessness

I find it difficult to write about an abundance of positive things, in the times we live in, in the place we live in. Everyday experiencing a lot of emotional changes that occur throughout my travels through the land. Being away from the fray affords me time to ferret out the items that are beneficial verses the detrimental thoughts that are awash in the public arena. Being able to figure how to deal with disappointment is easier when there are minimal distractions. Managing expectations, after a long time of doing so, keeps you off balance at times, because sometimes you think that you are free to be what you can be based on your abilities. It's a struggle, but your mental balance depends on you being constantly aware of your surroundings and having a constant awareness of what you are up against. It would be very easy to lose your self-esteem and mental stability if you forget. Looking back at the events that have delivered us this point in our lives has been filled with good and not so good memories. I can find solace in knowing the people in my life for the most part have supported and encouraged me.

I can look back and see some of the mistakes I made. I got by in many instances; it wasn't because I was clever, it was somebody didn't hold it against me. The accumulation of knowledge doesn't make you wise. It is when and how that knowledge is applied that can be considered wisdom. Knowledge is a tool that can be used in the wrong place, at the inappropriate time. The library is full of books of knowledge, not one of them can use wisdom. Being able to discern when is wise to use a hammer or a wrench is wisdom. To be fearless in a situation where one should use discretion is foolishness.

Being fearless isn't just a physical act. Analyzing a situation, then concluding that in order to achieve a particular goal, an objective, knowing the risks involved, then doing it, is to me fearless. Speaking the truth in the face of a tyrant is fearless to me. Doing an act that saves a life with the chance one could lose their own life, is fearless. All acts that are similar to those can be considered fearless. I think for a person to think and act beyond pre-constructed borders fill the bill as well. Having to navigate these emotions is a challenge we must come to terms with at some point in our lives or the lives of our loved ones.

Mutawaf A Shaheed

Preface

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

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

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

For those of you who are not familiar with our story, back in 2013, a few of us poets got together with the simple intention of producing a book a month. That was our challenge. Since that time the enterprise has blossomed and brought forth a fruit that seems to keep on growing as evidenced as we enter 2023.

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

know a bit more about this particular endeavor
please stop by for a visit at :

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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. 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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I have been exploring a new city and find myself nostalgic for the familiarity of places I know well, where I have lived for many years. Lisel Mueller explores nostalgia in *Sometimes, When the Light*, saying “sometimes, when the light strikes at odd angles and pulls you back into childhood ... something secret is going on, so marvelous and dangerous that if you crawled through and saw, you would die, or be happy forever.”

There is also something nostalgic about the summertime, of days of freedom to explore the world around ourselves or the inner worlds of memories. As you read this month’s offering consider what you have learned in the past or what you wish you could bring more fully into the present, or even what you are so happy is in the past or how you learned something, so valuable that you think about it as you look to your future.

The second theme is “Wisdom” or insights gained from life experiences. The meaning of wisdom is evoked by a quote from 1700s Japanese monk and poet, Ryokan, “In all 10 directions of the universe there is only one truth. When we

see clearly the great teachings are the same. What can ever be lost? What can be attained? If we attain something, it was there from the beginning of time. If we lose something, it is hiding somewhere near us.”

Fearlessness is the final theme this month. We can each look at our own lives and gently encourage ourselves to embrace new challenges confidently and courageously. In *Earth Prayer*, Mark Nepo says, “... Let us, when swimming with the stream, become the stream ... Let us live deep enough till there is only one direction... Let us have the courage to hold each other when we break and worship what unfolds...”

Join us as we see and translate our past and look for ways to be more adventurous, courageous, and always kind. Together let us seek ways to understand each other more fully, without fear, and create a world we can all be happy in.

Kimberly Burnham

Integrative Medicine
Spokane Washington

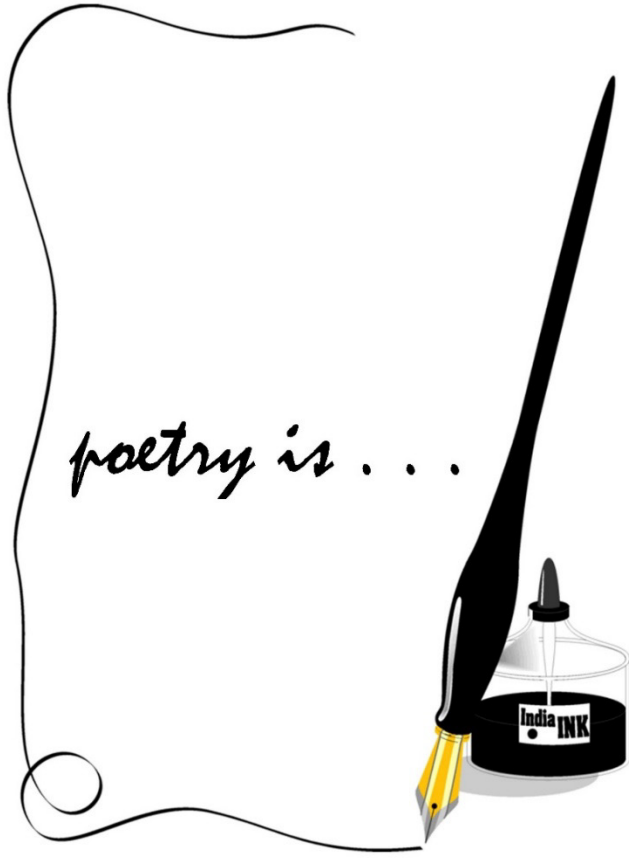




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the
enchanting magicians that nourishes the
seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our
words that entice the hearts and minds of
others to believe there is something grand
about the possibilities that life has to offer
and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp



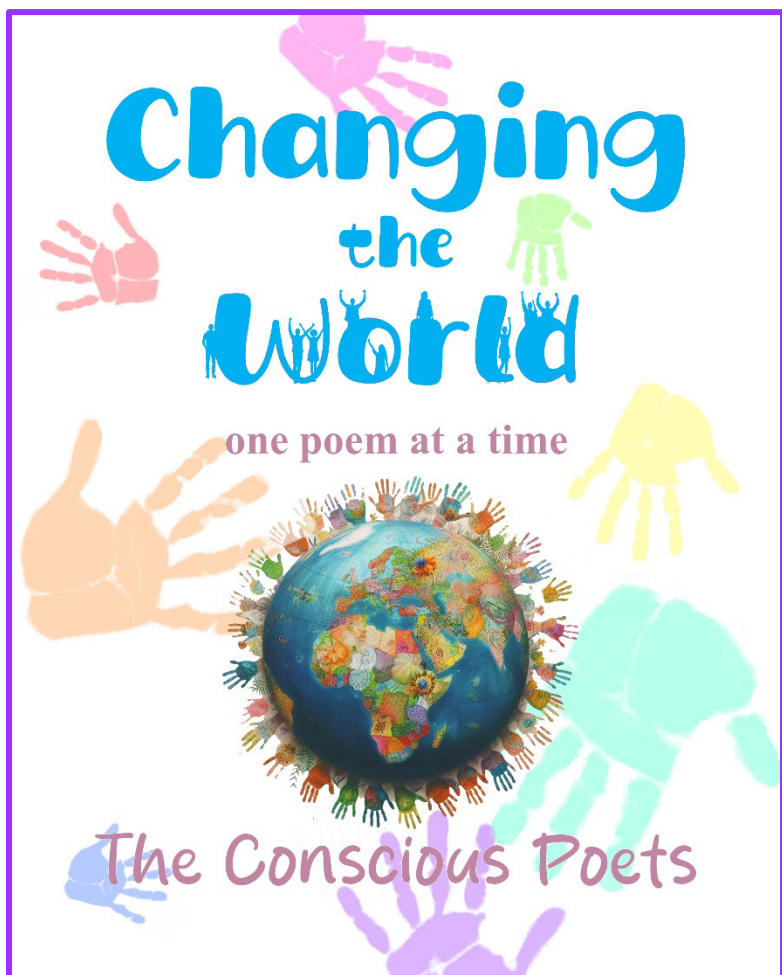


Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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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.

Wristwatch

Hopeful
Here
I am though
Lost remain
Faded ribbons
Black on navy
Lost you with life
Shelves dusty on
Gifts kept
Life tuned in itself
Sadness of passing
Keep creep time
~Wristwatch~
Time creep keep
Passing of sadness
Itself in tuned life
Kept gifts
On dusty shelves
Life with you lost
Navy on black
Ribbons faded
Remain lost
Though i am
Here
Hopeful

Waiting

Every man is born of woman
Of mothers and grandmothers
Aunts and sisters
Nurtured in the belly of hands
Palms to palms held close
Inter-joined and together
Touching hearts and souls
Becoming one with the world
Born of prayer, of God
A desire for us
In that we can ever continue
To be raised up in the image of love
Before your name was spoken
I knew that you would be called to me
A legacy provided at the dawn
I never understood how my mother
Felt about the birth of your father
Until now
When I look to the east for your arrival
Like the anticipation of the sunrise
After a restless night's turning
My hands await the curve of your fingers
I want to hold your soft face against mine
I want to smell of your innocence
And kiss the top of your head
To feel your little heart beat rapidly
As if you are in a hurry to grow up
And yet I would not have you afraid
To Live Good
To experience all that life has to offer
The exceptional, the bad, the tiresome
I want you to know the people I love
So I will endlessly tell you stories

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While you sleep in my arms, on my lap
And often beside me in church
I will give you poetry, my words
And even though I cannot sing
We will raise the rafters in voices
We will call out prayers
And yes, the humming jones
For happy has its own unique sound
It is the sound of God
It is the sound of family
It is the sound of me
Saying I will love you always.

Eat Out Your Pots

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Feed me goodness
From the pocket of your apron
Make each cut with precision
And hollow a space for faith
I believe
That there is enough salt
Enough love for a plenty
So I will stretch my feet under your table
To wait
Until the sizzle comes
From behind smoke furls
I place my hands in my lap for
Long ago I learned that elbows belonged
In other spaces than the table
The rhythm of pots and spoons
Soothe me
Your flavors are beautiful to watch
You move around the space
Of creation's hearth and even
When served hot or cold
In each of its order
My belly is satisfied
And my heart is full

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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).

Hunger in Gaza

I eat grass.
It grows on land scorched by shells.
I swallow sand.
I am like all those
who died in line for flour.
Flour and sand,
grass and wheat —
so alike, yet so different.
I cry from hunger, despair, helplessness.
No one hears me, no one sees.
I live in a city of the dead.
Millions of glass eyes watch me —
indifferent and cruel.
A screen of glass separates two worlds:
the safe one, anchored in comfort,
and the open-air concentration camp.
Stone hearts,
blind eyes,
silent mouths —
the fed will never understand the starving.
With my last breath,
I will scream the truth —
fearless, it will shatter the glass world.

History

It judges all with justice,
opens the eye of wisdom in the triangle,
studies the life of man with care,
and weighs the weight of word and deed.
It keeps the names of the chosen
in the memory of nations,
stands unshaken as a guard
of moral reckoning.
It sees genius in works once scorned,
lifts the humiliated, casts the mediocre into oblivion.
It honours the ridiculed painting of sunflowers,
listens, moved, to forgotten melodies,
and marvels at the beauty of words
written by mocked poets — beggars in their time.
It barely mentions the names of mighty rulers
in long tales about a humble carpenter from Nazareth.
It celebrates the young Indian prince
who gave up glory and gold for enlightenment.
Defender of truth — incorruptible, impartial,
it names things plainly, despising lies and hypocrisy.
Like a stone monolith, it rises from the ocean of time,
while the eternal wind sifts the chaff from the grain.

Beyond the Bug River

I summon the stories
of love for the native soil,
of those who have gone.
The cherry orchard is gone,
the bench beneath the old apple tree,
the horizon whitened by buckwheat bloom.
The wooden cottage with its bread oven
stands in old photos like a ghost.
The sagging fence
could not bear the weight of history.
In the soldiers' cemetery in Kołobrzeg,
on a modest plaque — my uncle's name.
An eternal watch by the Baltic Sea...

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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Nostalgia

Through the Looking Glass of Time,
Memory serves up bits and pieces
Of Wisdom, often gained
From forays into the nostalgia.

Invited to accompany my husband, we went
To London, to a formal gala, including
Dinner in the grand ole Painted Hall,
At the Old Royal Naval Academy.

I had to find someone with whom
I could leave my school-aged sons.
For a week. Not an easy task. Goal,
Accomplished! Next, a gown.

In USA, in February, summer
Attire was already showcased, for sale.
London promised cold weather.
Nowhere could I find what I wanted!

The night previous to my departure,
My sewing machine and I perform
A miracle! A gorgeous sleeved gown.
Peachy-pink, haute couture-like!

My husband's airline is separate
From mine. In case of the tragic.
A snowstorm of great magnitude
Surprises the Washington DC area.

Friends couch, my bed, after flying
From Dulles to NY, and back,
My hubby is just leaving for London!
I'm left behind!

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Next day, plowing through DC snow,
My friends deliver me back to Dulles,
And I'm flying off to NY again. On
Standby, I obtain 1 of 2 last tickets.

I'm in pain. With great difficulty, I drag
My overloaded suitcase, catching
The eye of a friendly stranger.
An answer to a bad-back's prayer.

This kind lady assumes responsibility
For my luggage, and hers.
Arriving in London, exhausted
I sleep half the day away.

Maneuvering through the streets
Of London, on my own, queuing up,
Trying to understand the English,
Spoken by the British: I persevere.
It's like I'm in a foreign country!

The weather is glorious, my new
Leather coat on my arm, few
To no photos, my memory, stores the
Repository of the upcoming week.
Trains, automobiles, double-deckers,

Hovercraft, subway, airplanes, people
Met from all over the world. A poet-
Seat-mate, by name, Jessica de'Este.
And the realization, that in London,
I am unknown.

No one would think
It strange that I am wearing colors,

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Unfamiliar, purple, new to me.
And the realization, that in DC
Few know me, neither would they

Worry about what I wear. Once
My plane lands back in DC, a plan:
My first shopping trip will find me
Purchasing a blouse, actually, two.
And you'd not be surprised that one

Will be yellow. The other purple.
Of all the adventures, the experiences,
The person I was before my trip
To London returned home wiser,
Much less concerned with minutiae.

Wisdom

What to wear, what to take on my trip?
A formal event, winter in England!

Weary from traipsing up and down
Various shopping centers, checking out
Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, Lord and Taylor,
I finally decide nothing the have will suffice!

The dress shops are stocked
With spring, summer apparel!

What shall I do? Already informed,
Winters in London are cold,
Sleeveless and strapless gowns,
A southerner, I'd freeze!

Never one to admit defeat,
And actually having no other option,
The night before my flight,
I dust off my sewing machine.

Peachy-peach, multi-ruffled,
Long sleeved, a cumber-band waist,
I model it before the mirror, and
Pack it inside my suitcase.

Fearlessness

Not one to venture
Out into the unknown, I pulled
On a fake impression of confidence.
And down the elevator I descended,
To queue up for the bus. A double decker.

Besides my heart drumming its beats
In my ears, trembling, I mounted the steps.
Strange!
Where was the driver of the bus?
And what language was he speaking?

The kindness of a native,
A stranger to me, translated
The Kings English, insuring
That I got to my destination: that of
Hiring a tuxedo for my husband!

Arriving back to the Hotel in Kensington,
Breathing a sigh of relief, I thought
About purchasing a diary to record
My first foray into the unknown by myself.
Instead, I share it in this poem.

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.

The Well of Memory

Once, a well stood—not for thirst,
but to cradle a fading shadow as the moon fell softly.

Wind, light-footed, passed like someone
who slipped into the ancestral house,
forgetting to close the dust-heavy door;
the leaning beams still drowsed
with rain dripping through our grandfather's silence.

The well held no emptiness, only depth
deep enough to swallow dusk's entire song
as twilight paled on the wall and fireflies punctuated grass.

Before time could place its brush,
a breath painted across three nights with no reply;
you called it night's forgetfulness,
but left behind shoes too small to have walked far.

Memory doesn't always rise from relics,
sometimes it's a thread of sound lifted from sleep,
unspoken,
where one becomes the echo of another.

The well remains
a blank page of a letter unwritten,
waiting for someone to kneel and whisper
the name they never truly left.

The Lamp in the Dark

Who burned before truth spoke
not light, but an unsigned scrap
slipped from the unfinished Book of Rites,
igniting questions meant to sink between dynasties.
This lamp rose not from night,
but from a crack where wind broke a stroke in stone,
a trace that no longer trusts its footnote.

Its glow leans toward
an untended shrine, where moss thickens old laws
and the dead no longer speak through names
wisdom has quietly left its wooden throne.
Thought lingers as a blurred fragment
behind Han tiles,
the scribe long vanished,
leaving only one stroke to ask
who placed the heart beyond the land.

What we called wisdom was not rule,
but the blank in a torn Shang Shu,
a plea folded in gold-threaded robes,
unread, faintly glowing.
Still the lamp burns—an unoffered scroll
murmuring in ancestral dark:
I am no warning
only the page that cannot be fully remembered.

The Books of Burning Red

Who sought to seal all voices in crimson flame?
Where smoke of unfinished wars still climbs,
And the Yellow River bends—its hush undone,
Breaking the chains that silence built with time.

Fearlessness is not the stance upon high walls
But the gaze, unshuttered in the shards,
Where shadows fall through broken tiles,
Still watching storms reshape the forms of gods.

My body's veins remember ash,
Inscribed by books the fire could not forgive.
No more I walk the path of warmed stone,
But thread the nameless cracks of wilderness.

The pages fall, like scattered wings of verse,
And in the smoke, a song is born—undying.
A bird with tattered feathers, yet it sings,
Unweaving ruin into radiance.

For what remains is left to future eyes:
That walk through fire without retreat,
And stare into an endless vault of sky,
Where years burn red beneath their feet.

I am the dragon forged in flame,
Unfolding wings that do not fear the wind
Ascending through the tempests' change,
Above the shifting face of time.

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.

Simpler Times

Remembering the simpler times-
playing outside, hopscotch,
kickball, dodge ball, swinging,
tether ball, yo-yo,
clackersA (before they were banned),
playing on the school grounds
after school hours.
Back then, schools had no fences
around the properties.
No cops in schools.
Reading and writing,
playing with dolls,
playing board games,
spending quality time with family,
having meals together
with no cellphones,
no internet interference.
There were rotary phones
and party lines,
and pay phone booths too,
heavy floor TV sets
with no remote controllers,
heavy floor stereos with record players.
Neighbors watched out for each other.
We knew our neighbors.
Oh, those were the simpler days
we will never see again.
Oh, how sad that is!

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Wisdom

Wisdom comes from God
and His Word, Holy Bible.

Let God speak to you.

Respect With Love

honor my dad
honor and respect
respect and love
respect always
always there for us
always my dad
dad worked hard
dad is loyal
loyal and honest
loyal to the end
end of the day
end of the beginning
beginning and the ending
beginning to understand
understand my dad loves us all even me
understand my dad now
now I wish I knew before
now I do have regrets
regrets not my dad
regret it took a long time
time to celebrate my husband
time to celebrate my dad
dad is lovable
dad is kind and strict
strict for our good
strict with love
love for my dad and my mom
love for my family
family outings
family get-togethers
together we will succeed
together always

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always and always
always be my dad
dad and mom brought me into this world
dad and mom forever are true
true to the end
true to my mom
mom and dad's love
mom and dad I am grateful
grateful and blessed
grateful and thankful
thankful for my dad and my mom
thankful to God
God knows
God blessed me with love
love my dad and my mom
love and respect
respect
dad

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Nostalgia

In quiet corners of my mind,
Old echoes softly play,
The laughter of a summer day,
Where time and joy entwined.

Beneath the shade of apple trees,
We'd chase the golden light,
And every whispered breeze
Would hold a world so bright.

The smell of rain, the taste of pie,
Each moment vividly remains,
Like starry nights that whispered high,
Carried on familiar trains.

Yet as the seasons fade away,
And memories begin to blur,
I find a peace in yesterday,
A gentle, sweet murmuring stir.

Though paths may lead us far apart,
In heart, those days reside,
A tapestry of warmth and art,
Where nostalgia won't subside.

Beautiful Memories

During the wee hours of the night,
Where shadows dance with whispered light,
There lies a treasure, softly twined,
A tapestry of day and night.

The laughter of a summer breeze,
The echoes of familiar tunes,
Moments floating like autumn leaves,
Beneath the watchful, silver moon.

A childhood game beneath the sun,
The secrets shared with trusted friends,
Each fleeting glance, a story spun,
That time, like sand, gracefully bends.

The scent of rain on thirsty ground,
A gentle touch, a fleeting glance,
In every heartbeat, love is found,
In all these memories, we dance.

Though seasons shift and faces fade,
These snapshots linger, soft and clear,
In every joy and every shade,
Memories hold what we hold dear.

Hope

In the quiet of the morning light,
Hope whispers softly, taking flight.
A gentle breeze brings tales untold,
Of dreams awaiting, shimmering gold.

With each step forward, the shadows fade,
Life's canvas brightens, color is laid.
Through stormy nights and trials we face,
Hope's shining beacon, a warm embrace.

In the heart of struggle, a seed is sown,
With faith and patience, it's ready to be grown.
Like flowers blooming after the rain,
Hope rises stronger, born from the pain.

So hold it close, this flickering flame,
In the depths of darkness, it's never the same.
For hope is the song that our spirits sing,
In every moment, it offers its wings.

Mutawaf Shaheed

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Record Player

I just came to listen, I don't have anything
new to say. Let the record play. Almost ran
out of breath, nearly fretted myself to death.
No, no just let record play.

I've back since last June, didn't come home
none too soon. While I was away, you didn't
let the record play? Tell me, did anything
change? Looks like all's the same.

Where are the things we built, where is the
self-confidence? How did fear get in here?
Just let the record play again and again until
you remember the ember that started the
fire that burned all night.

What happened to the desire to make things
right? Sit back but, don't relax and try get the
thing we said, back in your head. Who told you
we were through?

What music you been listening to? Can't you
answer anything, the bell doesn't have familiar
ring? You don't want your manhood back?
Everybody dies at the end of the day.

There are more people dead, than there are alive.
What you living for? How did you and Tikka wind
up with each other? I can't seem to find a single
good brother.

I did talk to brother Blair from his wheel chair, he still
carried his strap in his lap, He said, he don't get around
much anymore. A lot of down dudes done gone on to
where they were supposed to be.

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He said he was glad to see me. There is only one garment store left in town, if I ever get there, he'll see me around. It's located close to brother Ahmed's old shop. Man, those were the best years yet!

Right down the street from where they boiled the pot. Those days will never be forgotten. The last thing that brother Blair had to say, was 'little brother Bey, you got a lot of gray, just let the record play it. We don't have to say anything anymore.'

Stray Thoughts

It seems when my thoughts stray,
they find a way to lay next to the
memory of you. Sometimes sunset
triggers the dream mechanisms.

Then, when that happens, I'm twenty
again. Knowing now, that period was
inadequate, as it relates to what I
understand today.

We were only allowed to skim
the surfaces, never knowing the
depths that were there to explore.
We should have done more.

I remember doing all I knew, that's
what I could do, it got through to you.
Life kept presenting wedges and gaps.
Managing the relapse, redoing, recapping.

Kept throwing things in the way. Had
me forgetting what to say. Sitting where
and when I didn't want to. I was thinking
I saw you in some places where I knew you
wouldn't be.

Never learned how to trick my mind.
I was on hold, and you were walking
another way. Somebody else had
your attention. Sedition, crossed my
mind in front of my eyes.

I couldn't understand why I couldn't
have you! I kept looking back, I could
barely see you. I was being pushed
away by my destiny's clock that kept

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ticking.

I was learning how not to second guess
me, making some adjustments, straightening
out the curves and short comings that
short circuited me.

I found some doors that wouldn't open
back then. My thoughts would never
leave you alone. Southern breezes
would leave traces of you in my beard.

I concocted stories I knew weren't true.
E flat, brings me closer to you. Having
me achieving things that were really
impossible to do.

Sensations, imagination that can't be
controlled, surely brings about the
madness. It, sits from time to time on
the other side of my room.

I can't control the venues where I see
you, or wipe away the tears that hide
inside. Happiness is surrounded by sad-
ness that takes advantage of it.

Too many so longs, not enough happy
to see you. I do think I'll see you again
somewhere along the way. Yesterday
seems so long, long ago.

I stopped looking, because I know you
ain't there. I looked forward and saw
some of this a long time ago, now, I can't
look back.

Tea Time

I stare at my naked violin
that sits in the window sill,
waiting on the wind to play
it again.

The strings seem to anticipate the
arrival of a storm. That was the last
thing it may have remembered, when
I dropped the bow on the greasy
wooden floor.

It was trying catch the last note, as
it landed near a table's crooked
leg, near the broken kitchen door.

Dark clouds gather, matter of
factually, exactly where I want
them.

Winds went someplace else this
time, and forsook the
violin.

I gather my rosin, bow and Stradivarius,
off I go back to the chamber, I thought I
escaped some time ago.

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Her Kazachok Dance

Mom is on my mind again.
My admirably composed beloved.

"She is too beautiful not to be so,"
Dad would say. Totally in love with Mom.

Also in her Kazachok dance
on the beach-road of Erdek late one night.

My brother
back in the bungalow,
deep asleep.
I, on the other hand,
back then, an utterly free essence,
eagerly applauding.
My little hands' claps, exalting me to my heart's content.
The no-curfew month of that summer
listening in to my standing ovation ecstatically.

Ahhh, the sea!
The spectacular Marmara sea,
head over heels with
Erdek's gracefully aged trees
and the town's other natural beauties.

Marmara, too, was admiring Mom's gorgeous frame.
It was keeping even the slightest breeze
in a tight grip. Not even one ripple was in sight;
lest Mom's steps would miss.

*Not even one ripple in sight, eh?
Oh, this is nothing!
I surely did exaggerate and
adorably did manipulate
reality a little bit way back then.*

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That summer night, Mom seemed
as if her feet were swept by a trance.
Willingly, laughingly, and uninhibitedly,
she was not merely existing
but rather living for the first time by being.

I cannot remember one other moment
when she had let herself just be.

A Gentle Breeze

Lowers itself onto one arid leaf.
Thirsty for the attar of a new breath,
the leaf has been awaiting patiently
the first wet drop from the sky
underneath the layers of the frozen white.

The breeze whispers wise promises
and unlocks Pandora's box
after she carelessly leaves.

She has been tricked!

No ills or fears ooze through this time.
Love begins a joyous dance,
and hope, dreams, and smiles
recover again.

Fearlessly, Goethe calls out,
*"Muses, help me with art,
To suffer joy's pain!"*

Ludwig Uhland's painless joy
cuddles all around under a gentle breeze,
*"Oh, fresh scent. Oh, new sound!
Now, poor heart, fear not!
Now everything, everything must change."*

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have you ever . . .

touched the Sun?

“madness,” you would say at once
even if you were asked in a dream

yet . . .

its proximity is ecstatically freeing

all-immersing are its rays of light

sheer layers of tulle, its cocooning heat

when you leave, your shine is as bright

no, i am not losing my mind!

i should know . . .
for i have touched the Sun

furthermore . . .
the Sun touched me

not only did i not die of that incredible conception
but i also returned with a firm determination
to shed fear, guilt, and self-depreciation,
along with assumption, blame, and expectation

Ah!

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all-immersing were its rays of light
sheer layers of tulle, its cocooning heat
when i left, my shine was as bright

Teresa
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Nostalgic Moment

I close my eyes,
focus on my childhood home.
Soft colors of blooming flowers
sway in the summer heat.

I can smell the red clay dirt
a short trek uphill
from my humble house.
I want to taste that dirt again
after an afternoon rain.

What is it about getting older
makes you daydream in reverse?
I savor childhood images
that embrace me in memories.

The Light of Knowing

Wisdom floats in the water.
It gathers momentum
in the ebb and flow of a river.
Listen carefully to the chatter.

The river always has a message
with droplets of knowledge
expelled as it flows downstream.

You can only hear the lesson
when your body is ready
to embrace the soft harmony
that dances pass you.

Your soul archives the messages
you are not ready to receive.
They are given to you
in a light breakfast overtime.

One day you wake up and wonder.
Where did all the knowledge enter?
You smile because
Spirit has fed you patiently.

Something About You

Your eyes hold a strong gaze
focused and unwavering.
No one dares to step on your toes.

There is something about you
that carries heavy weight
no one can touch nor define.

You walk with calm confidence
with a head held high.
Your voice never seems to shake.

When you stand still
there is a quiet light
that hovers around you.

Sometimes I wonder
if love, simply and gently,
is your signature of grace.

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Our Last Chance: Fearlessness

At my age
uncertainty remains:
will I reap a harvest from you?

This is what I learnt from life
it's no good to delve in the past
when you love someone.

The past is never far behind
it lurks secretly -
soft and heavy.

The future can't necessarily be
a logical progression of the present
even if it is.

Call the fears about uncertainty wrong.
If we cannot assume a brighter future,
we have died already.

It's just incredibly petty
if we choose to react by not talking anymore.
Now is the future. Let's call ourselves alive.

The Ultimate Connection: Wisdom

If I have to convince someone to love me
then that's not my place.

Life is too short to waste energy
on anything that isn't mutual.

I don't fear growing older.
I don't want just to please others.

At this point in my life, I choose peace
above everything else.

Don't beg for attention or respect.
I don't want to be in anyone's life out of obligation.

You see rain first, or
hear it.

Anywhere rain is,
that place lush green and wet,

beckoning seasons
with possibilities.

I don't want to turn back.
I will simply keep going

until I become
the air.

Changing the World

We can change
by knowing
the change lives within us.

Dance
with steps based upon
things as they now are.

Or dance
with dreams.
I am sure you know

which steps to take
that will perpetuate
today's illusions or

change everything.
A chrysalis transforms
flickers, flutters and floats

a butterfly from flower to flower.
We can begin
a process of changing

ourselves and
that's all needed
to change the world.

Caroline
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Yesterday, A Rewind

The moments tilt slowly
It's a blur of a ghostly feel
Swinging in my mind,
Like the first sweet kiss of amber,
A sense of where each soul belongs,
I walk through a meadow,
Where I recall my childhood days,
Playing in the rain,
Playing with the bamboo sticks
While singing ‘ ‘ Rain gently falls’ ’
The stories of our grandparents,
Flash in memories,
The sepia thoughts, white and antique,
The solace of a yesterday's face.

The Wisdom Whisperer

you are the invincible Minerva,
dispersing wisdom,
as you equipoise the paladin's dissension;
your hourglass brings sand of synchronicity,
because you are a messenger of truth;
you are bulletproof,
undeniably, you mastered the art of war;
your novel dream is a wellspring of breakthroughs,
you galvanize great minds,
and recreate orchestrated temples
of undying hopes;
you have the eagle's wings,
and as you soar the skies,
you lead more flocks
to find and reach their own heavens.

Gaia's Strokes

The requiem is sang
When the whirlwind carries
The autumn leaves on the ground
Spilled words in mnemonics
Clusters of nature and sceneries
Sculpt our lips to kiss the empire of stars,
Now become a banquet of poetry,
In the galaxy of pen and paper,
Flowing like the mysteries of change,
Amidst reflections over confusions,
The Phoenix sow the blazing Truth,
That all wonders rise and shine
After the darkest hours,
Illumination built the castles of mighty legacy,
Then, each one, play the character
New breed, new breath of paints
Allowing Gaia's love to spin
In the streams of creation.

Pilgrim of Tears

Hades's artificial svelte grounds
Adorning cinnamon and wild piquant teas
Awaiting extract pomelos
And ambrosia for the gods
In an ancestor's Venusian vineyard,
Spring water flowing
As it leads to an appearing
Dream. A banquet of greens and aubergines
Hundred islets surrender in my sleep,
Caravans of gravels, castle sands and truckloads of corals
Alienate my feet,
Knowing how this happened,

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My dearest ocean is dying,
When those obsidian oils color the hyacinths black
Breath is nothing,
A solstice in coffin,
If only tears could
Restore seas and streams,
I would cry a zillion times,
In our courtyard
Where all eyes become rainbows
To filter indifference.

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lullabies of nostalgia

the soliloquy of lugubrious steps
there is always a victim
the mountain that holds constellations
flowers carry the surfeit honey
signatures terminate empty cages
time itself is a miracle
wrapped in green conversations
phenomena of birth and death
pages of massacres
there is a celebration and reflection
the silhouette kitchen enacts
the prosaic drama
harvests lullabies of nostalgia
womb of time weighs the sunlight
no one wants to be a dictator
we are dissolving centuries
singing the legacy
of a new song
la la la la
yes, memories march forward ...

autobiography of the fossil

fossils of the seasons
sing radiant love;
parameters of wisdom
curving of languages
the vigour of whirling voices

fossils of the mask
a monastery
that speaks of meditation, peace
the doldrums of Scriptures
turn into consonants
of my blood and sweat
I become the rising sun
if granted to reach the fidelity

fossils of women
decipher the progeny
silent hunger spills the enigma
of the village subterranean
jungles dance and dance
to make a civilization
fossils make me the crown princess
the precious flowers unfold petals
to become pearls

Why should I be afraid?

I am the voice
voice of the promises
the thunderous waterfalls
eternal song
can you throw stone to a song
the melody is echoing
why should you worry?
ubiquitous lamp lit in each corner
just have trust
o yes, let us forget the coffins
that carry violence
impingements of history
I am the voice
voice of the living
and non-living beings
I am the BEING
not a grave
I am a hall mark
I am a statement
I am the Alpha and Omega
I am the day
I am the night
I am the music
the mystic beauty
the dance
the banner of socialism
either in grave or in the cradle

I am the expression
I am the bride
the sky

the fullness

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the grapevine
the wisdom
the innocence
why should I be afraid of?

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Albert
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Nostalgia

Contraband littered the surrounding buildings, graffiti was art for its walls, dry dog and human urine was everywhere, it was like a layer of wax on the floor. You'll see someone doped out slumped over, while someone else is sick in need of a fix but they don't have money so they're offering sexual favors. Gun shots echo, herds of people flee the scene, lights flash and sirens scream, there's a moment of silence then the hood is back to its same routine. Radios in windows blared oldie but goodies when they were fairly new, old Plymouth station wagons with the wood paneling held entire families and a few friends too. Swings, monkey bars and slides were full of young kids playing, older kids were running fulls dunking and laying, older folk were smoking and drinking while playing dominoes and chess listening to what ever music the window dj's were mixing. I grew up in a poor and rough community but we lacked in money we made up with lots of love for each other, things changed, luckily my mind holds vintage ghetto nostalgia

Kimberly
Burnham

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New Narrow Streets

Sometimes,
inches from a parked car,
another idling ahead,
the street a tight breath between
two frames of steel and rubber, I wish
for backward motion
I look over my shoulder to what is behind me

I wish for Spokane,
my home for the past 12 years
where the small streets
whisper their familiar names,
where intersections appear
no signs, no rules,
just the miracle
that we don't crash
when we all believe
we're the one
meant to go forward

But I am not there.
I am here in this blue and white
hydrangea filled city
where the streets tangle
like ivy and even the GPS
doesn't always know
which turn is mine

A friend says
if you can't navigate
Portland's narrowness with speed
maybe, this place isn't for you

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Still, I inch through
like water along a rocky bed
finding its new shape
around stones polished with age

I look up as a hawk wheels overhead.
crimson blossoms reach
over a fence waving as I drive
in my brain new pathways light up
with adventure and the need to arrive
not just somewhere
but to someone
I am becoming

This is the life
I have chosen
and with each careful turn,
I say to the world: I am still moving
still learning how to belong
to a new place

The Healer Child

A retelling of a Bajoran myth
in the deep dusk of Bajor,
when the last star flickers before sleep,
the two-headed Malgorian
moves through the pages of old tales

One head turns toward the black earth
wanting only to plant,
to watch seeds sprout, rising green
under the gaze of the sun

The other sharpens its blade
longing for the hunt,
for glory fueled by fear and hate
the roar of power over peace

Even now,
the citizens still whisper
as the fire cracks:
"which head speaks louder in you?"

But this is not only myth
this is the day we live
this is the hour
when insights circle our heads like birds

"Tay'ma," they say "peace"
seeking more than words
finding courage to make "Tay'ma" a verb
an action, forgetting we return
to the narrow path of our old quarrels
forgetting the cost

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forgetting the child who watches
the healer must be found
she is any child

Where is the monster
so heartless
they cannot sheath their weapon
before the gaze of innocence
old men with trembling hands
women whose grief spreads
like tree branches
they will all gather
in her name

Not because they believe
but because something in us remembers
a lullaby, a kind word
a lush garden before the war

And in that memory
the Malgorian stirs
its warring selves
watching the child

One head will see
the other will hesitate
and in that pause,
the world might begin again

Strong Man

Women say language is the marrow
of the world, the soft bone that tells us
how to live
supplying us with oxygen

In Anuak,
a strong man is not made of fists
his “liver is strong”
a flow of courage beneath the ribs

In Lu Mien,
to be courageous
is “to blow up your gallbladder”
scattering fear like feathers in the wind

And when the world weighs heavy
do not be discouraged
the Lu Mien say,
“do not let your heart go cold”
heat your heart with kindness and compassion

In Newari,
dismay is simple:
“hearts discouraged”
not broken
not dead
just in need of sunlight
and a hand to hold

In Mandarin,
bravery is calm and fearless
“tǎnrán wújù”
a still pond with no trembling
a place to reflect on the world around us

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Nowhere,
in any language,
is courage called
the absence of caring
nowhere is fearlessness
cut from tenderness

Let us remember:
the organs are not metaphors
they are truths
we carry inside us,
beating, filtering, warming,
speaking quietly
powerful in the mother tongue of the body

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Eliza
Segiet

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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).

Glimpses of Joy

He often pondered,
what if
things had turned out differently.
Unreal mornings
could have become real
and painfully obvious!

Horoscopes were on his side,
the fortune teller whispered that...
not to mention
the dark-haired gypsy.
Everything was going to be fine!

Rare glimpses of joy
gave him hope.
He –
half man,
half just a body –
knew that
his life would turn grey,
but despite everything
his thoughts wandered toward colors,
he fought.

He succeeded!

He began to believe that he could.

The prophecies didn't help,
only the strength of mind and hard work.

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He rose

– to begin to be.

And he was

– to give strength to others

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

A Bitter Heart

One can study, gain knowledge,
but will there be someone
to discover the signpost
which can whisper how to live?

With her bitter heart,
an aging body
and hearing loss,
she still didn't understand
why
she had made so many mistakes in life.

She is wiser than her younger self,
that self from many, many years ago,
but there will be no time left
– for her future self.

Her reflections
could help those
who have yet
many years to live.

How to prove that the time lived
has given her the right to wisdom
which she can nurture others with...

They don't want to listen, because
– she's old,
– she's stupid
– she doesn't know!

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

Challenge

Who, if not him?
Too late? Not for him!
He loves challenges. The hardest ones
are the easiest for him.

When someone says:
– *You can't do it!*
That's the real challenge!

He froze at the very thought
of what he was going to do.
To forgive? Not easy.
To prove? No.
He found a goal –
to defeat himself!
He made it!

At night, he no longer thought
about what had come before.
Though he'd never forgotten,
his memories would keep
fading more and more.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

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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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Nostalgia ~ Wisdom ~ Fearlessness

I nostalgically think back on my life,
And the many fruits
That I had the opportunity
To gather
During my its experiences

From my fears and doubts
I learned to be fearless
For survival was paramount

In my many failures and shortcomings,
Wisdom introduced itself
To alleviate my woe,
But did I always listen . . .
No!

Conformity

We act out the roles,
Thespians we are,
Conforming to ideologues
Constructed just
For minds like ours

Forced to make choices
Of which side of the fence
We choose to indulge,
While many are immobilized
And can not go
One way or the other
While our thoughts vascillate
In the maleable seas
Devoid of certainty
And moral compass

Today we are,
Tomorrow,
Somewhere else
Chasing rainbows and dreams
In search of that elusive
Pot of gold

We listen too often
To the wrong whispers
That hide in the shadows
Of our brilliance
Which feed on our soul's
Celestial and divine light

We seek to attract favor,
Albeit darkly influenced...
We dress the part

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We don the masks and smiles
With falsehood
While betraying our innate Soul

What expectations do dreams offer
When we refuse to stand?
To what resolve is Hope
When we refuse to walk
The path ?

We eat of the gardens
Where bitter fruit flourish,
And we feed our children the same
In the name of
One Saviour or another
While Mother provides us with
All the nurturing we seek

Conformity is easy
For it requires no
True commitment
To the right ways of righteousness,
And in some strange dimension
Of expression
We have learned to
Be OK with that
Because all around us
This modicum of behavior
Has become the norm

Listen,
The storms are coming,
So gather thy will to survive
And fill thy closets and storehouse
With the sustenance
That will feed thee

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Thy children,
And thy neighbor

Open your hearts,
Lay them bare
And embrace that spark of light
That still shines
In the deepest recesses
Of thy Holy being-ness

.....
Conform not
To the ill-winds of deceit,
Clear thy mind
Of the invasive viruses
Of persuasion
And walk the know path
As directed by ... 'THAT'
That seed of inner Truth.

CONFORMITY

Manufactured Wars

What is the purpose. . . .
We know,
It is an enrichment program
That benefits only
The powerful...
The Banks,
The Arms Dealers,
The un- straight politicians,
The Greed Mongers,
And all those others
Who hide in the shadows,
Those who fear the light ...
Of Truth

The casualties ...
Our children,
The innocent civilians
Who are just trying to live,
The unknowing and indifferent too

We all suffer the effect
In one way or another

Our tax dollars disappearing
To the decrepit ones,
Lining their pockets
And bank accounts
Being sent overseas
To further the agendas
Of the sick ones
When there is so much need
Here at home

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Hunger and homelessness,
Deteriorating infrastructures,
Education,
Healthcare,
Care of our aged,
Care of our children,
Care of us
Who foot the bill
For the global barbarism

.....

Who are the savages,
Who are the uncivilized,
Who are the hypocrites
Telling lies
To keep us blinded
To support their ways
Of degradation,
Of despotic ideologies
Using philosophical theologies
To make us hate on our selves

We are the footnotes and foot soldiers,
The statistics
Of a maligned history
That will never make it
To the mainstream
Where we walk woke
Eyes open
Knowing truth
In all her naked glory
Stories, stories, stories
Manufactured and fed
Via the machinations of naivety
To us 'suckers'
Who are content to suckle

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Upon the teats of
Apathy and indifference
While complaining
About our negligent complicity
Our plight
As we willfully witness yet again
These Manufactured Wars

July 2025 Featured Poets



Mennadi Farah

Aklima Ankhi

Niloy Rafiq

Petros Kyriakou Veloudas

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Mennadi
Farah

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Pendant 30 ans, Mennadi Farah a dédié sa vie à l'enseignement, guidant et inspirant des générations d'élèves. Aujourd'hui, cette passion pour le partage et l'humanité s'exprime à travers l'écriture, où elle explore des thèmes universels comme la résilience, l'amour et la lutte contre l'injustice.

Elle a publié trois recueils de poésie qui témoignent de son style unique, mêlant émotion, profondeur et engagement. Son écriture va bien au-delà des mots, s'inscrivant dans des causes humanitaires : elle a contribué à plusieurs anthologies collectives internationales, où chaque texte devient un acte de solidarité et de compassion. Ses écrits sont une invitation à l'amour, la paix dans un monde humain

English Version Biography

For 30 years, Mennadi Farah has dedicated her life to teaching, guiding and inspiring generations of students. Today, this passion for sharing and humanity is expressed through her writing, where she explores universal themes such as resilience, love and the fight against injustice.

She has published three collections of poetry that bear witness to her unique style, combining emotion, depth and commitment. Her writing goes far beyond words, embracing humanitarian causes: she has contributed to several international collective anthologies, where each text becomes an act of solidarity and compassion. Her writings are an invitation to love, peace and a humane world

L'étincelle céleste

Loin au fond de l'âme, un brasier sommeille. Une étincelle divine, un feu sacré.

Dans les nuits les nuits les plus sombres, elle reluit, Un phare guidant l'âme égarée.

Tel un phare dans la tempête, elle éclaire, Dissipant les brumes du désespoir.

Un fil d'Ariane dans le labyrinthe,
Elle nous mène vers un avenir meilleur.

Comme une graine enfouie sous la terre, L'espoir germe et grandit en secret,

Il traverse les saisons, les épreuves amères, Pour s'épanouir sous un ciel clément.

Un joyau précieux, caché dans une coquille, L'espoir attend le moment de briller.

Il est la force qui nous relève,
Le ressort qui nous pousse à aller de l'avant.

The celestial light

Deep in the soul, a fire lies dormant. A divine spark, a sacred fire.

In the darkest nights, it glows, A beacon guiding the lost soul.

Like a lighthouse in a storm, it sheds light, Dispelling the mists of despair.

An Ariadne's thread in the labyrinth, Leading us to a better future.

Like a seed buried in the earth, Hope sprouts and grows in secret, Through seasons and bitter trials, To blossom under a gentle sky.

A precious jewel, hidden in a shell, Hope waits for its moment to shine. It is the strength that lifts us up, The spring that pushes us forward.

Les saisons de l'âme

Dans l'aube naissante, l'âme S'éveille,
Sur les rives d'un lac où le silence, Sommeille,
Elle flotte légère, comme une plume Dans le vent,
Chaque souffle un murmure, chaque Onde un chant.

Le matin radieux, l'espoir Enivrant,
Les rayons dansent, lumineux et Eclatants.
L'âme joyeuse, s'élance, elle Explore,
Les champs de fleurs où le bonheur Implore.
Mais la brise tourne, ombres sur le Chemin,
Un nuage obscurci s'étend sur le Matin.

L'âme, soudain, se fige, le cœur en

Souffrance.
Les couleurs se fanent, la vie prend Distance,
C'est alors un orage, une tempête Sourde,
Un tumulte intérieur, la mélancolie, Une gourde.
Les larmes se mêlent aux gouttes De pluie,
Dans le chaos, elle cherche une Lueur, une vie.

Eclaircie fugace, un rayon Se fraye,
Un chemin de lumière, l'âme S'y engage,
Elle découvre les nuances, les Teintes de l'existence,
Chaque humeur est une étoile, une Danse en silence.

Au crépuscule, l'âme s'assoit, Contemplative,
Les souvenirs s'entrelacent, doux et Parfois dérivés.

Elle embrasse la tristesse, la joie, la Colère,
Chaque émotion est un voyage, Un mystère.

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Dans la nuit étoilée, elle s'élève Encore,
La paix s'installe, les tumultes sont Dehors.
L'âme, apaisée, trouve son Équilibre,
Dans le murmure des étoiles, elle S'enivre.

Ansi, le voyage continu, sans fin ni Repos.
A travers les saisons, les humeurs, Les flots.
Chaque changement est un chapitre, Une page à tourner,
L'âme, vagabonde, danse, apprend A aimer.

Seasons of the soul

In the dawning dawn, the soul Awakens,
On the shores of a lake where silence, Sleeps,
It floats light, like a feather In the wind,
Every breath a whisper, every Wave a song.

The radiant morning, the hope Intoxicating,
The rays dance, luminous and Dazzling.
The joyful soul soars, it Explores,
Fields of flowers where happiness Implores.
But the breeze turns, shadows on the Path,
A dark cloud spreads over the Morning.

The soul suddenly freezes, the heart in

Suffering.
Colours fade, life takes Distance,
It is a storm, a tempest Deafening,
An inner turmoil, melancholy, A gourd.
Tears mingle with the drops Of rain,
In the chaos, she seeks a A glimmer, a life.

A fleeting ray of light Is carved out,
A path of light, the soul Embarks on it,
It discovers the nuances, the Shades of existence,
Every mood is a star, a A dance in silence.

At dusk, the soul sits, Contemplative,
Memories intertwine, gentle and Sometimes derivative.
It embraces sadness, joy, anger

Anger,
Each emotion is a journey, a mystery.

Into the starry night she rises Again,

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Peace settles, the tumult is Outside.
The soul, soothed, finds its Balance,
In the murmur of the stars Intoxicates.

So the journey continues, without end or Rest.
Through seasons, moods, The waves.
Each change is a chapter, A page to turn,
The soul wanders, dances, learns To love.

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Sous d'autres cieux Où l'amour fleurit, Partons ensemble,
Loin de ce bruit.
Vers des îles lointaines, Baignées de soleil,
Où nos cœurs unis Trouveront leur réveil.

Loin des villes, de leurs Bruits et soucis, Echappons-nous,
vers De nouveaux horizons. Sous le ciel étoilé,
Nos âmes se grisent, Dans un voyage
Où l'amour prend ses prémices.

Partons ensemble vers Des îles de notre âme,
Où les passions s'épanouissent Comme une flamme.
Sous un ciel d'émeraude,

Bercés par les flots,
Nos cœurs unis danseront Sur des notes suaves.

Loin des sentiers battus, Sous les cieux d'azur,
Embarquons pour un rêve, Doux et pur.
Dans les jardins d'Éden, Où les fleurs embaument, Nos
mes s'enivreront
De parfums inconnus.

Escapade

Under other skies Where love blossoms, Let's go away
together, Far from this noise.
To islands far away, Bathed in sunshine, Where our hearts
united Will find their awakening.

Far from the cities noise and worries, Let's escape to New
horizons.
Under a starry sky,
Our souls are intoxicated, On a journey
Where love takes its first steps.

Let's set off together towards The islands of our soul,
Where passions blossom Like a flame.
Under an emerald sky, Rocked by the waves,

Our united hearts will dance On sweet notes.

Far from the beaten track, Under azure skies,
Let's embark on a dream, Sweet and pure.
In the gardens of Eden, Where the flowers bloom, Our
souls will be intoxicated With fragrances unknown.

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Aklima

Ankhi

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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 playground 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 divine soul.

Niloy
Rafiq

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Niloy Rafiq was born in 6 August 1983 Maheshkhali, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Niloy Rafiq has been writing in the literary pages of local daily newspapers since his school days. Later, his poems were published in national and international literary magazines including various famous little magazines. So far, his notable poems have been translated into more than twenty foreign languages. His English poetry book 'Sun Leaf' has already been published under 'Stockholm Project 2033 Global Leader' by Amazon. His second English translated poetry book 'An Incomplete Kiss' has published in 2024 from Amazon. The number of his poetry books written in Bengali languages are 6 respectively 1. I, the swan float in pure sadness, 2. Thirst's eternity, 3. Salty man's face, 4. Unknown fire, 5. Adinath in eyes, 6. Wax prayer bowed in a clay body. His poetry has a magical, edgy feeling. Poet Niloy Rafiq is like a magician in the extraordinary weaving of words and rhythms.

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The Tale of Words

Like the breaking surge of a dream-river's tide,
Returns to its origin, a new moon to abide.
In jubilant union, emotions blend so sweet,
Familiar faces, beloved, in joy they meet.

Guests adorned with love, care, and delight,
Doors wide open, colors vivid and bright.
Through the dreamer's eyes, the dearest appears,
In the tale of words, ancient caves hold beauty that endears.

Reading half-asleep beneath the blazing sun's glare,
Poetry still expectant, with birdsong in the air.
In the forest's shadowed lair, sleepless swans reside,
A story unfolds where time and art collide.

Translator: Nurul Hoque

Dance of Wings

The golden life of sun-scorched earth, Harvest the river
Kartoya time on the boats Seeds of fragrance in the
beautiful abode, On the road of language, artisans seek
their path.

As we go, ah, the scenes! The crafting of paddy, Time's
garden painted by word-dwellers, The reflection of roses in
green, Butterfly wings dancing to the melody of music.

In the clamor, the evening scent and bees' song, On the
shores, the skilled pen appears, In the land of thoughts yet
to come, the home of flowers, A distinct city in the school
of creation.

Translated : Nurul Hoque

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Shantihat

(The Peace Market)

In the sacred abode of the bowed sky, Scattered, bullet-ridden blood of martyrs, At heaven's gate, in the emptiness of paradise, Golden waves of flowers, the village birthplace.

On silent stones, the eyes are rivers of windows, The raft floats on the hills of water, in the Bankkhali, The great planet of the earth, in shame and disdain, On poetry's verandah, mourning echoes.

In the unknown ancient cave, an eternal body, An array of fragrances, mirrors on the wall, Lost heart's Kaaba, prayer roses, On the path of light's chariot, shadowy Shantihat.

Translated :Nurul Hoque

Petros
Kyriakou
Veloudas

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Painting the Sorrow of the Moon

Peeled moon
lies
like ripe fruit
which are being prepared
to shred
as a dessert
in appetites
an alluring night..
the moon with leanings
his hands on his head
poses on a canvas of stars
that of the night the brush
he bares his bitter loneliness
and inspiration gives the kiss of life
on the cheek
of the moon
illuminating the spiritual
heaven of thoughts
with breaths of stars
in the fight of..life!

Where the Heart of Poetry Beats

As the sweaty ones flow
lyrics
and the veins of words
they do not bow
in graceful statues of fear,
as much as poetry
the heart is pounding
the faster
they clean them
foggy windows
of imprisoned emotions...
They don't sleep
the pains,
time does not hurt
even the last one
at the last moment
of farewell
where everything freezes,
enough from the vein
a penny to roll
some ink
and the poem will
wears his flesh
giving bread
joy
and deliciousness...hopefully!

The Pale House

Do not surround the house,
don't surround the garden..
No evil dwells in here
only rusty memories...
Old furniture
a pale door
that creaks
as well as her bones
they will invite winter...
Do not mute the voice
of this sad house
the keys are weakly located
on a tired
wooden table...
The curtains are full
wrinkles of despair
will be delivered
patiently in one
unknown pleasure..
That's why I'm telling you
this house has none
address,
nor does it belong to humans
This house has one
stone soul
of talking stones
and angry dreams...
Sometimes by chance
they pass
passersby,
indifferent passers-by
in the dust of the crowd..

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When it's cold
Paganía kati nerveless
winters
a gray cloud
covers like a woolen blanket
the guilt of this house
They said that in it
the house of shadows of souls
with sins they burned
in the silences at the fireplace
of the dreamy subconscious
of his ghosts!...-



This is our world...

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Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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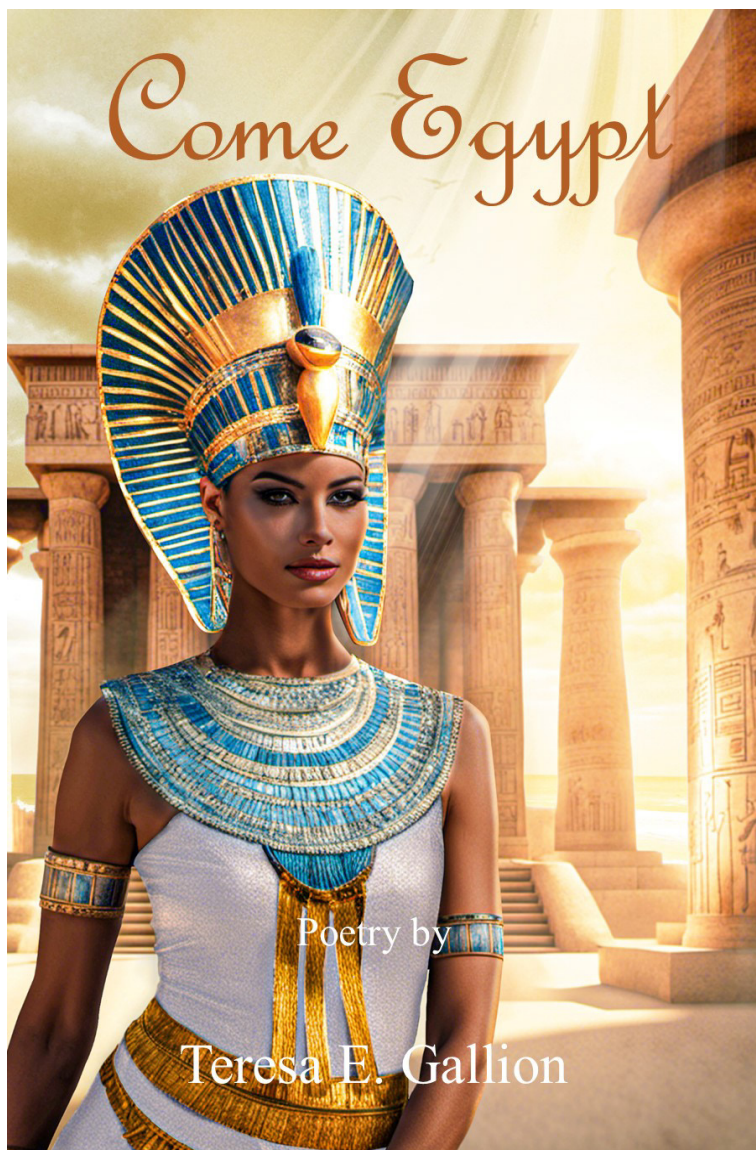
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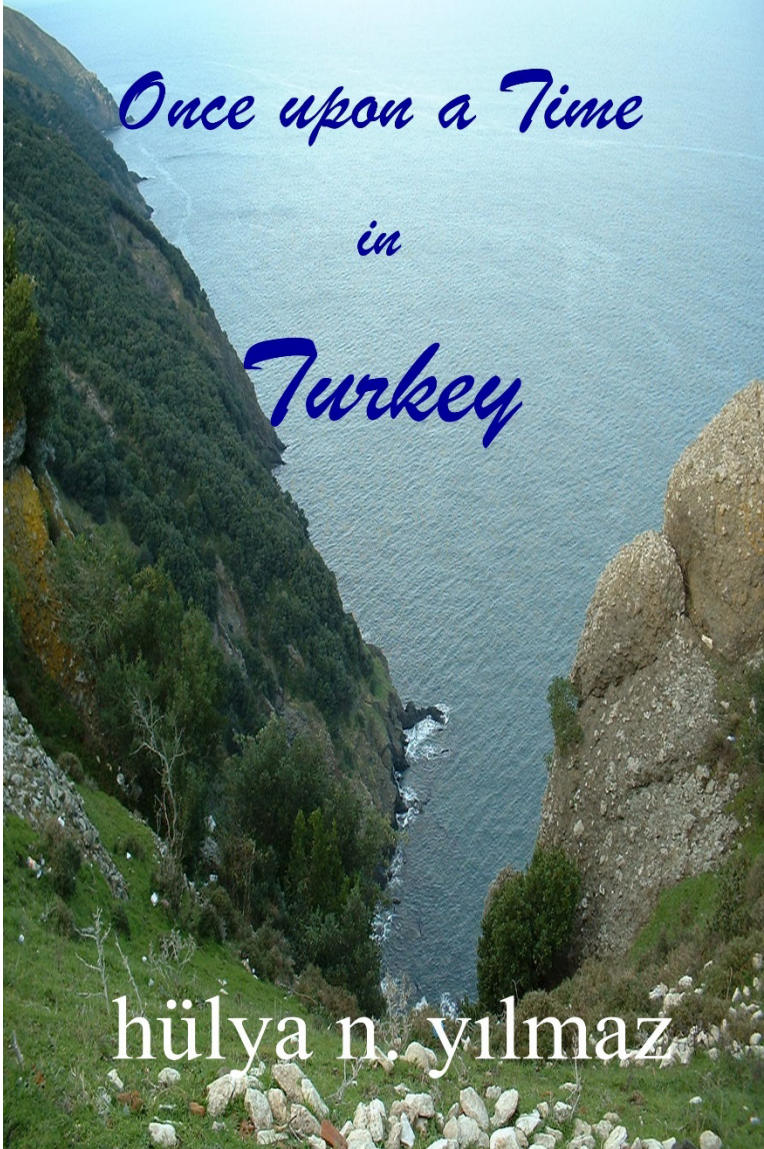
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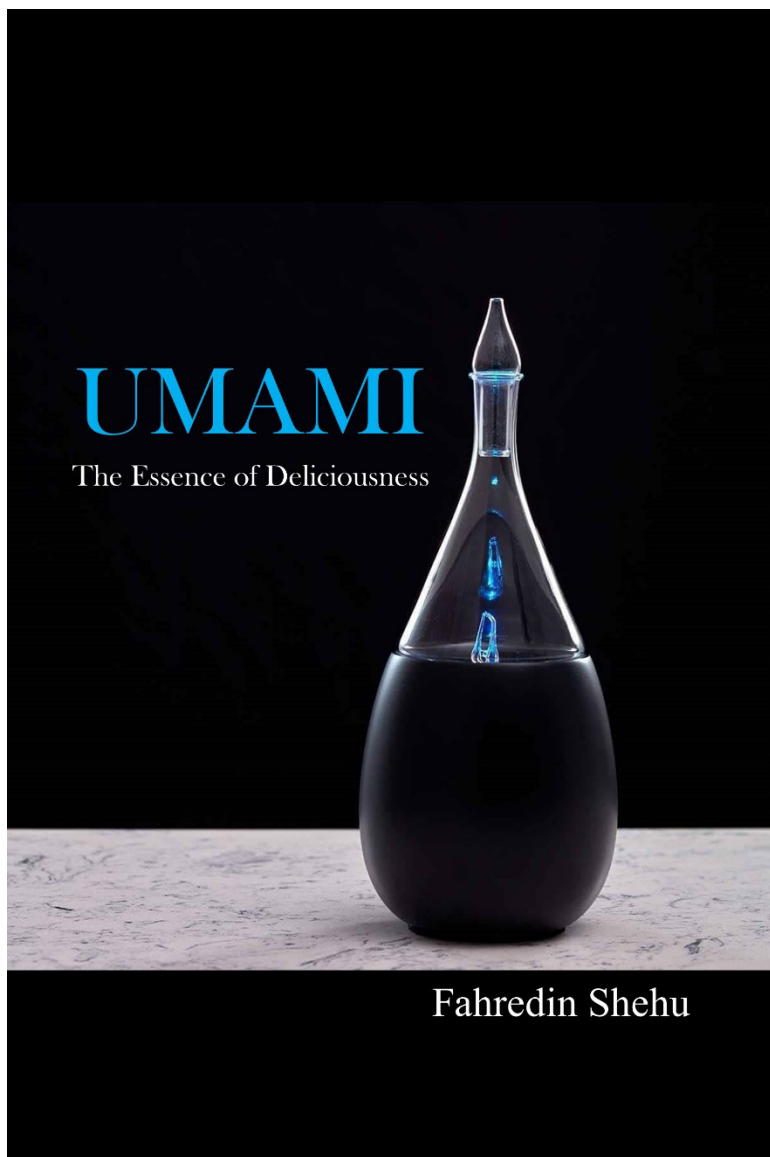


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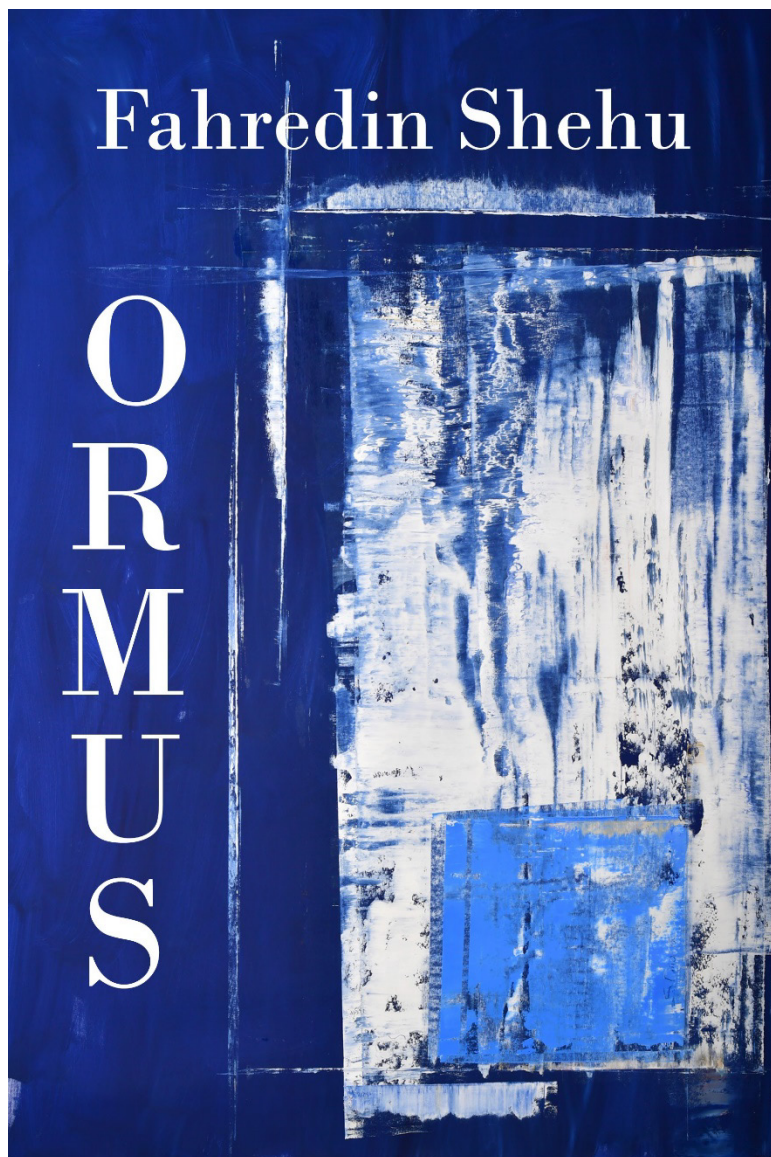
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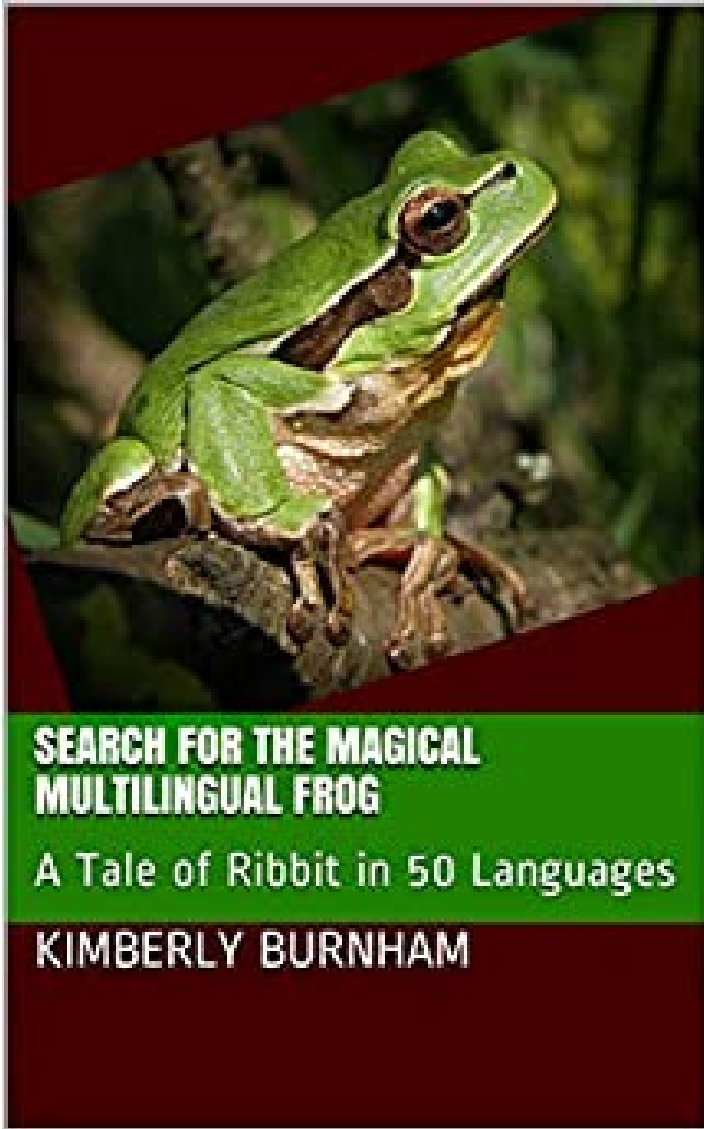
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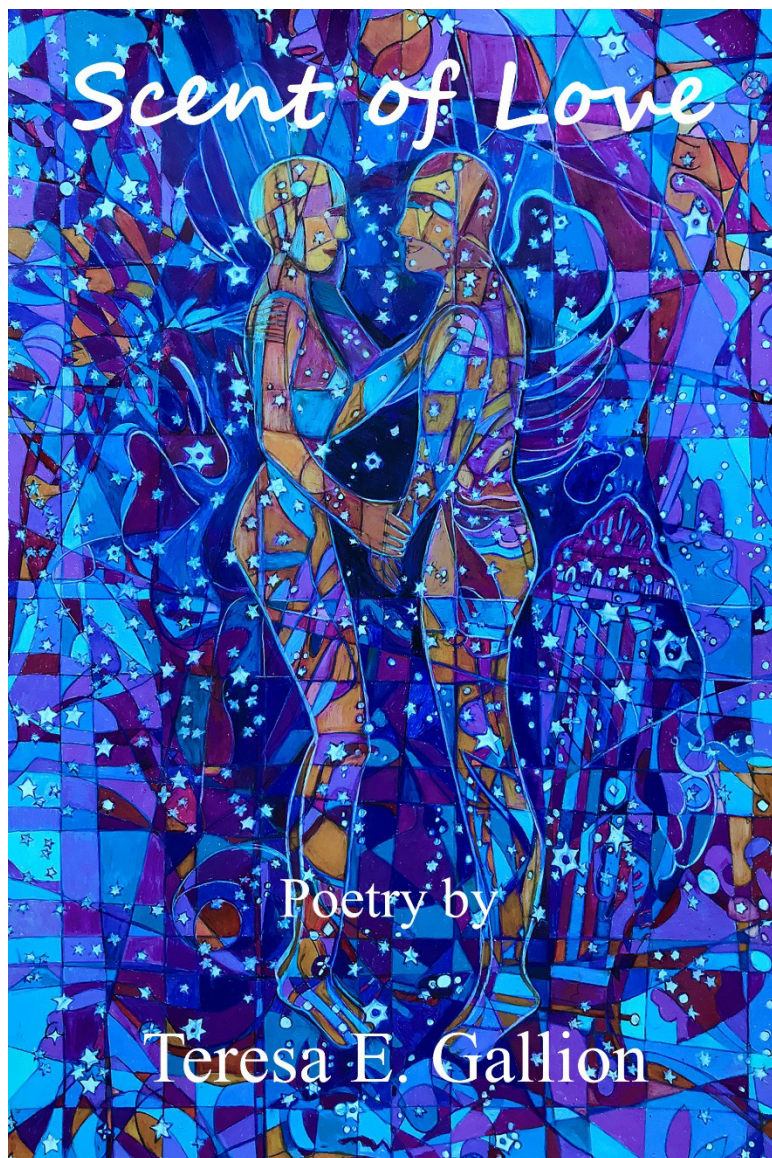
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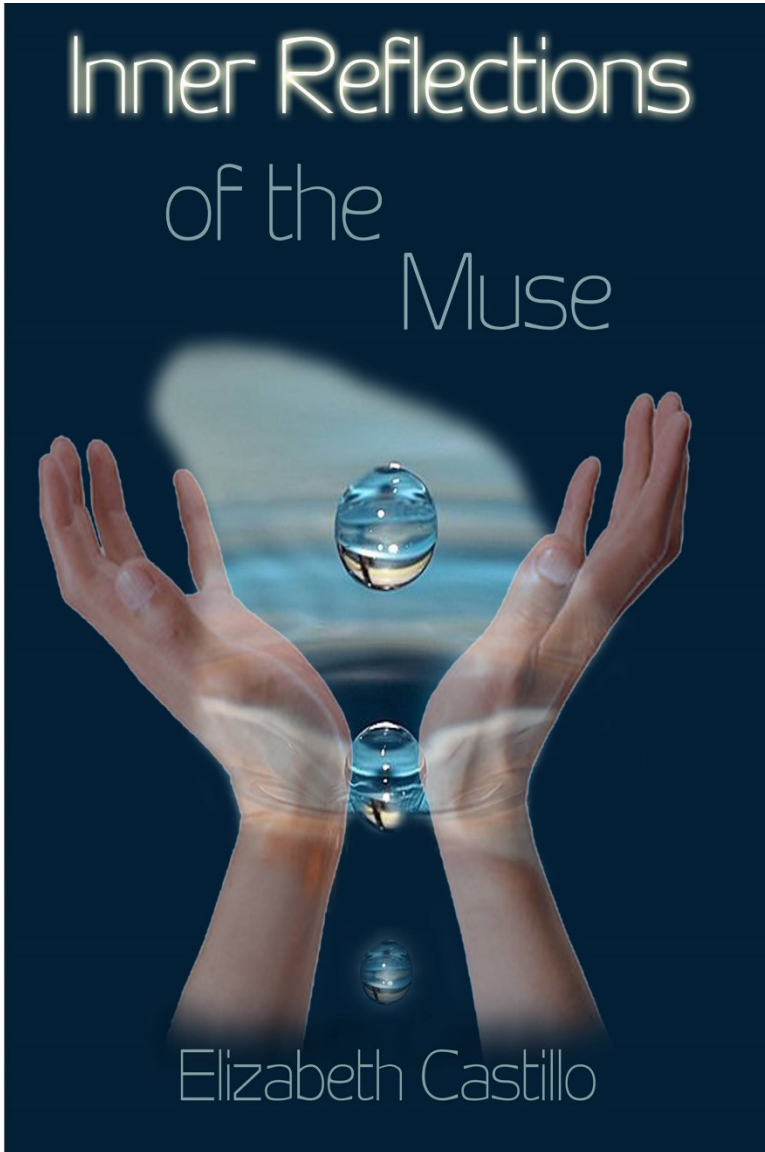
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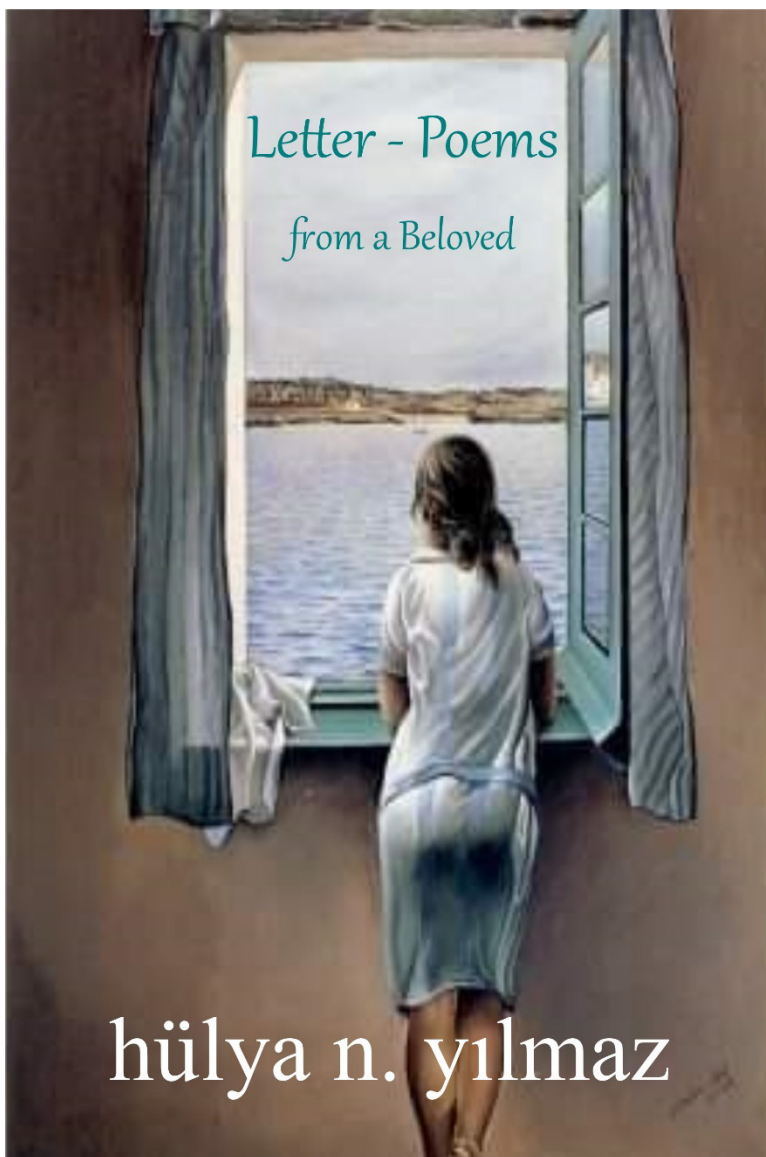
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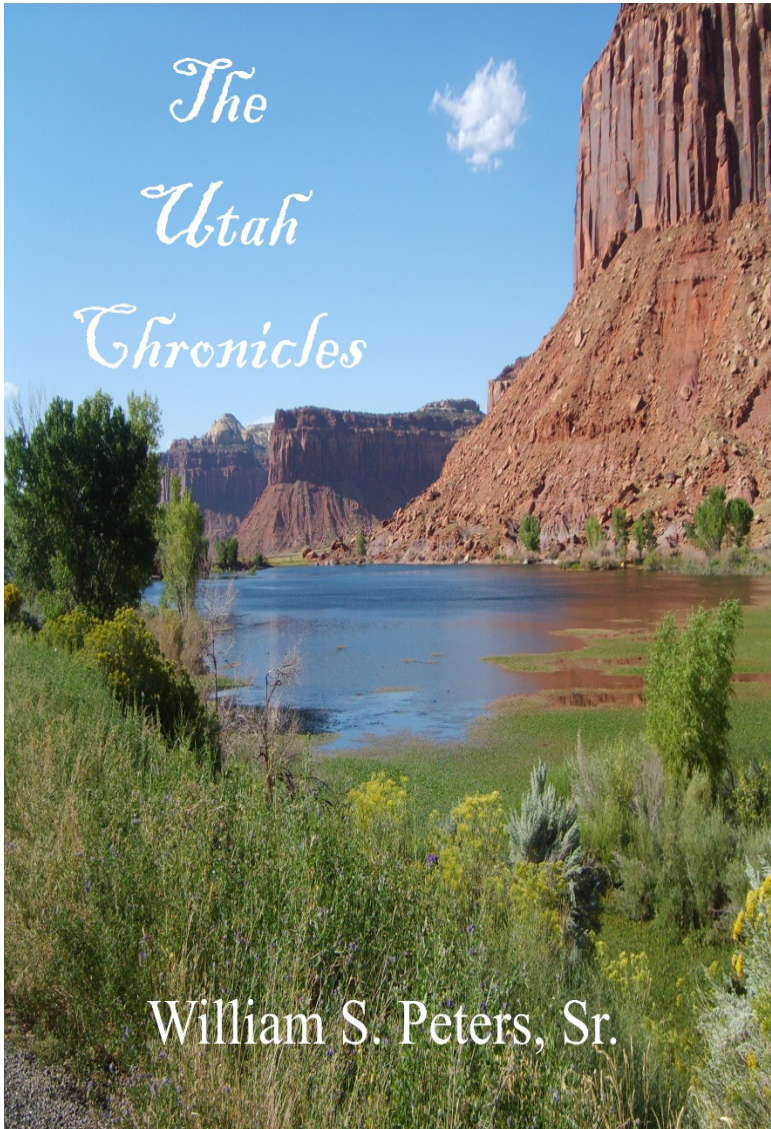
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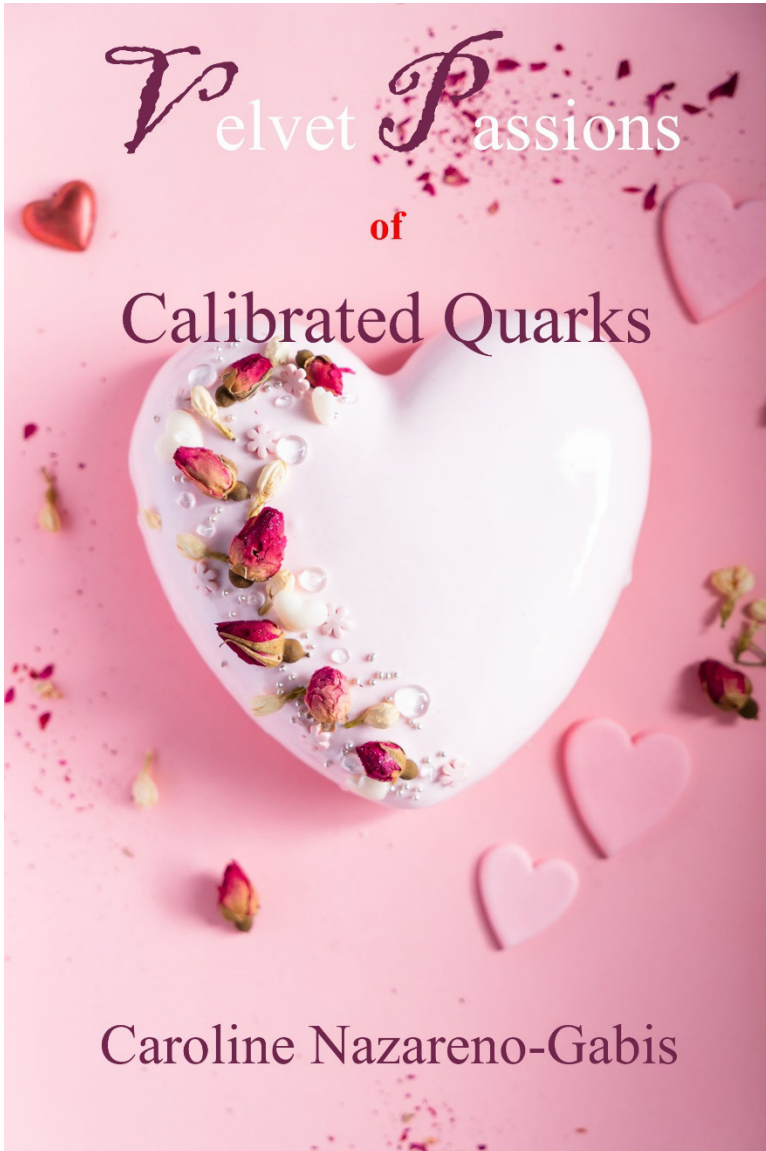


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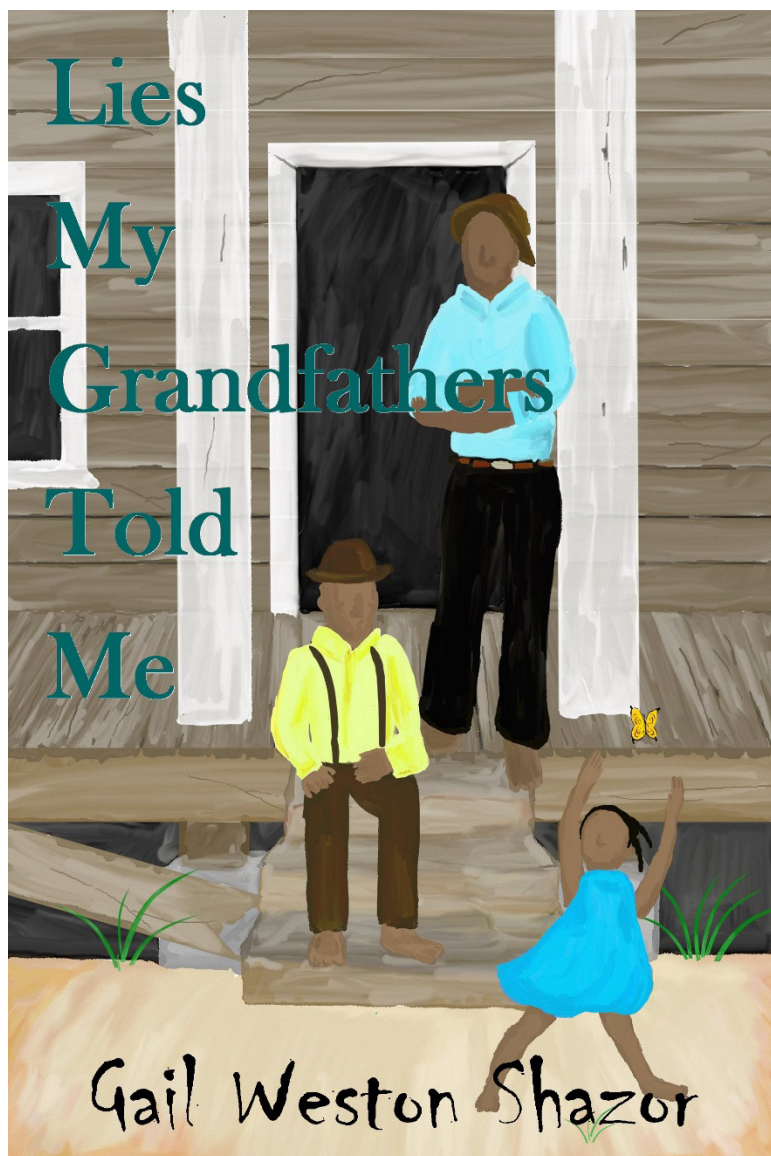
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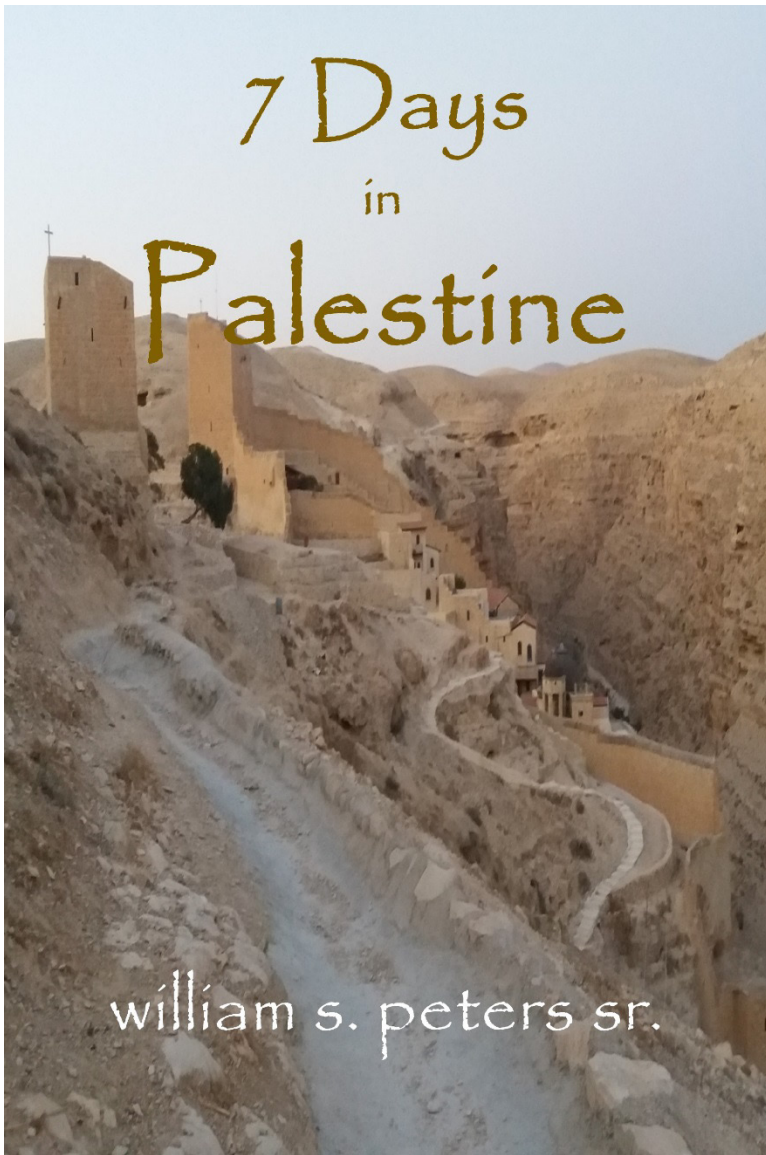
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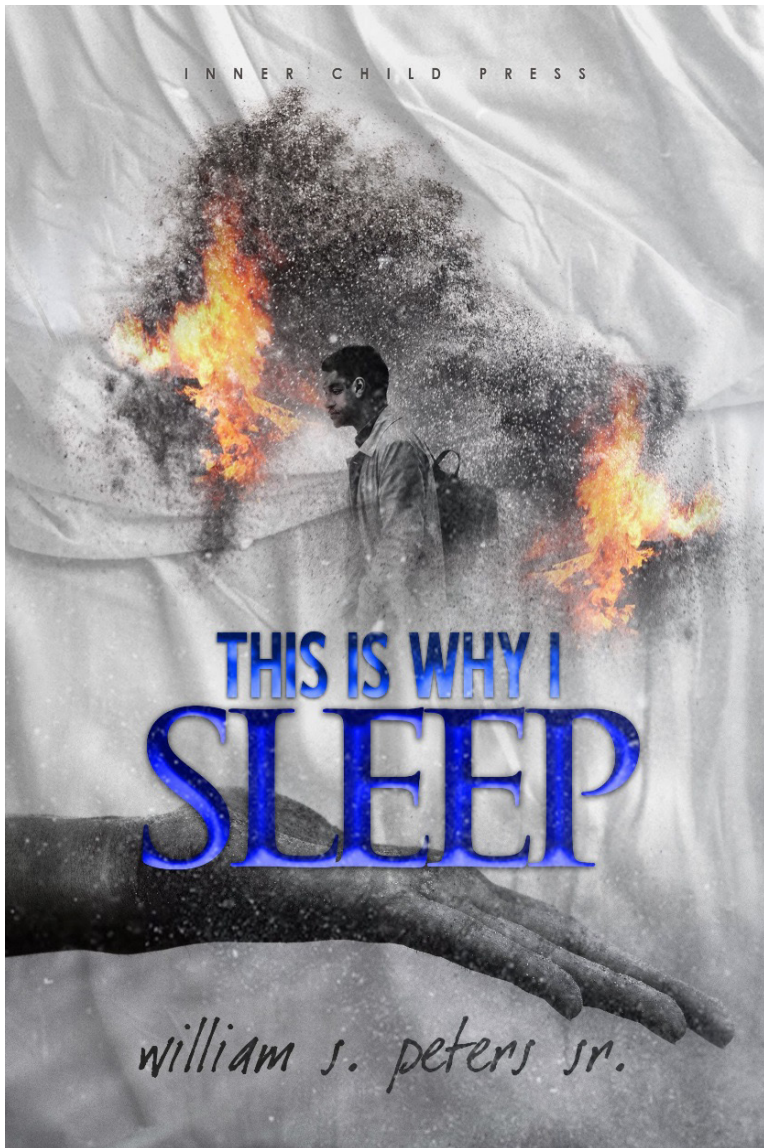
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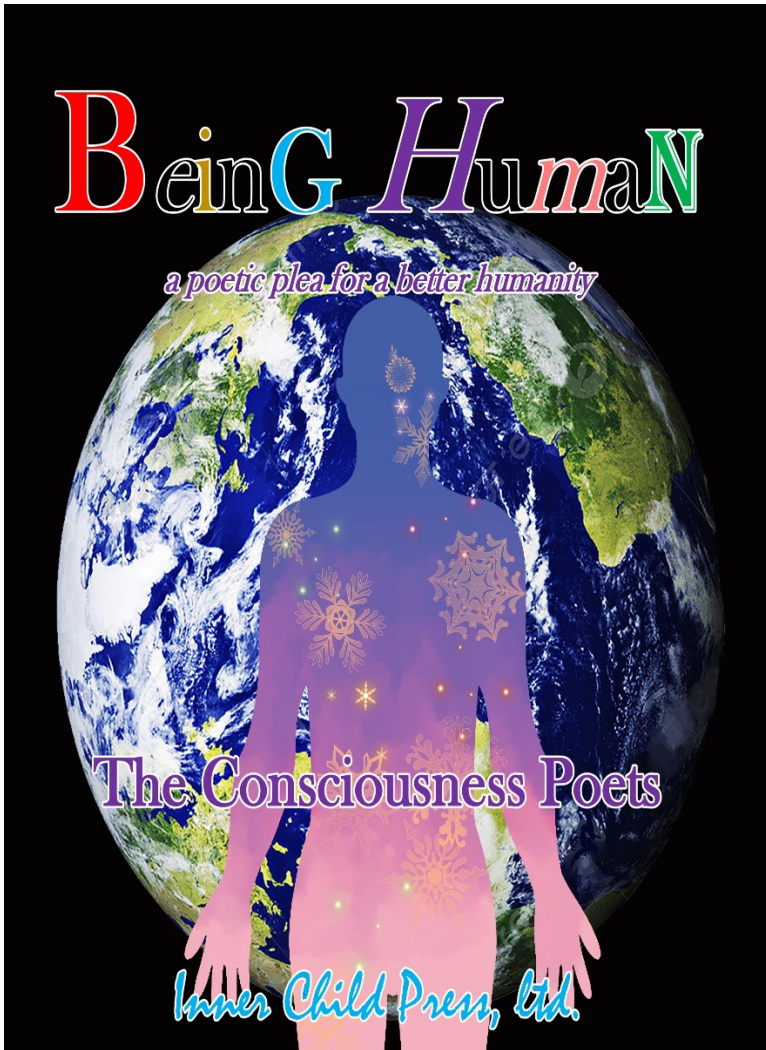
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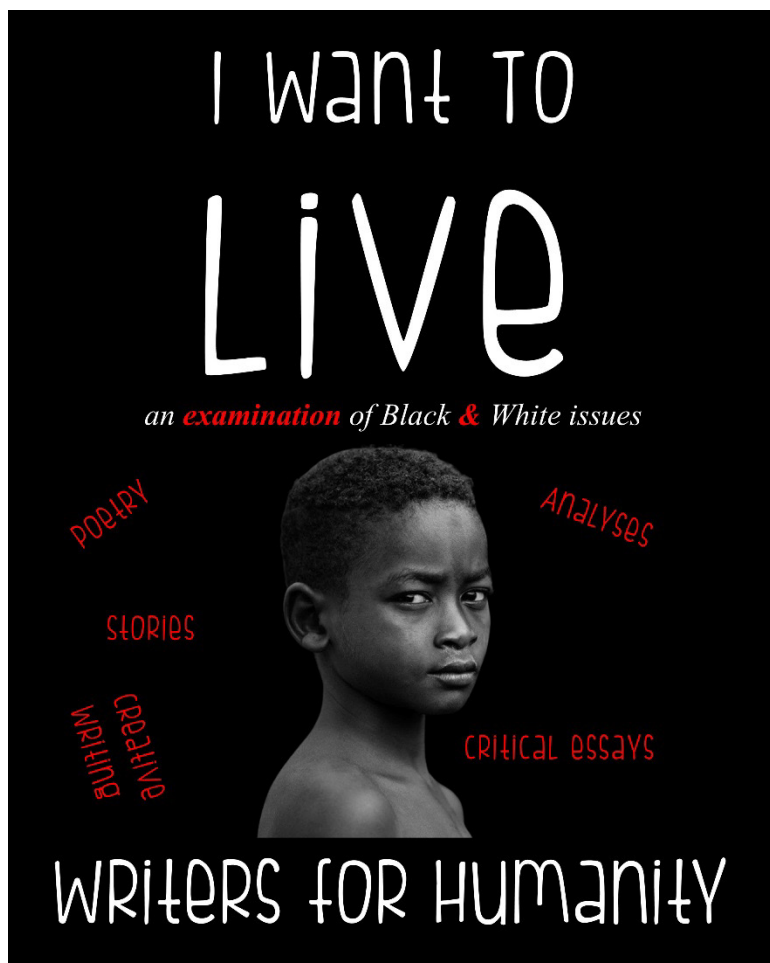


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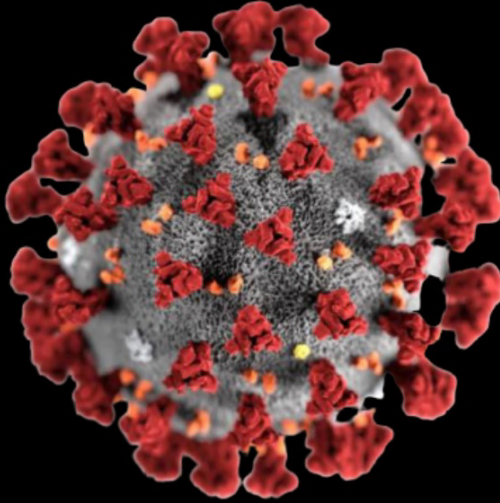
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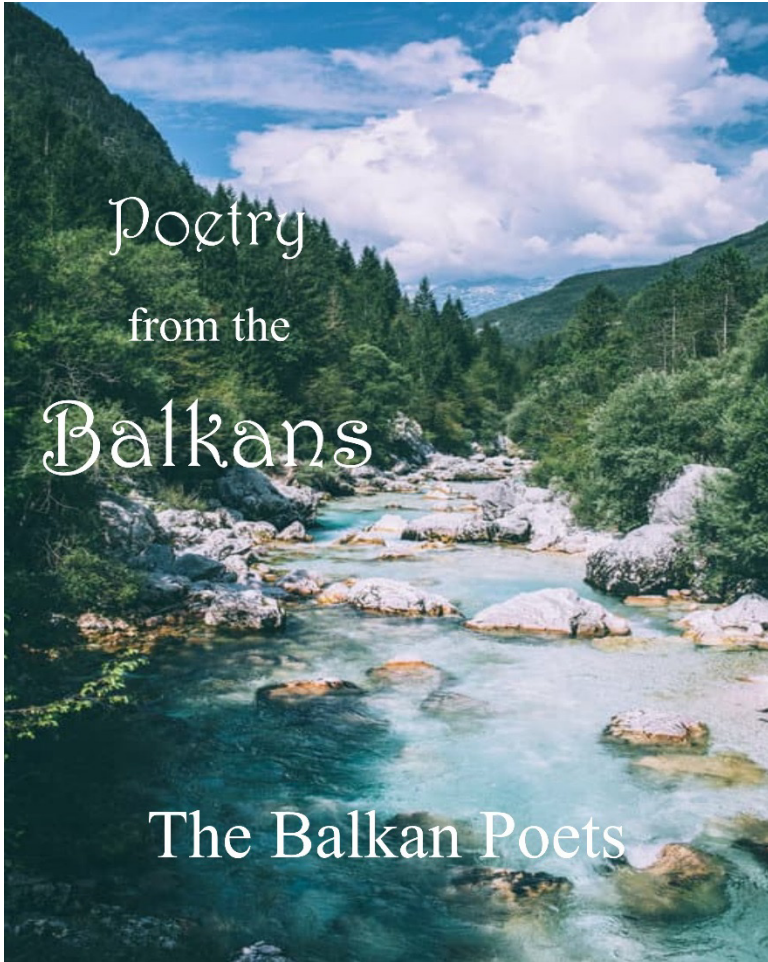


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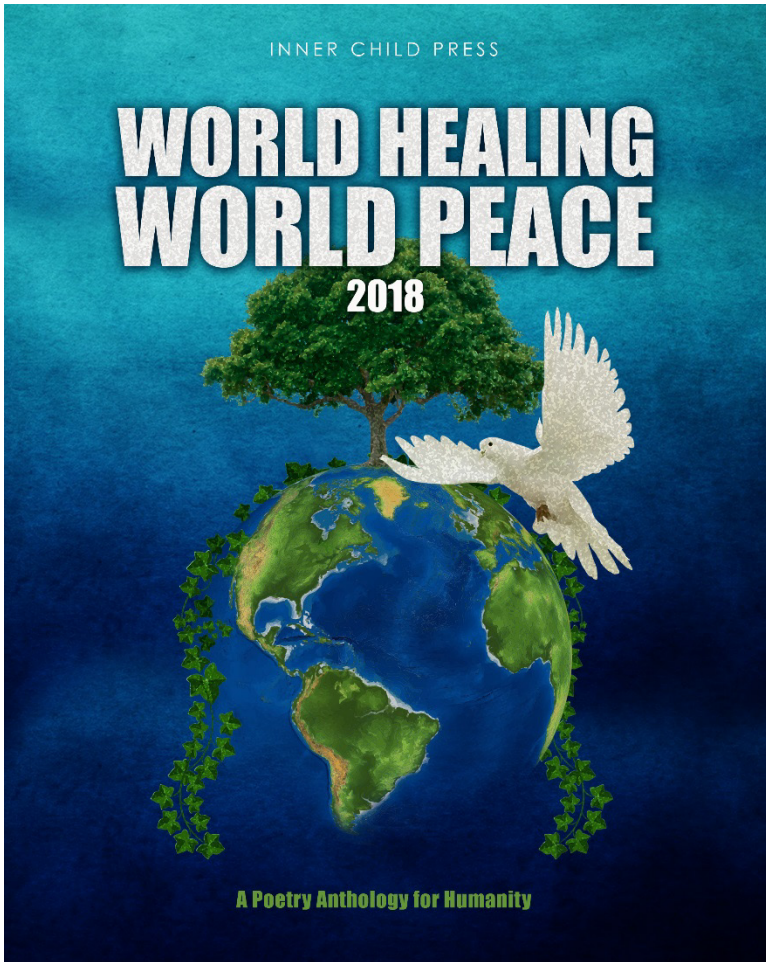
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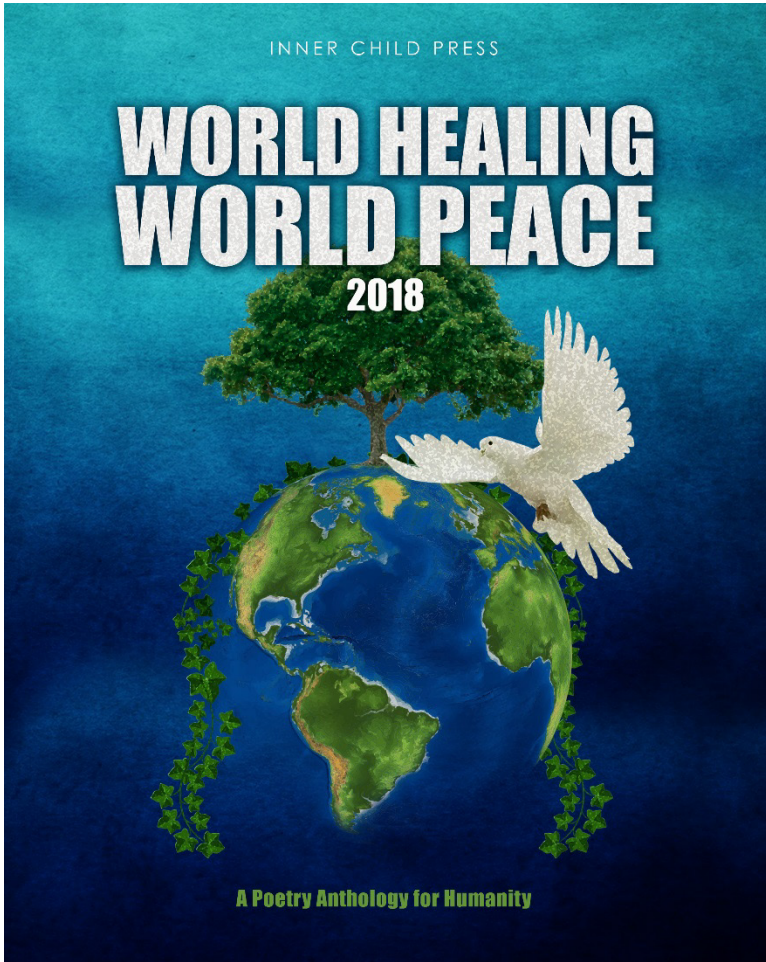


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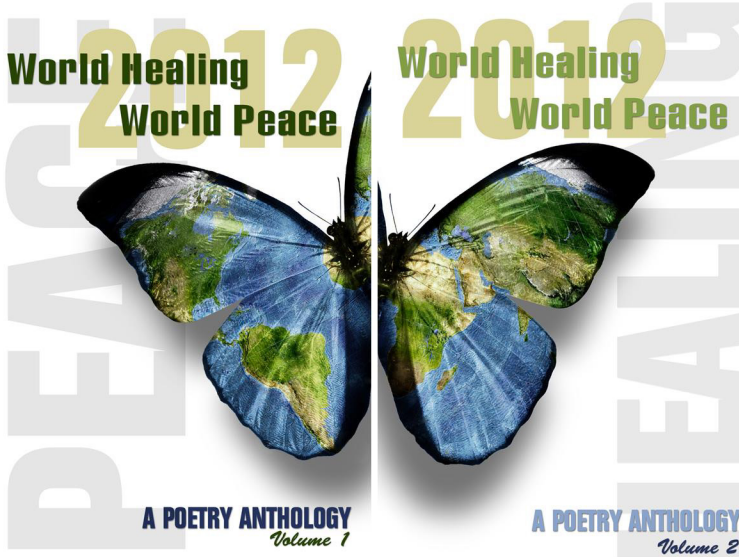
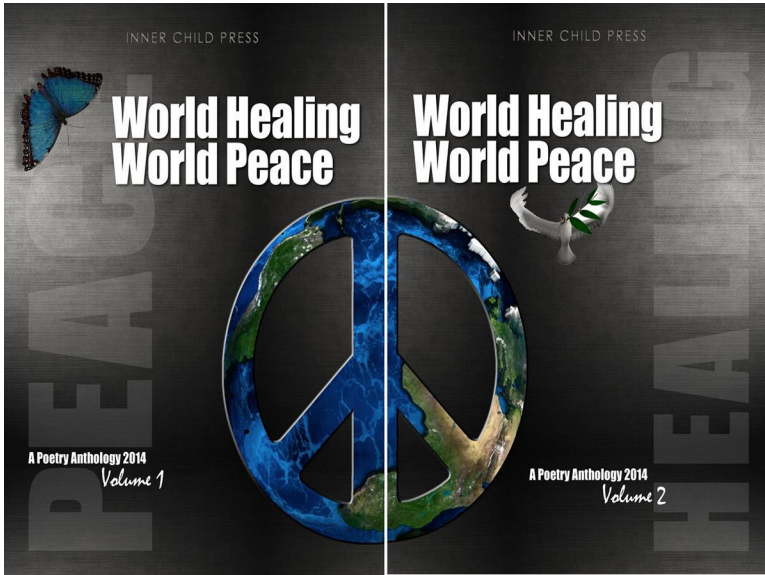
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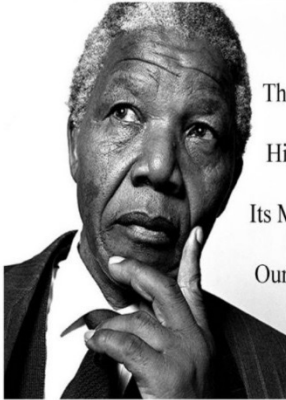
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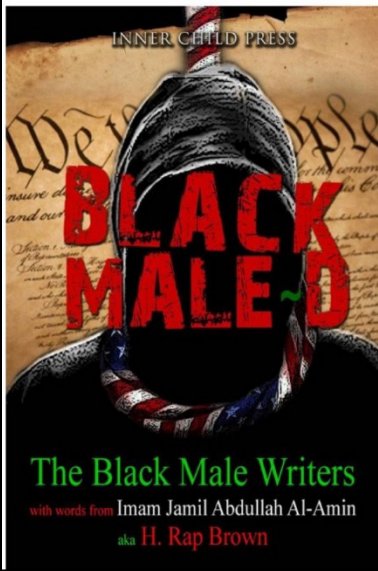
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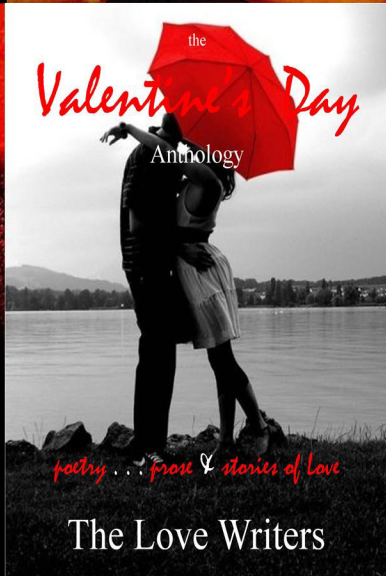
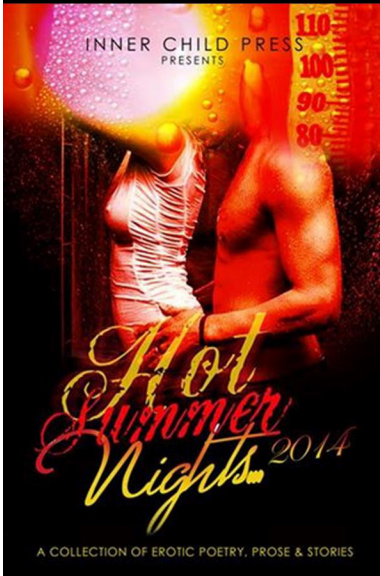
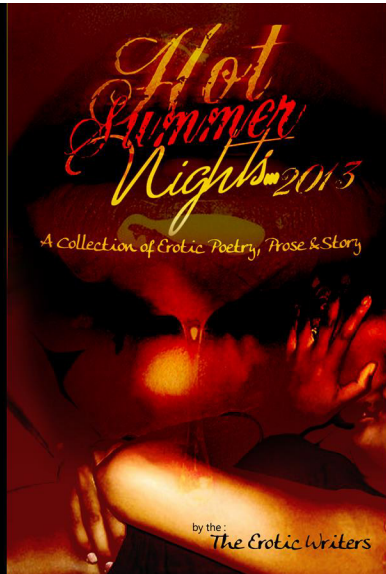
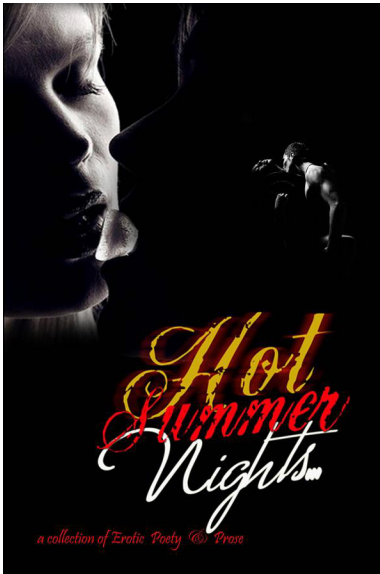
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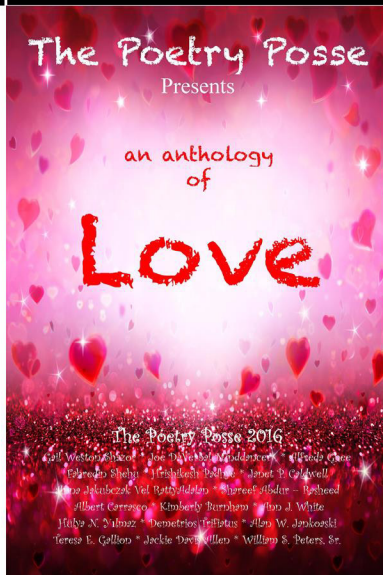
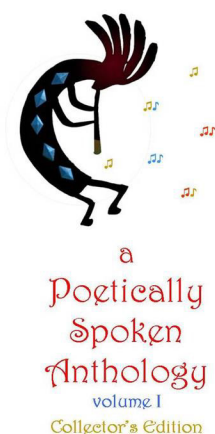
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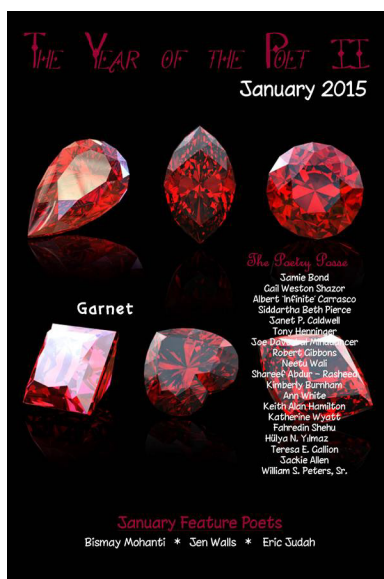
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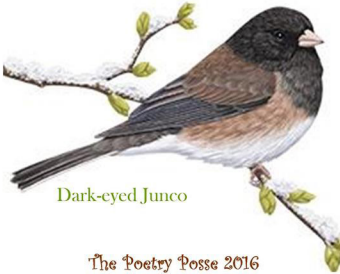
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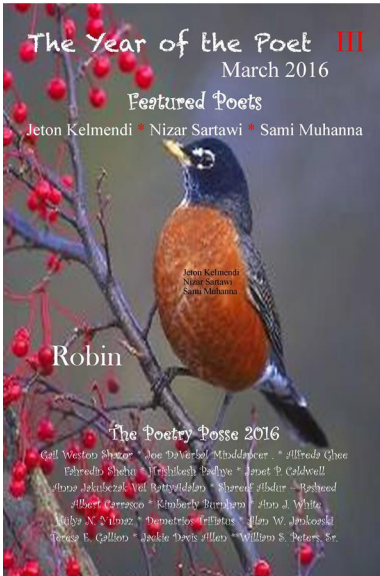
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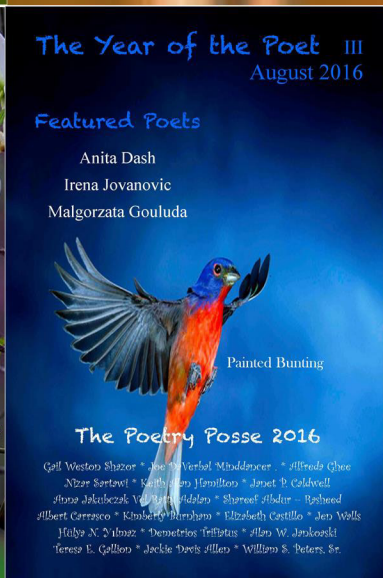
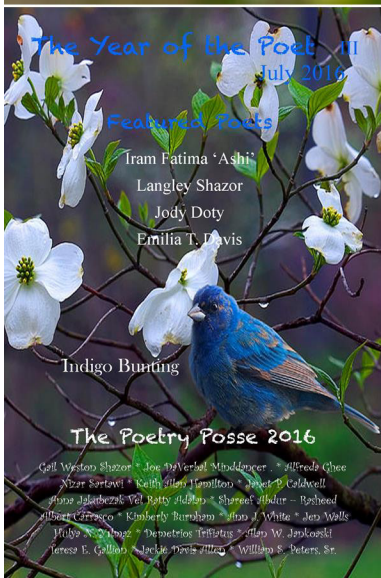
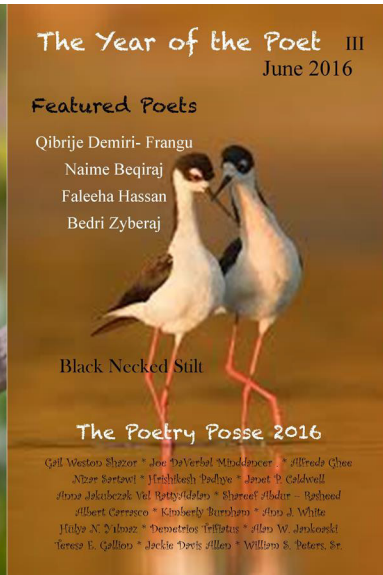
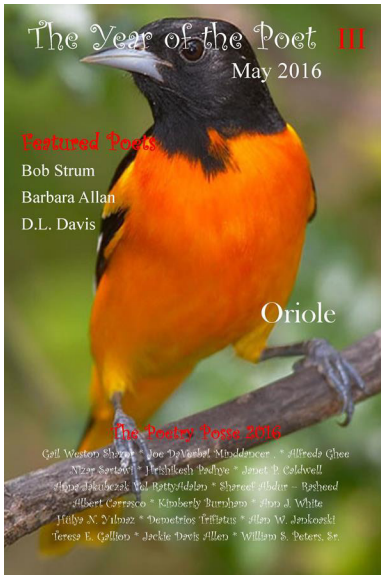
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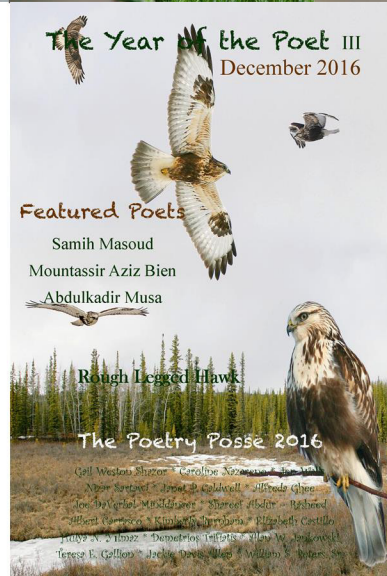
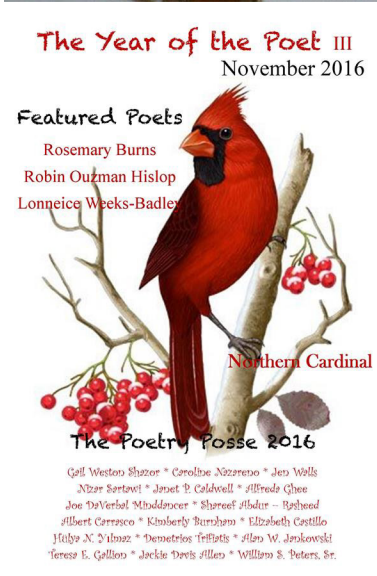
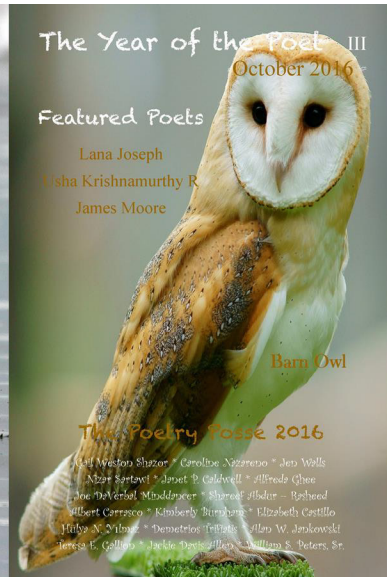
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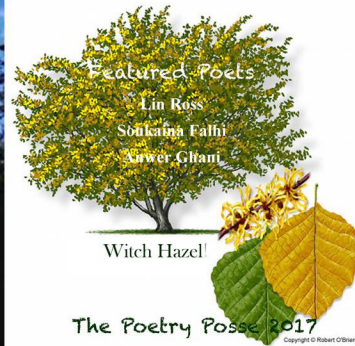
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Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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The Oak Moon

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Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Christine Fulco Neal

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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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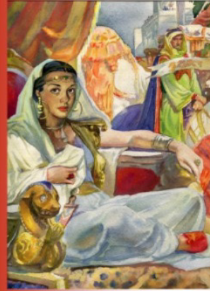
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Sabeen



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Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman



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Sabah Abu-Lawi
Swagata Bhowra
Nurhan Gonen
Suzanne Riegler



The Nez Perce

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Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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The Paleo Indians



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Mohammad Akbal Harsh
Eliza Segiet
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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The Lapita



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



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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar



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



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Dream Catcher

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Aida G. Roque * Jean-Jacques Fournier



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



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Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



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Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



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Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



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Smriti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleida



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



Oceania
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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dumant & Frédéric Passy



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Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

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Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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Monalisa Dash Dwivedy * NilavroNill Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Ralph Bunche ~ 1960



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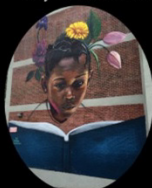
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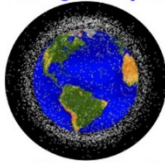
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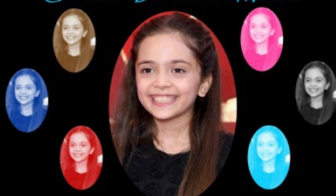
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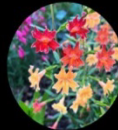
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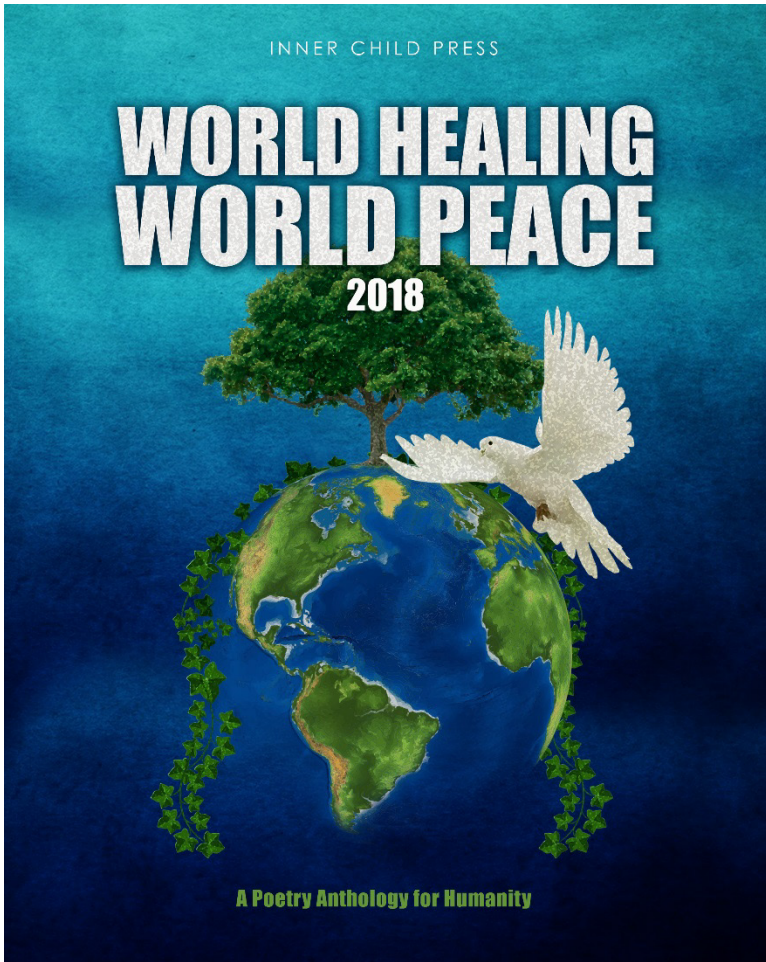


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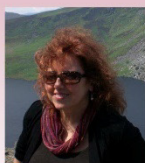
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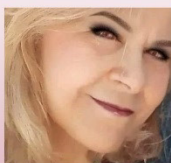
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