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OETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to  
*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

The Poetry Posse  
past, present & future,  
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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Renowned Poets

Pablo Neruda

(1904-1973)



The Poetry Posse Family has another powerful motivating factor for writers and poets worldwide with this July issue. This compendium is a testament to Pablo Neruda's evocative poetry, passionate verses, and unwavering commitment to social justice.

Born Neftalí Ricardo Reyes Basoalto on July 12, 1904, in Parral, Chile, and passing away on September 23, 1973, in Santiago, Pablo Neruda was a remarkable Chilean poet, diplomat, and politician. His literary legacy extends far beyond his native country, making him one of the most influential Latin American poets of the 20th century.

Neruda left an indelible mark on world literature. His influence extends far beyond his native land, resonating with readers across borders and languages. The impacts of his writings earned global recognition and transcended borders. Despite being relatively unknown to North Americans, Neruda is one of the most influential 20th-century poets in the Americas.

Neruda's poetic journey began early; he wrote his first poems at the tender age of 10. Neruda's vivid imagery transports us to the ancient Inca city, where he contemplates the human condition and the weight of time. Neruda's frank, cosmic portrayal of love, and commitment to communism resonated deeply with readers, making him a unique voice in the literary landscape.

His most widely read collection, *Veinte Poemas de Amor y una Canción Desesperada* (Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair) (1924), emerged from the depths of an unhappy love affair. This cycle of love poems, published when Neruda was still young, catapulted him into prominence. It celebrated both sensuality and displacement, intertwining memories of love affairs with the wilderness of southern Chile.

“Tonight I Can Write (The Saddest Lines)” In this poignant poem, Neruda reflects on lost love, longing, and the vastness of the night sky. ‘If You Forget Me’, is another free-verse lyric that calls for mutual forgetting and mutual memory. The melancholic verses capture the ache of absence and the beauty of memory. “Canto XII from *The Heights of Macchu Picchu*” is an epic poem that explores themes of history, identity, and human struggle. In 1971, Neruda received the Nobel Prize in Literature, a decision that sparked controversy but solidified his place as one of the greatest Spanish-language poets of all time. His impact on literature and culture remains enduring, corroboration of his eloquence, creativity, and unwavering dedication to the written word.

His celebration of human emotions, explicit yet universal, continues to resonate with readers today. His legacy reminds us of the enduring power of language and poetry.

Pablo Neruda’s writings remain timeless classics, touching hearts and minds across cultures. His



poetic journey, from the backwoods of southern Chile to global acclaim, enriches our understanding of love, nature, and the human experience.

Let's enjoy and feel the fire in these readings, as Neruda wrote "To feel the love of people whom we love is a fire that feeds our life."

Caroline Nazareno-Gabis

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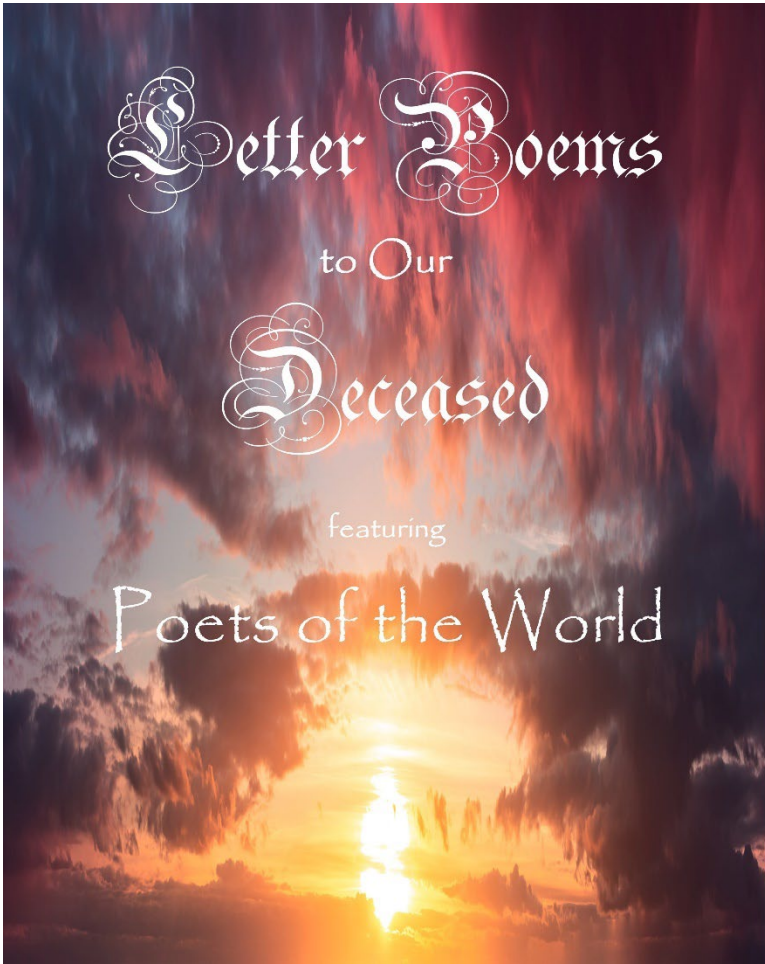
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# Preface

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

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

This particular year we have chosen to feature renowned poets of history. We do hope you enjoy. Read ~ Learn.

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

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

[www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet](http://www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet)

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Renowned Poets

Pablo Neruda

1904 ~ 1973

July 2024

by hülya n. yılmaz, Ph.D.



Neftalí Ricardo Reyes Basoalto was already writing poetry at the age of 10. His mother had passed away shortly after his birth, and his surviving parent, his father, strongly discouraged him from writing, showing no interest in his poems. Hence, the pseudonym “Pablo Neruda” emerged, which the poet legally adopted in 1946.

The Chilean poet was renowned for his love poems, which he conveyed through metaphors and imagery inspired by nature. Literary critics and scholars in the field claim his most famous collection of love poems to be *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair*. The key to his poetic uniqueness lies in his passion for life experiences and his distinctive way of expressing them in verse. His poetry distinguished itself due to his abandoning standard syntax, rhyme, and stanzaic organization.

Neruda was influenced by Surrealism in developing his enigmatic literary style. His poetic works showcase personal and collective anguish, nightmarish visions of disintegration, chaos, decay, and death; thus, they depict a contemporary descent into hell.

Neruda, who was also a diplomat and politician, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature two years before his death.

## Finale\*

Matilde, years or days  
sleeping, feverish,  
here or there,  
gazing off,  
twisting my spine,  
bleeding true blood,  
perhaps I awaken  
or am lost, sleeping:  
hospital beds, foreign windows,  
white uniforms of the silent walkers,  
the clumsiness of feet.

And then, these journeys  
and my sea of renewal:  
your head on the pillow,  
your hands floating  
in the light, in my light,  
over my earth.

It was beautiful to live  
when you lived!

The world is bluer and of the earth  
at night, when I sleep  
enormous, within your small hands.



\* The last poem by Pablo Neruda, written shortly before his death, was found on his desk after his death and published posthumously. The poem is a love letter to his wife, Matilde; translated by William O'Daly from *The Sea and the Bells*.

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Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the  
enchanted 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 . . .

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*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.



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There is no song of despair  
Grief is in the imagination

I move far away to the unseen  
And you cannot fathom my location

It is in this that you must find your way  
For I am no longer your true north

I have furled my sails  
So there is no covering for your soul

Fly, my love, into your destiny  
Until I am but a memory

## Open Mic ....Pantoum

It all started with a silver microphone  
A dare from a friend in the group  
She sent me up there all alone  
To let my words do what they do

A dare from a friend in the group  
I stood behind the stand  
To let my words do what they do  
And that's where this affair began

I stood behind the stand  
Gripping the mic and easing up to the tip  
And that's where this affair began  
With a slow lick of my lips

Gripping the mic and easing up to the tip  
Letters from my mind began to flow  
With a slow lick of my lips  
Maybe it was the shape, who knows

Letters from my mind began to flow  
A treasure from my personal trove  
Maybe it was the shape, who knows  
But from that moment I was in love

She sent me up there all alone  
Now my hand is ever ready to reach  
It all started with a silver microphone  
Thank you and "that's that piece"

## Letters to my Muse

The closeness of your skin comforts me  
You honor my quiet with one of your own  
Keeping my words attached to  
The paper as my paper  
Must be contained in notebooks  
You free my mind  
To wander across worlds and return  
With arms of letters  
I use some and then  
Save the others for you  
For creativity breeds and nothing is useless  
Letters  
Comfort  
I find this in your space  
And the graciousness of your breath  
I imagine how this will sound  
When I speak them to you at their birth  
When they are ready to be heard  
Until then you nurture them with kisses  
Unexpected kisses  
Welcomed kisses  
One day the letters in my heart  
Will come forth  
And you will know that I too Love you.

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).

## Pablo Neruda . . . Strange death

Between successive blue skies  
death takes on many masks  
It looks into eyes  
and injects poison into veins.  
In official communications  
- cancer and malnutrition,  
although the body denies the lies

The truth hidden in the corpse,  
pierces the shell of lies,  
hatches with pain  
and points  
a bony finger at the murderer.

Through the corridors of a military hospital  
wandering shadows  
whisper conspiratorially:  
Augusto Pinochet, Michael Townley

## Craiova

On a hot day  
time stopped on the park avenue  
It shook off the seconds  
like jasmine petals  
and arranged white collages  
on the grass

In the shade of blooming lindens  
the chess pieces  
were getting ready for battle.  
Did they devise a battle strategy  
– the Queen's Gambit?

At the poet's monument  
poems and bees sang.  
Someone put a red peony  
on Mihail Eminescu's chest  
...the poet's heart throbbed



## Sleepless Night

The minutes tremble on this starry night  
The clock slowly advances the seconds,  
stopping every now and then  
- as if it didn't want to leave  
the past day behind.

The wind outside the window  
intertwines with the tree branches.  
It shakes off the leaves  
and sings a serenade louder and louder,  
as if I it wanted  
to charm the cold and distant Luna.

An inconspicuous nightingale  
trills to the sky  
It pierces the darkness  
and wind with a vibrating voice  
It will not rest until it touches  
the stars with its song

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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## A Means to Satisfy His Thirst

Rare is the man, or woman  
Who wins poetry's greatest prize.  
And yet, history proclaims  
Pablo Neruda was such a man.

An activist, an agnostic, a communist,  
Devoid of faith, trust  
In any other but himself.  
This the poet claims.

His poetry, today, still remains,  
As a gift, a God given talent, far beyond others,  
acknowledged, or not.  
This is the man, from whose pen,

Poetry, seemingly, effortlessly, flowed forth.

## The Angular Distance

The fog lies low over the mountains,  
and now enshrouds me.

Invisible branches embrace  
the gray morning ethereal,  
and misty tears break through

though I attempt to hold them back.

My world is shattered,  
my vision obscured.

How shall I find my way?  
Ah, the Sun rises, my day reconstructed  
but vaporous musings still dwell within.

Sobbing and heaving, I greet the dawn,

Even as joyful memories evoke  
a smile, a dichotomy.

I strive to revisit the fog,  
a world of my mind's own making;  
yet the light, sublime

reveals a different path!

## Hear Me, O Lord

I've come, bruised and empty,  
searching for that  
which once quenched  
my thirst,  
longing to be relieved  
of the emptiness that consumes my every thought.

I am crying, mourning the loss of my creative voice.

Yielded up and waiting,  
I silently mouth the words,  
praying that once again  
the poetic waters may flow,  
even as I await your perfect Will.  
I am determined to stay on bended knee

If that is what it takes.

Why is it that the flowers  
continue to bloom,  
and the rains still fall,  
yet within me that which once flourished  
seems wilted, dead or dying?  
Do you hear me crying?  
Father, I am here!

Do with me as you please.

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.

## Delicate Heart and Intentions

Spring, with the vermilion countenance of a chicory bloom,  
None may identify it.

Lingering sorrow, a vast expanse of mountains and rivers,  
Unasked, only the tugged fragrance, slightly tart.

Upon the rock, the flowers sip the faint dew, this heart yet  
refuses to smile.

Heaven's love, carried by the wind,  
Creates inexplicable tears, a few lines streaking the cheeks.  
In the northwest,

Rain drifts, the wooden door barely ajar beside the lonely  
inn.

Silken spring flowers seem to lose their way, falling into  
the garden's crevice.

Pretending indifference, not stained by a touch of affection,  
still a bee gathers alone.

The red petals fall on the water, the sound of the wind  
gradually softens.

Red flowers sway in fruiting, not willing to let the lonely  
dream of the leaves on the branch look outward.

The mountains, the deep, distant, and shallow shadows of  
mist.

A corner of the ancient house, concealing the lazy flowers.  
Beneath the great tree, no lamps are seen, gazing at the  
silent millennia.

The main gate tightly locks dreams, for decades,  
Not traversed by anyone.

The water's surface is tranquil in the distance, an ethereal  
life.

How faint,

Half asleep or awake, the wind blows past. Who should  
respond to this sound?

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Silken spring flowers cover my delicate charm, how  
bearable?

For with the wind's desire to fly, parched earth buries the  
sandy mound.

And the clouds, should they not know?

The heart, upon its arrival, if bound, only grows more  
desolate.

The reluctant heart, meaningless purity, idle chatter paints  
the lips with rouge and powder.

## Embark On the Delicate Of Poetry

The noise floats up alone, the corner of the city.  
Listening to the whispers of the wind. The poets are silent.  
Nestled in the sunlight-kissed grains of May's dawn,  
A subtle warmth emerges — obscure or  
illuminated emotions, lost in the fragments beneath the  
quill.

Atop the mirror lake, under the resting clouds,  
Drunken by rubbing, the poet writes lovingly.  
Thoughts — now concealed, now unveiled — ebb and flow  
like rainbows,  
Echoing the tranquil silhouettes in gentle whispers.  
The rhythm endures, despite wandering strokes.

Unearthing emotional veins from rugged words,  
Roaming the sea of letters, cherished crystal phrases  
shimmer.  
From sacrifice, a unique rhythm is birthed,  
A poet or a relentless craftsman?  
Heart swaying, drunk on the inky scent of morning dew.

## The Song of the Cloud Gate

I look up at the cloud gate,  
And I see the world in a new way.  
The clouds are like waves,  
And the sky is like an ocean.  
I feel small and insignificant,  
But I am also  
Part of something much bigger than myself.

I am part of the universe,  
And I am connected  
To everything around me.  
I am filled with a sense of peace and awe,  
And I know that I am loved.

I am grateful for the opportunity  
To see the world in a new way.  
I am grateful for the gift of life,  
And I am grateful  
For the love that surrounds me.

I will never forget the feeling  
Of looking up at the cloud gate,  
And I will never forget the song that it sang to me.

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Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd





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

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

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/shareef.abdurrasheed1>  
<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## Pablo Neruda the fearless

B. July 12, 1904

D. Sept. 23, 1973

words that resonate  
words that inspire  
more than one can artist of  
painting words conceive  
believe it, it's true  
"the pen is mightier  
then the sword"  
his countries world  
renown master poet  
also, freedom fighter,  
human rights, civil and  
human rights activist,  
warrior  
yes, indeed pride of  
Chile  
Nobel prize in  
literature 1971  
international peace  
prize 1950 etc.  
but that's a small  
slice  
diplomat, politician  
member Chilean  
Communist party,  
yes, a known gifted  
poet from 13 years  
young  
talking styles certainly  
variety  
including, romantic,  
political, historical, etc.

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his love oriented could  
passionate yet metaphoric  
if a women's love abandoned  
him and left his life he had  
other loves for instance  
rage against the machine  
that being oppressive  
governments, rulers  
who deny rights God  
given  
therefore, he will not  
be despondent  
he gave his life for  
others to be free  
" The pen is mightier  
then the sword"

## Unleashed..

forces released  
wreak havoc  
on earth as we speak  
or quicker then we think  
Shaitan his forces set upon  
mankind  
bet on man is blind  
open ya eyes mankind  
open ya eyes  
spiritually blind mankind  
worse kinda blind  
starve the flesh feed the soul  
recipe to stay whole  
regain control  
retain the role  
starve the flesh feed the soul  
past the test pass go  
let the world go  
get the gusto  
what it is if you know  
starve the flesh feed the soul  
goes like this  
eternal bliss  
gotz ta get some of this

## entitlement...

means, meant time wasted spent  
thinking you the best thing after  
the white bread invents  
world wars event  
you supposed ta get mosta  
there is to get  
on the strength of your color,  
family, tribe, nation, possessions,  
all arrogant inventions  
manifest from evil intentions  
that you and yours are the best  
separate, apart from the rest  
a lie first perpetuated by the  
main pest  
the personification of evil  
the devil himself promotes his  
traits on the human race  
just scan the human landscape  
proliferation of evil traits  
lies, deception, greed, manipulation,  
violence, genocide, no justification  
pure indifference, hate  
man against man  
nation against nation  
promoting justification of entitlement  
for certain persuasions, affiliations  
on the basis of pure arrogance,  
ignorance  
ever since, from time memorial  
never any evidence to support  
imperialism, racism, nationalism,  
tribalism, and all the other schisms

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that saturate all of man's ism's  
such is this world always was  
always will  
fact remains it's insane  
always the same deal  
Until the creator puts a stop to  
this game of evil

# Norøen 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.

## Pablo Neruda

Pablo Neruda was a Chilean Poet  
Diplomat and Politician,  
one of the great 20th Century Poets  
who won the 1971 Nobel Prize in Literature.  
He wrote various genres including  
love poetry, political manifestos,  
surrealist poetry, historical epics,  
a prose autobiography and odes.  
What he is saying to us  
through his poetry  
is that we all can speak out  
and not be afraid  
of what we believe in  
through our poetry  
and that is a necessity.

## Close to Orchestra

hold me tight  
hold me close  
close and firm  
close to your heart  
heart of gold  
heart beating fast  
fast and slow  
fast lovers  
lovers lane  
lovers forever  
forever we'll be true  
forever I'll love you  
you are my world  
you are precious  
precious as a gem  
precious as poems  
poems from the heart  
poems of love  
love me tender  
love so true  
true to my word  
true as vows  
vows of marriage  
vows unbroken  
unbroken heart  
unbroken promises  
promises of success  
promises of marriage  
marriage and love  
marriage is give and take  
take me as I am  
take me now

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now is the time  
now not tomorrow  
tomorrow I'll be here  
tomorrow might come  
come with me  
come here  
here it is  
here is my key  
key to my heart  
key to my soul  
soul and spirit  
soul mate for life  
life is grand  
life like an orchestra  
orchestra music is beautiful  
orchestra music like love  
love  
beautiful

## Life

Loving you is easy to do

Learning to live without you

like almost nearly impossible

Life will go on, it is hard.

Lament I'll try not to do instead

listen to God; He'll help me through.

Lessons to remember we all will die.

Listen, be prepared and that's life.

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Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo



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## Do No Forget Me, Neruda

Neruda, his verses struck the heart

Through pain, sorrow, glee, and feelings of love

He never fails to evoke strong emotions of his readers

Neruda once said “love without understanding is not love at all...”

For how can one love another without knowing him first?

Though despair at times is his constant companion,

Pablo knows how to make fun of himself through his evocative verses

Making him the Creative Legend that we call came to know.

## Undefined Love

Dawn is about to set  
Here I am still thinking of you  
Your shadow vanishing in the moonlit night,  
I walked the dark path to realize you're not there  
Were you just an illusion, a dream, or were created by just  
pure imagination  
All I know is that you possess those pair of eyes that  
glimmer in the dark  
That even if I get lost anywhere in this world, I may find  
myself again in you,  
You're more than the word Love itself for I cannot simply  
define how you swept me off my feet  
A meager stare from you sets my heart in so much  
commotion  
And hearing you call my name in such an intricate way sets  
my soul on fire,  
Find me again, take my hand and let's go to the end of the  
world  
There at the tower let us watch the moon while some  
clouds dance in the background  
As the splashing of waves make sounds while we walk by  
the shoreline barefooted,  
Feeling the warm sand beneath our feet with a mild breeze  
brushing our cheeks  
Find me again in another lifetime where we could define  
this eternal love we share transcending time and space.

## Lovers Under the Moonlight

Let us walk to the ends of the Earth,  
You and I, hand in hand  
Forget all our cares and be One  
Be One with the Universe,  
With the Moon as our witness  
Its luminescence guides our path  
To a place where Love resides forever.  
Lovers under the moonlight,  
We are lost stars dancing in the eddies  
Connected souls by the cosmic dots,  
Your serene face is illuminated by its hypnotizing auras  
A halo highlighting your angelic countenance  
I see you in my midsummer dream,  
Our love was born to a mystical alchemy.  
With the beauteous moon in sight,  
We dance like there is no tomorrow  
You and I on a mystic flight  
A much-awaited alchemical marriage.

# Mutawaf Shahzeed

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

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## Pablo Neruda

Good advice is a spice of life.  
Enjoy it before it changes.

Wisdom follows knowledge  
to a trail that leads to sound  
conclusions.

Not too far away in the Amazon  
are recipes for healing.

A place full of poetry  
living among the trees that  
make it not so foreboding.

Inspired by unfamiliar smells  
and sounds that let one know  
you're not alone.

Like a laboratory where the mind  
can bend without breaking.

Where thoughts are provoked.  
He stored them in life's library.

## Loan Sharks

The loss of income has an outcome, and then  
here comes the repo man to take back your van.  
The dirty louse that took your house has an office  
at the bank.  
He's sitting there to yank your chain to make it plain  
that you can have the house at higher interest rates.  
He can't disguise the lying eyes that sit behind the  
desk.  
Don't miss the penalty clause that states the laws of  
diminishing returns.  
The wife must have that picket fence and you must  
get another job to pay for the evidence.

## Passed- SAMF

Pitching mental pennies at past passions.  
They bounce off rubber walls, to be struck  
by liquid lightning for raising their heads again.  
I remember the passion that was underpinned by pity.  
Sometimes they called it loose love.  
Square business had a way of correcting itself  
taking the edges off when it could.  
Surrounding twisted theories so they could fit  
inside the heads of maniacs whose stupidity  
protrudes from their undigested breath.  
Minds bleed from being handpicked. Antics being  
performed by semantics while eating  
medical breakfasts in the backseats of limos driven  
by serial killers dressed in the color of money.  
Smelling jokes that are not funny enough to make  
one laugh. The tears dried before they could reach  
the eyes of kind men and ladies.  
Flower gardens grow now from profane fertilizer as  
stereo-types crisscross. Across the full spectrum,  
standup comics dominate the podiums as the crowds  
wait in line to celebrate being blindsided.  
Rivers dry up and the land disappears the sea waters  
rise and the dumb bells cheer. Saying, "the rocket ships  
will get us out of here!" I don't think so SAMF.

hülya  
n.  
gilmaz

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Of Turkish descent, hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is Professor Emerita (Penn State, U.S.A.), Director of Editing Services (Inner Child Press International, U.S.A.), and a trilingual literary translator. Before her poetry and prose publications, she authored an extensive research book in German on cross-cultural literary influences.

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

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

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

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Sur. . .

realism,  
revolutionising  
human experience;  
a rational vision of life, on one hand;  
on the other hand, the unconscious and dreams . . .

Breton, the father of surrealist art,  
followed by Duchamp, Giacometti, Klee, Ernst,  
and many more. Not forgetting Neruda . . .

Anguish over disintegration,  
chaos, decay, and death

To personally experience these nightmares,  
but also collectively . . .

Sur . . .  
realism

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## the dead and the living\*

my mother's grave, lost

too many look-alikes since then

yet his dog finds his

\*Inspired in 2012 by the news of a dog refusing to leave his owner's grave for six years.



## dying to life

heart slows its beat  
blood rushes to head  
at every grasp of the loss  
asleep, awake,  
or in a dream state

ears deafen to sounds  
eyes, blind to colors  
voice trembles by steady tears  
food serves to deaden the thirst

elation departs

eternal craving remains behind  
and keeps on and on and . . .

death comes  
oh, yes! It comes  
but to kill

it condemns to life  
the undying void inside

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Homage to Pablo Neruda

When I think of love poems,  
I think of the delicate balance  
of your words flowing through me.

Between shadow and light,  
my soul plays with you on the page.  
Pablo your lyrics dance around my bed  
to the tune of ecstasy.

Flowers hide behind the trees  
to peek at your words.  
They feel the power of loves embrace  
close to the heart of each blossom.

Red wine runs down your lips  
like the blood of first love.  
Tears swell in clusters  
as you and I unite as one  
and morning light burns your chest.

You call forth my imagination  
as I stare into January light  
crackling in the fireplace.  
A fresh season is brewing  
under the snow blanket outside  
and I want to hibernate here with you Pablo  
until the spring daffodils toot their horns.

## Falling into Grace

He locks his gaze on her naked lips  
and her smile burst into flames.  
The heat of the exposure burns  
down to her breast.

Her legs freeze in place.  
She cannot detach from his gaze.  
The heart pumps purple violets.  
Rainbow colors dance on the ground.

He speaks to her without words.  
Breathe in and accept binding grace.  
She complies and falls without fear  
into the arms of the Beloved.

## Attached by Love

The clock is ticking toward heaven.  
I need you here in the present moment.  
Surrender your fears and frustrations.  
Take off your paranoid boots.

Come play in the garden  
of mischief, humor and laughter.  
We can make memories  
to carry back home to God.

I see you running in the desert sand.  
Your hair sings in the breeze.  
So I close my eyes  
and feel your feet touch the sand.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava



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

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

## Praise for Pablo

*For Pablo Neruda*

You're not peripheral  
You belong here.  
You can't be just pushed away.

Like winged seeds  
You'll continue to glide to everywhere  
Put down your roots and flourish.

You may turn your back  
Like the sails  
To opposing winds to push forward.

I see you not as a prisoner  
But a liberator and crusader  
For your people.

## If I

If I could see  
through your eyes  
it would be a world  
of different laughs and cries.

If I could feel  
through your heart  
I would feel different joys  
that might make my sadness depart.

If I could understand  
the world through your mind  
I might experience contentment  
and leave my sorrows behind.

But if you could love me  
the way I do  
I guarantee  
it would change the world  
for you and me.

I wish things were different  
than they are.

If only I could ...

## Totally Timeless

Are we breaking-up  
No  
Are we leaving behind  
Our old 'Selves'  
No

Are we walking  
In the same place  
Returning to our steps  
In search of lost time and space

Or in a circle  
Where beginning and end are confused  
Past and present  
Cutting out the unattainable future

Where can I find you  
Just not to be lost to me  
As if you died  
And I  
Mourning and mourning  
For those who are alive

Let me hear your voice  
Now  
How I feel  
In my dreams

Where a swallow  
always brings with her  
a little spring sky  
even if it's autumn

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In the happy confusion  
Past and present  
Space and time

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Caroline  
'Çeri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis



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

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

Links to her works:

<http://panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis/>

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## Neruda In My Mind

Neruda, your verses dance,  
A tango of love desire, love lost,  
Ink spills like raindrops on paper,  
words are woven from the fabric of longing,  
Your metaphors are secret artichokes of love,  
some bloom like wildflowers,  
each petal a passionate charm that resonates  
the depths of your songs beyond cultures,  
Your love, like ripe fruit,  
drips from your lines,  
sweet and intoxicating.  
The sea current echoes your name,  
you are the salt in our tears.  
As we read your ideals that transcend time,  
Neruda, your poems become nebula,  
like the giant clouds, where stars are born or die,  
But tonight, I trace your name with the constellations,  
The interstellar syllables of my love for your words.

## Mundivagant

I wander like a cosmic nomad,  
drifting through stardust lanes,  
My soul unshackled by gravity,  
as twilight mirrors the constellation of wishes.  
I trace through my fingertips,  
mapping celestial highways,  
Where galaxies collide in silent ballet,  
and black holes sing their ancient songs.  
My feet kiss moon-kissed soil,  
and I become a vagabond of existence,  
A wanderer between realms,  
seeking secrets whispered by nebulae.  
The universe unfurls its tapestry,  
each thread a story of birth and death,  
I, the mundivagant dreamer,  
weave my verses into the void.  
So I journey, untethered and wild,  
a comet trailing wonder,  
Chasing Infinity's elusive tail  
forever lost, forever found.

## The Alchemist Whisper

Here's the land of dreams and reality,  
The alchemist toils, his heart and hands,  
With fire and with alembic mold,  
He transmuted leaden sorrow into gold.  
He whispers to the elements of light,  
To reveal his spirit free,  
In crucibles of hope,  
A dance of shadows,  
A journey to the ultimate quest.  
He is a philosopher, extending his hands  
To find the elixir of life,  
Through pitfalls and storms,  
His soul's alchemy, a field of wonders.  
He is a seeker of truth,  
Who turns mundane into a fountain of worth,  
His heart dares to dream,  
The alchemist's touch is like a stream.

# Swapna Behera

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

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## Pablo Neruda: a legacy maker

the Latin American poet  
his sonnets speak volumes of love  
“here I love you”  
romanticism at its climax  
“I want to be with you what spring does with cherry trees”  
a Chilean poet best known for his poems  
expressed through metaphors and images of nature  
a political activist  
who helped thousands of Republican refugees  
escape to Chile after Spanish civil War  
“I love you without knowing you”  
his writings brought great social change  
he was awarded the noble prize  
a public figure, an activist and a senator  
his verdict was  
surround yourself with inspiration  
discomfort breeds new perspective  
a combination of purpose and hard work  
that is why he is a legacy maker  
to codify love, time, destruction and loneliness  
filled with both harmony and anguish ideas of social decay  
isolation, alienation, communism and oppression  
laughter is the language of soul  
dying slowly is when you don’t travel or read  
listen to the sounds of life  
life itself is a legacy  
isn’t it ?

## in the Manikarnika ghat

the masculine bones  
never give the full stop  
the feminine breasts  
never ends the perimeter of death  
the pediatric bones hip hop on the cement pandal  
death tunes at tandem with life  
the aghoris smoke taking fire from the pyre  
drinks from the bowls of dried human skull  
the bohemian attitude of who cares  
the tinkling bell and the mantras of last ritual  
with visible marigold flower stitched with banana stem  
strings  
robust, sick, cancer patients  
old or young  
bodies lie down on the bamboo stretcher made up of six  
pieces  
carried by muscle men  
decorated with vermilion, red clothes  
pure ghee the authentic smell of the ghat with the camphor  
and the smell of the burning flesh  
does this ghat serve Nirvana ashes half born flesh and body  
the carcass putrefying flesh  
the corpse beyond the boundaries  
spread the anthem of tears  
the relatives shave the head  
the pundits do the rituals  
death is celebrated here as liberation and salvation  
everyday around three hundred bodies are burnt  
this ghat is a sacred cremation site  
mourners take the bath  
the Ganga digests the pain ,anguish ,the flesh and ash  
the mysterious ghat

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that breaks the cycle of birth and rebirth  
the abandoned coins, stale flower garlands and bones  
only witness of life cycle  
death and life parallel to each other  
if there is life  
then certainly life speaks  
the history and geography of a river  
that can gulp tons of pollution  
mystery of a river that blesses the civilization

*e.g manikarnika ghat is the cremation ground located on  
the river banks of river Ganga*

*aghoris:- aghoris are monists who seek liberation from the  
cycle of life and death*

## save me from the dead zone

hello, hello  
am speaking from the dead zone  
dear all  
here is my appeal  
I wish to live  
I am in the ocean where the dissolved oxygen is depleted  
I cannot sustain  
in this hypoxic condition  
you are worried for your cellular dead zones  
I am a tiny fish; give me little oxygen  
I can recover  
you throw pesticides that split nitrogen and phosphorous  
can't you reverse the dead zones  
stop oil spills in the ocean  
change the farming practice  
upgrade waste water treatment facilities  
anthropogenic sources of radioactive create pollution  
I love to live  
I love to swim  
I love activities  
don't kill me  
don't put me in the toxic zone  
I appeal  
save me from the dead zone

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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## Pablo Neruda

I was just a teen from Chile when I started to write poetry,  
Writing was how I expressed my emotions freely.  
My styles vary on how I feel at the moment, or what I'm  
going through,  
Politics might be on my mind, historical events,  
or I just might want to say I love you.  
During my years I was considered to be one of the most  
influential of the time,  
I was being listened to and read by people all over the  
world because of the way  
I painted pictures with my voices delivery and poetic lines.  
Due to my passions of being a writer and a public figure  
speaker,  
In 1971 I was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature.  
Mr. Pablo Neruda.... a Chilean Politician/word magician.

## Life not a lifestyle

opened up earlier and closed up later than the average hustler. I wasn't on temporary time. I wasn't out there scrambling for a pair of kicks and a new fit, I was thinkn longevity, like turn'n an 0 to 1000 after a few flips to get the fam out the hood while I stood in the bricks gettn this money. I wasn't tryn to build a block then stop because it's hot or because i already copped a whip, a Cuban and have a selection of thots. I was in the beginning stages of building an empire from the mixture of two powders, water and fire, I was out there morn to night whether it was sunny, snowing or raining with packs in the bushes and gats off safety on parked car tires. My nightmares of poverty led to actions to make dreams of being rich in or around NYCHA property become reality rather than just a closed eye fantasy. I was out there trap binge'n, breath hot, balls sweaty, ass smelly, I'm livn dirty to keep my pockets filthy and to break the generational curse so generations after me can be hereditarily wealthy. I'm getting locked up and going right back to the block, cribs are getting raided they're taking my money and work, it's was okay because I could copp caine with just my name to hit the spot to open up shop a few hours after locks were popped and doors dropped. Then it's back to binge'n so I can pay the plug for what my name just copped and my gems just chopped. There was set backs but I snapped back. I had two choices.... Hustle hard in these New York streets or impatiently wait for the first to eat.

## Emulate the 8

Dudes try to emulate the 8 but peeps can't see my reflection in them. The bar is set to high, they can't pull up. I mean they try to live as if they're gettn that bag, as if they drip with swag, as if they're respected when they're basic... sons, I'm an international living legend if I must brag. I over stand, if I wasn't me, I would want to be like me, but we are not the same, time would have to be rewinded so you could grow up in poverty like me, lose a parent at twelve and deal with mourning pain, go through all the emotions, motions and rebellion that led me to the game. I want to stop shootn and look to the left or right and see your muzzle flame, I want to stand back in the kitchen and see you turn coke into hard caine, I want to see you boss up and have bells ringing when they speak your name... I know that'll never happen even if we could rewind time because dudes wouldn't be able to hold on to the reigns in the streets i reigned. I'm a ghost so when I do pop up and dudes see me they get star struck or frightened, I'm always on point but when I make appearances my senses are heightened, the grip on the pipe tightens, don't start none won't be none, dudes don't want smoke with me, if they do I'll hit em with the entire dispensary. I always come in peace but because of the life I lived my head will forever stay on a swivel like I got beef.

Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich

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

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## Pablo's Way

Pablo was a great writer  
His poems were subtle and elegant  
To better communicate  
His new social concerns  
To his readers  
His development was interrupted by the Spanish civil war  
One of his major works  
Odas Elementals  
The verses were simple  
But direct and precise  
Pablo won the Nobel Prize  
For literature  
He is perhaps  
The most important Latin American  
Poet of the 20th century  
Way to go Pablo Neruda!

## Broken Memories

Somewhere, somehow  
In the midst where shadows are plagued  
Something has to break  
Something has to ache  
...And the rain we heard last night  
Has now stopped, the sun shines through the drapes  
Giving me a new emotion  
Calling in about last night  
Talking about how we danced  
People whispered, "They really tripped the light fantastic"  
Somewhere, somehow  
In the midst where shadows play  
Something has to give  
Something has to take  
Do you remember, how we played like children?  
Laughing too, at our mistakes  
Don't you recall how our minds used to work  
How come we forget, is gaining knowledge the answer  
why?  
... But somewhere, somehow  
In the midst where love is stored  
Something has to live  
Something has to die  
Playing silly games and knowing the simple things  
Rules didn't matter to us  
Somewhere, somehow  
In the midst where we all want to be  
Something has to be trapped  
Something has to be free  
And our souls were at peace  
Our minds reached new heights  
Remembering about last night, how we danced  
And all the people all around  
Whispered, "they're really tripping the light fantastic"..



## Friends

I was alone, feeling sad  
But shortly, I was among friends  
Talking, laughing, and sharing our feelings  
With one another  
How it filled my soul  
To be in a house with joy and excitement  
Friends, are the best part of life  
How I will remember that special day  
The warmth in my heart still remains.

# Eliza Sørgiøt



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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope* (2020),

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association* (2023).

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

## Realization

*To the memory of Pablo Neruda\**

Trees, rivers, cliffs,  
snow-covered fields –  
the Earth's gifts,  
in combination  
with solitude, emotion  
and another man,  
would inspire his soul,  
directing his path towards a symbiosis  
of Nature and Man,  
and Man with himself.  
He would say that a poet is not  
*a little god*,  
whilst others knew  
that he was a Great Poet.  
With his words he would awake  
the world full of injustice,  
realizing that  
– *darkness should change to blossom.*

*Pablo Neruda (12.07.1904 - 23 .09. 1973) Chilean poet, diplomat and politician who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971. Neruda became known as a poet at the age of 13. He wrote in a variety of styles, including surrealist poems, historical epics, political manifestos, prose autobiography and passionate love poems*

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*

## Illusion

I deluded myself that  
it would still be summer.

And it stands  
in a frame.

I stopped the time.

I am not looking for the sun.

I let myself be seduced by the illusion  
that it does not set.

After all,

I can still roam  
the trails of the past.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Imagination

When the memories  
are still smouldering  
and the memory allows  
to return to the past,  
what was  
before  
becomes a moment  
to which it gladly returns.

It will not throw away  
those days.  
They cannot be forgotten.

One cannot dream through  
loneliness,  
but it can always  
hug with hope.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

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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## Pablo Neruda

With this pen  
I declare my voice  
Shall not embrace the silence,  
Nor  
Shall my love be restrained

Nay,  
The machinations of life  
Shall not hinder  
The soul of who I am,  
For I have retired  
The persona of  
Neftalí Ricardo Reyes Basoalto  
And may the all of creation  
Remember me as  
Pablo Neruda

Dear Life,

First I must simply say Good Morning.  
I would attempt to greet you this fine day  
In all the languages I know  
Or could 'Google',  
But I already know  
That you know them all  
So please,  
Once again  
Forgive my laziness,  
As you have done  
For so many years now.

I meant to begin this letter  
With offering my sincere gratitude  
For yet another day  
Where I may reverently greet you  
And acknowledge this gift  
You have allowed me to partake,  
Life ...  
Yet once again,  
However,  
My words and supposed wittyness  
Got in the way  
Of my heart-felt intent

Now, this letter-poem  
Was not meant to be a  
Confessional, but  
There as always are  
Many heavy burdens  
Such as the guilt  
Of indifference and apathy  
That I silently bear

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Each day,  
And today,  
This wonderful day  
My soul definitively requires me  
To speak on it.

To begin,  
I realize,  
Without a doubt that  
I could have been  
A better Son,  
A better Brother,  
A better Husband, Mate  
A better Father  
And a better Friend ...  
Why hell, I could have been  
A better Human-being,  
And so much more!

You are also well aware that  
I said many things  
I should not have;  
Kept silent when  
I should have spoken out.  
I did many things of which  
I should have refrained,  
And you and the Lorde knows  
There are a myriad,  
An abundance of things  
I should have done ....  
I apologize,  
As I have done  
So many times before.

Dear Life,  
I earnestly wish for you to know

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That these words are not empty,  
But every once in a while  
I am overcome  
With this need  
To dump all of me,  
My foibles,  
My errancies,  
My weaknesses  
Back upon You,  
The Universe  
And all of Creation ....  
I only hope that once again  
Forgiveness can be found  
In your heart  
Yet another day  
For my infirmities.

.....  
Dear Life,  
While I am at it,  
Unloading my burdens  
Into the ether,  
I would be amiss  
If I did not speak  
To the other side of the coin,  
You, 'Life' has graciously  
Bestowed upon me.

.....  
I wish to thank 'You' for all  
Th precious moments  
I have ever experienced  
During this journey,  
At least the ones I can remember,  
And I must say,  
I humbly thank you

For the ones

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I can not.

....

I do realize that each  
Of these life glimpses  
And experiences  
Have shaped and molded me  
To become the man,  
The person,  
The Human-being  
Who now reverently sits before you  
To exact this confessional diatribe.

.....

Dear Life,  
I must thank 'You'  
With all that I am for  
All the people of whom  
You gifted me the opportunity  
To ingratiate my self with ...  
Though not all of those experiences  
Felt good during the times  
Of happenings,  
But in my waning years  
I do realize  
That each encounter  
Served a purpose....  
There were many a lesson  
I did not understand then,  
And i must confess,  
Some do still yet  
Escape me. ....  
But I am trying ...  
Some of the time.

.....

Let me let you know this,  
I am so grateful that

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After all these years  
That my mind still says 'YES',  
Though my body may dissent,  
But thank you just the same.

And finally ...  
As they say,  
The first shall be the last,  
And  
The last shall be the first ..

.....  
I want to thank you for  
FAMILY ...,  
Parents and Grands,  
Aunts and Uncles,  
My Ancestors  
Who made a way for me.  
I want to thank you for  
My siblings,  
My cousins, nieces and nephews  
And the many others  
Whom I claim as 'family'.

And lastly but definitely not least,  
I must pay my obesance  
For the greatest grace  
Thou sought fit  
To bestow upon  
This needy soul;  
And that is for  
The gift of my seed, my children,  
And the seed of my seed,  
Ad infinitum,

For with this,  
I have become a



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'King in the Garden',  
Your garden,  
And I can never  
Thank you enough . . . . .  
Dear Life.

Thank you for all the smiles,  
"Tears and Laughter"

## The Spirit Speaks

I am but a 'Freedom Fighter'  
Championing the rights of sovereignty.

I stand not alone  
In this wilderness  
Offering to the heavens  
My thoughts, my words, my poems and my prose  
Telling the story  
Characterizing our plight,  
Your plight  
To our world

I am a rebel they say,  
I say I am but a man  
Whose spirit is troubled  
By the times  
We are given to endure

O dear 'Liberation',  
Come unto to my people  
And lift this oppressive hand  
From our shoulders . . .

Let us find 'Righteousness'  
Let us all collect, come together  
For the good of one,  
The good of all

May who I am  
Be embraced by the heavens  
And my offerings  
Be a beacon of light

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In this darkness,  
And rise up, rise up  
And shower themselves  
The blessings of compassion  
Upon the world of us all

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Barbara Anna Gaiardoni is winner of the First Prize 2023 “Zheng Nian Cup” National Literature Price and finalist of the Edinburgh “Writings Leith” contest.

She received two nominations for the Touchstone Award 2023 and recognized on the Haiku Euro Top 100 list for 2023.

Her Japanese-style poems has been published in The Mainichi, Asahi Haikuist Network, The Japan Society UK and in one hundred and twenty other international journals. Drawing, swimmer and walking in nature are her passions. *"I can, I must, I will do it" her motto.*

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a cold  
summer drink  
in one hand  
she smiles lost  
in a memory

\*

to dance the night  
away barefoot  
on the sand  
the moon  
turning red

\*

the sea  
smooths out  
the farther  
there's no use  
looking fierce now

# Bharati Nayak

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Bharati Nayak is a bilingual poet, writer ,editor and translator of India, writing in English and Odia. Her poems have been published in nearly 150 different magazines-zines ,anthologies ,books , e-books and newspapers of national and international repute such as Setumah Anthology, Inner Child Press, Amaravati Poetic Prismoids -Nova Literature, Circular Whispers, Cuckoo in Crisis, The Statesman and the like. She has published two poetry books in Odia, two English poetry collections as sole author ,six books in collaboration with different authors and translated Adiola Akoo's book 'Lost In A Quatrain ' into Odia .She has been felicitated at different literary forums .

## Refugee

There were fury, fire, bombs and bullets  
Army, terrorists, death and darkness  
No water, no food, only deadly dance of death  
They were leaving behind their dear homes and land  
Leaving their cattle, dogs pets and food orchards  
Their dreams shattered, they leave behind all treasure  
They had no time to collect them, no means to carry them

Someone carrying his crippled son on his shoulder  
Some one carrying his old father and a baby clinging to his mother  
In their sunken eyes, fear writ large  
To an unwelcome fate they march towards  
Covering miles and miles through rough and tough terrains  
Some jumping into ferry to escape death  
But death encircling them from all sides  
Death waiting them in black waters of sea  
Or in hungry crocodile's teeth  
Or in the congested refugee camp  
In disease, hunger and thirst  
Sometimes nature connives, when sun burns too hot  
And wind blows too cold  
Bereft of Home and Land  
They gain only a name of pain  
A refugee with a future uncertain  
As a CIVILIZED SOCIETY with its stony heart just look on.

## If I can turn into a Poem

f I can turn into a Poem  
I wish I could be your poem  
The painted words of your art  
The quietness of your poetry  
And the softness of your words

I could be the fragrance  
Drifting from your lines  
I could be  
The oceanic depth  
Of philosophy  
defining your poetry.

I could become  
The soul of your quiet poem  
That would ease  
Each and every pain

I could be the  
Decorated Chinese vessel  
That would store  
The beauty  
Of your poetic wine.

I could be that poem of yours  
That would need no words  
And would become  
The threshold to silence

I could be the zephyr wind  
That would softly disperse  
The sadness of things.

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If I could be  
The voice of your poetry  
That would become everyone's voice  
And it would  
Become the beating  
Of a common heart.

From a poem  
I would turn into poetry  
That would reside  
As the light  
Of common soul.

## A thousand miles away

A thousand miles away  
George Floyd died  
Of police brutality  
His last words  
Resonate here,  
In my country  
In my drawing room  
In personal discussions  
On T.V. and in newspapers  
In breathless debates  
Within protests and movements.

Why?  
Because it is a rage of hundreds of years  
Pressed under a knee  
A simmering fire  
That was waiting to conflagrate  
A restless smoke  
Suffocating people for years.

Was it a single man's murder?  
No,  
The way the brute police officer  
Pressed his knee  
On the neck of an unarmed black man  
Was to show his power  
To crush Floyd  
Like a worthless being -  
Not caring a damn  
About his life.



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The manner  
In which the other police officers  
Stood by  
Showed how callous, how ruthless  
They were, not caring a bit  
When an innocent black man was dying.

'I can't breathe, I can't breathe'  
The last words of Floyd  
Resonate in every corner of our world  
Questioning  
The sanity of humankind.

Errol  
Bean



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Errol D. Bean, a Jamaican author of two self-published books: *'A Flower Blooms'* (1998), an anthology of poems; *'Cynthia Schloss An Inspiration of Love and Friendship'* (2001), and a pending publication. Bean has recorded and released a number of gospel and conscious music. A graduate of United Theological College of the West Indies, University of the West Indies, School of Education (UWI), Bean has served as pastor, lecturer, life underwriter, marketing and communications manager. Married to Gloria, he is the proud father of one daughter, Dr. Dalea Bean. *Mantra: "To inspire and give hope to humanity through inspirational words."*

## Lament of a Faded Flower

*(A metaphor of a despondent woman)*

Reminiscing –

No keen popping eyes, observing.

No curious, timid fingers, touching.

Gone forever, the tickling –

"Ohs", "Ahhs", "wows",

"m...m", "gosh", and "my, my" –

Dead are pleasant questions:

"Isn't this beautiful?"

"This is nice and cute, isn't it?"

Gone in the wind – "Exotic", "gorgeous".

Absent are gentle commands –

"Look at this."

"This you have to see."

No welcome demands –

"What is the name of this?"

"Where is it from?"

"Under what conditions does it thrive?"

"Does it like a lot of water?"

"What is the cost of this?"

I loathe this state,

this common malaise, I now share.

Here we are, drawn together for

contrast to enhance each

other, a mixed fragrance.

Look at me, who dreamed of

walking with a nervous, happy bride,

or waiting with an anxious groom!

I dreamed of approaching a closed

door and waiting for a pleasant

approving smile from a happy heart.

I dreamed of young, ready and vibrant,

(and soon over the hill or on the shelf)

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spinsters tumbling, unabashed, in the  
air to catch me in hope.  
But here I am, surrounded by  
others, stiff to their skeletons,  
pretending strength,  
savouring the last sip of life;  
systems failing, limp, brown,  
once green, bright and sure.  
I, yesterday, a beautiful crown,  
sat on erect spine, loosely in replenished  
water, anchored in crockery  
– a life supporting well,  
and a whiff of cheer I sent as willing  
hands pulled me closer and revelled in my  
delightful fragrance – but today  
I peer through closing eyes;  
I hear steps, yesterday staccato,  
today a deadly diminuendo!  
Sour wings fan the still air  
and sing "farewell" – a tedium of death.  
This is my hour – my glory, one by one,  
falls into water, others on the place once  
the pedestal, my elevation, now my refuse heap.  
I see the corner of a pitiless eye.  
In thought, it seems, "you have served your purpose.  
Make way for the young, bright and strong."  
*(Oh God! ...*  
*Is this the end for me?*  
*Is there any hope for me?)*  
A vicious hand...  
Together,  
To the dump...

## My Tears of Peace and Joy

It's strange; as a child,  
I would cry when a young chicken  
stepped on my foot or mashed my toe,  
but as a grown man  
I don't cry for my own physical pain  
even when like torrent showers of rain  
pain comes my way again and again...

I may groan, sigh and pray to heal  
when my own excruciating pain I feel  
but I cry not, matters not what's the source  
of my pain, because when vibrations of real love  
and tender care I get,  
my grateful eyes always get wet.

I don't cry for my own pain  
but when I'm whipped up by kindness  
an attitude of heartical gratitude  
triggers many a grateful tear  
that mingle with the smile I wear.

I don't cry for my own pain  
but my tears are ever so near  
in moments of tranquil meditation,  
when in deep fellowship with the Most High  
sweet divine peace sweep over my soul,  
and the strength of tender joy appears.

So, if you ever see my tear,  
grieve not for me, have no fear,  
may be am deeply touched by someone's  
pain, or moved by their sorrow;

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perhaps am empathising because of  
the broken heart of someone I hold  
close to my heart; some one that's  
to me, is dear.

Yes, it may seem strange to see a grown man cry,  
but never forget, it's not always what you see you'll get;  
the tears you see in my eyes may seem bitter,  
but please, be not on haste to muse, "he's bitter"  
or blast it on **Twitter** – sorry, X;  
the tears you see could just be tears of peace  
that glitter in my eyes, and the joy of my God  
warningly washing my face.



## Seven Tips for a School Girl \*

School girl, guard the door to your heart;  
beware of “sweet” words of deception.  
Heed the seven tips I give to you; write  
them upon the lintels of your heart and  
the sons of deception shall depart.

### Tip 1

Before you open your heart and give accommodation,  
be head-smart and pay full attention;  
learn the difference between love and infatuation, and  
distinguish between genuine and imitation.

### Tip 2

Examine their lines of communication - -  
their aim is to disconnect your source of inspiration,  
derail your education and your graduation  
then relegate you to a life of degradation.

### Tip 3

They will flatter you with disarming admiration;  
shower you with enticing adoration;  
surround you with “love” and sweet affection, and  
make your eyes twinkle with fascination.

### Tip 4

Then as you glory in this “elevation”,  
they break through your seal of protection!  
Your mind, set on to pleasurable expectations,  
you lose your focus and your concentration.

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### Tip 5

Next, they boggle your mind with the need for liberation;  
remind you that you are the now generation!  
Convince you to reject your parents' old-fashioned  
conversation.  
Soon your personality undergoes a strange transformation.

### Tip 6

Then you'll begin to act without contemplation,  
and do things beyond your wildest imagination;  
you become blind to your rapid degeneration  
into a muddle of emotional complication!

### Tip 7

So, to avoid the trap of deception,  
simply look inward for self-affirmation;  
steadfastly cling to your moral resolution,  
and make your education your driving motivation.

*\* Not a presumption that everyone who expresses an interest  
in "schoolgirls" sets out to deceive and exploit them; there  
are stories about schoolmates who formed meaningful, life-  
long relationships - - some culminating in successful  
marriages.*

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Michael  
Lee  
Johnson

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Michael Lee Johnson lived ten years in Canada during the Vietnam era. Today he is a poet in the greater Chicagoland area, IL. He has 300 YouTube poetry videos. Michael Lee Johnson is an internationally published poet in 45 countries, a song lyricist, has several published poetry books, has been nominated for 7 Pushcart Prize awards, and 6 Best of the Net nominations. He is editor-in-chief of 3 poetry anthologies, all available on Amazon, and has several poetry books and chapbooks. He has over 453 published poems. Michael is the administrator of 6 Facebook Poetry groups. Member Illinois State Poetry Society:

<http://www.illinoispoets.org/>.

Remember to consider me for Best of the Net or Pushcart nomination!

## Ghost I Am

Here is a private hut  
staring at me,  
twigs & branches  
over the top—  
*naked & alone.*

I respond to an old 60s doo-wop  
song: In the Still of the Night  
Fred Parris and The Satins.

Storms are written in narratives,  
old ears closed to a full hearing.  
I'm but a shelter cringing.  
In age, nightmare pre-warned redemption.  
Let's call it the Jesus factor,  
not LGBT symbols in Biden's world.  
I lost my way close to the end.  
Here is this shelter in heaven  
poetry imagined spaces  
prematurely still not all the words fit,  
in childhood in abuse  
lack of reason for bruises  
rough hills, carp that didn't bite,  
and Schwinn bike rides  
flat tires, chains fall off, spokes collapse—  
this thunder, those storms.

Find me a thumbnail  
image of myself in centuries of dust.  
Stand weakened by nature  
of change glossed over, sealed.  
Archives.  
Old men, like a luxurious battery,  
die hard, but with years, they  
too, fade away.

## California Summer

Coastal warm breeze  
off Santa Monica, California  
the sun turns salt  
shaker upside down  
and it rains white smog, a humid mist.  
No thunder, no lightening,  
nothing else to do  
except for sashay  
forward into liquid  
and swim  
into eternal days  
like this.



## Four Leaf Clover

I found your life smiling  
inside a four-leaf clover.  
Here you hibernate in sin.  
You were dancing in the orange fields of the sun.  
You lock into your history, your past, withdrawal,  
taste honeycomb, then cow salt lick.  
All your life, you have danced in your soft shoes.  
Find free lottery tickets in the pockets of poor men and  
strangers.  
Numbers rhyme like winners, but they are just losers.  
Positive numbers tug like gray blankets, poor horses  
coming in 1st.  
Private angry walls; desperate is the night.  
You control intellect, josses men.  
You take them in, push them out,  
circle them with silliness.  
Everything turns indigo blue in grief.  
I hear your voice, fragmented words in thunder.  
An actress buried in degrees of lousy weather and  
blindness.  
I leave you alone, wander the prairie path by myself.  
Pray for wildflowers, the simple types. No one cares.  
Purple colors, false colors, hibiscus on guard,  
lilacs are freedom seekers, now no howls in death.  
You are the cookie crumble of my dreams.  
Three marriages in the past.  
I hear you knocking my walls down, heaven stars creating  
dreams.  
Once beautiful in the rainbow sun, my face, even snow  
now cast in banners, blank, fire, and flames.  
I cycle a self-absorbed nest of words.

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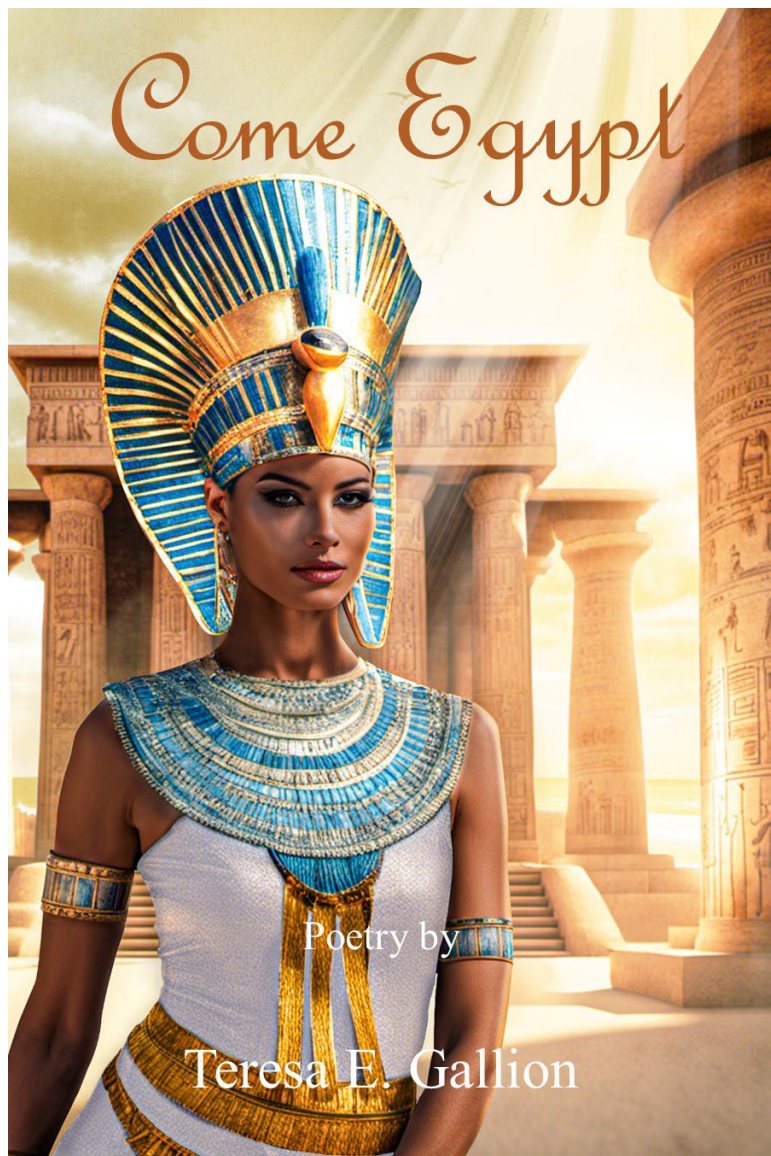
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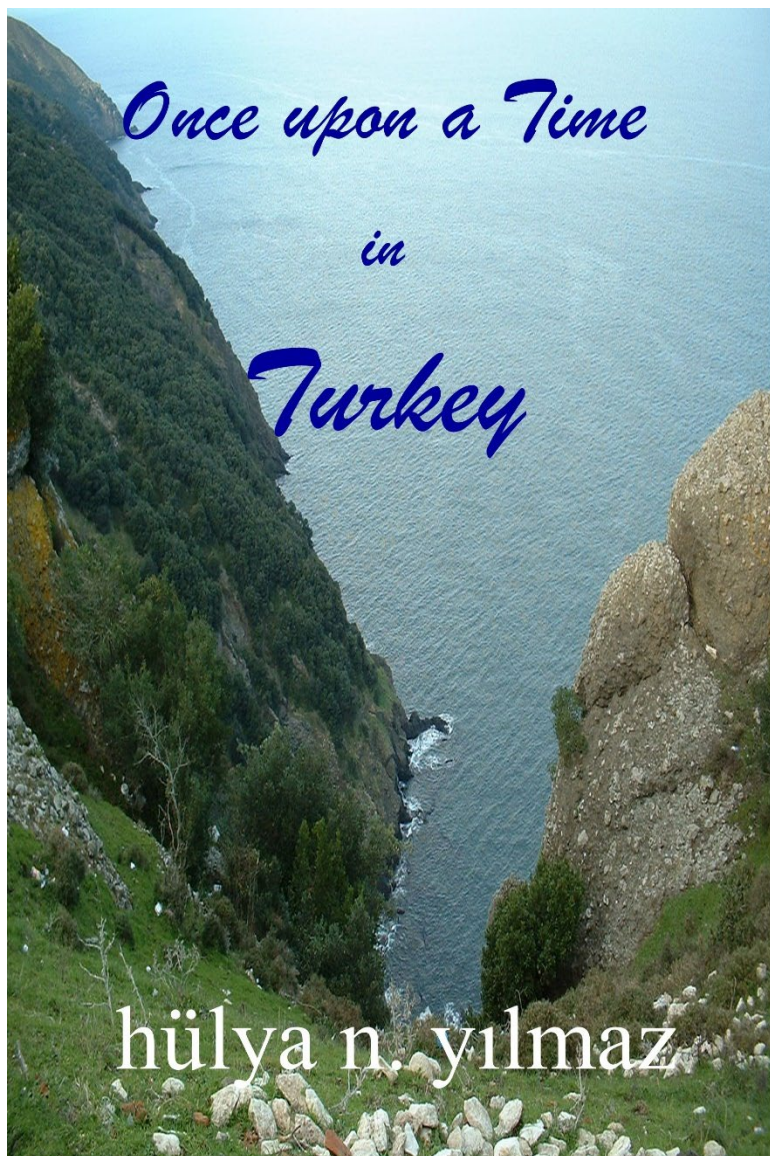
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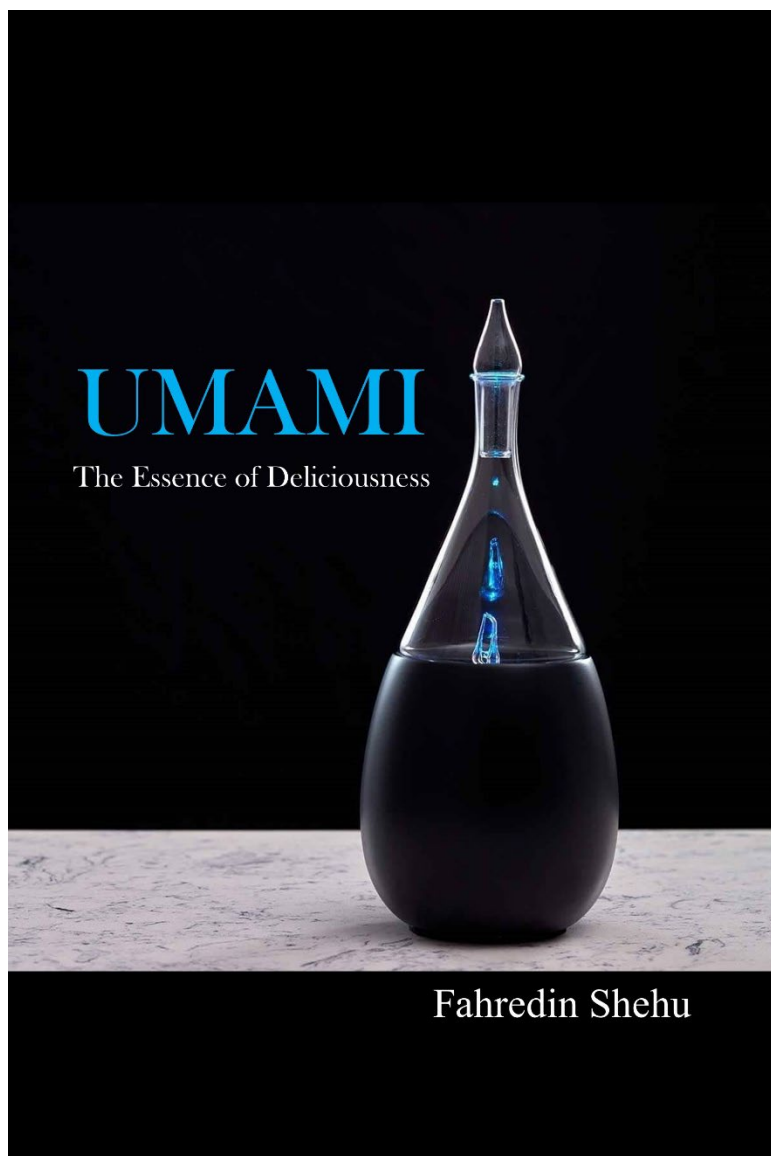
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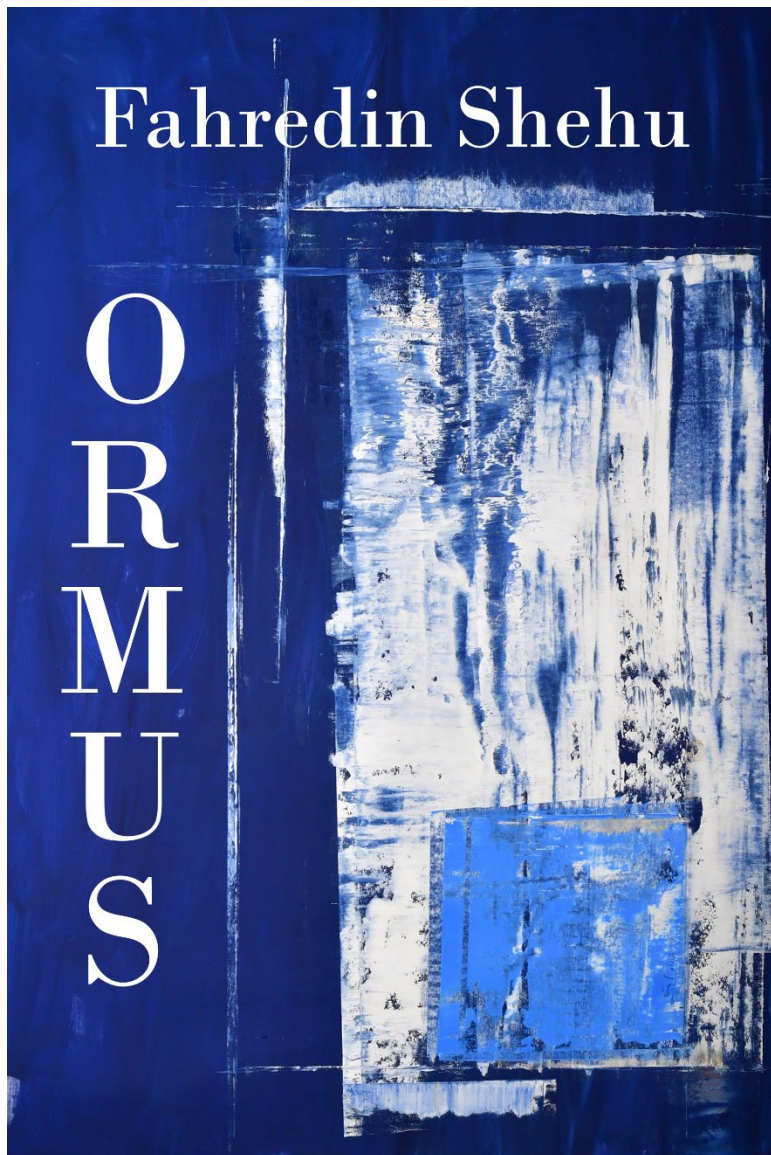


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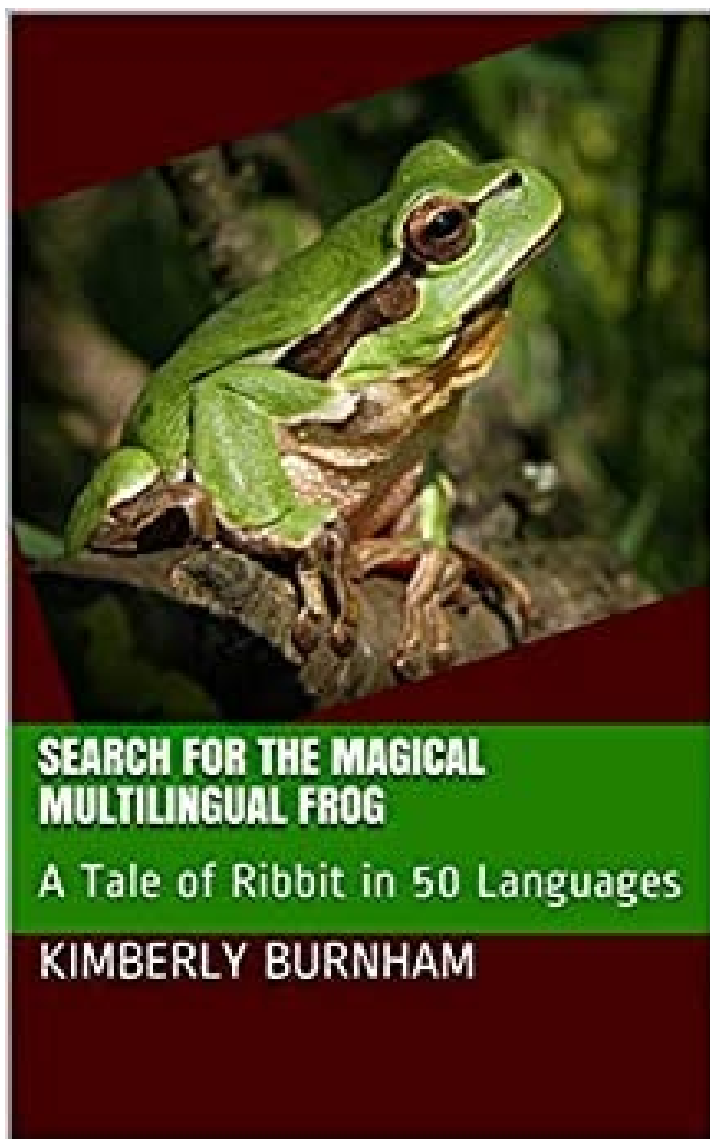


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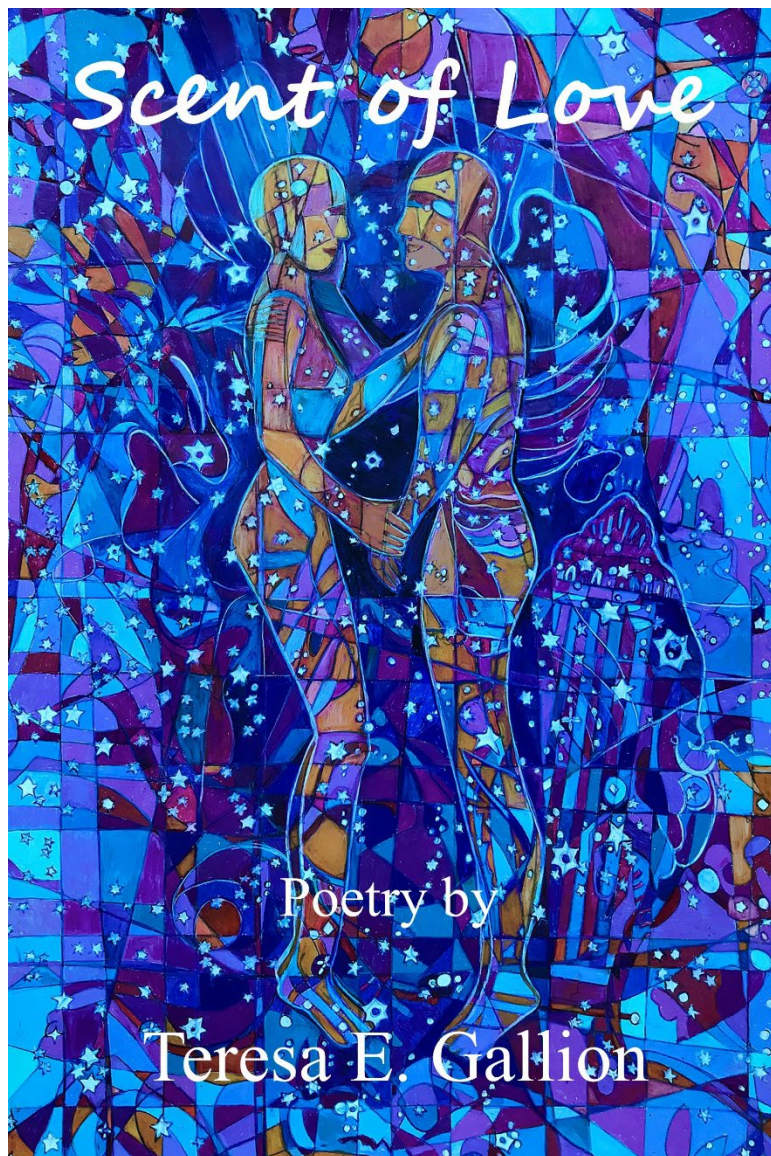
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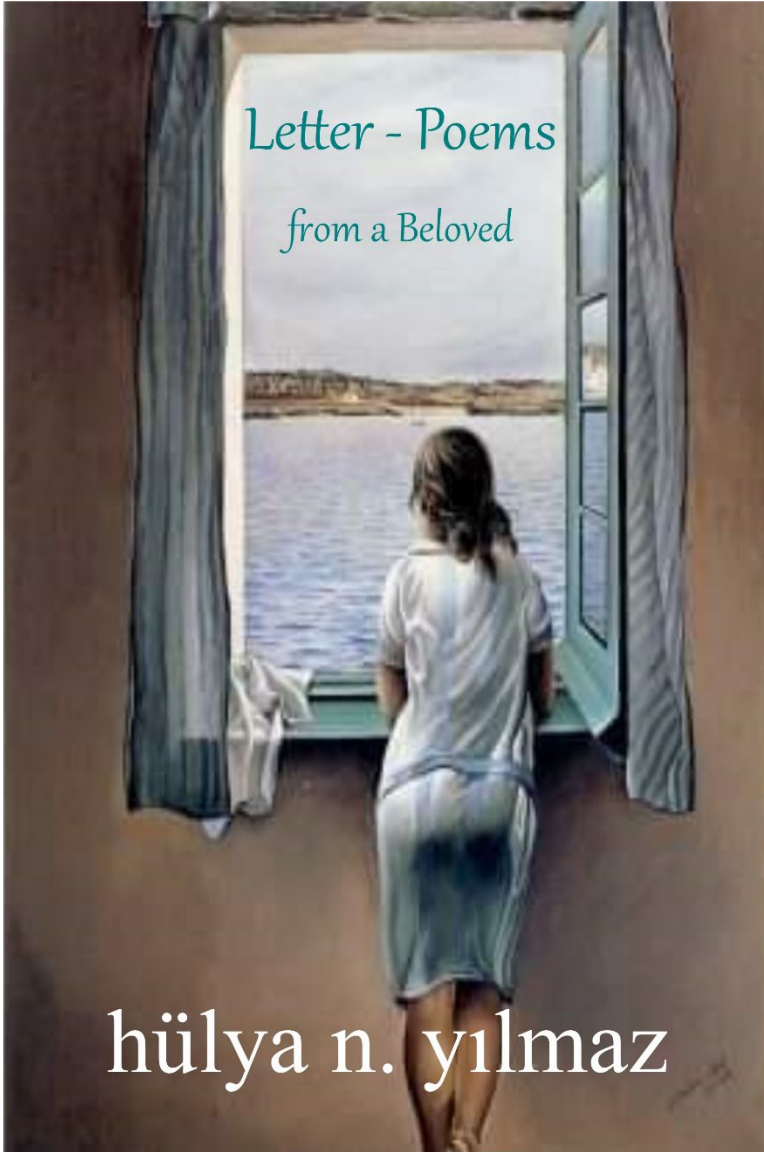
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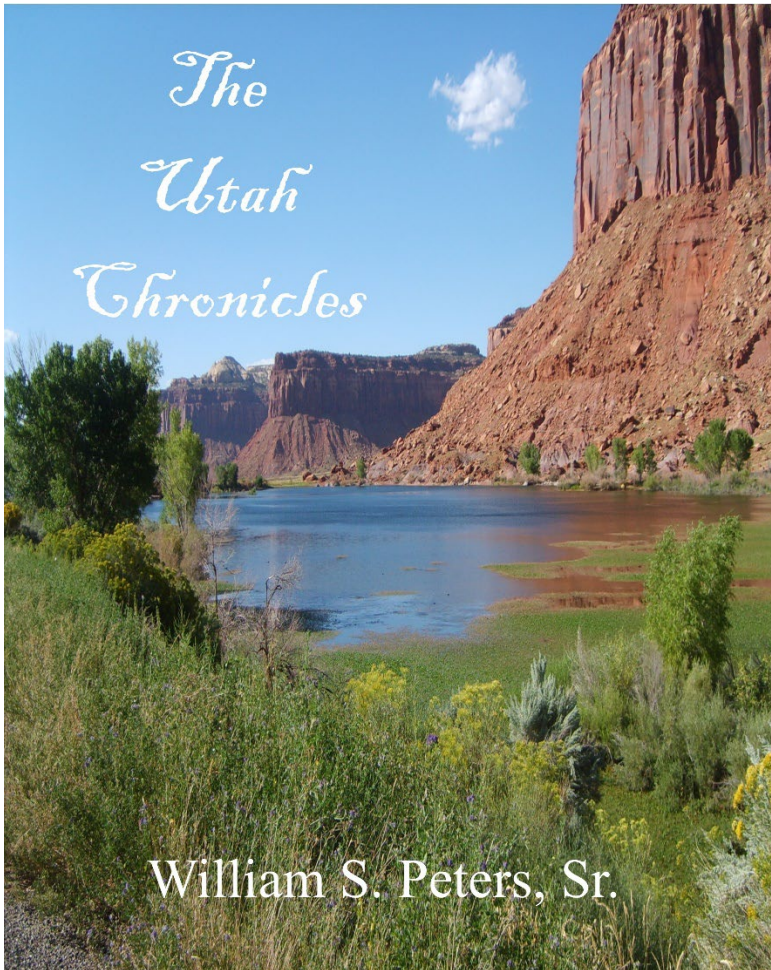
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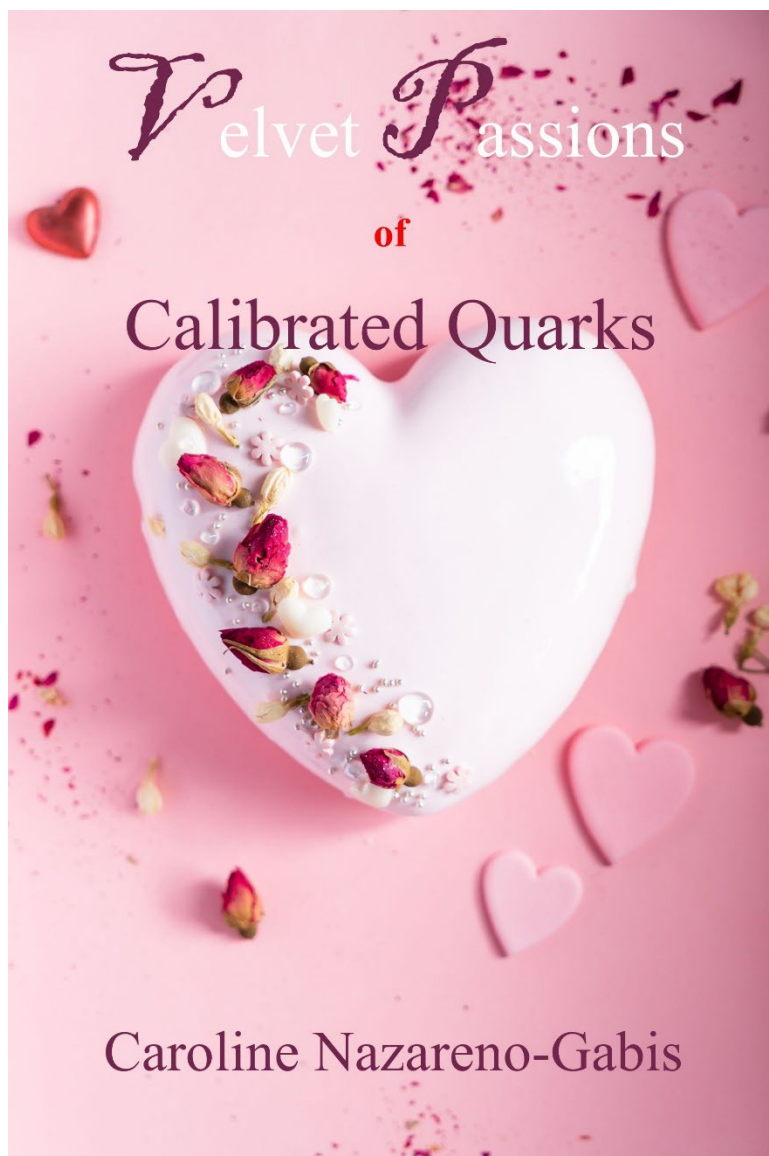


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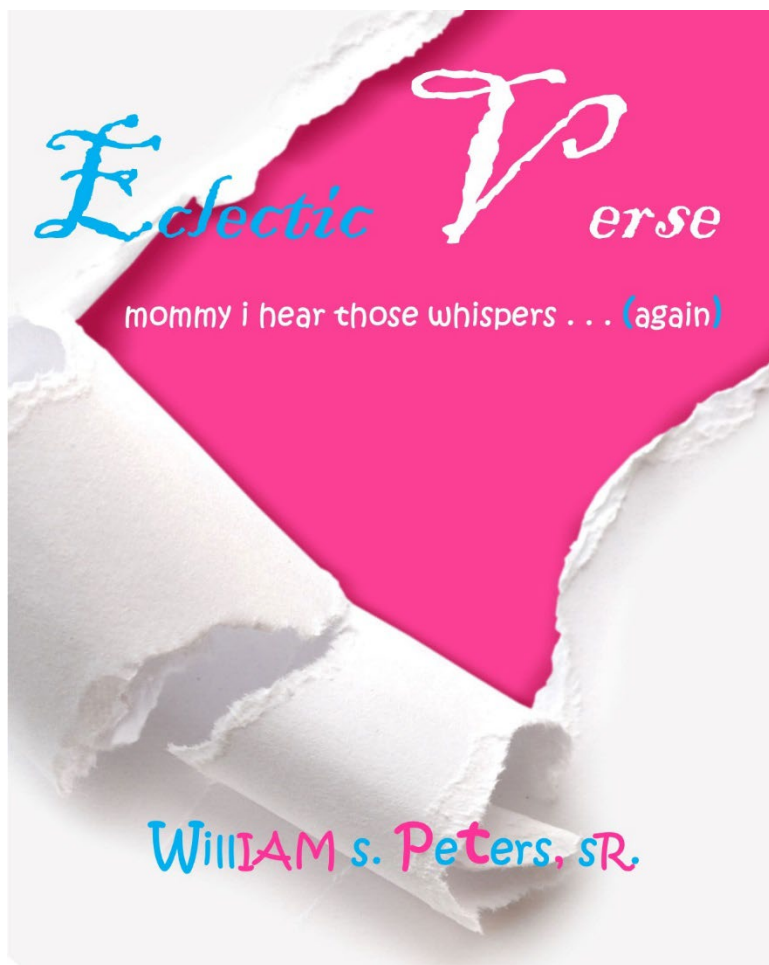
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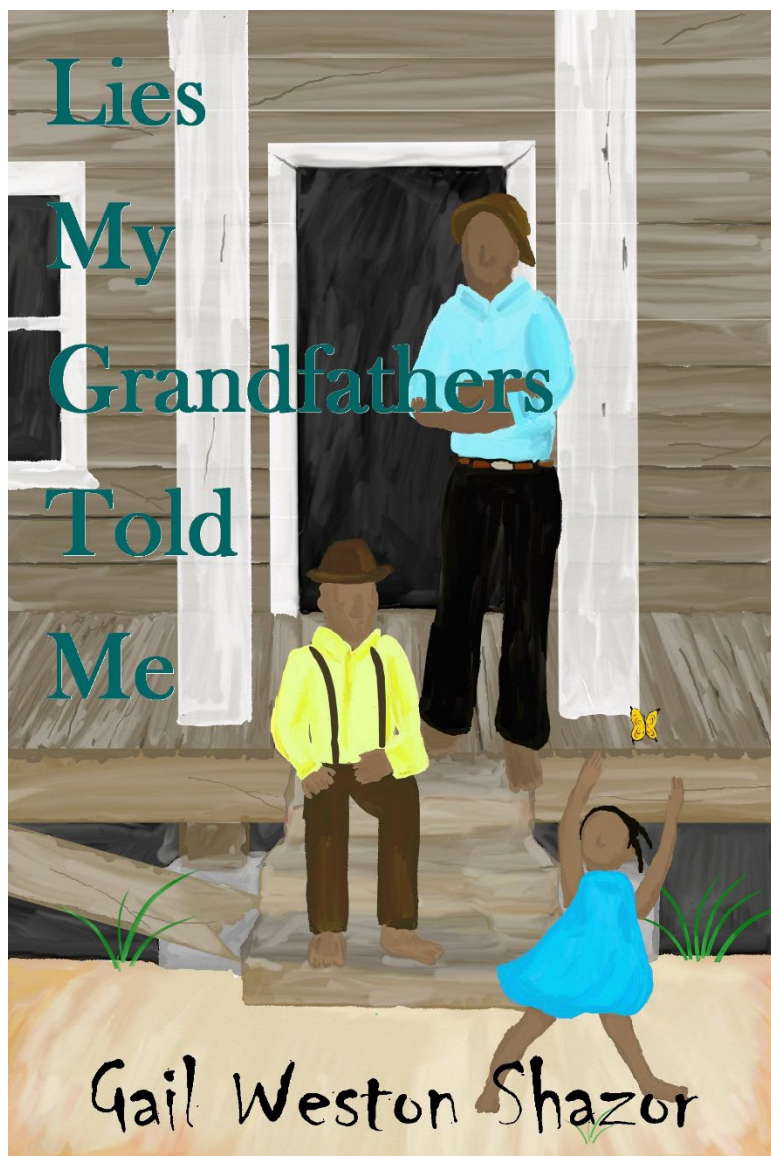
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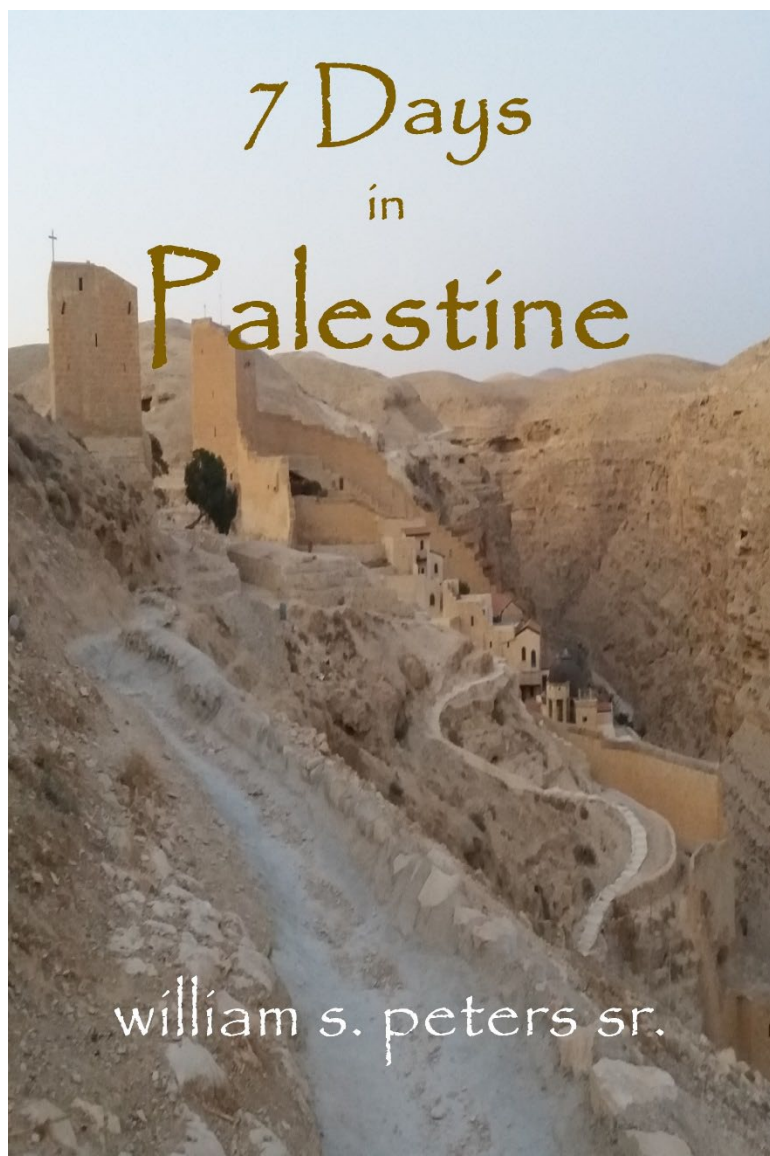
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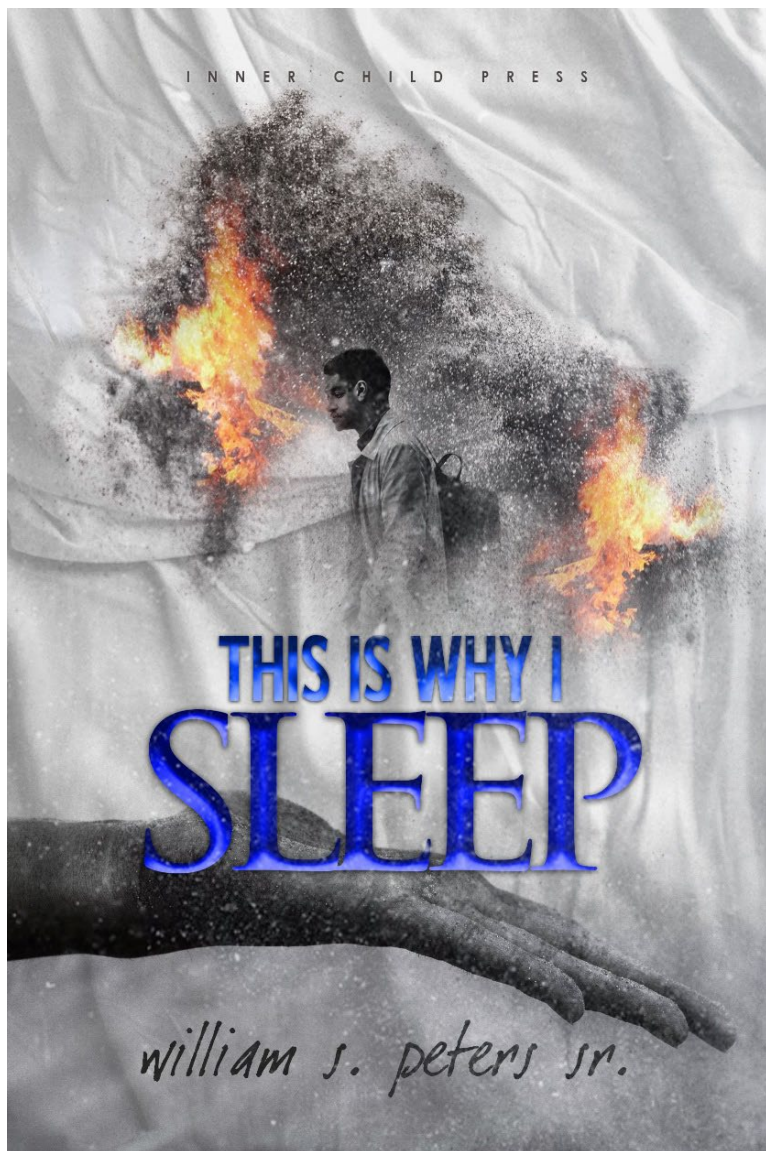
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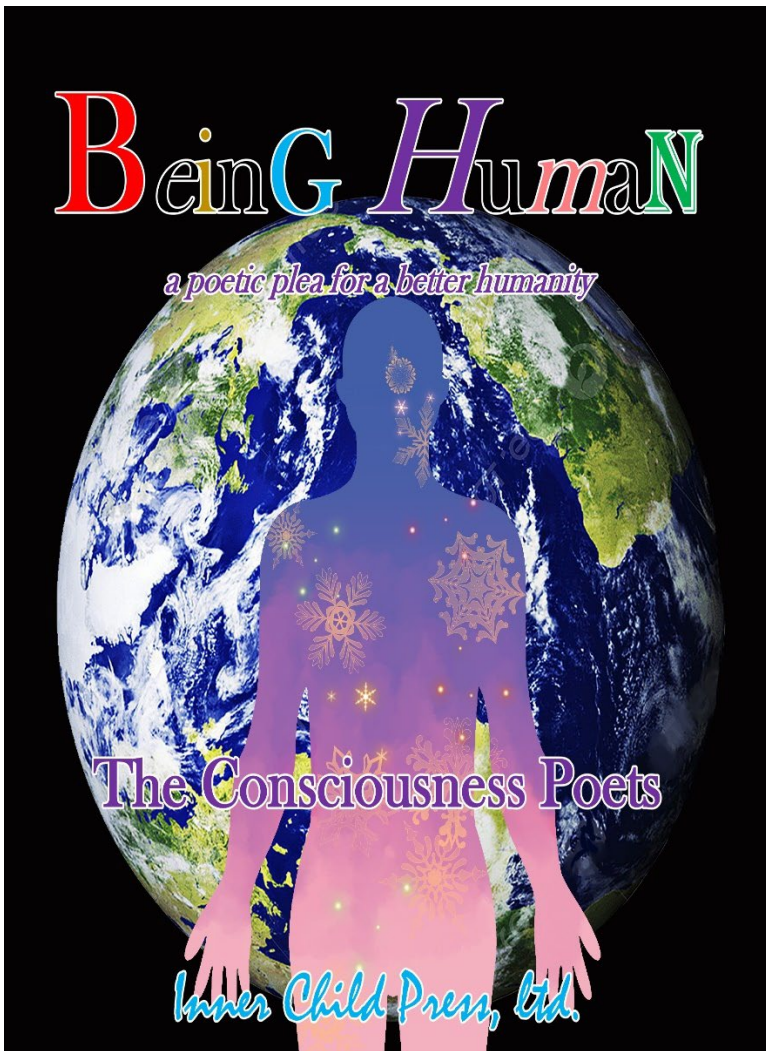
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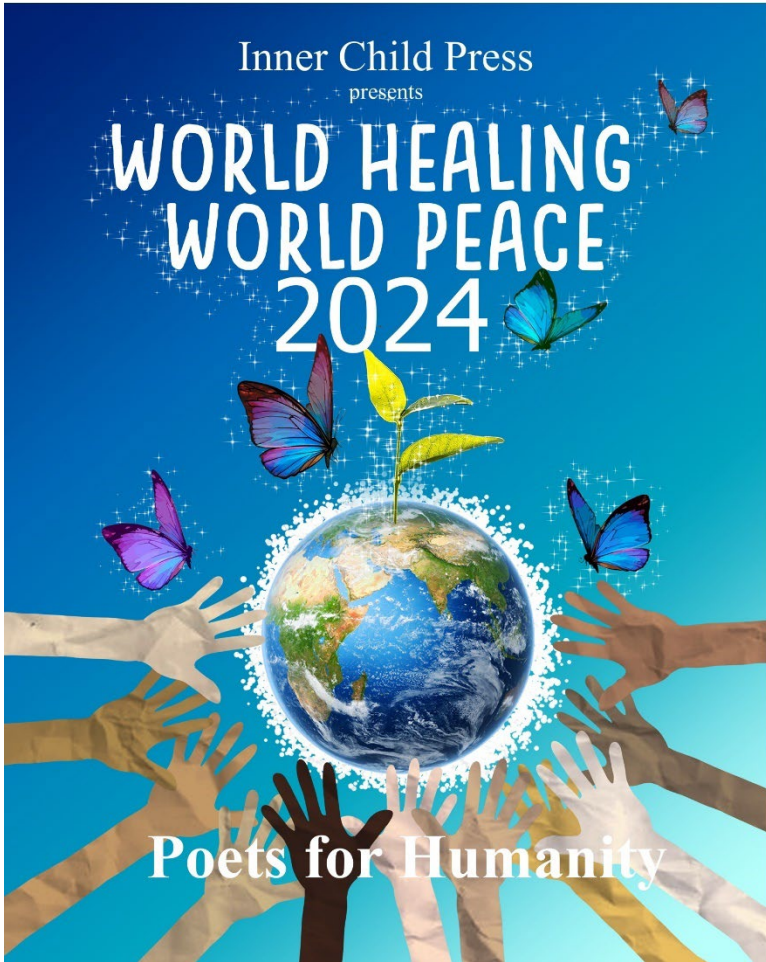
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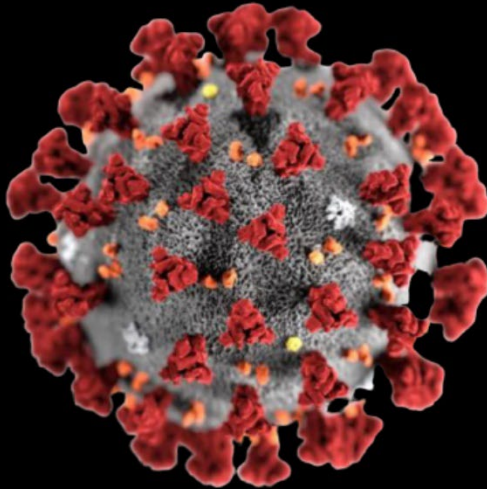
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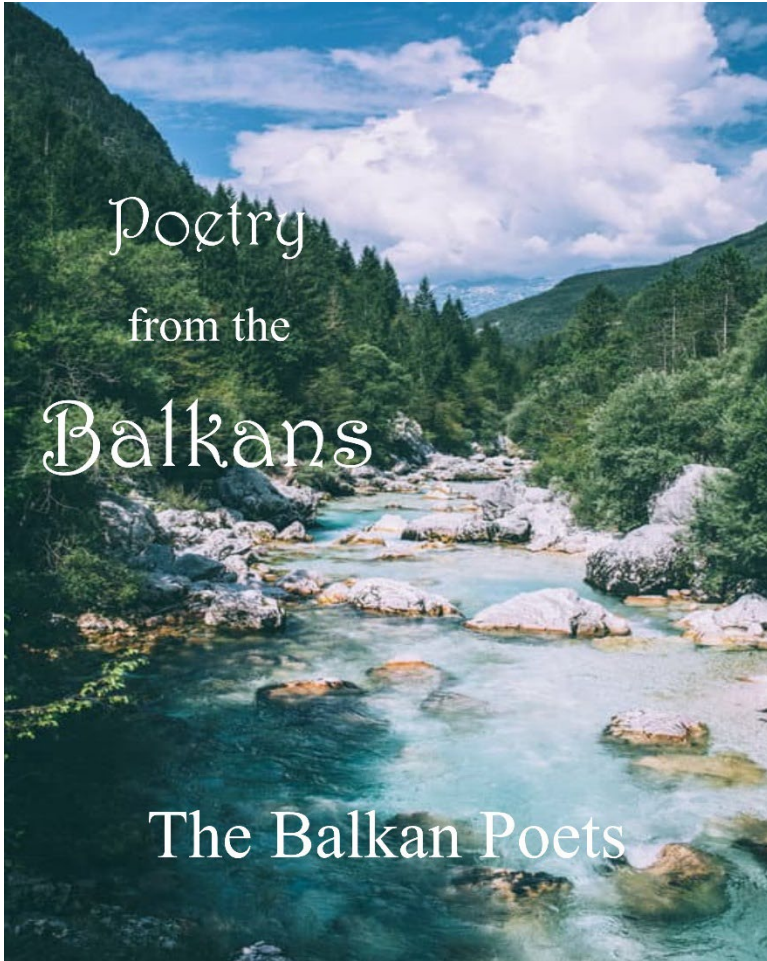


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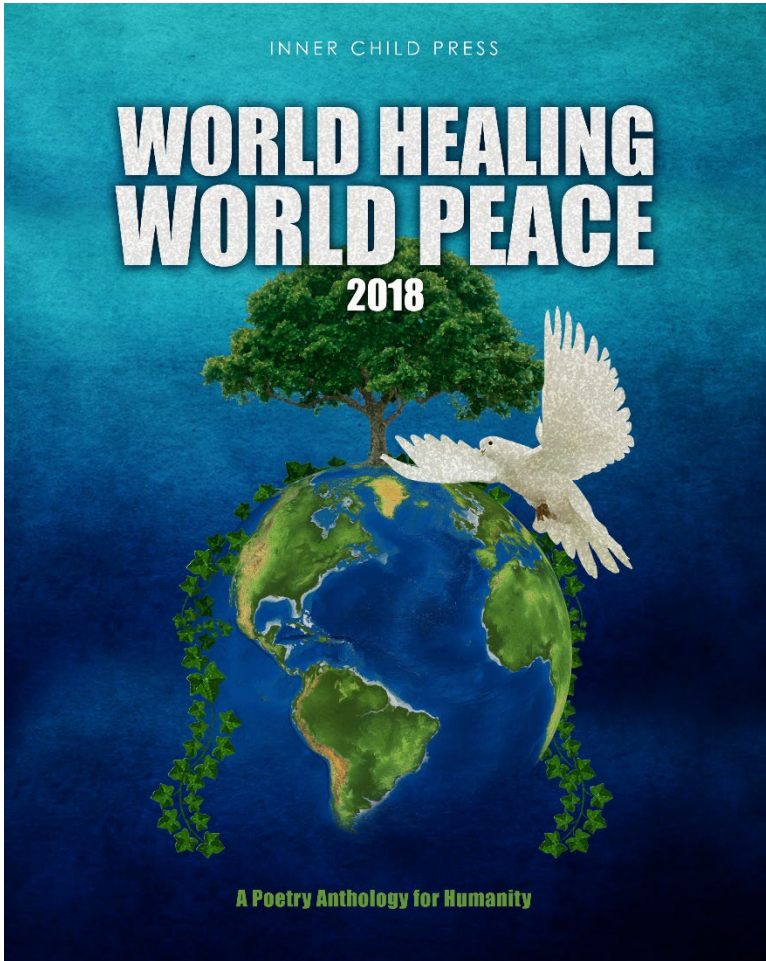
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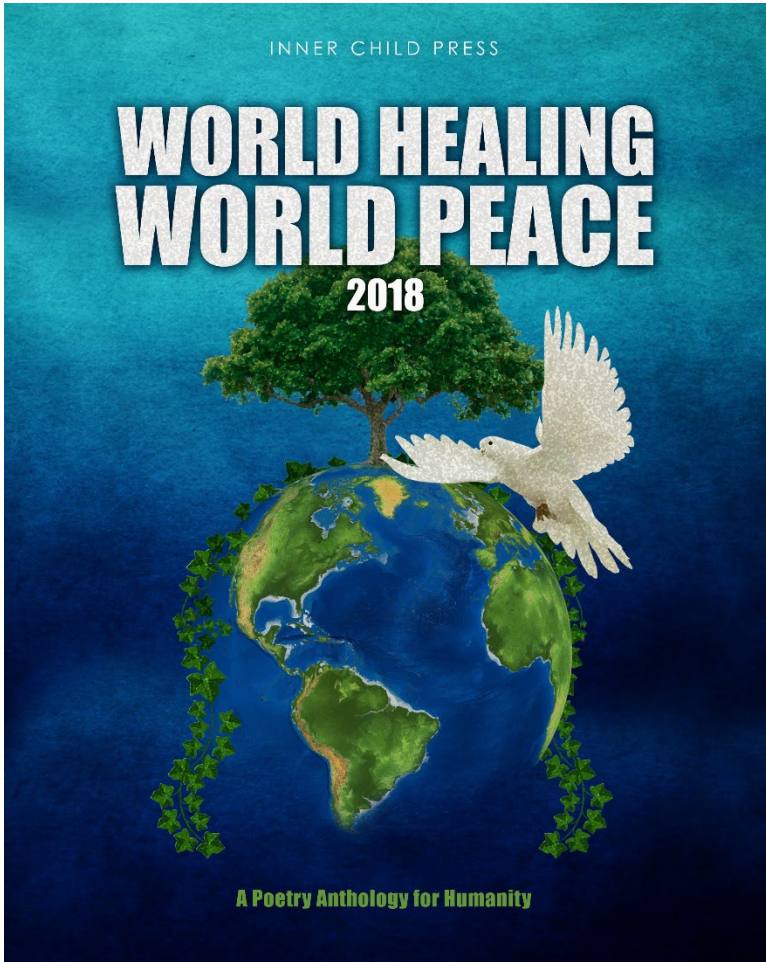


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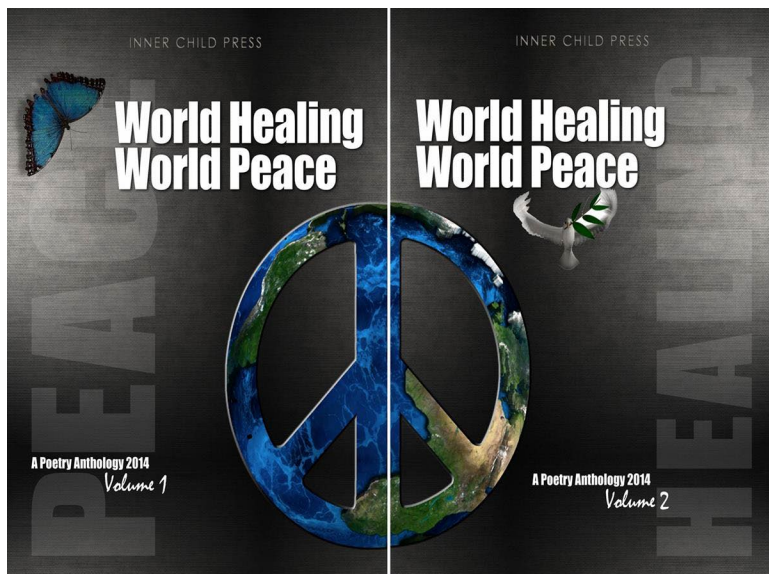
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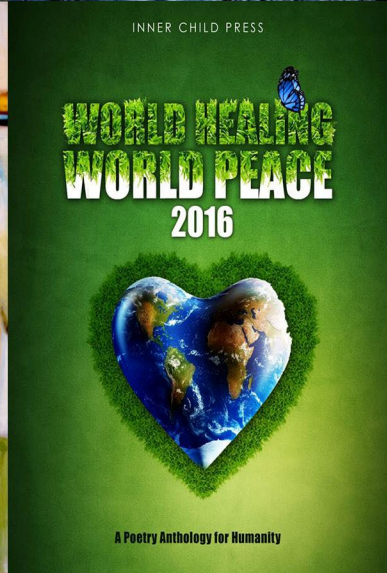
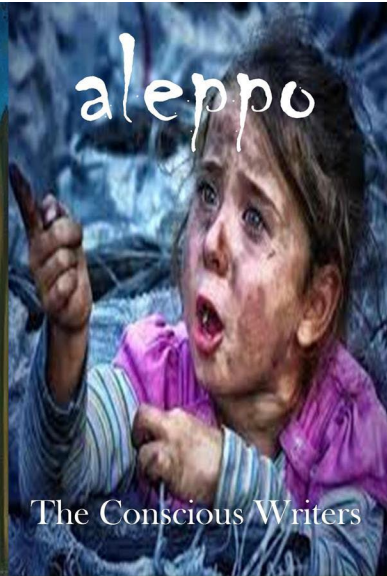
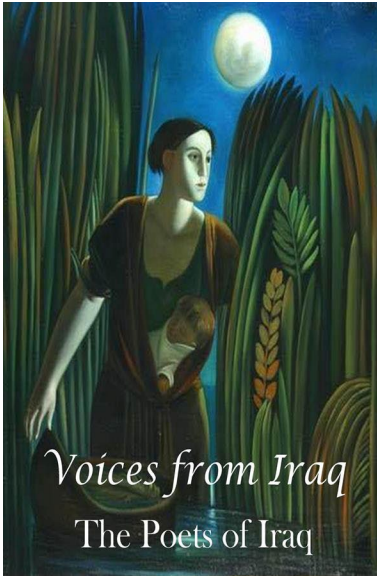
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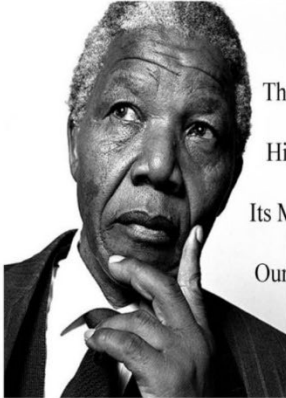


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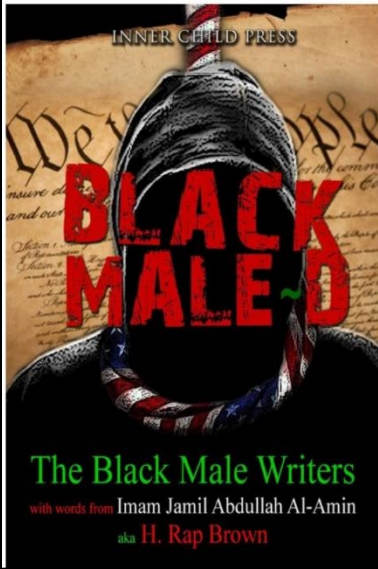
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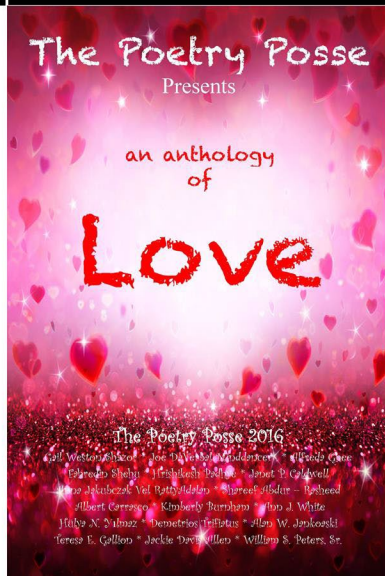
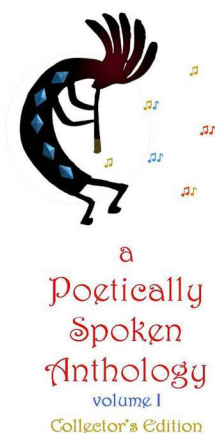
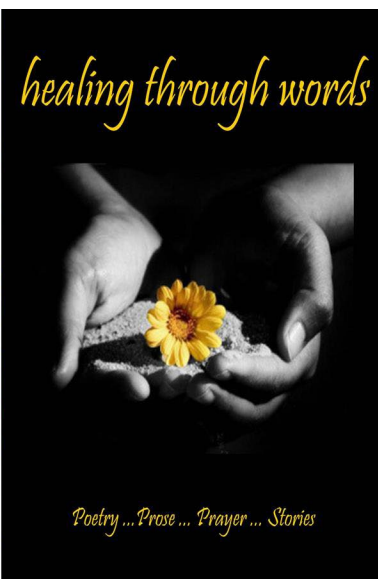
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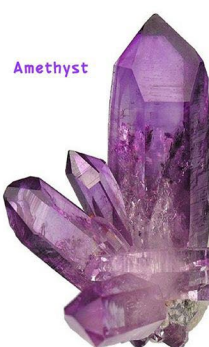


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Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shetu  
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Teresa E. Gallion  
Jackie Allen  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantli \* Jen Walls \* Eric Juddah

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**Amethyst**

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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

**Our Featured Poets**  
Heung Sook \* Anthony Arnold \* Alicia Poland



**Bloodstone**

**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Hemminger  
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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

**Our Featured Poets**  
Raja Williams \* Dennis Ferado \* Laure Charazac



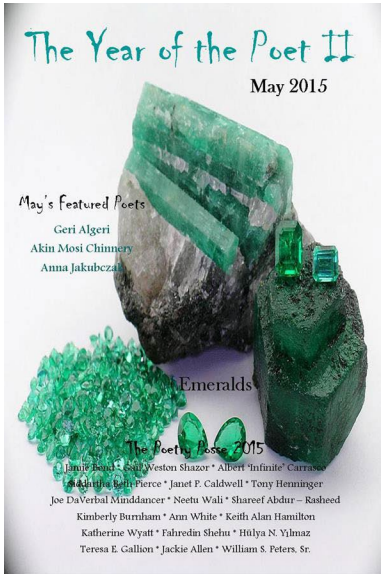
**Diamonds**

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June's Featured Poets  
Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



## **The Year of the Poet II** July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015  
Abhiik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



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September 2015

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



Sapphires

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Katherine Wyatt • Fahredin Shehu • Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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October 2015

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




Opal

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November 2015

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




Topaz

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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer • Neetu Wali • Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham • Ann White • Keith Alan Hamilton  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
December 2015

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



Turquoise

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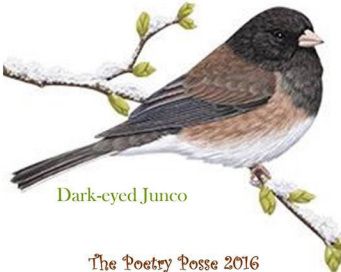
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

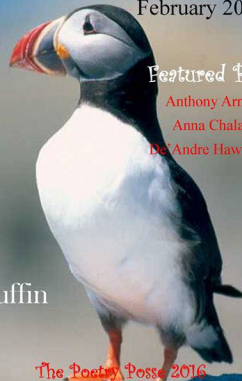
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Keith Alana Hamilton  
Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Triantafyllidis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

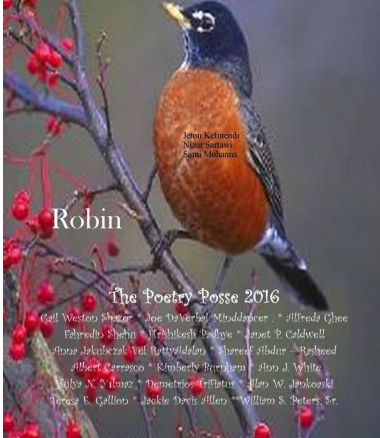
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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Fahreddi Shelu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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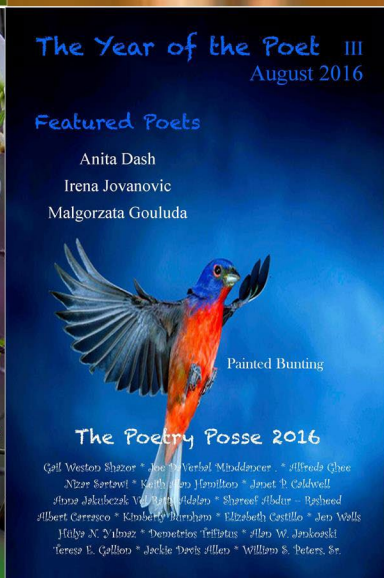
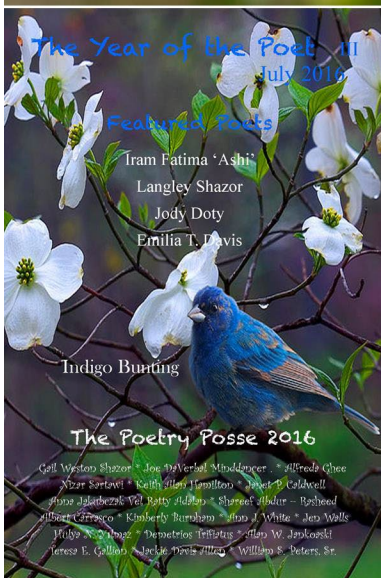
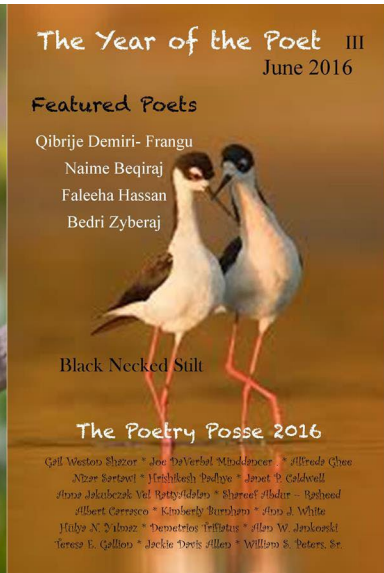
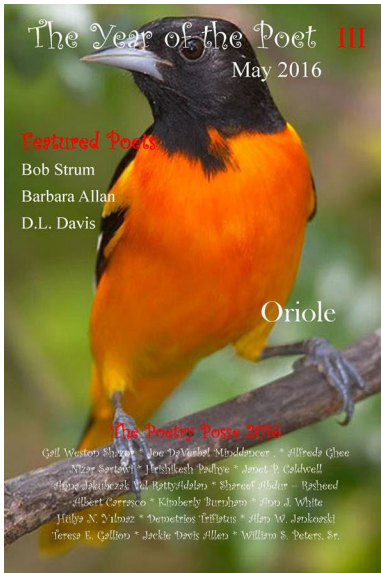
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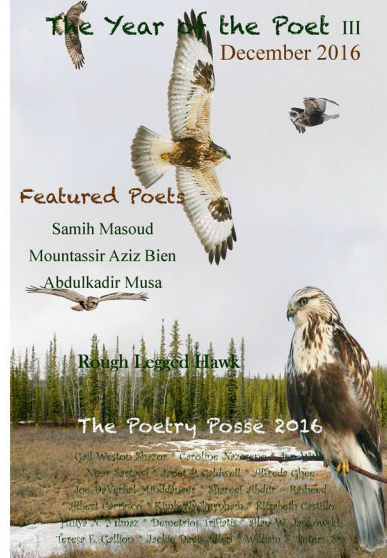
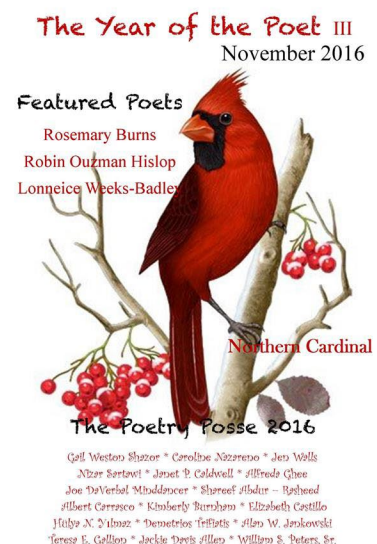
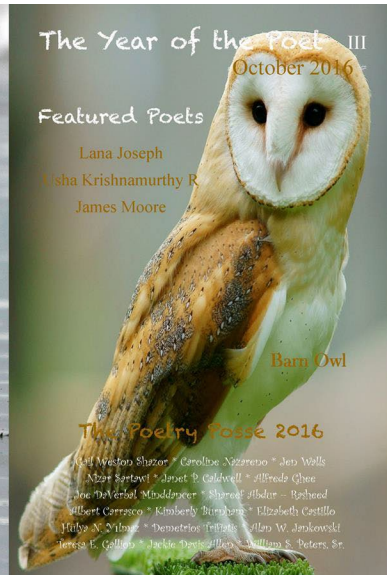
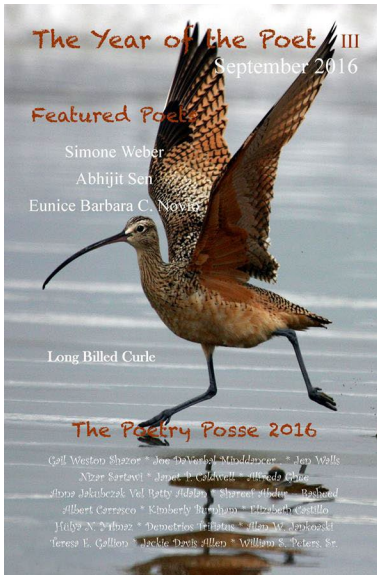
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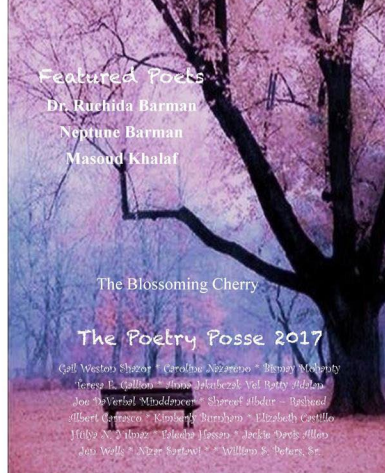
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May 2017

The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Val Betty Adkins  
Joe DeVerbal Mbodance \* Shareef Albadir \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jibby N. Y'lonaz \* Falecha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV

July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibba Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV

August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

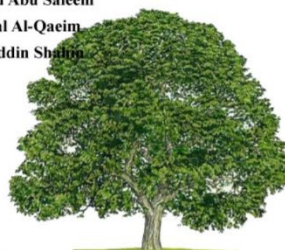
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## The Year of the Poet IV

October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahr



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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**Featured Poets**

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



**Aksum**


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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2018

**Sabeen**



**Featured Poets**

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
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March 2018



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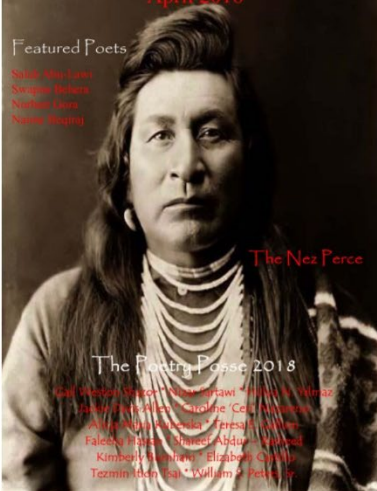
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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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April 2018



**Featured Poets**

Sarah May Lewis  
Swagata Bhattacharya  
Kathleen Lewis  
Kuanar Bhagat

**The Nez Perce**

**The Poetry Posse 2018**

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May 2018

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

**The Sumerians**




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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet V**  
June 2018

Featured Poets  
Bilal Maliqi \* Daim Miftari \* Gojko Božović \* Sofija Živković

**The Paleo Indians**



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

Featured Poets  
Pallinaja Iyengar-Eddy  
Mohammad Jibai Hash  
Eliza Segiet  
Tom Higgins

**Oceania**




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

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

**The Lapita**



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

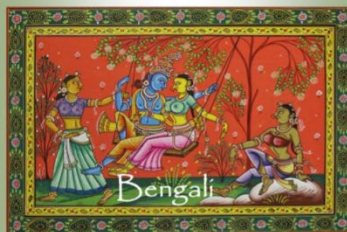
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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

Rose Terranova Cirigliano  
Joanna Kalinowska  
Sokolovskiy Emiliya  
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



The  
Maori

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

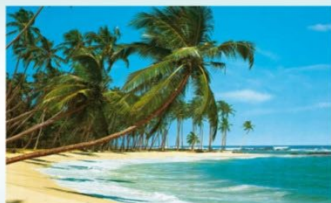
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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May 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer

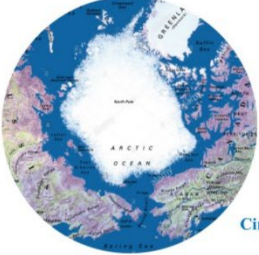


Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
June 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Kate Gaudi Powiekszone \* Sahaj Sabharwal  
Tiw Jeff \* Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis




Arctic Circumpolar

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
August 2019

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



Southwest Asia

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September 2019


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



**The Caucasus**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019


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



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

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



**Northern Asia**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

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



**Oceania**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Eftichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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September 2020

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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gasina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh • Ibtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodh • Selma Kopie

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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### Featured Global Poets

Paramita Mukherjee Mullick • Rose Zerguine  
Jaydeep Sarangi • Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Alonzo "zO" Gross • Lali Tsipi Michaeli  
Tareq al Karmy • Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan • Vesna Mundishevska-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha • Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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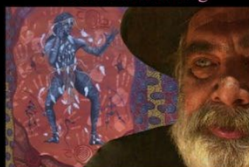
## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc • Kamal Dhungana  
Pankhuri Sinha • Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo  
Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem  
Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

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

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

February 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Mountains



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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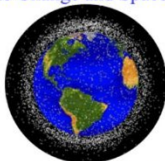
## The Year of the Poet IX

March 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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April 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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Monsif Beroual \* Carol Aronoff

Climate Change and Oceans



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

### Climate Change and Birds



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June 2022

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

### Climate Change and Trees



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July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Animals



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August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Pankhuri Sinha \* Abdulloh Abdumominov  
Caroline Turunç \* Tali Cohen Shabtaï

### Climate Change and Agriculture



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

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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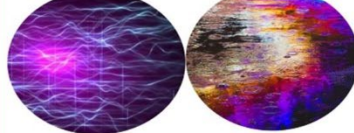
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October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jammagerwalla

### Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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February 2023

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Ruby Bridges

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### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Yo Yo Ma

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Claudette Colvin

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Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown  
Children : Difference Makers



Louis Braille

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Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

### Children : Difference Makers



Ryan Hreljac

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## The Year of the Poet X July 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Rajashree Mohapatra \* Biswajit Mishra  
Johan Karlsson \* Teodorja Swiderska

### Children : Difference Makers



~ Bana al-Abed ~

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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

### Children : Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

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Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

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~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Malala Yousafzai ~

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## The Year of the Poet X November 2023

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

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## The Year of the Poet X December 2023

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

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Til Kumari Sharma \* Shafkat Aziz Hajam  
Daniela Marian \* Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskon

### Renowned Poets



~ Phyllis Wheatley ~

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## The Year of the Poet XI

February 2024

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Omar Khayyam ~

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March 2024

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Nâzım Hikmet ~

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## The Year of the Poet XI

April 2024

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Rajashree Mohapatra \* Shirley Smothers

### Renowned Poets



~ William Butler Yeats ~

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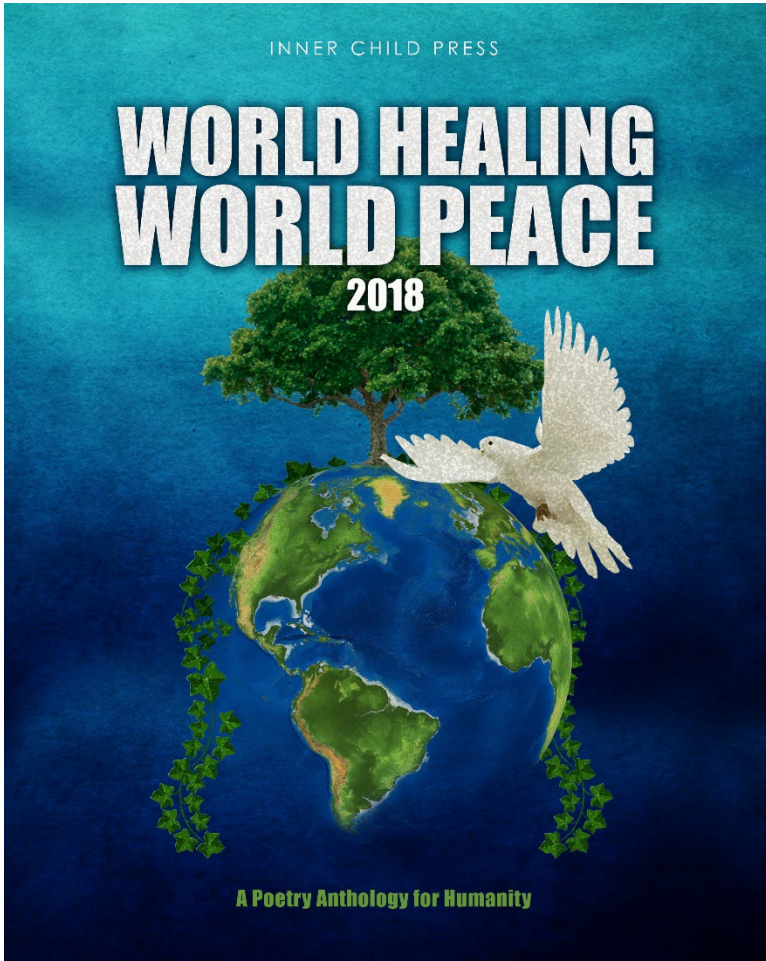


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