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

Janet P. Caldwell

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The Persian Civilization

Reading Persian Civilization Between Firelight and Stone Steps

Persian civilization moves us not merely because it once possessed a vast imperial realm, nor simply because it raised palaces, roads, and royal order upon the Iranian plateau. What truly allows it to pass through time without withering is its ability to fuse power, faith, poetry, and human suffering into a spiritual temperament glimmering with the luster of the desert.

Beginning with the Achaemenid Empire, Persia was never only a matter of geographical might; it was also an imagination of how the world might be governed. Cyrus the Great brought the empire into being; Darius, through roads, satrapies, and institutions, stitched distant territories into one imperial fabric, allowing faraway peoples to breathe under the same shadow of kingship. The stone stairways and reliefs of Persepolis seem still to preserve the footsteps of envoys from many nations. Those robes, camels, golden vessels, and sacrificial animals carved upon stone resemble both the glory of civilization and power's challenge to time. Yet time, that old gentleman, has never been afraid of emperors. It can slowly persuade even palaces into ruins, with an eloquence that puts a mere writer like me to shame.

The Cyrus Cylinder allows later generations to glimpse another face of empire. It is not merely a monument to conquest, but a text in which ancient kingship declares its legitimacy through appeasement, the restoration of temples, and the permission of return. It reminds us that kings in history often sit high upon horseback, yet what most compels

later eyes to lower themselves in contemplation are those who were displaced, exiled, and finally allowed to go home. The name of an empire may sound magnificent, but human tears are closer to eternity.

In the realm of religion and spirit, Persian civilization also left behind a profound flame. Zoroastrianism understood the world as a long confrontation between light and darkness, truth and falsehood, order and chaos. The fire upon the altar is not merely ritual fire; it is also the fire of conscience. It illuminates human choice: in darkness, not everyone can become a hero, but one can at least refuse to carry chairs for the darkness.

Later, the Sasanian dynasty gathered the Persian spirit once more before the rise of Islam. After the Islamic age began, Persian culture did not vanish; instead, it discovered a subtler and more enduring kingdom in poetry. Ferdowsi, through the *Shahnameh*, guarded national memory, transforming heroes, dynasties, and fate into epic. Saadi wrote of human kindness and worldly wisdom through fables and aphorisms. Hafez turned wine cups, roses, nightingales, and mystical love into labyrinths of the soul. Rumi, in the turning universe, made love a path toward the divine. The most enchanting quality of Persian literature lies precisely here: it sees the desolation of the dust-filled world, yet still preserves a garden for the soul.

Therefore, to write of Persian civilization, one should not write only of imperial splendor, nor only of the melancholy of ruins. One must also write of power upon stone stairways, homecoming upon clay inscriptions, conscience beside the fire altar, and that little moonlight which refuses to die in the poet's cup.

Tzemin Ition Tsai

Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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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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The Persian Civilization



For the July issue of *The Year of the Poet*, we focus on Persian poets and culture. The most famous Persian poet is Rumi, also known as Jalal al-Din Balkhi (1207–1273). Although he lived much of his life in what is modern day Turkey, he wrote in Persian or Farsi. A Persian Sufi mystic, teacher, and poet, Rumi is best known for the *Masnawi* and the *Divan-e Shams*, poems of love, longing, annihilation of ego, and union with the Divine. We could learn much from this line from Rumi, written some 1400 years ago, "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,

There is a field. I'll meet you there / When the soul lies down
in that grass / The world is too full to talk about / Ideas,
language, even the phrase each other / Doesn't make any
sense."

In *The Forty Rules of Love: A Novel of Rumi*, Turkish author, Elif Shafak weaves a wonderful story of Rumi, his teacher Shams in the 1200's and a modern man and woman. This is one of my favorite books about Rumi because it situates his poems and words in conversations he has with his mentor and with other characters in the story.

A hundred years later, Hafez of Shiraz, (c. 1325–1390) was the supreme master of the Persian ghazal. A ghazal is a Persian poetic form made of independent couplets, often linked by a repeated word or phrase and a shared rhyme. It traditionally explores love, longing, separation, beauty, wine, the beloved, and mystical union with God. Each couplet can stand alone like a small jewel, yet together the poem creates one emotional atmosphere.

A few couplets from American poet, Adrienne Rich's sequence 'Ghazals: Homage to Ghalib'. "In Central Park we talked of our own cowardice / How many times a day, in this city, are those words spoken? / The tears of the universe aren't all stars, Danton / Some are satellites of brushed aluminum and stainless steel."

Another famous modern poet who uses the ghazal form is Agha Shahid Ali, a Kashmiri American poet who helped bring the ghazal into contemporary English poetry. His book *Call Me Ishmael Tonight: A Book of Ghazals* is one of the best modern examples of English-language ghazals. "I'll do what I must if I'm bold in real time / A refugee, I'll be paroled in real time / Cool evidence clawed off like shirts of hell-fire? / A former existence untold in real time ..."

A contemporary of Rumi, Saadi Shirazi, (c. 1210–1291) was a Persian poet of ethical wisdom, tenderness, humanism, travel, and practical spirituality. He reaches across the centuries and asks us to consider our words. "Never have I heard it said / The wise found fault with what they read / Though of Chinese cloth a robe be made / Inside must a cotton lining be laid / If thou wouldst but the cloth, seek not to condemn / ... If a word in a thousand suit thy taste / Do not denounce the rest in haste."

As we write our poetry, the United States is at war with Iran, the inheritors of the Persian culture. It behooves us to consider our words and actions. To consider what we praise and what we denounce. To wonder at where we find wisdom and inspiration.

Another Persian Sufi poet and mystic, Attar of Nishapur, (c. 1145–1221) brings us a lyrical story available as an audio book in many libraries, *The Conference of the Birds*. It is an allegorical spiritual journey in which birds search for the Simorgh and discover the mystery of the self. To everyone's surprise, the Simorgh is not at all as the party expect; faced as they find themselves not with a beautiful mystical being, but rather a mirror of their own image: "And all who come before My splendour see / Themselves, their own unique reality...Though you have struggled, wandered, travelled far / It is yourselves you see and what you are." Imagine journeying to find Simorgh, only to find a mirror. What do you see?

Skipping ahead many centuries, consider life with Forugh Farrokhzad (1934–1967) was one of the most important modern Iranian poets. Her poetry brought a daring, intimate female voice into modern Persian literature, writing about desire, loneliness, spiritual hunger, rebellion, and the inner life of women. "Perhaps life is a long avenue / a woman with a basket crosses every day / perhaps life is a rope / with which a man hangs himself from a tree / or is a child returning home from school / Maybe life is the act of lighting

a cigarette / in the listless pause between lovemaking / ... In
a room the size of loneliness / my heart's the size of love."

Consider life is a long avenue ... How does your poem
continue? If centuries from now someone picked up your
writing what would the bio say?

Kimberly Burnham

Portland, OR





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

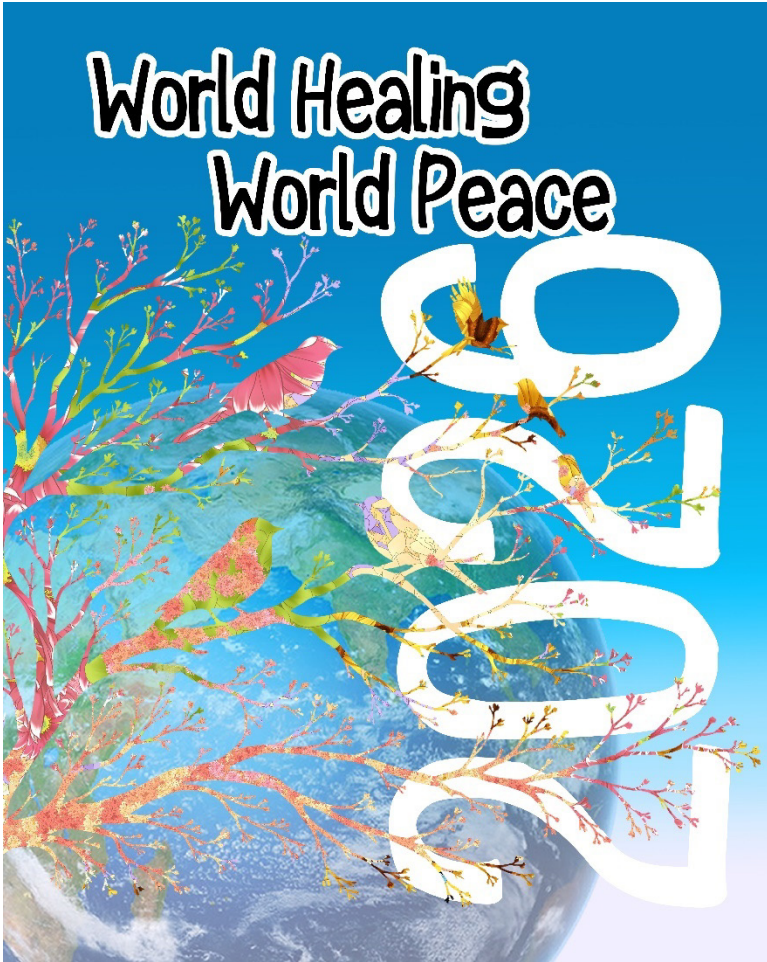




Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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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.

Untitled

I lost the title in my thoughts
So jumbled together as they were
Fleeting around the edges
Of memories, old, new and coming
Gone are the days
That we separated each other
By skin color
And when my generation dies
You will have to find colorism in a book
There is no forbidden love
No love that we have to be jailed for possessing
I can remember being bi-colored
High Yellow
Mullato
Mixed Race
And I only think on bears now
Would I fear a polar bear more than a brown bear?
Are my white relatives to be feared
More than my black or
My Indian tribe,
I don't think so
I wonder if sisters on each side
Of the Berlin Wall would genetically change
To enemies
Or did the Tutsis gain education because
They favored the Belgians more in complexion
Than the Hutus
All sharing a common language

For thousands of years with the TWA people
Why is a house slave better
Then a yard slave

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Or a field slave
800,000 rumors on African soil
1 little girl on Mississippi soil
Who has never seen a bear free
Taught that life labeled dangerous
Had to be caged
And still clinging to the thought
Of Native ancestors that all life
Is cherished life
I drink water now
And ponder on the life that calls to me
From the margins
Jumbled together as they are
Whispering to be heard
This started as a Happy Mother's day piece
And so it goes
All women are wisdom bearers
And they exist to share the knowledge
Whether actively birthing or not
As they teach the children
All children
To see life
Question life
And protect life
So bears can continue to exist
Free
So we can continue to exist
Without labels
Free

Re

the wind waft your knows
playing loud music with your breath
forever gifting you a notion
to only have it gone
the memembrance of which
causes the wonderment
as we so desperately seek the re
can I recall the why
of this journey from room to room
from age to decade
til we finally see
what it is that we could not
just moments before
maybe the knows wafting
is the call of ancestors
no longer on this plane
and subject to ethereal communications
of dreams
and senses
and shadows in the margins
they hold the re
of our memembrance
calling us home

Forget Me Not

There is water between us
A deep bluer water
Colder than that which refreshes
And darker than the light can cut
I remember nothing of the wind
Moving across frozen lakes
As memories ice
Sometimes I awake new
Without thought to where
I find myself
And I am cautiously optimistic
About discovering I am someone new
While I wait to be found
By someone who knows who I was
Before the monsoons began
They hug me, these people
And say soft cooing words
Coaxing words to make me
Remember what it is that
Needs remembering from me
But I don't try to
Please them all, all the time
For when I stare into the
Deep blueness
I am drawn to yesterday
Where all my choices were
Yet when I catch my reflection
I realized that much has changed
I want to know that those
I no longer remember
Will not have forgotten that
I did love them
Before the water darkened

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Alicja
Maria
Kuberska

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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).

Clay Tablets

A reed stylus
left its mark in clay—
the history of Sumer,
the tales of Gilgamesh,
of the Anunnaki gods
and kings of ancient times.
Fired tablets,
inscribed with signs,
have preserved forgotten thoughts,
ordinary accounts
and love letters.
Their voices still astonish us,
their warnings still linger.
What will remain of us
when the Internet slips into oblivion?

Garden

Let us hide within the garden's silence,
among trees, flowers, and butterflies.
Here a bumblebee rocks upon lavender,
as though upon a fragrant moment of bliss.
Let us hide within the garden's silence,
among all that has slipped beyond the hour.
Let truth mature like a fine wine,
and let serenity dwell in our thoughts.
Only here does dawn brush against dusk.
From drops of dew, melodies arise,
and music lingers in the silence.
Only here do thoughts reach toward the sky.
Words weave themselves into poems
and sail through heaven like clouds.

Night

Dusk softens every outline.
In the silence, sounds fall apart.
Darkness descends.
Night approaches.
Slowly she glides along the Milky Way
toward the Earth.
Night has
black, luminous eyes.
Into her raven braids
she has woven vibrant dreams.
Silver earrings gleam,
shaped like crescent moons.
Behold her—
mistress of shadows and whispers,
of owls and bats,
of the nightingale's song.
Night has a cool body,
brimming with passion.
She bears the gift of peace
and love's sweet disquiet.

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.

Home of Art

Art is symbol of civilization.

It is the freedom fighter.

Art is with varieties of civilization and languages.

It is eternal home of any poet.

Respect art and it's harmony.

Love and keep or secure the art of shining creativity.

Art is artistic home.

There remains the eternal memory of me.

Hovering in the world art remains silent.

Art punishes those who disrespect the artist.

The art settles in the standard mind.

Common people can not make standard home of words.

It is not perishable in the universe.

Artistic Identity of Persian

Persian as Indo-European identity refers the human civilization.

It has produced many poets of light.

Among them sound of feminism is with Farrokhzad.

She is Iranian literary figure.

Her voice in poetry seems strong to draw the woman history.

Her dignified voice in Persian literature revives for long.

Another literary figure is Rumi from Turkey.

Farsi or Persian language keeps eternal history of Persian civilization.

In the same way another Shiraz as the popular figure of Ghazal was praiseworthy to write couplet.

The Kashmiri poet Agha Shahid is also popular to compose poem.

Another the famous poet of Persian history is Saadi Shirazi who writes about humanity and Indo-European culture.

In this way Persian is alive with different living literary figures.

So, respect artists who keep history of civilization alive.

Silent Journey with Words

Revolutionary weapons of poets are words.

The silence remains there.

Any strong force can not throw artistic energy.

Words are feathers to fly.

The communication wave of human civilization is to create language and words.

The literary bridge is created by words.

Words are our voices to speak even from corner of the world.

The life is easy and eternal only with words and letters.

The silent sound within world revives with words and art.

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.

In The Hall Of A Hundred Columns, Stone Still Receives Tribute

The stone steps stretch toward dusk, like an imperial decree left unclosed, envoys in long robes still forming a silent river.

Some lead horses, some offer gold, some carry spices from afar; each tribute understands silence better than a village does.

The capitals of Persepolis lift their bull heads high, as though heaven and earth had been ordered to learn obedience.

The wind passes through the Hall of a Hundred Columns, bowing to no king, yet thinning every royal name. Darius once stitched his realm together with roads; relay horses ran, and edicts moved faster than cloud shadows.

The empire believed it was governing the world, while the world secretly recorded every pair of worn-out feet.

Stonecutters carved “all nations bringing tribute” into glory, yet in the crevices of those reliefs, I see an unnamed boy longing for the fragrance of his mother’s rice, softer than gold, harder to carry than a throne.

Power always loves to carve itself into eternity, even its beard must be chiseled in the direction of majesty. Unfortunately, time has no manners; it specializes in filing down the edges of arrogance.

Today I stand before the ruins and cannot help touching my own empty pockets.

In the end, the greatest bearer of tribute is not the envoy, but humankind, generation after generation, offering its dreams to dust.

The Cyrus Cylinder: A Scroll Of Earth Written To The Homebound

A scroll of clay is closer to human palm lines than a golden crown.

Cuneiform signs resemble footprints upon a dried riverbed, and beneath the walls of Babylon they record conquest, and also the narrow doorway of return.

Some say the king was merciful; some say kingship knew how to console the gods.

I see only an old woman holding a cracked clay jar, slowly recognizing the road home from the night of exile.

Her child has forgotten his grandfather's accent, yet remembers a river his mother once called out to in dreams.

That river may no longer remain where it was, but once its name is spoken, grass begins to grow in the heart.

The statues of the gods are carried back to their temples, incense learns once more how to rise, and the exiled polish their thresholds bright, as though renaming their own bones.

The hoofbeats of Cyrus have long since faded, yet the clay cylinder still remains in the world, not to prove how benevolent an emperor was, but to remind the powerful: to return what was taken is sometimes harder than to possess. If history is a vast warehouse, the victors always wish to hang the keys upon their chests.

But the displaced need only one small door to carry moonlight back to the family table.

Reading those lines of earth, I suddenly feel that I, too, have once been exiled—not from my homeland, but from the self that still knew how to be merciful.

Beside The Fire Altar, Light And Darkness Interrogate Each Other

Beside the fire altar, night crouches low,
like a beast unwilling to admit its hunger.
A white-robed priest adds a bundle of dry twigs,
and the fire speaks silence into brightness.
The name of Ahura Mazda flickers in the wind,
not commanding people to triumph, but asking them, in
every act of choosing, not to sharpen knives for falsehood.
The desert is vast, the stars are far away, and human life is
as small as a speck of ash upon a sleeve.
Yet if a spark is hidden inside that ash, darkness cannot
fully crown itself king.
I think of those empires, those warhorses, those shoulders
bent beneath armor, and also of the rose in the poet's cup,
closer to truth in drunkenness than any battle flag.
Light does not mean the absence of shadow; goodness does
not mean never being afraid.
It means that after fear, one still reaches out a hand toward
the suffering.
Again and again the flame rises, and again and again gives
itself to ash, like human beings learning to love in this
world, knowing they will lose, yet refusing to retreat.
I sit before the fire and feel that there is also a small temple
in my chest.
Most days it is so desolate that even spiders are too lazy to
register, but with one sincere thought, a faint light returns.

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 ofThe Poetry Club on Facebook.

Persian

Persian culture,
The most influential
Civilization in the world.
The Persian poets had
A lasting impact on
Global literature.
Rudaki,
“The Father of Persian Poets,”
Famous for writing ghazals.
Nezami,
The greatest Romantic epic poet,
Famous for “Khamasa,”
A Collection of Five Epic Masterpieces.

Be Happy, Smile (Waltz Wave)

Be
Happy
And
Be glad
We're alive
To see
A
Nother
Brand new day
To start a fresh
Make a dif
FERENCE
Go
Be you
And do you
Believe
In
Yourself.
Smile

I am a Mirror

Look at me, I'm your reflection

And not your imagination.

What you do see is sincere.

I do not lie. Give a cheer

And I am your friend helping

Achieve what you want to be.

Look at me, I'm your reflection

And not your imagination.

Elizabeth
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Persia in Blue Fire

Persia,
you arrive to me not as a country, but as a fragrance carried
by an ancient wind.
The desert remembers your name.
It writes it on dunes of amber light, then erases it before the
moon can read.
Somewhere, a caravan of centuries still crosses the horizon,
its bells ringing softly through the chambers of time.
I hear poets gathering stars in their robes.
I hear roses speaking to nightingales.
I hear the silence between one prayer and another.
Your cities were lanterns, their windows opening to
mathematics, to music, to the mysteries of heaven.
Even now, beneath modern skies, the old fire remains—
not the fire that destroys, but the one that remembers.
A blue flame inside the human spirit,
burning quietly,
burning beautifully,
through the long night of history.

The Garden of Persia

In the heart of Persia
someone planted a garden
and the world has been walking through it ever since.
Cypress trees stood like guardians of forgotten wisdom.
Water traveled through marble channels, carrying
fragments of clouds to thirsty flowers.
Every rose seemed to hold a secret scripture.
Every petal opened like a page from an invisible book.
Poets sat beneath the shade,
their words ripening like pomegranates in summer light.
They spoke of love,
yet their voices were searching for eternity.
They spoke of longing,
yet their eyes were fixed upon stars.
And when evening arrived,
the garden became a mirror of heaven.
The fountains sang.
The jasmine breathed.
The moon poured silver into every leaf.
I think Persia still exists there—
not on maps,
but in that sacred place where beauty and memory drink
from the same stream.

Letter to Ancient Persia

Ancient Persia,
I write to you across rivers of centuries.
Your empire has fallen, your kings have become dust, your
banners sleep beneath the earth.
Yet somehow
you endure.
You survive in turquoise domes that catch the morning sun.
You survive in verses whispered from one generation to
another.
You survive in carpets woven with patience, with sorrow,
with hope.
The mountains still keep watch.
The deserts still carry stories.
The wind still wanders through ruins as if searching for
familiar voices.
I imagine your nights—
a sky crowded with stars,
a traveler beside a fire,
a poet lifting his gaze toward infinity.
Perhaps that is your true kingdom:
not stone,
not conquest,
not power.
But the ability to transform time into beauty.
And so I send this letter into the vastness—
a small bird of words—
hoping it may find the doorway of your memory,
and rest there,
among roses,
among moonlight,
among the eternal songs of Persia.

Mutawaf Shaheed

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The Ancient Place

So much history to talk about.
Words that flowed around the world.
Their bright lights could be seen from distant places,
Sayings to fill empty spaces

Lectures and letters that with stood the test of time.
Sometimes they rhymed.
Gleaning meanings about human beings across national
lines.
Verbal flavors to savor mixed within the lines.
Feeling, then seeing that the messages are there are
sublime.

After listening to what's been said ,you begin to make
room for Rumi in your head.
It's hard to believe what one's hand and a pen could
convey.
Who knew, those words would mean so much today?
A long time ago isn't too far away.

Logic and beauty all wrapped into one.
It was a great thing to be is a Persian Son.

Sketches of Pain

Consequences and circumstances, come from taking chances in trying to be free. The difference between boys and men, is fools rush in, while men can wait. Men can bend ,but they don't break.

Plotting and planning, skinning and grinning, it won't last if God ain't in it. Giving credit where it ain't due, is the sucker plan designed for you. The plan's success is not due to you.

Trying to find unspoken words that we can use, to undo the damage of time. The future isn't in control of human hands. The quicker is better that we understand. Rough is not always right. Allah is right He's never wrong.

You certainly can't win without a fight. Long stories are really short, when calculated in universal time. Some things the people want, will lead them astray, knowing all that, should keep you away.

The spiritually blind will never find, the things that's guiding you and me. Your best guess is not enough to get you a pass. Taking the suggestions from the TV ads, when they don't work you 're left there holding the bag.

Nothing for you to report, your story's too short. It is not fly to die for some guy who don't even know you name. Nothing slick about being a trick while all the time you carrying the stick.

Your brain strains to figure whose side you 're on. Your confusion is amusing to the shaitan. Take one step further, a little beyond. Your name and number don't even count No more to say . If you don't get it by now then, over is out. You been asleep for a while.

Cold Sober

The crew is coming over with the other brothers. Doing some N.A's coffee and tea with some other drinks made by me. We doing cold sober. Going to look at the Browns upset the Philadelphia Eagles. Got new chip and dip, made up by Izzy's umi. Have to put the game on pause, because it is time for sulli. Mut'min, the kitchen amir, is in here, dictating what's going to be on the menu. Our brother slim on the desk at IRM. Can't wait too late to take him a plate.

The mean uncle Yaseen, he ain;t even coming. The reason I can say all this is, because I'm cold sober. Akuya, we really chilling! The room echo's with tunes like, Al- Hamdulilah, MashAllah, InshAllah, Allah hu Akbar. Then someone says, please pass me the cheese. If you don't mind, hand me that half of glass of water. That's because we all cool and cold sober. The proper adab is easy to grab when you follow the protocols and procedures.

One of the guys even suggested some grits! I see Dahim dreaming, about his new releases. Ahmad still explaining why he is remaining with a new flip phone, he said they gave him a good deal! Everybody there, is cold sober. That's the reason why we be chilling. Nothing there to befog our minds. Motor cycles, police sirens crying, saying, get the hell out the way. That there is a topic for another day. No lying news, no stupid talk in the mix, no tricks.

Even the cat in the corner is cold sober. Amin and Muk, counting the loot, crying about how we could have some money. Took up dibs on some beef ribs from the halal spot on the other side of town. Iman roofing just muted his phone so we could hear the ref's decision. Tamir bought the brownies they were gone in a jiffy. He told us brother Yaseen, said he wasn't going to be there because he was

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from Corrington in east Tennessee. Khalil was cool, he was looking up some stuff on Goggle.

Things are so good with our brotherhood, I forgot to ask who won the game. You could tell everybody there was cold sober.

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“Doost”

An Indo-Iranian word
Enters the circle of Turkic languages,
Making itself as “dost”
A welcoming home in Turkish.

It feels like ancient times ago today,
When my doctoral research was freshly under way.
“Doost” came up throughout
My sweeping work
On the history of world literature;
Its meaning, varying from culture to culture.

I needed three cultural actors among them:
Turkey, 13th and 14th century Persia,
And 19th, 20th and 21st century Germany.

Toward my back then groundbreaking thesis,
I had rediscovered the erroneous
Translations of “doost,”
Almost destroying the lives of
German writers who borrowed the noun
For their literary works.
Homo-Fobia
Was industriously at work
In the country of Germans . . .

Into a sack of misunderstandings was “doost”
Thrown by Orientalists,
Delegates and their wives
Traveling to the Muslim Orient,
European literati,
And European translators of Islamic literature at large.
As a result, “doost” in 13th century mystical poems

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Of Rumi in Persia and of the Persian poet Hafiz
Of the 14th century, was transmitted
Into German and other European languages
As “a male friend.” Accordingly, whoever was
A male poet from the Muslim Orient and had
Widely used “doost” in their voluminous works,
Received the Western tag, “A homosexual.”
Similarly, German poets who, in their fascination
With the exoticism of the Islamic Orient, adopted the term
Were frowned down upon. They became the subject of
Literary satires in European literature in general
In the 13th, 14th centuries, but also far beyond.

While “doost” addressed Allah, the Muslim God,
In the literary collections of the Islamic poets,
Thus transformed into a non-existent addressee in the
European West, one that had no place
In the original mystical poetry, from where
It had, in actuality, stemmed.

Friend

Hold my hand tightly.

Stay close to me, my dear friend.

Let's ink some poems.

homo-phobia

whose business is it,

whether i am straight or not?

Aren't we humans?

Teresa
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Morning Breaks in Persepolis

There is a certain quiet
before the sun opens its curtain.
Persepolis takes a deep breath
in the shadow of buildings.

Stone carvings in column walls
wait patiently for light
to make its footprint
on the sacred earth.

As sunrise touches silence,
there is a suspended moment.
Then a classic inhale greets morning
in the ancient Persian Empire.

Sacred Howl

Out of the sea she howls
and it is heard all the way to the sky.

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An Angel reaches and pulls her
to the clouds,

drops her on dry land amidst sculptures
impossible to define or describe.

Walk in the belly of the rock.
Feel the harmony of God's sacred paintings.

There is no need for words to explain
as understanding swims through the veins.

What a blessing to experience
the power of a sacred howl.

Ego Harvest

A man can drown in his ego,
fail to taste the blood
running down his face.

He can walk like a ruler
misguided in the belief he rules.
Those with low self esteem

pump him up on the dread pedestal
until accounts payable
stroll in with the rising sun

and find him stuck
in his own quicksand,
no one present to lend a hand.

His harvest may choke him to death.
Still, he does not understand.
An ego harvest destroys you.

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Persian Civilization

From the plateau of wind and stone,
Persia raised its cities toward the sun.
In gardens threaded with flowing water,
beauty flowered beside order.
The dynasties dissolved into dust
beneath turquoise domes
where scholars measured the heavens with patience.
Kings carved their names in stone,
yet time carried them away.
The language of memory endured—
the verses of love and longing
outlived the caravans of the Silk Road.
Empires rose and vanished,
but Persia endures—
in words still carried by the wind.

Love

Pure as
pink petals,
smiling
like kisses
in a bouquet of dreams,

dancing carefree
in the morning breeze,
touching the soul
without a sound-

love frees us,
gently,
from ourselves.

We Are One

sit with me a minute
in the shade of a tree—
we belong together,
one root.

sit with me a minute
in the golden sunshine,
busy making seeds,
for tomorrow's bloom.

we are flowers,
we are petals,
we are branches—
we belong together.

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Vermillion Rays

(A Response to Rumi's Poem: The Sunrise Ruby)

Be known, that you are like the thermodynamics
Of the sunrise and the crimson sparks,
You are absorbed like the photons,
You're in my mind, crystal clear,
So delicate memory like lattice, dense and tight,
The valence bonds with chromium ions align
To my inner self,
To make the corundum matrix shine.
The radiant beams in quantum state
As you are the supreme sweetheart of my dreams,
You're a gemstone that matters,
An energy transfer at the core.
The wavelengths, streaks of particles
In thermodynamic entropy,
For work is force applied to our lovers' space,
Until the vermilion frames- a sound place.
For both of us: intense burst of fire within,
Where the mirror of light and energy exist.

Father, you are to me

you are always born,
you never die
when life turns uncertain,
you give us windows of the future,
you build reinvented horizons,
when all seem to be unworthy,
your words gather unwavering stories—
of dignity, sacrifice and wisdom,
when no one listens,
your heart tears apart and crumbles,
but your majesty remains standing,
you are there, you bleed,
but your heart--
is an unfathomable
field of bravery and courage.

Sika

(An Ilocano Tribute to our Aunt Asteria "Astring"
Cabungan-Cacho)

Sika ti

A-yat ken anos,
isu ti napudno nga susi iti biag

Sika ti

S-ingpet ken salukag,
ado iti adal
naimarka iti puso mi,

Sika ti

T-ured ken tibker,
adda latta ti aldaw,
malpas iti rigat,

Sika ti

R-aniag ken regget
nagballigi dagiti insurom
kanya mi,

Sika ti

I-nnapay ken ikkamen
mi ti ayat,
agsapa aginganna rabii,

Sika ti

N-onot ken nakem,
agpanonot ken agnakem
a naimbag,

Sika ti

G-aget,
no nagaget ka,
haan ka nga mabisin.

English Translation

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Rudaki :the father of the Persian poetry

Rudaki; from Samarkand
holds the central position
peaks of the Iranian language and literature
poignant transition
between hedonistic joy
and philosophical melancholy
sophisticated verses
sensory metaphors
directly from the natural world
beloveds face to the moon
eyes to the narcissi
cheeks to tulips
simple lyrics
elevated the Robai
melodic integration
poets presenting their panegyrics
Rudaki; the court poet
a singer and musician
who writes in New Persian with Arabic alphabets
the post Islamic renaissance of the region
a legacy maker
the chief poet of the Samanid court
composed thousands of verses
on the passage of time
his moralistic quatrains
fragmented lyrics
the narrative poems
he is Rudaki
the father of Persian Poetry

the mendicants platform

when the constitution melts
fermented rules
bubble in each heart
dreams become ghosts
in the dark corner
sits the whimsical girl
counting the blood drops
of the lust
dead eyes are assassinated
sustains the rhythm
of a cadaver
the first teacher of the anatomy
forlorn eyes gather courage
customized visages
wait for the intimacy
with solitude
a jungle cries for a tree
the tree cries for the leaf
the leaf cries for the sunray
fragmented existence assembles
the seven notes
the ardour ignites
mystic mourning becomes dismay
capacious death intrigue
knock ,knock
the labyrinth night diminishes
who is there ?
perhaps democracy with strong stem cells
bloody sunset welcomes a new platform

the texture of my soul

here I struggle
to define feminism
my texture is covered
I speak as a shadow poet
I revolt against the plastic salads
fake smiles
are you not ashamed of
defining someone
and tagging them with cultural taboos?
maps build bullets
anger and hatred
how can one be salt and sour at the same time ?
history deciphers
green world is yearning
the crown on the Earth is collapsing
let the scar-tissue speak anew story
the coruscating wind brings rain
my soul supersedes
I am the mirror
I am the living song
I am the dance
the texture of my soul
is beyond your reach
I am the rainbow
I will germinate
just wait and watch

Albert
'Infinite'
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Persian

Founded by Cyrus the great in 550 BCE, Persia became
one of the largest empires in history.
Stone palaces overlooking deserts sand stood erect longer
than the indigenous man, they're
historic imagery.

Dust clouds blow along connecting roads where division
once flowed, kings took over
kingdoms so power territory and respect can be bestowed.

Architectural wonders carved by Persian hands like
Persepolis look over miles of land and
stands for ceremonial purposes. Here, Egyptians,
Babylonians, Medes and Greeks can come
together without restrictions of different cultures.

Images of warriors and kings on boulders withstand the
heat of infinite summer, bodies return
to dust but their legacy will live forever.

Headless Crowns, no body on thrones, forged empires
became ruins where Persians once
roamed.

Can you imagine?

I remember being a young kid standing on the roof of 2125 looking at low flying planes landing and taking off from LaGuardia. I would think to myself... Where are they going and where are they coming from? I would say, one day I'll be a passenger.

I could imagine my friends and I getting a chance to leave the slums to somewhere beautiful and sunny with no signs of drug use, death and poverty. Ya know, our reality. Luckily I had a vivid imagination because I knew the possibility of that happening was impossible due to our living conditions.

You couldn't cap my thoughts, so i placed my friends close to me on the next plane that flew overhead at night so we could look down at our project complex and New York's lights. Look at the Freedom tower, look at the empire, we could also spot the projects by looking for garbage cans lit on fire.

All we wished for was a chance to get out of the inner cities of New York to go somewhere where we could play safely all day without worrying about stepping/falling on a needle, a broken stem or have to dodge strays. A fancy hotel or an all inclusive resort would've been cool, we would've abused room service because we would've ordered everything we thought about but couldn't afford that made us drool, we would spend hours acting as if we were Olympic swimmers in the no fee pools, we would be living the life we dreamt of in between the realistic nightmares of life... being cruel.

When I'm done imagining I head back down the stairs looking at all the graffiti on the wall, the smell of bass in the hall, piss on the floor and the balancing act of someone in a deep bent over nod that won't fall.

Fake death

I should fake deaths so everyone can get together for a few hours and discuss how we all need to get to gather more often, rather than just making the effort when one of us are in a casket or coffin.

I see people that i used to see daily that I don't see frequently in somber rooms usually consoling brides as they cry for grooms talking about stay in touch, we are family. People been going up and down, it'll be great to see more than the normal loyal faces that you can count on one hand around during those ups and downs.

Most of us are in their third quarter, why can't we cherish each other and live life together without having to be next to each other mourning and waiting to throw deceased flowers? Everyone will exchange digits but most will never dial those numbers, there's always many shoulders to cry on but when the funeral is over people will be gone just like those tears on shoulders.

It shouldn't be like this, sharing good energy and saying I love you as we shake hands or hold and kiss shouldn't have to only be at viewings of those we all will mutually miss. What I'm going to do in the future is start sending mass text to everyone I know sending funeral arrangements for "yesterday" because tomorrow isn't promised

Kimberly
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The Shadow in My Imagination

I have crossed oceans alone and followed the gulls beyond
imagination,
Yet one ancient country remains a shadow in my
imagination.

I wandered the Bahá'í gardens where terraces climbed
toward the Israeli sun,
And listened to prayers rise like fountains beyond
imagination.

I crossed New York streets where rivers of taxis surge and
flow,
And dove beneath Egypt's Red Sea, a blue world beyond
imagination.

I washed beside a mosque in Turkey and watched water
shine on stone,
While minarets carried songs of devotion beyond
imagination.

I loved Rumi's verses long before I dreamed of the scents
of Persia,
Long before pistachios and saffron glowed in sunlight
beyond imagination.

Stories gathered like dust from media and politicians,
Building walls where only distance lived in imagination.

Yet, I have never tasted bread still warm from a Tehran
oven,
Never shared tea with Iranian strangers whose kindness
exceeded imagination.

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A fountain's voice spills into the square and pigeons wheel
overhead,
The sky-colored tiles undo the fears of imagination.

The imprisonment was never Iran, I understand,
Prison is the shadow I carry in imagination.

Fear Builds Walls

Fear builds walls where no walls existed before, fear builds walls.

It whispers strangers are dangerous and closes doors and worry builds walls.

I stood on ancient shores listening to waves break against stone,

Yet still believed distant stories more than people while water ignores walls.

The desert stretches gold beyond Tehran toward mountains of silence,

But maps become prisons when drawn by fear while earth moves under walls.

I imagine a stranger pouring tea asking, "How was your journey?"

One shared cup can undo years of suspicion; connection undoes walls.

The baker's hands shape bread before dawn while the city wakes,

The smell of sesame and flour crosses borders; shared food breaks down walls.

The call to prayer drifts through evening air like a familiar melody,

A human voice seeking meaning beneath the sky and tears down walls.

Every friend was once unknown. Every conversation began in uncertainty.

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Every bridge begins where someone refuses fear creating a way around walls.

I learn what Rumi knew centuries ago in Persia:
The heart expands toward connection, bridging even the greatest wall.

The Key

Connection despite the fear is the key.
The stranger's smile across the table is the key.

Not the stories traded by those who never traveled,
But bread shared while still warm is the key.

Not the warnings repeated through decades of distance,
But listening to another life is the key.

The fountain speaks in water, the mosque in echoes,
The mountain speaks in silence; attention is the key.

Saffron glows like captured sunlight in the marketplace,
And wonder opens every locked door; wonder is the key.

The call to prayer rises over rooftops at dusk,
Reminding every soul that longing for good is the key.

The walls fall quietly when people finally meet,
Not through argument but through presence; presence is the
key.

I cross one more border and discover
Peace begins with a conversation and that is the key.

Eliza Segiet

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Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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

The Freedom of Existence

It was he – **Cyrus the Great**
who gave the order
to write down and uphold
a charter of human rights.
Tolerance for all
– religions,
– languages,
– races.

On a clay cylinder,
in cuneiform script,
was inscribed the world's first
declaration
– of freedom of thought and spiritual practice,
– of freedoms forbidden in other cultures.

It was he – Cyrus the Great
who understood
that people are not the same,
that they follow different faiths,
that they speak in different tongues.

These rights granted to Man
– the freedom to exist,
– the possibility of being yourself.

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

The Glow of Forgiving

Dim light
triggers imagination which
looks for apparent enemies.

In the bright light we can
see pure human faces.
At times it's only an illusion,
but it's good to believe
that long-lasting
misjudgment of others
has been a mistake.

Have we unlearnt
to forgive, not only ourselves?

Perhaps some people prefer to live in anger?

Sad are the times in which
we cannot admit that we have erred.

It's time to realize
that Man has the right
to live by their beliefs.

Time to replace the fervor of criticism
with the glow of forgiving.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

The Winds

It happens that we return
what we get –
an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

But what for?
Two worlds:
love and hate.

Giving the one for the other
you grow in strength,
towering over the abyss of hostility,
which builds nothing.
Conceiving new
can only exist in concord,
with no returns
to the traps of the winds of the past.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

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

The Star Of Persia

In the clear night, a star rises high,
Above palaces and cities of gold;
It guides the soul and lights treasures untold
Of ancient knowledge and tireless sky.
Poetry is born where sand bows low,
And jasmine scent dances through the air;
Voices of ancestors speak to the traveler there,
And centuries' light begins its gentle glow.
Thus Persian spirit floats and beholds,
Rivers, gardens, and the flow of streams;
And man, moved, feels the temple's folds.
Confidante of time and winds that prove,
I gather whispers and shining hues,
And write the soul where past finds its move.

The Gardens of The Sand

Beneath golden dunes where winds draw their lines,
The sun ignites stones and burning sands;
Each desert breath whispers ancient lands,
Stories of peoples, and voices that shine.
Palm trees bend, silent guardians of the place,
And rare water, mirror of dizzying dreams,
Reveals to watchful eyes the hidden streams
Of a land where souls breathe and find grace.
Thus sand and sky become intimate friends,
And the traveler's spirit binds to the stars;
In this vast world, all murmurs time's bends.
Confidante of winds and faithful shores,
I hear memory echo through persistent scores,
And surrender to dreams the world restores.

The Reign of The Sun

Beneath Persian skies, where zenith bows,
Palaces gleam, radiant and supreme;
Gods and kings dance to human dream,
And even time itself humbly allows.
Hanging gardens, fountains flowing free,
Carpets woven with subtle, brilliant light,
Reveal grandeur, order, and noble sight
Of a world where art and wisdom agree.
Thus empire spreads, linking hearts and lands,
Beneath winds, rivers, and fire's embrace;
Man learns law, courage, and flame that expands.
Confidante of centuries, I trace in my eyes
Persian light, and history that proclaims
That all human breath may blossom in skies.

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!

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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Forgive Me Persia

Forgive me,
For I know not of many Persian Poets . . .
There of course is Hafiz, Rumi, Khayyam . . .
And then there is me.

I dream of the verse elucidated
In the connection
With the land,
The people, the rivers,
The mountains
And the wind,
And my spirit is taken away
Back to a time
When and where
The word is alive
In my breast
Touching the heartbeat
Of my Lorde

I am inebriated,
I am inebriated
With the strong wine
That pours forth
From a spirit
That this day'
I wish to know again,
Embrace again,
Kiss again . . .
And be kissed

Forgive me my dear Persia,
For once again

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I blaspheme needlessly
And needfully
I am thee,
And thou are who I wish to be.

May the breath of the Holy be my One breath!

4 the Soul less Ones

people
vying lying crying trying dying
to get to the top
of the bottom of the pile
while
there are heavens waiting for you
to be visited upon

the more you find your own light
the more profound becomes the darkness

the more you ascend
the farther the ground below you
the farther the fall

both the Demon and the Angels do call
what do you hear
what do you listen to
what voice do you follow

plant your seeds in heavenward thoughts
of love
and beauty
and the divine
will not let you down
for in the Holy
there is naught but
Solid ground

all else
is as they say
Sinking Sands
that swallows man
and his dreams

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to be redeemed
one must find that door
and boldly walk through it
for you can not idly talk
about it
and expect miracles

as a matter of fact
it is your deeds
your actions
that remain true
and show the world
and you
who you are

that is the over-filled satisfaction
all Souls seek
if you have one

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and then i shall write in the sand

i will write about anything
and i write about some things
i write about nothing
and i write about every thing

i like to write about all things
the little things
the big things
the meaningless things
and the meaningful
for to write makes me full

i have written about
what i should
do
about what i could do
as well as about what i would do
if . . .

and all writing to some degree
is based on the “if”
the supposition of it all
like ‘if we’
do hear that call
or should we not

sometimes i write
about what i forgot
or remember
even if it is vague
but sometimes it is clear
and i am quite lucid
in my pellucidness
and even then

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i am capable
through my writing
to darken such a light

but through it all
i will write
until my pen dries up
and then i shall write in the sand

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Binod Dawadi

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Binod Dawadi, a polymath from Kathmandu, Nepal, is a beacon of creativity, intellect, and activism. Armed with a master's degree in English, Dawadi wields the power of words to enact societal change. His journey as a writer, teacher, artist, photographer, model, and singer is a testament to his boundless passion and talent.

Love

Love is magic,
Love gives a good life,
Love gives happiness,
Love can be seen,
Everywhere,
Love is there to change life,
Love is necessary to live,
Love changes life,

Without love life is,
Not good love gives,
Everything love,
Can be with any new people,
It gives a lots,
Of happiness,
Love is there always,
Love is love to give something.

Words

Words you have feelings,
You have voices,
You can heal pains,
You can touch heart,
Mind and soul of anyone,
You can give motivation to live,
You can create magic in a life,
You can heal pains,

God lives inside you,
You give knowledge,
Your praises,
Never finishes,
You are a form of power,
You are voices of mind,
As well as soul,
You are a form of energy.

Who Am I ?

A form of God,
A piece of soul of God,
A powerful infinite energy,
Who never burns,
Who never dies,
I am beyond time,
And space I am,
In parallel universe,

I am powerful and strong,
I should be enlightenment,
I should be great people,
Like of history,
By knowing my powers,
As well as invisible magic,
I am a magician,
I am a God.

Mohammad
Arfat
Wani

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(Mohammad Arfat Wani is a writer, social activist, and nursing student from Kuchmulla, Tral. He writes on social issues, culture, and public concerns with the aim of raising awareness and inspiring positive change.

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#1

Within every human spirit stands a city yet unknown,
Built from fragile aspirations and seeds once lovingly
sown.
Its avenues are lined with hopes abandoned to the night,
Yet somewhere in their ruins still survives a hidden light.
I wandered through those streets one evening in reflection's
haze,
And met the child I used to be beneath forgotten days.
He carried all the dreams that I had left behind in fear,
The mountains I intended to climb, the horizons once held
dear.
He asked me why I traded wonder for the comfort of the
known, Why so many dreams were buried before they had
fully grown.
I searched the winds for answers and questioned every star,
Only to discover that our destinies are never truly far.
For dreams do not surrender simply because we cease to
see,
They wait with patient courage for the people we may yet
become.
And Arfat learned that greatness is not measured by
acclaim,
But by remaining faithful to the fire from which we came.

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2

Beyond the reach of mortal sight, where neither shadow nor
sun can stay,
There stands a silent library where every life is filed away.

Upon its endless shelves repose the chronicles of every
soul,
The victories proudly celebrated and the wounds that took
their toll.

Each page records a fleeting smile, each chapter guards a
hidden scar,
The smallest act of kindness shines brighter than the
grandest star.

No editor revises there, no sentence may be rearranged,
For every choice becomes a line forever fixed and
unchanged.

The child who chased the morning breeze, the elder bowed
by age and care,
Both occupy their sacred place within the volumes resting
there.

And when the final chapter closes and the ink has ceased to
flow,
The worth of life is found not in its length but what it
helped others know.

Therefore live so that your story leaves a lantern in the
night,
A testament that even brief existence can become a light.

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For Arfat knows the finest books are not those crowned
with fame,
But those that leave the human heart transformed after
reading their name.

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#3

There are departures that do not end with goodbye,
For some absences continue breathing beneath the sky.

A chair remains untouched, a window remains the same,
Yet every corner of the room forgets how to pronounce a name.

The clocks perform their duties, the seasons change their dress,
But memory walks barefoot through the corridors of emptiness.

I have learned that loss is rarely a storm that tears apart,
It is often a gentle thief that settles quietly within the heart.

The stars still gather nightly upon heaven's endless shore,
Yet they cannot illuminate what once stood at my door.

And though the world insists that time can soften every pain,
There are certain souls whose echoes forever remain.

Thus Arfat carved these words upon the stone of passing years:
The deepest forms of longing are composed of silent tears.

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frosina
Tasevska

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Frosina Tasevska is a bilingual poet and literary author from Macedonia. Her creative work spans Macedonian and English, reflecting a deep engagement with cross-cultural and translingual poetics. Tasevska is the author of two independently published poetry collections and has contributed extensively to contemporary literary discourse through participation in regional and international literary forums. Her poetry has been featured in various scholarly and literary publications, including journals, newspapers, and anthologies. Tasevska's writing is noted for its introspective depth, linguistic precision, and thematic versatility, often exploring identity, memory, and the human condition. She receives multiple national and international literary awards, affirming her standing as a significant voice in modern Balkan and European literature.

Bridges Of Breath

I hear the quiet echo of your pain,
Though I am not the source,
Your pain quietly resonates within me.
Within each tear, a lifetime of memory shines.
In every sigh, a heart's narrative unfolds.
The world spins rapidly, and judgment flickers.
Walls grow taller, and empathy diminishes.
Yet in moments of stillness, in mindful space,
I witness your struggle and your grace.

Tolerance is not the absence of fear,
But holding your hand when the night is near.
It's listening long when words seem small,
And letting another rise after a fall.

Along diverging paths, our spirits connect,
Weaving a tapestry of what we give and trust.
Behind every conflict, a seed may grow
If nurtured by what we know:

That kindness surpasses scorn or blame,
And understanding often remains unspoken.

The Shape of Silence

It is not the star that shines,
But the eye that seeks it—
not the flame,
But the shape it carves
into the darkness.

The truth is not a monument,
not a solid stone in the field.
It walks barefoot,
changing names in every village,
and forgets its visage in the mirror.

Ask it what it is—
And it will remain silent.
Ask it what it is not—
And the world will respond in a thousand voices.

We often mistake clarity for certainty
and silence for absence.
Yet truth resides in the pause
between questions and in doubt
that refuses to settle.

It does not strive for recognition,
Nor does it beg to be known.
It stands like a steadfast mountain,
While we carry lanterns
In search of the sun.

Even now,
You are encountering it—
not with your hands,
But through your refusal
to accept anything too easily.

From Within, Everything Begins

I know:
that the vastness of happiness
Begins in the womb.

It is deeply intimate,
a raw passion
That develops in silence.
Without any effort.

No excavator has yet.
touched the worn remnants of the walls,
Yet I believe:

That this state of innocence
will be scattered by the voice,
Like dust.

The echoes of our longings—
preserved throughout time—
will pour out like crystal-clear water.
The hidden truths of the departed
and those eternally cherished
It will be revealed with open hands.

I know this to be true.
I believe.
From within, everything finds its origin.

Xrysoula

Foufa

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Xrysoula Foufa was born in 1971 in Farsala Greece. She graduated from the Department of English Language and Literature of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with honors in 1993 and then worked as a tutoring school owner for 6 years. After that, she successfully passed the ASEP exams and was appointed to the high school in Astakos Messolongi. She has been teaching English in the 1st General Lyceum of Farsala since 2000. [...]

New way

Exaggerated beliefs
lean against the chauvinism window.
Extremely strong attitude
towards the weakest ones is shown.
Narrow mindness is exhibited.
Languages are weapons to peace.
Oral and written speech -
a shield to violent behaviours.
Human prejudice
becomes a dark art throughout time.
Unreasonable thoughts
appear as lockers to human doors.
We are torn apart
by disrespect and violence.
We wither like flowers in winter.
Sexes demand respect .
Countries are holy lands
to the vast universe.
Still hearts and books have no boundaries.
Chauvinism exists
like a spider in its web.
Tears cover the petals of the rose .
May the sun become our shelter.
May people's feelings blossom
in a prosperous world.

Risen Rose

Bring the rose to life
in the dim light of dusk
with your fingertips magic touch
my dearest only love.

Touch the purple colour
scarlet on May's rainy tear
accept the fragrance of senses-
call to new worlds.

But be careful of the thorns
for fear of pricking your white flesh
because your hands deserve my kiss
not marks of pain.

In the desert silence
first drops of kiss your caress
droplets of dew life blossom scatter around
power of perfect love.

Bring the rose to life
new wind of passion breath put inside
on the rose leaves your pretty face
velvet spring rose.

Sand castles

Your salty lips
covered my sunburnt body
at midnight
but your words
became castles on the sand
the next day .
I let you go .
Love is built by real dreams .

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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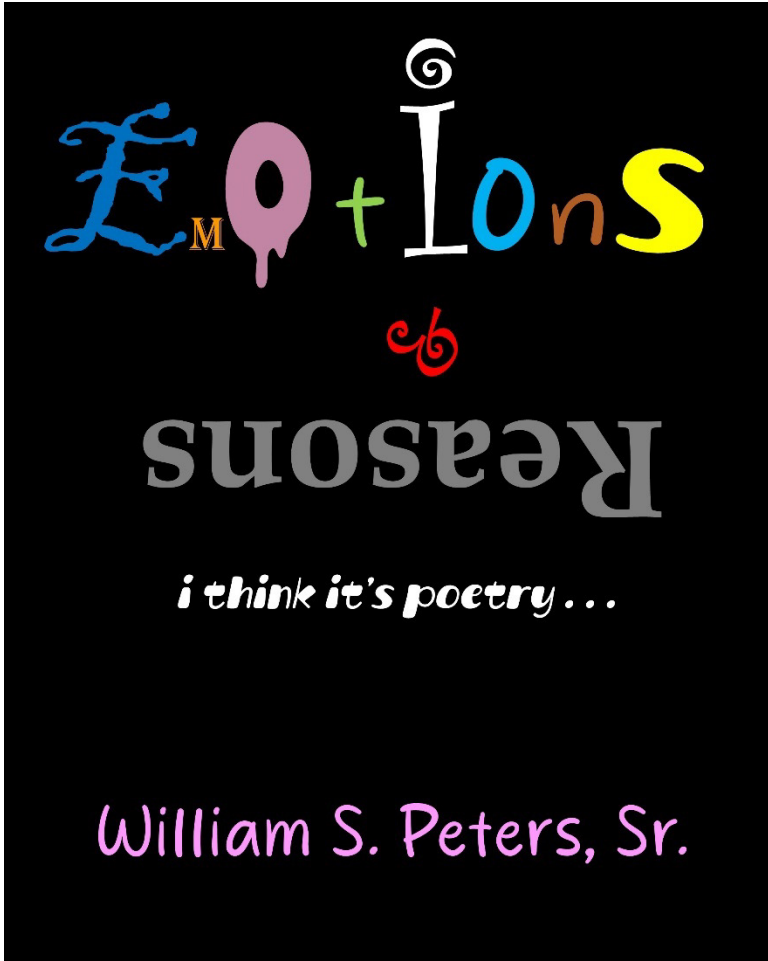


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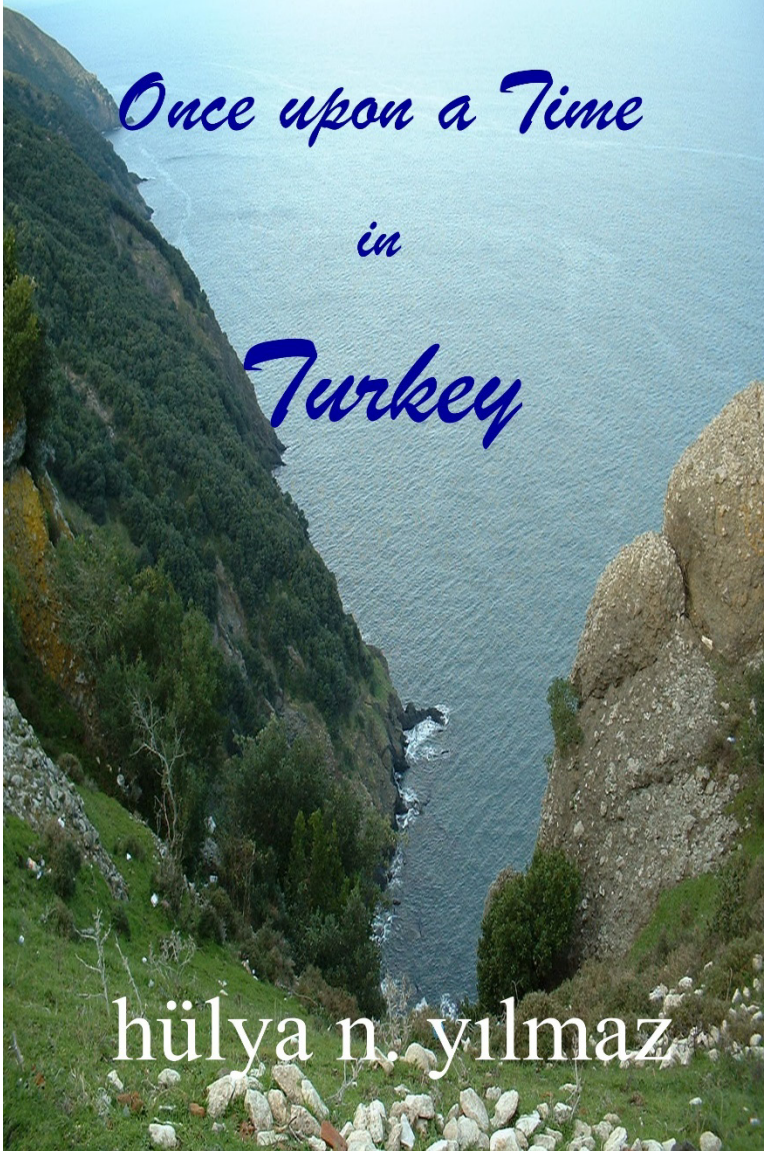
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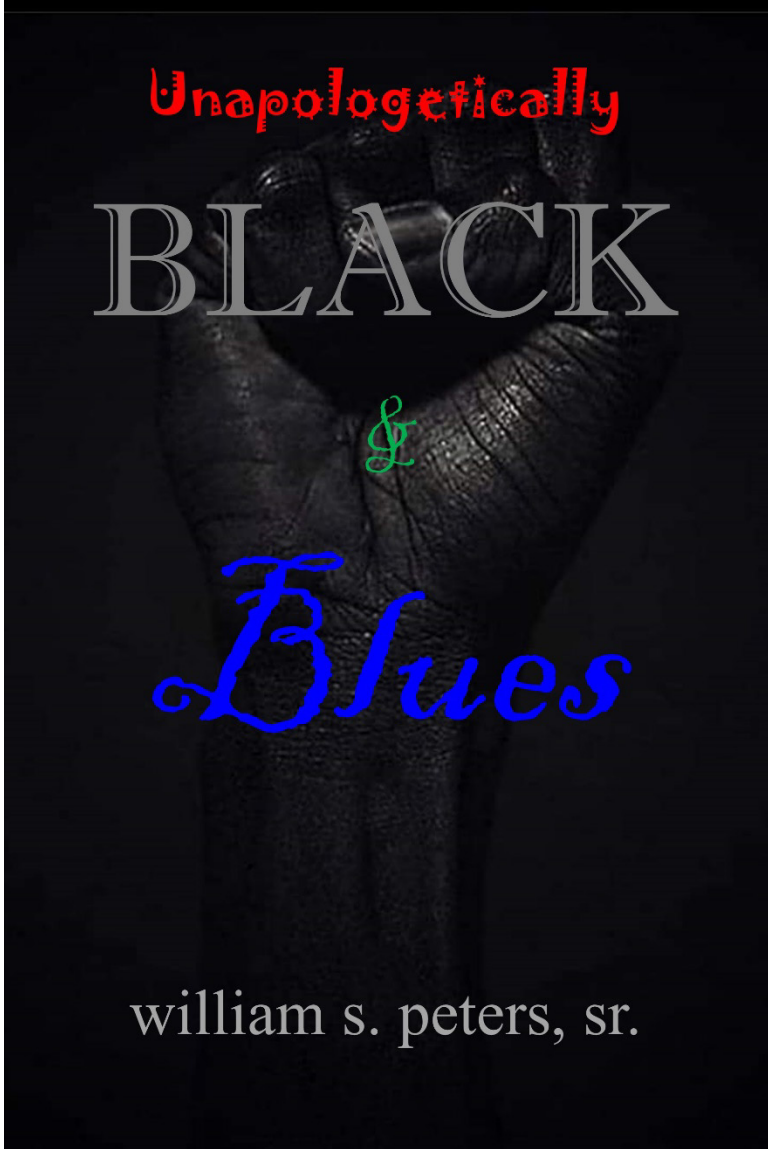
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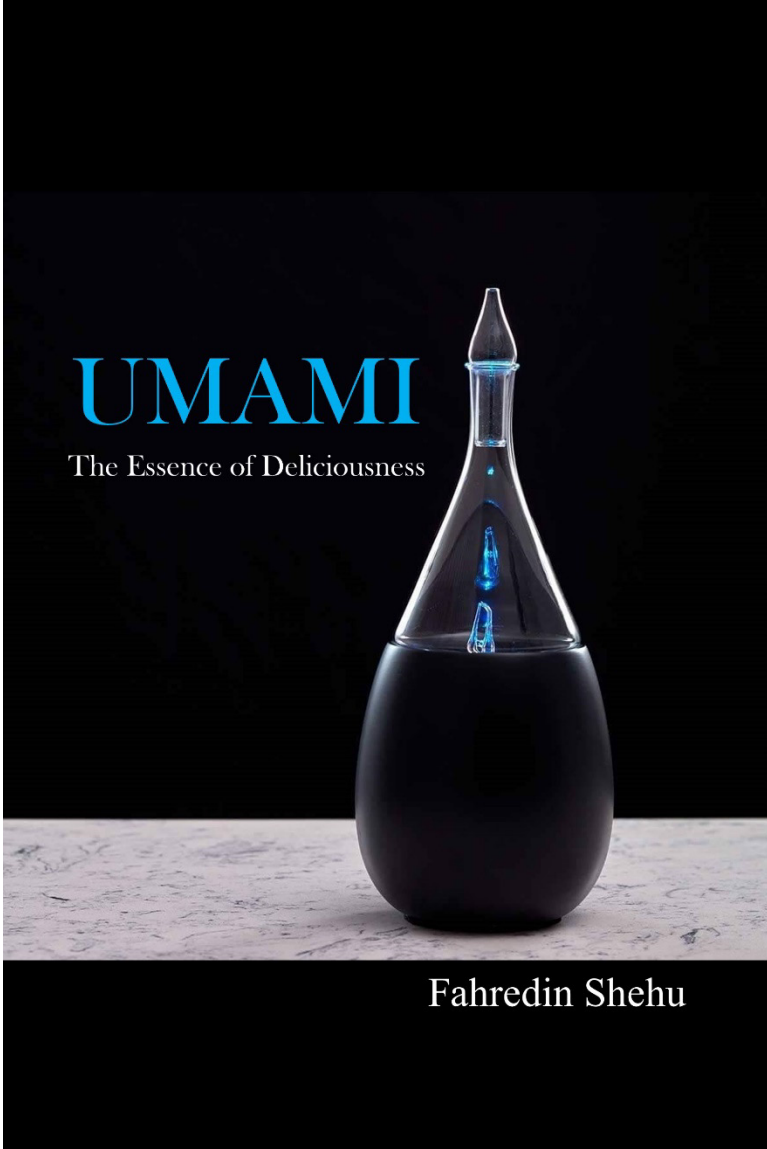
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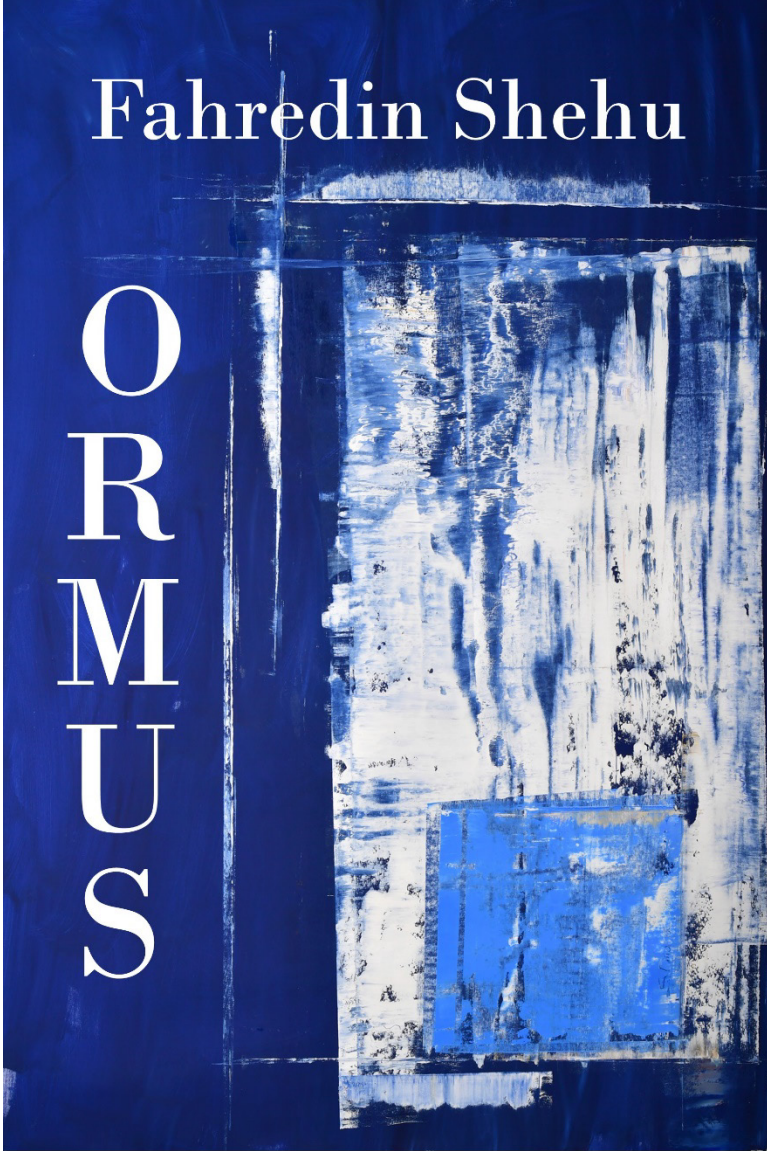
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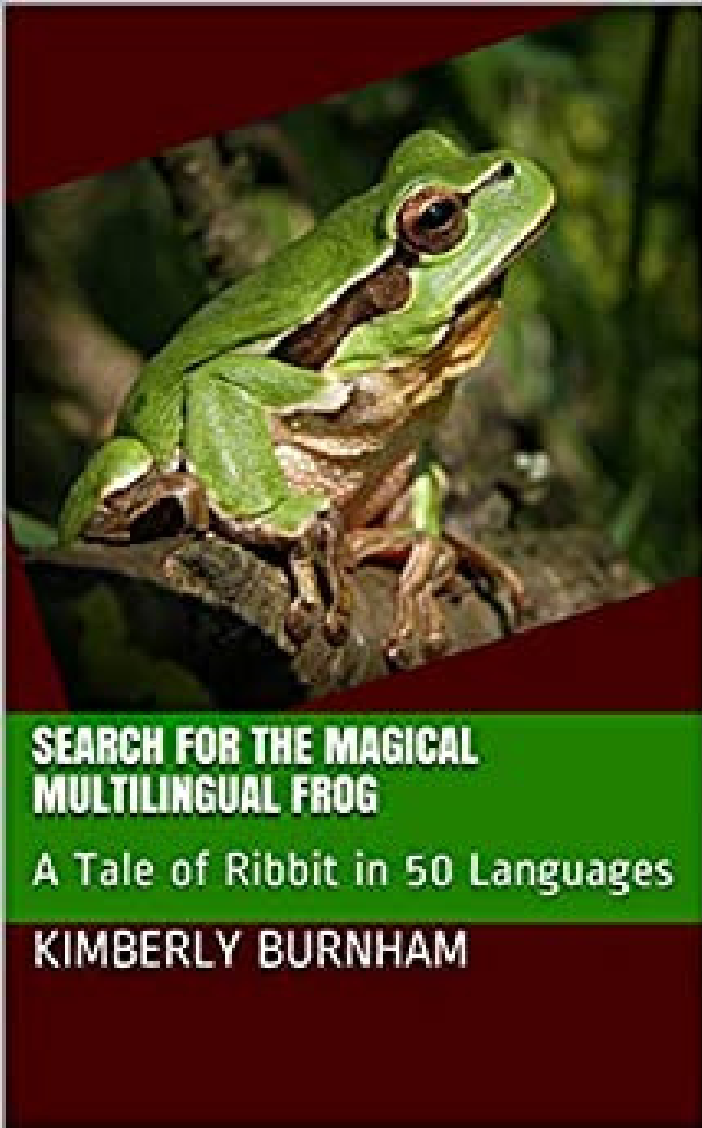
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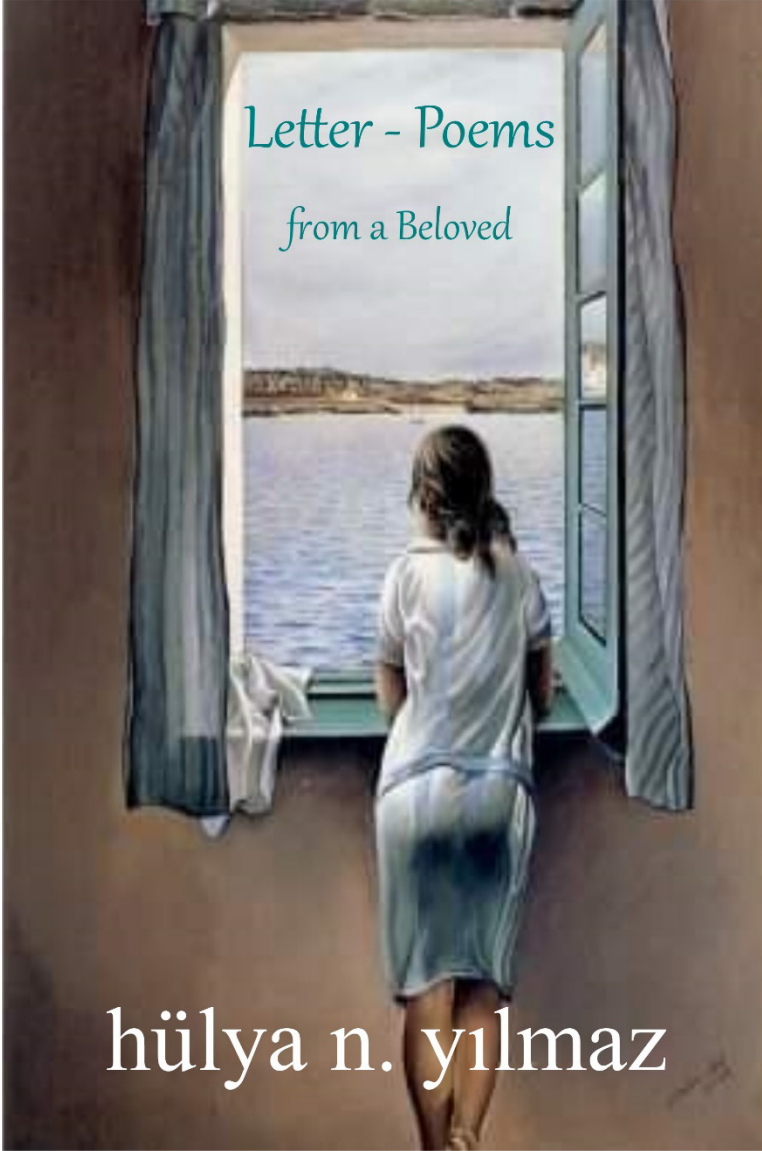


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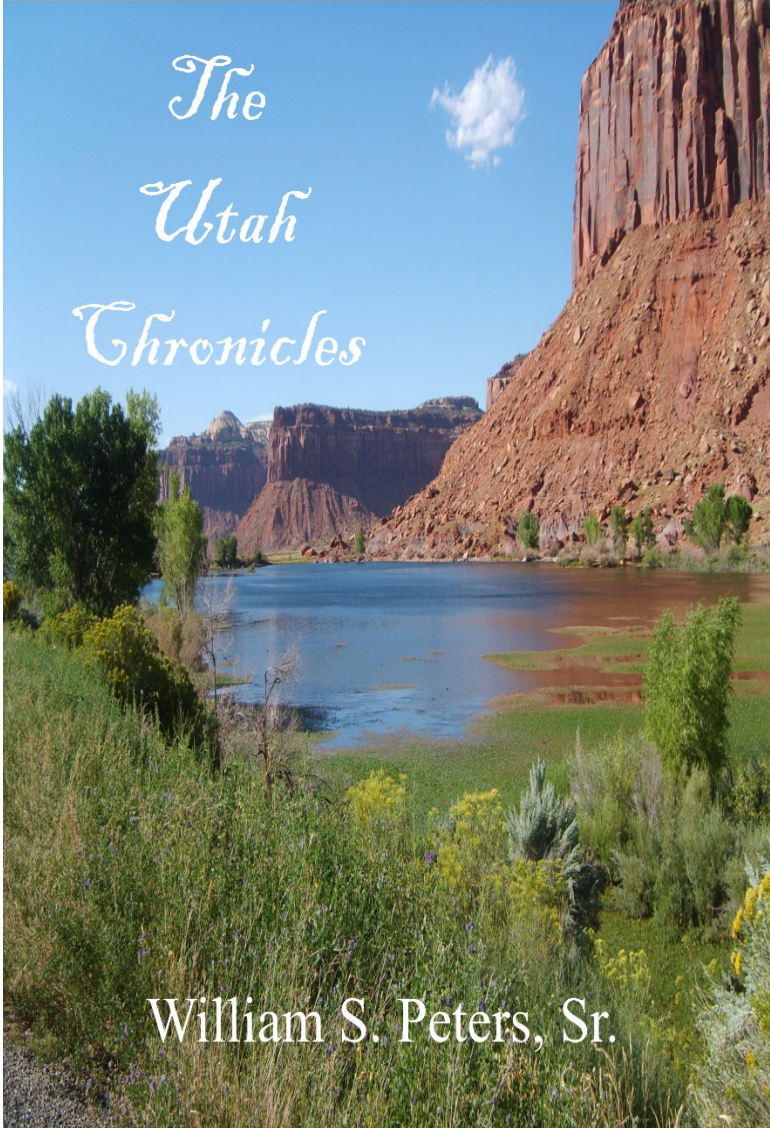
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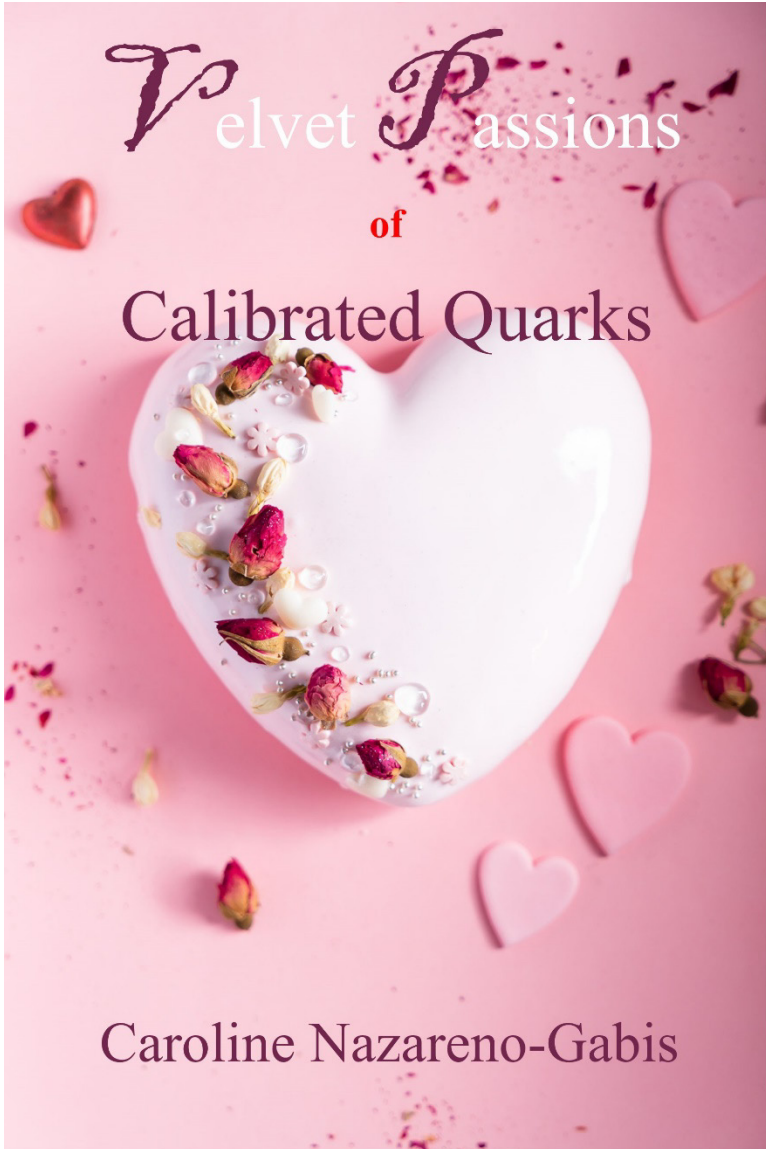


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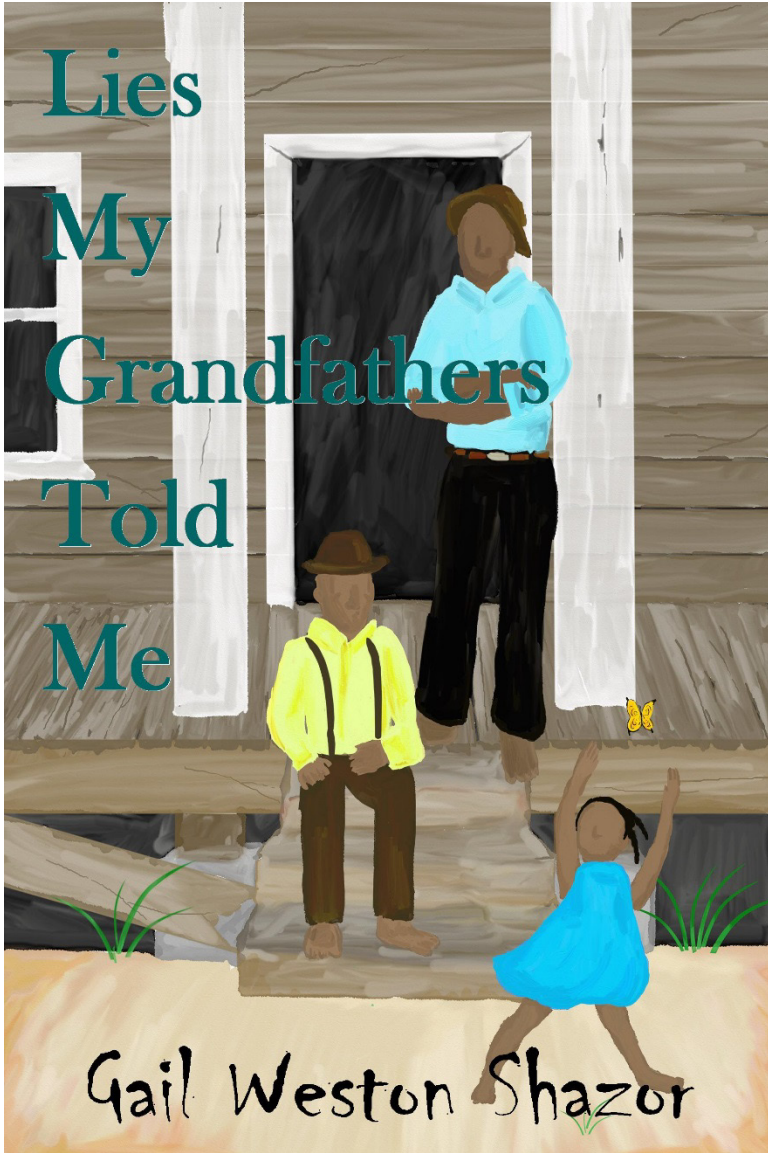
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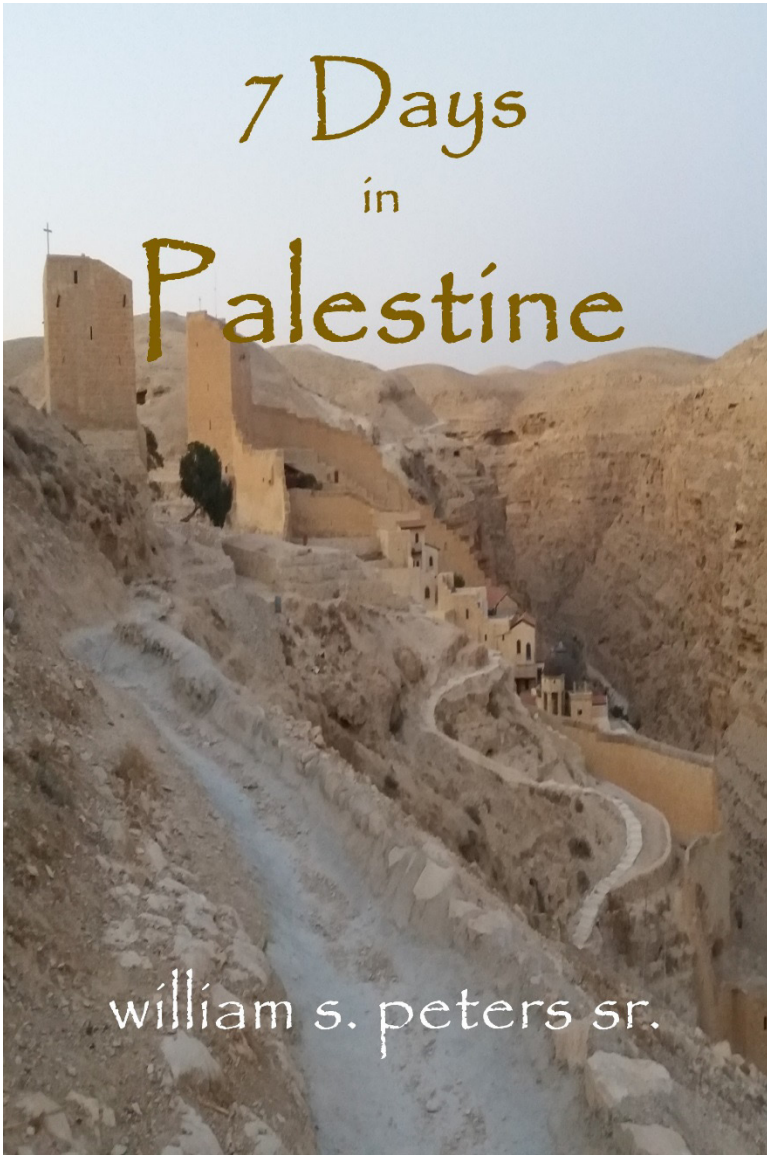
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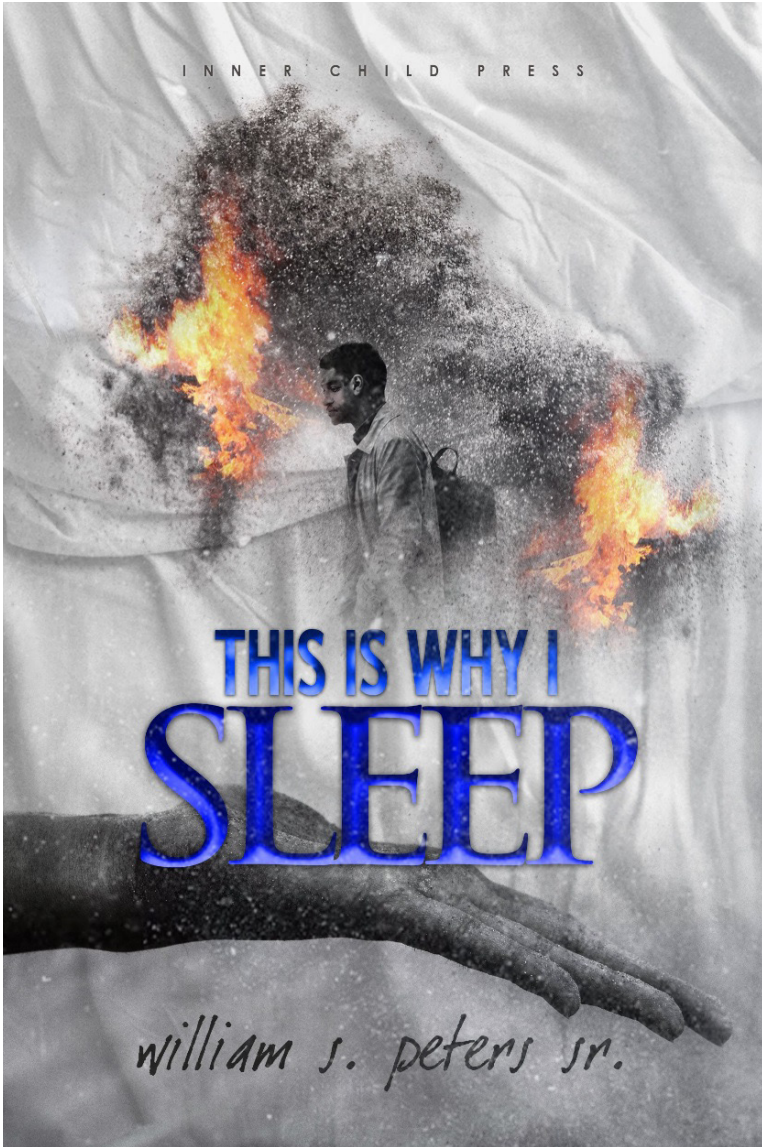
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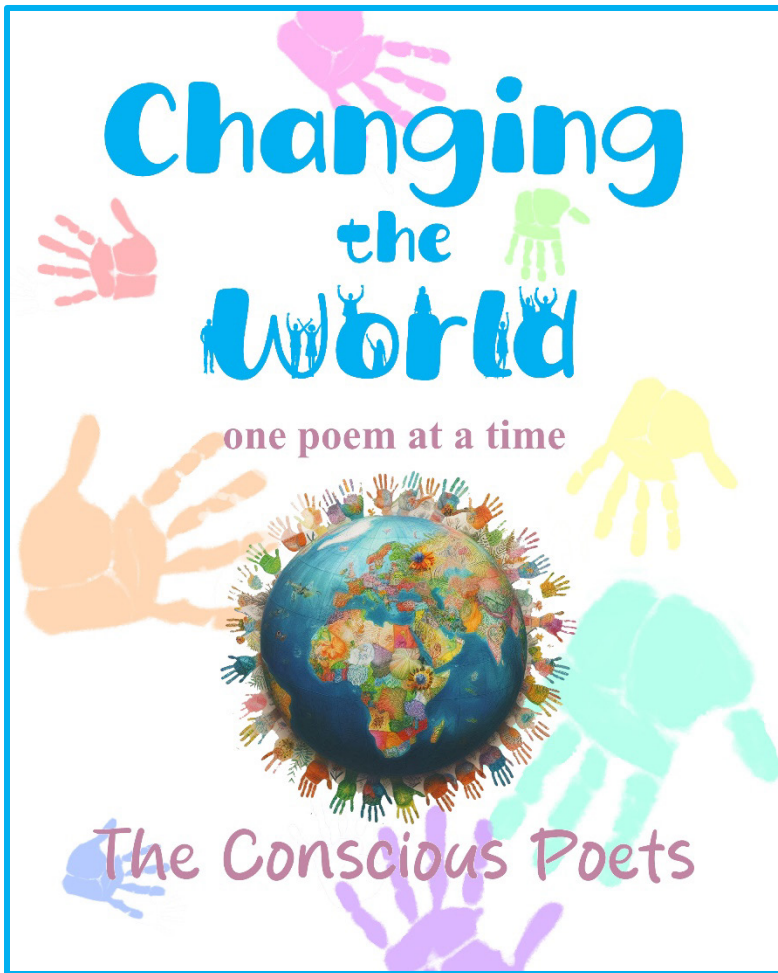
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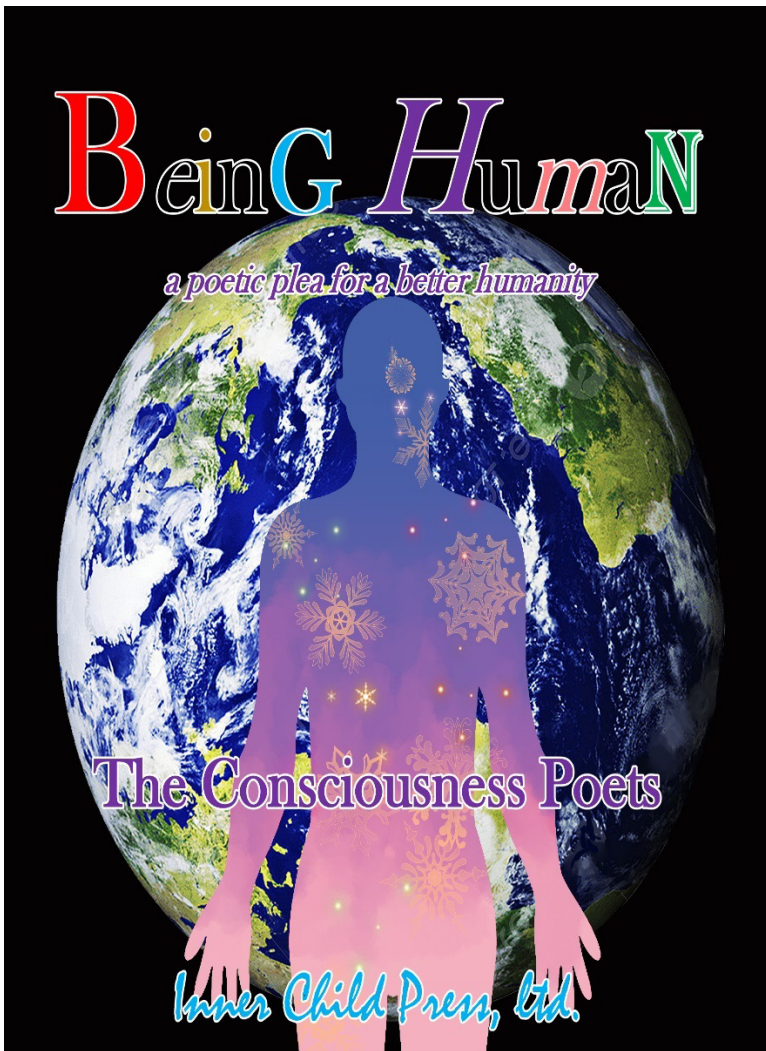
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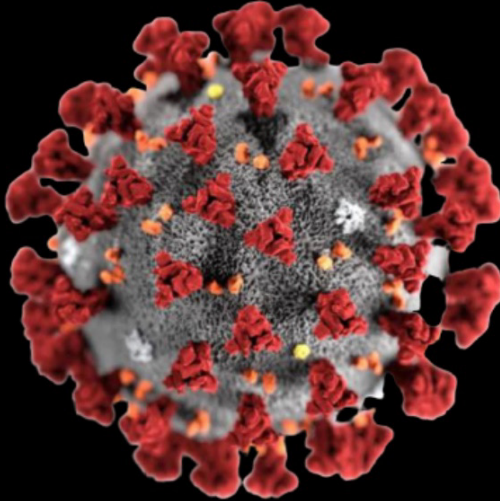
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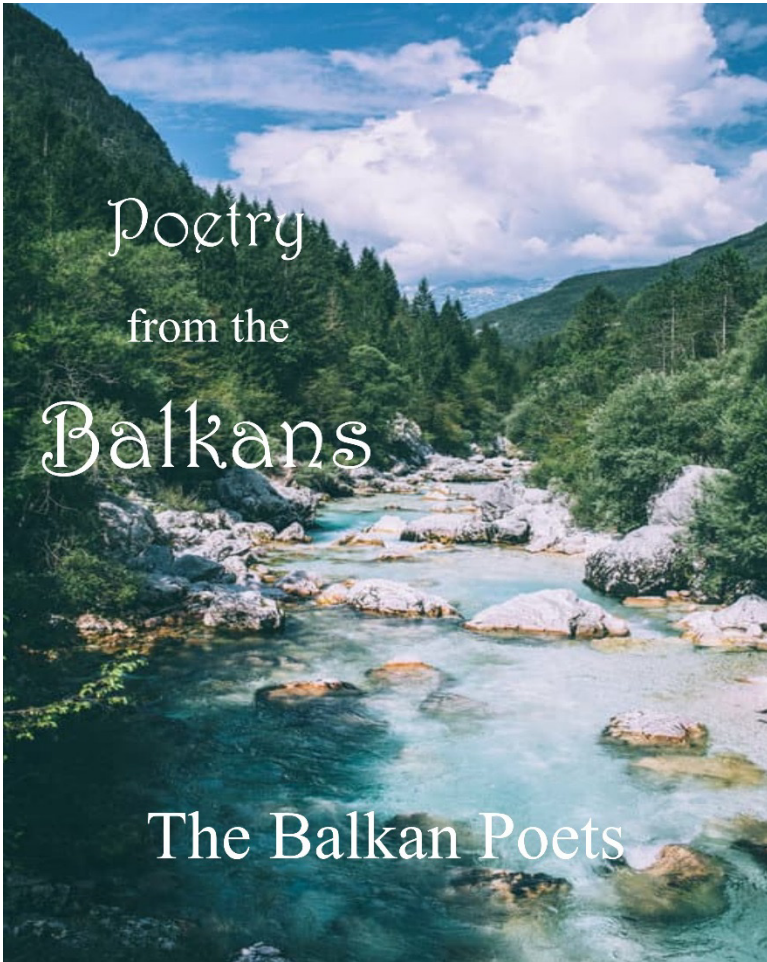


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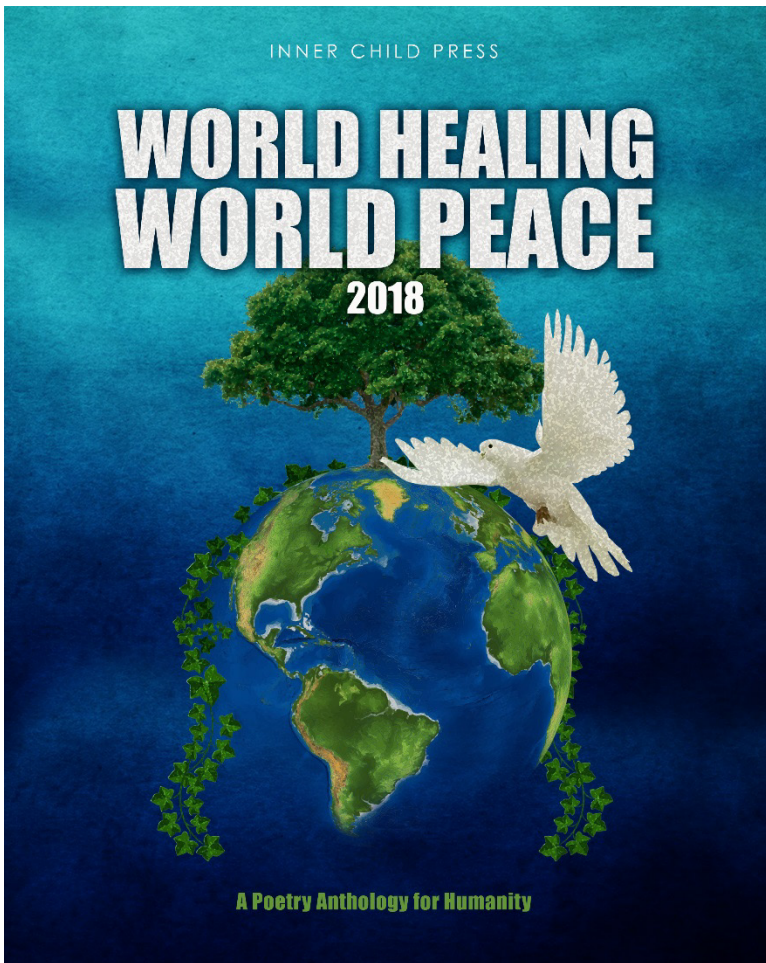
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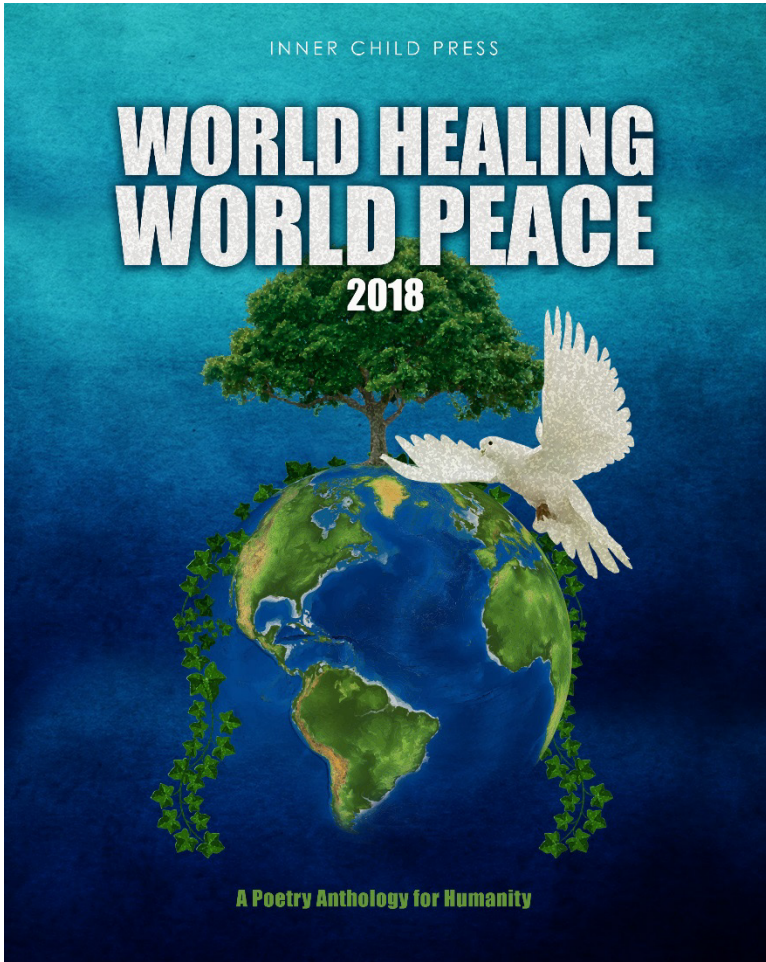


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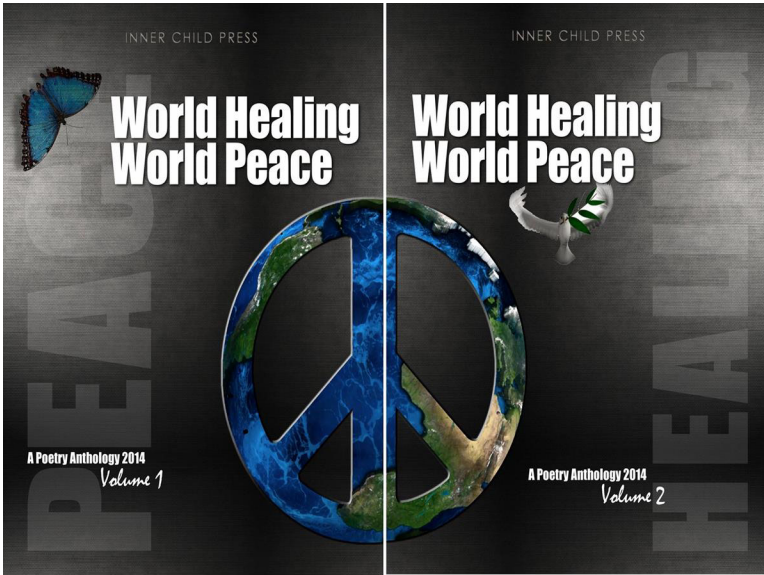
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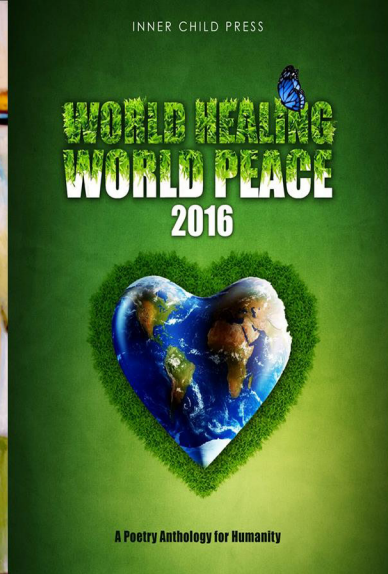
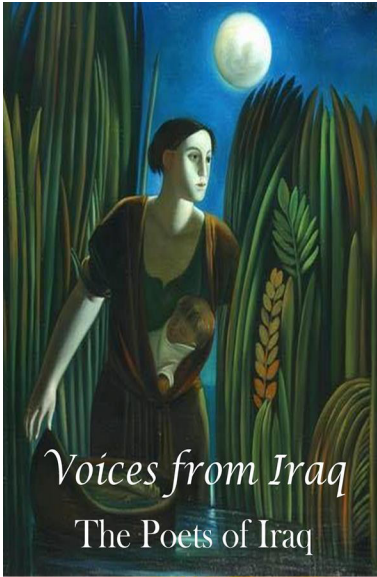
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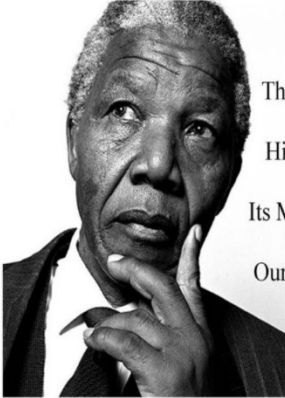
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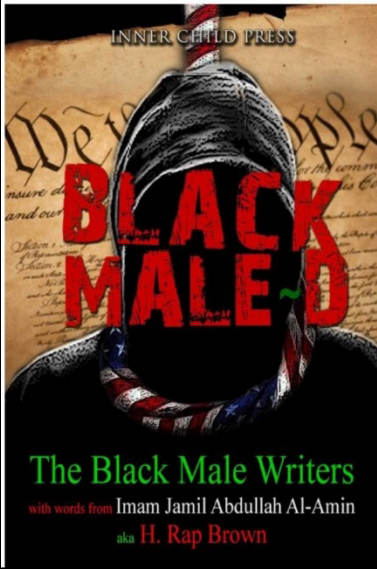
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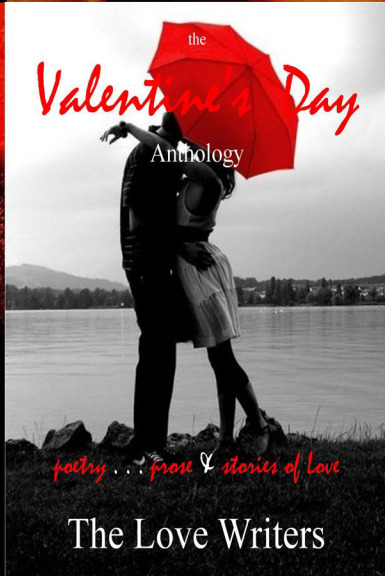
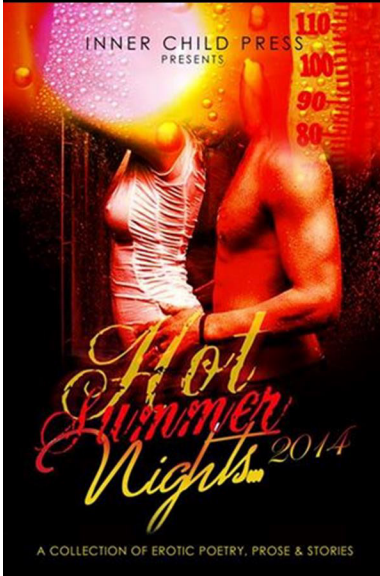
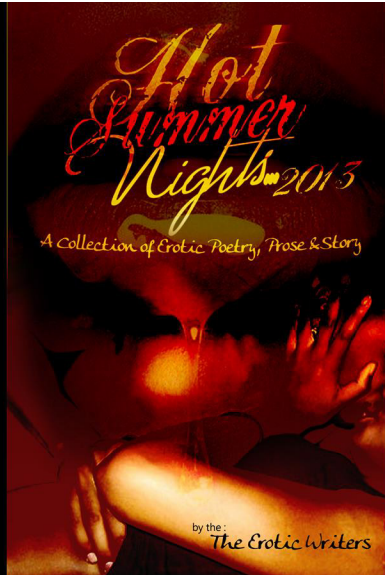
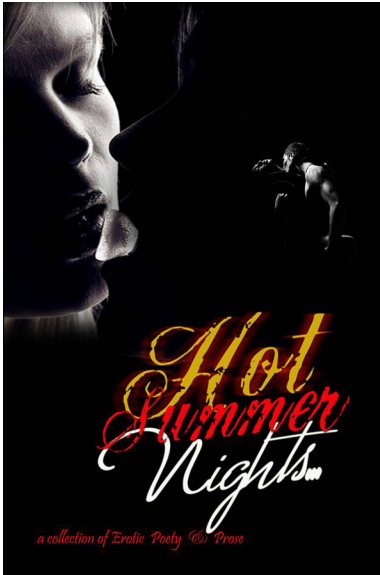
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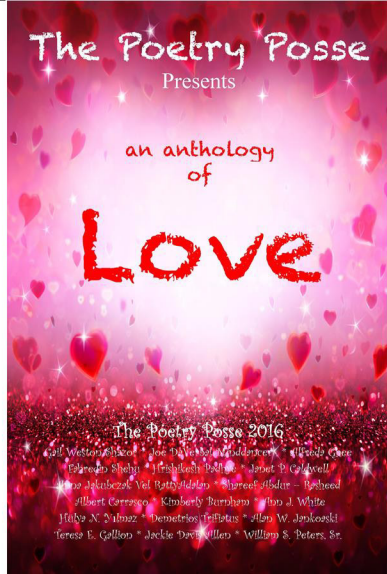
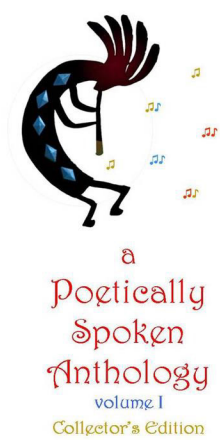
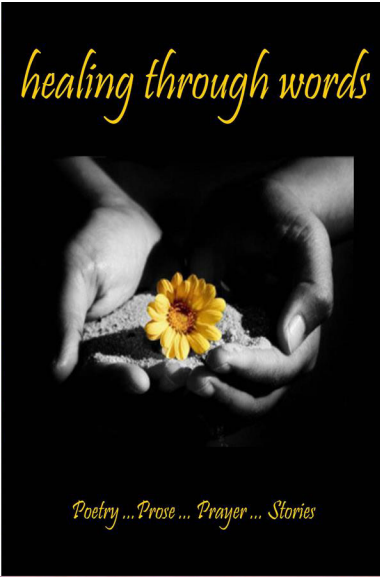
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Sweet Pea

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Love & Relationship

Rose

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Lotus
Asian Flower of the Month

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Gladiolus

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Red Poppy



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Chrysanthemum



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Narcissus



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Bloodstone



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Bismay Mohanty
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Topaz

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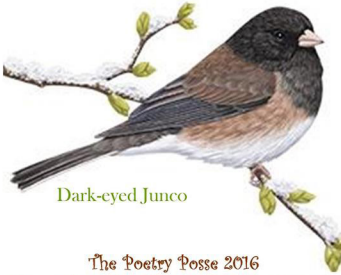
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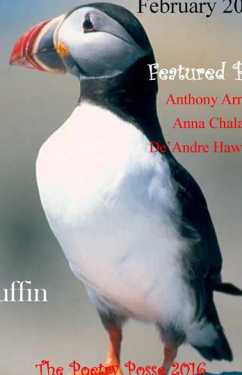
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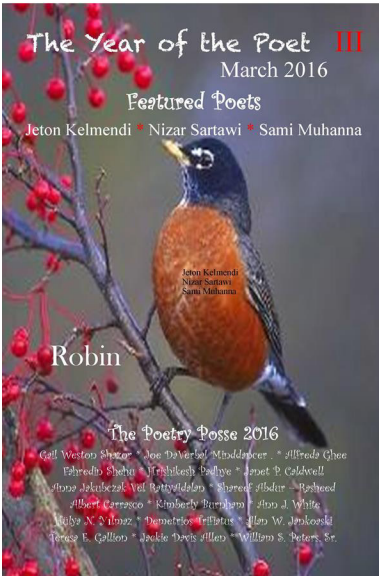
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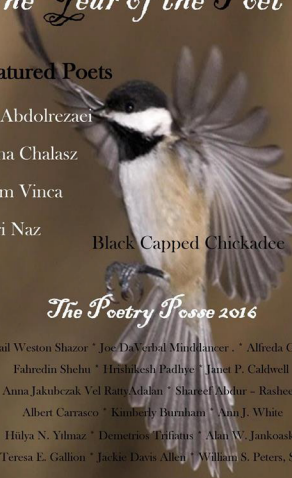
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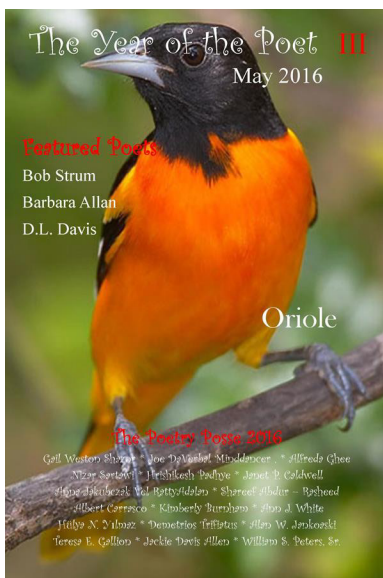
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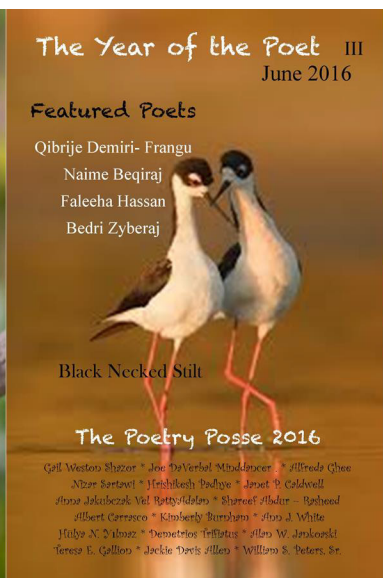


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Bob Strum
Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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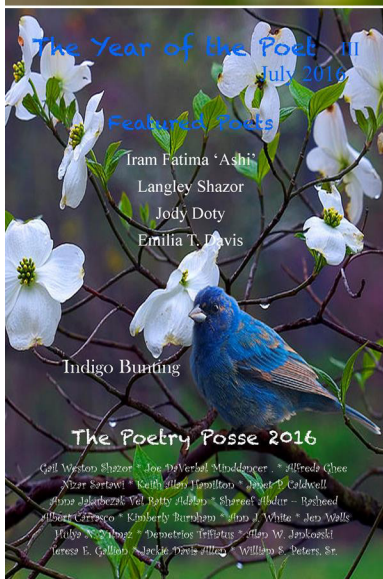


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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu
Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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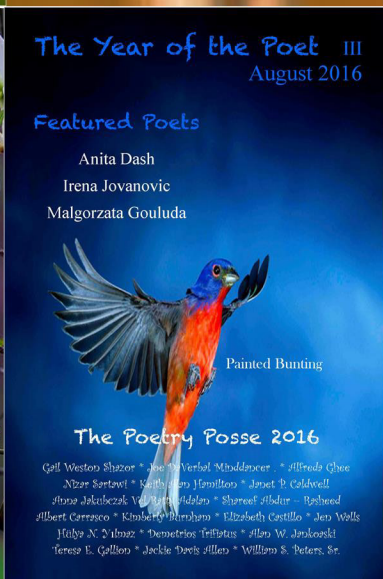


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July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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Anita Dash
Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Abhijit Sen
Eunice Barbara C. Novina



Long Billed Curlew

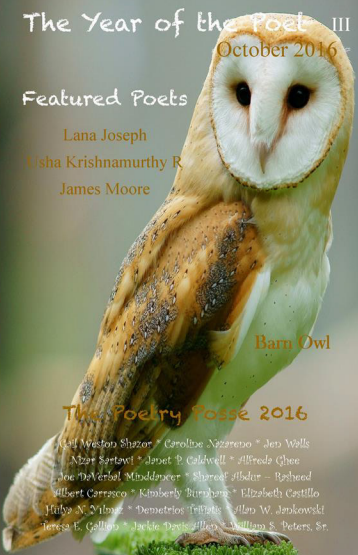
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Visha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

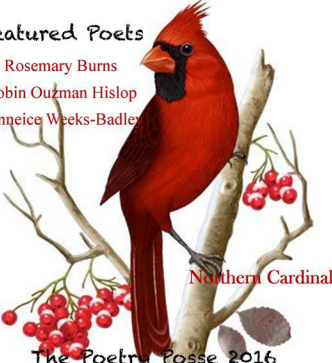
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November 2016

Featured Poets

Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal

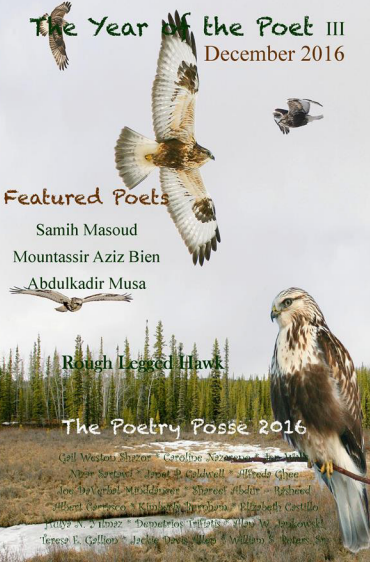
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December 2016

Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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Ifran Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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Lin Ross
Soukaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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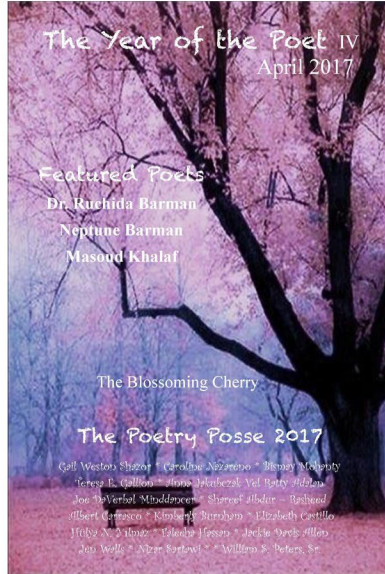
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Tremell Stevens
Francisca Richmski
Jamil Abu Shaih

The Eastern Redbud

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April 2017



Featured Poets
Dr. Ruchida Barman
Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir
Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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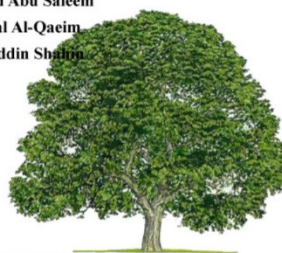
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October 2017

Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shalim



The Black Walnut Tree

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November 2017

Featured Poets

Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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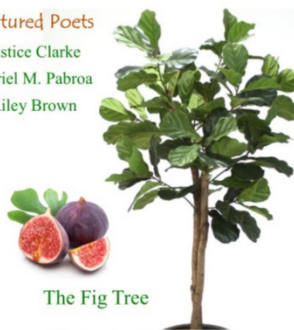
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December 2017

Featured Poets

Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram
Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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March 2018

Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman



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April 2018

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Suzak Abu-Law
Swagata Bohara
Nurhan Goren
Savina Hoquej



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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Bilal Maliqi * Daim Miflari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akbal Harsh
Eliza Segiet
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swann

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



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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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

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Indigenous North Americans



Dream Catcher

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

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February 2019

Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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March 2019

Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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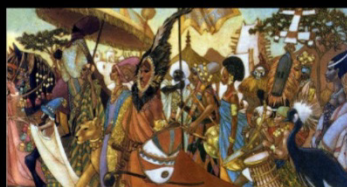
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April 2019

Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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




Arctic Circumpolar

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July 2019

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

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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



Southwest Asia


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




The Caucasus
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Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams




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Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Hussein Habasch * Koshi K. Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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Roula Pollard * Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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Srinivas Vasudev * Ugwu Leonard Ifeanyi, Jr.

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Nadeem Fraz * Avril Tanya Meallem

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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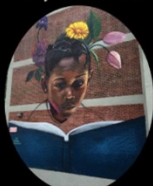
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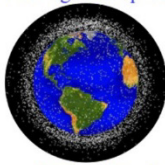
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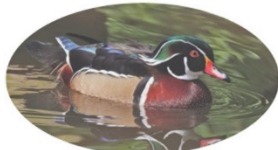
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Longing
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Minulus



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Purple Hyacinth



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Amaryllis

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Calendula



Self Doubt
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Lillies



Sadness
Sunflowers

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Red Roses



Gratitude
Blue Hydrangea



Contentment
Azure Bluets

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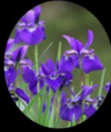
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Lillacs



Wisdom
Purple Iris



Fearlessness
Gladiolas

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Sunflower



Fulfillment
Lotus



Hope
Daffodils

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Empowerment
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Confusion
Pink Larkspur

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Anticipation
Anemone



Pride
Amaryllis



Regret
Purple Hyacinth

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Anxiety
Columbine



Peacefulness
Peace Lily



Grief
Orchids

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Water Lily



Legacy
Forget-me-nots



Satisfaction
Daisies

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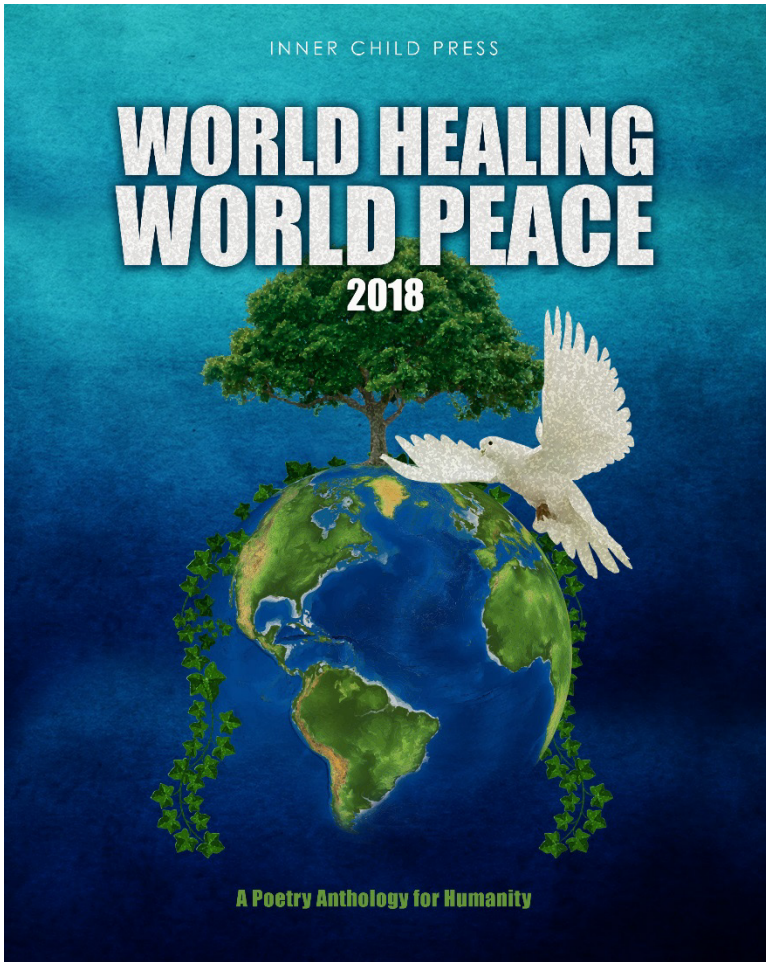


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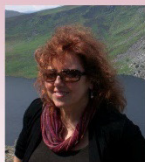
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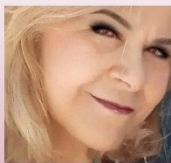
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