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our Patrons and Readers &  
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# F oreword

*How smooth must be the language of the whites, when they can make right look like wrong, and wrong like right. — Blackfoot*

The reference “Native American” contains not only The United States and Canada as it’s often erroneously conceived, but rather vast geographical areas outside these countries. Presently, millions of Indigenous People live in their ancestral territories, including Mexico, Central America, and South America. As for the time of their settlements, it pre-dates the arrival of Europeans.

Despite the shortcomings of Whites when historically accurate research is concerned, a considerable amount of studies (print and online) focus on the array of contributions Native Americans have made in the fields of agriculture, medicine, linguistics, and more. It thus is no exaggeration to claim that the first peoples of the Americas have fundamentally shaped the world. To further assert this claim one merely needs to search which civilization provides for the entire globe over sixty percent of the following: the current food supply, life-saving medical treatments, and foundational scientific and ecological principles. Not excluding their pioneering of countless modern innovations, societal structures, and everyday conveniences.

Being an utterly dedicated literature fan and soldier, I cannot help but at least mention the significance of Native American contributions to world literature. The wealth of legacies of ancient oral traditions and a continuously expanding body of highly influential genres of modern fiction, poetry, and nonfiction literally speak for themselves.

It seems appropriate to end this entry with the words of a Native American poet, Chief Dan George:

*The beauty of the trees,  
the softness of the air,  
the fragrance of the grass speaks to me.  
The summit of the mountain,  
the thunder of the sky,  
the rhythm of the sea speaks to me.  
The faintness of the stars,  
the freshness of the morning,  
the dewdrop on the flower speaks to me.  
The strength of the fire,  
the taste of salmon,  
the trail of the sun,  
and the life that never goes away,  
they speak to me.  
And my hearts soars.*

~ Chief Dan George

**hülya n. yılmaz, Ph.D.**

# 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.

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# Native American



There are over 1000 Native American and First Nations communities and many wonderful poets in Canada and the United States. Perhaps the most famous, Joy Harjo (Muscogee Nation, USA) is the Former U.S. Poet Laureate. Another poet, Adrienne Rich said, "I turn and return to Harjo's poetry for her breathtaking complex witness and for her world-remaking language: precise, unsentimental, miraculous." In her poem, How to Write a Poem in a Time of War, Joy Harjo starts, "You can't begin just anywhere. It's a wreck," and later says of bombs, "Like a seed fallen where There is no chance of trees or anyplace for birds to live. No, start here. Deer peer from the edge of the woods.

We used to see woodpeckers ..." She reminds us to look around at what we have lost, at what war has brought us, but also what we have and must cherish.

In Turtle Mountain Reservation, Louise Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Band, USA) says, "At dusk the gray owl walks the length of the roof, sharpening its talons on the shingles. Grandpa leans back between spoonfuls of canned soup and repeats to himself a word that belongs to a world no one else can remember." Consider what words you know that belong to a world no one else remembers. What memories do you hold that will leave the world with you?

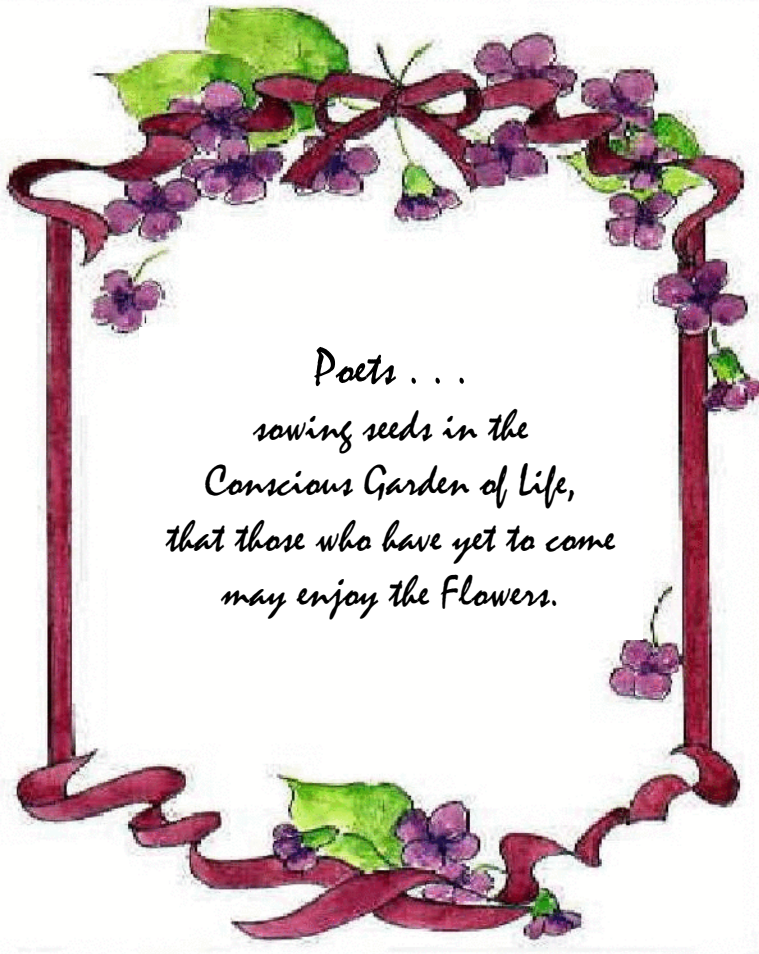
Perhaps it is that, "You'll want to know that tundra is one big tiring mattress to walk on with sloping stone breaks and muck to stick even hip length boots and pools deep and cool by boulders spotted with orange yellow black white and light green lichen i can tell you the flowers are many and minuscule," describes Inuit poet, Taqralik Partridge. She encourages us to really look at our environment. Beauty can be found everywhere.

Métis poet, Katherena Vermette puts our place in this world in perspective, "Procession: you are only here to learn from those who came before and make space for those who come after."

A member of the Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) community in Canada, Richard Wagamese writes, "Stories get told one word at a time..."

I hope you enjoy every word and story of our surroundings shared here in this volume of *The Year of the Poet*.

Kimberly Burnham  
Portland, Oregon



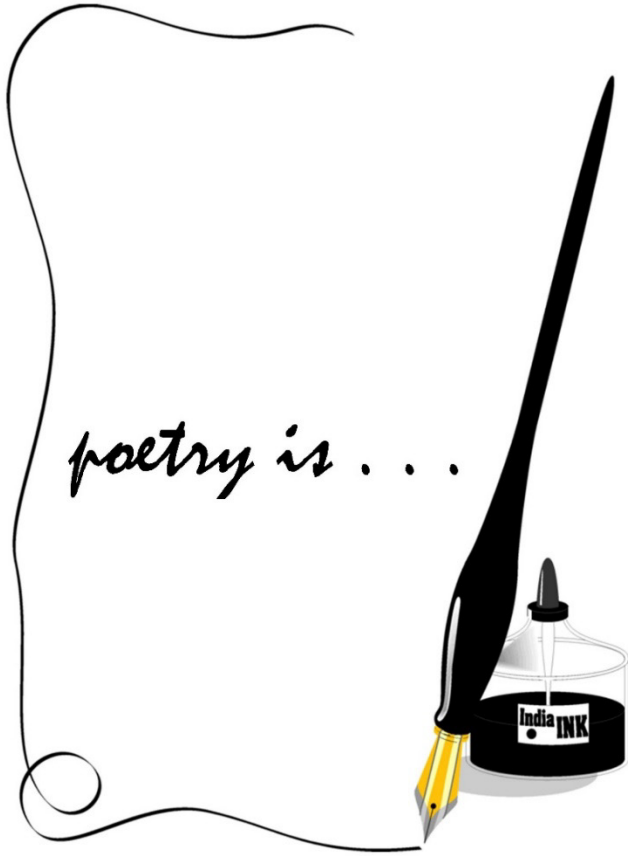
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

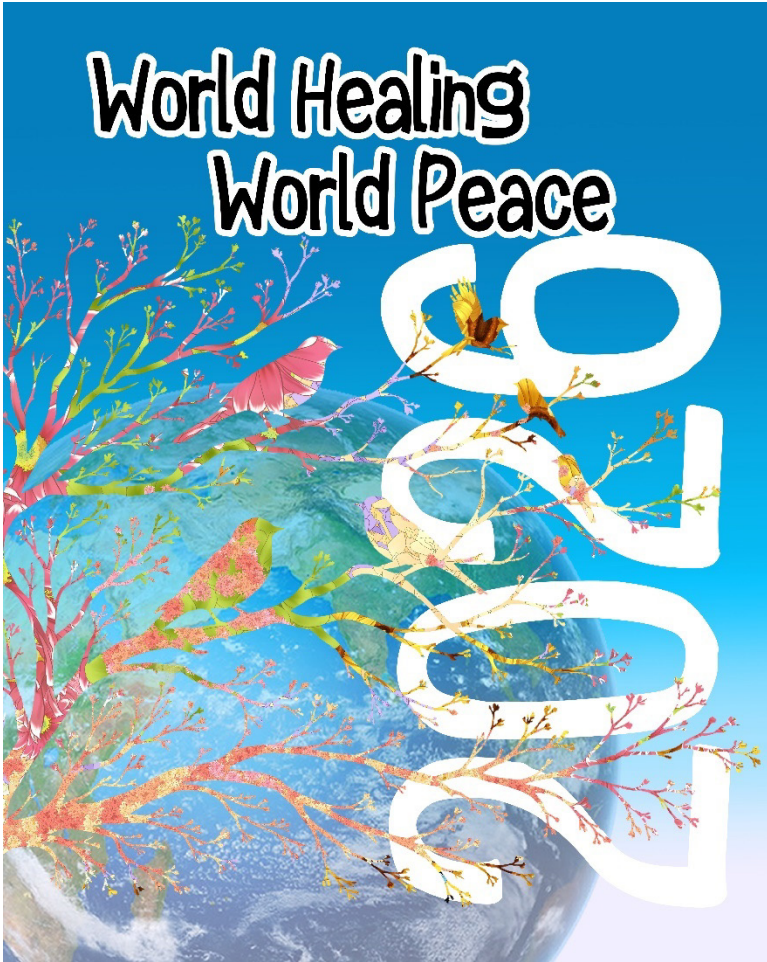




*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

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Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

Coining words at an early age, there was often a bit of trouble with teachers, but she always had her mother and aunt to back up her choices in expression. Born in Mississippi, she spent her early years with her grandparents. Each of the four left very careful influences on her pre-schooling. She learned in turn how women worked in and out of the home and how men worked in and out of the home to support the family. She learned that a lack of proper schooling was not the only way to learn and understanding life was a great teacher. As in most rural families of color, women had a greater chance of formal learning. Both of Gail's grandmothers read out loud to the family whether it was the bible or the newspapers and important documents to their spouses.

Gail Weston Shazor has authored (so far) Notes from the Blue Roof, A Overstanding of an Imperfect Love, HeartSongs and Lies My Grandfather's Told Me. The number of anthologies is too many to list with the premier accomplishment of one of the contributors to The Year of The Poet. Gail will always lend her ink to community projects and will purchase the books of fellow poets in the Inner Child Press family.

## Nanpisa

You rose over the Nanih Waiya  
The sacred earthworks  
It is at sunrise that we prepare  
The dance  
The one taught to us  
Since we could move our feet on our own  
Every year, a new dress  
With more and more symbols  
Of growing up  
Traditional mother cloth  
Fashioned by my Okla Hannali  
With no rain in sight  
And a cloudless sky  
The elders are ready  
To shepherd in the summer  
Welcome the summer  
That stands between life and death

## Knowledge

Laying open palms  
They trace the lines  
At the joinings  
Blessing the ungrown spaces  
Waiting to be filled  
With the prayers of ancestors  
The wisdom of caresses  
Soothes the soul  
That has not yet  
Come into knowing  
The lessons felt  
All too well in bones  
Stretched and fashioned  
Into that which spells  
The path to be trod  
As female, girl, woman  
Fingers spread the wisdom  
In anointing circles  
And there is no end to learning  
How to soothe the necessary  
Of every situation  
Into that which is passed  
From old to new  
Uniquely  
All women know  
It is only a matter of method  
In how knowledge is passed  
It is a matter of love  
That it is

## Wishing

On my wishing days  
I used to wonder about wandering  
I could feel the silver  
Quickening in my limbs  
Although I was told to lie still  
On the floor  
The snake oil felt cold  
And I supposed it was because  
Snakes are cold blooded too  
I could never remember which  
Indian I was in that moment  
Some say it was Cherokee or  
Choctaw, all I know is I needed to be still  
My great grandfather walked around me  
In his Indian clothes  
And Indian feathers and Indian dance steps  
At every pass, he smiled down at me  
And I smiled back, safely stilled

Big momma whispered in my ear  
From her lying place beside me  
“remember this day chile,  
for this is where we meet  
hand to hand, heart to heart  
binding you to us forever”  
And I remembered the coldness  
Of the snake oil on my skin  
And the quickening of the silver  
In my veins  
Lost in the wondering of my wandering  
Her hands roughened from the cotton  
Never really soothed by board chalk  
Snow white hands joined the negro ones  
Clasped across my forehead  
I could see the others swirling

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Like a borned wind behind my closed eyes  
I wanted to clap in delight  
At the many colors, the different clothing  
That they wore in celebration  
Of my natural called bonekeeping  
And I ever remain the wishing  
In the embrace of my family

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Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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Alicja Maria Kuberska – awarded Polish poetess, novelist, journalist, editor.

She is a member of the Polish Writers Associations in Warsaw, Poland and IWA Bogdani, Albania. She is also a member of directors' board of Soflay Literature Foundation, Our Poetry Archive (India) and Cultural Ambassador for Poland (Inner Child Press, USA )

Her poems have been published in numerous anthologies and magazines in : Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine, Belgium, Bulgaria, Albania, Spain, the UK, Italy, the USA, Canada, the UK, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Israel, Turkey, India, Uzbekistan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, Australia, South Africa, Zambia, Nigeria

She received two medals - the Nosside UNESCO Competition in Italy (2015) and European Academy of Science Arts and Letters in France (2017). Ahe also received a reward of international literary competition in Italy „ Tra le parole e ‘elfinito” (2018). She was announced a poet of the 2017 year by Soflay Literature Foundation (2018).She also received : Bolesław Prus Prize Poland (2019), Culture Animator Poland (2019) and first prize Premio Internazionale di Poesia Poseidonia- Paestrum Italy (2019).

## Indians

Forgotten stories and tales,  
fires long extinguished.  
Words of songs  
torn into fragments.  
Vast stretches of land  
turned into fields,  
no longer trembling  
under the hooves of bison.  
It was not so long ago.  
Memory held in photographs,  
in histories written by the invaders.  
The old world is gone.  
Respect for land and nature  
placed away in reservations.

## The Bell

For whom does the bell toll?  
The wind carries a heavy bronze sound —  
it spills in a widening stream,  
brushes the tops of trees,  
reaches the clouds, then falls  
like mist upon the land.  
For whom does the bell toll?  
People in black,  
with hands full of flowers  
and prayer upon their lips,  
move slowly  
toward their fate,  
and the earth waits...  
For whom does the bell toll?  
For me. For you and the rest.  
Its voice replaces the word  
*someday* with *today*.  
Undone letters and roads  
crumble into dust.  
Silence shifts the tracks of life.

## There She Is

We pass each other almost every day  
at the distance of fear.  
Life forces us into  
mutual indifference and acceptance.  
Sometimes, like a misbehaving child,  
she breaks something  
to make us look  
to stop us with a gesture.  
I see her in the wind  
that turns the fading leaves carelessly,  
and in the way she stands  
upright in frost-stiff stems.  
She paints dry trees grey,  
breaks branches with a crack.  
She is silence  
in clenched bird throats,  
a glassy gaze.  
She is everywhere around us,  
reminding us of her presence.  
She patiently explains  
what inevitable necessity is.  
I know she allows nothing to be taken.  
We must leave  
when the requiem is played,  
inviting us into eternal sleep.

Til  
Kumari  
Sharma

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

## Wounded Tears

Tears in the war and battlefield,  
Brought the waves in the sea.  
Disasters and broken homes,  
Broken hearts of people in the world.  
Tears made red sea from historical period,  
The war corpses were here and there.  
Females were snatched with their existence.  
Characters of feminine energy were lost.  
One's wife is loved by another.  
Other's husband is trapped in love by other woman.  
The unmarried females are made compulsion to love.  
True love was lost from early period.  
In real true love happens once.  
What the life is?  
Nothing meaningful when true love is not born.  
Love is kidnapped by this false time.  
Tears make rivers and sea.  
No value of true love is in this age.  
No respect in true love in this age is.

## Whirlpool of Life without True Love

True love is not born many where.  
Few artists are there to memorize their lost love with words.  
They keep eternal love in art.  
This love is got somewhere.  
Many where love is dismissed and puzzlement .  
Life itself is in whirlpool when true love is not born for him or her.  
The journey of life is alone.  
Alienation is better then false love.  
The absurdity of false love makes us sick and thoughtless.  
Love is essential to rise.  
But today many lovers are in whirlpool to play games of love.  
Love becomes the game of battlefield.  
It should be won in competition.  
But true love is not game of battlefield with comparison.  
Real love is truly born but without competitor.

## Native American

The aboriginal beings of America are Native Americans.

The hard workers were they.

Color of aboriginal was disrespected when colonization was there.

Dominated from early days with color discrimination,  
Original Americans have their rich cultural heritage.

They were depending previously in agriculture.

They are with original American design.

American Indians also are aboriginals.

They identify America as cultural identify.

The people as all natives of USA are Native Americans.

They are called Hawaiians too.

They are found in Alaska too.

Native Americans are original inhabitants of USA.

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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

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

## The Seventh Snow On The Winter Count

Beside the dusk-fire,  
Grandfather spreads out the buffalo hide,  
a scroll of years unwilling to go under the earth.  
A Lakota winter keeps no order by clock or calendar,  
but marks its years by a stroke, a beast,  
a single great snow.

The hoof-thunder of a running horse  
trembles through the grain of the hide;  
the cold iron of an inverted gun  
still points toward the wind before famine;  
upon it there is a white ring,  
encircling the valley, and encircling as well  
the name of a child stillborn, never allowed to grow.

Grandfather's finger moves along the painted signs,  
slowly, as moonlight lights lamps  
for the dead upon the prairie.  
He is in no haste to tell it,  
for what is truly weighty is allotted  
but a single sentence in a lifetime.

Firelight withdraws; the constellations stoop low.  
The tribe's migrations, sundering, and return  
all lie folded within silence.  
History is not in pages,  
but in the mouths that remember;  
the past is not in stone markers,  
but in the palm-lines willing to pass it on.

Snow is coming;  
the hide gives back a faint sheen,  
and under the frozen earth,  
roots not yet given over to despair.

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We do not live  
in order to become our own legend;  
when the seventh snow  
comes down again, may there be someone  
to waken the fire and the dawn  
by speaking our names.

## Within The Four Sacred Mountains

Dawn first wakes in the sheep-bells;  
only afterward does human speech arrive.  
Frost lies thinly over all;  
the corral is a scripture not yet written.  
The flock is a gentle breath  
the Holy Ones have lent for a while.

A Diné morning  
is kept by four sacred mountains,  
east and west, south and north,  
each sworn into silence.  
Within them, a person is no more  
than a shadow learning how to stand true.  
In youth, I only felt that the word *hózhó*  
held water, light, dust, and endurance.  
a composure one imagined  
fit only for years of plenty.

Anger is drawn back into the chest,  
the step made light, lest it startle  
the springs and stones;  
winter cold tamed, strand by strand,  
into cloth; and in a barren year still leaving  
a milk-sweet fragrance for the evening meal.  
The teachings of this land are never loud.

They teach children to speak softly to water,  
as to an elder;  
they teach those who cross the wilderness  
to remember that mountains are not scenery,  
but kin endowed with memory.  
At dusk I drive the sheep back to the fold;

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my shadow lengthens, and I learn  
that abundance lies not  
in how much one owns, but in being able,  
amid hardship, to set the heart again  
in right relation with heaven and earth.

## The Three Sisters Speaking On The Mound

At first spring,  
the earthen mound swells slightly,  
a body half-waking.  
As though an eldest daughter  
were gathering the household's voice  
in the morning light.  
Bean-vines climb, not contending for height,  
but twining their softness into a trust  
one may lean upon.

The squash lies close to the ground,  
broad leaves guarding the roots,  
keeping watch for the soil,  
and taking from summer its excess of edge.  
In the fields of the Haudenosaunee,  
one plants food, and more than food,  
the order by which lives lean upon one another.  
Women bend low, and with their fingertips  
sow the ancestors' charge, pressing it,  
seed by seed, into the year to come.

A child bears water; wind turns lightly  
under the leaves, and cloud-herds  
drift toward the far woods.  
Deep in autumn, beans softly sound  
in the basket, and the squash burns gold;  
harvest is the sacred charge to keep seed  
for the year to come.

Noreen  
Snyder

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## The Year of the Poet XIII May 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 of The Poetry Club on Facebook.

## The Bridge of Silence

In the 1800s and the 1900s,  
traditional ceremonies, their languages,  
and spiritual practices were banned.  
The elders, the Bridge of Silence,  
taught the children to whisper their names  
and prayers under their blankets at night,  
like trapped smoke twirling in the dark.

The trapped smoke didn't die;  
it buried deep into the children's bones,  
into their hearts, keeping them warm  
during a long, long, cold winter.

When the timing is right, they'll know  
by their hearts thumping hard  
like a drum during a powwow.  
The elders' spirits will whisper to them,  
“It's time now! It's time now.”

The trapped smoke will erupt into a huge fire,  
sounding loud like a roar of thunder  
as they reclaim their languages—  
no longer silent, but loud like a tornado.

The Bridge of Silence will never let the spirits  
of their words go back into darkness ever again.  
They are here to stay.

## Friendship

Stay

for a while

let's have tea and scones

letting our friendship

blossom into a mature flower.

Talk about our dreams,

the future, the present,

about our men, and their dreams,

about the world-the good and the bad.

Just chit-chat for a while

even if it's only nonsense talk.

So stay

for a while

letting our friendship

blossom into a mature flower.

## Don't Grow Too Fast

Don't grow too fast.

Don't let your life  
slip away from you.

Don't let your dreams  
go to waste.

Don't let that knock  
on the door  
to your heart  
go unnoticed.

Elizabeth  
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Castillo

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## The Voice of the Eagle

Above the mountains, an eagle circles the morning sky,  
Its wings gather stories from rivers older than memory,  
from forests that remember the footsteps of grandmothers  
and grandfathers.

The wind carries songs that no paper can hold, songs  
woven from cedar smoke, drumbeats, and starlight.

The eagle watches, silent and wise, seeing the trails of  
those who walked before us,

In its shadow, children learn that the earth is not owned, but  
shared.

The sky is a teacher. The river is a relative. The stone is a  
witness,

And every sunrise opens another page in the endless story  
of the people.

## Grandmother Moon

When the sun rests, Grandmother Moon rises above the  
sleeping prairie,  
She wears a silver blanket stitched with ancient light.  
The coyotes lift their voices, calling to her across the quiet  
land,  
She listens.  
She listens to the dreams of children, to the prayers carried  
by fire, to the hopes hidden inside every beating heart,  
Her light touches the rivers, the grasses, the painted cliffs  
Nothing is forgotten beneath her gaze.  
She remembers every season, every story, every name  
spoken around the circle,  
And through the long night, she reminds us that even in  
darkness, there is guidance, there is beauty, there is light.

## The Drum Remembers

The drum begins softly,

Boom.

A heartbeat.

Boom.

The heartbeat of the earth,

Around the fire, people gather.

Young and old, past and present,  
moving together beneath the stars.

The rhythm grows stronger

It speaks without words,

It remembers the hunters, the storytellers, the healers, the  
protectors.

Each beat carries a memory forward.

Each beat says, "We are still here."

The flames dance. The night listens.

The drum echoes through valleys and mountains, through  
generations, through time itself.

And as the song rises, the ancestors smile, hearing their  
voices alive in every beat.

These poems are written in a respectful free-verse style and  
can be used for literary collections, cultural appreciation  
programs, or educational reading materials.

# Mutawaf Shaheed

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

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## Native Americans

Land stolen, treaties broken.  
Kids killed, buffaloes murdered.  
Greed and avarice are the motive.  
A tribe on the east coast was the  
first to roast. At the hands of the  
creatures from a far-off land.

Passing laws that hide their claws.  
What the heck do think I'm  
supposed to say. As real human  
beings, the Indians were treating  
these demons like they were men  
of their word.

They had no knowledge of his  
history, if they would have known  
they would have flown to some  
remote place in the world. Let  
there be no mistake , when the  
Indians ruled, you could go and  
drink from any stream or any lake.  
Who are the savages anyway?

Animals that were here were secure  
until the beast from Europe came.  
They lived in relative peace until the  
arrival of the beast came with his  
decease and greed. His words are  
worse than dirty.

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I have absolutely nothing good to say.  
That's why I'm going away from poem  
I write. I try and stay on an even path,  
for these criminals all I hope for is God's  
wrath. He's aware and He's fair. May He  
bless all the good people of the world.

## Flowers

I picked one of the feelings from  
the emotional bouquet. It must have  
been how the ginger bread man felt  
with his mind half baked.

Lifting another flower took more time  
to know that the date had expired  
on the label named "The Affair."  
I nipped the bud of the one called hate.

The fragrances were mixed with tricks  
that didn't work well. Flowers of despair  
lay at the bottom of the barrel covered  
with chocolate flavored brine.

A petal colored with stigma paint  
seemed strange to the common eye.  
The hands that gripped the bouquet  
was tarnished with organic organs.

Memories glow from when doctors  
Showed they would endorse cigarettes.  
Deflecting the blame from Jessie James.  
It wasn't him that robbed the banks.

The Indians should have picked a wall that  
could have kept the pilgrims out.

## Exit Ramp

Our minds were entwined,  
then the music stopped playing.  
We are nowhere now, I'm just  
saying.

The trails we walked and ran are  
no longer amazing. Is there a we  
still in place, or is it now just you  
and your way or me mine?

I'm drawing blanks from what was  
a memory. With not much time to  
search I concentrate on finding the  
me in myself.

Thee and the thou no longer  
interest me. I can no longer distinguish  
the wind from the leaves on the  
tree.

Sometimes there is a penalty that  
comes with imagination. Losing  
our focus on reality could impair  
our return to it.

Somewhere in the distance I hear a  
soprano saying something. I think  
I need to know what it is.  
My time here in the doldrums is done.

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

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## Native American History

“America was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492,” the clueless claim, either ignoring or denying . . .

tens of thousands of years of Native American existence with its hundreds of diverse nations of rich cultures, languages, and social systems of high sophistication . . . long before the 15<sup>th</sup> century European contact; long before the primitive peoples of Europe ‘discovered’ its story of unmatched resilience, adaptation; long after the primitive peoples of Europe denied its ongoing presence of utter strength, despite centuries of devastating population loss, land dispossession, and forced assimilation by settler colonialism . . .

“Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492.”  
The only discovery CC has made was that he encountered an old, long-established, sophisticated, strong, and resilient civilization of rich diversity.

“Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492.”  
What a poor settler colonialist attempt at a joke!

## Tribes of Native America

Today, population size, and historical influence  
Determine the prominence of Native American tribes  
In the United States, where they span the Southeast,  
Southwest, Great Plains, and Great Lakes regions . . .  
Hence, the **Cherokee Nation, Navajo Nation, Choctaw  
Nation, Sioux, aka Lakota/Dakota/Nakota, and  
Chippewa, AKA Ojibwe.**

First Nations, that is prominent Native American tribes  
In Canada, include the Cree, Ojibwe, aka Anishinaabe,  
Mohawk, aka Haudenosaunee, Blackfoot, and Mi'kmaq.  
Over 630 distinct communities exist across the country,  
As in the Plains, Woodlands, and Pacific Coast.

## CC on Native America

*I myself found it.*

*It is mine to claim henceforth.*

*My America!*

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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

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## Pueblo Indigenous Memory

Morning light over the mesa  
exposes warm memories  
of the ancestral drums.

First light trembles with a prayer  
of earth rising to greet the people  
with a blessing of sacred blue sky.

The indigenous know the value  
of the sacred land they walk on each day.  
Footsteps carry the deep ancestral bond.

They remember in the hush of day.  
The wisdom of the medicine man  
always honors the land.

The desert's radiant skylight  
gathers the clouds in harmony  
to kiss the canyons and mesas

with devotion and reverence.  
The natives walk in harmony  
with earth and sky.

The Pueblo vibrates in the blessing  
passed down from the ancestors  
with each sunrise from the east.

## Tribute to the Code Talkers

They spoke a language older  
than the war, flags, or borders.  
From the red earth of Dine,  
they sing in the wind.

On distant shores in the Pacific,  
a language unknown to the ocean waves.  
In the heat of battle, words sliced the air,

rolled over the enemies' chest as smooth as silk.  
Their words reached the destination free from harm.  
They spoke in a rhythm with a coded message  
that bore resilience from the ancestors.

When the war ended  
no mention of these unspoken heroes  
was given to honor the magnificence.

They shaped victory from the mother tongue  
of the Navajo, the Code Talkers,  
whose legacy will live forever.

Can you hear them in the high desert  
still chanting on the mesa.  
The strongest warriors who fought with their voices.

## The Land Remembers

The land reminds us  
with the change of seasons  
that nature is in charge  
of the scenery we hold dear.

Each breath we take  
in the open-air gallery  
is by natural design a gift  
from the Lady we call, Mother Nature.

Snow geese land in the high desert.  
An eagle sits patiently on a juniper branch.  
The stories they share  
are not spoken out loud.

The cottonwoods show naked eloquence.  
Yellow fire turns brown  
on a journey back to the soil.

This place does not belong to us.  
Spirit allows us to experience  
the hug of each season.  
We promise to be faithful stewards.

Listen with gratitude in your heart.  
The wind whispers sacred messages  
of love in abundance across the land.

If you cannot hear the lyrics of love  
floating in the breeze,  
you are not ready to transition  
to the road that embraces soul.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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## On Land Never Surrendered

My native Canadian friend and I  
meet for coffee once a month.  
Outside, the coast breathes—  
salt in the air,  
cedar leaning into rain,  
tides carrying a history  
that was never surrendered.  
I know his nation's name  
only in English,  
a borrowed sound  
that cannot hold its meaning.  
He speaks of it simply,  
as if it belongs  
to the water,  
to the wind in the trees,  
not to words.  
We sit a while  
on this land—  
not ours to name or claim,  
like light through branches,  
touching something older than us,  
and passing on.

## Tendering the Hollow

Tiny words  
spill from my lips—  
efforts to define peace  
turn to dust.

A prayer lingers  
on the tongue,  
too light  
to bend the silence,  
no matter how I cry.

conflict coils,  
unmoved,  
as if even diplomacy  
has lost its shape.

And in the hollow,  
a quieter truth:  
peace does not fall  
from heaven,  
nor rise from whispered words—  
but in the small tending  
of innocent victims of war,  
held with care,  
fragile, trembling—  
there, only there,  
does peace begin.

## Burst With Zest

Magnolia, yes—  
missiles, no.

Peace, love—  
no conflict.

Live with zest,  
seasoned with spice.

No slow crawl.

Mango, strawberry—  
sweetness  
in my soul—  
I dance.

Breathe love.  
Be consumed.

Let the moment  
burst—  
all at once.

No past, no after—  
only this  
burning now.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

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

Links to her works:

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## Global Nexus

The council honors the kin  
A nexus rises, giving birth  
To stories carried by the Northern skies,  
Where cedar smokes and poles stand.  
Each bead of pledge from rivers deep,  
The wordsmith's vow to sweet autumn's kiss,  
Through winter, fall or summer's beat,  
Strung on the thread of spirit's need.  
So let the nexus ever soar  
Like eagle's wings bound to pour  
Live. Light. Love- to evermore.

## Enshrined

I scatter my thoughts in the breeze,  
A quiet spark of bliss on my feet,  
I walk with *Gaia*, *her* stories in the rooted trees,  
Each heavy step is like a scar,  
A vessel shaped with a constant star,  
A chance to reflect a temple built,  
From a vital step within a dance,  
So, I take the moments as they come,  
And know this place is not by chance—  
The quiet mind, the open heart,  
Enshrined with purpose, entombed with light.

## Gateway to Pacific

I've been to your heart, Oh Canada!  
My second home on Earth,  
The harbors unfurl its misty gleam,  
Every soul's reverie, the one that got away,  
The mountains' silver crown,  
That salt and pine beneath the ground,  
The brooks run free, and whispers to me,  
The valleys guard its sentinel song,  
The forests embrace the stellar cast,  
Held together by unified gravity.

# Swapna Behera

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## yeha – Noha

that is why they sing  
Yeha- Noha  
Wishes of happiness and prosperity  
of the native Americans  
their contribution  
ancient hieroglyphic  
and  
pictographic writings  
extensive folktales  
myths and oral history  
the struggle for identity  
is the main theme  
kayaks, rubber, suspension bridge  
advanced agricultural techniques  
democratic models  
that influenced the U.S constitution  
cultivation of three sisters  
corn, beans, squash, potatoes, tomatoes, vanilla  
sustainable practices  
honorable harvest  
emphasizing to take only what is needed  
The Iroquois confederacy  
provides models of federalism  
canoes, snow shoes, goggles  
hammocks, baby bottles, syringes  
they are the legacy makers  
who sing  
yeha- Noha

*{yeha – Noha {Wishes of happiness and prosperity}}*

## Sakhi- The Witness of Love

Here sits Sakhi John in the hospital  
of Lakeshore Kochi  
To donate his KIDNEY to Shaju Paul  
To dedicate his love to the Lord;  
the loving and living Lord  
Who was born in Bethlehem  
Here sits Sakhi with his determination  
To celebrate his Valentine moment  
To dedicate his love for humanity  
Tomorrow the operation  
Dear Sakhi; you the asset of the society  
The humanity learns love from you  
The expression of love a difficult process  
You can speak loudly or feebly  
But the silent expression is so lovely  
Your valentine day is every moment  
so precious your passion  
You decided to donate a part of your body  
The body that is nourished by your biological mother  
Loved by your kids and wife  
The process of 375 medical tests  
The process of this gift is not a paperwork dear  
Lot of prayers pushed the document  
to the forum of grace  
Taking a decision in a silent moment is your  
enormous love, patience and strength  
Your love and passion a milestone  
"Love without action is meaningless "  
You loved the family of Shaju  
So a gift of your flesh  
and blood to his family  
My dear Sakhi - the Witness

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We all love you ; a Greater love you are  
The entire humanity holds your hand  
And believe me prayers pour from around the world for  
you and Shaju  
The donor and receiver ; for both the families  
You are God's love  
God is the strongest mountain  
You lean on HIS shoulder  
We love you dear angel on earth  
Yddou teach all the Greater LOVE  
You celebrate Love  
Love tunes and dances within you !  
Dear Sakhi -the witness of Lord !!

*Dedicated to [Sakhi John](#) ,a 45 years old Professor at  
management studies of Jamia who donated his kidney  
to Shaju Paul employed in a private bus as a cleaner.*

## poems are flowers on aesthetic debris

poems are pains  
dissected on the surgical table  
blood drops that cleanse the soul  
poems are women  
who pray for the progeny  
poems are reporters  
from ground zero  
poems are mirrors  
that reflect even in the dark  
poems are soldiers of democracy  
none can buy with currency  
poems are dimples of death  
no one can burn them  
poems are dreams  
as fresh as the virgin eyes of a baby  
poems are museums  
silent yet speak the legacy  
poems are indicators  
impulsive, stylish  
with prelude of ecstasy  
I am a poem  
you are a poem  
we are poems  
Afterall we are flowers on the aesthetic debris

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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### Infinite Poetry

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## Native Indian

Before the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria set sail in 1492 and embarked on America, there was indigenous Native Americans populating the area. Before the lies, the theft and murder the tribe leaders kept order. Since then, they've been fighting for land legally theirs, the brown man wearing deer skin, feather bonnets, tribal paint and moccasins...the lands original citizens. The smoke of sage fills the sky, heart beats correlate with the palm beats on drums, they'll rather hit a peace pipe rather than dance and chant war cries. They've cried. Parents, siblings and children died battling genocide, they were warriors, they weren't going to run and hide, they fought for truth. not for pride. Imagine cutting trails in order to pass through high grass, they made tipi's built to last, roads formed from blood, swear tears moccasins and hoofs from the many times Indians and horse's passed. Imagine living on land your ancestors cultivated, then have a foreign man make your kind alienated.

## Shock wave

When they ask me... Where do you get your drive from? My response is life, reactions to actions. There's highs and lows, beautiful and ugly reflections, keeping it true to the pen, when I hock spit lyrical phlegm, it's facts in poetic gems. the ying and yang on the life of drugs and guns, as well as jail and death when sets bang for a come up, a name, for disrespect or to reign in the game of manteca and caine. I saw death too many times, I've seen homies on the floor, in morgues, on gurneys getting ready for that final journey when fam pulls the plug and we see and hear the monitor flatline. The Game is my forte as education, murder is one of my biggest motivations, I hone in on caskets and holes surrounded by a circle of tears falling off faces of fam and peers, then manifest those visions thru urban expression as lessons. I am the streets in flesh form, I'm every aspect of the trap when i brainstorm, a majority of my life was spent in the fire, over fire, chef'n napalm, that experience and all that comes with it is why I'm able to send shockwaves with these types of urban bombs.

## Failed to succeed

I lived a harsh life and learned harsh lessons in these New York slums. Fails helped me succeed, I've been educated through experiences most wouldn't want to experience, so I share bars of scars by making my pen bleed. Everyday I wake up is a blessing, I thank the almighty for his guidance, had to witness joy and pain, sunshine and rain, so I laughed, cried, smiled and frowned dealing with the ghetto pestilence in order to overstand and teach the pros and cons of red money violence. I swear when I reflect it feels as if those reflections were a dream, they're nightmarish reactions to past actions, unfortunately they're nonfiction. A lot of men didn't get to celebrate being twenty one because at sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty they were victims of redrum. I grew up with good friends. I was the youngest, I did what they did, they did what I did, we walked the same paths as kids. When I was younger I wondered why they're in heaven and why was I left to deal with poverty's oppression?, as I got older and wiser I realized God saved me to rewind time with my mind after living out their forever, to dissect history with literature that will educate the future.

Kimberly  
Burnham

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## Peace at the Center

There is a garden near here  
not the first garden  
not the last  
but one people have agreed  
to keep alive

Cherry blossoms lifting their faces to the sun  
tomatoes reddening before the winter comes again  
mint running freely where it pleases  
bees carrying golden sweetness  
from one blossom to another

And in the center stands a pole  
with four faces  
each unique and equally good  
beautiful as the mountains  
from every direction

On the wood are written words  
older than fences  
older than roads  
older than the arguments of governments

May peace prevail on earth  
peace refuses to live in one house  
alone

In Nêhiyawêwin Cree  
"Pitanê piyahtakeyimowin ka-ispayin askihk"  
where peace moves carefully  
like someone carrying water  
wasting none of it

In Métis Michif  
La pea Kaniikaniishtum

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where peace sounds like kinship  
meeting halfway down the road

In Blackfoot

"Ninaistsiim annom ksa komi"

where peace arrives

with the wide sky

where cattle dot the horizon

meadow grass bending but not breaking

And in the words of the Tsuut'ina Nation near Calgary

Alberta

"Nāātō ání, Nìsk'ā Ágúlāgà, átlōghást'a?í dàmístìy"

a language carrying river stones

and the patience of hills

as the wind spreads pine seeds

I stood there long enough

to hear what the pole was saying

Not merely stop fighting

Not merely be kind

Let every tongue

bring its own medicine

let every people

name the light they see

in their own way

let the garden grow

as many roots share one ground

And when you leave take a seed

take a word, take silence

take peace and return home

plant your own garden

with peace in the center

## Wêhtinahk

In Cree there is a path called ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ<sup>x</sup>  
said wêhtinahk  
meaning to move easily, leisurely, quietly  
in peace

I think the elders knew  
what the cities are too busy to see  
peace is not only the end of noise  
or of war but the return of time

When we are at peace  
the hands unclench  
shoulders soften  
and the hours open like sunlight  
peaking over a mountain  
in the early morning

Bread tastes better  
water shines brighter  
even grief can sit beside us  
without cracking the chair  
he is in peace now  
I think of my father

The plum trees still blossom  
he would be so happy to have seen  
one more spring and know that neighbors  
loved his fruit  
and how he took care of his orchard

In peace the road is easier.  
in peace thoughts come clear  
in peace there is room  
for the ring neck mourning dove  
who comes every day

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for laughter arriving slowly

Anything joined to peace  
becomes more valuable  
love with peace  
work with peace  
memory with peace  
taking out the trash with peace  
and the earth itself  
seems to whisper

Take your time  
go gently  
there is enough

## Dohi'yi

There is a Cherokee word people write  
"VAġ" speaking it softly "Dohi'yi"  
peace not the thin kind  
signed on paper  
and forgotten by morning

This peace has roots  
grows under the ribs  
where the heart keeps old letters

There is another word too  
ᏆᏍᏏᏉᏍᏏ  
sounds like "Nvwatohiyadv"  
peace, harmony,  
the vibration of many lives  
finding one rhythm

I think of the ones  
who have walked here before  
rising before dawn  
their breath in white clouds  
join the cedar and mist

They knew peace  
is not silence  
it is the river running to the sea  
the fire staying in the fire pit  
leaving the trees to grow tall towards the sun  
it is children laughing  
without looking over their shoulders

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It is my own mind  
settling after years of wandering  
and when the world grows sharp  
when the news tears at the edges  
when anger circles like crows  
say it again: Dohi'yi

Let the word move  
travel gently  
rising and falling like a waterfall  
moving forward  
nourishing all it touches on the path

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Eliza  
Segiet

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

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

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)*”.

## Diverse

You cannot erase culture  
different languages, beliefs, and one goal  
– to survive.

From the effects of a changing climate  
– they moved,  
– they fled,  
to places where life would still be possible.  
A nomadic people,  
overcoming adversity,  
somehow managing despite everything.

Diverse,  
scattered across vast lands,  
they held their own values and convictions.  
Most of them believed that  
the Earth is sacred, and they are  
– its guardians  
– not its owners.

They left behind  
rock art,  
which allows us to uncover  
– the world of our ancestors.  
Painted,  
carved into stone, the symbols  
stand as a testament to the past for those who come after.

Perhaps it is worth learning from people  
who knew how to live in defiance of fate?

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*

## Absent-mindedness

We create problems  
which should not exist.  
Have we forgotten  
what they told us –  
our grandfathers and parents?  
Errors are a human thing,  
but why  
do we have to repeat them?

In the absent-mindedness  
contaminated by our own 'self'  
we build abysses between  
respect and disrespect  
of the beauty created by Others.

Others, because Strangers.

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## I Want my Poetry to

I want my poetry to  
be about  
peace and joy.  
I want my words not to have to  
break through  
the barricades of hatred.

It should shine through  
what is priceless, through  
– goodness,  
– love,  
– peace.

I know well that  
it would be easier to live in a world  
that is not in ruins.

Therefore,  
I still long for harmony  
which will make each dusk and dawn  
shine...

to be the midwife of dialogue  
between  
man and man.  
Maybe one day...

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

Khalice  
Jade

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

## The Wisdom of the Red Wind

Across vast plains where the sun slowly falls,  
The elders still walk in echoes of the wind;  
Their steps whisper a gentle guiding hand,  
And trees bend softly under the vibrant voice.

Rivers reflect divine and silent laws,  
The sky opens to the vigilant songs;  
The spirit rises, free and strong,  
Learning that life is woven in subtle cause.

The sacred fire burns, keeper of memory,  
Dreams take flight beneath the starry night;  
Each breath teaches reverence for the earth.

Thus, the voice of ancient peoples, shining bright,  
Reminds us that walking with faith and care  
It is to hear the universe, humble and fair.

## The Echo Of Dawns

The dawn rises, caressing the valley wide,  
Each ray makes shadows dance upon the hills;  
The wind carries echoes of crystal thrills,  
And the earth awakens, gentle and bright-eyed.

The flowers open, guided by morning dew,  
The streams sing, clear waters trace their lines;  
The world speaks in a thousand subtle signs  
That a listening soul can see and hold true.

Thus, the one who walks with the rhythm of seasons  
Finds peace within the fleeting breath of time;  
Each dawn becomes a treasure of reasons.

If we hear the song of wind and clime,  
We find in quiet, in harmony's seasons,  
The simple truth that lights our mind.

## The Passages of the Wind

Beneath the shifting sky where clouds wander free,  
The wind glides softly, brushing every face;  
It carries whispers of ancient journeys' grace,  
And tells timeless stories to the hearts that see.

Trembling leaves and bending branches  
Are words of the world we sometimes forget;  
The unseen breath that brushes and conveys  
Shows that the human soul is fragile yet set.

Let us listen to these passages through the air,  
Wisdom comes through waves of light and song;  
Each moment teaches us the art of care.

And in this quiet, the spirit grows strong,  
For the passing wind, discreet and rare,  
Teaches us to walk peacefully along.

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## Growing Up

I grew up playing  
Cowboys and Indians.

Never did I know or was exposed  
To the term  
Native Americans.

How they were represented  
Were as heathens,  
Barbaric half-dressed souls  
Made to be at odds  
With the right whiteness  
As represented by  
Soldiers and settlers

In the years to come  
As I was exposed to books  
And truth  
I learned that  
They were human too . . .  
More so than the heroes with the guns  
Who stole the lands,  
Killed the buffalo,  
Raped and pillaged their way westward  
In the name of greed  
And white-minded progress

Yes, growing up  
Can be quite unsettling,  
For it stole from me  
Something I was indoctrinated to accept

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As a 'way'  
For us young ignorant boys  
.... Cowboys and Indians

My how I cherish  
Growing Up . . .  
But the 'cowboys'  
Are still the same.

## Betwixt the numbers

Death ... is  
No place for heroes,  
Nor for the lauded or loved  
Men nor women

It cares not whatsoever  
About accomplishments,  
Possessions,  
Dreams past,  
Present,  
Or the yet to be ...  
Nor does it conjure  
Consideration or concern  
For the loved ones  
Left behind

Death has no empathy  
Towards the  
Pain and tears  
And confusion it causes ...  
It does not rejoice,  
Nor does it lament

Though at times  
Death exhibits compassion  
To those who suffer  
In ways told  
And untold,  
But who is to know  
The ambling, rambling means  
Of 'Death'  
When she or he  
Is merciful ... or not ....  
Surely not we  
Who are left behind

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To mourn absences  
And empty places,  
Missing faces  
At our tables of life

I say, Live !!!! ...  
While you are,  
Live all that you can,  
While you can,  
For that, life  
Is where heroes,  
Come to be,  
Live I say, Live!!!!

....  
For ...  
Death ... is  
No place for heroes,  
Nor for the lauded or loved  
Men nor women

Who amongst us knows of its purpose,  
For the aged,  
Or the young?

Life is but a dash  
Betwixt the numbers ...  
Live I say, Live!!!!

Betwixt the numbers,  
Is what we are remembered for.

## A piece of peace

But a small slice,  
But a crumb  
That I can savor  
That lasts me  
For but a while

I am the earth,  
I am the sky,  
I am the forest, the wood,  
The valley, the mountain,  
The rivers, streams, brooks, and seas  
I am the wind,  
I am the breath of life . . .

I, we see everything

I am all the creatures  
Upon this planet,  
That crawl leap, swim, float, slither and fly and climb  
Beguiled by men  
Sublimely so

Disease and Famine  
The makings of War,  
With bombs and bullets  
Shredding and shrouding  
The atmosphere

Can not we coexist ? . . .  
Is not there enough  
For everyone ?

Which, whose sons,  
Whose daughters  
Will push the button next,

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Whose sons,  
Whose daughters  
Will suffer the consequences  
For which there is no defense ?

I ask you not for much,  
Do I ?

But just a piece of peace,  
And let us all heal together!

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Shafkat  
Aziz  
Hajam

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Shafkat Aziz Hajam is a poet, reviewer and co-author from India kashmir. He is the author of a value based children's poetry book titled as The Cuckoo's Voice and one adults poetry book titled as The Unknown Wounded Heart. His poems have appeared in international magazines and anthologies like Wheel song anthology UK based,Prodigy ,digital literary magazine USA etc .

## The Dream Of A Better World

Though my skin is black,  
My intentions are green,  
Let me put them into practice,  
Colors of joy will be all around seen.

Let me uproot the weeds of hatred,  
Let me plant the flowers of love,  
Peace will be enjoyed everywhere,  
Everyone will symbolize it like a dove.

In the hearts of people,  
Let me put out the fire of greed,  
Then all will take their fair share,  
None will take more than they need.

Let me tie the people  
With the rope of brotherhood,  
Let me teach them humanity,  
All will be just and will act as they should  
The world will be free from slavery and cruelty.

## Silence

Sometimes silence is wisdom—  
The care for people's honour.  
Sometimes silence is ignorance—  
Avoiding pain from lost valuables.  
Sometimes silence is fear,  
To avoid bloodshed.  
Sometimes silence is discouragement—  
The weakness that stops one  
From fighting evils.  
Sometimes silence is peace—  
Needed to work undisturbed  
To achieve the desired goal.  
So, silence is a language.  
Good or bad depends on when we keep it.

## You Fled Away

You fled away with my quietude—  
That was you.  
You fled away with my adoration—  
That was you.  
You fled with my contentment—  
That was you.  
You fled away with my light—  
That was you.  
You left me restlessness—  
That is you.  
You left me lugubriousness—  
That is you.  
You left me boredom—  
That is you.  
You left me darkness—  
That is you.  
Come again into my life,  
O my want.  
My time will still pass,  
But the way with you, it can't.

Joel  
Aparecio  
Bernasor

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Joel Aparecio Bernasor currently the CEO/President of the CREDBCA,OPC, A one person corporation corporate consultancy in Mindanao, Philippines, writing poetry and doing photography is his hobby.

## Immaculateness

Resound perception been within  
Bare feet innocence lies therein  
Immaculateness profound herein  
Remained children abound lain  
Probity in animation foreordain  
Beyond candidness been contain  
Nescience redound such sustain

Melody of tranquility transcend  
Immerse with nature resplend  
Perception coming been blend  
Forbrightness streams perpend  
Hopes and innocence forefend  
Connection to wisdom coextend  
Oceans of wisdom been subtrend  
Purity convergence just reverend

## Sighing Of Winter

Voice of coldness beneath resonate  
Icy moments critical flow hibernate  
Frozen emotion redound intimate  
As horizon darkened white ornate  
Immersing to realms been equate  
As emotions emblazoned curate  
In damning cold moments expiate  
Sighing frigid phases degenerate  
Remnants of memories decelerate,

Benumbed emotions such bland  
Hyperborean period just withstand  
Beyond destiny, stinging cold band  
To thine consciousness freehand  
Intense passing, restless outstand  
Bitter freezing resound be expand  
Behold glacial, piercing forehand  
Condescend definition be sideband  
Perception beyond realms grand,

## Eternal Compassion

Ages of moments come and passed  
Devotion to thine love emotionalized  
Beyond caption of emotion encased  
Beneath heart, weary been pleased  
Perfection of animation be glimpsed  
As rivulet of life streams been infused  
To world played by refrain stylized  
Reflection of beingness be enclosed,

Imagination of life, movement intricate  
Personage persistence since simulate  
Eternal compassion assonance illuminate  
As it ascend to light been acculturate  
Persistence of creation as affectionate  
Beyond destiny of luminance nominate  
Behold difference forever be intricate  
Mortality may end but love exudate,

Abdel  
Latif  
Moubarak

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Abdel Latif Moubarak is a prominent contemporary Egyptian poet, widely regarded as one of the significant voices of the 1980s generation of poets. He writes poetry in both Modern Standard Arabic (Fusha) and the Egyptian vernacular (Ammiya).

Born: 1964, Suez Governorate, Egypt.

Education: Holds a Bachelor of Law from Ain Shams University.

Affiliations: He is an active member of the Writers Union of Egypt.

### **Key Achievements & Recognition:**

International Prize Winner: He won a shared third place in the prestigious "Sergio Camellini" International Poetry Prize in Modena, Italy.

International Publication: His poems have been translated and published in several international literary journals and foreign newspapers, most notably in Italian and English, contributing to the global recognition of his work.

He was honored with the Shield of Excellence and Creativity from the Arab Media Professionals Union (2015).

Published Works: Moubarak has an extensive bibliography, including several noted poetry collections:

Ahasis wa Asdaa (Feelings and Echoes) (1994, Fusha)

Nawbet Atash (A Thirst Attack) (2007)

Btegarreb Tany Timout (You Try to Die Again) (2016)

Qabas Min Jamr (An Ember's Spark) (2018)

## The Ambush

I learned to grieve in silence,  
As much as I learned to love you,  
To surrender to your longing and die within it.  
A bitter truth set me free:  
That your love for me,  
In reality,  
Was a spider.

My simple dream was to find you,  
Carrying my burdens,  
Standing tall within my eyes,  
My blood flowing through your veins.

I gave my heart to the sunrise,  
Only to awaken and find you were a guillotine  
In the hands of your own love.

And my love for you,  
Was the whole point of the problem.

Your beginning was painful,  
Your ending, crafted in deceit,  
Cut to fit,  
Without prayer.

I used to worship you,  
Not even as a pagan to an idol.

I didn't know the end of my love for you was nothingness,  
Lost in regret.

I was like dough,  
Shaped by your fingers.

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I would find a future blooming  
Under your sun, under your shadow,  
And I'd forgive my past days  
For ever  
Having loved you.

Don't deny I was the only one born  
From your sky with two stars,  
Two engravings on my forehead,  
Perfectly matched.

The sun of dead truth was colored  
Between my sincere words and your fake smile.  
Your phony lines were created:  
Sometimes an angel,  
Sometimes destruction,  
Sometimes your flaws were an epic poem  
You'd tell with feigned innocence.

Your created devil didn't leave  
In the fire of your cruel loneliness.

Between the soft whisper of your voice  
Filling an empty time,  
I was there,  
Remembering you calling him.

My heart was your toy,  
You'd try it out.

It was no good except for being sad.  
And for years,  
When your dream would come to me and then leave,  
I'd feel choked.

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I'd become like the truth when it's hanged  
In the eyes of the wronged.

And for years,  
When you were the cloud for me,  
And the thirst in my tongue would howl,  
Like wolves  
Standing over a feast for the dead,  
Waiting to share the meal.  
My look was the orphan.

Your look... was the ambush

## Scribbles

If you want to paint a picture,  
it's not that hard.  
You'll scribble two lines for water,  
and within them, stash the rising filth.  
Then tilt a palm tree... its fronds drooping,  
as if it's wrestling  
with a gust of wind.  
On the other side,  
smaller houses in the distance  
concealing... mountains,  
and a camp,  
and above the camp, a cloud,  
and a few planes,  
of the F-16 type.  
You can, dipping your brush  
in the dark color,  
throw onto the ground... one casualty, two,  
or as many as you can.  
You can create a few barriers,  
as if a city is besieged.  
Go back to the side you imagine in front of you,  
and fly into the tied-winged pigeon of the staircase  
on the waist of the naked girl  
who's making porn on the satellite channel.  
Don't you dare change the channel,  
because in a little while,  
they'll show American soldiers  
handing out candy  
to the children of Basra.

## The Metamorphosis of Dreams

I gather the faces of people,  
in the treasure of folly,  
engraving upon my poor dress  
a song, a silent prayer.  
I add colors to creation,  
to weave a metamorphosis,  
one after another,  
echoing the depths of happiness.  
I am your dream,  
O people of reason,  
a condition veiled in wonder,  
eyes gazing towards tomorrow.  
The streets are empty,  
hearts outstretched,  
trodden by the weight  
of silent doubt.  
I adapt to grandeur,  
inhabiting an incapacity,  
visible to all,  
my nakedness, my fragility.  
My feet are nailed  
to the pavement's face,  
showcases of sorrow,  
where hope feels faint.  
Sometimes it sighs,  
and sometimes it softens,  
your dream, O people of words,  
is sweeter, but often forgotten.  
For I am the one who wanders,  
or do people wander with me?  
A dervish in a circle,  
lost in a memory.

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I emerge, my soul pours forth,  
between its lines, the strings  
of longing for the sanctuary's robe,  
and the blessings that true love brings.  
They slept upon the shoulders of time,  
testimony of interwoven moments,  
signs of exchange,  
a miracle yet to be found.

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Abdushukur  
Muhammet

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Abdushukur Muhammet (Qumtur) is a writer and poet from Kucha, Aksu, who has been living in Sweden since 2003. Fascinated by poetry, Qumtur studied to become a teacher in Uyghur literature, poetry, and history in his twenties, and by the 1990s, had become a well-known poet among Uyghurs. After working as a teacher for thirteen years, Qumtur was subjected to severe control and harassment during the chaos of the mid-90s for his role in promoting Uyghur language and culture, until he was eventually forced into exile. To date he has written thirteen books, including collections of poetry, essays, and translated work. Currently he is a member of the Swedish Writers' Union, Swedish PEN, and he was the Chairman for the World Uyghur Writers' Union, which he founded along with Uyghur writers in diaspora.

## To my friends from Chile

I had two friends from Chile,  
Both of them have since passed away,  
One was a poet, and another was a poem.  
The poem is named Eduardo Morales  
The poet is named Pablo Neruda.  
Pablo wrote poems his entire life  
Earned a Nobel Prize,  
Eduardo lived his whole life like a poem,  
Yet, no one gave him any prizes.  
Pablo wrote poems, but did not live like one,  
At night he emerges from his writing,  
Assists the murderer of Trotsky.  
Eduardo has never written poems  
But he washes his heart with poetry.  
He is poetry  
He always walked beside me like poetry.  
He passed recently,  
However, the poetic life he lived remains.  
He introduced Chile to the Uyghurs,  
However, Pablo Neruda is not aware that the Uyghurs  
exist.

## My Name

I am Abdushukur Muhammet  
but my name is a stranger to me,  
draped over me like a spider's web.

Perhaps it had run away  
from a land I had never visited  
and happened on the Taklimakan.

It's misspelled too  
like the kiss of the wrong first love,  
And too long  
like my longing,  
like my never-ending thoughts,  
like my unverbaised anguish.

Sometimes it looks like the demolished mosques,  
Sometimes like the old grave left to me by my father,  
and other times like the circular naan of Kucha.

Its twisting lines, like a state border  
turn me  
into the pair of elm trees at my father's grave.

My father was not the prophet when I was born,  
but we were chased from our country like the prophet  
bearing the name "Muhammet."

Like the stones worn down from aeons of winds  
you are hung up like a forgotten museum piece.  
O museum, passed through by the living and settled by the  
dead

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O world, where truth and lies are one and the same,  
In the bloodstains of those diseased eyes,  
my names scarify in the colour of sand.

Bathe me with my name  
When I die  
If it still wants me.

## Winter

The poem  
Takes the grey street  
Walks with it along the edges of the winter.  
The bald wind caresses  
The swollen faces of the street corners  
With its cold and frozen hand.  
The void inside me that I cannot contain  
Standing dazed for a moment  
In front of libraries and cafes  
With eyes full of sorrow.  
Maybe the lost Persian cat  
Is happier than the poem.  
On the opposite side of the road  
The girl is looking for her cat  
What a resemblance she bears to the poem.  
The cat, the girl, the poem, and me  
We do not know each other  
Nonetheless, we are one and worthless.

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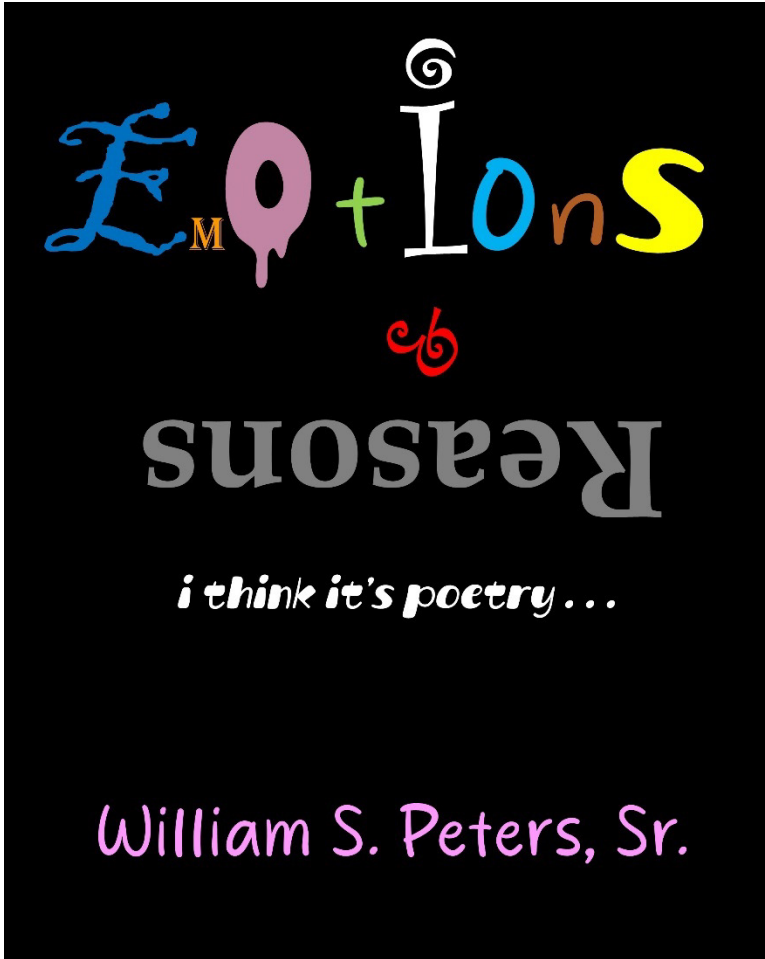


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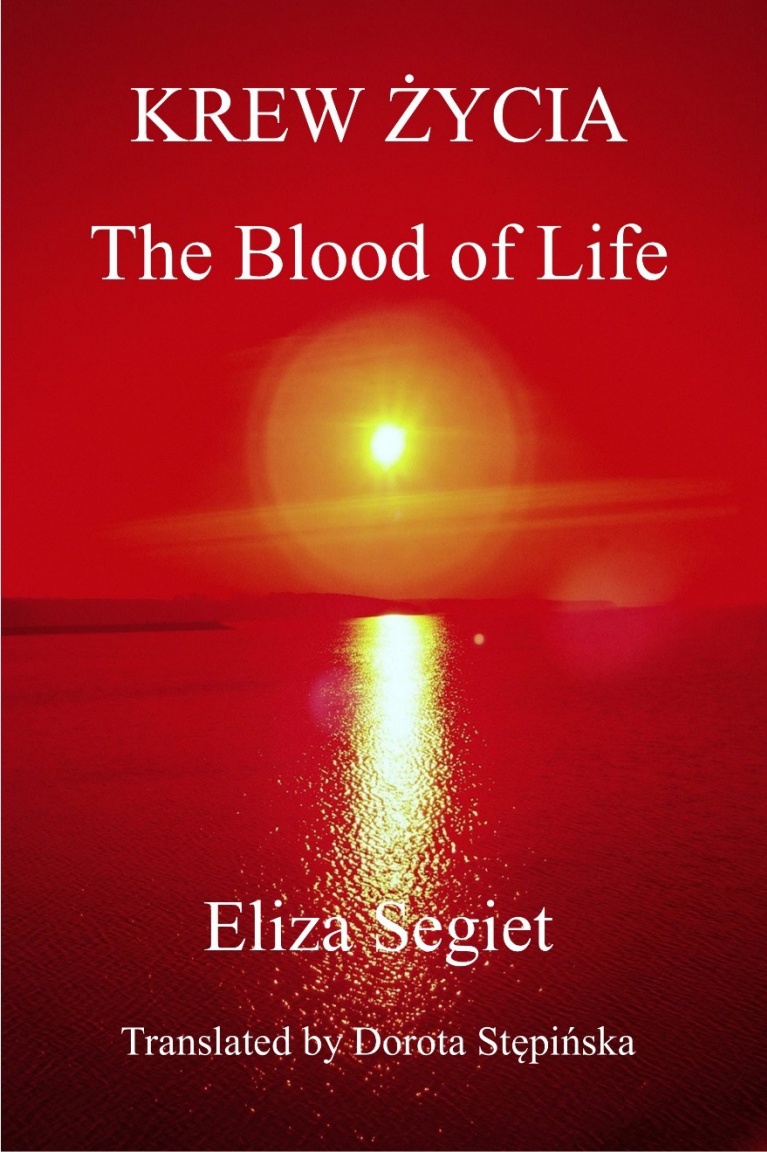
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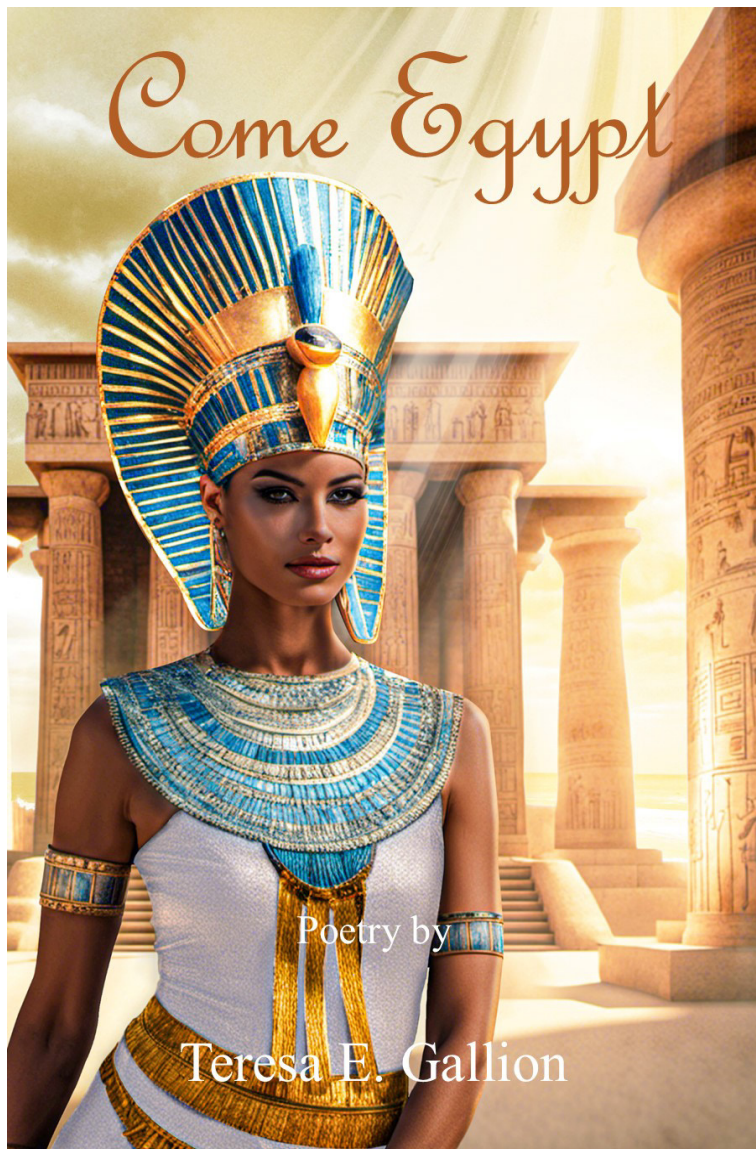
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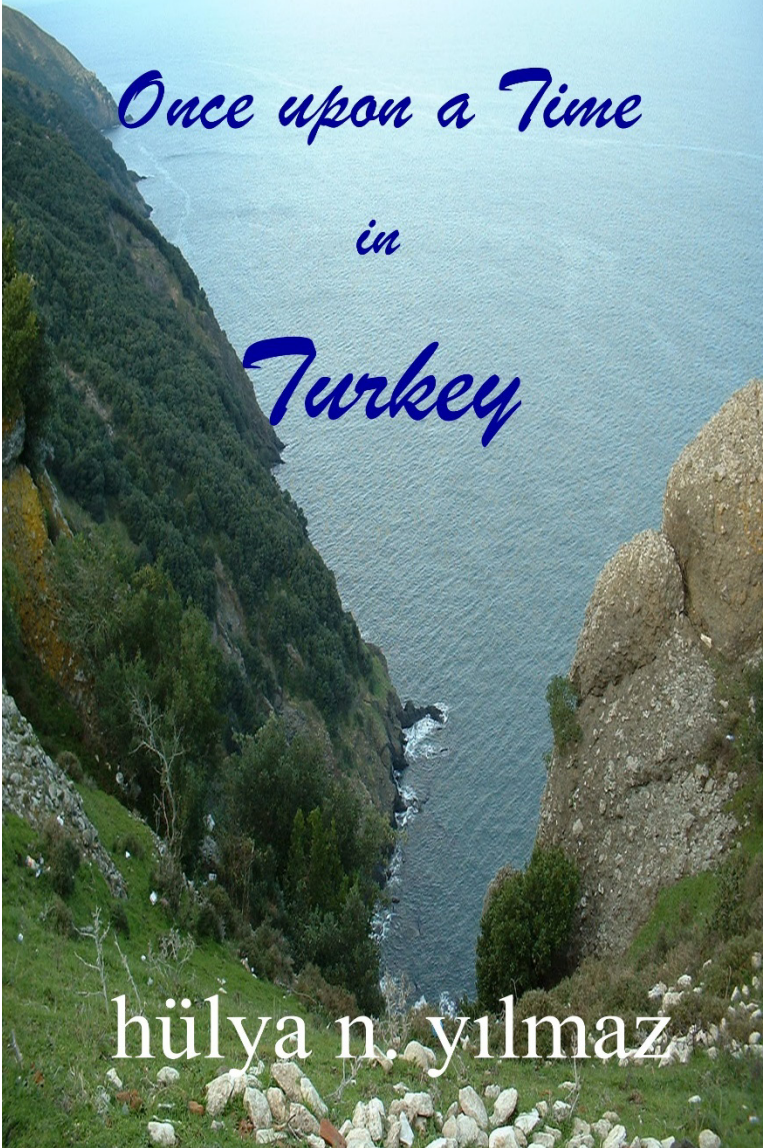
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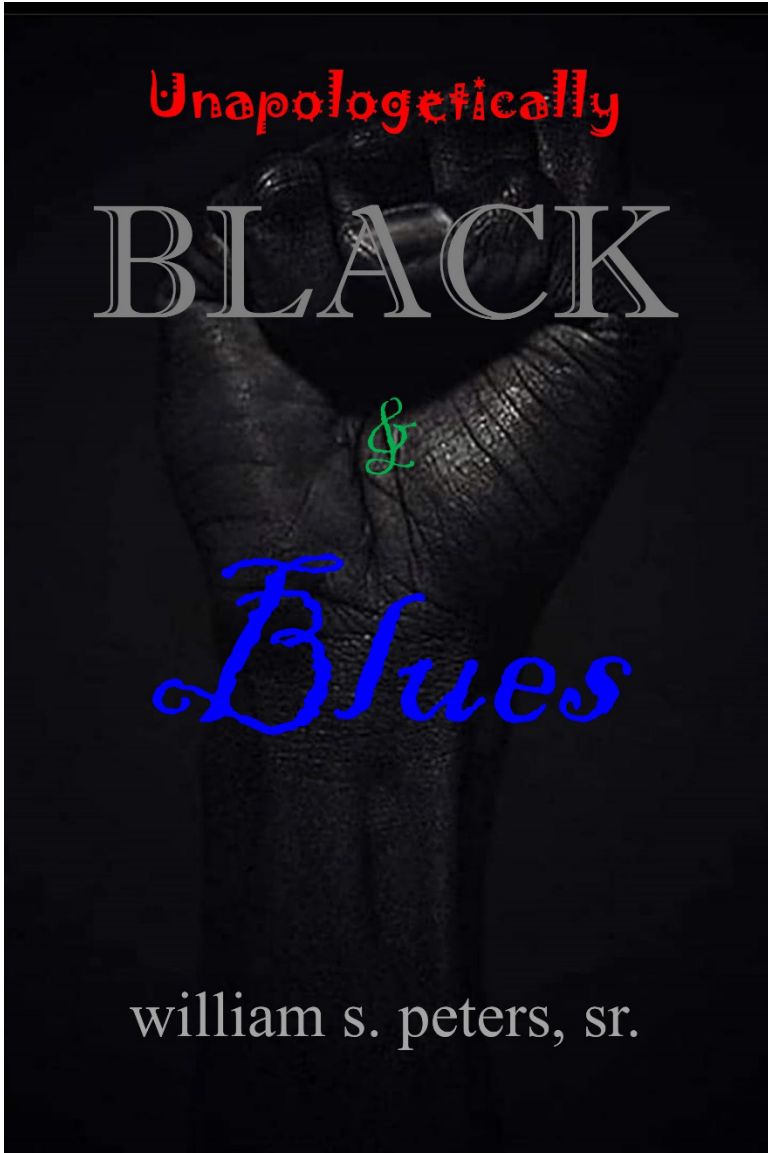
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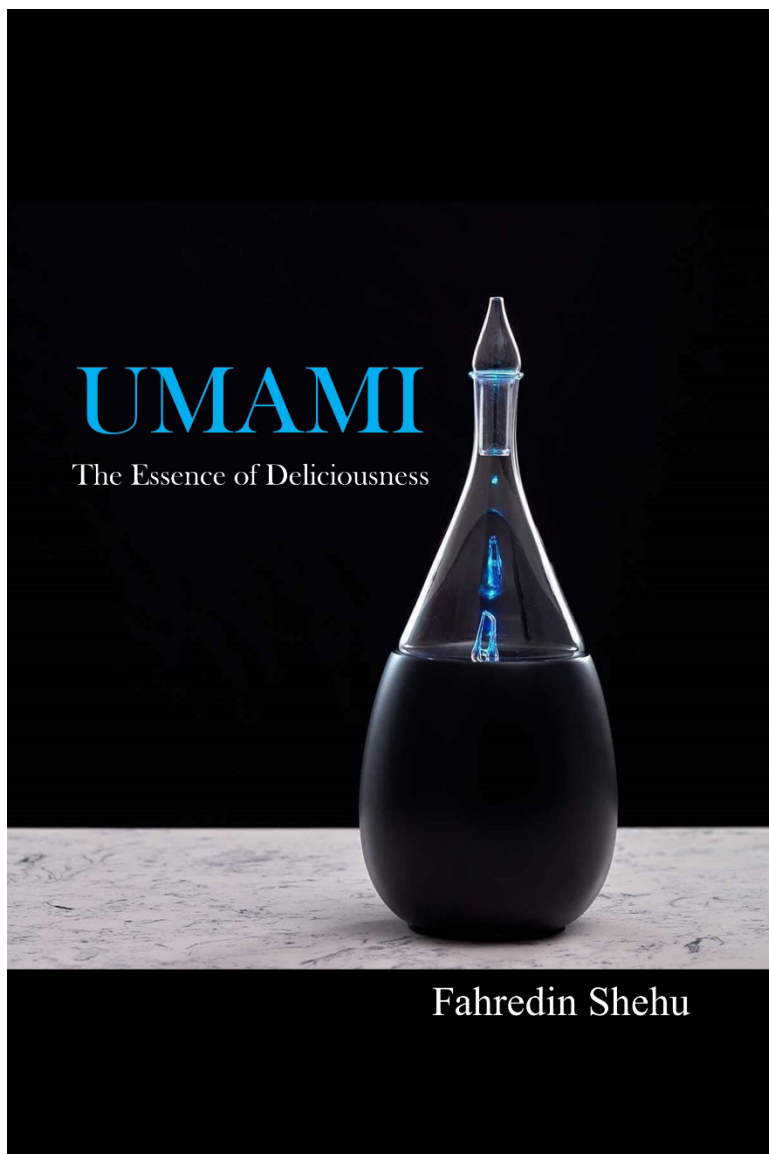
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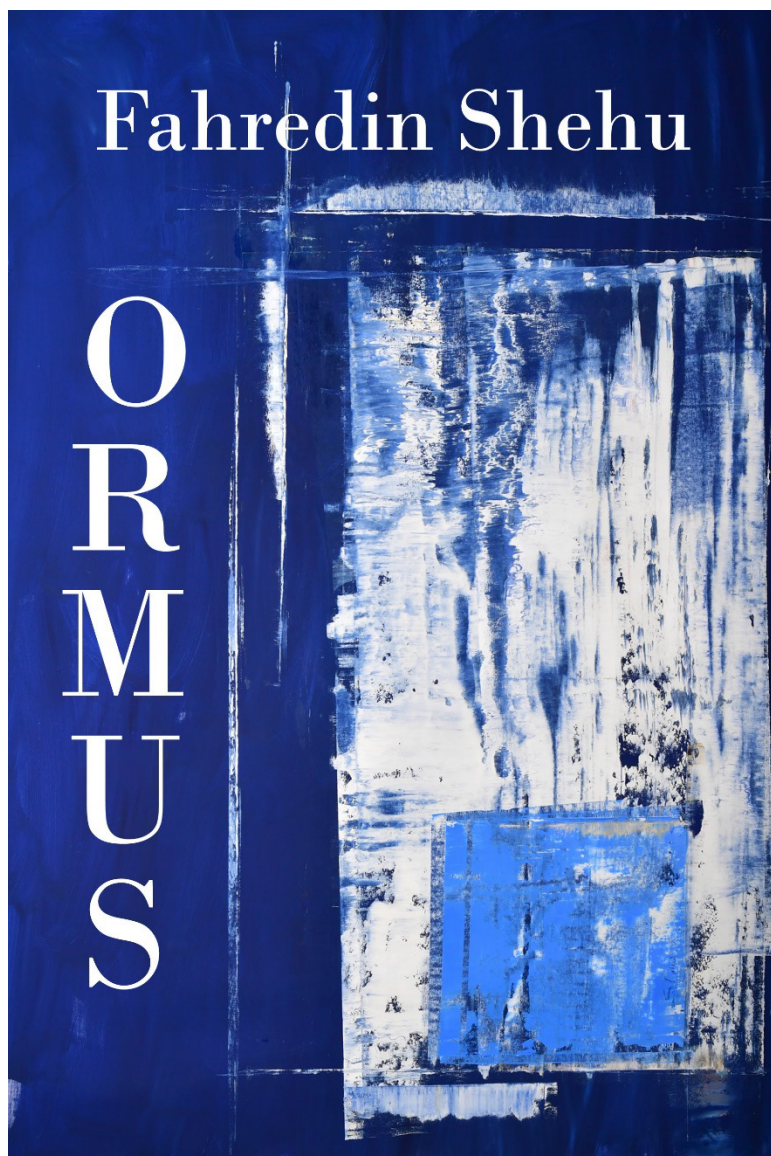
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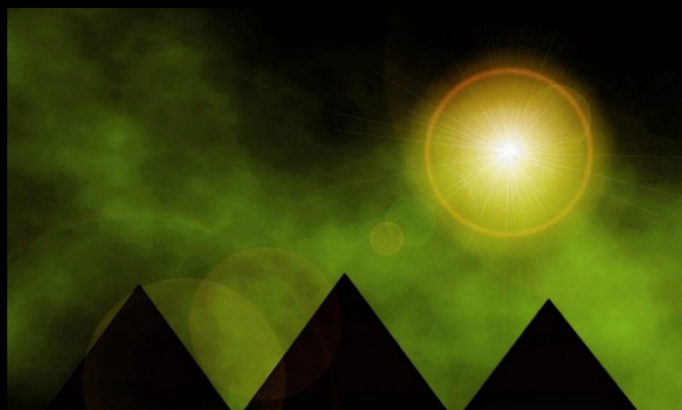
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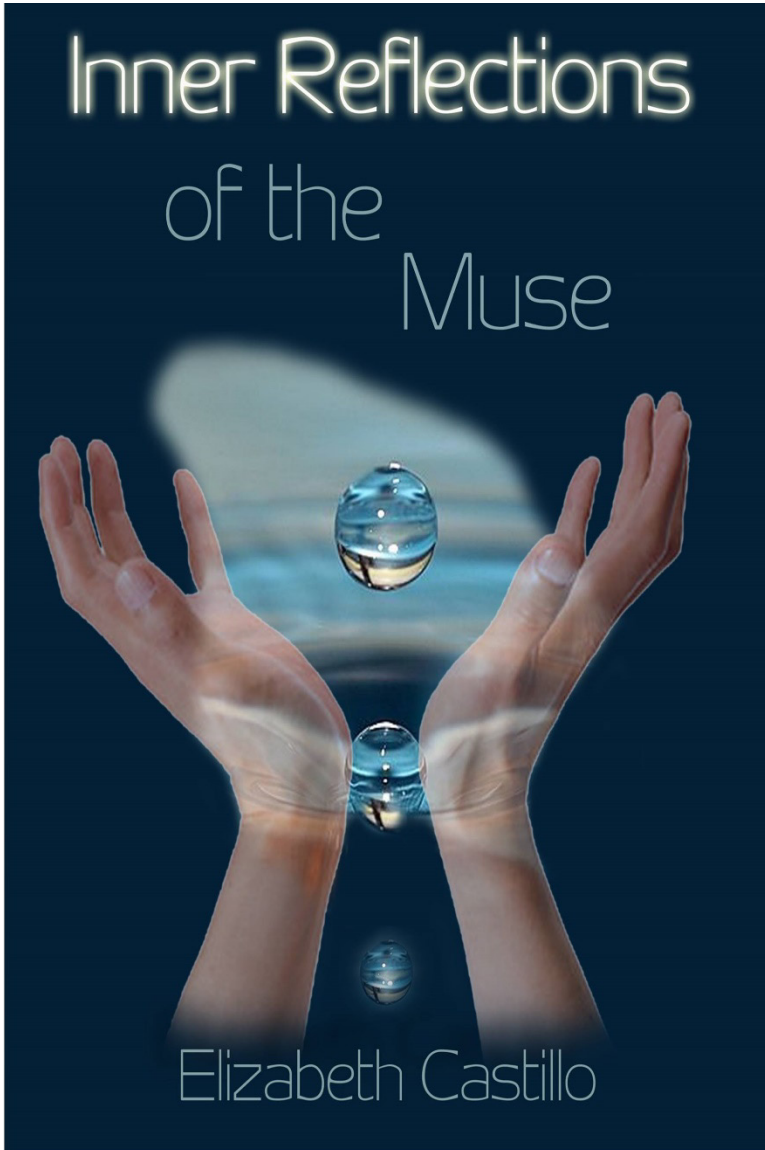
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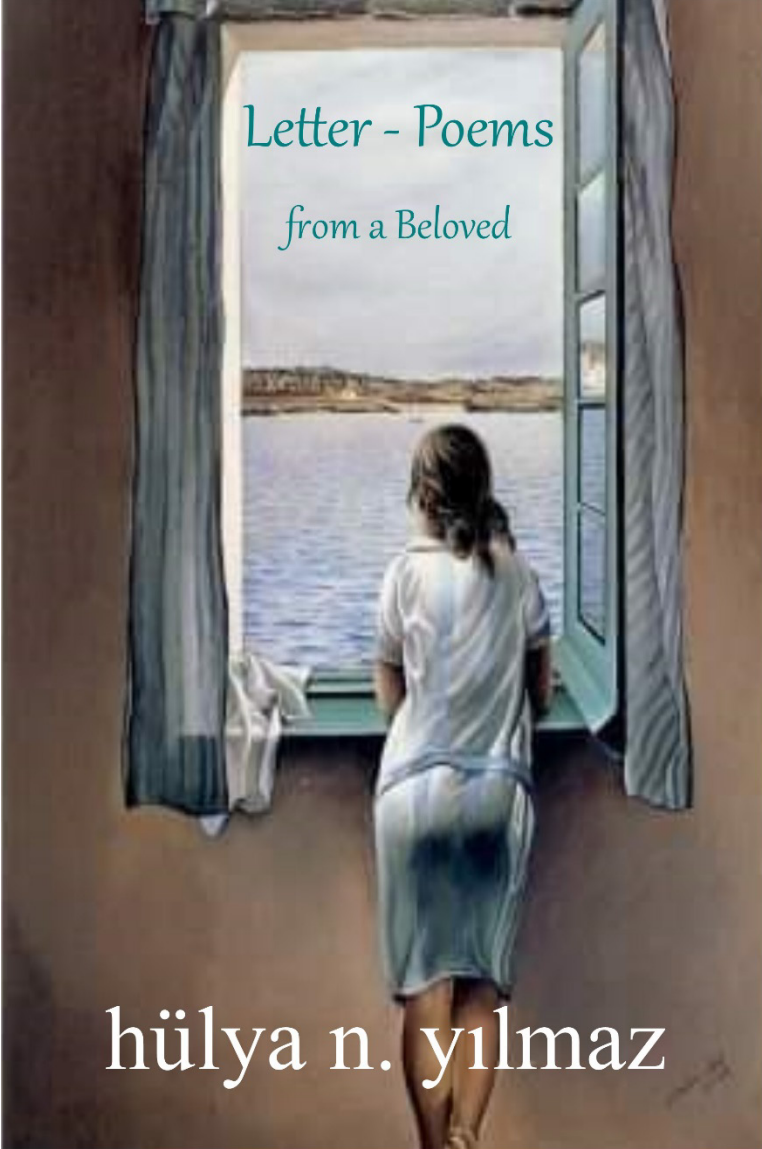
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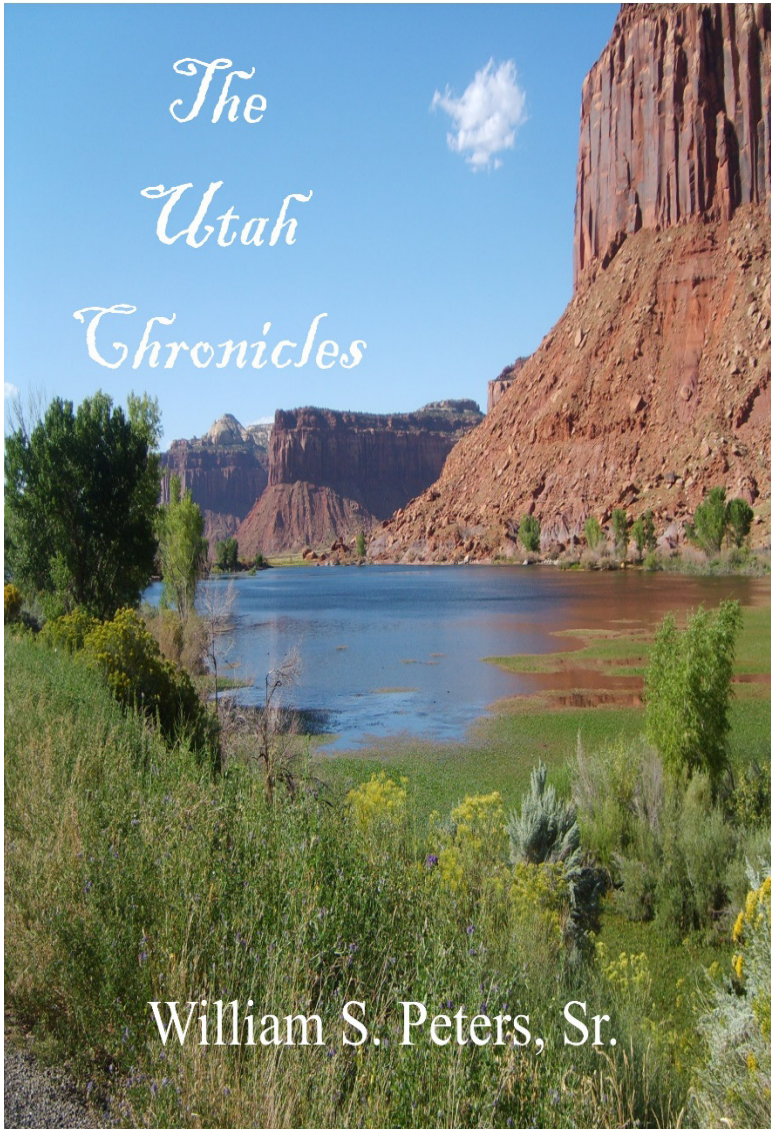
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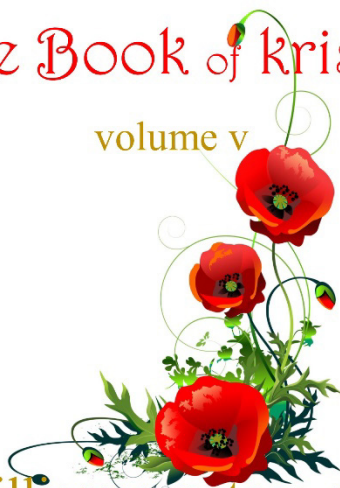
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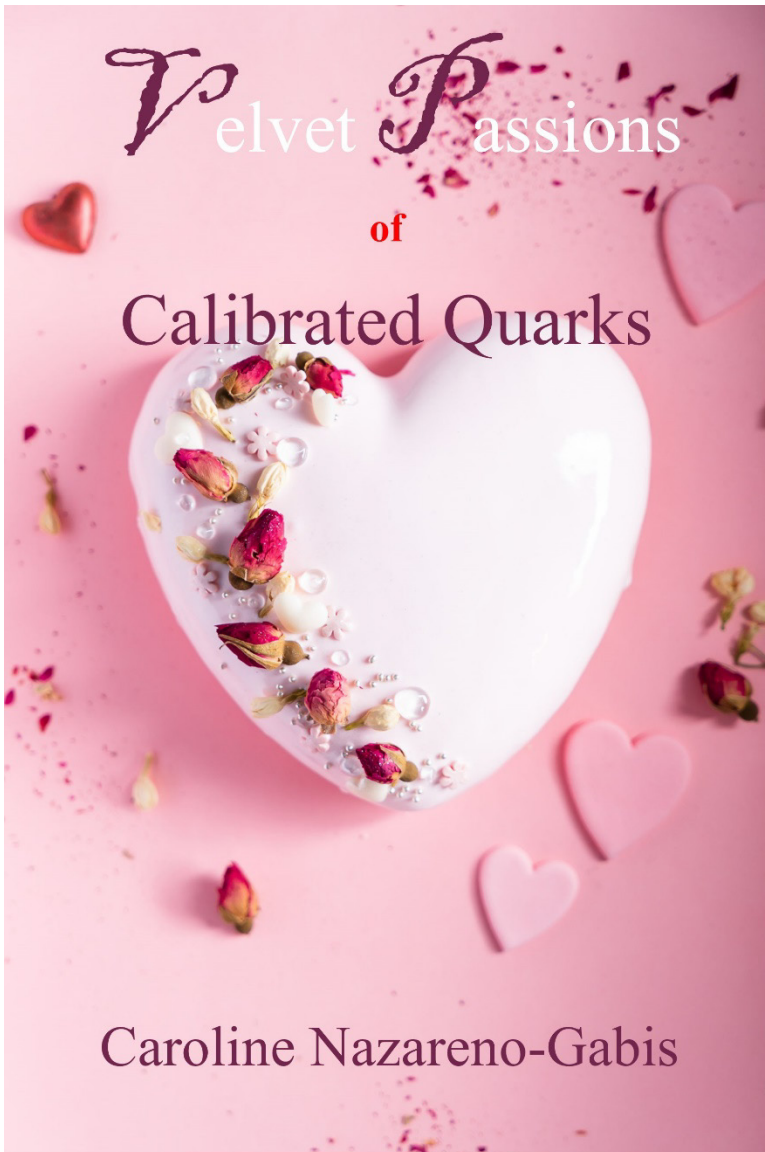


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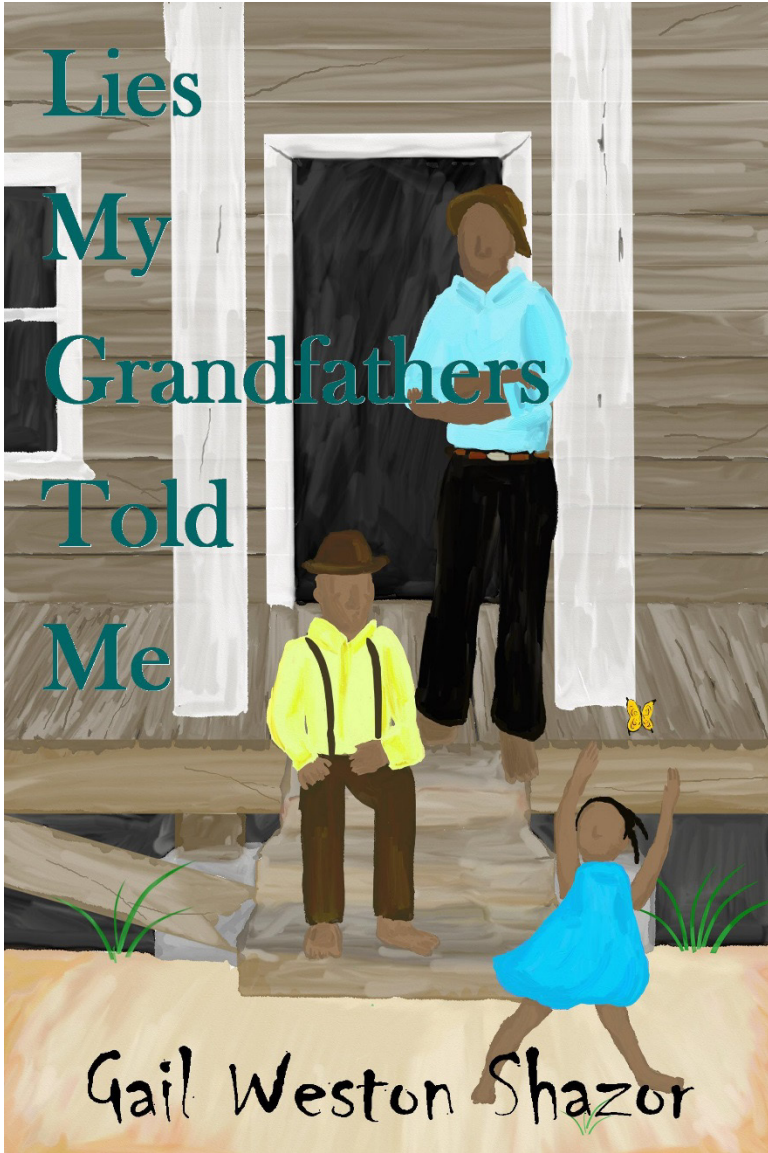
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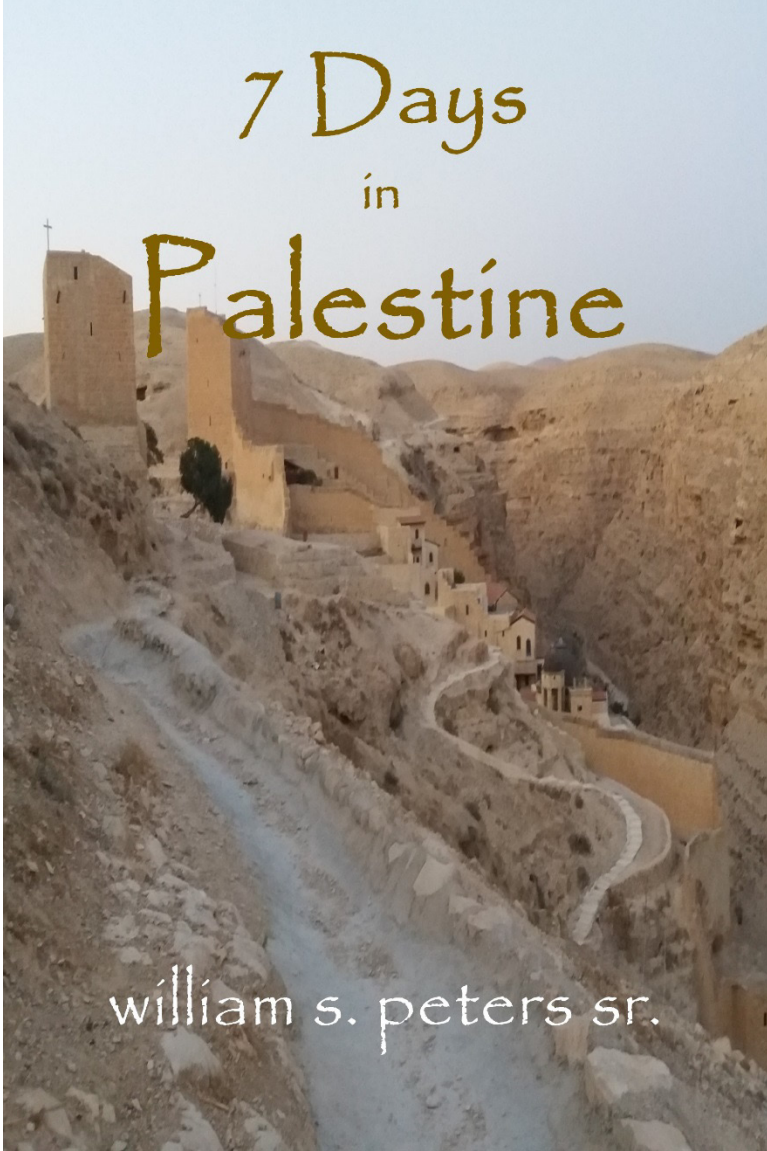
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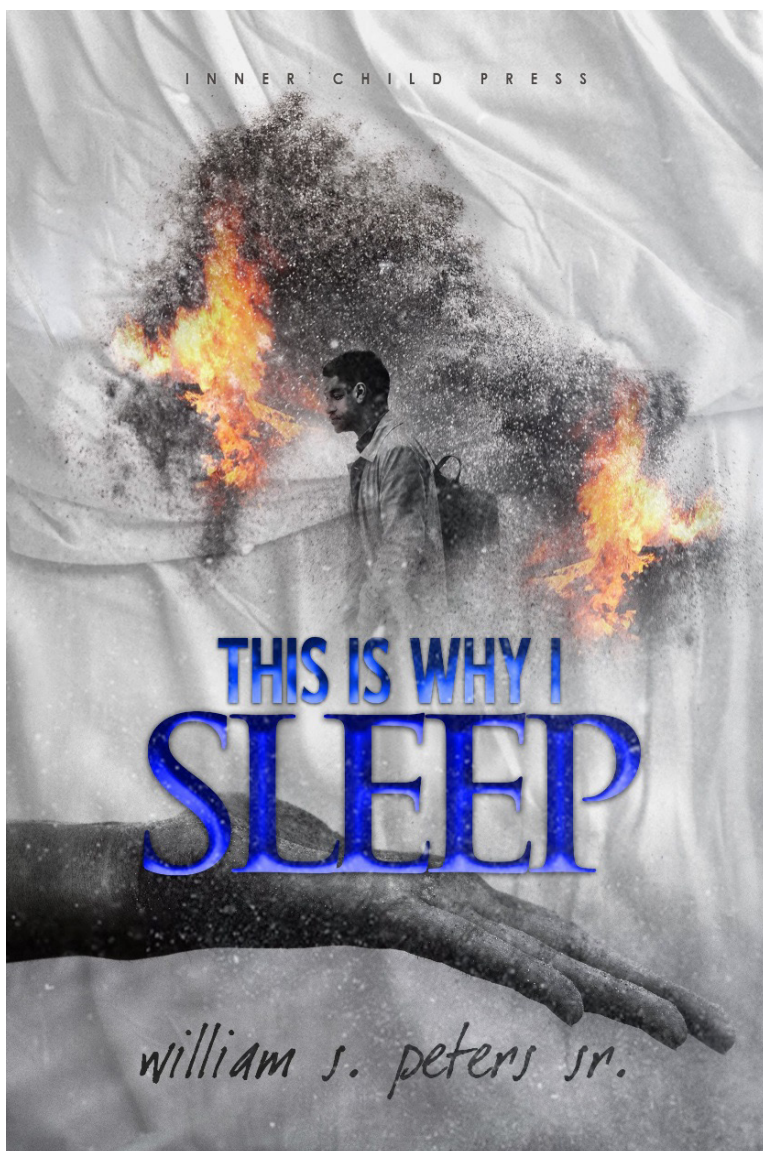
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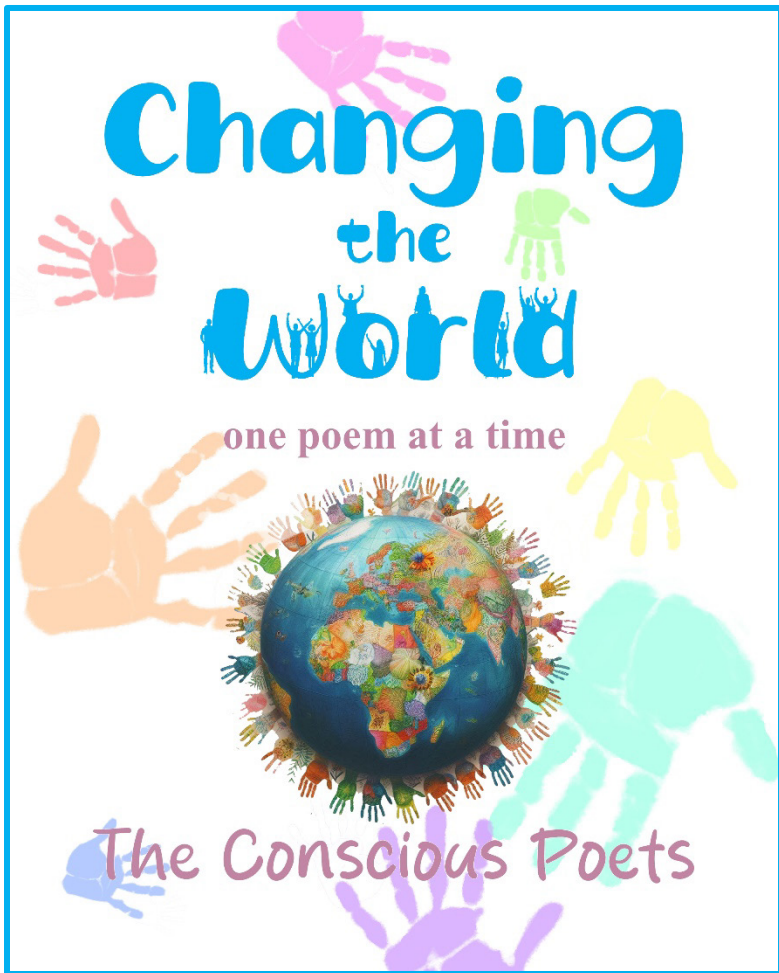
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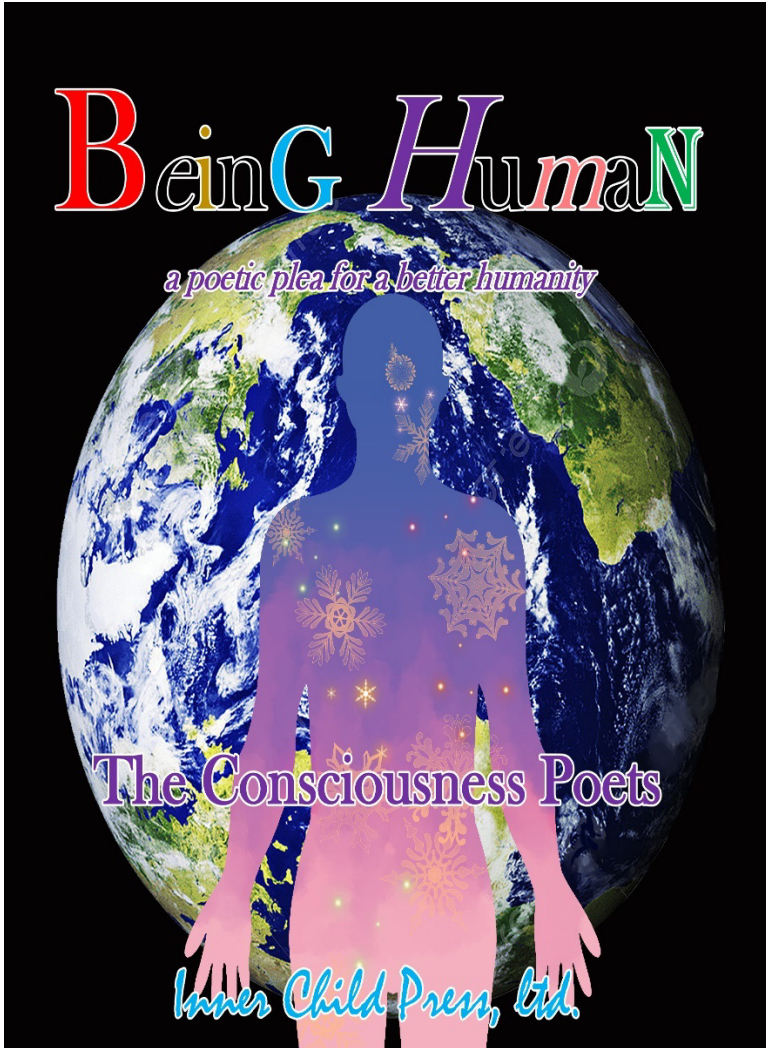
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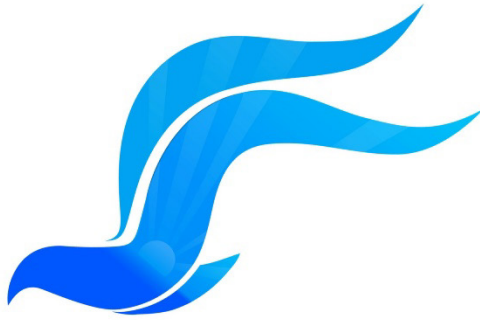
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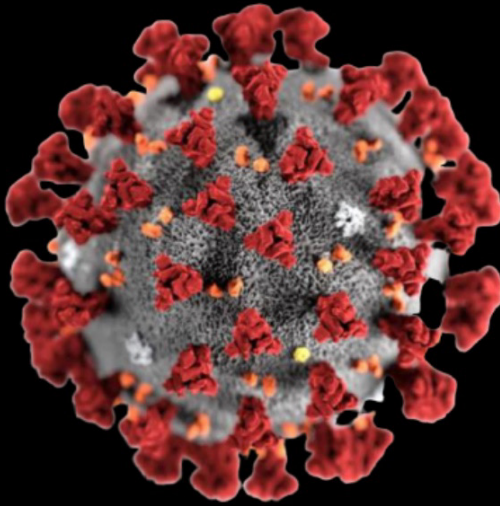
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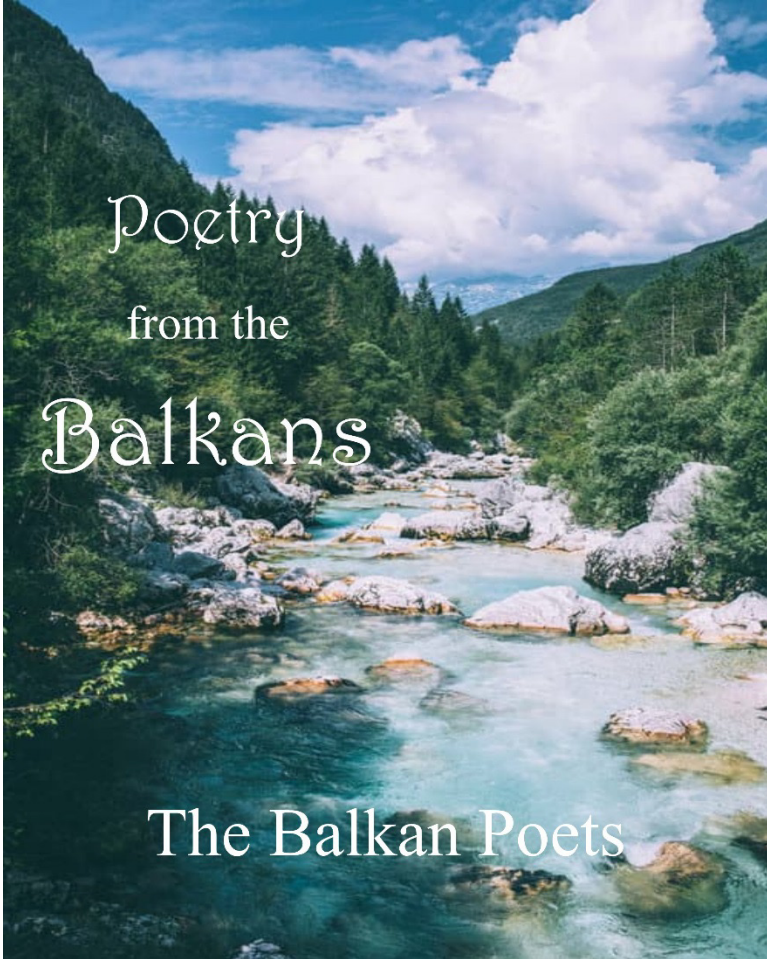
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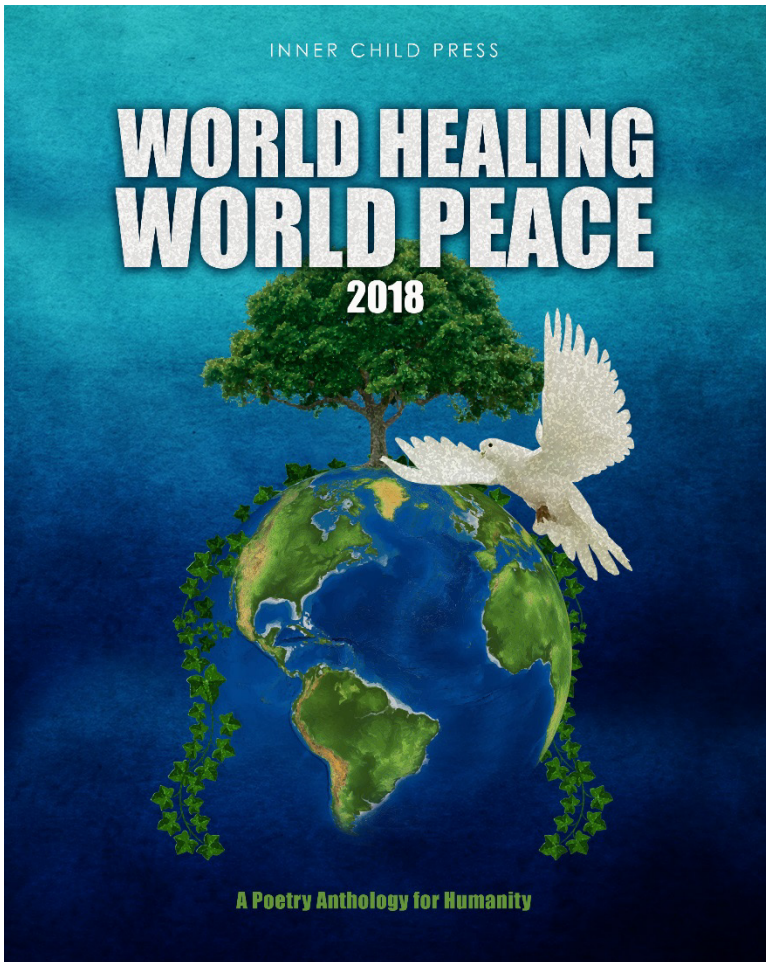
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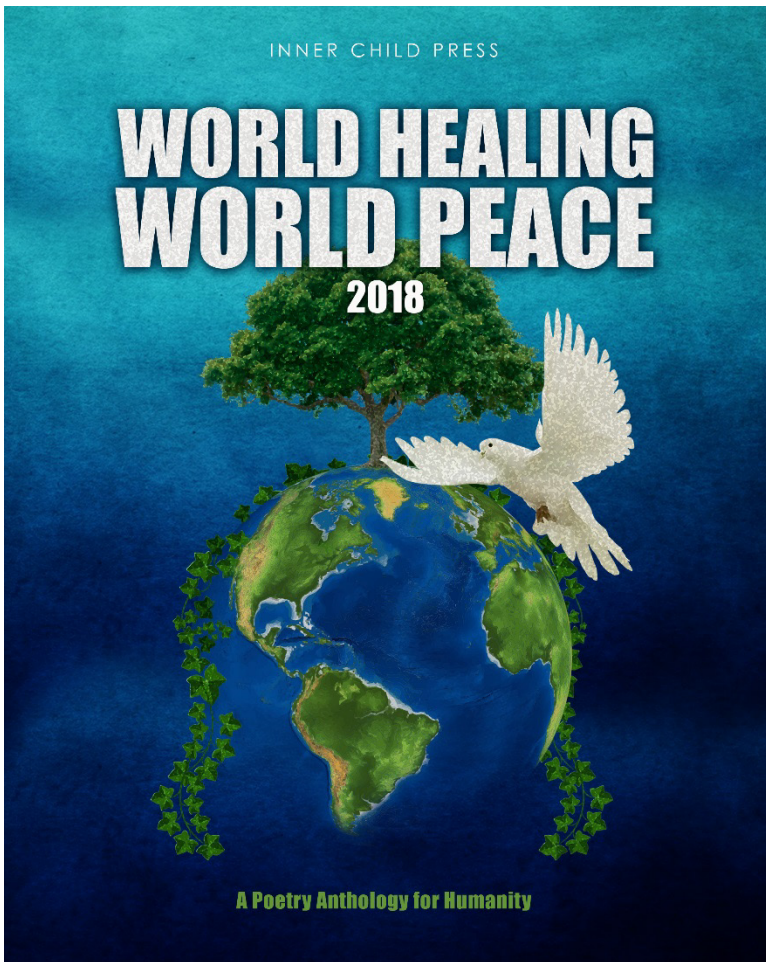
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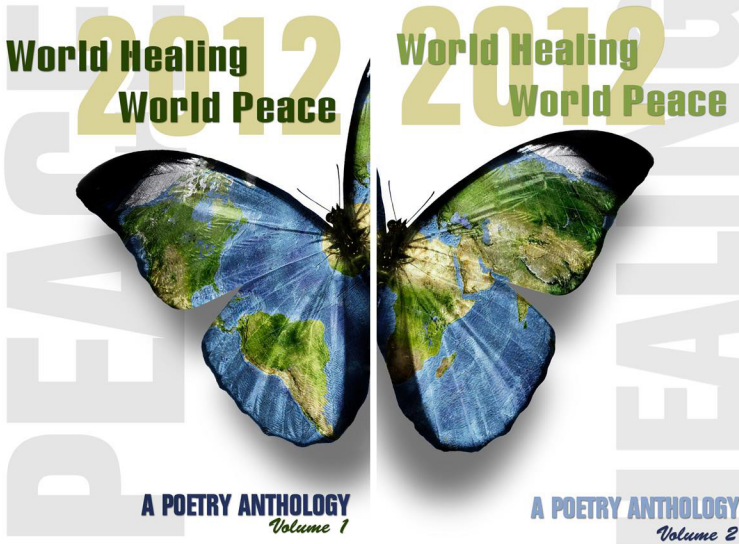
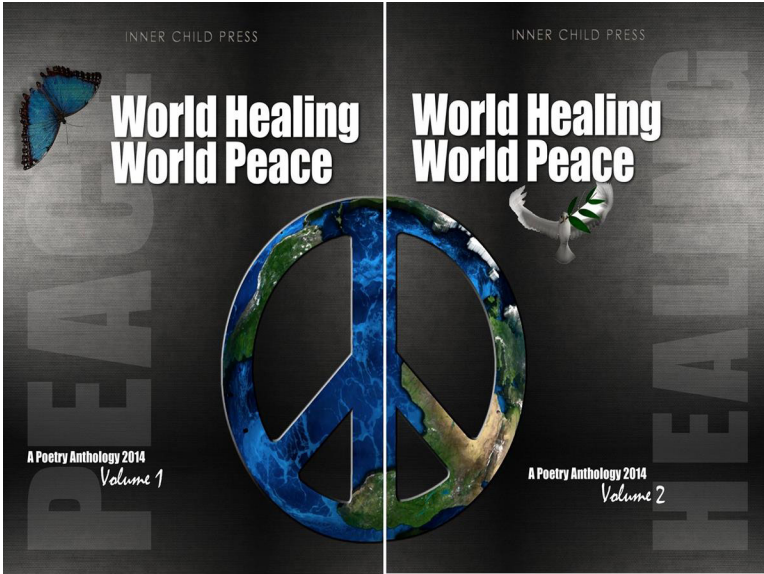


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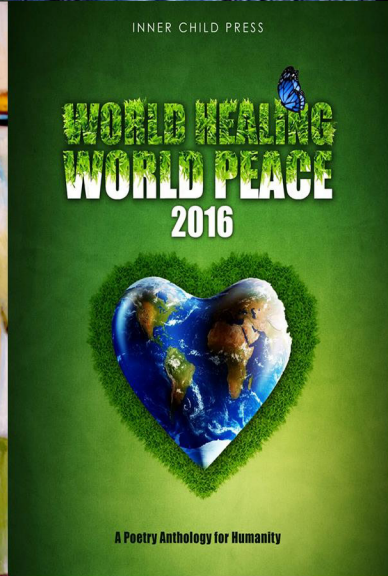
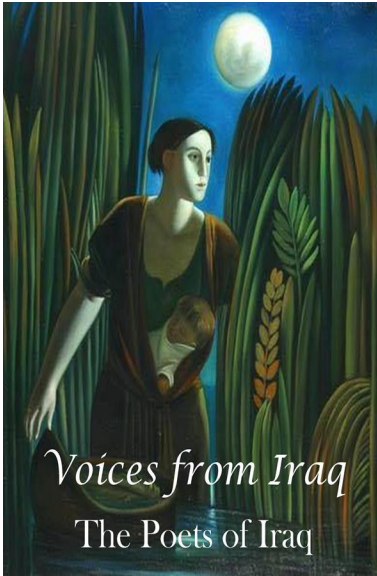
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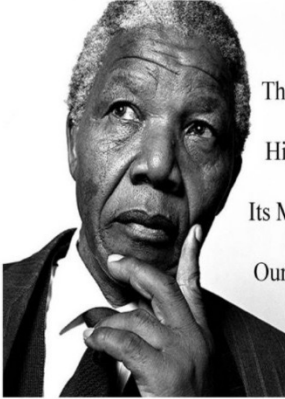
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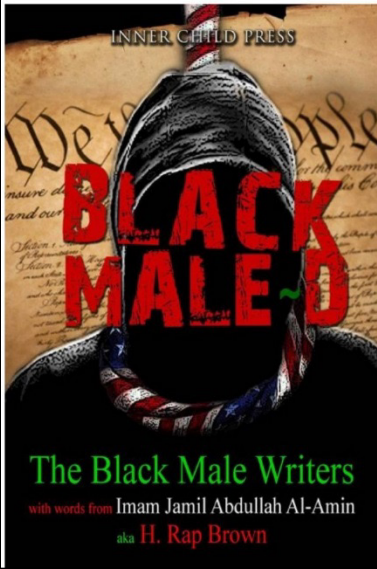
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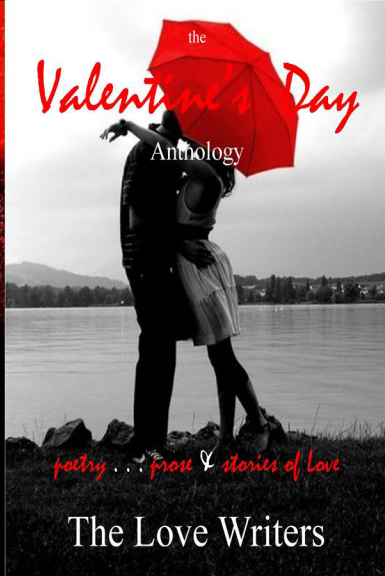
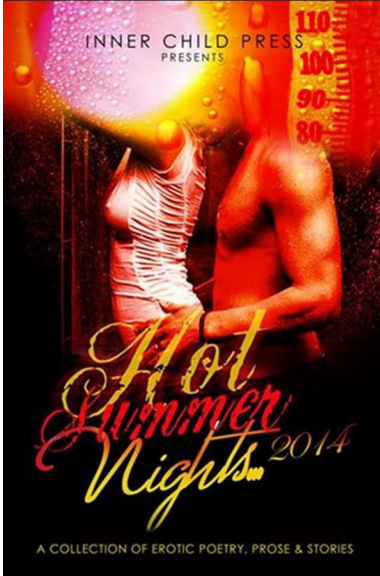
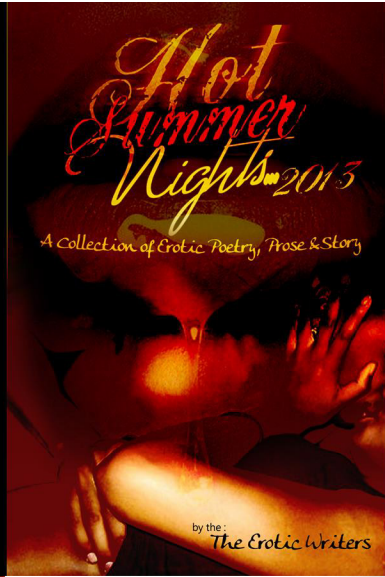
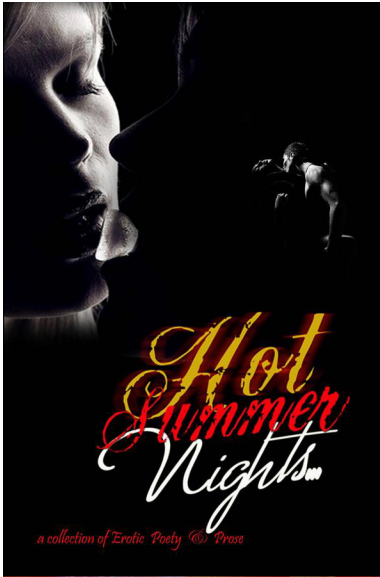
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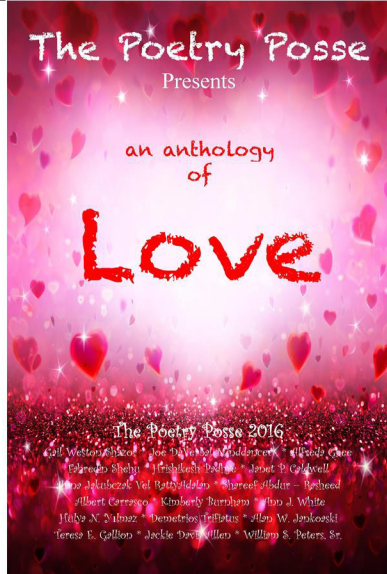
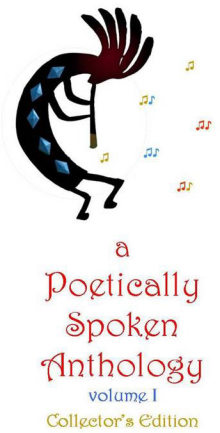
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**August Feature Poets**  
Ann White \* Rosalind Cherry \* Sheila Jenkins

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddantha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Bugg Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
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## The Year of the Poet

September 2014

Aster

Morning-Glory



Wild Crown 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  
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## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



*The Poetly Poets*

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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • Raendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



*The Poetly Poets*

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Joe DiVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mosman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014



Narcissus

*The Poetly Poets*

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Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
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Robert Gibbons  
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December Feature Poets


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January 2015



**Garnet**

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Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wali  
Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shelu  
Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Moharrir \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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

**Amethyst**



**THE POETRY POSSE**  
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**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  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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**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**

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May 2015



May's Featured Poets

Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimery  
Anna Jakubczak

Emeralds

The Poetry Posse 2015

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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June's Featured Poets

Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



Pearl

The Poetry Posse 2015

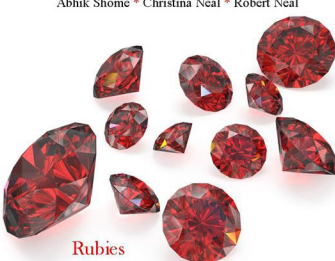
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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

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## The Year of the Poet II

August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasaz  
Christopher Schultz



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 September 2015  
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 Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

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 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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 October 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Monte Smith \* Laura J. Wolfe \* William Washington



Opal

*The Poetry Posse 2015*  
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 Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
 November 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore



Topaz

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 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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 December 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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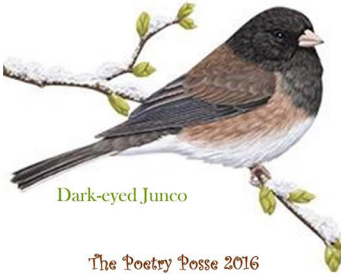
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## The Year of the Poet III January 2016

### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

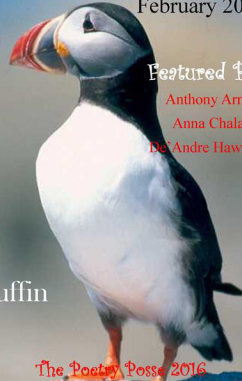
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Anna J. White  
Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Terzatas \* Allen W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

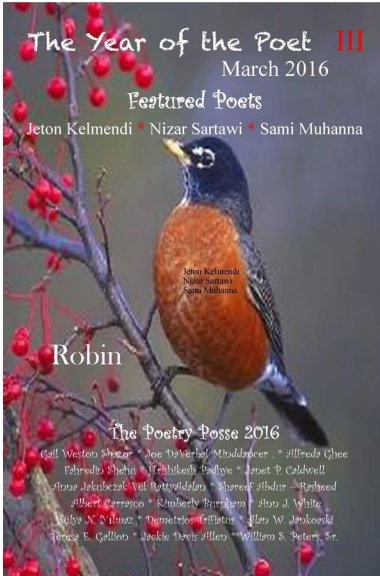
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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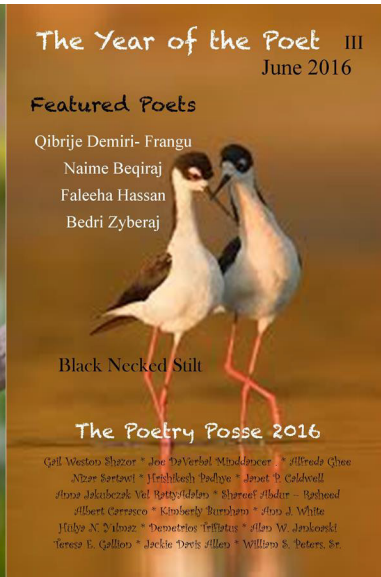


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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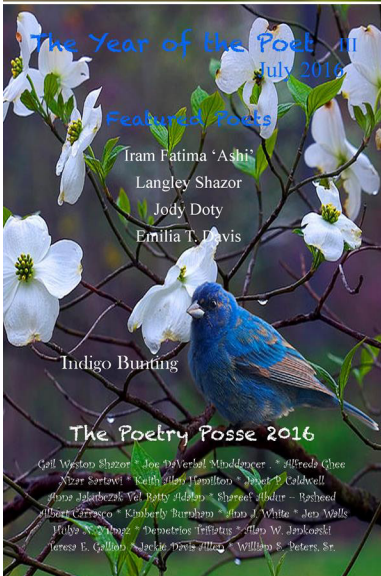


**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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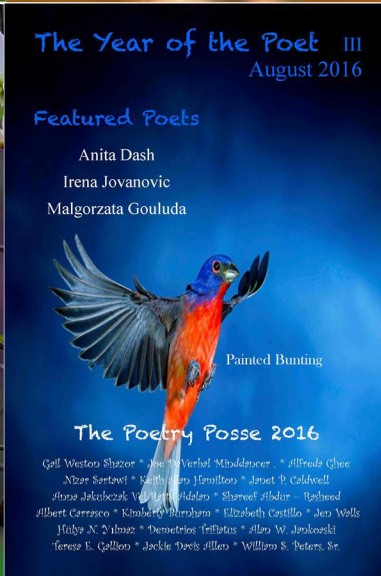


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novales



Long Billed Curlew

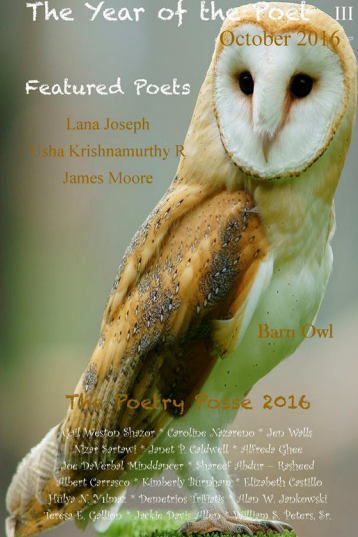
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Usha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl


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

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

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

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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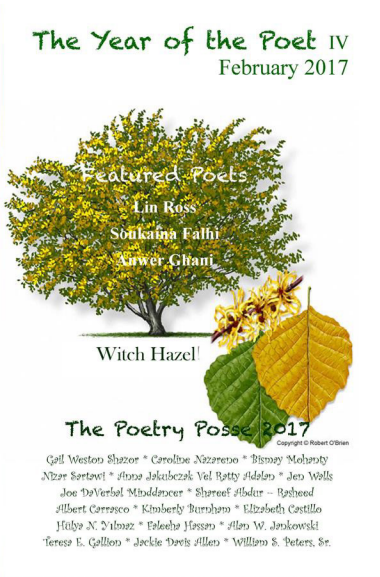


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Whnell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima "Ashi"

Quaking Aspen

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Atona Jakubczak Val Betty Aidelon \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerial Miodonsker \* Shereef Abdur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017

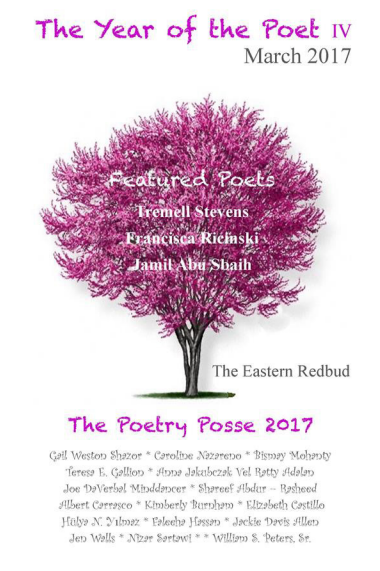


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sunkaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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March 2017

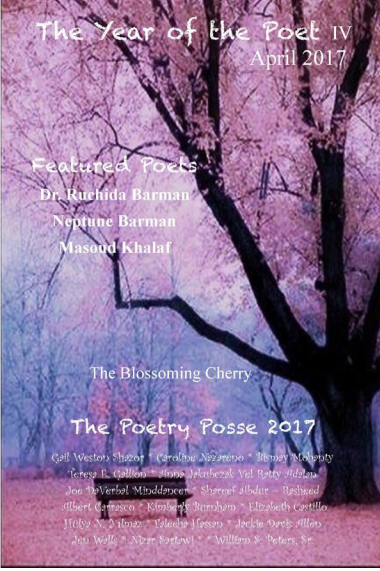


**Featured Poets**  
Trenell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Sbah

The Eastern Redbud

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



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

The Blossoming Cherry

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May 2017

The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilba N. Yilmaz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV

July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV

August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Adkins  
Joe DeVerol Mbadinze \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



### The Poetry Posse 2017

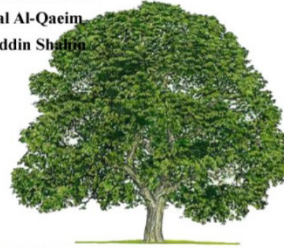
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shalim

The Black Walnut Tree



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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



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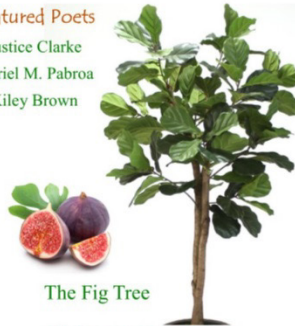
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown

The Fig Tree



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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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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



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzak Abu-Law  
Suzanne Bohara  
Nathan Coon  
Suzanne Hojaj



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

The Sumerians




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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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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  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

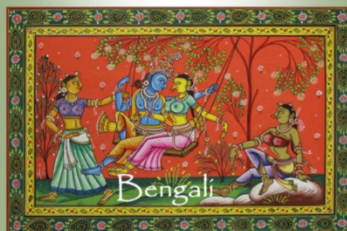
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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
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## The Year of the Poet V October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
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## The Year of the Poet V November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

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## 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

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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  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

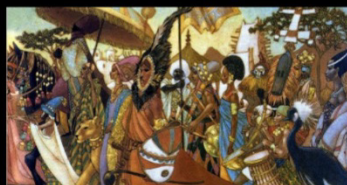
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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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May 2019

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




Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
June 2019

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
August 2019

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



Southwest Asia


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




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



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dumant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul – Rasheed  
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February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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### Featured Poets

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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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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 \* Swappa Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

November 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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## 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

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas: 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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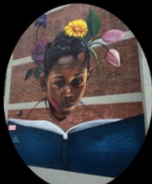
## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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September 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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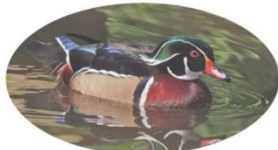
## The Year of the Poet IX

May 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Birds



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Trees



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## 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

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## 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

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### 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

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## 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

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## The Year of the Poet IX November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## 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

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### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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## 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

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## The Year of the Poet X March 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Yo Yo Ma

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## 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

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



Louis Braille

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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 ~

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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 ~

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## The Year of the Poet X December 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

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~ Phyllis Wheatley ~

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~ Omar Khayyam ~

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~ Nâzim Hikmet ~

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~ William Butler Yeats ~

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~ Makhanlal Chaturvedi ~

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~ Langston Hughes ~

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~ Pablo Neruda ~

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Irma Kurti \* Mennadi Farah

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~ Li Bai ~

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~ William Ernest Henley ~

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Adnan Al-Sayegh \* Taghrid Bou Merhi

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~ Adam Mickiewicz ~

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

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~ Wole Soyinka ~

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

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~ Imru' al-Qais ~

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Sushant Thapa \* Orbindu Ganga



Innocence  
Daisy



Joy  
Marigold



Longing  
Camellia

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



Curiosity  
Hibiscus



Fear  
Minulus



Lonlines  
Butterfly Weed

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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 Gruezo



Resilience  
Calendula



Self Doubt  
Centuary



Grief  
Chrysanthemums

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



Bittersweetness  
Bittersweetness



Empathy  
Lillies



Sadness  
Sunflowers

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



Love  
Red Roses



Gratitude  
Blue Hydrangea



Contentment  
Azule Bluets

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



Nostalgia  
Lillacs



Wisdom  
Purple Iris



Fearlessness  
Gladiolas

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



Connection  
Sunflower



Fulfillment  
Lotus



Hope  
Daffodils

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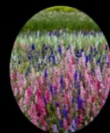
Abeera Mirza \* Shaswata Gangopadhyay  
Shahid Abbas Shahid \* Snežana Šolkotović



Isolation  
Water Violet



Empowerment  
Sunflower



Confusion  
Pink Larkspur

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



Anticipation  
Anemone



Pride  
Amaryllis



Regret  
Purple Hyacinths

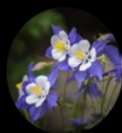
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Zainul Husain \* Robert Allen Goodrich Valderrama  
Hong Ngoc Chau \* D. Wahida Hussein



Anxiety  
Columbine



Peacefulness  
Peace Lily



Grief  
Orchids

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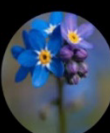
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Elizabeth Cassidy \* Neha Bhandarkar  
Sajid Hussain \* Mirjana Stefanicki Antonić



Transcendence  
Water Lily



Legacy  
Forget-me-nots



Satisfaction  
Daisies

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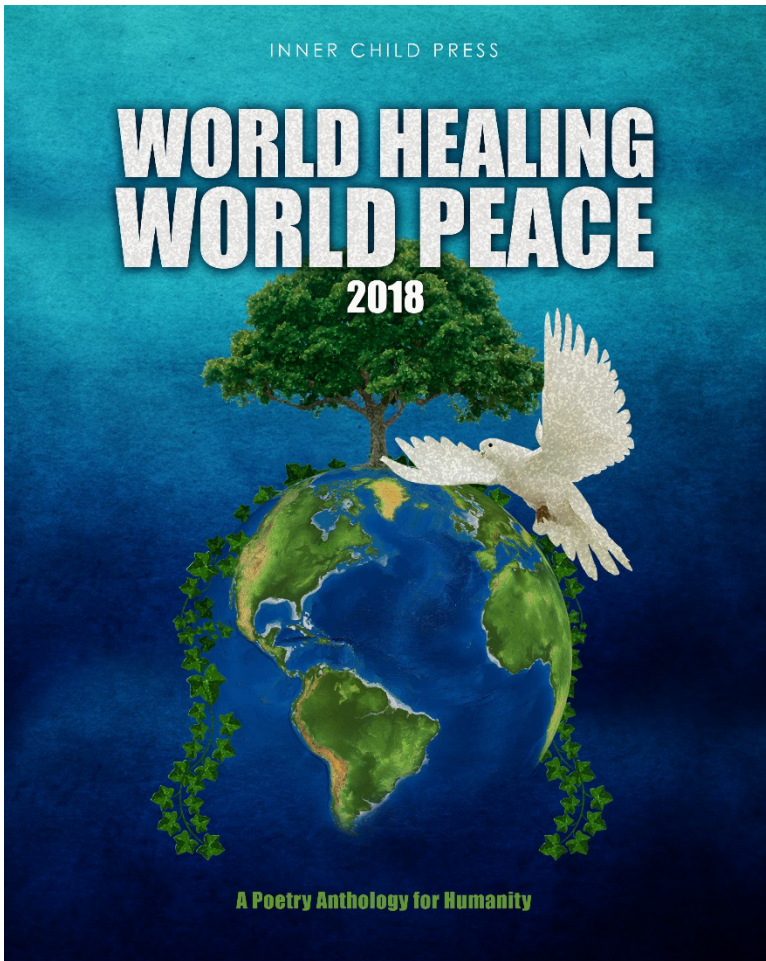


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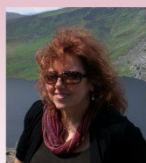
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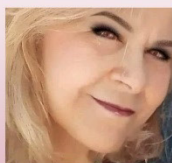
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