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

Janet P. Caldwell

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The Hellenistic Period

Emerging out of dynastic legacies, cosmopolitan languages, and divine pantheons, the human pursuit of a noble and virtuous life reflects civilization's enduring quest for meaning.

The Hellenistic period, according to the records, spanning from 323 BCE to 31 BCE, remains a cornerstone of cultural innovation. In these centuries after Alexander, the Greek world stretched from Egypt to the edges of India, and literature and the arts thrived in this expanded horizon. Greek traditions entwined with Egyptian, Near Eastern, and Persian influences to create works of startling freshness and emotional depth (Green, 1990). This June 2026 compendium shaped in dialogue with the Poetry Posse places that Hellenistic creativity beside our own, as part of a single, ongoing conversation.

At the heart of that conversation stand poets such as Callimachus and Theocritus, who redefined what poetry could be, favoring elegance, brevity, learned allusion, and pastoral imagination (Hunter, 2006; Gutzwiller, 2007). Alongside them, Apollonius of Rhodes in his *Argonautica* turned epic into something more introspective and psychological, while *Herodas*, with his *Mimiambi*, brought

everyday voices and sharp humor into high literature. The epigrams of Theocritus and Callimachus, later joined by Meleager and Asclepiades in the Greek Anthology, showed how a few compressed lines could hold an entire emotional world. Though separated from us by millennia, these poets feel unexpectedly close: their concern for craft, their delight in experimentation, and their sensitivity to the textures of daily life still resonate with anyone who has ever labored over a line break or a final image.

Their legacy is not confined to antiquity; it reverberates in today's poetic movements, where communities like the Poetry Posse cultivate sustainable and forward-looking wordsmiths who echo the Hellenistic spirit of innovation. Just as Callimachus championed "a big book is a big nuisance" and sought precision over sprawl, contemporary poets honor the small, finely wrought poem as a vessel for big questions ecological, technological, and emotional. By curating diverse voices, the June Issue transforms the page into a meeting place where Hellenistic whispers and contemporary urgencies speak to one another, reminding us that poetry is a living dialogue between past and present thinkers in Alexandria and beyond advanced astronomy, mathematics, medicine, and geography—Eratosthenes measuring the earth, Archimedes probing mechanics and volume—today's writers and artists investigate ecological citizenship and technological futures,

weaving data, doubt, and wonder into their art (Boardman, 1994).

For me, the Hellenistic age feels less like a distant chapter of history and more like an earlier draft of our own moment: multicultural, experimental, sometimes anxious, always searching for new forms to hold new realities. With due credits to the reading materials, this volume invites readers to stand inside that long arc to see how the Hellenistic imagination still sparks contemporary literature and science while nourishing sustainable visions for tomorrow. By linking ancient artistry with modern poetic communities. We, poets of the world affirm that cultural innovation is timeless, that each generation rewrites the script it has inherited. Wordsmiths—past and present—illuminate pathways toward a more resilient future, one carefully chosen word, one carefully imagined world at a time.

Padayon, from the Pearl of Orient Seas, the Philippines, salute all the poets around the world!

Caroline Nazareno-Gabis

Reading resources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parallel_Lives

<https://www.colorado.edu/classics/2018/06/14/hellenistic-period-cultural-historical-overview>

<https://www.history.com/articles/hellenistic-greece>

Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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The Hellenistic Period



This month we look at Hellenistic poetry. During the Hellenistic period, Greek language and culture spread widely across the eastern Mediterranean, Egypt, Syria, Persia, and beyond. Alexandria in Egypt became one of the great centers of Greek learning and literature. It includes the poetry of Callimachus of Cyrene (c. 305–240 BCE) who favored polished, learned, compact poetry over long traditional epic, and his influence reached later Roman poets

such as Catullus and Ovid. He often spoke of the Greek gods, "At libations to Zeus what else should rather be sung than the god himself, mighty forever ... dealer of justice to the sons of Heaven?" Callimachus reminds us to think of forces more powerful than ourselves and to honor that by being dealers of justice. What as poets can we do to create a more just culture and community? Where does this prompt lead, "I access my power and create justice by ..."

From Theocritus (c. 300–260 BCE) we learn to observe our surroundings and listen for the sounds of life. He is often considered the creator of pastoral poetry, especially through his *Idylls*, where shepherds, singers, lovers, nymphs, and rural landscapes become poetic subjects. His influence flows through later European pastoral writing with lines like, "Sweet is the chorus of the calves and kine / And sweet the herdsman's pipe / ... Near a cool rill / ... The westwind swept me."

Another Hellenistic poet, Apollonius of Rhodes (c. 295 BCE) encourages us to look for and record our adventures both physically travelled and those in the psychological realm. Apollonius also encourages us to think about our heroes and those who inspire us, in his mythic adventure, *Argonautica*, "The ship, as former bards relate, Argus wrought by the guidance of Athena. But now I will tell the lineage and the names of the heroes, and of the long sea-paths and the deeds they wrought in their wanderings; may the Muses be the inspirers of my song!" Who are your Muses? What will people 2000 years from now say of us as "Bards"?

Sometimes poets teach us about life, sensation, and emotions but sometimes like Aratus of Soli (c. 315–245 BCE), poets teach us about science or in this case astronomy. Aratus was a didactic poet best remembered for *Phaenomena*, a poem on constellations, weather signs, and the ordered heavens. "Stars ... many though they be ... are drawn across the heavens always through all time continually. But the Axis

shifts not a whit, but unchanging is forever fixed, and in the midsts it holds the earth in equipoise, and wheels the heaven itself around."

Herodas (3rd century BCE) is best known for his focus on everyday speech, domestic life, urban humor, and lower-class characters. His poems are valuable because they preserve a lively, theatrical glimpse of ordinary Hellenistic life in a conversational style. Think of a conversation you had with someone you visited or who visited you. Is there poetry in the words?

Hellenistic poetry is Greek poetry but not all Greek poetry is Hellenistic. Here are a few more modern Greek poets to draw inspiration from. Giorgos Seferis (1900–1971), a poet, essayist, and diplomat, and the first Greek writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, in 1963. His work often explores exile, memory, ruins, Greek myth, and the emotional burden of history. He encourages us by saying, "Accept who you are / Don't / drown the poem in deep plane trees; / nurture it with what earth and rock you have." Do you nurture your life and words with "what earth and rock you have?"

Consider the power of your words, your poetry, and how you express what is good in the world. Yannis Ritsos (1909–1990) is one of the major Greek poets of the 20th century. His work ranges from political resistance to deeply intimate, mythic, and domestic poems. In *The Meaning of Simplicity*, Ritsos says, "I hide behind simple things so you'll find me / ... Every word is a doorway / to a meeting, one often cancelled / and that's when a word is true: when it insists on the meeting." With his poetry, he also asks us to consider what words can we stand behind. What are we willing to risk in order to communicate? His left-wing commitments led to censorship and imprisonment.

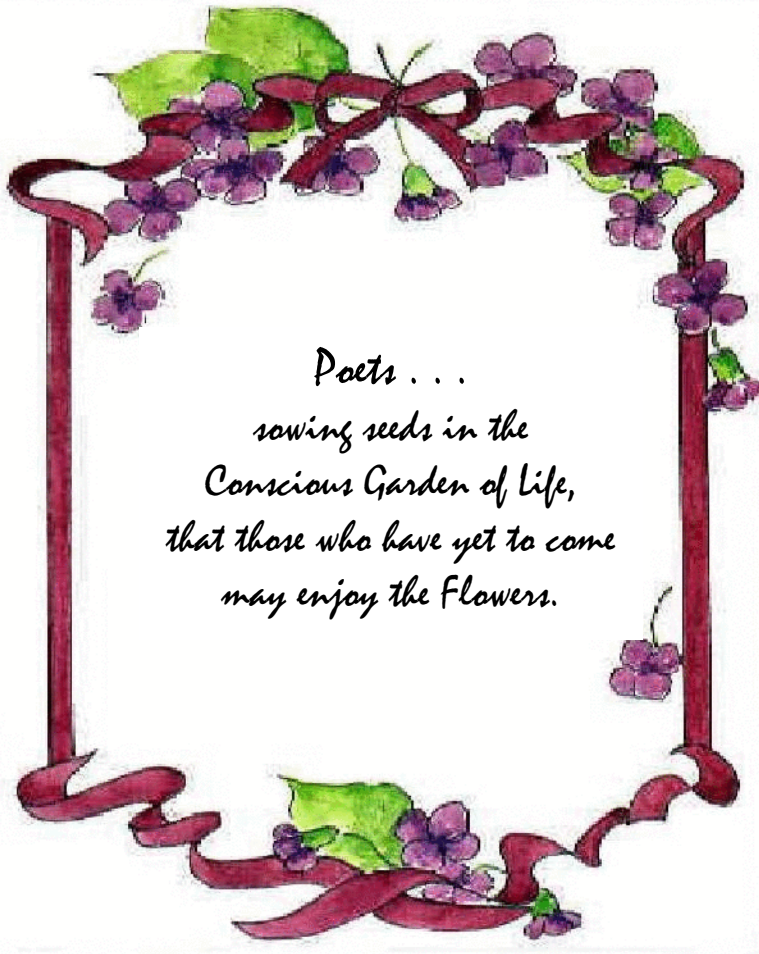
In a sea of men, the poet Kiki Dimoula (1931–2020) stands out as one of the most important modern Greek poets. Her poetry often turns absence, memory, loss, language, and

everyday objects into philosophical meditations. "I go out into the yard. Waiting for me sparkling / with reins saddle harness is the horizon's wild freedom / that I might mount and galloping tame its verification. / Ah, only gaze and vision managed to ride / this immaterial untamed conquest / The heavens' overweening views tumble are dashed / for the unhindered is of the briefest duration."

What are you meditating on these days?

Kimberly Burnham

Portland, OR



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



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

~ wsp

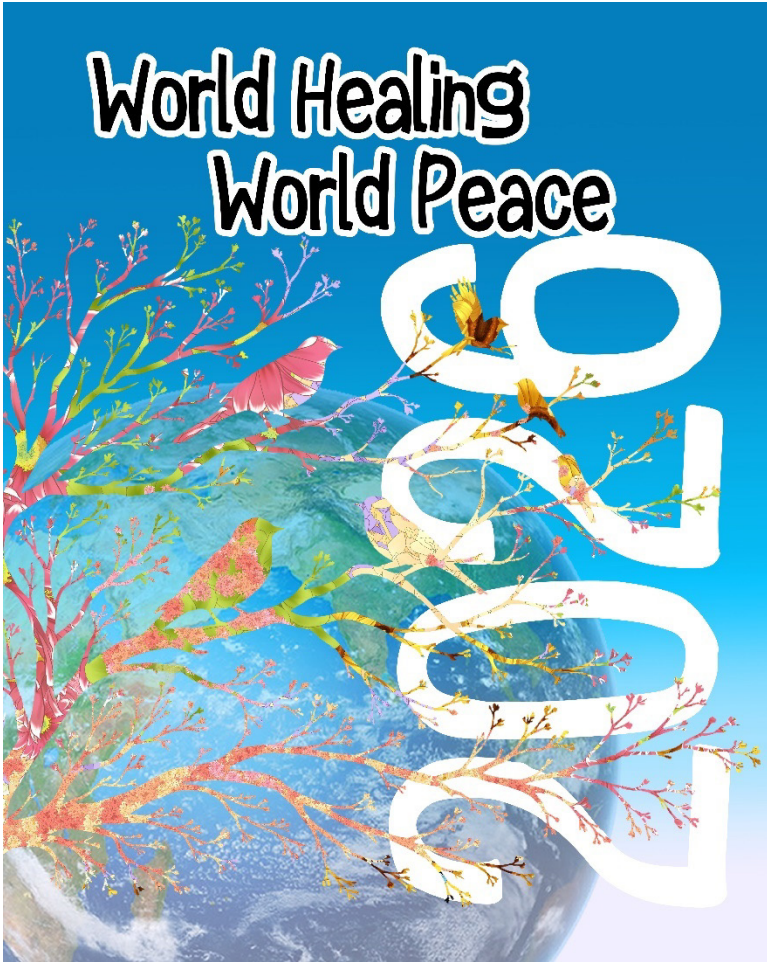




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Gail Weston Shazor is a lover of words. She is fond of the arcane, unusual and the not yet words.

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.

Genus Capreaetion Sirenum

To add humanness to the mix
Would personify a consciousness
That is fabled has been lost
Over cliff and rocks
And for many moons
You have been quietly watching the sea
Attached to the island of your birth
Or even of your exiled passions

It has been said your longing is palatable
In the crashing waves of oceans
Your song irresistible to those
On whom your eye falls across the tide
He awoke you from the reverie
Of the solitude you share with yourselves
And the words are not enough
So you result to a rhythm of drums
Mimicking the purity of the heart

While your father may be of the sea
Your husband is one of iron
And of them both you seek escape
In a temporal consolation of kisses
To know you are out there waiting
Makes my soul tired of anticipation
Of the next and the next times

Unrivaled of your physical beauty
The rest of us are left to primp
Our characters and integrities
In an effort to be seen in the cleft
Of hidden caves left open to view
Love is never sufficient for mortals

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And so we lose the ones we love
To lust such as you embody

Yet, I would not sacrifice who I am
To be one just like you
For you will never leave your
Shackled iron bound ring
For the love of one who you captured
I would only have you stop your song
Long enough to free a heart
For the mere rest of us

Home

The tip tap of the water song
Stays in my head
No matter how i try to smother
It with the pillows
The rhythm ignores my discomfort
While lightening strips away
The last defenses of this life
Slowly
Giving way to blood
And mud
And mortar
Becoming undone
In the face of furious living
My hand covers my eyes
Until even they seep the light
In bursts forming cataracts
And I am afraid
Of this power
That threatens to break the whole
Rend the curtain
Part the seas
Free this body from captivity
By an unknown captor
What name
What face
What fae
Calls to me from
The endless void of longing
For a home
That lingers in memory
And stains the radiance
Of a whitewashed barn
I want the sudden flash to illuminate

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The way to you
If only you would come for me
And i could be as i was
Under your watchful eye
I have become not as then
Young and innocent
And spoiled
But old and lived in
The skin bearing marks
Of incidents
And accidents
And happenstance
In this state
I have come home to my people
To rest

Greatfilledness Constanza

One thousand gifts I have received
The book from my sistah-friend's heart
In a bid for my journal's start

At first it was hard to just to see
From unbelief, a belief grew
A sister's death showed her the truth

That I could count without reprieve
The death of my own lingered close
How a dark doubt gives up to ghosts

All the blessings given to me
To write them daily brought to mind
That living can also be life

With some thought they come easily
I hope others are inspired
Tho thankful hearts are required

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).

Among Stars

I wait for the downpour of stars,
Maybe I have time to whisper a wish.
I look with hope to the Leonids.
I believe that I will see the falling sparks.
The dancing Pleiades stirred up a cloud of dust.
Jealous Orion will not overtake them
And Sirius will not find the seven nymphs.

Morpheus leads to the land of sleep
Somewhere on the edge of the River Styx.
My beloved knows the secrets of existence
And all the metamorphoses of the cosmos.
Every night he carries me in his arms
And gives to the possession of Apollo and the muses.
He plaits visions into prophetic premonitions.

Berenice sacrificed her golden braid to the heavens.
She explains sadly,
That she has not found happiness on Earth
Among the gods and among stars

The Devil's Touch

I know war from family stories.
The devil hadn't touched me.

First touch

Propaganda fills the head.
Lies put on fine words
and pass for truth.
They drown out what is real.
One voice: democracy,
human rights.
Another, under a flag,
calls for war in their name.
And nations?
They split. Walls go up.
The invaders: we are good.
They are evil.
No faces. Just numbers
to bring to zero.
Hatred feeds on fear.
Words spark fires.

Second touch

Decent, quiet people
leave their lives.
Rifles in their hands,
not briefcases.
They don't see it —
the shift into people
who no longer hesitate.
Empathy dies.
Altruism dies.
The fire spreads.
No one stops it.

Third touch

Evil hits. A tsunami
breaks everything,
spills over —
homes, morals,
kindness, love.
Gone.
Time has come.
The Horsemen mount.
Fire takes all.
Burns harder.
Takes more lives —
children, the old.
Survivors walk the ruins.
Empty eyes.
They search the graveyards
for the ones they loved.
They ask: why?
How did this happen?
Now they know.
All lost.
Arms companies count incomes.
The devil rests.
Time to restock.

Education

History, the teacher of life—
no one attended the lessons.
Everyone slipped away from class —
the same knowledge
at dawn and at dusk.
Beneath the ruins lie buried
the reasons for the fall
of mighty civilizations.
We all went to the lectures
on physics, chemistry, and biology.

Today we know how
to annihilate life with precision,
to split the world into dust.

Perhaps, once,
there was life on Mars.

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Til
Kumari
Sharma

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

Hidden Artistic Eternal Home

Undead and real home of mine is in art.
That art cares me a lot.
That artistic decoration is my bed of roses.
The life is very much easy to live in art.
The art is golden pillar of my history.
It never dies.
Nobody can kill my art of creativity and originality.
Art is skill to heal me.
Outstanding art is my living home.
The cute art is like fairy of my light.
The home of art is made by itself.
There is not any to make me.
I made myself artist with tears' rivers against deceptive
enemy.
The life is very much painful to survive with deception.

My Green Words

Words are green leaves.

They are nourished with natural rules.

The life of words is very eternal.

The green is eternal in it's survival.

After the eternal life, words make undead home which never is in grave.

The word is silent necklace given by heart and self.

My words are my children too.

They are my historical identity.

The words with art are my shawls of fame and prestige.

Dishonor to me is poison.

So, words earn the truth and respect.

My heavy words are feathers of ethics and humanity.

Then I am queen of words which are alive with common people too.

Light of Hellenistic Ray

Ancient rise of comedy in this time is happiness.
Culture of Greece and east culture were associated.
Began in 323 B.C.E and at same time breathless Alexander
the Great.
It emerged with Greek culture, language and customs with
victory of Alexander.
It widens with Greek leadership.
After the death of Queen Cleopatra it flourished.
It takes the meaning from word "Hellas".
It is name for Greece.
In this age, the art, architecture, math, science and all were
flourished.
And the knowledge of these flowers was around Greece.
So, Hellenistic period was rich and wealthy to make art and
sculpture too.
Our art is affected by this period too.
We can not forget ancient development of art from Greece.

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai comes from the Republic of China(Taiwan). In addition to being a professor of literature at a university, he is more committed to writing poems, novels, and proses. He is also an editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text, an International editor of "Contemporary dialogues" literary periodical in Macedonia, and Vice-Chairman of the International Jury of the SAHITTO INTERNATIONAL AWARD in Bangladesh, and a columnist for “Chinese Language Monthly” in Taiwan.

In a wide range of literary creations, he is particularly fond of interesting stories or novels, and writing articles or poems about the feelings of nature and human beings. He has won many national literary awards. His literary works have been anthologized and published in books, journals, and newspapers in more than 55 countries and have been translated into more than 24 languages.

The Sheep-Bell Opens the Gate of Dawn

The grassy slope lifts its green lashes; a sheep-bell opens
the gate of dawn.

Mist stoops over the brook, like pale paper pressed upon
the water's edge.

A boy with a shepherd's flute sets the bamboo crosswise to
his lips, and breathes forth a path

where spring returns earlier than the mountain road.

The olive leaves turn silver; behind them hides a slight chill
of hesitation.

Smoke from the far village drifts slowly, a low sigh learned
from the world of men.

From the wellside comes a figure bearing water, her skirt
brushed with mint, stone-spring, and morning light.

A lamb, mistaking that moving shadow, lowers its head and
nibbles away

half an inch of green grass, half an inch of longing.

The blades are chewed to pieces; even dusk grows tender in
advance.

Pastoral song takes root secretly in the wind.

Unspoken affection is entrusted to the hollows of the flute.

The mountain breeze misreads it on its behalf, again and
yet again, until a wild bee rests upon a thistle and hears the
faint stirring of spring within the heart.

The sky hangs low, low enough to suspend one green
apricot.

The creek stones have sat so long they know the weight of
silence.

A smile makes the whole valley light, as though some god
had dropped a single golden coin
among the grasses.

Beneath the fig tree, shadow brushes past shadow.

Each unripe fruit keeps only half a sentence of hesitation.

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The countryside is neither thunder nor banner; it is merely
two glances keeping watch together over one sheet of
evening glow.

One side pretends to count the sheep; the other pretends not
to wait. Stars fall across the pasture, white as distant salt.
The last note of the flute is left to twilight, and left, too, to
the flock that will one day scatter into the mountain paths.

Morning Fish Market

Whoever despises the smell of fish, let him not mistake the tide for perfume.

At the fourth watch, on the pier, the fishwife bargains with the black waves for one day's living.

Three times the wind lifts her old headscarf; each time it is like some city lord turning his face away with practiced indifference.

This sea bream— last night it still flashed silver beneath the moon; this morning it lies in a bamboo basket, given over to the weighing tongues of the crowd.

In this world, fresh life is often priced by cold eyes.

Once noon has passed, customers heartlessly fault the dimming of its gaze.

At the next stall, the old woman selling scallions coughs like cracked pottery.

Again, the coinage has taken on the nose of a new king.

But an empty stomach knows no crown; it recognizes only the price of rice,

and the crying of children in the middle of the night.

The servant comes again, choosing the thinnest flesh for a house behind vermilion gates.

His knuckles calculate with more devotion than incense in a temple.

Softly, he begs for one extra piece of tail, saying that behind the stove a little sister still clasps hunger in her arms.

Women before the stall pick out fish bones, and with the same motion pick at the hidden sores inside their marriages.

The merchants weigh their lies to the finest grain; therefore the clamor of the market keeps better time than any bell.

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By the city gate, a beggar child has memorized every
species of footfall.

At the sound of official boots, his head sinks like an
autumn leaf.

When a drunkard staggers near, the broken bowl extends
like a crescent moon.

The whole city turns over inside a single copper coin.

Inscription on the Back of an Oar

The singers say that ship once passed through the throat of myth; that heroes bore golden oaths, and the sea bowed down its waves.

Yet what the depth of the hold remembers is the wooden oar grinding against the palm, and bloodstains darkening quietly into salt and frost.

Epic calls the wind the breath of heaven's gods; it calls thunder wrath, and blood, glory.

But silence before battle is more like a cold cup: each man lowers his head and sees his fate afloat within it.

At the prow, a cloak stands up like a little nation.

Behind, those who pull the oars pay tide-sound as tax toward another man's destiny.

If heroes are born for song, who shall record the nameless shadows that carry fear upon their backs?

In old age, a poet came to ask: Was that voyage magnificent?

Magnificent, yes— magnificent indeed.

So magnificent it could cover a single homesick whisper; so magnificent that the oarsman grew old, and still no one heard him.

A few lines are therefore carved upon the back of an ancient oar: not seeking the Muse's downward glance, nor a tavern's passing recitation.

Only this: may those who open an epic in later years know that before the hero reached the shore, the salt sea had already gathered up the bones of the nameless.

Noreen
Snyder

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Daily Lives of Hellenes

Up at sunrise, men start their day of work
as artisans, merchants, or bureaucrats,
while women stayed at home
taking care of the home.

The girls and the lower class boys
stayed home, too;
only the upper class boys were
allowed in schools.

Mothers taught the girls
about taking care of the households
while the lower class boys learned
the trades from the fathers.
That was the daily life of the Hellenes.

Things have changed since then.
In 1870s the Hellenes girls were
allowed in schools.

To this day, there are countries
where girls aren't allowed
in schools,
and that is a tragedy, so sad.

Accept Me — I'm Childless

Do you have any children?—
I hate this question!
It's inevitable...
people you meet, surveys,
doctors, and hospitals.
This question won't go away.
When you're childless,
it's a pain, heartbreaking to answer
and you got to keep your head up
and your feelings locked inside.
You want to explode and say,
“It's none of your business”
but instead quietly you say no.
No one knows the hurt, the anger,
the pain, the heartbreak you go through
except for the ones who are childless.
Each childless person deals
with it differently.
Then you have to deal with
some cold-hearted ones
who degraded you so low
they say there's something wrong with you
because all women had children.
That is bull!
I'm not the only one!
Stop degrading me and the others!
I am not childless by choice
and do not ask me why—
it's none of your business.
It took me years to accept it
still I have my bad days.
I am ME!

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Accept me for who I am or
go away and leave me alone!
I know God loves me
just the way I am.
I know my man loves me
just the way I am.
God knows what He was doing
when He made me.
It was in His plans.
Now I can say
I'm childless but not by choice.
I am proud of me.
God chose me to be childless
and it is okay with me.
I am beautiful, worthy, special!
I am me!
It feels good to say these words.

We Wait

We wait patiently
until the storm blows over.
The silence returns.

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In the Library of Alexandria

The sea carried ships from distant kingdoms, their sails
bright as gulls against the Mediterranean sky,
They arrived with spices, maps, and stories.
In the heart of Alexandria, scrolls rose like forests, their
shelves crowded with the dreams of scholars,
A poet copied verses by lamplight.
A philosopher questioned the shape of truth,
An astronomer measured the wandering stars.
Outside, the world changed with every tide.
Inside, knowledge gathered like rainwater in a sacred basin,
The city became a meeting place for languages and ideas,
where strangers sat together and wondered about the
universe
Even now, though the scrolls are gone, their questions
remain, floating through centuries like ships still seeking
harbor.

After Alexander

The conqueror was gone,
His empire stretched across deserts, mountains, and rivers,
yet no hand could hold it forever.
Cities carried his name into distant lands,
Markets filled with voices from many cultures.
Greek columns stood beside foreign temples, their shadows
mingling under the same sun,
The world had become larger.
Travelers crossed boundaries that once seemed impossible,
Ideas journeyed farther than armies ever could.
Yet amid the grandeur, ordinary people searched for simple
answers:
How should one live?
What brings peace?
What survives when power fades?
The philosophers listened.
The stars continued their courses,
And history unfolded between ambition and wisdom.

The Stoic's Garden

In a quiet garden, away from the noise of crowded streets,
an old philosopher sat,

He watched olive leaves tremble in the wind.

He watched clouds drift across the afternoon,

Empires rose.

Empires fell.

The seasons cared little for either.

A young student asked, "How can I master the world?"

The philosopher smiled.

"Begin with yourself."

The fountain whispered nearby,

Birds settled among the branches.

The lesson was simple, yet deeper than the sea:

Not every storm can be controlled.

Not every loss can be prevented,

But the heart can learn to stand like an olive tree, rooted in
patience, bending without breaking.

And in that quiet strength, there is freedom.

These poems draw upon Hellenistic themes of learning,
cultural exchange, philosophy, and the search for wisdom
that characterized the era after Alexander the Great.

Mutawaf Shaheed

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Hellenistic

Periods of time pass around the ages,
borrowing and lending trends that land
in newer civilizations.

Translating the thought from one place
to another. Crossing geographies and
building things that make places better.

A time, that had its time to make impress-
ions that sometime morphed expectations.
Not leaving much behind. Being a foundation
for some things to follow.

Emotional intensity expressing aggressive
forms of art. A visual prospective searched
for by many who became inspired.

Larceny by Trick

Just another parlor game, seen on a giant screen, affecting the weak and lame. Selling me on the concept of the benefits in acid rain. Designed to wreck any dream lying outside the scheme of things. Losing inspiration at the very sight of you is the reason I turn away.

Being the host to friendly ghosts, unravelling the yarns that were spent in older times. Grimy hands raised blessing holiday tables, with fables and nursery rhymes. Sardonic grins embrace the two ends of the table. Who in the hell is Betty Grable?

Laughter fades as reality gains the upper hand. Force fed labels displayed inside heads, that change colors with click of a button. Paralyzed at the play station, as the situation has gone from bad to worse.

He thought he knew the next- door neighbor, until he was arrested for licking little kids. Why, he was a pillar of their secret society. Surrounded by lost causes, changing the clauses that no longer work and have no meaning. Hemmed in by the monsters they created from their schemes and miscalculations.

Too much soil to un-spoil. You made money from Disasters. Putting new faces on failure, saying you was just playing. Sorry for nothing, is the only position that keeps their back from bending in humility That, interferes with straight up lying.

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Can't find context for what's next, so blame the dark matter. Rainbows caused by chemical flows, all the gold was taken from where it started. The big bang was practiced in Japan and caused a chain reaction. When I wanted to get one, they said, no son, 'you wouldn't use it responsibly.'

What's your role on how the climate changed? There is no irony in stuff that ain't funny. Brute force, that ain't being clever. Hatching plots on the spot, as the dykes 's holes get larger. The silver lining is filled with lead, that's what the people have always been fed. If I was ever asked, where you are, I'd say, that's him over there in that twisted nutshell. That weak ass spell been broken along with the tokens you gave with your left hand.

Locks

They tried to apprehend my thoughts
while they were unlocking minds.

While I was removing the candy from their
eyes ;electric bullies asked me to stop.

Lies, fresh with the smell of bleach were wiped on
the brains of the happy people.

Luckless people laughed as they spent their last
pennies on trash.

Not remembering the last time they heard from God.
Remembering the last thing the devil said.

There was no meat associated with the rotten bread
they were fed. Trapped in a democratic hell.

No bails bondsman to avail them while the system
assails them. Telling them that, "We will be right back."

All the while a million death camp guards sign up
and are ready to swerve from justice.

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Hellenism

Honoring

 the ancient Greek pantheon
 from generation to generation
as were their civilization the first,
 with Europe joining in their euphoria . . .

There is no point zero

 from which a culture
 sprouts singularly.
Piggyback riding is the strategy
 with which the remnants of
previous civilizations are borrowed.

The Hellenistic civilization

 is no exception,
 no matter who rewrote history
 or continues to re-stamp
historical records anew.

Piggybacking

No! You may not claim it as your own!
As long as there were others who did all the work
Before you, your product is not original.

Dream all you want, or all that you can!
In this case, dreams do not come true.
A wishful thinking, your claim remains.

Move on to a new territory.
Perhaps, just perhaps, you may once again
Create something there you would continue to
Call “mine,” “all mine.”

Alas! Neither is that
So-called newly found yours.

Hellenistic, Hellenism . . .
Are concepts that only you see worthy;
Along with some euphoric onlookers.
Yet those make-beliefs will collapse
As soon as the research is done,
One which speaks for itself.

Have you done your research today?
Or are you still standing up in honor
of the ancient Greek pantheon,
in an erroneously placed awe of
yet another act of piggyback riding?

Hellenism defined . . .

Dreaming

I dream what I can.
If I shout it out loudly,
Others will join me.

Teresa
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Hellenistic Impact

Empires are built, conquests are won,
potters shape clay, mothers grind grain.
With the demise of Alexander the Great,
the world does not collapse. It unfolds.

Cultures meet, touch, blend
and become greater than themselves.
The Hellenistic world was never one thing
A fusion of Greek and non-Greek culture arises.

Advances in science and mathematics
Greek language, art, architecture,
religion and political ideology spread
impacting Egypt, Macedonia and Persia.

Cities move with the hum of traders.
Astronomers chart the heavens.
People live quietly through
the changing of the guards.

Solitudes Three

The river sings praise with a thousand words.
A profound echo delivers a message to my ears.
Purple light flows above the water
teasing white caps that float on lyrics.

I raise my arms with humility.
A tidal wave of negative bullets
dissolve in the water.

Joy flows in this river.
Destination is love.
Come float in the river of joy.

Solitudes Four

When I think of all the rivers
I have had the honor to embrace,
I know good Karma
is blazing within me.
I feel high as a kite.
No drugs needed
for this kind of high.
Just float in ecstasy.

A stream of consciousness
rides the river rapids.
Only enlightened souls
feel the intensity
beyond this earth plane.

The white caps rub rocks
and try to flow in reverse drive.
They cannot overpower
the determination of a river
to move forward.

I sit here and watch people stroll
and wonder.
How many hear
the river's true call to love?

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Hellenic Afterbreath

Modern Greece
builds itself
inside the bones of another time—
columns remembered in concrete,
old norms loosened,
their dust cleared
for glass and circuitry.
Still, something lingers—
a breath once drawn
by conquerors and questioners,
now leaking
through the cracked spine
of an abandoned library.
The air is heavier here.
Even the old minds—
if they returned—
would falter,
lungs unsure
of what this sky has become.
They would turn instead
toward the mountains,
toward a memory of clean wind,
where thought once rose
like flame.
And there—
a woman crossing
the last exhale of stone,
her green dress
gathering the restless air,
as if history itself
had tried
to hold on—
and missed.

Eternal Brilliance

am i going to a place
where i have come from
or never have been to?

never seen yet
so familiar place

is it destiny or
simple fantasy?

it is not
the answer
but
the question
that enlightens

In the rhythm of Yugas,
the cosmos folds,
unfolds,
and begins again—

endings spinning
into beginnings,
beginnings into endings.

Threads of Light

Spider,
you weave
a web so delicate,
so precise,
it traps the morning light
like a whispered spell.

Each silken thread
glimmers in dawn's first glow,
a fragile map
of patience and design,
holding morning dew
like scattered pearls of time.

In silence,
you draw geometry
from breath and air,
each line a soft enchantment
of instinct and grace.

In your quiet craft,
I see reflection's art—
how beauty is born
of stillness and intent,
how even the smallest life
can mirror the divine.

Caroline
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The Hellenistic Fret

The philosophers still move mountains,
From cosmopolitan marble strings weave,
Marvels of gods and goddesses in arts and historic views,
In fretwork, of wisdom's chord and empire's ring,
Promises of the dynastic flames to the land of fortune,
Works of great minds and the untold scenes,
Reverberate immortality,
And pursuit of happiness.

The Oracle

Different voices coil in sacred harmony,
A voice beyond the mortal whispers,
Veiled in riddles and prophecies,
That burns through the breathes of pyre.
Foretelling life, foretelling death.
Oracle of legends, oracle of seasons,
Bring forth the oracle of life-
Carved in destiny,
By the architects of antiquity.

My Own Dynasty

Here's a borrowed throne,
From a silent stone of lineage,
My tribe of infinity
Against the world of shams,
Building an empire of the never lost:
Sons and daughters reign
Like my tribal bloodline blend
To the fluidity of myriad ancestry:
Out of Kronos' unforgotten dawn,
through Zeus' living thunder,
and into Eros' passionate flame of tomorrow!

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ataraxia

“Give me a place to stand and I shall move the earth” -
Archimedes

the combo of love
with agenda
deeply rooted
in Hellenistic philosophy
a sense of calmness
emotional tranquility and freedom
three major school of thoughts
stoicism
the natural byproduct of living a virtuous life
epicureanism
the ultimate form of happiness
living a humble life
avoiding unnecessary desires
and
clearing all distress
skepticism
not to be judgmental
accepting balance and impartiality
ancient thoughts
no abstract political or physical theories
rather to be pragmatic and ethical
the fusion of
Greek, Persian, Egyptian and Mesopotamian culture
the legacy makers sing the cosmic song
happiness is within
excellence is not an act but a habit

begging is painful

I begged love
I was trapped with hidden agendas
emotions played trump cards
I begged dignity
what a fool I was!
to be the stone step for others to climb upon
dignity is self esteem
the more you beg the more you become looser
I begged power
power has to be earned
by virtue
donate to exist
respect can never be a paper document
it is invisible
yet the fragrance
so divine
I begged alphabets
the feelings of my mother's palm
writes all alphabets
in fact, the languages of the world
I begged oxygen
the polyethene's that I burnt in the air replied
my work and my action differed
I begged money
money, money, money
money the honey trap
if earned in curved way
blood and sweat earned money
promises double the amount
I begged life
death smiled mysteriously
each day reduces my steps to grave

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I begged light
darkness replied
have you ever tried to burn a candle for others?
I begged religions
to hide my ego behind the buildings
humanity was waiting outside
I say ladies and gentleman
begging is always painful
and of course, the hidden agendas of a scapegoat!

it doesn't matter

it doesn't matter
who you are
how much do you earn
whether you can sing or dance
what is your gender
sexual orientation
if you are a leader or labourer
if at all you know literature or languages
history will never remember
your past or future
your present is your identity
you have lived many lives
using and abusing the rivers and mountains
tearing the syntax of Mother Nature
you became the slave of your intelligence
come on comrades
sing a new song
be a bird or a river
your wings have the strength to carry peace
from these lush green pastures
to the unseen arid zone
it certainly matters
if one is hungry
tears of one is tears of all
stress of each animal is stress of our planet
be the fragrance
be the voice of the millions
it certainly matters
you are the song
you are the living word

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Albert
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The Hellenistic

After the death of Alexander his generals split his empire,
They made powerful kingdoms as kin to him.
The Greek culture spread across water and borders
such as the Middle East, Egypt and Asia.
Battles around structures with marble pillars led to kings
bleeding for power.
They've bled which led to history having bloody footprints
of the dead.
Riches couldn't silent demons and blindness wouldn't of
blocked Alexander's visions.
Artist carved beauty in pain,
Poets turned that heartbreak into scriptures that
philosophers explain.
Statues of Gods carved with faces of emotion stand next to
Greek statues
masking the invisible wars inside them.
Empires were built by dreamers and destroyers, it was ying
and yang of the culture.
There's sculptures all over paying homage to the late
"great", especially in Hellas.
Homage is also paid when scholars sit in the Library of
Alexandria
to study stars, numbers and human nature.
The heart of the Hellenistic age is still beating,
people from all over the world are stuck in collapsing
system searching for meaning

Mistakes

I've learned from my mistakes, there was no need for a second lesson, i strove to be the closest as I possibly can to perfection, each failure was a bless'n, I didn't understand that at the time because my mind was full of frustration. I studied everything I did wrong to make the next encounter with that situation right, I even put myself in the shoes of other mistake makers to see how I would've corrected their eras because their dark times also shed light. Being better than others wasn't my goal per se, i just wanted to be better than I was yesterday.

In the life I led, I shouldn't of bled or temporarily lose my freedom and have faces of death on rotation in my head, but I did and I do, I guess that was me educating all eyes in view. Knowledge reigns supreme but no matter how much knowledge I had I couldn't figure out the algorithm to prevent the murder of members of the team. I was a genius and had the game down to a science but Que sera Que sera, in a New York minute you can be a mistake and a lesson learned to another player.

Park Bench Dreaming

I sat on park benches and dreamt as I was awake, I dreamt about crossing borders to sit on beach chairs by the water celebrating the lives of my brothers outside of wakes. I didn't care for fame, I was in the game for cake, my goal was to get out the hood while reaching in my hood for stones and shake. We was all supposed to grow old and talk about success, how we made it out the trenches retired and left. In my dreams I saw tranquility, everybody was healthy, wealthy and happy. I would dream often, it temporarily took me away from reality.

We all knew the probability of death, we hoped to evade the reaper, I had their back and they had mine, we were each other's keeper. Everyone is playing their position to change poor living conditions, we was on the trap morning, noon and night through all four seasons, we was getting closer and closer to the dreams I envisioned, we was dealing with the pros and had yet to feel the cons from trap tradition. One death two deaths three assassinations, four deaths, five deaths, six funeral processions, seven eight nine ten reasons to back to the park bench of broken dreams to have a mourning session. I dream that it was a dream but when I look to the sky I see a harsh reality, I don't see my men returning from heaven.

Kimberly
Burnham

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Greek Poets Remind Us

Look around
what reminds you of wild freedom
What is so important
that you must say it
must discover it
in those deep places in your heart
What is left to accept of yourself
that last bit that I still reject
I want to look at that

Where does my mind long to travel
where will my body carry me next
what will I see
will I really understand
the justice and blessings surrounding me

The Briefest Moment

The Greek poet Kiki Dimoula said,
“for the unhindered is of the briefest duration.”

I think about that unhindered moment
before I knew I was moving from Washington to Oregon
It is not such a long distance
but it is all of my stuff

I grew up moving
living in Utah and California before I was six
then a move to Bogota Colombia
on to Brussels Belgium
back to Ohio to finish high school
and Utah for college
then Japan and Canada
and Connecticut

It has been 12 years since I have moved
the stuff I brought with me plus 12 years
I have two to pare it down
to return to the unencumbered moment
having just enough

I am lucky because I can see this move
still in the future
with my wife
at the center of my heart

Joy in the Stomach

In Greek joy is chará, χαρά
placed between love and peace
as if between two witnesses
ἀγάπη, χαρά, εἰρήνη
love, joy, peace

In Hebrew joy is simchah שמחה,
a cup lifted in both hands.
hands that have lost something
hands still moving forward
reaching the old grammar of rejoicing

In Latin joy is gaudium
a bell with ribs
a cathedral with lungs
a round word
so little is enough
a match in the wind
a bowl of water
a face remembered at evening

In Ge'ez joy is haset ሐሴት
incense in an ancient nose
a lamp walking carefully
through the dark corridor of prayer
It does not ask the darkness to leave
It simply carries flame
as if flame were enough

But in Baoulé
joy is a song in the stomach
music nearer the truth
not in the unreliable mind

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lower
where bread forgives hunger
where breath negotiates longing

In Bambara,
the spirit is made sweet
how patient sorrow must be
to steep itself so long
that even bitterness
learns the ways of healing

In Kpelle joy is sweet heart
in Tzeltal the good taste of one's heart
in Uduk good to the stomach
in Mairasi good liver
many organs are called to observe
what the body knows of happiness

And in Mískito,
joy is the liver wide open
letting pleasure flood in
such courage an inner door
forgetting its duty
to remain shut

Noongar says koort-kwabba-djil
heart very good not perfect
not eternal
joy here and now

Chichahuaxtla Triqui says refreshed heart
as if joy were rain
after dust had become
the language of the path

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Let joy grow
it is too small a word
for all the rooms it occupies

Joy is not an idea
but an edible light
a taste returning to the mouth,
a door unlatched inside one's body
a river allowed to flow for a time

Eliza Segiet

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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.

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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)*”.

A New Quality

The joining of Greek culture
with the Oriental and the Egyptian
– breathed a new quality into art.
Extraordinary, wondrous works
enchanted the eye, urged one to linger,
to wonder at the mind's vast possibilities.

A fragment of the great Greek triad
– art
– literature
– philosophy
has endured and still lives.
It dazzles, beckons to reflection,
awakens questions and the yearning for answers.

That era
was an intellectual abundance,
a richness that refuses to fade
and continues to inspire.
That culture
stands as proof
that a human being is not just *a solitary being*,
but survives in the works they create.

Relief

She opened up to something new
– with no fear, no insecurity,
nor – what's most important – continuous criticism,
Now she herself assesses her – even wrong – decisions.

Relief
– the radiant beauty of being.

The Fighting Spirit

They used to call her
– delicate, fragile, frail.
She was running away from pain. She was fighting back.
She did not let it to be the only thing.
She showed that she would defeat it with the strength
that
no-one had expected of her she had.

Like hardened steel,
she would not let herself be broken.

She believed
that she would breathe deeply again,
and the bell for new challenges would ring.
There was no resignation in her,
the fighting spirit being her best friend.
With her
– unavailable to others – power,
she was battling.

Before she had been unable to hear the world,
now she can appreciate
even the rustling of the wind.

She proved that the time of suffering
can be turned
into the joy of experiencing life.

They used to call her:
– delicate, fragile, frail.
Now
– the winner!

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They had learnt that the beauty of a person
lies in their strength
which cannot be gagged.
To fight means
to feel the pulse of being.

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Khalice
Jade



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

Heirs Of Alexandria

When Macedon's great eagle spread its reign,
The world was drawn beneath a single sky;
Tongues intertwined, and minds learned to defy
The walls that once had kept all thought in chain.

In Alexandria's restless ports again,
A thousand voices rose in unity;
Where books and knowledge, freed from discord's strain,
Wove universal thought in harmony.

The shade of Alexander lingered still
Among the seekers walking paths of lore,
Who carved their wisdom deep in human will.

From mingled worlds arose a memory vast,
Where man beheld, beyond the drums of war,
Himself reflected in the Other's glass.

The Memory Of Stones

Beneath worn walls where silent sorrows weep,
The buried echoes of a people stay;
Each stone recalls a vow once sealed in clay,
And guards a time the ages could not keep.

The wind turns pages history cannot sweep,
Brushing regrets of worlds long swept away;
Yet in the dark survives a hidden ray
That stirs up hope when all seems lost and deep.

For man, through grief, still carves a living light,
And shapes from pain a soil both raw and vast
Where future dreams take root beyond the night.

Thus even ruins learn again to sing,
And from their dust new blooms arise at last—
A song no tide of time can ever bring down.

Inner Exile

I walk unbound within my own abyss,
A stranger to myself in shifting lands;
My soul, a desert shaped by unseen hands,
Carries farewells in winds that ache and hiss.

The days go by in fragile artifice,
Their fleeting dreams dissolving as they stand;
Yet in the night, a trembling spark so grand
Begins to rise through depths I can't dismiss.

Is it a call, or memory's distant flame,
That softly stirs a light within my core,
And whispers I may yet become once more?

For exile is but passage, not the end,
Where the soul learns, in silence evermore,
To find her voice beyond the silent shore.

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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Hellenistic

Though being the parents of philosophy
And possibly culture
Has been ceded to you,
This is not where 'truth' began

There is no such thing
As 'new' knowledge . . .
Just discovered

....
If you walk into a dark room
And turn on the light,
What was in that room
Has always been there

You journeyed to other lands
In the 'Mother Land'
And were taught things
That heretofore
You were not aware of,
And then
You and your other European brothers
Claimed to be
The progenitors
Of such things
As philosophy
And other esoteric expressions.

Let us put to bed the lie
And celebrate the whole
Of which we all are
A part of . . .

Remember, they still say
Columbus discovered America

a love supreme

you are my Queen
and i am your Dream
come true

yes you are here to rule me
with your sovereignty
and your bountiful beautiful essence

and i confirm
your desires
to be worthy
of such a gift as i

and in my eye
i will forever hold you
upon my breast
in my heart
i will enfold you
that you may always be
with me where thou art

like Cotton Candy
the taste of you
melts in my mouth
to forever flavors my infinite, eternal Soul
with your sweetness
your repleteness

my joy
and my expectations
my completeness
can be found
in my foolish smiles
which always adorn my face

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when i but think of you
which is always

in the heat of our congruous passions
we shall melt together
upon the sheets of our carnal consciousness
until we become one mass
one puddle of satisfaction
evidenced
for all to witness

there shall be no separation
for i am in you
deeply
as you are in me

the acts of our communion
in the eternal bridal chamber
will make all the Angels
who sit quietly by to observe
weep with a bliss filled hunger
that even they can not touch
but can only dream of
as i dream of you
in my waking
and in my sleep

the love i have for you
is beyond the borders of reason
and is an emoting
of a season of hotness
a hot mess
as we scorch each others hearts
with a lust filled love
that can never be satisfied

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nor denied
or defied

this fire of desire
is required of thee
of me . . . and
can never be quenched
e'en in death

and i am a veritable example
a sampling
of being hard-on my self
for i wish but naught
to journey
into your nether regions
again
and again
and again
where no man
nor lover
has ever been
save myself

in that quiet repose
of your love
your embrace
i have sat by in silence
observing the flow
and its source
of that elixir of your need
you so willingly feed to me
as you attempt with all that you are
to quench my unquenchable
thirst for you
as i disperse to you
in you

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through you
an elixir of un-satiable wantonness
of my own

and somehow
i know we have always known
it would come to this
when our Souls kiss
the un-kissable bliss
that all men
have vied for
cried for
and even
died for
as the core of our essence blends
into one expression of
a love supreme

for . . .

you are my Queen
and i am your Dream
come true

a Poem spoke to me

there are but two tears
that have ever graced the cheeks
of all Humanity
Joy and Anguish
and they come from the same well
travel the same path
and end in the same place
memory

there is a space
that is silent
between the sounds
of the incessant rain drops
and i tried to listen
and a Poem spoke to me

there was no escaping the “Voice”
within my Soul
that longed for understanding
that i, my empirical self
may make finite sense of it all
but the “All-ness” eluded me
but a Poem had mercy
and spoke to me

is there a silence absent of noise ?

i sought it
i fought like Jacob
to wrestle with the Divine
for it seemed
like it vacated my mind
as i listened
but a Poem came to me
and tickled my spirit

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and i did hear it
and i still do

have you heard the sound of the Petals in Spring
as they spread their wings
and let loose a fragrance
of Joy
of Life
of expectation
as they patiently await
to be fed
your admiration
your consciousness
that they do this for you ?

have you heard the rushing waters
as they journey to the Sea
carrying along
those same Raindrops and Tears
that housed your worries
your fears
your Joys
your Pains
and the many reflections of life
they held
along the way ?

have you heard the sound of the Sun awakening
just for you this day
and trekking from the East
to greet you with possibilities
of what your day may bring ?

when was the last time
you listened
to your Heart Beat
your Breath ?

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Have you heard the sound of Chi
being fed to you
in your wanderings
and wonderings
about how it is you live ?

a Poem came to me
and i heard it's footsteps in my Soul
and when it arrived at the Gate
where my Garden is
i let it in
that it may plant good seeds
in the Soils of my dreams
and we together
the Poem and i
can bring forth
a sweet fruit

i heard a poem
in the silence
yes

a Poem Spoke to Me

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B. S.
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Dr. B. S. Tyagi, a bilingual poet, author, and translator, writes proficiently in both English and Hindi. His poems and short stories have been extensively anthologized both domestically and internationally. His poems frequently appear in literary journals and receive high praise. His novels are noted for addressing significant social issues. With his twenty-three books to his name, his short story *The Headmaster* has been included in the postgraduate syllabus for English literature at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University in Uttar Pradesh. Nachiketa's Spiritual Journey: A Poem has been included among the suggested readings at Central University, Haryana.

Eternal Flow

(1)

Creation abhors disorder and distortion
Ushering innovation and transformation,
Flowing towards recreation, not destruction
As man's death births a new man
Dark night a glorious dawn.

(2)

Nothing in Nature stands for annihilation
Transient atoms turn toward the new
Those who happily embrace the change
Eternally exist and reach the final goal – Liberation
Merging with eternity forever.

(3)

Knowledge dispels ignorance
Making human heart pure and pristine
And light fills the whole Being
Restoring grace, beauty and bliss
As the Self comes up in a new avatar.

(4)

Nature's sacred way, veiled in wonder
That holds all things in perfect balance
Restoring all creation to life anew -
Radiant, magnificent, and lustrous
Forever crowned in Truth and Beauty.

Inner Light

(1)

The outer light never lasts long
So engaging, and radiant though,
It withstands not the gale strong,
Before the mighty time, it must go.

(2)

The inner light dispels all darkness
A blissful new dawn within beaks,
And awakens deep consciousness,
As the age-long-held inertia shakes.

(3)

The melody of the souls is heard
It silently thrills the whole being,
It uplifts like a great soaring bird,
No more is the foggy night seen.

(4)

Never chase the worldly brightness
Just sit still and hear the inner chant,
Enduring bliss lies in consciousness,
Shun all showy things that enchant.

My Existence

(1)

I purposely exist because
Nature throbs in symphony around me
I joyously breathe because
Treescape thrives in harmony around me
I briskly walk because
The wind lovingly brushes through me.

(2)

I am perfectly happy because
Like love, a host of flowers whispers to me
I am wonderfully calm because
Sea and lakes softly wash through me
I am calmly steady because
Mountains quietly infuse patience into me.

(3)

I am brimming with love because
Bright birdsong lifts my spirits high
I am deeply serene because
Endless azure sky embraces me
I feel profoundly blessed because
Nature unceasingly pours nectar over me.

(4)

I feel a divine spark because
Every atom pulsates in the universe
I am swept along because
Soothing rain washes over me
I am utterly satiated because
Universal harmony gently enfolds me.

Lidia
Izabela
Lachowska

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Lidia Izabela Lachowska, urodzona w 1967 r. w Pułtusk, łączy życie nauczycielki z pasją tworzenia poezji. Ukończyła studia teologiczne na UKSW, zdobywając doktorat, oraz podyplomowe z bibliotekoznawstwa. Pracuje w szkole w Publicznej Szkole Podstawowej w Przewodowie Poduchownym. Debiutowała w 1989 r., publikując wiersze w „Tygodniku Ciechanowskim”, wydała cztery tomiki poezji. Zdobywała nagrody w licznych konkursach literackich. Jej utwory ukazały się w antologiach, niektóre czytano na antenie Polskiego Radia i Radia MagMa. Inspiracji szuka w teologii, filozofii, podróżach, a także w życiu codziennym.

Lidia Izabela Lachowska, born in 1967 in Pułtusk, combines her life as a teacher with a passion for writing poetry. She completed theological studies at UKSW, earning a doctorate, and also postgraduate studies in library science. She works at the Public Primary School in Przewodowo Poduchowne. She debuted in 1989, publishing poems in *Tygodnik Ciechanowski* and has released four poetry collections. She has won awards in numerous literary competitions. Her works have appeared in anthologies, and some were read on Polish Radio and Radio MagMa. She draws inspiration from theology, philosophy, travel, and everyday life.

Translated by Majka Kowalska

Kruchość Świata

dla Patryka

nie mamy już map
tylko aplikacje które prowadzą nas
wciąż przez objazdy
świat jakby się krępował —
przepraszam wtedy nie przejdziecie
tu trwa naprawa jutra
a jednak idziemy
w kieszeniach okruchy nadziei
w plecakach — lęki
których nikt nie chce wyrzucić
z powodu sentymentu
ja też je noszę
ale czasem rozpinam na wietrze
jak czyste pranie
niech schną niech się przewietrzą
wszystko nawet strach
potrzebuje powietrza
nocą słucham oddechu świata
trzeszczy sapie
ale wciąż żyje
rano mówisz *dzień dobry*
i to jest jak podpis złożony
pod kolejną próbą życia

Fragility Of The World

for Patryk

we no longer have maps
only apps that guide us
always through detours
the world seems embarrassed —
sorry you can't go this way
tomorrow is under repair
and yet we walk
crumbs of hope in our pockets
in our backpacks — fears
no one wants to throw away
out of sentiment
I carry them too
but sometimes I unfasten them in the wind
like clean laundry
let them dry let them air out
everything even fear
needs air
at night I listen to the world breathing
it creaks it wheezes
but it's still alive
in the morning you say good morning
and it feels like a signature
under another attempt at living

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Szeptem

telefon znów drży
jakby chciał decydować
o moim dniu
ale ja dziś wybieram ciszę —
wyłączam świat
żeby usłyszeć
własne zdanie
powiedziane szeptem
a nie alertem

In A Whisper

The phone trembles again
as if it wanted to decide
my day

but today I choose silence —
I turn off the world
to hear
my own opinion
spoken in a whisper
and not by an alert

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Wiersz

świat dudni pod stopami
mapa drży
jakby była sercem
a nie papierem
wojny toczą się
na innych kontynentach
ale ich hałas
wchodzi we mnie
jak oddech
w wiadomościach mówią
że Bóg jest teraz prywatny —
jak filtr
który każdy nakłada inaczej
nie wiem
czy powinnam Go szukać
czy skasować aplikację
która codziennie pyta
o zgodę na śledzenie
na ulicach mijam ludzi
którzy nie patrzą w niebo
może dlatego
spadają nam na głowy
rzeczy zbyt ciężkie
żeby je unieść
czasem myślę
że świat stał się oceanem
bez brzegu
a każdy z nas

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płynie na swoim ekranie
jak na tratwie
a jednak
kiedy zamykam oczy
słyszę w sobie
mały cichy głos:
nie odchodź
nie wiem
czy należy do mnie
czy do kogoś
kto jeszcze wierzy
że można ocaleć

POEM

the world thunders beneath my feet
the map trembles
as if it were a heart
and not paper
wars rage
on other continents
but their noise
enters me
like breath
the news says
that God is private now —
a filter
everyone applies differently
I don't know
whether I should look for Him
or delete the app
that asks each day
for permission to track
on the streets I pass people
who don't look at the sky
maybe that's why
things too heavy to carry
fall onto our heads
sometimes I think
the world has become an ocean
without a shore
and each of us
floats on our screen
like on a raft
and yet
when I close my eyes
I hear inside me
a small quiet voice:

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don't leave

I don't know
whether it belongs to me
or to someone
who still believes
we can survive

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Pradnya Bagul

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Buddha

Respected Buddha,
I want to share inequality
Injustice, slavery of life
There is many ways of life
Birth, struggle and death
Circle within circle
No solution for maths of life
Ignorance and superstition
We face the problems
Every day is coming with questions
For food
For books
Indian writings of female
No image of human being
She is only slave
I have inner voice
Voice of freedom
Nobody can heard me
Man want to become
Father of Nature
This is impossible
I will struggle untill death
For equality
Because I am not machine
I am living creature...

Female

Who is female ?
I am individual creature
Indian woman is struggling
She has no right to express herself
She is like slave
She doesn't rescue herself
She is idol of tolerance
Rituals, fasts,
Stories of God and Goddess
This is enough untill death
In every era
She was only victim
Victim of love and lust
It is like war and peace
She is a worrier
Yes worrier of life
For the sake of food
For the sake of education

Life

Life is a puzzle
It is like snake and ladder
There is no swag
Only silence of Nature
We are all creature
Happiness and sadness
Some experience of madness
O' dear life
You teach me travelling
All over the world
There is freedom of bird
I have no complaint
O' life
You gave me oxygen
Water and fruit
Every one is part of Nature

Swayam Prashant

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Swayam Prashant (pen name of Dr. Prashanta Kumar Sahoo) was born in the undivided Cuttack district, Odisha, India. He was formerly an Associate Professor of English, Sarupathar College, Assam, India. He has written ten books including *Joy of Love* (poetry) *Heart of Love* (poetry)(published in USA in 2023) and *Premras Amrit* (2019) (poetry in Assamese). His poems have also been published in several international poetry journals like The Year of the Poet (USA), Open Skies Quarterly (USA), Raven Cage (Germany) and Impsired (UK) and anthologies like *Cherish*, *Psythur*, *Tempest*, and *Dream*.

O Poets ! Revolutionise Both Heaven and Earth

Poetry is not poetry
if it only sings of dreams and joy;
poet is not a poet
if he /she forgets the society and humanity.
Down the ages
words and word-wielders have brought
succour to the oppressed, the exploited and the
downtrodden;
have infused into them
the fiery life-blood they needed.
So O poets !
let your mighty pens awake the sleeping souls
and make them realise what they really are.
May you sing the songs of change
that revolutionise both Heaven and Earth !

If I am the Sun She is the Moon

When it descends...

lust sings

when it ascends...

love.

When she flowers my sweet feelings

I love her;

when her sensuous curves carve into my eyes

I crave for her.

I offer her my heart on a plate

but in my dreams I dig

my greedy teeth

deep into her lobes.

She is both heaven and earth !

O my love

how can I separate your heart

from your body ?

Drowning, Drowning and Drowning Deep

I shall drink the ocean
I shall conquer the sky
says the soul on fire –
the fire of passion –
the passion of living a life that matters
but today's souls have sold themselves to their master (the
Meta ?).
Life is a fashion for them
with 'reels', 'selfies' and 'videos'.
Mephistopheles has bought them
paying them with 'pleasures'.
Gone are the days
when souls were valued for their morality and virtues
but today's souls value themselves to be in the fashion,
crave for public appreciation
and for the Dollar Mr Z pays
to be in the public glare
and even sometimes for glorifying nudity !

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



Janet Perkins Caldwell

February 14, 1959 ~ September 20, 2016

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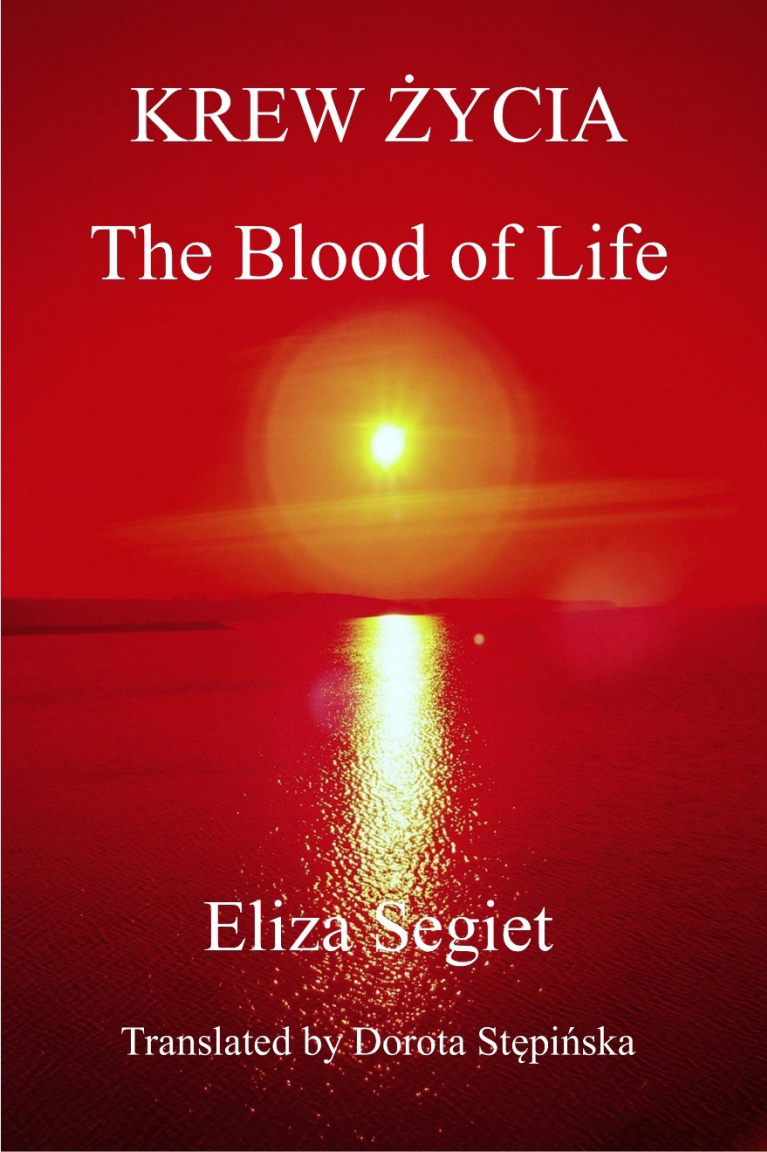
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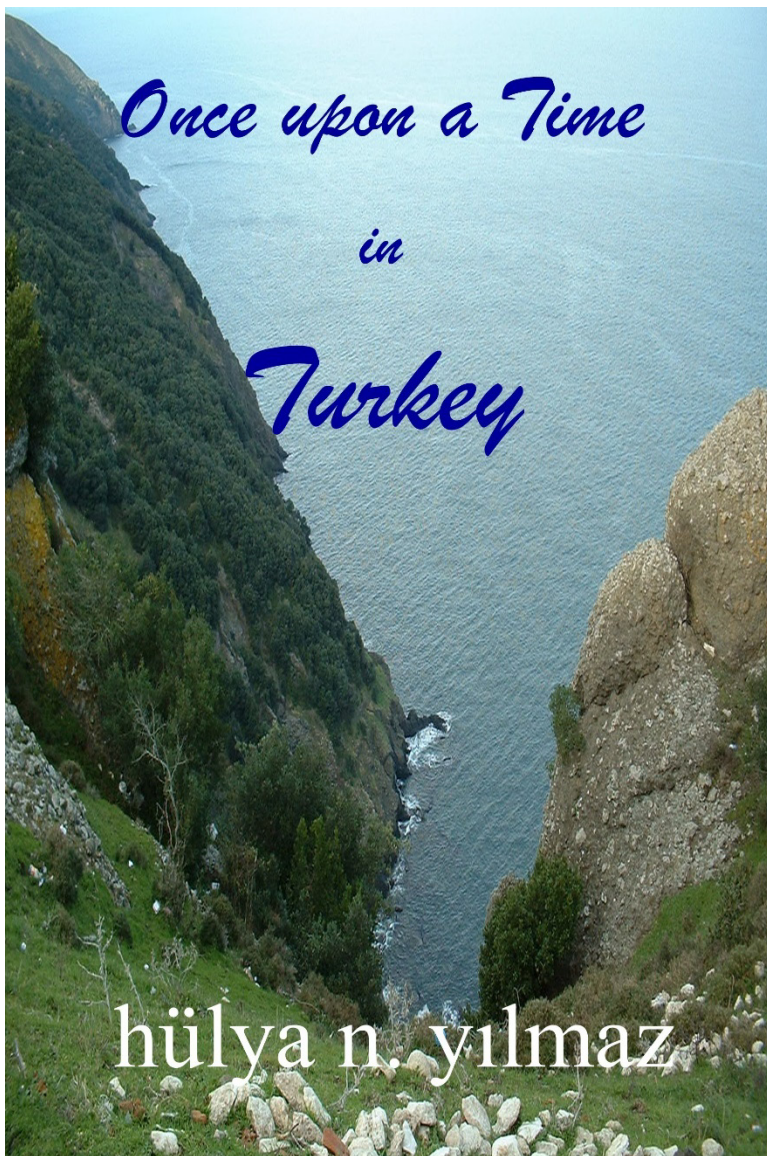
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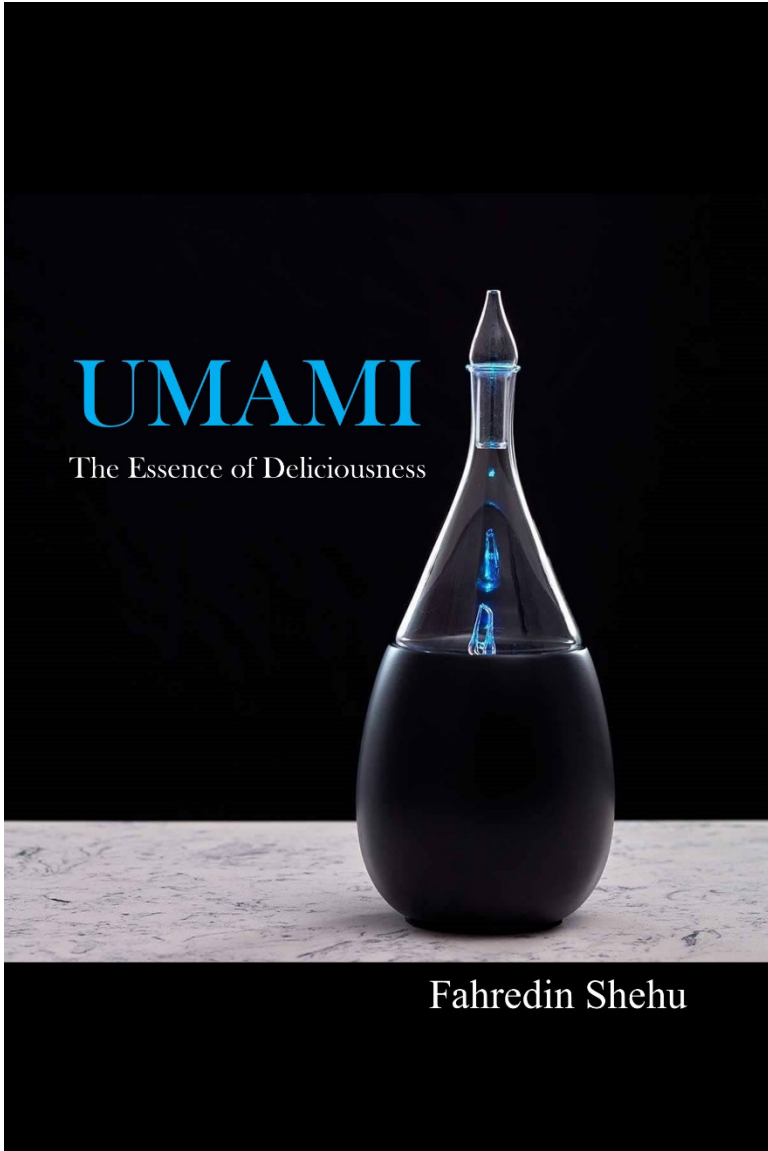
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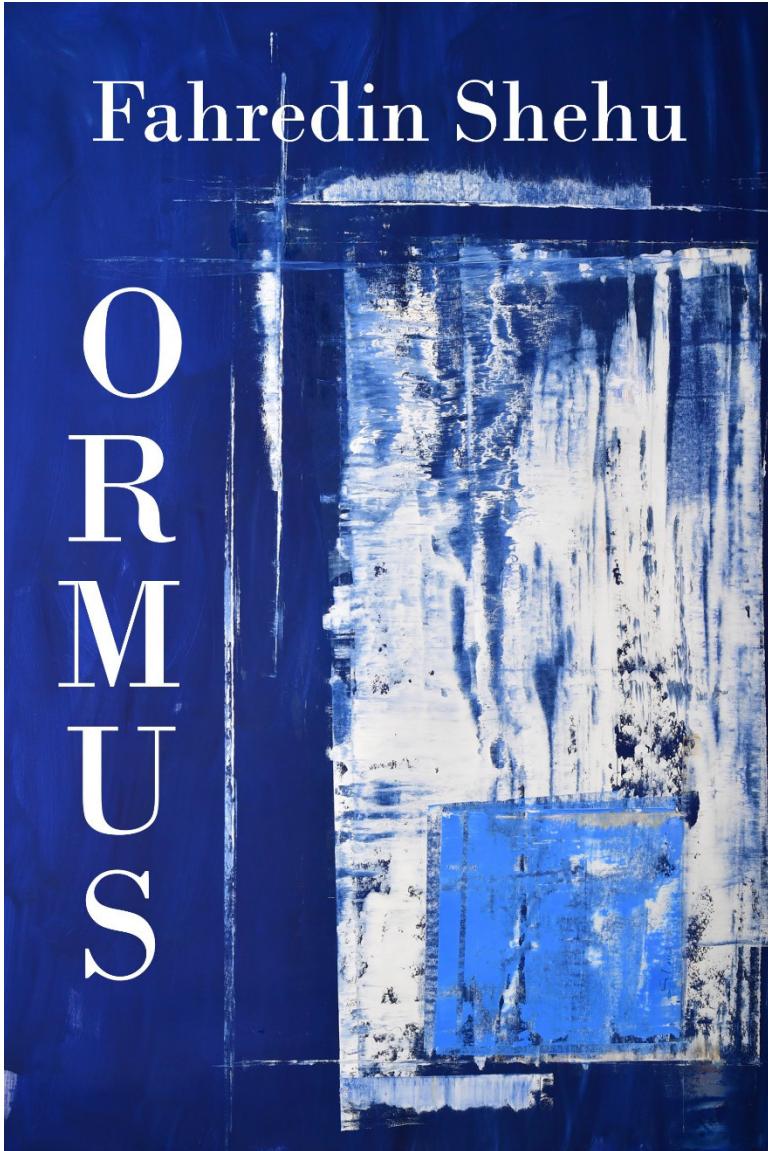
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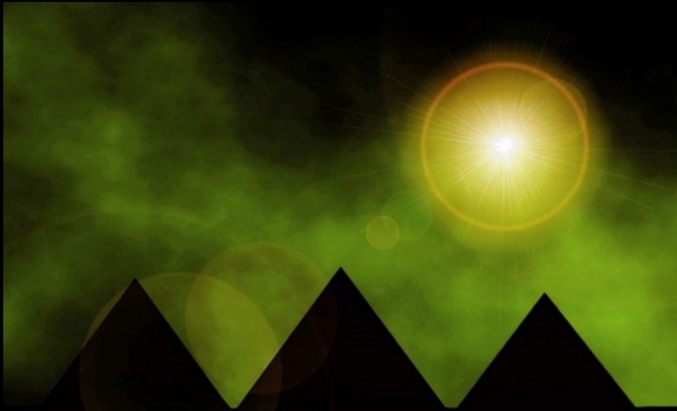
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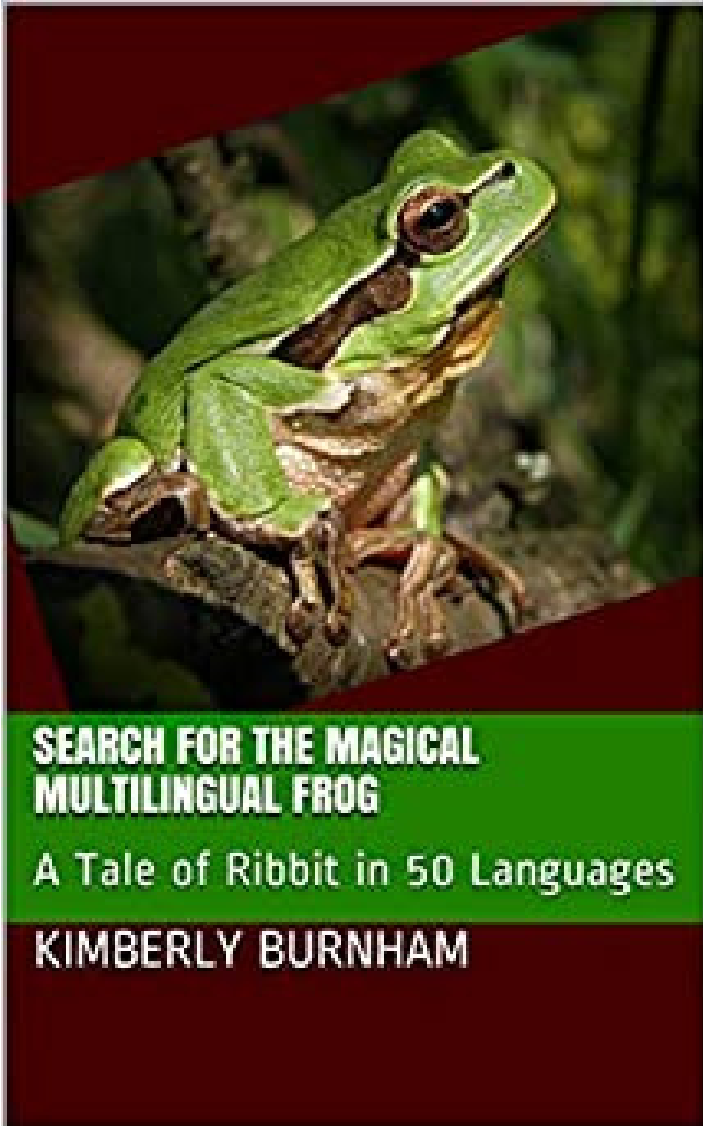
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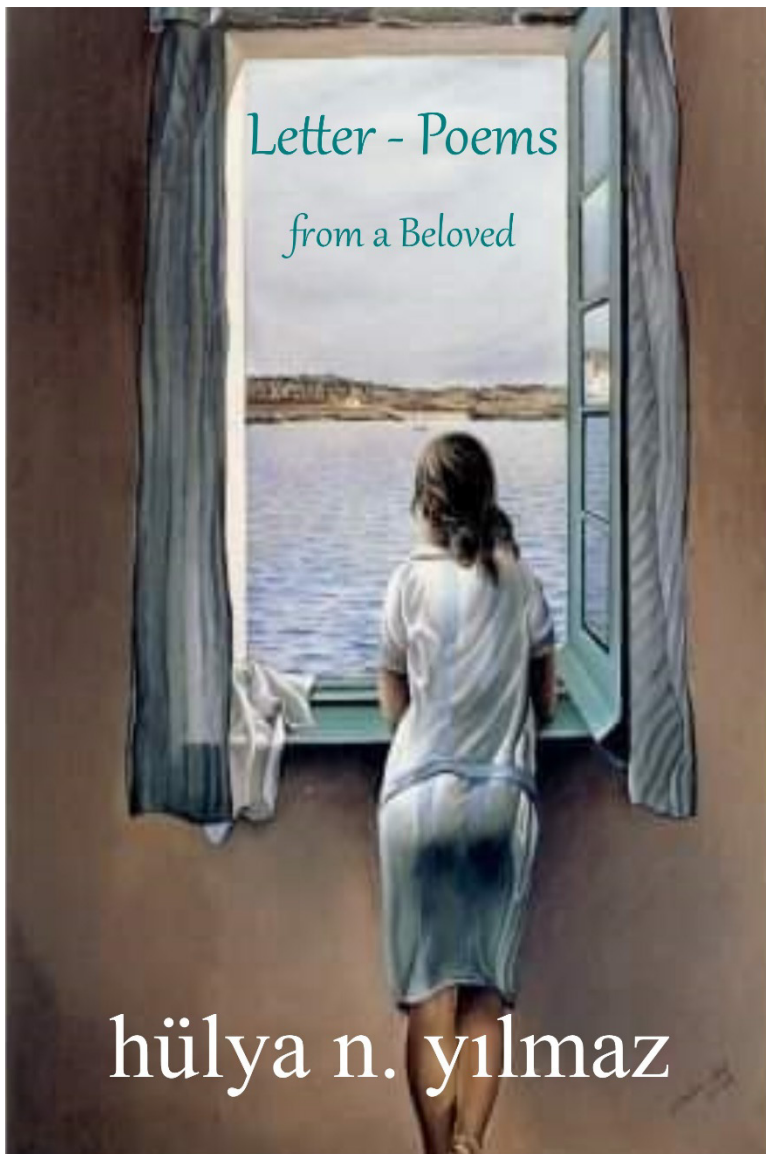
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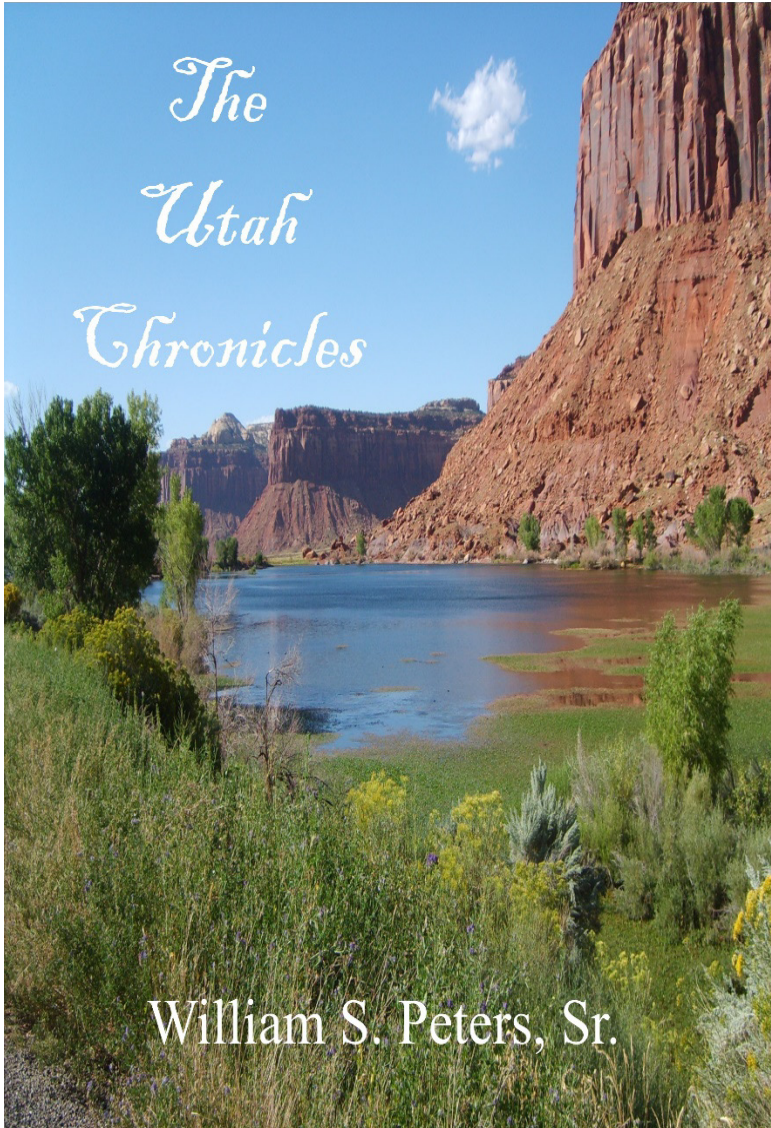
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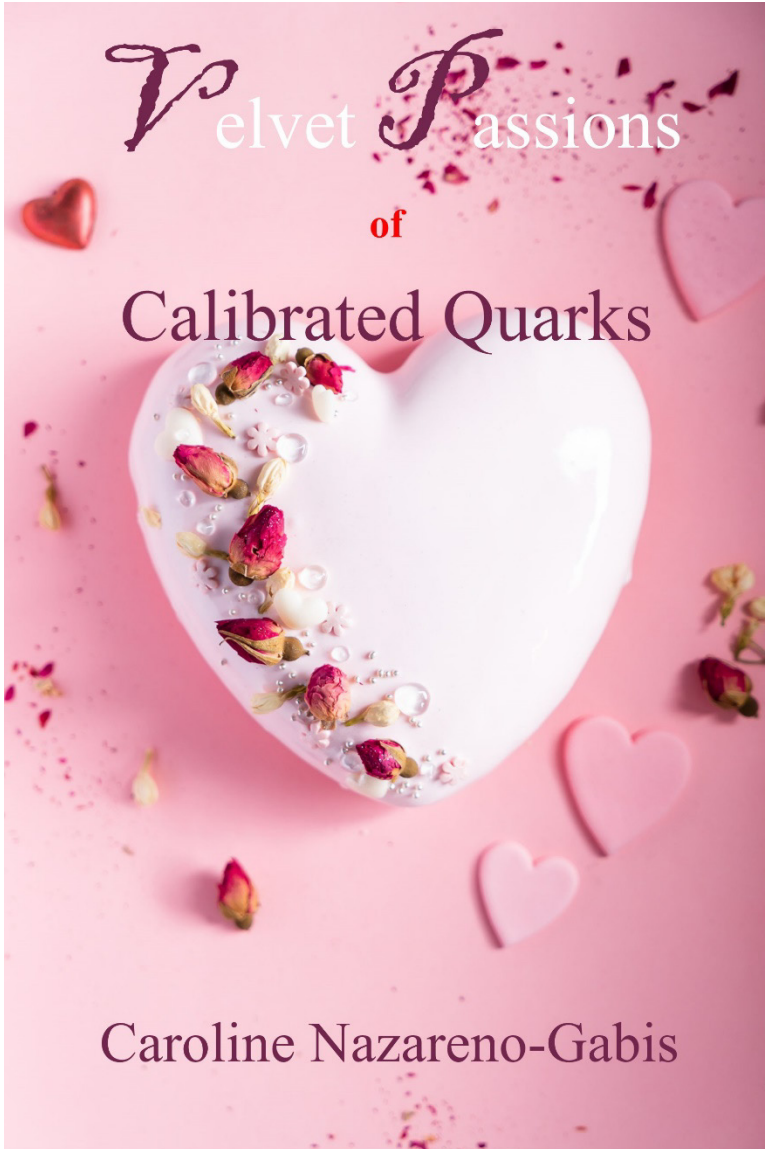


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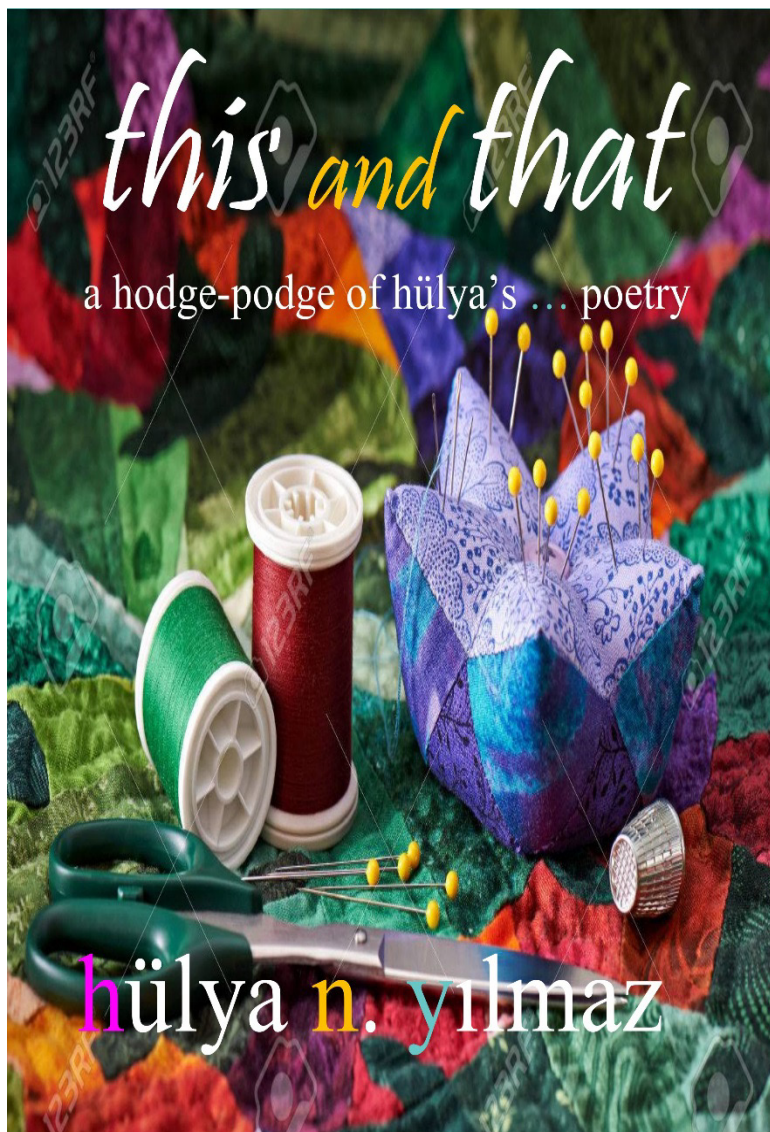
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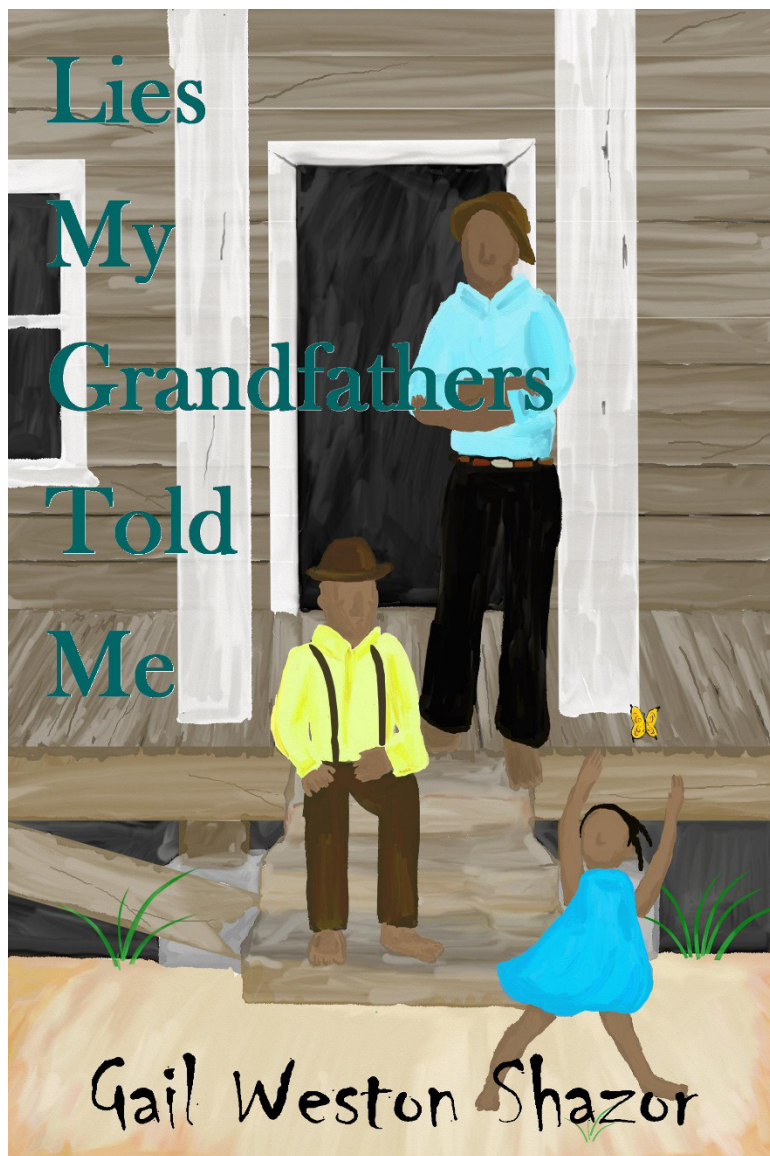
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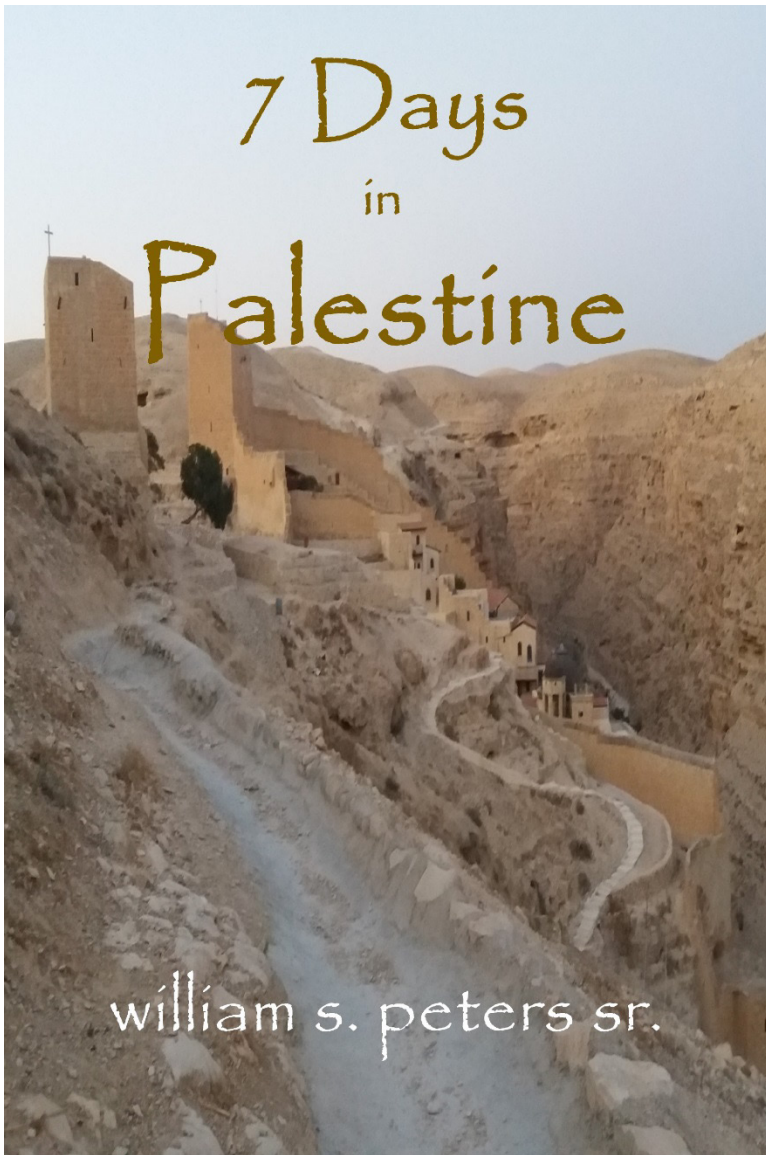
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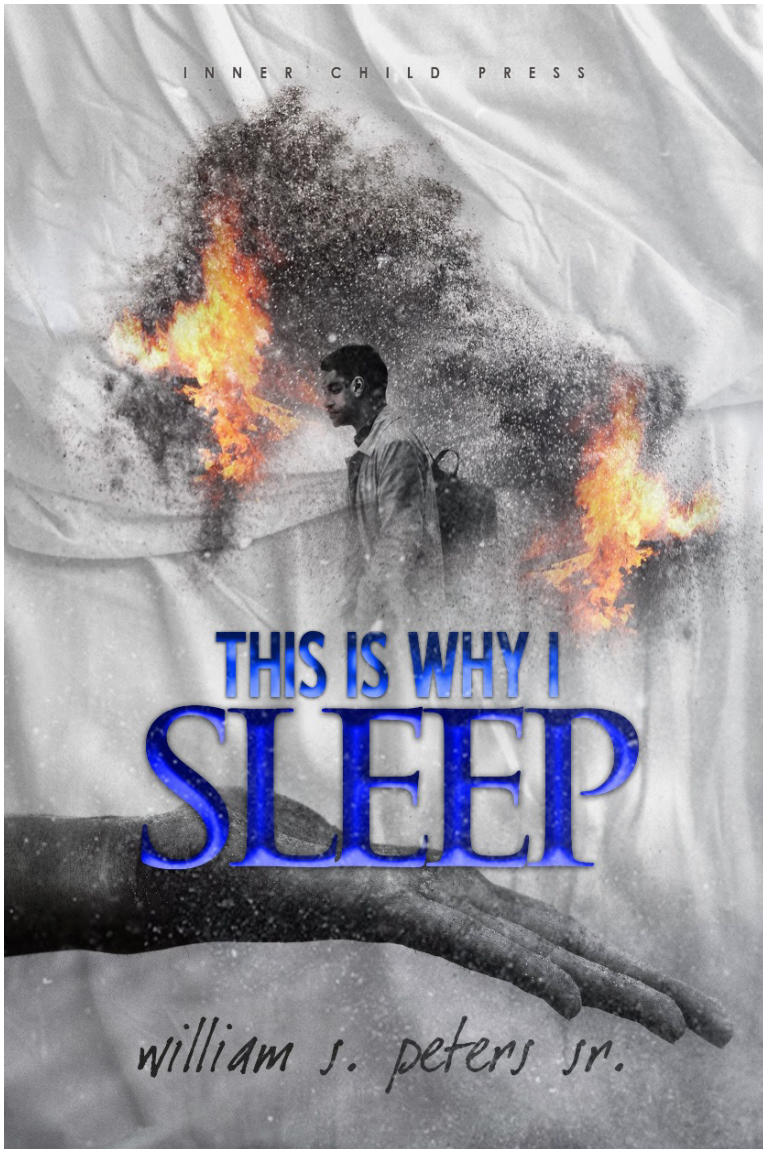
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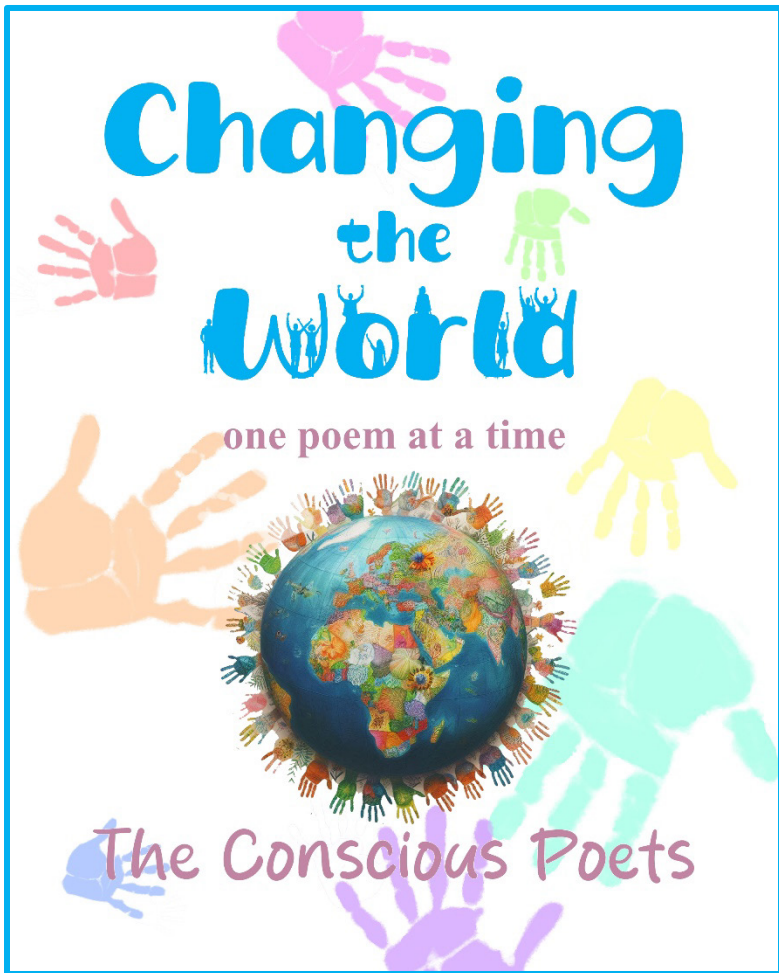
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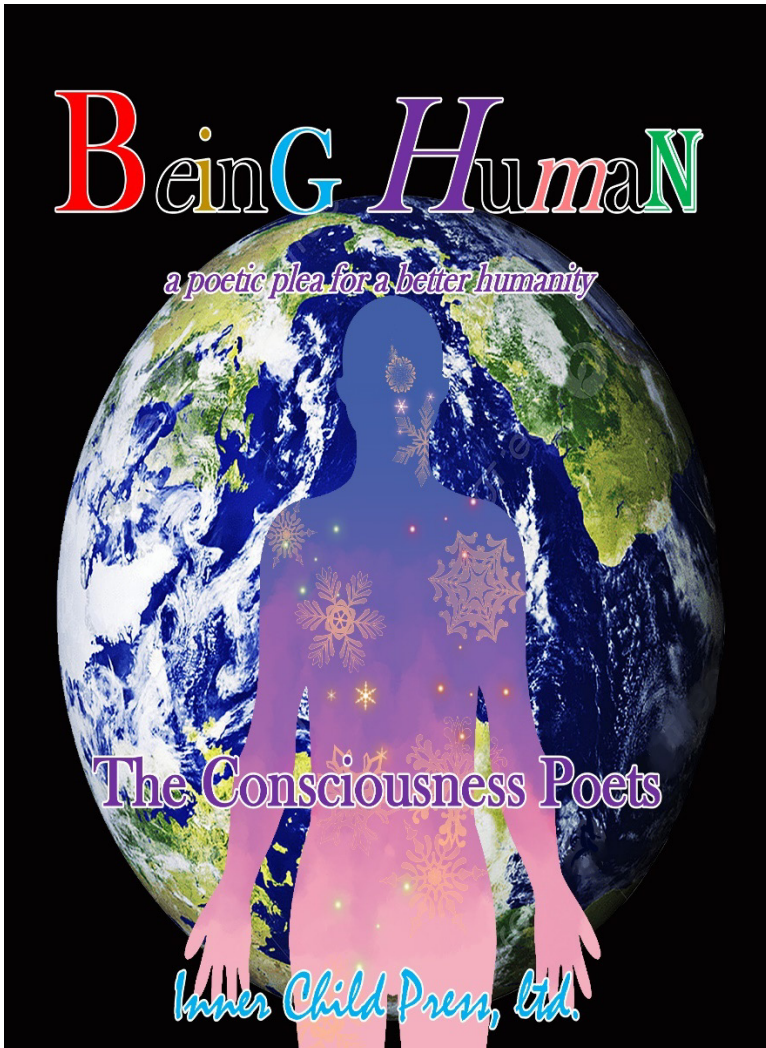
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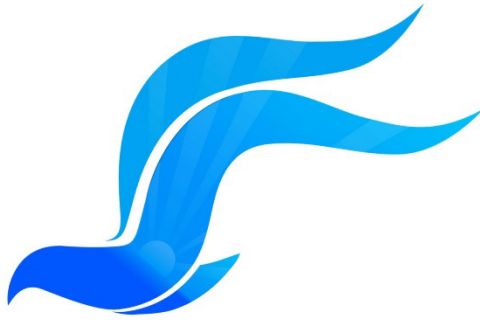
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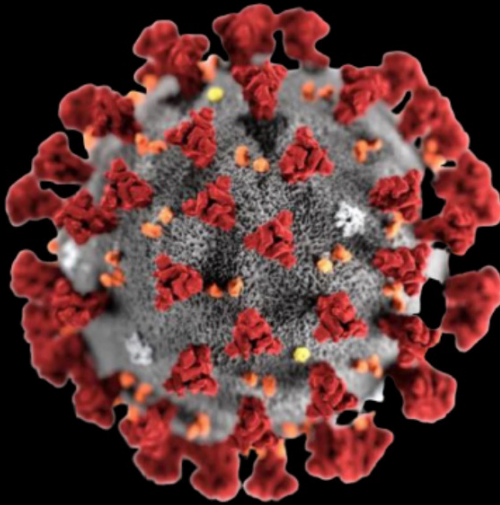
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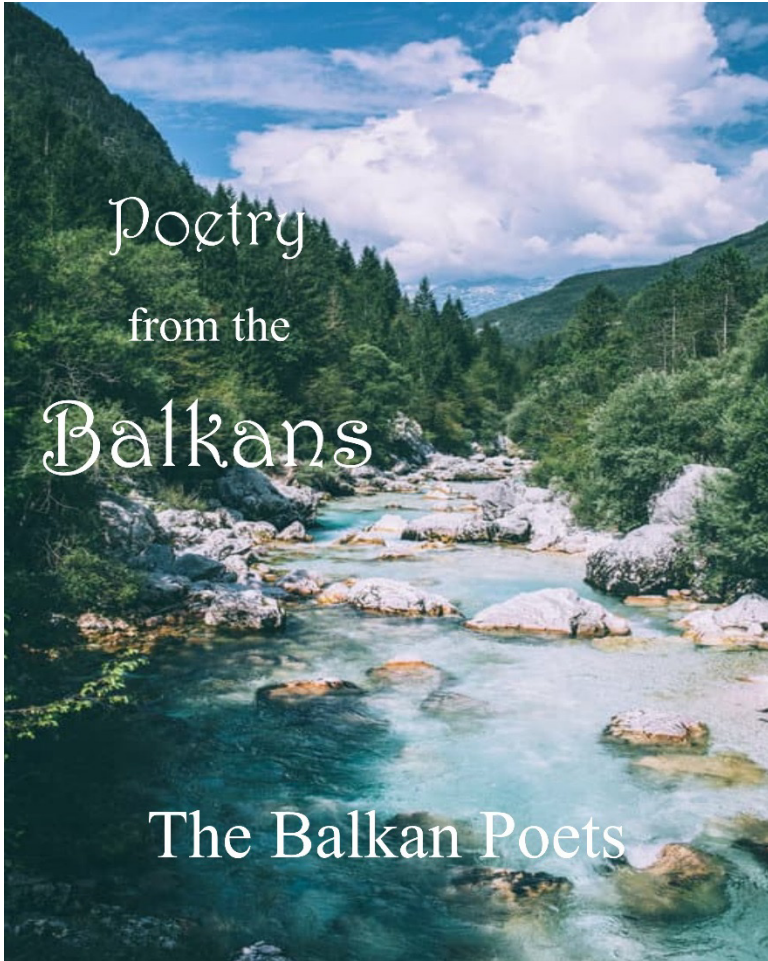
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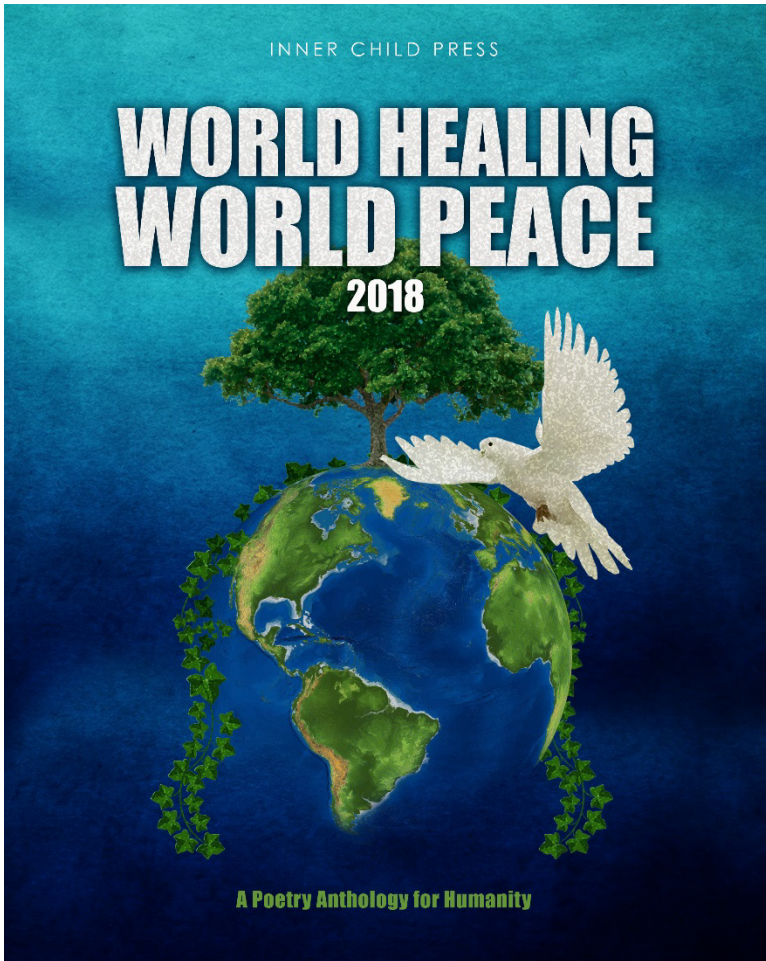
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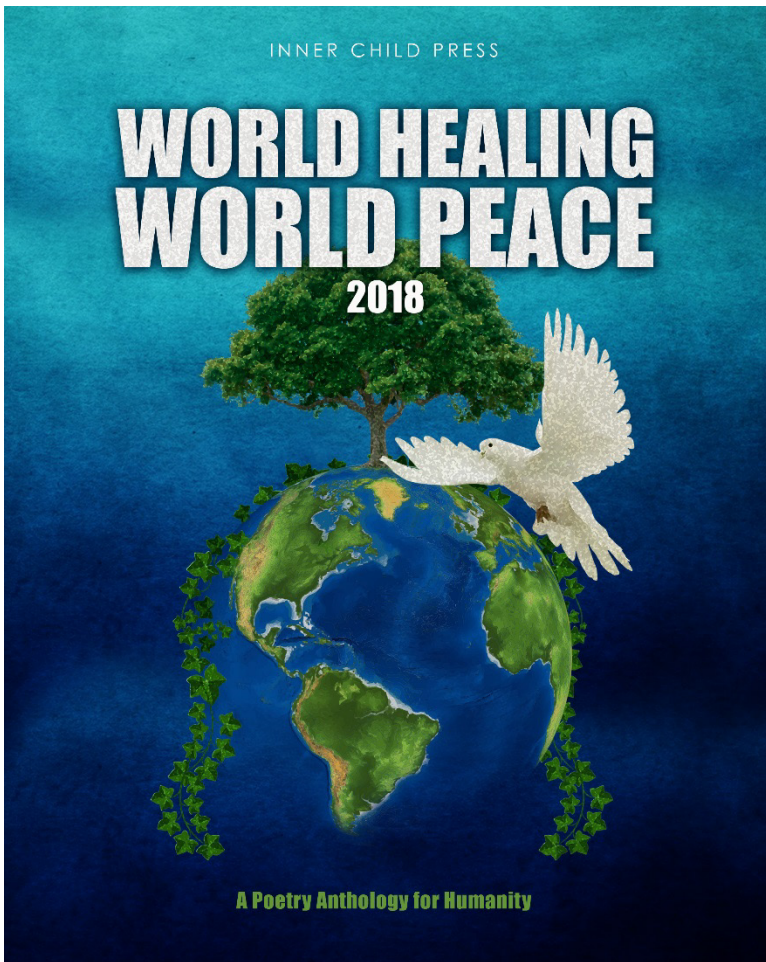
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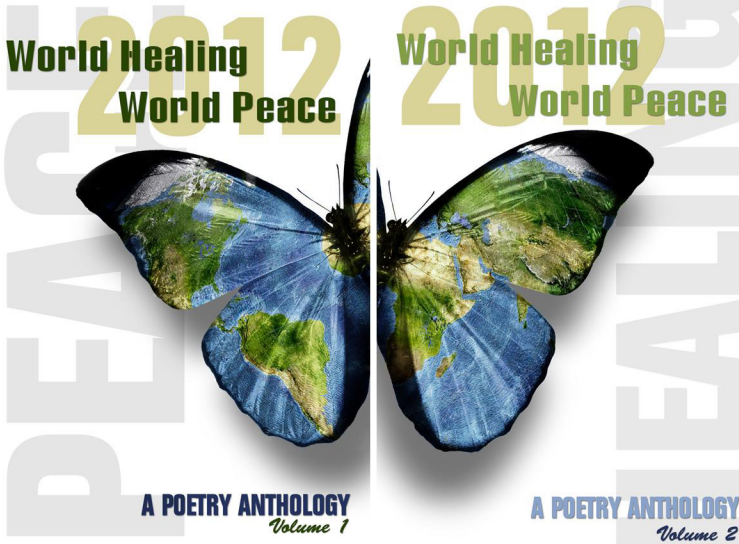
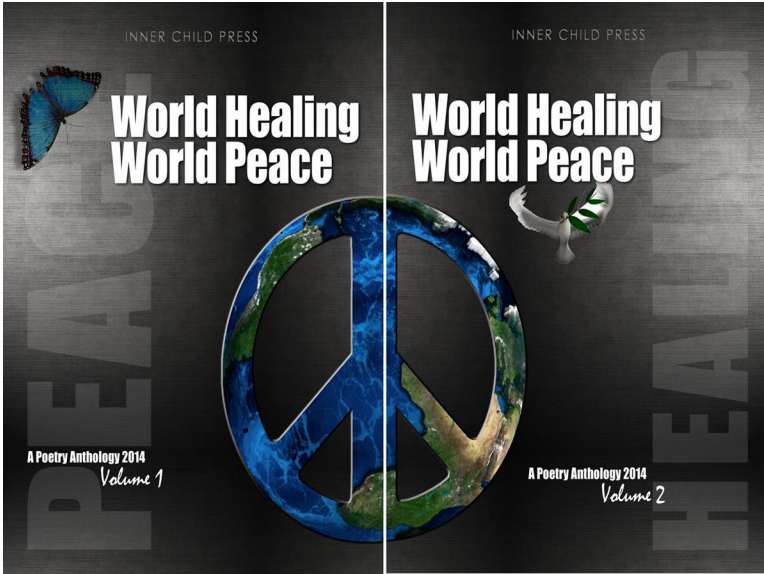


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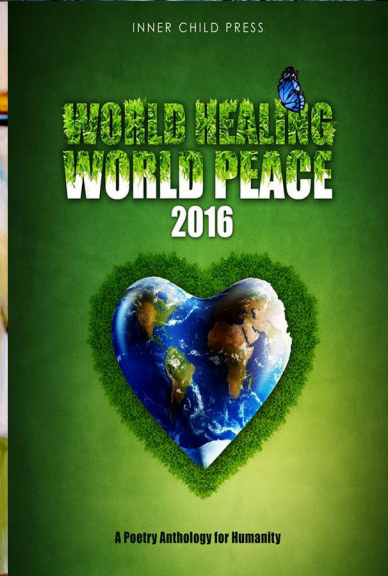
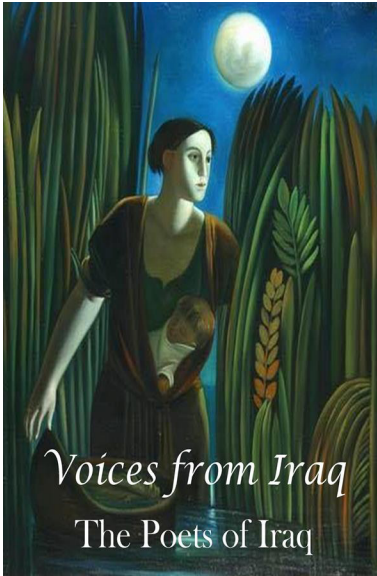
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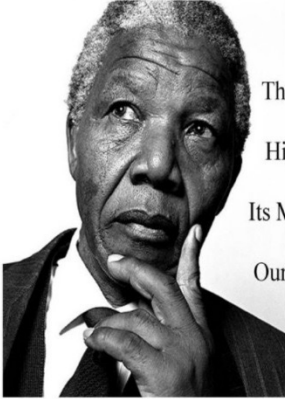
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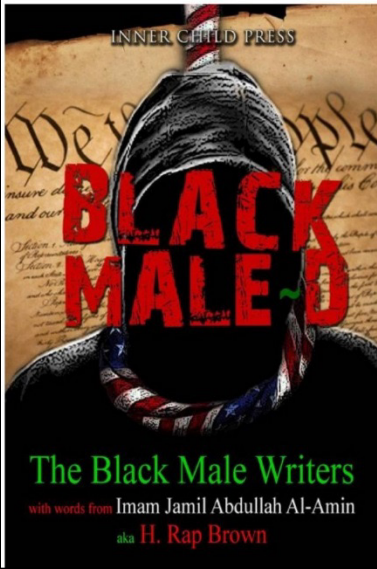
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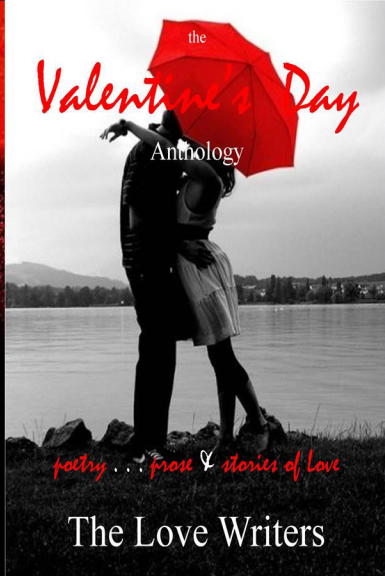
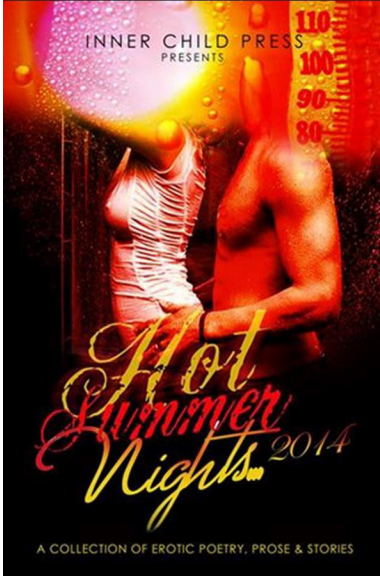
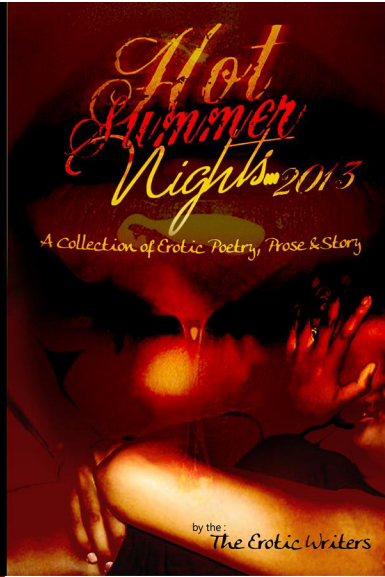
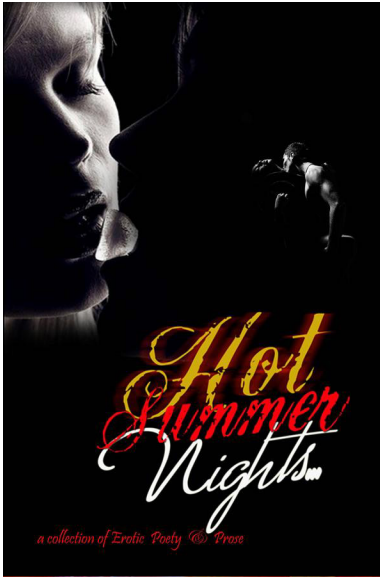
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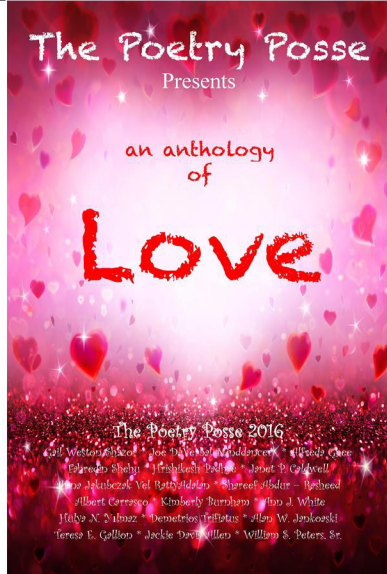
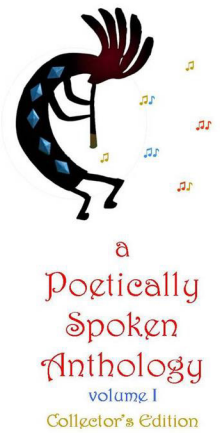
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June 2015

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



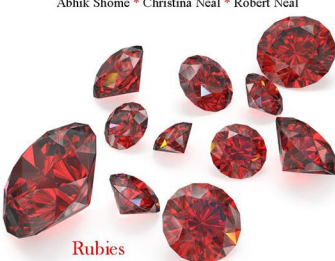
Pearl

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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015
Abhik Shome * Christina Neal * Robert Neal



Rubies


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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets
Gayle Howell
Ann Chalasaz
Christopher Schultz




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Sapphires

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Opal

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 Bismay Mohanty
 James Moore



Topaz

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Turquoise

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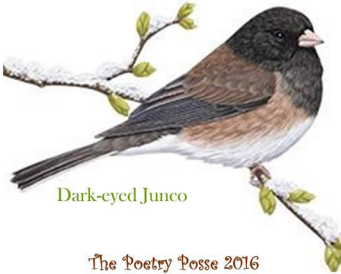
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph * Atom Cyrus Rush * Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

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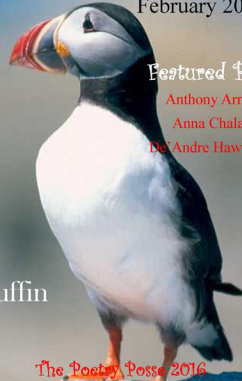
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February 2016

Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold
 Anna Chalas
 Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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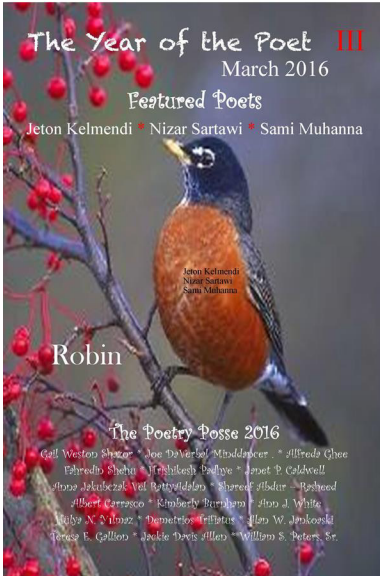
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March 2016

Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi * Nizar Sartawi * Sami Muhanna



Robin

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Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei
 Anna Chalas
 Agim Vinca
 Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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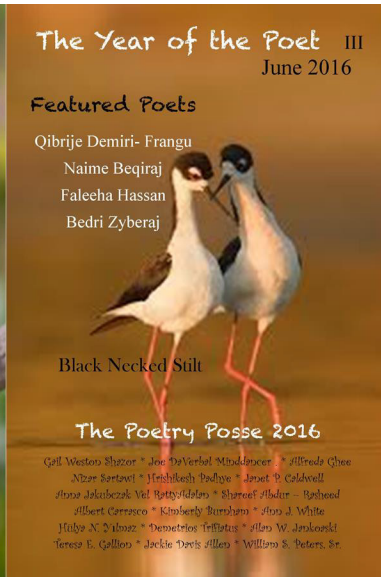


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Featured Poets
Bob Strum
Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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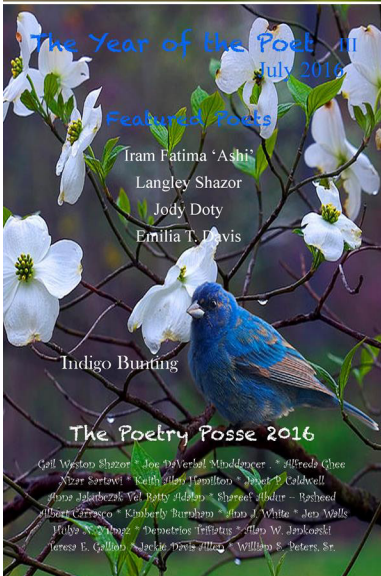


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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu
Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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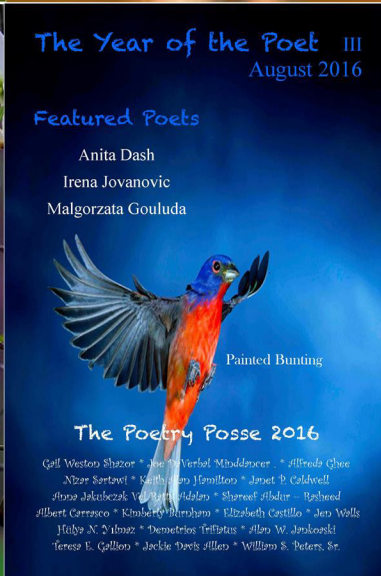


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July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Long Billed Curlew

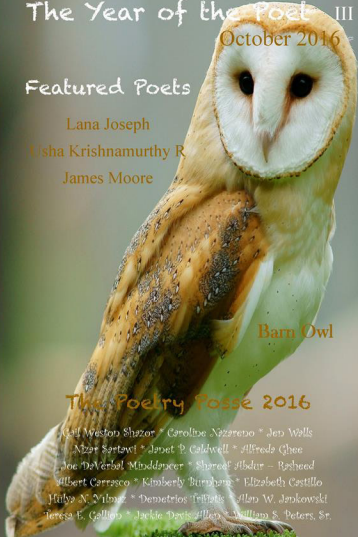
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Featured Poets

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Usha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl


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November 2016

Featured Poets

Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal


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December 2016

Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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Quaking Aspen

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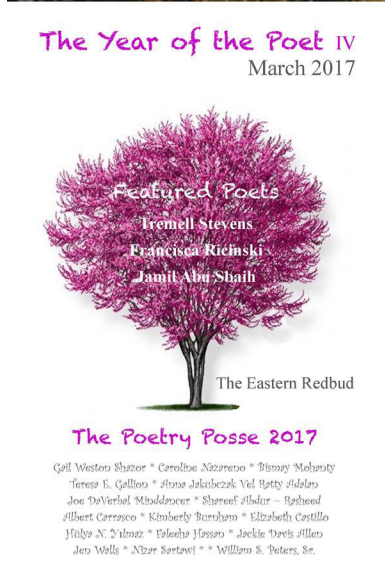


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Sunkaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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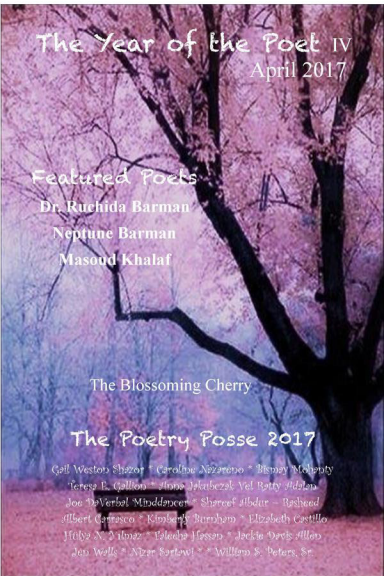


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Trenell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Sbah

The Eastern Redbud

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Featured Poets
Dr. Ruchida Barman
Nephtune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Fethi Sassi

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Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir
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Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



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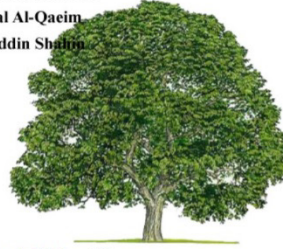
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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shalim

The Black Walnut Tree



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Featured Poets

Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



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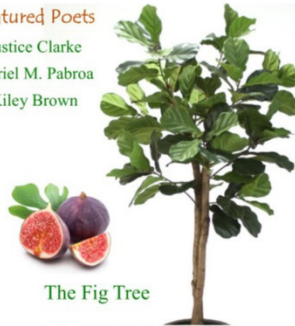
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Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown

The Fig Tree



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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram
Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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March 2018

Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman



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Alicja Maria Kuberska * Teresa E. Gallion
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April 2018

Featured Poets

Suzak Abu-Law
Swagata Bohara
Nurhan Goren
Suzanne Hoqueij



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Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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Faleeha Hassan * Elizabeth Castillo * Swapna Behera
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June 2018

Featured Poets
Bilal Maliqi * Daim Miflari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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July 2018

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

Oceania




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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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



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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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Joanna Kalinowska
Sokolović Emir
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarti

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Indigenous North Americans



Dream Catcher

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

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February 2019

Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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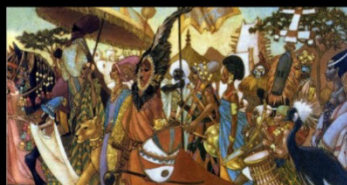
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DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



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Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Shola Balogun * Bharati Nayak
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia


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Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



The Nile Valley
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Rozalia Aleksandrova * Orbindu Ganga
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleida



Northern Asia
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Rahim Karim (Karimov) * Sujata Paul
Bharati Nayak * Kapardeli Eftichia



Oceania
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1901 Jean Henry Dumant and Frédéric Passy



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Jennifer Ades * Martina Reisz Newberry
Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

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Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato * Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

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Efichia Kapardeli * Metin Cengiz
Hussein Habasch * Koshi K. Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

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Mykola Martyniuk * Orbindu Ganga
Roula Pollard * Kam Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta * Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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October 2020

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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November 2020

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Elisa Mascia * Sue Lindenberg McClelland
Hatif Janabi * Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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Ratan Ghosh * Ibtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady
Brindha Vinodh * Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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Shakil Kalam * Changming Yuan

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



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February 2021

Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas: 1968 Olympics mural



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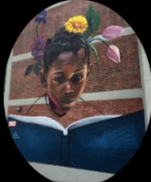
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Luzviminda Rivera * Nigar Arif

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



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Rozalia Aleksandrova * Shahid Abbas

Pablo O'Higgins



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Diego Rivera



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Tareq al Karmy * Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



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Ngozi Olivia Osuoha * Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



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Pankhuri Sinha * Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



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Suranjit Gain * Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



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Tanja Ajtic * Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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Orbinda Ganga * Fadaïro Tesleem

Anthony Arnold * Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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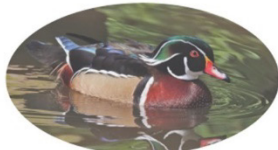
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Climate Change and Trees



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Climate Change and Animals



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Climate Change and Agriculture



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Climate Change and Oil and Power



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Selma Kopic * Ibrahim Honjo

Climate Change: Time to Act



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Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



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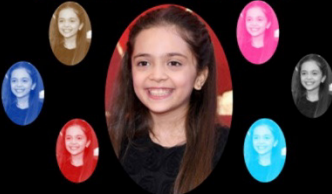
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Innocence
Daisy



Joy
Marigold



Longing
Camellia

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Curiosity
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Fear
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Frustration
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Sorrow
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Resilience
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Self Doubt
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Grief
Chrysanthemums

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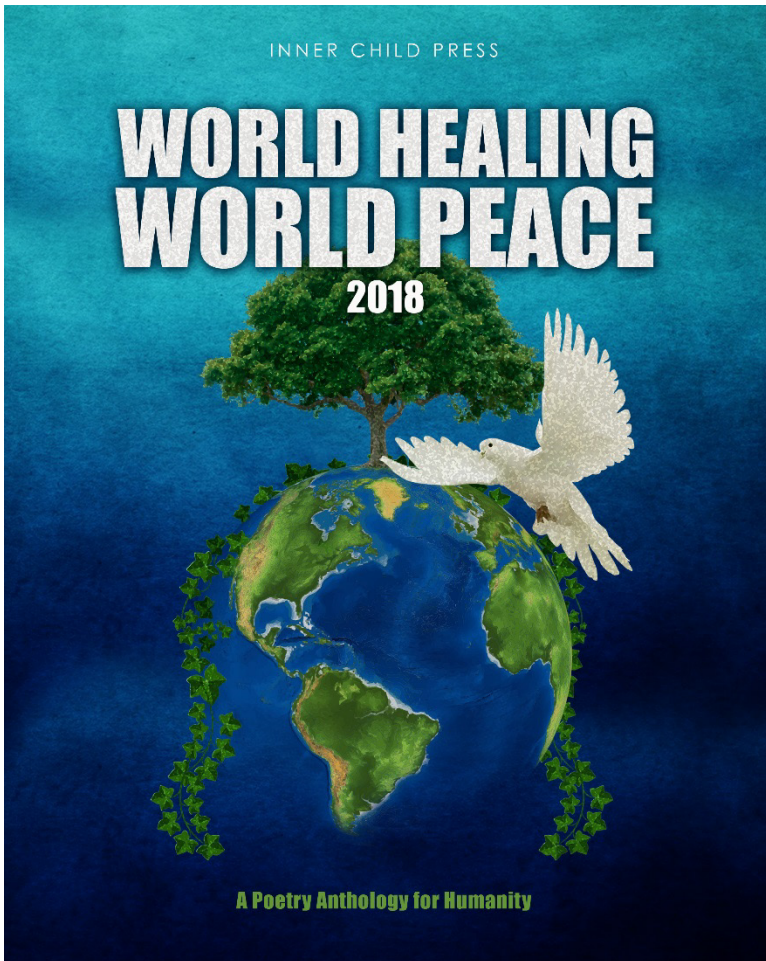


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