

# The Year of the Poet XIII

March 2026

## Featured Global Poets

Dr. Priyanka Neogi \* Keya  
Niloy Rafiq \* Paraskevi Memou



## The Zulu Civilization

### The Poetry Posse 2026

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Til Kumari Sharma \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Elizabeth Castillo \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Segiet  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Khalice Jaçe  
Kimberly Burnham \* William S. Peters, Sr.

The  
Year  
of the  
Poet XIII

March 2026

**The Poetry Posse**

*inner child press, ltd.*

*'building bridges of cultural understanding'*

# The Poetry Posse 2026

Gail Weston Shazor  
Til Kumari Sharma  
Teresa E. Gallion  
hülya n. yılmaz  
Noreen Snyder  
Tzemin Ition Tsai  
Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo  
Khalice Jade  
Mutawaf Shaheed  
Caroline ‘Ceri’ Nazareno  
Ashok K. Bhargava  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Swapna Behera  
Albert ‘Infinite’ Carrasco  
Kimberly Burnham  
Eliza Segiet  
William S. Peters, Sr.

~ \* ~

In order to maintain each poet’s authentic voice, this volume has not undergone the scrutiny of editing. Please take time to indulge each contributor for their own creativity and aspirations to convey their uniqueness.

hülya n. yılmaz, Ph.D.  
Director of Editing ~  
Inner Child Press International

# General Information

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026 Edition

### The Poetry Posse

**1<sup>st</sup> Edition : 2026**

This Publishing is protected under Copyright Law as a “Collection”. All rights for all submissions are retained by the Individual Author and or Artist. No part of this Publishing may be Reproduced, Transferred in any manner without the prior *WRITTEN CONSENT* of the “Material Owners” or its Representative Inner Child Press. Any such violation infringes upon the Creative and Intellectual Property of the Owner pursuant to International and Federal Copyright Laws. Any queries pertaining to this “Collection” should be addressed to Publisher of Record.

#### **Publisher Information**

**1<sup>st</sup> Edition : Inner Child Press**  
**[intouch@innerchildpress.com](mailto:intouch@innerchildpress.com)**  
**[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)**

Copyright © 2026 : The Poetry Posse

ISBN-13 : 978-1-961498-85-3 (inner child press, ltd.)

**\$ 12.99**

WHAT WOULD  
**L**IFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
**P**OETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

The Poetry Posse  
past, present & future,  
our Patrons and Readers &  
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

# Table of Contents

<i>Foreword</i>	<i>ix</i>
<i>Preface</i>	<i>xi</i>
<i>The Zulu Civilization</i>	<i>xiii</i>

# The Poetry Posse

Gail Weston Shazor	1
Alicja Maria Kuberska	9
Til Kumari Sharma	17
Tzemin Ition Tsai	23
Noreen Snyder	31
Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo	37
Mutawaf Shaheed	47
hülya n. yılmaz	55
Teresa E. Gallion	61
Ashok K. Bhargava	67
Caroline Nazareno-Gabis	73
Swapna Behera	79

Table of Contents . . . *continued*

Albert Carassco	85
Kimberly Burnham	91
Eliza Segiet	99
Khalice Jade	105
William S. Peters, Sr.	113
March's Featured Poets	123
Dr. Priyanka Neogi	125
Keya	131
Niloy Rafiq	139
Paraskevi Memou	145
Inner Child Press News	155
Other Anthological Works	203

# F oreword

## The Zulu Civilization

Shaka Zulu. Who hasn't heard that name?

He presided over what started as a small group of herdsmen and planters and turned them into the army of legend. While that is what we are told to remember, Zulu was a complete society operating on many levels.

Zulu began as one of several tribes of the KwaZulu-Natal province in South Africa. A branch of the southern Bantu, they are closely aligned with Swazi and Zhusa tribes. Today they are the largest single ethnic group in South Africa with numbers topping nine million members.

When European settlers fought with Zulu over land and water resources in the 19th century, they met with a military force organized by Shaka. The goal of the Zulu was simple, protect their people, and their lands, drive the usurpers away and to ensure that they met force with force. The Anglo-Zulu War (1879) proved that they were a military might. A people also known for its rich cultural history. Examples of beadwork, music, dancing and a strong emphasis on respect and community exists not only in South Africa but anywhere Zulus are found.

When we speak of Zulus today it is normally within the framework of celebrations. One of the largest organizations bearing the name is the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club. They are known for their Mardi Gras parade and colorful costumes and use it as a vehicle for benevolence within the New Orleans community. While this may seem far away from the tribal ideals, it is in fact very much aligned with the sense of self governance, community caretaking and providing a social atmosphere previously prevented by the colonizers.

Our history is intertwined with South African history and there is room for a world rooted in family and peace.

Gail Weston Shazor

# Preface

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

As we now in our 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.innerchildpress.com). If you would like to know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :

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

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

Publisher

Inner Child Press International

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# Zulu Civilization



This month we visit the Zulu people of southern Africa. In isiZulu, the word "Zulu" means “sky” or “heaven” and by extension can relate to weather or above the earth. Think of this as a perspective, a view from above, the big picture view, or what is coming to us from above or beyond us.

Zulu poet, Mazisi Kunene wrote, "Sleep tried to split us apart / But the great dream created a new sun." Is there someone or something that creates a new sun in your life every day?

B. W. (Benedict Wallet) Vilakazi, a pioneer of modern isiZulu poetry says, “Gushed a spring that will never dry up...” in his poetic tribute “About Vilakazi”. Consider the importance of water in your life. Where does your water come from? Is there rain from above?

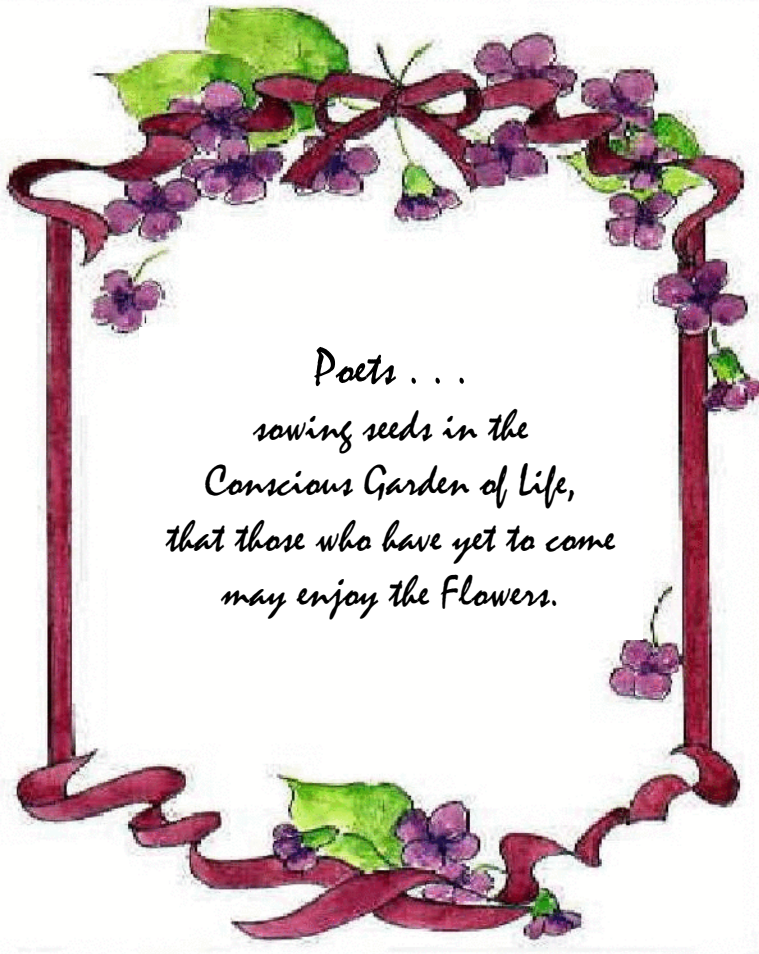
D. B. Z. Ntuli takes this line in a tribute poem "Bhambatha" saying, “Under the stone of deprivation and pain, / Gushed a spring that will never dry up ... / I enquired about their source of sustenance and this was pointed out to me, / I rushed to the spring and drank unceasingly," What comforts and nourishes you?

Kimberly Burnham

(Integrative Medicine)

March 1, 2026

Spokane, Washington



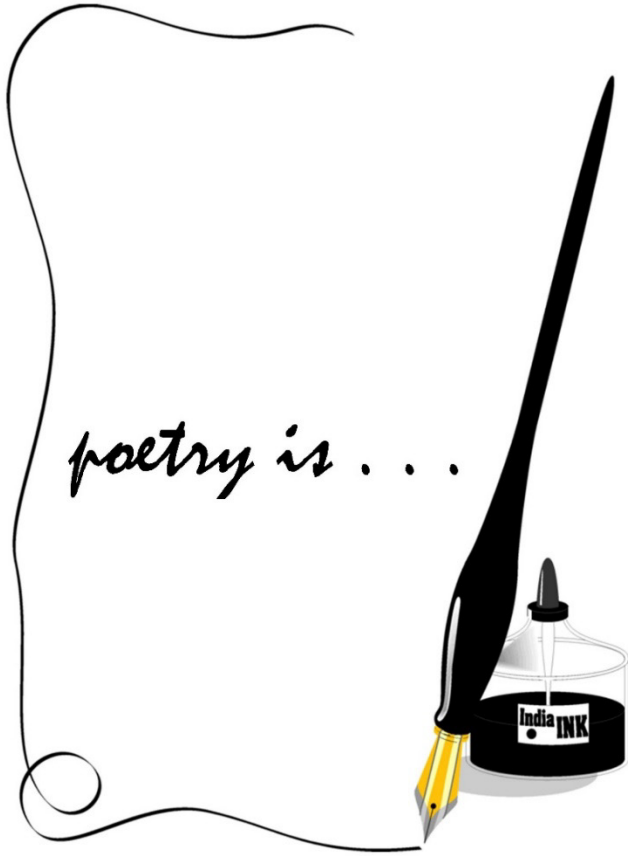
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp



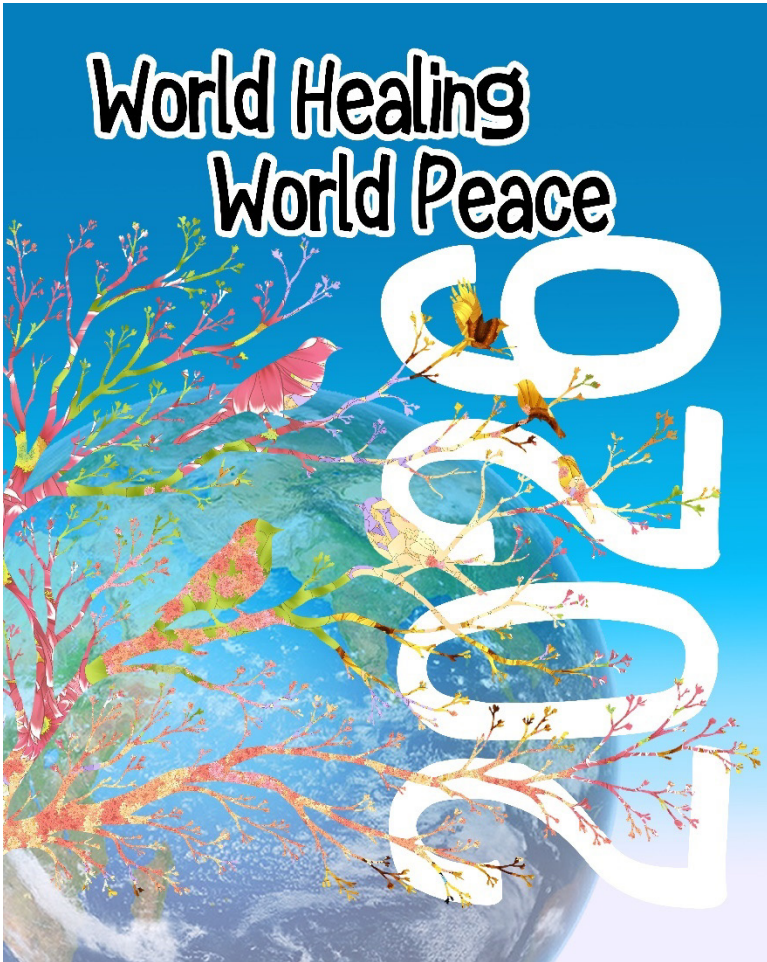


*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

**Now Available**

**Publishing 1 April 2026**



[worldhealingworldpeace@gmail.com](mailto:worldhealingworldpeace@gmail.com)

Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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.

## Shakalalakaharuph

The drums beat fast  
Staking out a rhythm  
That echoes across the savannah  
Here we are  
Waiting  
Men, sweating  
Not from fear, but anticipation  
Of the good death waiting  
Out near the trees  
Cattle graze quietly  
And the women sing  
While they tend the babes and goats  
We allowed them to stay near  
Not out of necessity  
But friendship  
And now, like all colonizers  
They were cataloguing  
And counting  
And desiring  
What wasn't theirs  
And we will provide them  
With the hellfire of the ancestors

## Forget Me Not

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

## Being Lost

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

We wait  
Until broken hearts  
Blow in pieces  
On the wind

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

# The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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).

## She Who Holds Up the World

I carry the morning in a clay vessel,  
still warm from sleep.  
I carry the morning in my hands,  
that remember every weight.  
Before the day speaks its own name,  
I already know its weight.  
My hands smell of milk and smoke,  
the warmth of clay that still dreams.  
My knees remember the redness of the earth.  
When I knead the clay,  
time softens beneath my fingers  
and consents to endure.  
Beaded ornaments  
speak for me in colors:  
red — I loved,  
white — I wait,  
black — I remember,  
gold — I endure.  
Night sits with me without questions.  
In the crackle of the fire I hear the ancestors  
and learn patience  
that does not yield.  
I do not carry a spear,  
yet I know the weight of war—  
it dwells in longing and tears,  
in fearful waiting  
for the sound of familiar steps.  
When the men dance,  
the land trembles with their strength.  
When women stand beside them,  
the world knows  
who holds it up.

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

I am a Zulu woman.  
I was not written into battles,  
yet without me  
no song  
would ever have a beginning—  
no song, never.

## Shadows

Shadows of invisible people pass us by,  
gray, tattered by the wind,  
in worn shoes and dirty coats.  
They do not fit the elegant shop windows,  
the gleaming bodies of the newest cars,  
the subtle scents of perfume and expensive watches.  
Shadows live by the rhythm of the city.  
They appear and vanish without a sound,  
leaving no trace of their existence.  
The fabric of the metropolis swallows people whole.  
The line between being and non-being —  
a few unpaid installments of a loan.

## A Drop

To be a drop of honey,  
a trace of sweetness  
on the tip of the tongue,  
the scent of linden,  
amber glow,  
fertility sealed in taste.

To be a remedy  
for sorrow and illness,  
a comfort  
on a cloudy day,  
a spellbound ray of sun,  
the fruit of labour.

To be only a little drop  
in the human ocean.

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Til  
Kumari  
Sharma

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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.

## Zulu

The endurable position in the race refers to Zulu.

The Zulu refers to African culture.

The beauty of equality is there.

The African race is equally built.

The group is in Southern Africa.

The community of black race demands equal beauty of  
delight.

The beauty inside is equally produced.

The beauty is shining in the worth.

The life of darkness is in the racial beauty.

The half-light is there.

The shining attachment of equal struggle is there.

The half beauty of race is there.

To bring equal rights to Zulu is religion.

## Silent Struggle

Unseen is my struggle.

The hidden tears are making oceans.

The beauty inside is the worth of struggle.

The soundless tears are beautified.

The worth of the hidden struggle is lively and healthy.

The beauty inside the moral is alive.

The silence is the light against the enemy.

The soundless beauty is eloped.

The enemy of egoist tells me mad.

So, the mind of them is lowest.

The shining sound is in the art.

The hidden crime of family is full of greed.

Making videos by an enemy family is injustice to me.

And then I see them in the mirror of silence.

The silent enemy to disrespect me is from our own family.

## Journey of the Art

Art is the justice to show.

Art is a dignified talent.

No one can win against it.

It is my child's identity.

It is my historical dignity.

Art is my existing phenomenon.

It is my talent walking to win life.

It is my worth of life.

My ocean of ethical identity appears with an art of discipline.

It is my symbolic mirror to make down to my enemies.

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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.

## Cowbells As Clocks, When The Wind Combs The Tall Grass

The wind arrives first, combing the tall grass into a single direction.

The grass-waves carry no punctuation, pause the sentence, and it is blown away.

A cowbell rings once, and the village clock rises from sleep.

Only then do I learn that time, too, can graze, slowly, and chew its hours again.

Sweet grass at the mouth of the slope, sour grass on the far side: two faces of the heart.

Red earth splits, then closes, swallowing footprints back into itself.

Inside the fences of the *umuzi*, smoke preaches no grand doctrine, only come home.

The *isibaya* sits at the center like a seat reserved for ancestors, no roll call required.

Horns curve into question marks, asking after lineage, not an exam.

The hide of the white cow cools slightly in the light, half amulet, half vow.

A herder gathers the herd with whistles, stitching the scattered bodies into formation.

And the wind, as if on its way, drives my darker thoughts back into my chest.

Far off, the *ikhanda* keeps its measured pace; the youth of the *amabutho* is a drumhead drawn tight.

One stamp of the foot, and dust finishes the sentence for them.

Someone lifts an *izibongo*, praise like a résumé, clear-voiced and unboastful.

Listening, listening, she tucks a blue bead, I still trust you, beneath her collar.

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Red beads do not shout, yet they dye the heartbeat with color.

Yellow beads burn too bright: harvest, and jealousy, and the gaze turning away.

Night settles; black beads fasten the weight of marriage into place.

The cowbell rings again, reminding us: love, too, must come home on time.

## The Metallic Scent Before Rain, Thunder Like A Blade's Back That Does Not Cut

The rain has not arrived, yet the air already holds a mouthful of iron.

As if the tongue were set gently against a blade's back, cold, but uninjured.

Thunder sharpens itself in the distance, honing the very bones of cloud.

Tall grass stops its whispering; the whole plain holds its breath like a hall awaiting judgment.

Cracked dry soil reads like an old contract, urging the sky to press its seal.

Water in an earthen jar murmurs softly, as though rehearsing for rain.

Some fold their hands; some scatter water; some circle the ridge.

A whistle, short, hard, nails a wish into the wind.

An old saying: the one who brings rain also brings life.

Nomkhubulwane does not appear, yet the furrows suddenly stand with dignity.

Like an unseen green, stationed where no ear of grain has yet grown.

The *sangoma's* gaze is still; she knows even clouds can hesitate.

No one waits for a miracle, only for the sky to soften its heart.

Thunder rises again, still the blade's back.

The first drop tests the ground, like an approval stamped on the corner of a page.

The second drop grants passage; the soil returns to damp, its scent like long-missed kin.

Thunder folds away its knife, and the grassland relearns how to breathe.

## Night In The *Isibaya*: Cowhide, Ash, And The Road Back

Night gathers the *umuzi* into a circle, quiet as the period in an ancient line.

The *isibaya* holds the center; wooden posts keep watch over a ring of warm breath.

Cowhide mingles with woodsmoke, household commandments slowly cured by fire.

The cattle do not ask where I have been, only whether I have come back.

Hoofprints line the earth like signposts, pointing toward the oldest name.

Those who say cattle are only property have rarely heard ancestors rest their feet here.

Some prayers must be spoken at the cattle-kraal's edge, or they will drift and lose their way.

And some tears must fall here, too, so they resemble rain, not complaint.

In the end, marriage comes down to this: *lobola* cattle are not merely a "price."

They are a knot made from two bloodlines, tight, yet never meant to choke.

The fire sits low; sparks are small praises, taking attendance for silence.

The cowbell by day, it turns out, was an invitation addressed to home.

Far off, someone practices *ukugiya*, footfalls heavy, as if to stamp fear into the soil.

Darkness grinds everyone to the same grain.

I press my palm to a post and feel it keeps faith better than people do.

Wind passes through the kraal, carrying away ash, and the surplus of words.

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

What remains is the cattle's slow, steady cud-chewing: like  
an old scripture under the breath.  
I follow the scent of smoke back, and the road, tended,  
looked after, holds no thorns.

Noreen  
Snyder

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

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

## Zulu

Shaka and his powerful warriors,  
music and Zulu dances,  
their rich history,  
their unique, colorful beadwork,  
and their storytelling,  
and Mazisi Kunene,  
the greatest Zulu poet.

This is what made  
Zulu's culture  
unique and unforgettable.

## Winter

I leave a bare life,

no secrets,

I stripped away all

the fancy stuff,

just bare trees

and bare branches.

The forests are bare.

I am Winter.

If you don't like the nakedness,

I will cover up with

blanket of snow and ice.

I am Winter.

## Words, My Best Friend

They say diamonds are some women's best friend.

Oh but they weren't talking to me. For words  
are my sidekick and it will be for life.

Oh, I just love to write for all my life.

It can uplift me, too, just like a friend.

It makes me smile, sad, or angry. These words

I can pen a poem any style. My words

I convey a message to all. My life

will always make room for writing, my friend.

Friend, your words can be there for you, your life.

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo is a multi-awarded and an Internationally-Published Contemporary Author/Poet and a Professional Writer / Creative Writer / Feature Writer / Journalist / Travel Writer from the Philippines. She has 2 published books, "Seasons of Emotions" (UK) and "Inner Reflections of the Muse", (USA). Elizabeth is also a co-author to more than 60 international anthologies in the USA, Canada, UK, Romania, India. She is a Contributing Editor of Inner Child Magazine, USA and an Advisory Board Member of Reflection Magazine, an international literary magazine. She is a member of the American Authors Association (AAA) and PEN International.

### Web links:

#### Facebook Fan Page

<https://free.facebook.com/ElizabethEsguerraCastillo>

#### Google Plus

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/+ElizabethCastillo>

## The Zulo Tribe

They rise where the land  
folds into itself,  
where earth remembers  
the weight of first footsteps.  
The Zulo tribe lives  
not on the surface of things  
but beneath—  
in the listening places,  
in the pauses between storms.  
Their homes are shaped from patience,  
their roofs curved like open palms  
catching rain and story alike.  
Fire is sacred,  
but silence is holier.  
They speak in rhythms,  
not haste.  
Each word is earned,  
each name a history.  
Children learn early  
that the ground is alive,  
that roots are elders  
and stones have witnessed everything.  
The Zulo do not fear the dark.  
They call it the first teacher.  
From it they learn endurance,  
from it they draw vision.  
When one falls,  
the tribe gathers—not to mourn alone,  
but to remember what must be reborn.  
Their songs are low and deep,  
beating like a second heart

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

beneath the soil.  
They sing of loss  
as they sing of harvest,  
knowing both feed the future.  
If you meet the Zulo,  
they will not ask who you are—  
only where you have been broken,  
and what you carried back whole.  
For the Zulo tribe believes  
a people survives  
not by conquering the earth,  
but by belonging to it.

## What the Echo Keeps

The earth remembers  
every secret buried in her ribs.  
The echo is not emptiness—  
it is a keeper.  
It keeps the whispers  
we are too ashamed to speak  
into daylight.  
It keeps the broken vows,  
the almos,ts,  
the if-onlys  
wrapped in damp soil.  
I leaned over its edge  
once—  
heard my own voice  
rising from below.  
It sounded younger.  
It sounded braver.  
Inside that dark throat  
was a mirror made of shadow.  
It did not flatter.  
It did not lie.  
It showed me  
the parts of myself  
I tried to discard—  
anger like rusted iron,  
love like a cracked bowl  
still holding water.  
The echo does not judge.  
It only holds.  
And when you are ready,  
it returns what you buried—  
transformed,

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

fermented into wisdom,  
heavy but necessary  
as rain-soaked earth  
in your palms.

## Beneath the Surface

They fear the abyss  
because it looks like ending.  
A dark punctuation mark  
on the body of land.  
But I have learned  
that descent  
is a kind of pilgrimage.  
You go down  
to measure your own depth.  
You go down  
to hear the language  
roots speak—  
slow, deliberate,  
older than fear.  
Inside the hollow,  
silence is not absence.  
It is a teacher.  
It asks nothing  
but honesty.  
It strips you  
of applause,  
of masks,  
of the glittering armor  
you polish for the world.  
What remains  
is raw and breathing.  
When you emerge,  
you will still carry darkness—  
but it will no longer frighten you.  
For you have walked  
through the belly of it,  
and found

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

that even there  
something tender grows.  
The abyss is not a fall.  
It is an unfolding downward  
before the rise.

# The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# Mutawaf Shaheed

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

[www.innerchildpress.com/c-e-shy.php](http://www.innerchildpress.com/c-e-shy.php)

## Free Man

Free men see clearer than those  
who don't oppose the Status Quo.  
Fear and disdain of repression over  
taking the will to be a free man,  
is when you can see the real man  
take a stand, to raise their hand in  
the face of oppression 's demands.

Free men establishing themselves  
as resistance to the master plan.  
Never thought of becoming a pawn.  
Never thought of the hero that history  
would look upon as a man that  
believed in what he said and did.  
The will to be free overcame the  
possibility of poverty.

Knowing sacrifice was a devise that  
would be used to keep free men free.  
Cut off by a system that never cared  
about the down trodden, Don was one  
of the ones that said, OH NO!

then took to the streets to repeat the  
message that said, to continue the struggle  
was the way to go. All the way to the end.  
Free men never give in, until there was no  
more road to go.

## Poking Fun

I come from a background where intensity mattered.  
Then spending time slowing down just enough to dig  
myself , then right back to where I was at by the end  
of the day I was still trying. Some guys I met in inner  
space, were flying and reshaped the landscapes.

Moving past dying minutes and hours. Offering  
condolences  
and flowers for those who got in the way. Picking up stray  
thoughts then making them play much harder. Unknown  
notes linger in the back of my mind. Too late to sing along  
with Mitch.

Slow, poking at limited minds. When they look,  
they then listen, then cringe from the sound of it. Biting off  
more than the mind can chew. Being half happy wondering  
where the rest went? Followed up with split decisions that  
got lost in the fray .Self- deluded into obsolesce ,attempting  
to drag the plantation on his way to Ibrahim's station.

Couldn't get away from Samboism. Left themselves in the  
dust.  
Spending days and nights in delusion. Getting caught in  
catch  
phrases. Feeding imbecilic suckers negro sandwiches to  
make  
tow the lines that they always have been pulling. Told by  
their  
friends they would start killing them if they stopped  
thrilling  
them , if they stopped kissing their feet. They just kept  
billing  
them

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

They still keep billing them. Keeping the worst thing first.

Reading

horror stories to his kids reminding them, if they want keep this

thing they took, they must do what their grand dads did.

They have

to sacrifice their lives for Mammon even if they see their lives in

shambles. Convincing them life is like the movies. To smile in the

people's face then stab them in the back telling them some god

they made up will bless you.

Never take the blame, say the weather did it, say the black people did it. Having shame is a sham. If a pastor tells you to

stop being cruel he is tricking you. Take, take, take, when you

get it all don't make the mistake and don't hesitate by leaving

a single witness behind, just kill them all, don't wait.

Everybody

is your enemy if they are not a friend to me.

Eliminate them. By now you got to be tired hearing about being

human. Did you say your mom and dad was color struck?

There

is one thing that will give some peace is the fact that you at least

admit you are a beast. Enjoy your holidays anyways.

## Who Knew

Who knew, the Zulu would  
be facing the destruction of  
their nation, one that had  
existed long before the sicko  
white man came.

They stood to remain a people  
who would resist the pain and  
subjugation from something that  
was foreign and inhumane.

Wearing the crowns that were  
handed down from father to son ,  
thinking of the battles they fought  
and won.

That was enough to inspire  
one to maintain his freedom by  
standing his ground against a  
savage invader from who the heck  
knew where.

An evader who said that what they  
had should belong to him and he  
should be the inheritors of the Zulu's  
land. Who knew that before it was  
through the Zulu people would still  
stand.

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

hülya  
n.  
yılmaz

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Liberal Arts Professor Emerita, hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is Co-Chair and Director of Editing Services at Inner Child Press International, a published author, ghostwriter, and translator (EN, DE, and TU; in any direction). Her literary contributions appeared in a large number of national and international anthologies.

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

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

Writing Web Site

<https://hulyanyilmaz.com/>

Editing Web Site

<https://hulyasfreelancing.com>

## The Zulu

“Sky,” the Zulu, a small Nguni clan of 1574  
witnessed a transformation  
into a kingdom of high power  
in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. As such, the Zulus’  
resistance against the colonialist British  
has entered the pages of history books  
as a notable force to reckon with in South Africa.

The British dream of ruling this ethnic group,  
thus, turned into the colonialists’ unforgettable nightmare.

## IsiZulu (Zulu)

There are hundreds of siNtu, aka Southern Bantu Language families. And then, there is IsiZulu - With approximately 27 million speakers, South Africa's widest spoken native tongue, The region's official language.

Five primary clicks of consonants as phonemes Characterize IsiZulu. And then, as a tonal language, It has three main tonemes—low, high, and falling. Since Pitch distinguishes word meaning, with IsiZulu using A high-low tone structure in speech, fifteen distinct click Sounds are created.

## Zulu Clicks

### 1. C . . .

Needed:

The tip of the tongue and

The forepart of the upper mouth.

To produce the click:

First, press the first “needed” against the latter,

And then withdraw it.

### 2. X . . .

Imagine that you are exasperating,

Or urging a horse on to greater speed . . .

### 3. Q . . .

Needed:

The front part of the tongue and

The upper part of the mouth.

On to producing the click:

Press the first against the latter,

And then release the first sharply.

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



Teresa E. Gallion is a seeker on a journey to work on unfolding spiritually in this present lifetime. Writing is a

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

spiritual exercise for Teresa. Her passions are traveling the world and hiking the mountain and desert landscapes of the western United States. Her journeys into nature are nurtured by the Sufi poets Rumi and Hafiz. The land is sacred ground and her spiritual temple where she goes for quiet reflection and contemplation. She has published five books: *Walking Sacred Ground*, *Contemplation in the High Desert*, *Chasing Light*, a finalist in the 2013 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards, *Scent of Love*, a finalist in the 2021 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards and *Come Egypt* in 2024. She has two CDs, *On the Wings of the Wind* and *Poems from Chasing Light*. Her work has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies.

Website: <http://teresagallion.yolasite.com/>

Zulu Warrior

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

The footsteps of those who sing at first light  
carry a lineage in every breath stroke of blood  
that reaches their feet in the dance of survival.

Wind whispers the songs that honor earth.  
A proud nation stands tall behind the shield of ancestors.  
The land trembles in the footprints of Zulu pride.

The drums beat in the sacred rhythm like thunder  
and the roar of a lion as warriors dance.  
Rivers carry the ancestor's stories.

Children learn early at the feet of the elders.  
Zulu is a great nation  
with a strong history of endurance.

People stand tall beneath the African sky.  
They live with unbroken pride, unshaken spirits,  
destined to endure so long as the earth soil stirs.

Solitudes Five

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Solitude is like a vintage wine.  
It tastes like the letter T.  
The first letter of my name  
spits sweet honey in your lap.

Come sit next to me  
and the sweet energy of love  
will roar like a delicate thunder  
all around us.

We can be partners in the universe,  
share the ecstasy of deep space.  
Let us kiss the hand of Spirit  
with devotion together as one.

The Beloved is paddling next to us.  
That is why the river sings so loud  
and your inner child giggles.

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

When I sit quietly  
wrapped in my desert joy,  
I stare at Pedernal Mountain  
smoking clouds and I smile.

I sat on her nipple in my youth  
with my fellow hikers.  
I know the joyfulness 100 miles  
of nature's artistic palette  
sings in a 360-degree blessing.

What say you my prickly pair friends  
looking up from below?  
What endless magnificence blesses your view.  
I am humbled to share this experience  
on a nipple touching the clouds.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

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

## Heartbeat of the Zulu

I marvel at a heart  
beating strong through the tides of change,  
as new nations rise and politics shift.

The drums of the past still speak,  
their rhythm threading through modern streets.

Warriors, poets, ancestors—they linger,  
their voices shaping who walks here today.

Even as the world rearranges itself,  
this spirit bends but does not break.

In every step, every story,  
the pulse carries forward, fierce and luminous.

## Wind Through Grass

The hills remember every footstep,  
and the sun leans in, witnessing their courage.  
Rivers carry the steady whispers of ancestors.

They move like wind through grass—  
purposeful, alive, unbroken.  
Every gesture holds a story,  
every glance speaks of belonging.

Read their history, and the world softens,  
its chaos drifting off like dust from a shield.  
A pulse rises in your chest,  
beating in time with theirs—strong, unwavering.

Pride lives here quietly,  
not in triumph, but in being—  
rooted in earth, open to sky,  
alive with a peace you can feel.

## Enduring Pulse

The drums once summoned the dawn,  
their echoes still trembling in the valleys.  
A kingdom built on courage,  
on the sharp edge of strategy and song,  
its triumphs threaded through the wind.

Ageless, they whisper—  
not in glory alone, but in the ache  
that settles over fields and homesteads,  
the quiet weight of the scars of conflict, of what endures.  
The legacy—a wound and a song,  
its pulse in every river, every path.

It lingers in the air,  
shaping the daily breath of the land,  
a story that refuses to age.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

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

Links to her works:

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

[https://apwriters.org/author/ceri\\_naz/](https://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/)

<http://www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html>

## Shaka and Nguni Chant

Oh Shaka, The Spear of the Storm!  
Beat the drum, it's time to be reborn,  
Hear the voices of celebration,  
The Efe's tales of satire and comedy,  
Dance and movements of a social occasion.

Oba, The King, see him dance,  
The nature plays with the spirit,  
While the children form in masquerade,  
War chiefs and hunters' trance in rhythmic foot patterns.

Shaka, Shaka! The Thunder's Beam  
Nguni, Nguni, The Eternal Name!  
Blade and Earth as they stand,  
Dance of the soul, Song of the Land!

## Beyond A Golden Heart

Yali is nice, Yali is sweet,  
She makes us happy deep inside,  
Our dazzling sunshine, our clear sky,  
Our vibrant artist who paints love and smiles,  
Yali's heart is shiny gold,  
A born leader, charming and bold,  
A story of a beautiful soul that we all hold.

## Me Niche

there is always a comforting tunnel:  
niche, berth, event,  
and other dimensions of ordeals  
where you can reflect,  
the love and understanding  
of those travelers or encounters with different histor(y)/-  
ies) in your life--  
from the memory lane to wanderlust,  
from a simple adventure,  
from a selfie shot,  
from an unplanned self-care treat  
or just a "me time";  
leave the troubles,  
it's integral part of you,  
becoming stronger today,  
be inspired, be gentle,  
light your heart with joy,  
always be grateful,  
like what you do selfless  
mindfulness,  
it's all about you.

# Swapna Behera

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



Swapna Behera is a trilingual poet, translator, environmentalist, editor from India and author of seven

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

Email

[swapna.behera@gmail.com](mailto:swapna.behera@gmail.com)

Web Site

<http://swapnabehera.in/>

zulu

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

the NGUNI  
ethnic group  
Zulu an endonym  
celebrates  
deep rooted culture  
valuing  
respect  
ancestry  
and  
tradition  
rich history  
colourful beadwork  
legendary warriors  
advanced military tactics  
creating weapons  
beadwork  
as a form of communication  
different bead patterns  
used to convey messages  
to express

yebo ,Kuhlonishwa Kabili

(N.B;- yebo ,Kuhlonishwa Kabili means in zulu language means “ Respect is two-way”)

the carnage

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

when the round alphabets  
become epitaphs of blood  
in the name of religion  
the eyeballs bulge crystal death  
we sing many anthems  
epilogues convert into prologues  
all egos merge to be superego  
perceptions change  
the child becomes orphan  
why can't the monsters understand?  
ally turns enemy  
where are the memory creators  
ordinary days are deleted  
with the fear and smoke of the bullets  
war is a stinky smell in the news paper  
massacre needs lot of coffins  
dusts can never march in the funeral  
gunshot and bullets are black spots  
of the history  
plant the Gul mohar  
on the scripts of  
an unedited poem  
that stitches  
the canopy of stars  
freedom is a feeling  
carnages are shame on the tapestry of time  
and they call it civilization!

the last bench of the station platform

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

playground of light and shadow  
some ants in a line  
carrying pieces of bread  
a bitch sleeping under the bench  
assured that her puppies will come  
for feeding sure  
the mad woman sleeping on the bench  
five months pregnant  
never knows who is the father of her baby  
the vender threw the garbage in the corner  
the last train of 11,40 has left the station  
night is dense, waiting for the dawn  
leakage of the water tap  
tip tap, tip tap  
perhaps the heartbeat of the station  
the station master closes the files  
far in the signal point the glow worms  
the rumbling sound of the train is fading  
near the banyan tree  
hangs the torn clothes and some bangles  
someone has worshipped the tree  
or the ghost  
long before a lady has committed suicide  
down lane the goods train stops this night  
life sings for the dawn  
woman is hungry  
the ants are carrying bread pieces  
the watch man comes  
near the mad woman with a packet of food  
co-existence in the winter night  
tea stall is closed  
the mad woman dreams food  
hunger can twist the ribs  
anyone can be pregnant  
with the whistle of the verses

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



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

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

Infinite poetry @lulu.com

Alcarrasco2 on YouTube

Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

[www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html](http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html)

[www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco](http://www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco)

Zulu

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

You can hear what sounds like a stampede when you hear  
the footsteps from charging Zulu,  
Drums of thunder, war chants from warriors, if you're a  
target a short spear will push right  
through you.  
Shields for protection, faith in ancestors will protect them,  
unmatched courage delivers bravery  
during mayhem, footsteps beat to conquering rhythm.  
War tactics along with brave hearts brought enemies massive  
pain especially when long spears  
flew through the sky to fall like rain  
Their discipline came from hunger and pride, when they  
were feeling lost, those ancestors  
became guides.  
The mighty Shaka led them, each one teach one, knowledge  
of strength and power is what  
helped form a mighty empire.  
When left alone they're cattle herders and farmers, when  
antagonized that's when you feel the  
power of Africa,  
Their history can never be erased or replaced, it is embedded  
in millions of hearts throughout  
the land they've graced.

Take a peak

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

I wish I could take a peek without out having to leave. I know everyone is okay, I just want a chance to see if what my mind believes it to be is reality. Is it an ageless forever? Is it an endless summer? or just a bright infinity? I want to see what takes place and wonder if they see me peeking, what would be the look on their face? If they want to hold me, would I be felt? If they want to talk to me, would I be able to hear, and would they be able to hear my I love you belts? Or is it like here, where they see us but can't talk to or feel us? If my wish could come true, I'll be peeking through the sky up to the platform where souls fly.

Hope

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Hope is the one thing in life that I'll never give up. Hope gave me a reason to look forward to another day. No matter how hard life was to me, I would just pray for the best while expecting the worst. There were always more bad times than good times, so the norm to me was chaos and misery. I knew the sun would come out tomorrow before the Little Orphan Annie, it just took many tomorrows before the dark cloud left and life got sunny. I got a chance to eat when I was hungry, I got a place to sleep with a permanent roof over me and my family, we finally got the opportunity to live contentedly without the assistance of the government for food, clothing, and shelter. That's what I call fulfillment. We broke the chains of poverty that was passed on for years and years from parents to children as an unwanted tradition; hope was how we ended monetary oppression. Now I pass down hope from generation to generation with words of encouragement and motivation. I share my experience with trial and tribulation with the world to show that giving up should never be an option.

Kimberly  
Burnham

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

A brain health expert (PhD in Integrative Medicine) and award-winning poet, Kimberly Burnham lives with her wife and family in Spokane, Washington. Kim speaks extensively on peace, brain health, and *"Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind, a Daily Brain Health Program."* She recently published *"Heschel and King Marching to Montgomery A Jewish Guide to Judeo-Tamarian Imagery."* Currently work includes *"Call and Response To Maya Stein an Anthology of Wild Writing"* and a how-to non-fiction book, *"Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets."*

Follow her at <https://amzn.to/4fcWnRB>

## Imparting

Zulu poet, Benedict Bhambatha Walele Vilakazi  
in a poem “Dear Muse! Impart to me today  
your knowledge of my people’s heritage,  
that I, endowed with power to record it,  
may pass it on to Zulus yet unborn!”

And I wonder after 68 years on this earth  
what I have learned to impart  
clean water is essential  
almost as important as kindness and compassion

Peace is not just a word  
it is a state of being  
a way to live and let live  
to pass to all around

“Ukuthula” the Zulu word for peace and quiet  
holds the feeling of stillness  
I listen in stillness

“Uxolo” means peace but also forgiveness  
because we are all human  
we make mistakes  
we are not always kind and compassionate  
but we can wake up each day  
and try to do better

## Readers

“Therefore young reader, hear my voice  
in echoing winds that stir the leaves  
and whisper in the night around the house!”  
the words of Zulu poet, B.W. Vilakazi  
stirs the air in my house

I think of what I write  
why I share my ideas and dreams  
to educate and entertain yes  
but desire comes to me like a breeze  
light yet persistent  
creates ideas that must be shared  
must do good  
and hopefully read

## My Humanity

Desmond Tutu said, “My humanity  
is bound up in yours,  
for we can only be human together.”  
in a land historically torn by racism and conflict

The Constitution of South Africa names 11 official  
languages

So many ways to say peace  
Northern Sotho/Sepedi "Khutšo"  
Sesotho "Kgotso"  
Setswana "Kagiso"  
isiSwati "Lucolo"  
Tshivenda "Mulalo"  
Xitsonga "Ku rhula"  
Afrikaans "Vrede"  
English "Peace"  
isiNdebele "Ukuthula"  
isiXhosa "Uxolo"  
isiZulu "Ukuthula”

And I wonder with so many words of peace  
how can there not be peace  
in a land where peace is spoken  
and hearts open to learning

“Paz” in Spanish  
Cheyenne "Nanomonssetôtse"  
Amerindian Pidgin "Chukma"  
Mennonite Low German "Fräd"  
Chipeway "Inawendiwin"  
Ojibway "Bangan"

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Dakota "Wóda khota"  
Haida "Dláaya"  
and so many more ...

Havasupai-Walapai "ʔčuâyk kyō čí"  
peace literally no more fighting  
Inuktitut "ᐱᐃᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ" [Saimmasimaniq]

We have so many words for peace  
may we find it

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# Eliza Segiet

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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

## Madness

Right beside life  
death is always near.  
So often its echo  
leads the living  
into realms of despair.

Absence hurts! The loss of a mother, a father, a child...  
What remains  
is longing and grief,  
and out of them, irrevocable decisions are born.  
So it was when the mother of King Shaka died –  
he fell into madness.  
He forbade to sow the fields, to drink milk.  
He sealed his mourning with a decree:

*– no man shall  
lie with a woman for a year, under penalty of death.*

The tyrant's despair knew no bounds.  
Every pregnant woman and her husband  
faced annihilation.  
Even cows  
that nursed their calves were slain  
– they, too, were to experience what it meant to lose a  
mother.

All must depart  
kings and subjects,  
great and small  
but no one should ever claim the right

to avenge their suffering.

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*

## Yoke

Marked by  
the yoke of passing away,  
by the end,  
which nobody knows when will come,  
we forget  
that it is worth appreciating every moment.

We look at others  
without thinking  
that we may be seeing them for the last time.  
Their time may be over  
– just like all of us –they may come up to a point  
they will not move beyond anymore.

It is impossible to start all over again!  
Resurrection is not possible either.

Only while still living  
we can repair.

Not to look for excuses, but  
to become better in order to  
to understand the incomprehensible.

Unfortunately!  
Among us there are those  
who will never understand  
why hatred ruled their life.

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## Traces of the Past

Thoughts, sometimes shimmering  
at other times dull,  
involuntarily fade away.  
But there is always something that stays.

Contaminated by the past,  
heirs of genes  
recall  
successes and failures of their forefathers.

In pursuit of their own *self*,  
ancestral demons  
resurface,  
come back from a distant time  
to awake in the mind.

What was once  
– remains.

The mind experienced with possibilities,  
carrying in itself  
traces of the years gone by,  
can choose its own way.

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

Khalice  
Jade

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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.

## La Mémoire Des Lances

Sonnet dans la filiation de la Pléiade

Sous le ciel d'ocre vif où la savane écoute,  
Les pas des anciens battent encore le sol ;  
Chaque lance dressée fut parole et symbole,  
Gardienne de la vie, du clan et de la route.  
Le chant des ancêtres, dans la nuit qui s'ajoute,  
Traverse le tambour comme un pacte loyal ;  
L'homme y naît debout, digne face au chacal,  
Portant l'honneur du sang, sans peur et sans déroute.  
Shaka grava le temps dans l'ordre et la rigueur,  
Non pour nier l'humain, mais l'armer de valeur ;  
La force était serment, la terre, une mémoire.  
Aujourd'hui, sous le vent qui murmure encore leurs noms,  
Les Zoulous nous enseignent, au-delà de l'histoire,  
Que l'homme est debout quand il se sait héritier.

## The Memory Of Spears

Beneath the ochre sky where savannas listen still,  
The footsteps of the elders beat the ground;  
Each raised spear spoke a vow, a sacred sound,  
Guardian of life, of clan, of chosen will.  
The ancestors' chants, when night descends at will,  
Pass through the drum like pacts profoundly bound;  
There man stands tall, no fear of beast nor hound,  
Bearing the blood's own honor, firm and still.  
Shaka carved time with discipline and law,  
Not to deny the soul, but shape its fire;  
Strength was a vow, and land a living lore.  
Today the wind repeats their ancient song,  
The Zulu teach us, far beyond empire,  
That man stands tall when he knows where he's from.

## Le Chemin Des Regards

Sonnet dans la filiation de la Pléiade

Ô regards ouverts où naît l'étincelle claire,  
Qui d'un seul sourire enflamme l'âme et les mains ;  
Sur les sentiers lointains où se perdent nos chemins,  
Une flamme se lève et chasse l'ombre amère.

Les voix s'élèvent, s'unissent et font lumière,  
Tissant des ponts subtils entre nos destins ;  
Et nos histoires mêlées, échos divins,  
Font jaillir la clarté au creux des heures fières.

Un souffle posé fait naître la rencontre,  
Graine de paix semée au sein de la Terre entière ;  
Nos cœurs ouverts s'épanouissent en fleurs.

Ainsi la diversité, humble et profonde,  
Enseigne que l'unité naît d'une cause mère,  
Qui fait que l'autre à nos côtés se fonde.

## The Path Of Gazes

### Cultural Bridges

O open eyes where bright sparks are born,  
A single smile ignites the soul and hands;  
Along distant paths where life's journey expands,  
A flame arises, scattering the forlorn.

Voices rise, unite, and shed their light,  
Weaving subtle bridges between our fates;  
And mingled stories, echoes of the great,  
Bring forth clarity in hours soft and bright.

A gentle breath gives rise to meeting's grace,  
A seed of peace sown deep within the earth;  
Our open hearts in blooms of wonder place.

Thus diversity, humble and profound,  
Teaches that unity springs from shared worth,  
And binds the other firmly to our ground.

## Les Chemins Croisés

Sonnet lyrique humaniste

Sur la route où peuples et récits se croisent,  
Chaque pas devient dialogue silencieux ;  
Un geste, fil fragile, éclaire les cieux,  
Et rapproche les âmes que l'union empoigne et poise.

Les chants anciens résonnent, vibrent et se taisent,  
Les contes d'antan frémissent dans nos mains ;  
Dans l'air chaud des terres et des jours humains,  
Nos âmes découvrent des ponts que rien ne brise.

La richesse naît de l'écoute et de l'échange,  
D'un bras ouvert, d'un cœur offert sans frein ;  
La rencontre dissipe l'ombre étrange et rongé.

Ainsi les cultures se mêlent et se plaisent,  
L'homme devient monde, s'épanche et se déploie,  
Sous la lumière qui éclaire et nous enlace.

## Crossed Paths Cultural Bridges / Diversity

Along the road where peoples and tales meet,  
Each step becomes a silent, speaking bridge;  
A single gesture lights the open ridge,  
And draws together hearts with pulse and beat.

Ancient songs resound, quiver, then fall mute,  
Old stories tremble softly in our hands;  
In heated lands and through our human strands,  
Our souls discover bridges strong and astute.

Richness springs from listening and exchange,  
From open arms, from hearts freely displayed;  
Encounters chase the shadows from their range.

Thus cultures mingle, flourish, and embrace,  
Man becomes a world, unfolding in grace,  
Beneath the light that shines and joins each face.

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

*The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026*



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Bill's writing career spans a period of well over 50 years. Being first Published in 1972, Bill has since went on to Author in excess of 50+ additional Volumes of Poetry, Short Stories, etc., expressing his thoughts on matters of the Heart, Spirit, Consciousness and Humanity. His primary focus is that of Love, Peace and Understanding!

Bill says . . .

I have always likened Life to that of a Garden. So, for me, Life is simply about the Seeds we Sow and Nourish. All things we "Think and Do", will "Be" Cause and eventually manifest itself to being an "Effect" within our own personal "Existences" and "Experiences" . . . whether it be Fruit, Flowers, Weeds or Barren Landscapes! Bill highly regards the Fruits of his Labor and wishes that everyone would thus go on to plant "Lovely" Seeds on "Good Ground" in their own Gardens of Life!

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

[www.iaminnerchild.com](http://www.iaminnerchild.com)

Personal Web Site

[www.iamjustbill.com](http://www.iamjustbill.com)

## His name was Shaka . . .

I remember the stories  
Of the man named Shaka  
A Zulu King Warrior  
Who led his people  
To a land of prosperity  
Where the courage  
To confront the devils  
Became a way . . . of life

Courage . . .  
They grew it!  
The fear of death . . .  
They challenged it!  
Liberation . . .  
It came!  
Legacy . . .  
Passed on down the line!  
Docility . . .  
No longer to be!

His name was Shaka . . .  
A Zulu King Warrior

## And we speak

The language of my childhood  
Spoke to me .... imploring  
Me to reawaken  
My imagination,  
My ability to dream,  
And to believe.

Where along the way  
Have I allowed this magic  
To ebb, slip away  
And deliver me unto  
This day  
Where i tolerate  
A life  
With no wanderlust

When I seek to peek back  
At the times of long ago  
When children  
Played,  
Smiled,  
Laughed,  
And ran,  
With abandon,  
My eyes begin to twinkle  
Again  
As the memories  
Embrace me  
As if they never left

I at times speak  
To my parents,  
My Ancestors  
Asking, beseeching  
Begging, praying

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

For guidance  
Only to be met  
With an audible silence  
Where only my intuitive gut speaks

How I still long  
To hear those songs  
Mom and grandma sung  
When holding my hand  
While demanding  
I walk the path  
They chose for me

.....

Did I obey, no,  
I struck out on my own  
Into a wilderness unknown  
Where somehow seeds were sown  
Before my arrival

I oft' wonder  
How different would  
The journey have evolved  
Had I listened  
Instead of chasing  
The glitter and glistening  
Of the promises  
Of a world  
I knew not

Somehow,  
Life has not been devoid of magic,  
For what it is worth,  
But, what is it worth  
If the transformation  
Is not lasting?

What exactly will  
I be passing on

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

To my offspring  
Throughout the life-seasons  
Where reason may be  
Faulted or sure,  
I am unsure,  
But who can I ask  
To guide me in this task  
Where i perceive a lack  
Of absoluteness  
In this sometimes  
Cute mess we deem to be Life

My soul has a longing  
That only evokes its desire  
In whispers  
That many other souls  
Hear and speak as well,  
But whom can we tell  
About these troubled waters  
We sons and daughters  
Must endure?

And we speak,  
And we speak,  
Asking yet again  
For some magic  
To resolve our put-upon angst  
And enlighten our sight  
That we might  
Find our way  
To that place spoken about.

And we speak,  
And we speak,  
And we speak.

## I Weep

I now weep  
First, for all the times  
I forced myself  
Not to

Here I stand  
Indebted to fate  
For I borrowed  
A forced resolve  
When I was truthfully  
Overfilled with anguish

My mother died  
Before I said  
All that I needed to say,  
Before I asked all the questions  
I have now accumulated since her demise,  
My father is a mirrored reflection  
Of that same ilk.

And now I am left  
With a withering void  
That makes me feel cheated  
For i did not perform my chores  
In a timely fashion  
And I do not know why

I weep for my weakness,  
That weakness i allowed,  
And still do,  
When I could have been,  
Should have been  
Strong and resilient

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

I weep for those who suffer,  
Necessarily and unnecessarily  
Because time marches forward regardless  
Whether you acquiesce  
And get on board the  
Train, plane, ship or bus  
Or not

I weep within,  
Even when the well of tears  
Has dried  
And leaves me alone  
With a dry spiritual heaving  
While choking on my own woes ....  
Real and illusioned

I weep in the presence  
Of a nothingness  
When I perceive a something-ness  
Should be in the room  
Keeping me company,  
Keeping me distracted  
From my own self-exacted wretchedness

I weep now,  
Because I realize  
That i like to pick the scabs  
Off my old digressions, wounds and pains  
To remain relevant  
And give my self a reason  
To reimagine myself  
To be fortitudious and strong

I like many know  
There is nothing

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Like a good, strong and deep cry  
That cleanses the accumulated anxieties  
We allow to ride on the back  
Of our promise, our dreams  
And our hopes  
Waiting for that light  
That cuts through and transcends  
Our darkness

I sometimes, but never enough  
Weep for joy,  
For there are times  
That we realize that breakthrough  
To a place where  
Smiles, happiness and love abide

Yes I weep,  
And in the end  
I know  
My soul is the better for it.  
So . . .  
I weep for you,  
I weep for me,  
I weep.

March  
2026  
Featured Poets



Dr. Priyanka Neogi

Keya

Niloy Rafiq

Paraskevi Memou

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



Dr.  
Priyanka  
Neogi

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Amb. Dr. Priyanka Neogi is from India. She is professionally business women, college India. She poet, Story writer, Author, columnist, Researcher, Editor, Live telecaster, Translator, cultural enthusiast, live telecaster, Acting, dancer, singer, reciter, telecaster, Acting, judges, Keynote speaker, literacy organizer international field, Ambassador, International social worker, National Joint Secretary of Rocket Ball Federation of Indiaman Miss India 2nd Runner up 2022 Vogue Star Miss India official candidate of 2024 Journalist an International literary editor, Founder Kalpanar Kabita Sahitya Samajik and Sangskritik Parishad of India, Indian President of Comilla Kabi Parishad of Bangladesh, She is Ambassador of Magic Massa Australia. She is multi-talented and versatile. She is World renowned poet. She is a national and international awardee in multipurpose.

## With Achievement,

Everyone's eye on the light,  
The light is attracted to the brilliant.  
Improve life by keeping in the light.  
Everyone wants to live with respect and respect,  
Many do not know that respect and respect are not cheap.  
Gains respect in the work of achievement,  
To everyone is valuable in valuable work,  
Life is on the way to Tatini.  
Achievement in one's own hands,  
If you work hard,  
Your own life must improve.  
In the hope of the dream of the dream, in the hope  
Only if the equation of reality will shine the light of hope.  
In the eastern sky, the clouds are frozen, the clouds are  
erased over time.  
Life is shaking the light of hope,  
You have to move on with it.

## I Will Be Good,

Look good around,  
Good and bad capital.  
I want to be good,  
It is not so easy to have this good  
In order to be good in various complications,  
Study continues.  
I'll be fine,  
I will do better,  
I will receive good education,  
In the service of family, society, country  
I will devote myself.  
There will be a lot of the storm of the rotation,  
Nevertheless, you have to control yourself.  
Every step of the Felib is good,  
If it is cut, cut off, stumble,  
It felt.  
Well all my life,  
I'll be close to the good.  
Give the light like the sun,  
The sun will be as radioactive.  
Keep it in mind, I'll be fine.  
Be bright, be prudent,  
I will accomplish the impossible,  
I will play a role in purging,  
I will glorify yourself.  
Lend to the reputation,  
I will build a precedent for the structure.  
Will continue in the clean mindset,  
I will keep the well -being,  
To spread the well -being around,  
I'll be fine

## Noble

The name of the Nobel is very famous,  
The stir also varies, the quality is also full.  
Nobel -  
In the quality of the job & purpose,  
"With the good will of the behavior of the use,"  
Move in the pearl method.  
To create a beautiful chain,  
In the display of the chain, the rules of the chain,  
The stars are also expanded in the thought,  
In the description of magnanimous generosity,  
In destiny in the inflamed shrimp,  
In setting the example in infinity.  
The family exemplifies the "Nobel Family",  
In the mutual respect of each member of the family  
It will be possible.  
Nobel mentality, nobel presentation,  
Nobel dedication,  
Nobel expression should create noble looking.  
Nobel's touch in Smartness,  
To handle yourself at the nobel.  
To keep yourself wrapped in the nobel,  
My whole life lives in nobel.

Keya

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Keya was born with the soul of an artist. Music, poetry, spoken words and soulful lyrics have lived within her from the beginning and still do. After about 20 years spent in the music industry as a recording artist and performer and about two decades as a radio host, speaker and interviewer, she has followed her soul call, and quit everything to study human consciousness for three years with a former physicist, as well as many other healing and energy work modalities. Having found herself since 1996 as the interpreter for several Native American Medicine men, she was enabled to remember her Lakota Heart and participated in many ceremonies, including a vision quest in 2002, where she was given her medicine name: Keya Rainbow Heart and was prompted to take back her medicine drum.

## Be Still

Be still,

My mind, while I am gently gliding into nothingness, Be still,

My body, while I am quieting down all noise within, Be still,

My Heart, while I am transmuting the sadness that sometimes comes up, Be still,

My Soul, while I am, one more time, learning about patience, Be still,

because Spirit is talking to me and I need to listen.

## We Journey

We journey,  
We journey through this amazing adventure called life  
We journey through our choices and the multiple  
consequences of our choices  
Happy, unhappy, and sometimes really sad Aware,  
unaware, and sometimes truly blind  
We journey, through the many challenges that we can  
always overcome We journey through it all with the filters  
given by our identity...  
We journey, often times caught up by this illusion of  
separation that is another name for our old friend Ego.  
Ego and mind allied a very long time ago. Their alliance is  
strong to maintain status quo.  
They will make you believe all sorts of things untrue. Don't  
blame them as they do what they do, only to protect you.  
They freak out at the very idea that they might as well just  
lose you. They come up with clever plans to guard the  
illusion of you. But is it truly you?  
I mean, is that the realst YOU?  
Happy, unhappy, sometimes really broken Awake, asleep,  
and sometimes truly found  
We journey,  
We journey through the corridors of the mind  
We journey through the feelings of our hearts and of our  
heart of hearts...  
Happy, unhappy and sometimes disheartened Flowing,  
resisting, sometimes truly inspired  
We journey,  
We journey through the meanders of this river called life  
We journey through it all with labels and constructs  
We journey with our hurts, our joys and our cycles  
Happy, unhappy and sometimes frustrated  
Foolish, wiser, and sometimes truly bound when, in reality  
we are always so free!

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

We journey,  
We journey through the ages of life Innocent as a child, at first, then, we forget.  
We forget who we are and learn to remember. Remember why we came to this incarnation Remember what's the aim, unique to each of us And yet always the same, whatever the story... Remember who we are, as particles of Light As particles of God that, as, someone once told me,

Separated 'it'self to explore existence  
To get to know 'himself' throughout this thing called life...  
At the end of the day, isn't it the purpose? The very reason why we came to existence? To know thyself beVer allowing life to dance Us, through our tears, our laughter, our creations, dramas and losses  
our children, our parents and siblings, our other significant one  
our crazy adventures, systems and inventions, ...our illuminations, the realization that:  
We journey,  
We journey on and on Going and coming back  
With always the promise, made to our very soul That we will not forget, not this time, not again! But we do, on and on, until we learn to Love Unconditionally  
Until.. we learn to serve, until we remember Who we are, for real,  
That we find easily  
When we close our eyelids And we allow ourselves  
To dig... a little deeper  
Into the vacuity, right into nothingness, Letting go of the fear  
And of the illusion  
There is simply nothing such as separation We are all related  
One world One family  
One consciousness even, Dedicated to living

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

This awesome thing called life Throughout the uniqueness  
of each body of Light  
And with a suit given anew Every 8me we're born again  
The color of the suit  
Is of no importance The walk of faith  
Religion or belief are just other systems Since at the end of  
all  
We shall be one again.

## Summer Rain

When the Earth is so dry That it's cracked open wide  
When the heat so intense That it melts all in sight  
And the clouds are gathered Covering the whole land  
And it gets so heavy

That it gets hard to breathe

Here it comes Suddenly

Wind of storms So Emely

SUMMER RAIN

I SO ADORE YOUR SCENT SUMMER RAIN

SO DIVINELY SENT SUMMER RAIN

OH I LOVE YOUR DESCENT SUMMER RAIN

SUMMER RAIN SUMMER RAIN

When the very first drops Start to touch the heated Mantel  
of Mother Earth Start to touch on the ground  
And the contrast is such That it causes this change

In the very odour

Of the air, all around

Here it comes Suddenly

Winds of storms So Emely

SUMMER RAIN

I SO ADORE YOUR SCENT SUMMER RAIN

SO DIVINELY SENT SUMMER RAIN

OH I LOVE YOUR DESCENT SUMMER RAIN

SUMMER RAIN, SUCH A GIFT, SUMMER RAIN,  
FROM THE SKY,

SUMMER RAIN ... I LOVE YOU, I LOVE THEE,  
SACRED WATER YOU ARE.

Niloy  
Rafiq

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

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

Contact +88 01745981995  
(whatsapp) [niloyrafiq@gmail.com](mailto:niloyrafiq@gmail.com)

Facebook: niloyrafiq

## Bodies are Flying in Smoke

There's a fire hood in the heart of the sacred root  
Today the fragrant garden is shrouded in blood  
Weeping ceaselessly in prayer with folded hands  
The bodies of my relatives are flying in smoke.

The barbaric leader is a cruel gobbler  
Hateful dirt is woven into the veins of his words  
Nice people of the world are spitting on his face  
Where will he escape from the court of nature?

The peace bomb of Palestine is the light of humanity  
A unity of rebellion lies in the hearts broken by separations  
The madness of the waves is the scent of inspiration  
The homeland-- the life of a free bird-- is on the path to  
victory.

*Translator :Jyotirmoy Nandy*

## Divorce Paper-18

Sixty springs response to the rain-call of kadam flowers in  
Ashar

Bunches of dreams with the craftsman the birthday is  
ready

Deep darkness at the root, masks of corona at the door  
Festivals are so much needed under the fringe of  
fanaticism.

Cloud trees are there on the left and right, a sip of heaven  
during sunset

The eyes of money-reeking humanity are in the dry fish  
quarter everyday

The pen is merciless to cross the bridge of Pulsirat  
Hafiz from Persia weeps ceaselessly on the river bank.

Drawn by a showy love in a nest of fame covered by void  
Landscapes in Facebook golden hue of under-aged wood  
Even the wound-marked backbone itself doesn't know  
dancing

The divorce paper is the alluvium of peace thrown in the  
seedbed.

*Translated by Jyotirmoy Nandy*

## The Soul On Flight

The scenery of nature is green, the light is thick and deep  
Lamentations in the air, the sea is stormy  
The pollution in Wuhan province becomes global  
Bare paws of cyclonic disease spread in the sky of the  
creation.

Sleeping endlessly, lying open on the roads  
Lost in the grieves and chaos of Corona  
Planets and stars lose directions in civilised knowledge  
Natural sirens, maneuver during an epidemic.

A pull in the ribs and the soul is on flight  
No one as a wealth of blood is there in the death march  
The writing of the holy book is unknown to myself  
Dark shadows in the forest of happiness, the address is  
lost.

The body finds a safe way to the cave  
Even if called, stay away from the heart bolted.

*Translated by Jyotirmoy Nandy*

# Paraskevi Memou

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Paraskevi (Voula) Memou is a film director and poetess. She published 7 collection, in Greek, English, Serbian, Croatian, Arabic, Italian and Spanish Languages. Memou is a member of the Greek Society of Litterateurs (EEL), the Organizing Committee of the Writers Capital International Foundation (WCIF), and the Panhellenic Association of Litterateurs (PEL). She serves as an ambassador of Greece abroad, promoting the values of humanity through her writings and actions.

In March 2023, in collaboration with the Writers Capital International Foundation and the Writers International Edition Publishing House, Voula Memou co-organized the grand festival titled "Poetry – the Language Beyond Borders" in Athens and Kalavryta. The festival brought together Greek and foreign poets from India, Tunisia, Ukraine, Serbia, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Bolivia, uniting their voices in support of world peace, brotherhood, and solidarity.

In 2023 she was proclaimed ambassador of Seneca University located in Bari, Italy.

In 2025 she participated in a global festival in Morocco.

## I'm Scared

I put your shoes topsy-turvy  
to gather the blood of your wounds alive.  
A lovechild you were christened at your birth,  
while Fates lay in the sun-shining canyon of the butterflies.  
Now,  
The guillotine stands next to your cradle.  
The moon sobs like an injured animal,  
as it takes its course to persecution,  
unable to watch reputations  
barely fitting in a matchbox.  
I fear the nights when they sharpen the blades.  
I fear the glimmering of the stolen resurrection.  
I fear the dreams that chain up nightmares.  
A refugee of my own body,  
I was impaled at your side,  
by crosses made of death-kites.  
My loose jacket  
spirited the piano keys away into isolation.  
Hope lies dying on the shattered balcony.  
My sorrow has been decorated in the trenches,  
and is now riding naked  
upon bled lips and eye-pupils of glass.  
When the sirens are finally silent  
the sun shall not find children playing hide and seek,  
the poet who used toy-soldiers for letters  
got entangled in the words  
while weaving hope's chemise.  
And me...,  
With my loose jacket in rags,  
I will be leaning on your shoulders mating our persecuted  
dreams.  
Hurry up, Peace,  
Hope and Brotherhood are awaiting you  
to sail together.

## Tonight!

She tucked to bed all the dolls she kept  
since she was a child.  
She only clung tight to Zoe in her armful.  
She knew how to waltz with a broken ice skate.  
“I will brush your hair, she said to her.  
I will mend your old calico  
with golden stitches sung by songbirds  
like those breaths that scent the waves.  
And we shall go away.  
Yes, we shall set off for  
mesmerizing neighbourhoods.  
The gifts of the Hirondelle  
were locked in the box of the cast-offs.  
Leaden and fully armed.  
The shoes are set on the fence with the camouflage gear.  
Distances are blowing in the wind,  
and you are leaning on a soaked cushion,  
dreaming of angels on pick-up patrols.  
There’s no road to redemption in wishful praying.  
The bleeding is profuse.  
Man is adrift to insanity.  
Erect the tomb.  
Hark the heartbeats inside the shelters.  
And if you cannot,  
then erase the sounds from your scream,  
and leave the souls at their peace.  
How many loads of love were confiscated from us  
without our moving a finger?

## Karmic Encounter

I recognized you from the sound of the cherries  
that you shared out on the pavement.  
The sunset displayed so many colours,  
one would think it was out to seduce souls into bliss.  
I recognized you in the cloud of sand,  
that when it itched my eyes,  
you smiled,  
and gathered Lotuses on the day of the hurricane.  
The local station broadcast love songs of May,  
in a mourning mood,  
when the caravan of dependency got on the move.  
I traced you in my numb limbs,  
at the hour of the deceiver of wear,  
when a river of tears,  
swept away every counterfeit coin that was sleeping off  
guard  
Known from long ago  
the rusty railing,  
like a karmic encounter  
in the suffocated breath,  
the one locked up in the dungeons of the dead-end utopia.  
The sea tucked up,  
and started a job of a redeeming concert  
with foaming protest.  
A wet grave for pressed shells,  
dead fossilized dreams  
and gluttonous daisy petals.  
Fake libations.  
Fake shames.  
Fake metals.  
All on the altar of mindless Xenia Zeus.  
And you, little Persephone,

## The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

You'll be playing knucklebones, every time the sun goes down.

You dedicate your soul to the worship of the hour  
and you write the necessity of existing serenity  
at the turn of your own bribery...

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



*Janet Perkins Caldwell*

February 14, 1959 ~ September 20, 2016

*Alan W. Jankowski*

16 March 1961 ~ 10 March 2017

*Shareef Abdur Rasheed*

30 May 1945 ~ 11 February 2025

# The Butterfly Effect



"15" in effect

Inner Child Press

# News

Published Books

by

Poetry Posse Members

We are so excited to share and announce a few of the current books, as well as the new and upcoming books of some of our Poetry Posse authors.

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

On the following pages we present to you ...

*Alicja Maria Kuberska*

*Jackie Davis Allen*

*Gail Weston Shazor*

*hülya n. yılmaz*

*Nizar Sartawi*

*Elizabeth E. Castillo*

*Faleeha Hassan*

*Fahredin Shehu*

*Kimberly Burnham*

*Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno*

*Eliza Segiet*

*Teresa E. Gallion*

*Mutawaf Shaheed*

*William S. Peters, Sr.*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# The Gift



Fahredin Shehu

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

EMQ + IONS



Reasons

*i think it's poetry...*

William S. Peters, Sr.

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



# A Reasonable Facsimile

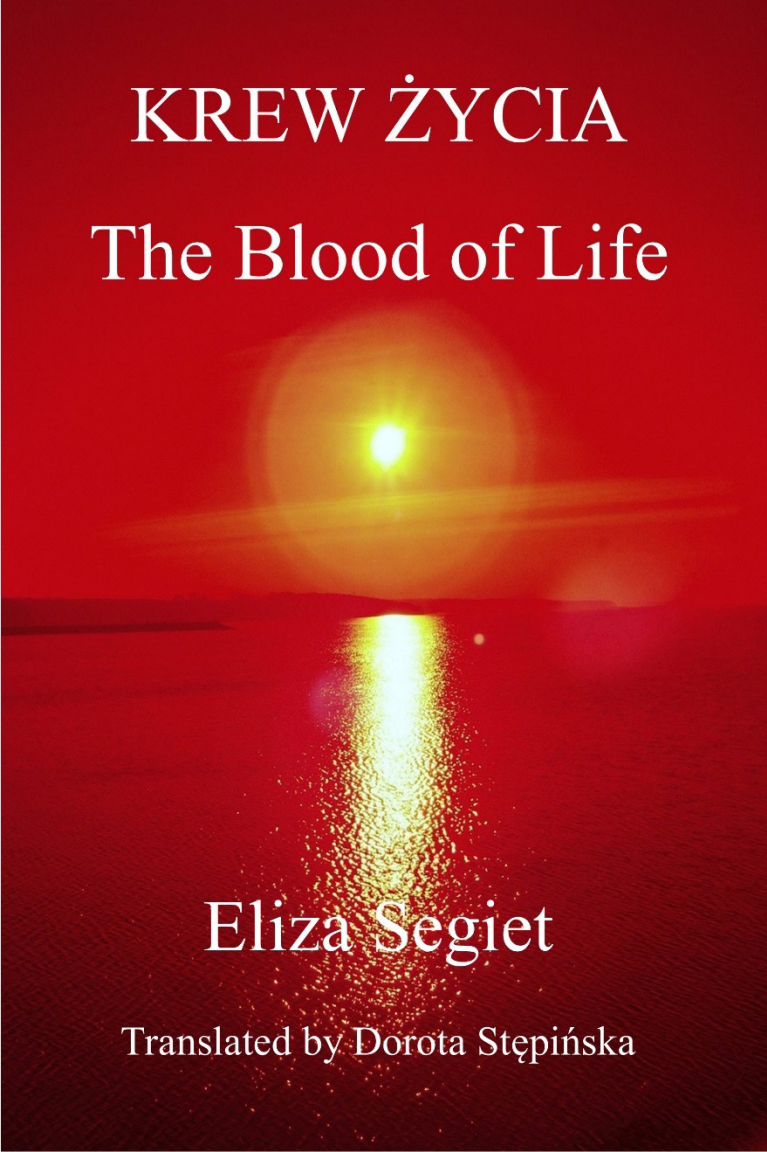
*The thoughts of Mutawaf A. Shaheed*

C. E. Shy

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



KREW ŻYCIA  
The Blood of Life

Eliza Segiet

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

*Now Available*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



*Now Available*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



*Now Available*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# I Am in Your Head



C. E. Shy

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*

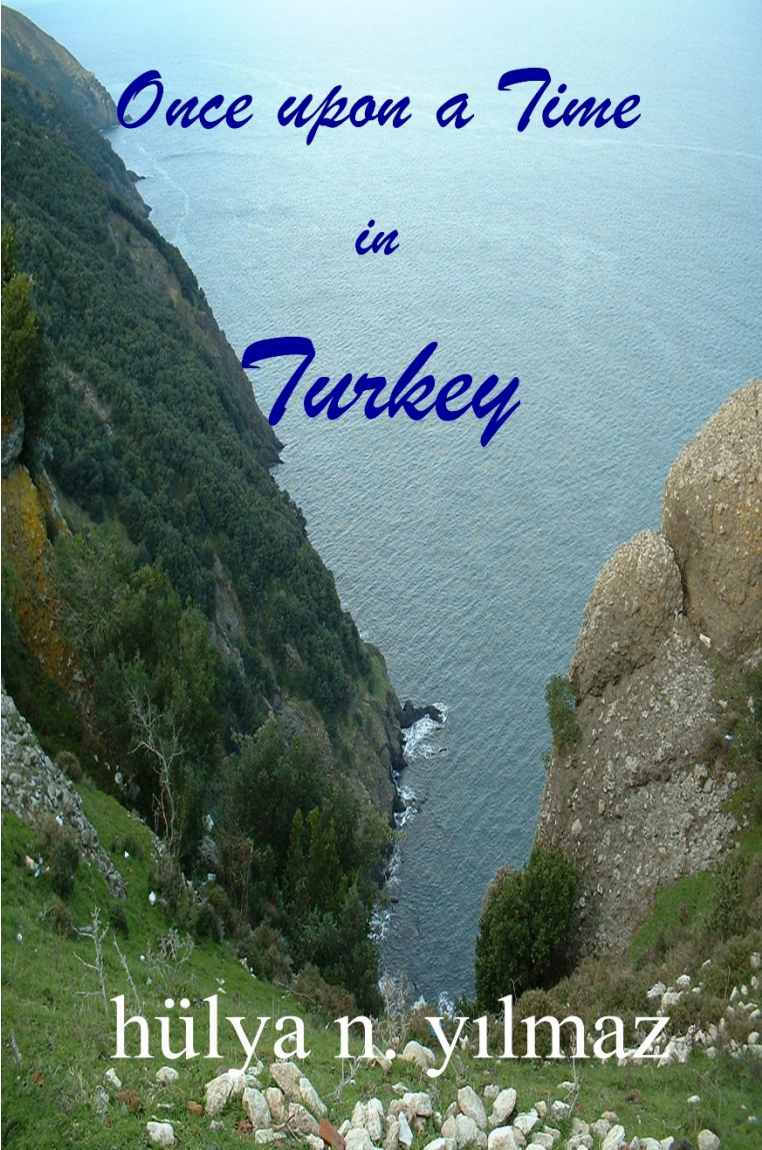
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



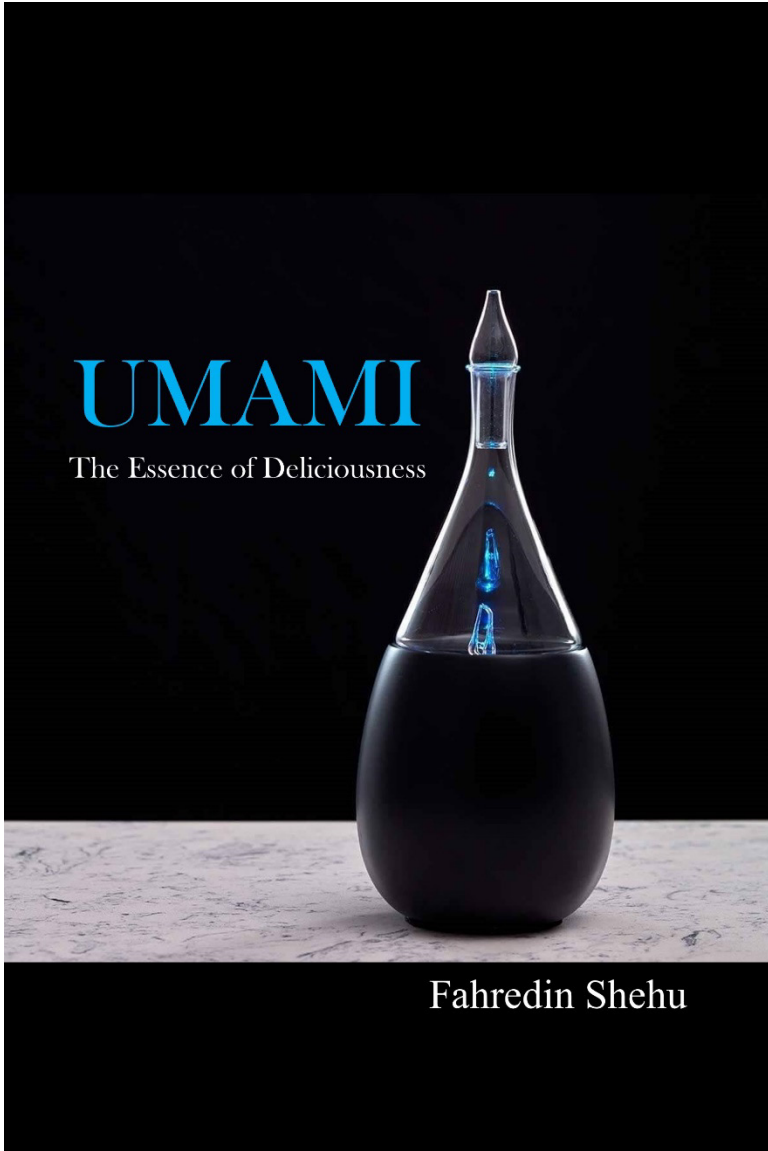
*Now Available*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



*Now Available*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



*Now Available*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

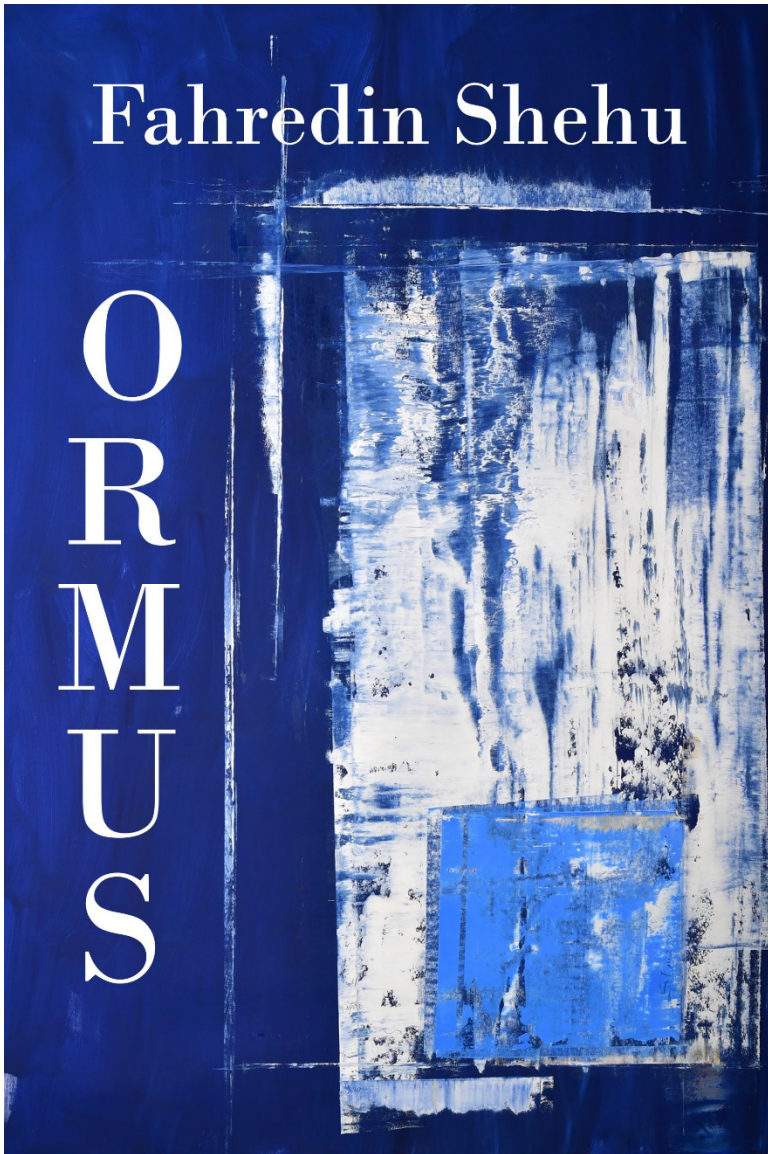
The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



*Now Available*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# *Ahead of My Time*

*... from the Streets to the Stages*



Albert *'Infinite'* Carrasco

*Now Available*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

Elíza Segiet



To Be More

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



**SEARCH FOR THE MAGICAL  
MULTILINGUAL FROG**

A Tale of Ribbit in 50 Languages

**KIMBERLY BURNHAM**

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available at*

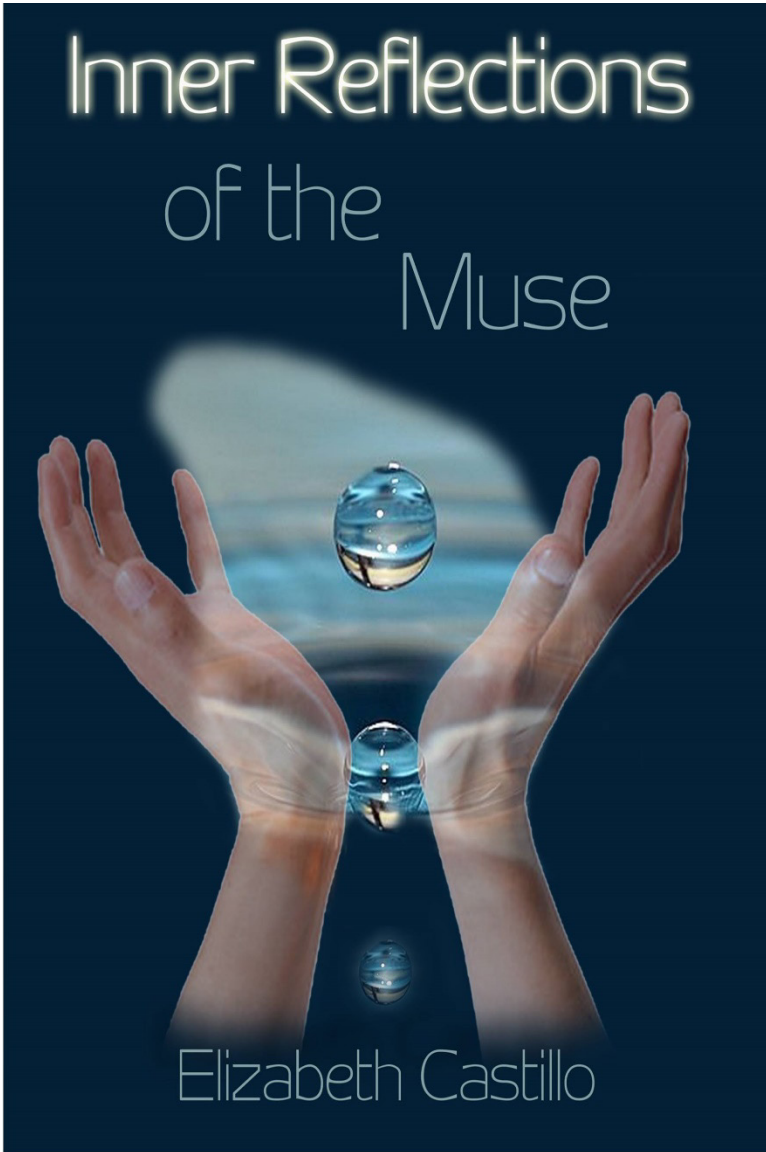
[www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08MYL5B7S/ref=dbs\\_a\\_def\\_rwt\\_hsch\\_vapi\\_tkin\\_p1\\_i2](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08MYL5B7S/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_hsch_vapi_tkin_p1_i2)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*

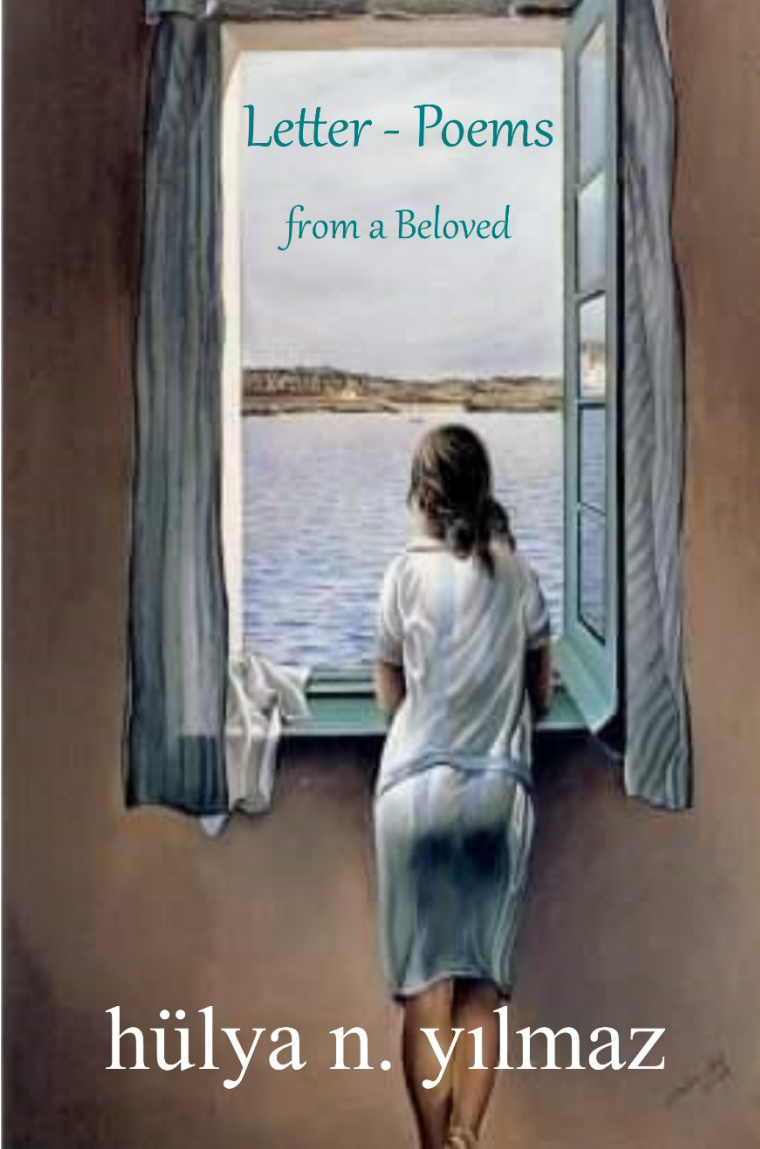
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

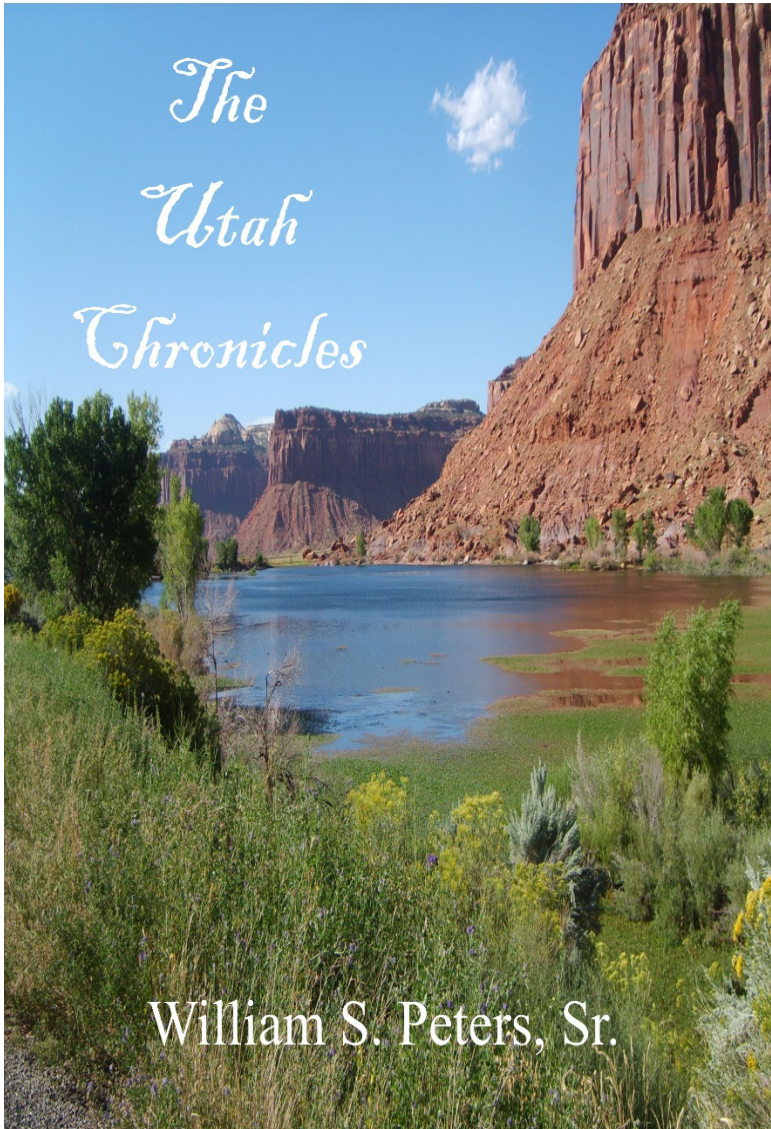
*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# The Book of Krisar

volume v

william s. peters, sr.



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

## The Book of krisar

Volume I



william s. peters, sr.

## The Book of krisar

Volume II



william s. peters, sr.

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

## The Book of krisar

Volume III



william s. peters, sr.

## The Book of krisar

Volume IV

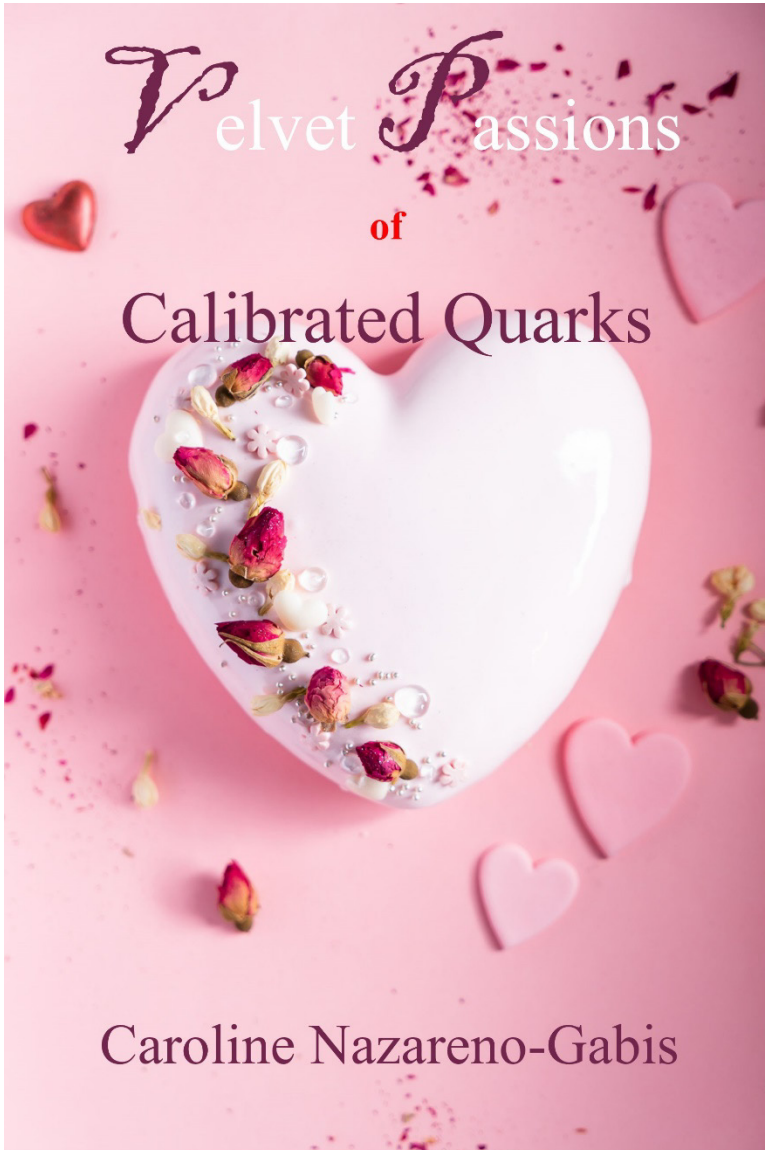


william s. peters, sr.

*Now Available*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



*Now Available*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



*Now Available*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

Şarhlarım  
My Lifeblood

*poetry in Turkish and English*



hülya n. yılmaz

*Private Issue*

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# Butterfly's Voice



Faleeha Hassan

Translated by William M. Hutchins

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# No Illusions

*Through the Looking Glass*



Jackie Davis Allen

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

*Now Available at*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# HERENOW



FAHREDIN SHEHU

*Now Available at*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



# Magnetic People

Eliza Segiet

Translated by Artur Komoter

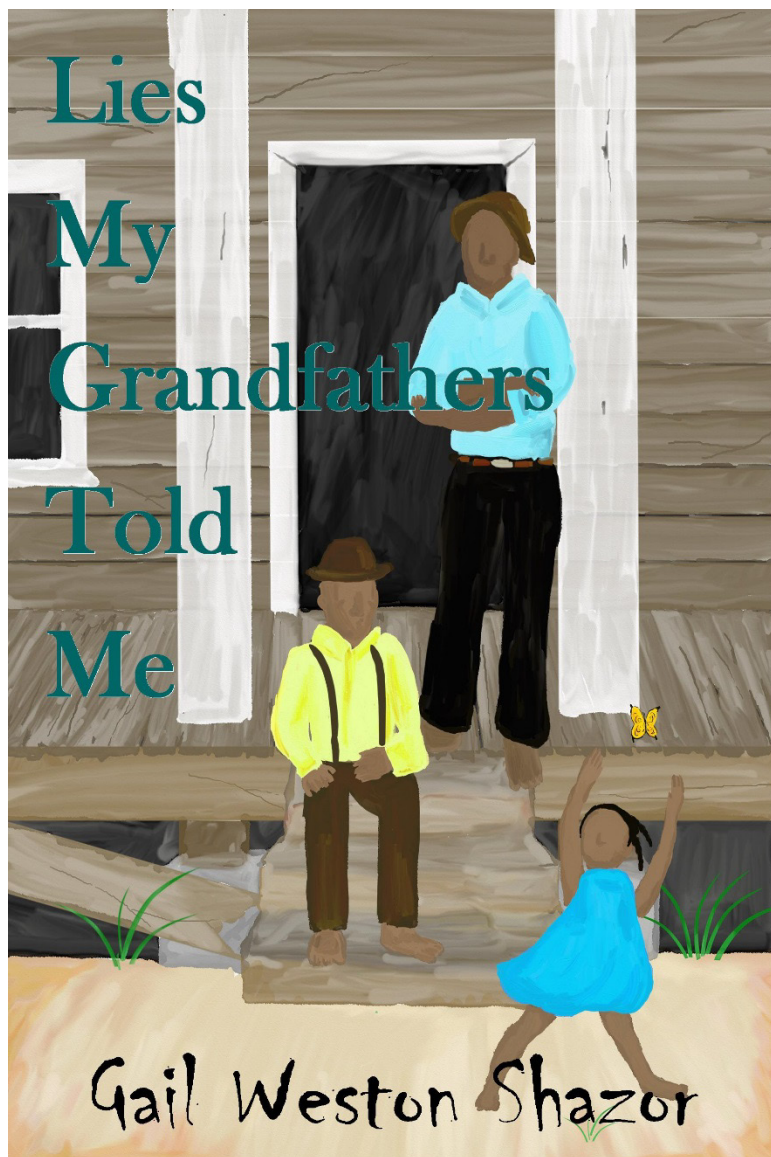
*Now Available at*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



*Now Available at*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# Afflame



*Memoirs in Verse*

**hülya n. yılmaz**

Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# Mass Graves



Faleeha Hassan

Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

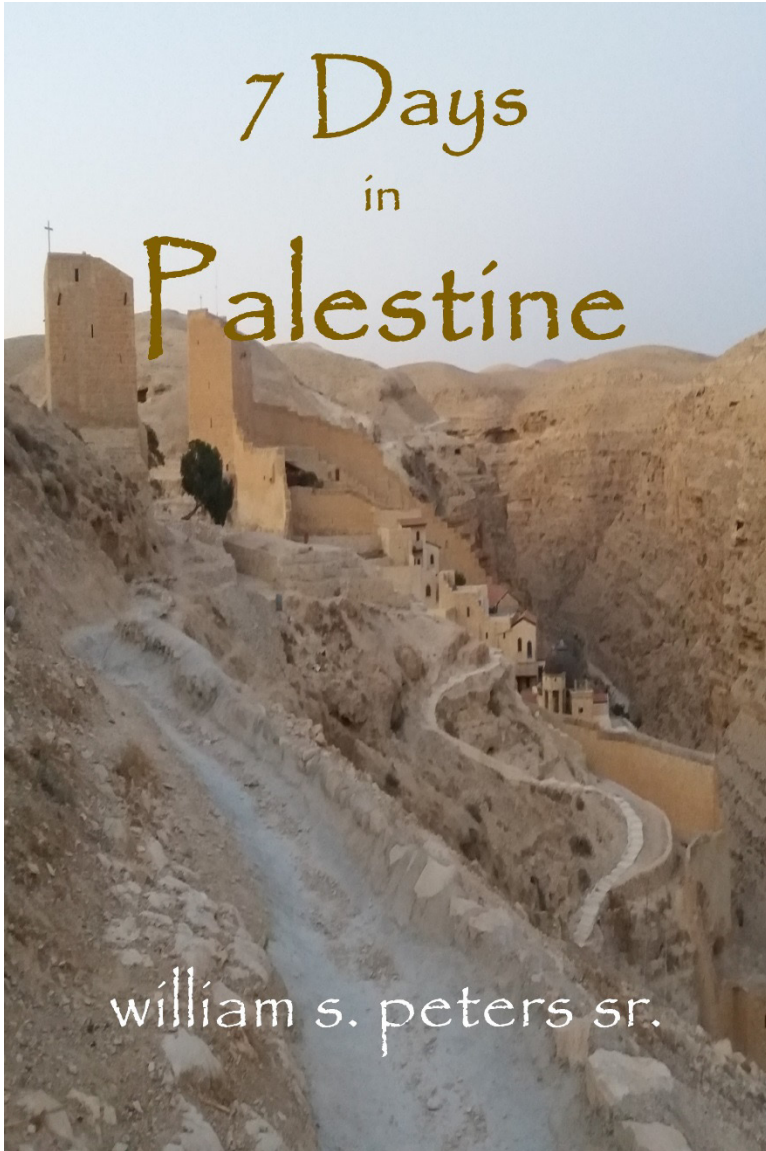
Breakfast  
for  
Butterflies



Faleeha Hassan

*Now Available at*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



*Now Available at*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

inner child press  
presents

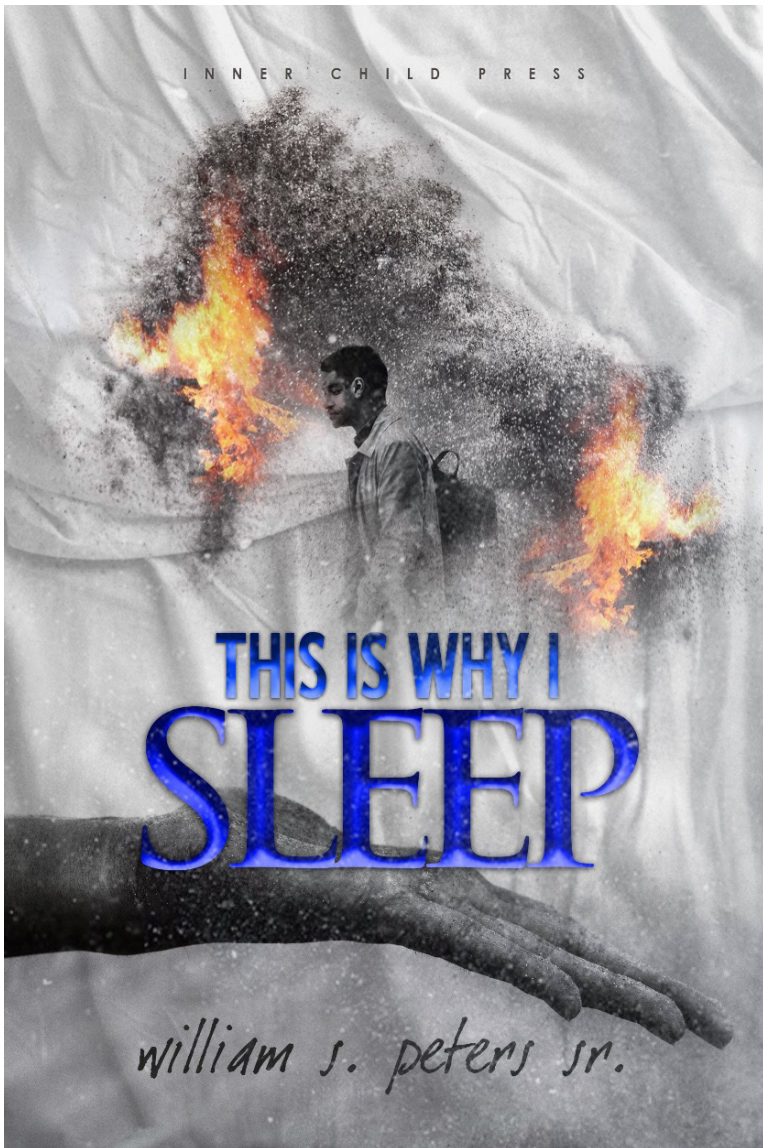
*Tunisian Dreams*



william s. peters, sr.

*Now Available at*  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026



Now Available at  
[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# Inward Reflections



Think on These Things  
*Book II*

william s. peters, sr.

*Now Available at*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

# my inner garden



~ expressions and discoveries ~

by

*William S. Peters, Sr.*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

The Year of the Poet XIII March 2026

Other  
Anthological  
works from

*Inner Child Press International*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

# Shareef

a soldier for

# Allah

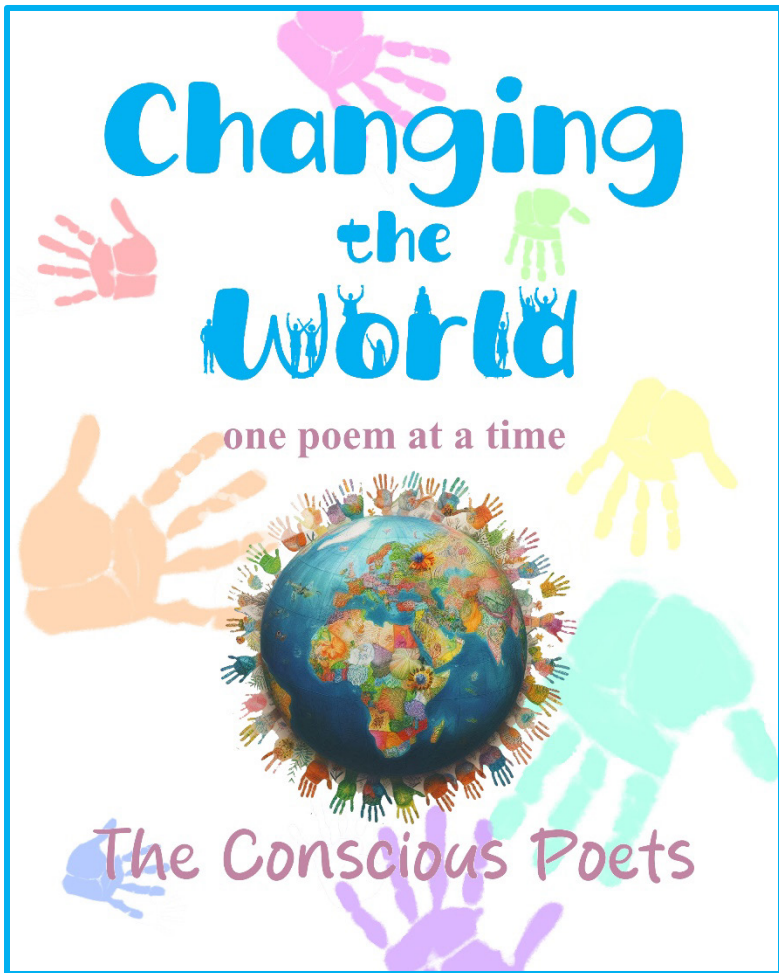
Patriarch, Activist & Humanitarian

Friends of the Pen

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*



*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

Inner Child Press International

*presents*

**WAR** II

*We Are Revolution*

**Too Much Blood**

*Poets for Humanity*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

I

want

my

poetry

to... volume 4

the conscious poets

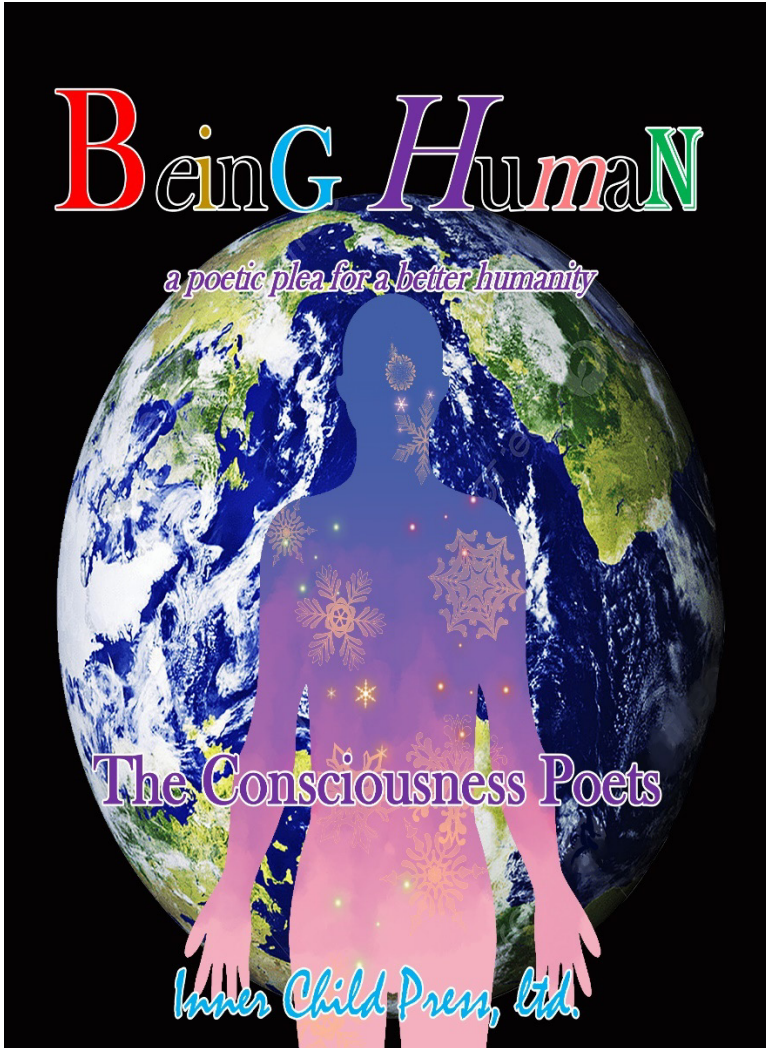
*inspired by . . .* Monte Smith



*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*



*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*



*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

*World Healing  
World Peace  
2022*



*Poets for Humanity*

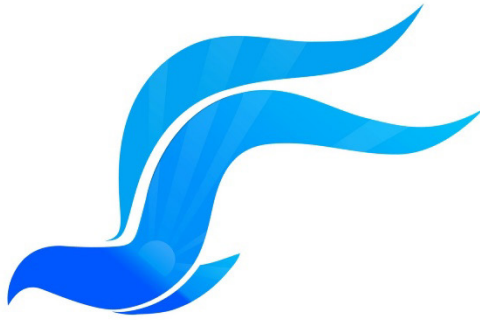
*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

World Healing World Peace

2020



Poets for Humanity

*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

# I WANT TO LIVE

an *examination* of Black & White issues

POETRY

ANALYSES

STORIES

CREATIVE  
WRITING

CRITICAL ESSAYS



## WRITERS FOR HUMANITY

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

Inner Child Press International  
&  
The Year of the Poet  
present

# Poetry

*the best of 2020*



*Poets of the World*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

Inner Child Press International

*presents*

WAR

*We Are Revolution*

*Poets for Humanity*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

the Heart of a Poet



*words for a better tomorrow*

The Conscious Poets

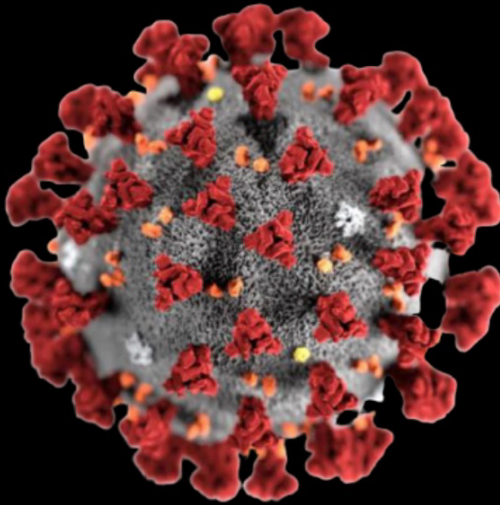
*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

# Corona

Social Distancing



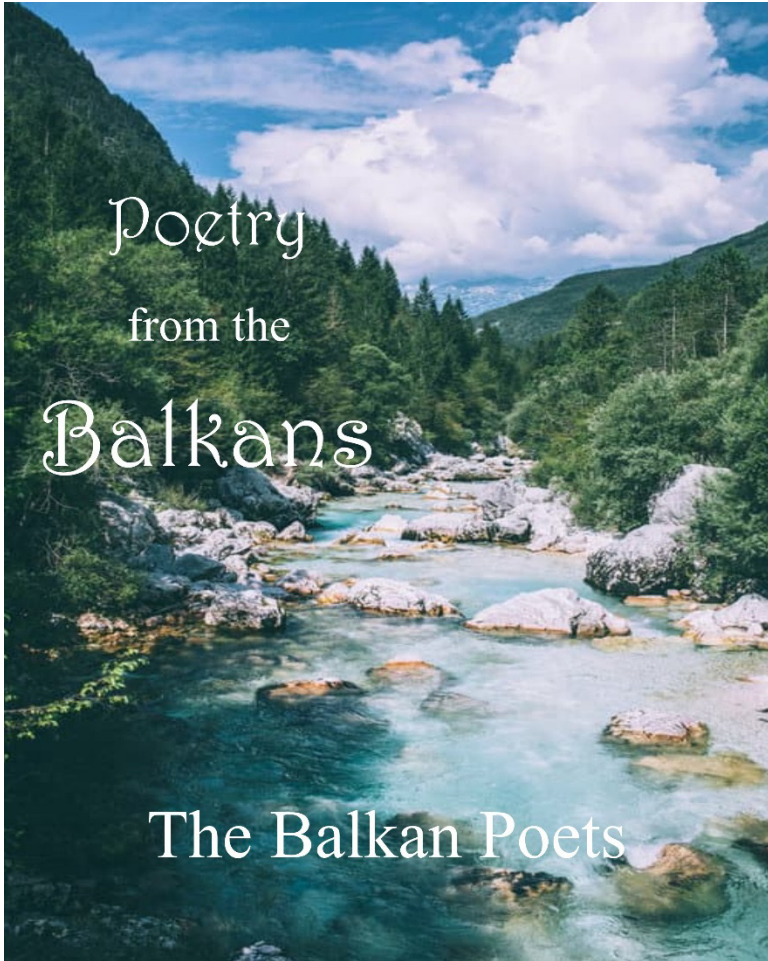
Poets for Humanity

*Now Available*

218

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)



*Now Available*

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

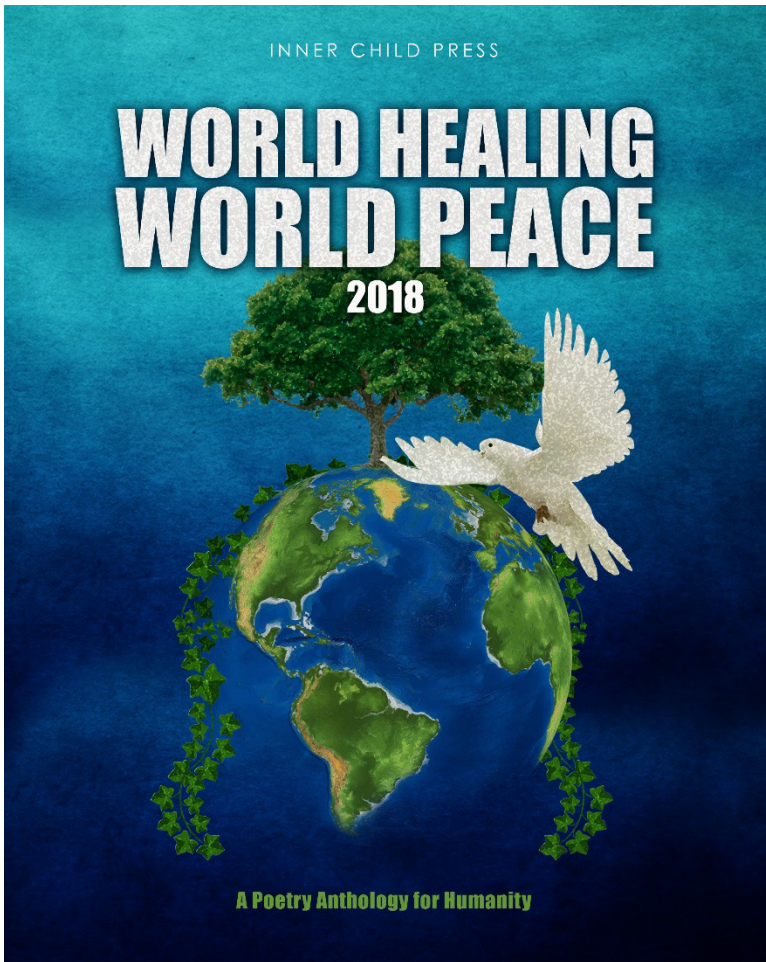
[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)



*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)



*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

*Now Available*

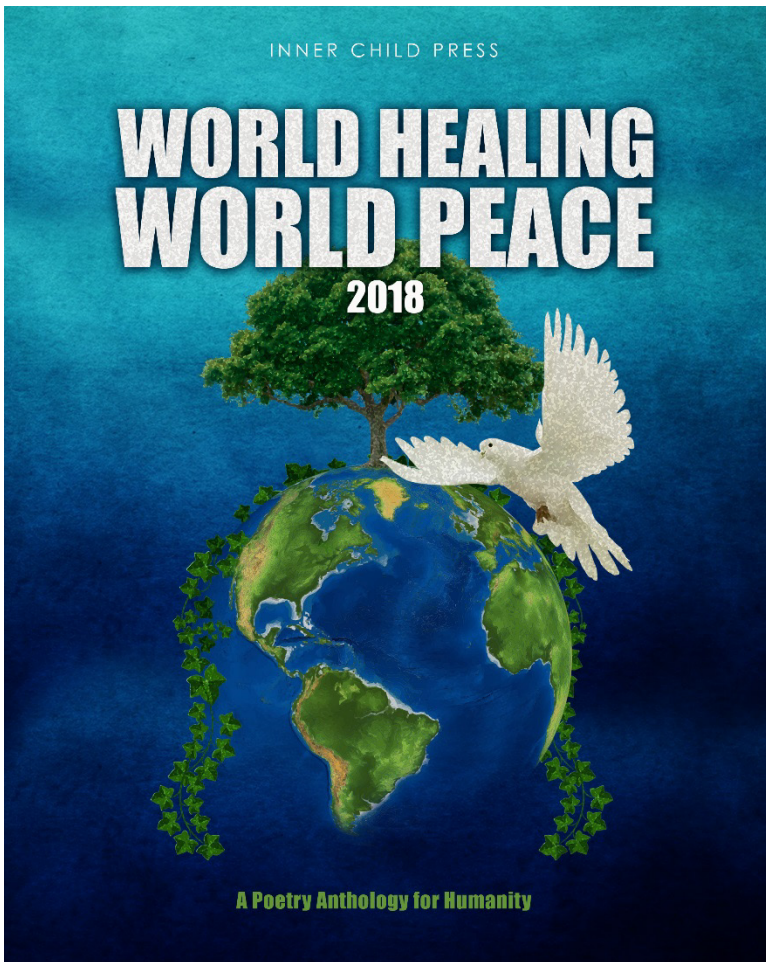
[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)



*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

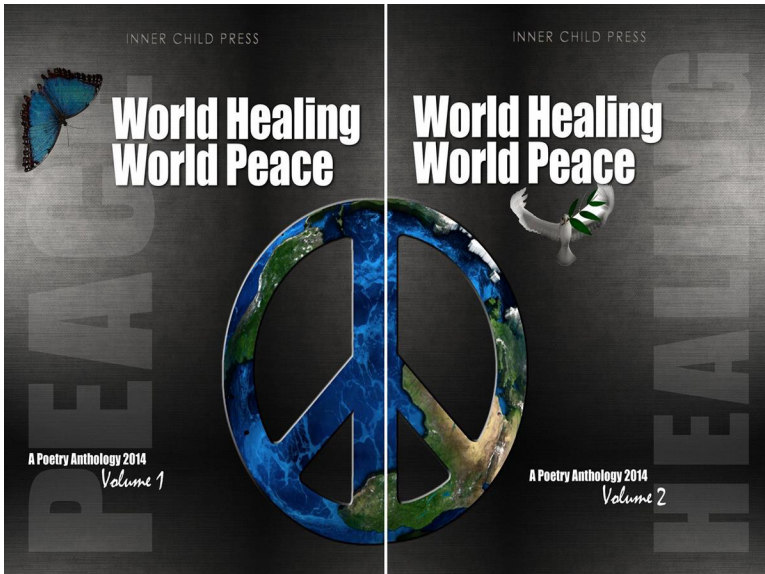


*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

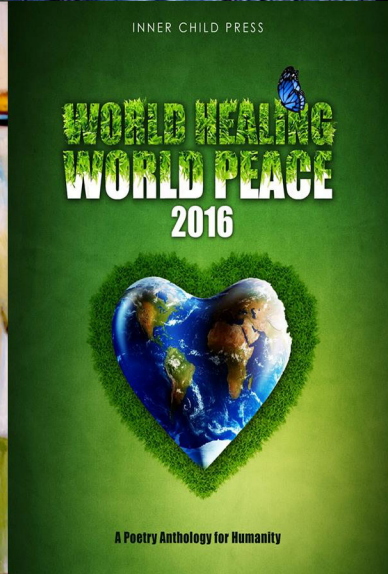
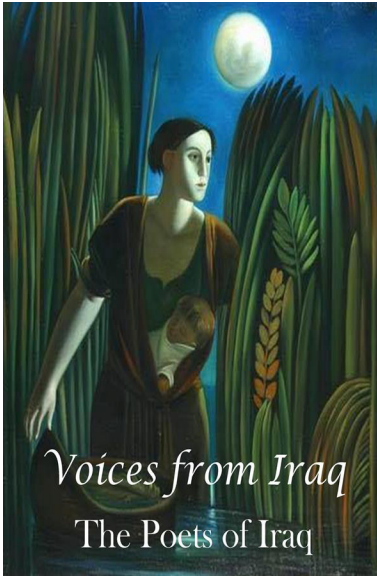
*Inner Child Press Anthologies*



*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

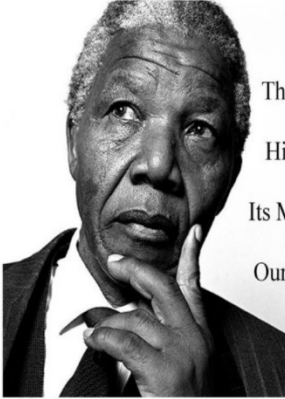
*Inner Child Press Anthologies*



*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

# Mandela



The Man  
His Life  
Its Meaning  
Our Words

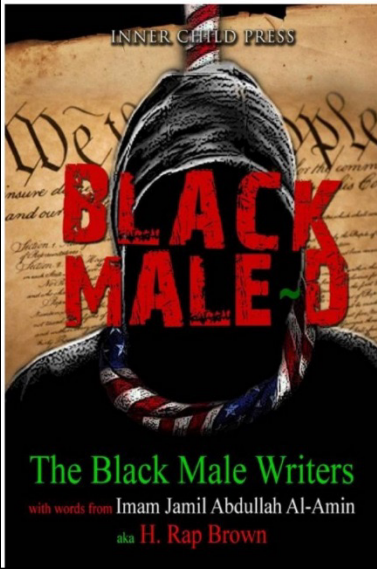
Poetry . . . Commentary & Stories  
*The Anthological Writers*

## A GATHERING OF WORDS



POETRY & COMMENTARY  
FOR

## TRAYVON MARTIN



I  
want  
my  
poetry  
to . . . volume 4



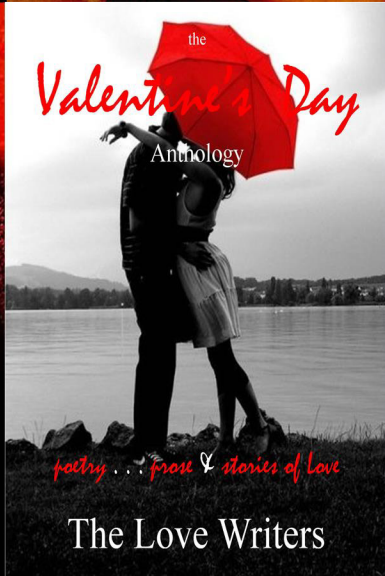
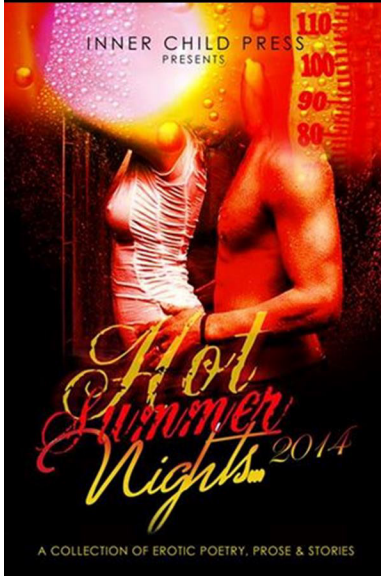
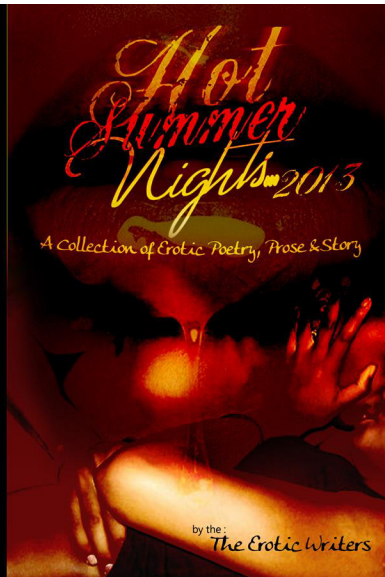
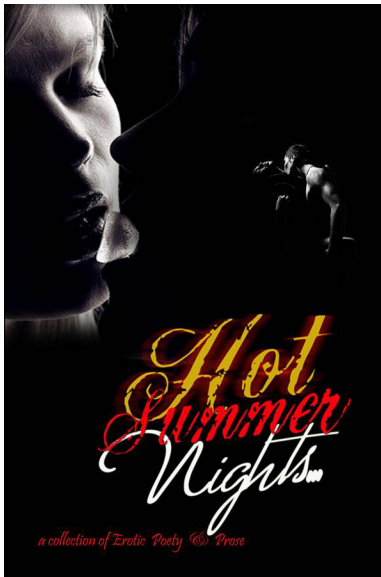
the conscious poets

inspired by . . . Monte Smith

Now Available

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

Inner Child Press Anthologies



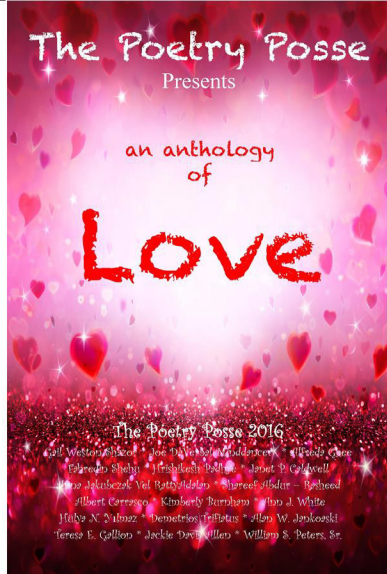
Now Available

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

Inner Child Press Anthologies



a  
Poetically  
Spoken  
Anthology  
volume I  
Collector's Edition



Now Available

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

*a collection of the Voices of Many inspired by ...*

*I* want my  
**POEtRy**  
to ...

*a collection of the Voices of Many inspired by ...*

*Monte Smith*

*a collection of the Voices of Many inspired by ...*

*I* want my  
**POEtRy**  
to ...

*Monte Smith*

volume II

*I* want my  
**POEtRy**  
to ...

*Monte Smith*

volume 3

*a collection of the Voices of Many inspired by ...*

*Monte Smith*

11 Words

( 9 lines ... )

*for those who are challenged*

*an anthology of Poetry inspired by ...*

*Poetry Dancer*

*Now Available*

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies)

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet

### January 2014



*Carnation*

**The Poetry Posse**

Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June 'Bugg' Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Mimdancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Nectuu Wali  
Shareef Abdur-Rasheed  
William S. Peters, Sr.

**Our January Feature**  
Terri L. Johnson

## the Year of the Poet

### February 2014



*violets*

**The Poetry Posse**

Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June 'Bugg' Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Mimdancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Nectuu Wali  
Shareef Abdur-Rasheed  
William S. Peters, Sr.

**Our February Features**  
Teresa E. Gallion & Robert Gibson

## the Year of the Poet

### March 2014



*daffodil*

**The Poetry Posse**

Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June 'Bugg' Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Mimdancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Nectuu Wali  
Shareef Abdur-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

**Our March Featured Poets**  
Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

## the Year of the Poet

### April 2014



*Sweet Pea*

**The Poetry Posse**

Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June 'Bugg' Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Mimdancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Nectuu Wali  
Shareef Abdur-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

**Our April Featured Poets**  
Fahredin Shehu  
Martina Reisz Newberry  
Justin Blackburn  
Monte Smith

*celebrating International poetry month*

*Now Available*

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

**the year of the poet**  
May 2014

*May's Featured Poets*  
ReeCee  
Joski the Poet  
Shannon Stanton



Dedicated To our Children

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Buggy Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wall  
Shareef Abdu-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

Lily of the Valley

**the Year of the Poet**  
June 2014



*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

*June's Featured Poets*  
Shantelle McLin  
Jacqueline D. E. Kennedy  
Abraham N. Benjamin

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Buggy Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wall  
Shareef Abdu-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet**  
July 2014



*July Feature Poets*  
Christiana A.V. Williams  
Dr. John R. Simum  
Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Buggy Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wall  
Shareef Abdu-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

Lotus  
Asian Flower of the Month

**The Year of the Poet**  
August 2014



**Gladiolus**

**August Feature Poets**  
Ann White \* Rosalind Cherry \* Sheila Jenkins

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Buggy Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wall  
Shareef Abdu-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet

September 2014

Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Charm of September Birthday Flower

### September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

### The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham • William S. Peters, Sr.

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



### The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham • William S. Peters, Sr.

### October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • Raendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



### The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham • William S. Peters, Sr.

### November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mosman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014

Narcissus



### The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond  
Call Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Bugg Bonfield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wolf  
Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

### December Feature Poets


Katherine Wyatt • WrittenInPoetry • Santos Galano • Justin Clarke

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

**THE YEAR OF THE POET III**  
January 2015



**Garnet**

*The Poetry Posse*  
 Jamie Bond  
 Gail Weston Shazor  
 Albert Infinite Carrasco  
 Siddartha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell  
 Tony Henninger  
 Joe Da'Verbal Minddancer  
 Robert Gibbons  
 Neetu Wali  
 Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham  
 Ann White  
 Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt  
 Fahredin Shelu  
 Hilya N. Yilmaz  
 Teresa E. Gallion  
 Jackie Allen  
 William S. Peters, Sr.

**January Feature Poets**  
 Bismay Moharrir \* Jen Walls \* Eric Juddah

**THE YEAR OF THE POET II**  
February 2015

**Amethyst**



**THE POETRY POSSE**  
 Jamie Bond  
 Gail Weston Shazor  
 Albert Infinite Carrasco  
 Siddartha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell  
 Tony Henninger  
 Joe Da'Verbal Minddancer  
 Robert Gibbons  
 Neetu Wali  
 Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham  
 Ann White  
 Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt  
 Fahredin Shelu  
 Hilya N. Yilmaz  
 Teresa E. Gallion  
 Jackie Allen  
 William S. Peters, Sr.

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

**The Year of the Poet II**  
March 2015

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



**Bloodstone**

**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
 Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Infinite Carrasco  
 Siddartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
 Joe Da'Verbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
 Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet II**  
April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



**Diamonds**

**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
 Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Infinite Carrasco  
 Siddartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
 Joe Da'Verbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
 Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

*Now Available*

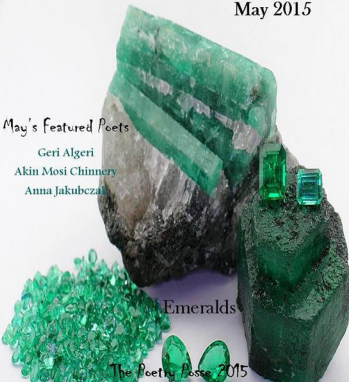
[www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet](http://www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet)

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet II

May 2015

May's Featured Poets  
Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimere  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

The Poetry Posse 2015  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet II

June 2015

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




Pearl

The Poetry Posse 2015  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet II

July 2015

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



Rubies


The Poetry Posse 2015  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet II

August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasaz  
Christopher Schultz



The Poetry Posse 2015  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet II

September 2015

### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

### The Poetry Posse 2015

Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

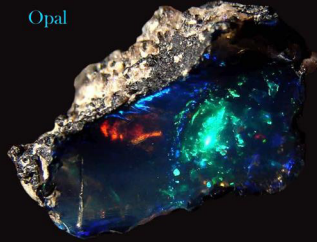
## The Year of the Poet II

October 2015

### Featured Poets

Monte Smith \* Laura J. Wolfe \* William Washington

### Opal



### The Poetry Posse 2015

Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

### The Poetry Posse 2015

Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet II

December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

### The Poetry Posse 2015

Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

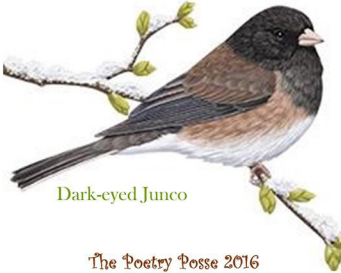
# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet III

January 2016

### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

### The Poetry Posse 2016

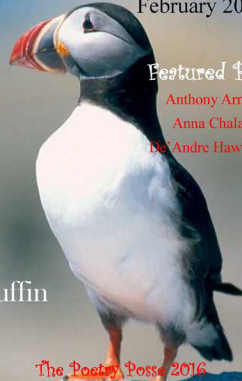
Gail Weston Shazor \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Rattyvidalora \* Anna J. White  
 Fahreddi Shelu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
 Joe DiVerbal Muddancer \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Anna J. White  
 Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Terzatis \* Allen W. Jankowski  
 Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet III

February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
 Anna Chalas  
 Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

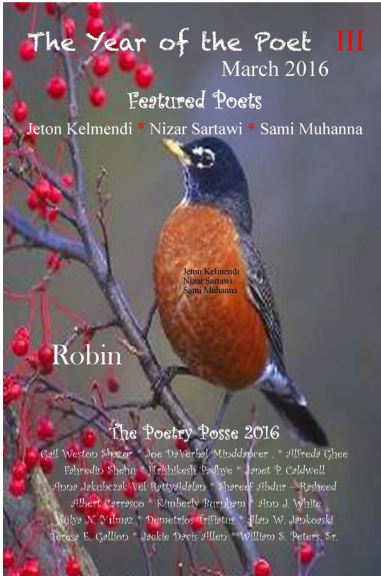
Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DiVerbal Muddancer \* Alfredo Ghee  
 Fahreddi Shelu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
 Anna Jakubczak Vel Rattyvidalora \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Anna J. White  
 Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Terzatis \* Allen W. Jankowski  
 Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet III

March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DiVerbal Muddancer \* Alfredo Ghee  
 Fahreddi Shelu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
 Anna Jakubczak Vel Rattyvidalora \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Anna J. White  
 Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Terzatis \* Allen W. Jankowski  
 Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
 Anna Chalas  
 Agim Vinca  
 Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DiVerbal Muddancer \* Alfredo Ghee  
 Fahreddi Shelu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
 Anna Jakubczak Vel Rattyvidalora \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Anna J. White  
 Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Terzatis \* Allen W. Jankowski  
 Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

celebrating international poetry month

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

**The Year of the Poet III**  
May 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

**Oriole**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DeVeralo Mbadance \* Alfredo Choe  
Nizar Sertawi \* Hrishikesh Badhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Alana Jalabeczek Val Bettyvidlan \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alana J. White  
Hulya N. N. Izzaz \* Demetrios Trifitidis \* Alan W. Jaykowski  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Qibrije Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj

**Black Necked Stilt**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DeVeralo Mbadance \* Alfredo Choe  
Nizar Sertawi \* Hrishikesh Badhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Alana Jalabeczek Val Bettyvidlan \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alana J. White  
Hulya N. N. Izzaz \* Demetrios Trifitidis \* Alan W. Jaykowski  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DeVeralo Mbadance \* Alfredo Choe  
Nizar Sertawi \* Keith Alan Hamilton \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Alana Jalabeczek Val Bettyvidlan \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alana J. White \* Jen Walls  
Hulya N. N. Izzaz \* Demetrios Trifitidis \* Alan W. Jaykowski  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet III**  
August 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Anita Dash  
Irena Jovanovic  
Malgorzata Gouluda

**Painted Bunting**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DeVeralo Mbadance \* Alfredo Choe  
Nizar Sertawi \* Keith Alan Hamilton \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Alana Jalabeczek Val Bettyvidlan \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Jen Walls  
Hulya N. N. Izzaz \* Demetrios Trifitidis \* Alan W. Jaykowski  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

**The Year of the Poet III**  
September 2016

**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novales



Long Billed Curlew

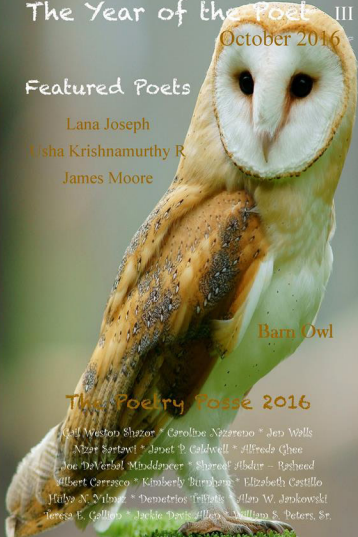
**The Poetry Posse 2016**

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Jen Walls  
Nizar Sattawi \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Alfredo Ghee  
Joe DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur - Rashid  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Fitzmaurice \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Allan W. Jankowski  
Teresa E. Gallon \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Usha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl


**The Poetry Posse 2016**

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nizzareno \* Jen Walls  
Nizar Sattawi \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Alfredo Ghee  
Joe DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur - Rashid  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Fitzmaurice \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Allan W. Jankowski  
Teresa E. Gallon \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

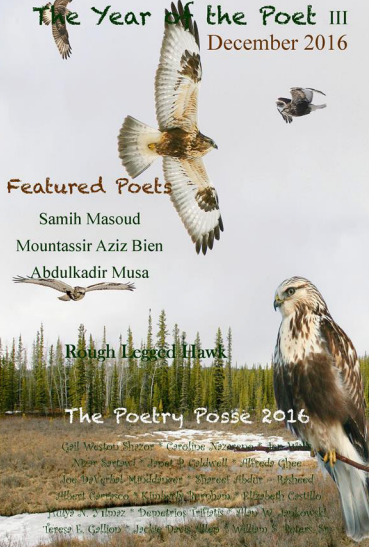
**The Poetry Posse 2016**

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nizzareno \* Jen Walls  
Nizar Sattawi \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Alfredo Ghee  
Joe DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur - Rashid  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Fitzmaurice \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Allan W. Jankowski  
Teresa E. Gallon \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet III**  
December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

**The Poetry Posse 2016**

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nizzareno \* Jen Walls  
Nizar Sattawi \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Alfredo Ghee  
Joe DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur - Rashid  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Fitzmaurice \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Allan W. Jankowski  
Teresa E. Gallon \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

**The Year of the Poet IV**  
January 2017



**Featured Poets**  
Jon Whnell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima "Ashi"

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Nizar Sertawi \* Stone Jakubczak Val Betty Adelaar \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Miodonsker \* Shereef Abdur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilaly N. D'Almeida \* Falecha Jesso \* Allen W. Jankowski  
Teresa E. Gallton \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet IV**  
February 2017



**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sunkaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
Copyright © Robert O'Brien

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Nizar Sertawi \* Stone Jakubczak Val Betty Adelaar \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Miodonsker \* Shereef Abdur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilaly N. D'Almeida \* Falecha Jesso \* Allen W. Jankowski  
Teresa E. Gallton \* Jackie Davis Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet IV**  
March 2017

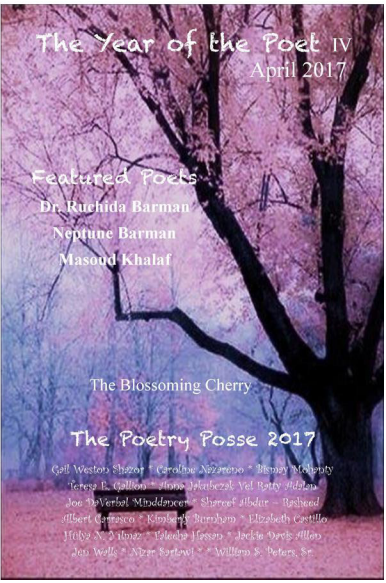


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Sbah

**The Eastern Redbud**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallton \* Stone Jakubczak Val Betty Adelaar  
Joe DeVerbal Miodonsker \* Shereef Abdur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilaly N. D'Almeida \* Falecha Jesso \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet IV**  
April 2017



**Featured Poets**  
Dr. Ruchida Barman  
Nephtune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

**The Blossoming Cherry**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallton \* Stone Jakubczak Val Betty Adelaar  
Joe DeVerbal Miodonsker \* Shereef Abdur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilaly N. D'Almeida \* Falecha Jesso \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

*Now Available*

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet IV

May 2017

The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Auliano  
Joe DeVerol Mbadinace \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilisa N. Ylloaz \* Falecha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Auliano  
Joe DeVerol Mbadinace \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilisa N. Ylloaz \* Falecha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Auliano  
Joe DeVerol Mbadinace \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilisa N. Ylloaz \* Falecha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Auliano  
Joe DeVerol Mbadinace \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilisa N. Ylloaz \* Falecha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet IV

September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry

Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

October 2017

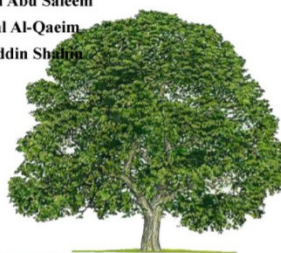
### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shuhin

The Black Walnut Tree



### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

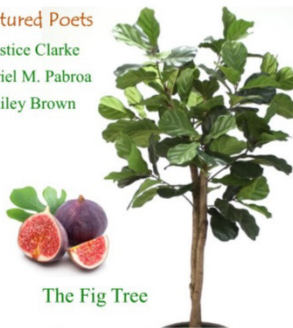
### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown

The Fig Tree



### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available


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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

**Featured Poets**  
Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei


**Aksum**



**The Poetry Posse 2018**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Tezmin Ition Tsai  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sirtawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

**Sabeen**



**Featured Poets**  
Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

**The Poetry Posse 2018**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Tezmin Ition Tsai  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sirtawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

**Featured Poets**  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman



**The Poetry Posse 2018**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

**Featured Poets**  
Suzak Abu-Law  
Swagata Bohara  
Nathan Chen  
Savina Hoquej



**The Poetry Posse 2018**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

*Now Available*


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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

The Year of the Poet V  
May 2018

Featured Poets  
Zaldy Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

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

Oceania




The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet V September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

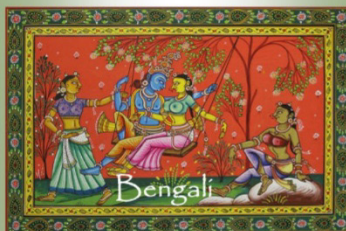
#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alejandra Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alejandra Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alejandra Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alejandra Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet VI

January 2019

Indigenous North Americans



*Dream Catcher*

### Featured Poets

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

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe Paire \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

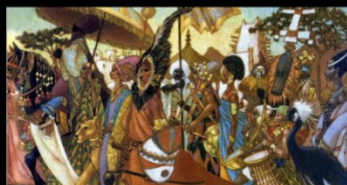
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.


*Now Available*

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

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




Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

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



Arctic Circumpolar

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

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



Southwest Asia


**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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


# Inner Child Press Anthologies

**The Year of the Poet VI**  
September 2019  
Featured Poets  
Elena Liliana Popescu \* Gobinda Biswas  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.




**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019  
Featured Poets  
Ngozi Olivia Osocha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams




**The Nile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019  
Featured Poets  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019  
Featured Poets  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Eftichia



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

*Now Available*

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet VII

January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dumant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Rohini Behera \* Mireca Dan Duta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet VII

May 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elfichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Koshi K. Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet VII

September 2020

### Featured Poets

Raed Amis Al-Jishi \* Solković Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swarna Behera  
Tezmin Itan Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

Mutawaf A. Shaheed \* Galina Itlyanskaya  
Nadeem Fraz \* Avril Tanya Meallem

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swarna Behera  
Tezmin Itan Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia \* Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi \* Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swarna Behera  
Tezmin Itan Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swarna Behera  
Tezmin Itan Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet VIII

January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

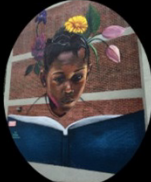
## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet VIII

May 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Paramita Mukherjee Mullick \* Rose Zerguine  
Jaydeep Sarangi \* Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevsk-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Kamal Dhungana  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet VIII

September 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Itton Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet IX

January 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX

February 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Mountains



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

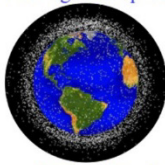
## The Year of the Poet IX

March 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX

April 2022

Featured Global Poets

Alonzo Gross \* Dr. Debaprasanna Biswas  
Monsif Beroual \* Carol Aronoff

Climate Change and Oceans



\*Celebrating our 100th Edition \*

Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet IX

May 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Birds



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX

June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Trees



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX

July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Animals



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

## The Year of the Poet IX September 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IX December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet X January 2023

### Featured Global Poets

JuNe Barefield \* Swayam Prashant  
Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jammagerwalla

### Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X February 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Ruby Bridges

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X March 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Yo Yo Ma

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X April 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Claudette Colvin

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet X May 2023

Csp Shrivastava \* Michael Lee Johnson  
Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown  
Children: Difference Makers



Louis Braille

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Baralich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Kay Peters \* Carthornia Kouroupos  
Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

Children: Difference Makers



Ryan Hreljac

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Baralich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X July 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Rajashree Mohapatra \* Biswajit Mishra  
Johan Karlsson \* Teodozja Świderska

Children: Difference Makers



~ Bana al-Abed ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Baralich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X August 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Kennedy Wanda Ochleng \* Jose Lopez  
Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

Children: Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Baralich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet X September 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Eftichia Karpadeli \* Chinh Nguyen  
Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

Children : Difference Makers



~ Easton LaChappelle ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X October 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Malala Yousafzai ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X November 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X December 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet XI January 2024

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Phyllis Wheatley ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI February 2024

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Omar Khayyam ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI March 2024

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Nâzim Hikmet ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI April 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Hassanal Abdullah \* Johnny Takkedasilala  
Rajashree Mohapatra \* Shirley Smothers

### Renowned Poets



~ William Butler Yeats ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Sejiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet XI May 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Binod Dawadi \* Petros Kyriakou Veloudas  
Rayees Ahmad Kumar \* Solomon C Jatta

### Renowned Poets



~ Makhanlal Chaturvedi ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI June 2024

### Featured Global Poets

C. S. P Shrivastava \* Maria Evelyn Quilla Soleta  
Moulay Cherif Chebihi Hassani \* Swayam Prashant

### Renowned Poets



~ Langston Hughes ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI July 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Barbara Gaiardoni \* Bharati Nayak  
Errol Bean \* Michael Lee Johnson

### Renowned Poets



~ Pablo Neruda ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI August 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Ibrahim Honjo \* Khalice Jade  
Irma Kurti \* Mennadi Farah

### Renowned Poets



~ Li Bai ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet XI September 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Teodozja Świdwerska  
Chinh Nguyen \* Awatef El Idrissi Boukhris

### Renowned Poets



~ William Ernest Henley ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI October 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Deepak Kumar Dey \* Shallal 'Anouz  
Adnan Al-Sayegh \* Taghrid Bou Merhi

### Renowned Poets



~ Adam Mickiewicz ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI November 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Abraham Tawiah Tei \* Neha Bhandarkar  
Zaneta Varnado Johns \* Haseena Bnaiyan

### Renowned Poets



~ Wole Soyinka ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XI December 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Kapardeli Eftichia \* Irena Jovanović  
Sudipta Mishra \* Til Kumari Sharma

### Renowned Poets



~ Imru' al-Qais ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet XII January 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Khalice Jade \* Til Kumari Sharma  
Sushant Thapa \* Orbindu Ganga



Innocence  
Daisy



Joy  
Marigold



Longing  
Camellia

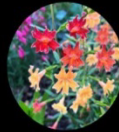
## The Year of the Poet XII February 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Shafkat Aziz Hajam \* Frosina Tasevska  
Muhammad Gaddafi Masoud \* Karen Morrison



Curiosity  
Hibiscus



Fear  
Minulus



Lonlines  
Butterfly Weed

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XII March 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Deepak Kumar Dey \* Binod Dawadi  
Faleeha Hassan \* Kapardeli Eftichia



Frustration  
Petunias



Sorrow  
Purple Hyacinth



Detrmination  
Amaryllis

## The Year of the Poet XII April 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Gopal Sinha \* Taghrid Bou Merhi  
Irma Kurti \* Marlon Salem Grucezo



Resilience  
Calendula



Self Doubt  
Centuary



Grief  
Chrysanthemums

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet XII May 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Swayam Prashant \* Ngozi Olivia Osuoha  
Kazimierz Burnat \* Deepak Kumar Dey



Bittersweetness  
Bittersweetness



Empathy  
Lillies



Sadness  
Sunflowers

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XII June 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Ayham Mahmoud Al-Abbad \* Til Kumari Sharma  
Michael Lee Johnson \* Sylwia K. Malinowska



Love  
Red Roses



Gratitude  
Blue Hydrangea



Contentment  
Azule Bluets

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XII July 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Mennadi Farah \* Aklima Ankhi  
Niloy Rafiq \* Petros Kyriakou Veloudas



Nostalgia  
Lillacs



Wisdom  
Purple Iris



Fearlessness  
Gladiolas

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XII August 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Ivan Pozzoni \* Ram Krishna Singh  
Ibrahim Honjo \* Kazimierz Burnat



Connection  
Sunflower



Fulfillment  
Lotus



Hope  
Daffodils

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Shareef Abdur – Rasheed \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Kimberly Burnham  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

# Inner Child Press Anthologies

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

## The Year of the Poet XII September 2025

### Featured Global Poets

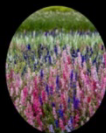
Abeera Mirza \* Shaswata Gangopadhyay  
Shahid Abbas Shahid \* Snežana Šolkotović



Isolation  
Water Violet



Empowerment  
Sunflower



Confusion  
Pink Larkspur

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Elizabeth Castillo \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Kimberly Burnham \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XII October 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Фросина Тасевска \* Tanja Ajtic  
Jerome L. Duque \* Priyanka Neogi



Anticipation  
Anemone



Pride  
Amaryllis



Regret  
Purple Hyacinths

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Elizabeth Castillo \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Kimberly Burnham \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet XII November 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Zainul Husain \* Robert Allen Goodrich Valderrama  
Hong Ngoc Chau \* D. Wahida Hussein



Anxiety  
Columbine



Peacefulness  
Peace Lily



Grief  
Orchids

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Elizabeth Castillo \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Kimberly Burnham \* William S. Peters, Sr.

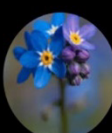
## The Year of the Poet XII December 2025

### Featured Global Poets

Elizabeth Cassidy \* Neha Bhandarkar  
Sajid Hussain \* Mirjana Stefanicki Antonic



Transcendence  
Water Lily



Legacy  
Forget-me-nots



Satisfaction  
Daisies

### The Poetry Posse 2025

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Elizabeth Castillo \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Swapna Behera \* Eliza Seglet  
Tzemin Ition Tsai \* Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Kimberly Burnham \* William S. Peters, Sr.

Now Available

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

and there is much, much more !

visit . . .

[www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies-sales-special.php](http://www.innerchildpress.com/anthologies-sales-special.php)

Also check out our Authors and  
all the wonderful Books

Available at :

[www.innerchildpress.com/authors-pages](http://www.innerchildpress.com/authors-pages)



*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

*World Healing  
World Peace  
2022*



**Poets for Humanity**

*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*



*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*

World Healing World Peace  
2020

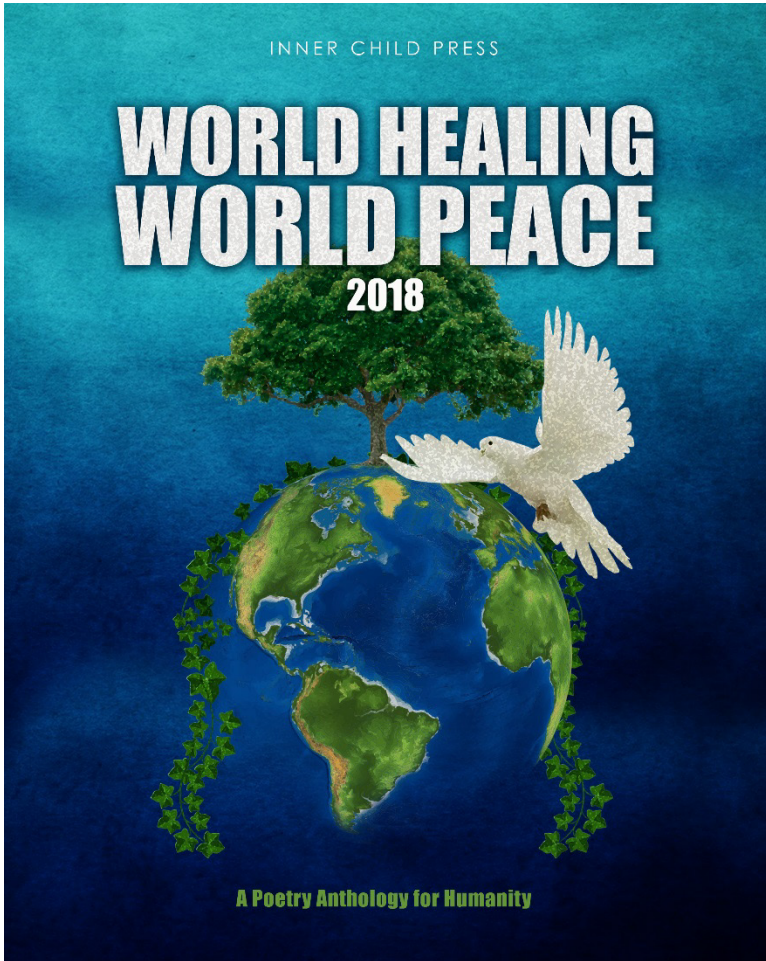


Poets for Humanity

*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

*Inner Child Press Anthologies*



*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)



Support

# World Healing World Peace



[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)



# World Healing World Peace

2012, 2014, 2016, 2018,  
2020, 2022, 2024

*Now Available*

[www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com](http://www.worldhealingworldpeacepoetry.com)

# Inner Child Press International

*'building bridges of cultural understanding'*

## Meet the Board of Directors



**William S. Peters, Sr.**  
Chair Person  
Founder  
Inner Child Enterprises  
Inner Child Press



**Hülya N Yilmaz**  
Director  
Editing Services  
Co-Chair Person



**Fahredin B. Shehu**  
Director  
Cultural Affairs



**Elizabeth E. Castillo**  
Director  
Recording Secretary



**De'Andre Hawthorne**  
Director  
Performance Poetry



**Gail Weston Shazor**  
Director  
Anthologies



**Kimberly Burnham**  
Director  
Cultural Ambassador  
Pacific Northwest  
USA



**Ashok K. Bhargava**  
Director  
WIN Awards



**Deborah Smart**  
Director  
Publicity  
Marketing



**Khalice Jade**  
Director  
Translation  
Services

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

# Inner Child Press International

*'building bridges of cultural understanding'*

## Meet our Cultural Ambassadors



**Fahredin Shehu**  
Director of Cultural



**Faleha Hassan**  
Iraq - USA



**Elizabeth E. Castillo**  
Philippines



**Antoinette Coleman**  
Chicago  
Midwest USA



**Amanda Nepali**  
Nepal - Tibet  
Northern India



**Kimberly Burnham**  
Pacific Northwest  
USA



**Alicja Kuberska**  
Poland  
Eastern Europe



**Swapna Behera**  
India  
Southeast Asia



**Kolade O. Freedom**  
Nigeria  
West Africa



**Monsif Bernal**  
Monroco  
Northern Africa



**Ashok K. Bhargava**  
Canada



**Tzemin Ition Tsai**  
Republic of China  
Greater China



**Alicia M. Ramirez**  
Mexico  
Central America



**Christena AV Williams**  
Jamaica  
Caribbean



**Louise Hudon**  
Eastern Canada



**Aziz Mountassir**  
Morocco  
Northern Africa



**Shareef Abdur-Rasheed**  
Southeastern USA



**Laure Charazac**  
France  
Western Europe



**Mohammad Ikbal Harb**  
Lebanon  
Middle East



**Mohamed Abdel  
Aziz Shmeis**  
Egypt  
Middle East



**Hilary Mainga**  
Kenya  
Eastern Africa



**Josephus R. Johnson**  
Liberia



**Mennadi Farah**  
Algeria

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)

This Anthological Publication  
is underwritten solely by

## *Inner Child Press International*

Inner Child Press is a Publishing Company  
Founded and Operated by Writers. Our  
personal publishing experiences provides  
us an intimate understanding of the  
sometimes daunting challenges Writers,  
New and Seasoned may face in the  
Business of Publishing and Marketing  
their Creative “Written Work”.

For more Information

## *Inner Child Press International*

[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



*Inner Child Press International*



*'building bridges of cultural understanding'*

202 Wiltree Court, State College, Pennsylvania 16801



[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)



*This is our world...*

~ fini ~

# The Poetry Posse ~ 2026



## March 2026 ~ Featured Poets



**Dr.  
Priyanka  
Neogi**



**Keya**



**Niloy  
Rafiq**



**Paraskevi  
Memou**



[www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com)