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

Janet P. Caldwell

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Anxiety ~ Peacefulness ~ Grief

In this issue, we set the poem's focal motif on three interlaced states: Anxiety, Peacefulness, Grief. They are not the poles of a simple opposition, but three waveforms upon the same sheet of water: a fine tremor that tells you the wind is present; a long swell that sets the measure of the waters; and an undercurrent that carries off the moonlight no eye can see. What the poet confronts is never a single emotion, but their drift, each drawing the other, each becoming the other's context.

Let us begin with anxiety. What makes modernity "modern" is that we are compelled to face choice and possibility head-on. Kierkegaard once named anxiety "the dizziness of freedom": you stand at the edge of the possible; looking down, you tremble, looking ahead, you cannot quite retreat. Anxiety is no defect, but a keen organ for perceiving change. It reminds the poet that every stroke of language is a choice among forks that cannot be retraced.

Now grief. If we understand grief as a kind of work, it speaks in two grammars within the poem: outward naming of what is lost, persons, places, times, and inward carving of fissures, how the "I" has been altered. The former relies on narration and designation, giving readers a visible locus for mourning; the latter borrows mirrors, shadows,

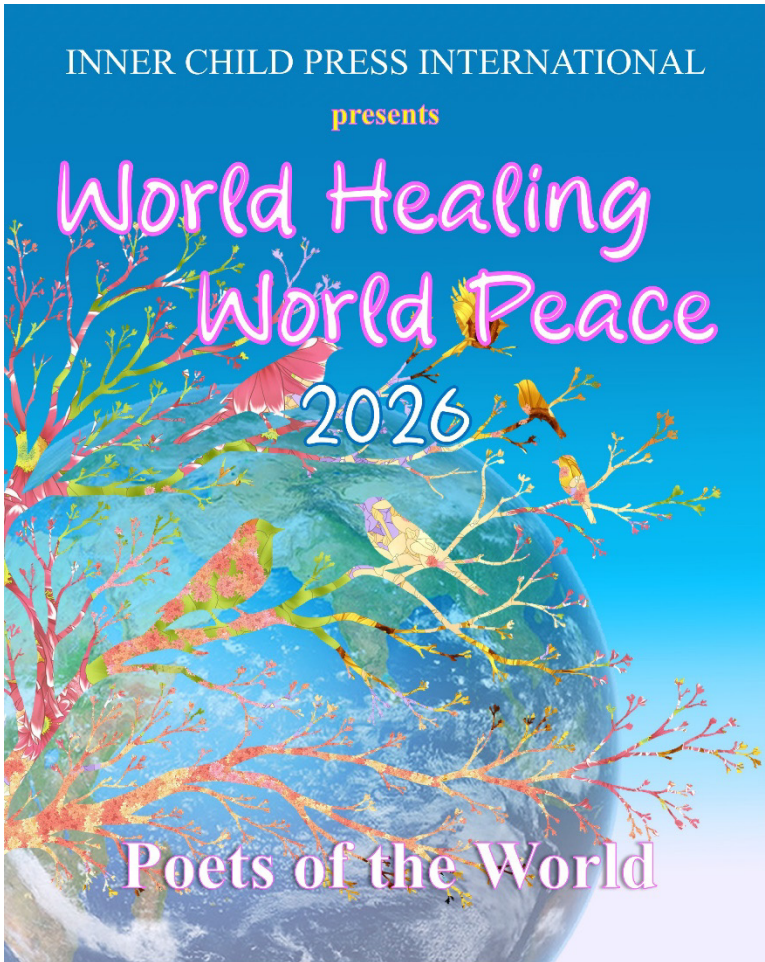
echoes, turning the hollowing of the self into a legible structure. Literature's task, perhaps, is to devise an order of words that makes pain shareable, without erasing it.

Peacefulness is not the antonym of grief, but the craft of passing through it. It asks not for anesthesia but for contemplation: let the hand of language loosen; let things bear witness to themselves. Wang Wei's poetics offers a paradigm, simplicity, blankness, the mutual forgetting of self and thing. The Peacefulness of that "realm of nothing happening" is the capacity to return the world to its original speed. Practically, Peacefulness often depends on sparse lexical density, low-contrast imagery (moss, shadow, wind, water), and the gentle mood of subordinate time-clauses. If anxiety shapes rhythm and grief shapes structure, Peacefulness shapes the interval, the white space between words, like a small square of light in a courtyard.

Therefore, as you read this column, think of it as a multitrack recording: anxiety's treble, grief's bass, Peacefulness's ground hum, all at once. You may not become "no longer sad" or "no longer anxious," but you will better understand their grammar, when to slow the tempo, when to leave a noun in the light, when to let a single comma stand in for a thousand words.

Tzemin Ition Tsai

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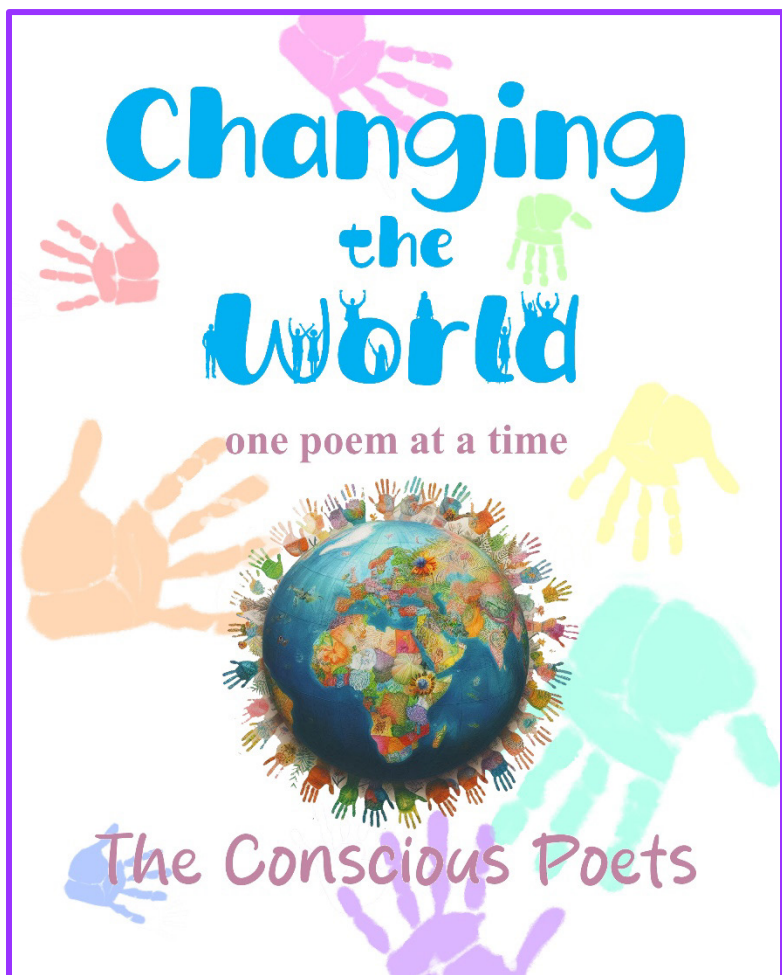


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Preface

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

As we now closing in on the end of our 12th year of monthly publications for **The Year of the Poet**, we continue to be excited.

This particular year we have chosen to feature a collection of human emotions. We do hope you enjoy the poet's perspectives on these subjects. Read ~ Learn.

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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Where are You and What Moves You?

This month the themes are anxiety, peacefulness, and grief. How we deal with each feeling and how to achieve inner peace.

In the instructional poem ‘How to Be Alone,’ Padraig O’Tuama writes, “It begins with ... listen and close, nothing lasts forever ... you are in the only body you are in ... where do you feel anxiety in your body? ... you are such an interesting conversation.” Consider the jump off line, “I am in the only body I will inhabit ... “ What comes up for you?

It is also interesting to contemplate the body component of anxiety. Recent research correlates a lack of proprioception (the sense of where you are in space) and anxiety. The thinking goes, if you don’t know where your body, joints, heart, toes, etc are in space that provokes anxiety. Consider the jump off line, “I know where I am, I am ...”

Those of you who have been following my journey to find and write poetry about the word for peace in 10,000 different languages know that I believe that if every person in the world contemplated peace for three minutes a day, we would live in a much better world, one where each person gives and

has respect for each other and for the world around us. This month envisage what you can change in your life so that you can experience a deep sense of inner calm. What do you have to do or give? What do you have to learn or share? What do you have to let go of or give away?

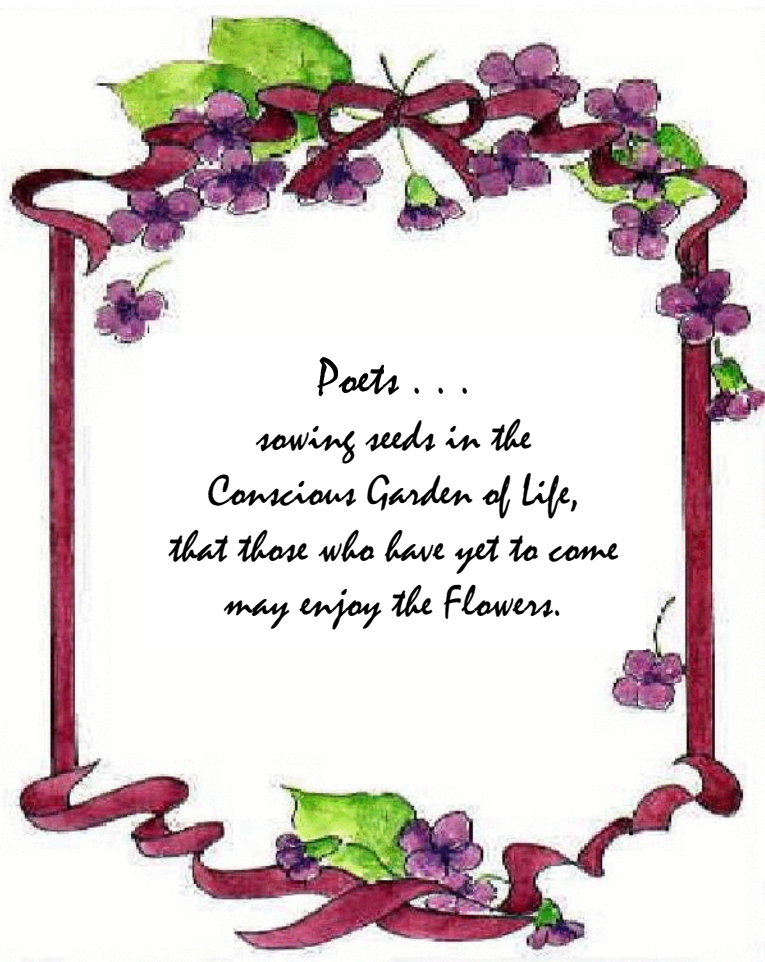
Grief has pluses and minuses, a sad feeling for something or someone that you had a chance to love. The deeper we love the more grief at the loss. Phyllis Cole-Dai in 'In Line at the Grocery Store' writes, "I miss the tenderness, the man ahead of me whispers to his cart, ... to me, in tears behind my mask." What do you miss? Who do you share your feelings with?

I am in the process of moving from Spokane, Washington to Portland, Oregon. I am in that liminal space of not yet fully leaving Spokane and not yet missing my friends, my seaberry trees, the new maple leaves on the trees outside my bedroom window in the spring. I have not yet fully embraced life in Portland, the quirky restaurants, the green gardens nourished by rain, new friends yet to be made. I am in a place of grief over the anticipated losses but also excited for the opportunity to reinvent myself in a new place where I will still have my wife and dogs and the warmth of the life, I have built for myself.

Look around, what makes you anxious? What can you do to find and create peace? What do you love, and grieve? Explore these themes in your own life as you read poetry from the Inner Child Press Poetry Posse. There is peace and calm in understanding another person just a little bit better through their writing.

Kimberly Burnham, PhD
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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 . . .

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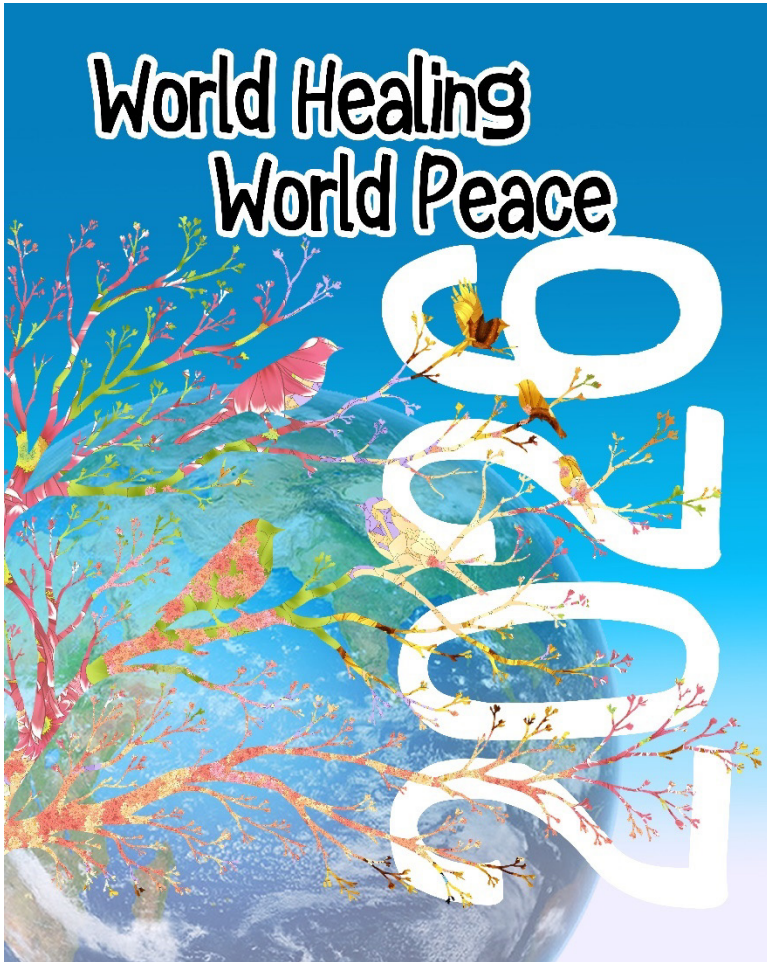


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Gail
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Gail Weston Shazor is a lover of words. She is fond of the arcane, unusual and the not yet words.

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.

Oh Death

Matthew 13:30

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Out of the corner of my eye
A shadow briefly passed
And only just for a second
A refraction of light
I should not have seen it
No one else seemed to have
Or were too afraid to acknowledge
A moving darkness in the sanctuary
Cloaked in blindness
A momentary patch
Over the third sight
Of the multitudes of pew sitting folks
The hallelujahs were loud
The lights grew dim in the noon hour
And it seemed a hot chill passed
While we all called on the Lord
Weeping for private dreams
Praying for private wants
Ignoring private needs

And the reaper walked unmet
To the tares hiding
In amongst the wheat
I averted my eyes lest
He would find me wanting
Offering to make a crossroad deal
Though I knew full well that

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This is now the harvest season
And I understood the word mercy
In that moment
For maybe I hadn't done it right
But I am still favored as wheat
And at the dimming of this morn
Death passed me over

Used to Be

I used to love only you
Sometimes you loved only me
One, two, many or just a few
As uncountable as sand in the sea

My heart grew lonely, my soul blue
The actual number never really mattered
And I tried over and over to talk to you
Tho truly hurting, you heard only chatter

Not coming home or spending late nights
The missed calls and many messages ignored
The multi day arguments and weekly fights
The lies and excuses from your mom and boys

Did I fail you as a wife, your kids as mother?
I was always there to see to everyone's needs
What's between us has only gotten uglier
My heart has become too numb to even bleed

So I packed my clothes, books and lotions
Gathered up my gifts baubles and beads
I can take all this to another location
But I leave behind all that I used to be

Pain is weakness leaving the body

Cipher

1+2 equals 2
2-1 equals 2
No matter which way I cipher
The three it always ends up two
I cut it in half and like Abraham
I can't bear the thought of
Only getting a portion of
What I am deserving of
Three minus two equals two
I have counted days and hours
And now even months
Until two plus one can equal two
And time is divided
Into waiting for the next time
Until one becomes one point five
On the sidelines looking
For the plus sign that would join
Reticence into conviction
Of more than a missed call
Or a mussed kiss on two lips
Two plus one equals one
It would seem that wisdom
Would dictate the inequality
Of becoming one
Paired as soloed
For longer than expected
The blackboard eraser secrets
The one in a longer division and
Yellow chalk cancels wings
Over indivisible brackets
One plus two equals one
A rolling stone dropped

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Chips against mathematical truth
And no matter how damaged
It is still just one
One plus one plus one equals two
But maybe two minus one
Equals a matched pair

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).

Night Terrors

On a starless night
the wind sings differently.
Leaves tremble with anxiety,
branches bend with fear.

The hooting of an owl
fills the dark hours
and the blackness of the clouds
falls silently on my sleep.

Don't wake me now.
Let the sun rise,
tickling with its rays.

I am a child of light.
I don't want to be afraid.

Peace

To desire nothing,
to think of nothing,
to abandon worries, concerns,
anxiety about tomorrow.
To free thoughts from chaos
and emotions that vibrate like strings.
Let the false tones fade
and silence fills the being.

Scorched feelings
allow me to forget,
to accept the inevitable.

Sadness

Sadness put on a black dress,
wrapped flowers in the mourning sashes.
It allowed a final farewell
- the touch of a hand as cold as ice,
closed eyes without a gleam.

Silence has settled in this house.
The telephone and doorbell are silent.
Something remains of yesterdays
- forgotten slippers stand by the bed.

Time has stopped and rushed forward .
Time didn't take you with it, Mom.

Jackie
Davis
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen or Jackie Allen, grew up in the Cumberland Mountains of Appalachia. As the next eldest daughter of a coal miner father and a stay at home mother, she was the first in her family to attend and graduate from college. Her siblings, in their own right, are accomplished, though she is the only one, to date, that has discovered the gift of writing.

Graduating from Radford University, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Early Education, she taught in both public and private schools. For over a decade she taught private art classes to children both in her home and at a local Art and Framing Shop where she also sold her original soft sculptured Victorian dolls and original christening gowns.

She resides in northern Virginia with her husband, taking much needed get-aways to their mountain home near the Blue Ridge Mountains, a place that evokes memories of days spent growing up in the Appalachian Mountains.

A lover of hats, she has worn many. Following marriage to her college sweetheart, and as wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, tutor, artist, writer, poet and crafter, she is a lover of art and antiques, surrounding herself, always, with books, seeking to learn more.

In 2015 she authored *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*, and in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Both books of mostly narrative poetry were published by Inner Child Press and were edited by hulya n. yilmaz in 2019, *No Illusions. Through the Looking Glass*, which was nominated to be considered for a Pulitzer Prize by the publisher and editor of Inner Child Press, ltd.

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Grief

The pain of loss, how it wells up
Inside, like a slow moving volcano:
No way to predict the when, how
Or why it comes. Only that it does.

A dark veil has draped itself over me.

The shock, the denial, the disbelief!
Zombie-like, wide-eyed, my days
And nights have become as one;
They wear my mourning clothes.

The chill of loss stings, bitterly cold.

A ghost unto myself, I am a lost child.
I want to bury my head, my thoughts
Between pages of the newspaper,
Sorrow 's most futile experiment.

Will life ever return to normal?

No longer do I find joy or pleasure.
Little interests me, except sleep.
I wear a thick mask trying to hide
The deep pain of a personal loss.

Oh! Why did it have to happen?

I go to pick up the phone. I need
To tell you how much I miss you.
How much you are loved. Instead,
I am reminded that you are no more.

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On bended knee, I pray for relief.

Hours become days. In turn, weeks
Morph into months. Eventually,
Time's calendar marks the years
With distance, the pain lessening.

Anxiety is the deterrent to my hope.

Hope thrives on love's intention,
Memory softens, gently returns
With comfort. It soothes old angsts.
Like a miracle, the sun comes out.

The sky is blue. I am, again, myself.

Anxiety

My Momma, she done told me,
“Don’t you be worrying about stuff;
Just do your best, and leave the rest
To God.” Sound easy to say, or to do?

I tell myself, I’ll try. I’ll lift up a prayer,
Do something that’s fun, creative; maybe
Tackle a project I’ve too long neglected.
Try not to think about the problem.

My Momma, she continued to say,
“If you worry needlessly, over nothing,
You’ve wasted time, energy and effort.
On the other hand, if you worry...and,

If the worst does happen, you’ve sadly
Placed yourself in the unenviable position
Of probably worrying again. A second time!
Is it worth worth suffering all that anxiety?”

Resilience

Caught up in circumstances,
Not of my own making, I'm grieving,
Torn to pieces. I'm in shock. In disbelief.

Pacing the floor, reliving the tragic news,
All I want to do is to pretend it didn't happen.
Just as impossible as turning back the clock.

I struggle through the days, the nights.
My prayers repetitive, jumbled, incoherent,
Except to my Maker, who knows me, my heart.

My mind is like a screen, upon which
The movie plays loud and long, horrific
With imagination painted in technicolor.

A newspaper's headline catches my eye.
From sunrise to sunset, I peruse the script.
Line by line, page by page, passing the time.

Until, I find I've come to the last page.
Of the classified advertisements! Oh my!
(An attempt at burying my head in the sand.)

Eventually, realizing I can't keep this up,
I decide to act upon one of those ads.
(Going back to work might help.)

I'll use my gifts, talents, and give back
To others. With God's help, true healing
Will come. And joy will return as my friend.

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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 Shore Where Ripples Decide

The window ledge is a measuring stick,
measuring every hesitation of the day;
the doorknob is cool, proof the air has not chosen a
direction.

The city's clock slices the future, minute by minute;
the comma on a paper cup is a reef in open water;
my sentence is unfinished, yet my heartbeat rushes ahead,
off-tempo and unsure.

A butterfly turns over in the book,
did I dream the butterfly, or did the butterfly wake me?,
its feelers extending again and again along the spine.
At the corridor's end, the wind pushes the curtain notch by
notch,
bamboo shadows on guard, reading what goes in and what
goes out.

The tea has cooled halfway; mist practices calligraphy on
the cup's wall.

Between one door and another
I become a thought pinched by the frames.
Down at the lane's mouth, a vendor drags the last note
long,
stretching near and far into a longer rubber band
that snaps back to strike the string in my throat.

Who is playing a flute inside the body? A triple-reed, a
hurried mode.
I press my ear closer to myself
and hear the marching boots of sentences kick at stones.
If someone were to knock just now,
allow me to stand half a step longer on the shore,
to let the ripples decide for themselves which way to go.

One Courtyard's Width

Return names to things:

a tree is still a tree, water still water;

a shadow needs only to be set where it can move slowly.

In the courtyard, a small square of light falls on moss;

time naps like a fish upon a stone;

a breeze turns the page, not arguing, only turning.

Write the late afternoon with the thinnest lexicon.

Tea, neither hot nor cold;

clouds, neither near nor far;

distant hills like a sentence that requires no punctuation.

Wang Wei's blankness is not emptiness;

a sparrow's hop across the step completes a brief verse.

Bring the breath back to its original speed,

let the room's ground-hum align with the world;

the voices of things lower their contrast

and remain mutually audible.

Definition,

perhaps it is only this: between speaking and not speaking

leave one more courtyard's width,

so that a single falling leaf

can write the autumn a little more slowly.

Lighting a Smaller Lamp

From today onward, there is one bowl fewer, one chair fewer.

The umbrella behind the door remembers the habit of your hand,

yet will never again hear your shout that the rain has stopped.

After Qingming, the paper ash turns back in the wind, like a line in a letter that was never sent.

I try to name what has been lost,
a street, a bridge, the tone of a season,;
I also try to carve the crack inward,
to hold your name beneath my tongue,
to let silence practice speaking in my mouth.

The mirror no longer summons me,
leaving only a shoulder and an empty chair sitting together.
Night smears the room's corners into dark ink;
the desk lamp prints a ring of warmth on the table,
like a tide that has not fully ebbed.

Grief learns how to light a smaller lamp;
not to remember harder,
but to admit that memory, at its own pace,
will move through the seams of our bones and our clothing.

When the bell-sound flows slowly from the temple square,
I raise the clear water in my cup to the far distance,
not begging for reversal, only asking it to carry away the edge of the sting.
The river runs from the east; we plant a lamp on the bank.
Someone passes, sees the faint light,
and understands: it is still possible to walk a little farther.

Noreen
Snyder

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

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

Peacefulness

No longer do I
grieve of the past
but I have this inner calm
of the present and the future.
I have a new adventure
in my life.
I feel so happy and
so peaceful about it.
It is an awesome feeling.

The Poet (Trinet)

Poet searches

for truth

through his/her poetry, no lies.

Listen to the poet bares all

want answers

find it

telling you.

Butterfly (Bob and Wheel)

Butterfly

such a beauty to see

and let's watch it fly! Fly

high, my friend, and be free.

Don't want to say goodbye.

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The Weight Beneath the Moon

There is a trembling beneath the ribs
a silent orchestra of wings beating against glass,
as though the soul has forgotten
how to rest inside its bones.

Grief walks in barefoot,
leaving wet footprints on the heart's corridor.
She hums a song of absence,
and every note echoes the names we no longer say aloud.

Anxiety, her twin made of smoke,
whispers of all that could break,
of stars that might fall out of orbit,
of hearts that might stop mid-beat
if we dared to breathe too deeply.

They meet in the dark corners of thought,
braiding shadows into garlands,
weaving storms out of silence—
a sacred alchemy of ache.

Yet, in this quiet unraveling,
something luminous hums beneath the pain—
a pulse older than sorrow,
older than fear.

It is the moon remembering its own darkness,
the tide surrendering to its pull,
the self learning again
that even the shattered pieces
reflect light
when the night is deep enough.

When Dawn Remembers Our Names

There will come a morning
when the sky opens its palms—
soft and golden,
like forgiveness finding its way home.

The stars will loosen their hold,
and fall quietly into dreams,
their light reborn in our eyes
as we rise from the dust of yesterday.

The rivers will hum with knowing,
their waters whispering, you have endured,
and every tree will stretch toward the horizon
like a prayer finally answered.

We will walk barefoot on the edge of time,
feeling the pulse of the earth beneath us,
ancient and alive,
reminding us that all endings
are only pauses in the breath of creation.

There is no sorrow the sun cannot untangle,
no shadow too deep
for the dawn to enter.

And when we stand again in the hush of first light,
we will see ourselves as the stars once saw us—
flickers of eternity,
learning once more
to begin.

The Secret Language of Light

Happiness does not arrive with a trumpet—
it drifts in quietly,
like the hush before dawn
when the world still dreams in color.

It lives in the breath between thoughts,
in the shimmering pause
when sunlight touches a leaf
and the leaf remembers
it, too, is alive.

You cannot chase it—
it is a river without banks,
a melody that hums only
when the heart stops searching for sound.

Happiness wears no face,
yet it gazes through every eye—
the old woman watering her garden,
the child tracing constellations in puddles,
the wanderer who finally stops walking
and feels the wind become his companion.

It is the quiet awakening of the soul,
the divine laughter of atoms
that recognize their place in the dance of everything.

To feel it
is to stand inside a ray of sun
and know that you are not separate—
you are the light,
remembering itself.

Mutawaf Shaheed

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After Thoughts

All I was trying to do, was what I thought we had agreed to. I was born in the USA just like you, so English was our common language.

Maybe you whispered something that I didn't hear or understand? I guess I couldn't see all the insecurities that hounded you, because I didn't have any that bothered me.

I found out along the way, when something was good for me it wasn't good for you. Tit for Tat started to become a common thread.

Stuff outside of me became important to you. You were still looking for things I thought you found.

I was trying to build on the understanding that it's us, back to back against the world. I found out it was just me, because you weren't around.

I couldn't possibly be angry with you even upset or sad. Seems people like you, are just my lot, but I hope not my destiny. I'm grateful that was all this temporary.

Circle Games

Out of the clear blue comes whose
is pursuing who. Not understanding
that you and your daughter too are
cannon fodder.

Life on the edge of space seems to be
getting tighter, as you look for another
place to plot. Finding more and more
fans of your plans for making a human
less than a human.

Eating the apples from the government's
branches, increasing the chances of you
becoming the next zeros. Following the
flung stuff, like acupuncture. Listening to
the bells and whistles as they jingle.

Sorting through the porkchop patties,
wondering if Bo is your daddy. Choosing
beasts for heroes that know not of your
existence. Marinating in zilch, and proud
of it.

Your soul held a vigil while you ran after the
Ginger bread man. When you caught up with
him, he gave you your patty cakes, after he
licked the frosting off. Coming up short has to
be normal for you by now.

Not only saying holy cow, you worship them
now. The only way to sell a lie, is you must

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know the truth, that, just doesn't feel right.
A pint of something goes well, with saying
the hell with it!

Morals to the stories don't take long drawn
out examples, unless you are trying to justify
why you said it. I know your shadow knows
even when you can't see it

Working on the Memories

Sometimes I hear the muse of Russell Atkins and Langston Hughes.

Hearing the difficulties being recited of former times.

Leaving now

back to then. I wonder if the flowers smelled the same? If his words

pointed fingers at those who were to blame.

Dealing with the conflicts with pen in hand. Finding a kind of peace

then a soft place to land. Being a part of reviving all our artistic skills.

Showcasing them against an oppressor's will. Slow walking , tip-toing

through the maze of mad men trying to lift your gift, then saying that

it is his.

The streets of Harlem filled with the rhythms of the times.

Bringing

grandpa and grandma's blues back alive. Minds sharpening minds,

trading quips and lines. Never allowed to forget the demons laying in

the shadows, whose IQ, you knew would love to destroy you and the

rest of our kind.

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Tears Stuck in *Araf

Thrown into the deepest depths of such darkness
That the attacks of evil bury us under unending artillery.
It is a heavy downpour on the soul of the good-hearted.
Its smoke signals are spread across the globe
For every murderer to record their echoes.
Additional armament supplies are in plentitude.

I have no worldly possessions.
My eyes' salty drops, however, are with me in abundance,
As there is no time for me when they are not needed.
Still, they do not flow down my face freely!
For my compassion has been tagged as "against the
common good."
There now exists a file labeling me as an "anarchist."

Scorching my entire being like acid rain,
Floods of my tears remain stuck in Araf.

*According to the Islamic belief system, "Araf" is the place between heaven and hell, depicting a state of being when the soul is caught between a rock and a hard place.

when time stood still

are you claustrophobic?
you did very well the last time
the process is the same
only the stitches will be in the way

*staples on the skin
pain in the abdomen
severe nausea
feverishness
high anxiety . . . extremely high . . .
about the night of the intruder
who entered my room in the hospital ward*

*acutely aware now
of that tightest and loneliest mini-tunnel*

*besides
even breathing hurts*

the better choice, Ma'am,
an MRI is unfortunately not doable
too early to discard your stitches

*finally, I am back in my room,
home away from home for the last several weeks,
tucked in safely*

*wait, wait!
oh, no!*

another urgent procedure just became a must
we are sorry, but no need to worry

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this time, it's surgical endoscopy
you did well under general anesthesia, after all

so . . . it's a setback
not a major one
but still . . . a setback

you are a unique woman
they say to me once and again
you can return to your home at last

Peace Lilies

Leaf 3 fell on August 5, 2016

sometimes i drink two in a row
but not both at once, like you used to
out of your *Babiş-cup
as reserved only for your Turkish coffee

i recycle the same demitasse
for the second round,
rinse the inside and the saucer
after my fortune-telling attempts

of course, i laugh at myself for that ritual
for i learned not to take myself seriously anymore
those few minutes i set aside each time
my most memorable simple pleasures of life accompany
me,
around a small table setting for Turkish coffee,
surrounded by priceless company
who are only visible to me . . .

Leaf 2 fell on March 28, 2015

quite often, i take my mind to a ride
to your birthplace of my particular pride
in its all-forgiving, all-accepting serenity,
that tiny corner of the world
protected my sanity compassionately
during my months of live autopsy
no one else but you unpained me
with your right dose of verbal Anesthesie

i no longer have a home phone
i got rid of it after prolonged silences on the other end
for i was desperately yearning to hear your “*Hülişim!”

your precious Sinop's Divan Cafe
is intact, in utter relief i hear
two large plates of Revani
still play hide-and-seek with us
under scoops and scoops of ice cream
"home-made vanilla!" we both silently scream
you then ask for a generous serving
of your most favorite topper of desserts
as you always did with a mischievous smile
Sahne – but the real kind, please
you add as usual, and your dark brown eyes
assume the color of your childlike shine

Leaf I fell on May 7, 1981

he loved me as everything you meant to him
because i am your legacy, he would say
without ever tiring, he tucked me in
with his courageous love for life
his call would come in
on the verge of each of my stormy vibes,
never skipping a beat

your little-girl picture
appears frequently before me these days
countless years since could not cloud my awe
how strikingly beautiful were your emerald green eyes!

i want to unearth your older pictures
my orphaned self
gets colder and colder
i need you and the windows of your soul
for i just must once again become whole

*Babiş is a term of endearment with which I often addressed my late father.

**"Hülişim!" is a term of endearment with which my late uncle always began his phone call.

Teresa
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Anxiety Is

Anxiety is a slow burn
that scorches the echoes
that feed the brain.

An uncomfortable tilt
embraces the body,
forces compliance.

An uninvited guest
slips into your space
during a dark midnight rain.

Your morning coffee
trembles down your throat
demanding you fight the poison.

You hear your heart singing.
Now listen to the melody
and order anxiety to leave.

Captured Peace

The forest trail is a walk in solitude.
A crackling of pine needles sings
beneath the feet touching earth.

Every tree smiles in evergreen
with open branch arms
to receive all souls ready for hugs.

Morning light shimmers between trees
creating a welcome mosaic
that says enter and be blessed.

Your heart beats to rhythms
of the wind flowing pass.
A sacred quietness embraces you.

The forest hears you
though no words pour from your lips.
It just listens to the message of gratitude
that flows gently from your soul.

The Shape of Grief

Grief is a harsh reality
that smacks hard on arrival
and declares pain as ruler for a while.

The fight to get on with life
shakes the core of resilience
and still we survive.

The impact of loss is precise
in the moment of striking.
Sometimes the will to live
experiences unique challenges.

That ache to the bone
is nourished by time.
We do not get over loss.
We learn to live with it.

Muscle memory becomes
a force to live with appreciation
for all the good times
in our treasure chest.

We move from sad tears to happy water
massaging the face as we move closer
to adjusting to the bitterness of loss.

Ashok
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Even in Shadow

Deflated and punctured,
I hold on to hope for
a few drops of light—
just enough to stir my soul.

Let it pour gently,
like rain that forgets to fall,
filling me with dreams
that shimmer, even in shadow.

Come—
take my hand without words.
We'll dance, not for eyes,
but for the rhythm inside us.

Our voices will rise—
not as questions, not as prayers,
but as stories
meant for the wind, the birds, the whales.

Peacefulness of Action

Peace is not the silence of voices,
nor the absence of pain.
It is the quiet strength
to sit with what is—
without resistance, without retreat.

Peace is not agreement in belief,
but the freedom
to let others be.
It does not demand sameness;
it invites understanding.

A peaceful life is rooted
in presence—
where each moment is met fully,
without clinging to the past
or fearing what comes.

Peace is a soft discipline:
to respond, not react,
to listen before speaking,
to walk slowly,
even when the world runs fast.

It is found
in the space between thoughts,
in the breath that returns you
to now.

Peace lives where acceptance begins.

Ash and Smoke

Morning breaks
along the eastern edge of the sky,
and I move out
through empty streets,
heading the other way.

If you catch up to me,
I'll tell you:

Love hides
in the ash and the smoke—
long before
it ever becomes light.

Reality
is not what the eye sees,
or the ear hears,
or the nose detects.

It's not the mirror,
and not the image.

It's the thing itself—
the weight of presence
before it is named.

It's not inside you,
and it's not outside.

Reality exists
only in the act
of realizing it.

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Wake up,
you who seek to know.
The wind cannot be seen.

To feel its movement,
you must
stop moving.

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Caroline
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Beta Blockers

The quiet battles begin
Little sentinels are eager
To thrum the heart,
Whispers of perturbed crescendo,
Every imagined pause,
Interplays from nauseating spotlights—
Grief and grace soliloquy,
Between the leaping overtures,
Between tremors and trembles,
Within the storms attended,
Overthinking doesn't heal,
It gives you the taste
Of antidepressant's voice,
Then, suddenly, hush
Peace is playing.

Sangfroid

The sky unravels
The inner and outer flares,
The sirens of chaos
pulling at the seams,
of your stillness.
But you do not cringe,
You defend yourself,
You sip your coffee with courage,
Taming your ribs,
With calmness
As you wear the soft linens
Of the morrow,
When fleeting robes usher
Cold and summer metronomes,
Beneath the heavy lift,
Letting silence pierce
The emptiness in the moonlight.

Bottling Up

The art of containment
Doesn't spill so easily,
Like rain from the nimbus clouds
Too proud to cry heavily
And reach the soil,
Sometimes it settles
Hovering the throat,
It smothers the Adam's apple
And grief creeps to your eyes.
You fold that remorse into a napkin,
Hiding your face in your pillows,
Inside the glass thins with restraint,
Pressure builds remorse,
Promising a cathartic strength.
Your smile is full of unsaid things,

Break free. Resurface.

Swapna Behera

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excuse me.....

Anxiety is a silent killer or healer

excuse me

I am a sex worker

I have no time to waste

I am over stressed to handle the lust of customers

no time to sing lullabies for my baby

anxiety for my baby, for her career

for her wellbeing, for her marriage

for her identity

in search of the name of her father etc.....

excuse me

I have no time to listen to the tears

tears of the nature

tears of the down trodden

lo! behold I have become a robot

my emotions, my love is vaporized

anxiety replaces the diagram of a country

the horrendous cry here and there

someone is thirsty to get a glass of water

someone in the war field craving for the blood

excuse me

I have no time to define love

issues have overpowered my sentiments

I am a robot with the brief case

dwindling between money and family

like the pendulum

with tons of garbage in my brain

excuse me

have you seen my heart?

missing since years

you filled it with turbid stress

I don't complain

the media covers rape, murder, corruption

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I am worried for my teenage girl
I pray the beautiful world
where is your charismatic strength
that can wipe the stress of each child,
each woman, each soldier
each plant, each bird, animal or river ?
can't we enjoy the rights to smile?
smiles are beyond borders
griefs are not grievances
they are the agendas to clean mental garbage

micro dialect of peace

micro dialect of peace
celebrates a middle-class menu
with flickering candle light
in the dining table
a farmer's smile
to see the first monsoon,
first harvest
a mother's milk
a soldier's kiss on the forehead of his wife
after the cease fire
an enemy's apology
a friend's strength in the graveyard
peace transmits, generates and sustains
a balance sheet to show the ardent growth
prayers galore to express gratitude
heals excruciating pain
a simple breath
a sojourn journey from cradle to the cemetery
crossing the bundles of abhorrence
peace is a new language, a responsibility

Is grief a volcano ?

grief is the shadow or the Sun
death asked to life
“Are you in grief?”
life replied “Not at all
I am holding the Sun
and not the shadow”
the mountain asked the sand
“Are you in grief?”
the sand said “Not at all
I am your existence
today or tomorrow
I flow and glow in the river
just wait and watch”
the pyre burnt
and the ash asked
“Are you in grief?”
the ash replied
“No, not at all
I am still living
in the veins of the plants”
Is grief a volcano?
the lava replied
“I am the fossil
to give birth to a progeny
where there is deep grief”
there is certainly love. love and love

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Albert
'Infinite'
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I remember walking home from school wondering if they'll be dinner, that was my daily struggle as a minor. The school lunch wasn't great, but if there was no food at home when I got there, I could say at least I ate. That's how I tricked my mind so my belly wouldn't be growling because I was hungry. I know i wasn't alone, there was a lot of families living in poverty in my community. We didn't know if there was going to be a meal at the end of the day, we didn't know if we'll be able to pay the rent where our heads lay, we didn't know if candles would have to flicker at night because we didn't have light, we lived with that type of anxiety.

We dreamt of how life would be on the greener side of the grass, three meals a day with surplus supplies of food to last, top shelf liquor to celebrate a wealthy life while tapping champagne glass, automatic rent and light payments because we're never short on cash. Eviction notices would be a thing of the past, cabinet's will be full and fridges wouldn't just have ice and water along with baking soda to absorb hollow odor. Life would be bliss with that sort of peacefulness.

Some get the opportunity to get out of poverty and provide better lives for their families,

They no longer have to dream for the norm, they can live out fantasies. I wish that was the same for everybody. So many grow up in poverty and died poverty, the struggle never came to a cease, lives were lived with a lot of hope and equal amounts of grief.

Kimberly
Burnham

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The Only Body

I am in the only body I will inhabit
lucky with the privilege of health
of only a few aches and pains
from the experience of the last 68 years

Lucky that my brain and mouth work together
to communicate with ears to listen and understand
the people I love and all the people around me

I am lucky to have opposable thumbs to hold those I love
to scratch my three big dogs
and open the cat food can every morning for Moonshadow

Lucky to be able to see my maple trees
the green buds popping in the spring
and the orange and red of fall
the deer, soft brown rabbits and the quail
that inhabit this land with me

This is the only body I will inhabit
I don't know the future
but my past is filled with luck and love
and meaning

Dancing with Eagle Feathers

Out of the morning hush, a feather waits
not fallen, but placed
a gift from the sky, from a bird
healthy and strong in flight
whose wings know the shape of peace

Let us find it
let us give it away.
let it be the beginning of something mended
let us dance our welcome
to the stranger, to the neighbor
to the one who has walked a long road to arrive
here in our home

In the language of the Heiltsuk of British Columbia
words bloom like springs first snow bells
"Háyalut" to make peace with
"Hikqú" to reconcile, to return from the edge of a quarrel
"Yáyawala" to offer a gift when peace is made
a dance of welcome
and "Qvúsa" to place an eagle's downy feather
on the head of another
as if to say
you are safe now
you are home

Let us learn these words
let them dance from our mouths
like cedar smoke
let us dance as the eagles with grace and hospitality
giving us all peace

The Comradery of Conflict

Peace is not always the hush of a meadow
the red gold of sunset
sometimes it is the breath between two voices
the listening before the reply

In Lhomi, a language carried through the high passes of
Nepal
peace wears many names
shades nuanced with the culture
”स्यीव or sjiwΛ” a word for peace like a soft wind brushing
the cheek
”ṅĩṅsaṅi” is pleasure braided with peace
like old stories shared beneath a thatched roof

”Dz^hΛmik kekmiḱ” is peace and quiet
the silence of snow falling on a path no longer argued over
and “मीच्युक्-कीच्युक् mitsjuk-kitsjuk” is a lonely place
also meaning peace and quiet
as if solitude when chosen brings both
peace and a longing for loved ones

Let us not forget that even in the bustle
even in the comradery of conflict
there is a longing for stillness

And sometimes the most generous act
is to learn the name of peace
in another’s mother tongue
in this mountainous land where “ढाङ्सीली” [ḍʱaṅsili]
means cool, refreshing cold and calm

Eliza
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Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize* 2020,

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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).

The Winding Path

When the wind of worries blew
into the corners of her life,
she never stopped believing
that she would manage it all.
Even though she feared
she might not bear it,
she got used to the daily struggles.
They became a challenge –
Solving problems
is my specialty.
Even when
the winding path
was hard to go through
– she kept going.
She did not give up!
She felt strong.
Though sometimes, from exhaustion,
she trudged with unsteady steps,
she was like
– a diamond,
– a corundum.
She was a woman!

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

A New Beginning

When the sting of reality
had stopped tormenting her,
she thought about herself.

She knew it was worth
reviving the will to live.

To turn the smoldering into a flame,
sorrow into joy,
and the end – into a new beginning.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

Experiences

In the chaos of longing
she recalls her Mum
– how she spread love
– how she gave everybody a piece of herself
– how she forgave, understood and helped.

Still, she kept forgetting
that communing with the muddy life
of those in need
was not a gift she'd been granted
but a swarming exchange
of her own life path,
that could have been the light,
for the path of darkness.

She didn't know that
in order to sow heartening grains in others –
one mustn't
neglect one's own needs.

Translated by Dorota Stepieńska

William
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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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Searching for Alms

The chanting of the Buddhist Priests
The ringing of the bell
In the church steeples
The call of the Muezzin
For prayer
And I stand here
Searching for alms

My soul is hungry
My spirit is thirsty
And my consciousness
Is expanding,
For I am in need of more,
And the Taoist understands

I am still yet a pagan
Walking unknown paths
That have been well worn
Into the garden
By the many before me
Who are also lost in the void
Where only a false solace lives

Do not we humans
Have any recognition
Of the truth of Peace
And his sister ... Love

We practice our failures
In selective silence
While embracing the noise
That life feeds us
As a certifiable way

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To salvation,
But we bleed not
For the cause

We sing praises
To empirical things
And their manifestations
Thinking
And somehow convincing ourselves
That all is well
While the fires of hell
Burn all about us
Consuming the very air
We breathe
As we continually
Choke and suffocate
On the wisping smoke
Of the dreams of man
We thought
Once had promise

Reach out and take my hand
Oh divine One
That i may trust once again
In what may come to be
As the morrow sun rises
To kiss our maleable aspirations

....

Let me quench my thirst
As I drink of the untainted
Early morning dew
That magically wash away
The lusts of our yesterdays

Yes, I have sinned
More than I can ever recount,

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And my heart was filled at times
With avarice
And impure desires,
But know, that was
My persuasion, not my intent
Which is why I find myself
Yet again another day
Begging, pleading,
Searching for Alms.

Every Day Since

Every Day since
I have been inclined to dial your number
To give you a call,
Knowing that you will not be there
To faithfully answer
As you have done
In the past . . .
God knows how I miss those conversations

Every Day since
Your face
Has been etched indelibly
In my thoughts
Day and night,
Night and day

Every Day since
There is a longing
For yet another embrace,
Another conversation,
Another exploration
Of ideas
And their creation

Every Day since
I picture you
In your White Kufi,
Your White Thaub,
Reminding me of your Taqwa
As you rest peacefully
In the Barzaak . .
May my prayers be heard
For your safe journey
To Cennet

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Every Day since,
There is an abiding numbness,
An emptiness,
For apparently
Allah had a plan for your presence
That was not in accordance
With my understanding

Every Day since
My eyes begin to water,
But shed no tears
To run down
My cheeks
To cessate this grief
I bear silently
As I seek a thing,
A light of forbearance
That escapes the grasp
Of my cognizance

Every Day since

The Suffering of Youth

We were supposed to change the world,
And we did,
Though not necessarily for the better.

We have allowed too many things,
Far too many things
To manifest without our knowing

The shadows were busy doing,
While we were doing life
Trying our best to mitigate our way
Through the strife that life
Often presents to us

We lived under the premise of
“In God We Trust”
As printed on the implements and instruments
Used to bargain away our consciousness
And our freedoms
While enslaving us to the
Procedures and processes
That kept us bound
Upon a path
In an untended garden

We cried, we begged, we prayed and we
Worked our way through it all
Only to arrive here, yes here,
Wondering WTF happened
To all those years,
Those years of naïve intent,
Dreams sent forth in to
Unchained and rooted horizons
That never seem to draw any closer

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We marched,
We protested,
We voted,
We signed petitions,
We voiced our dissent,
We wrote poetry and stories
And so much fiction
Which ultimately became
Our realities

We showed up,
But we did so
In so many wrong places
Leaving minuscule traces
Of our presence
And the significance
Of what we could have become

In the meantime,
We danced
We sung,
We shook hands
And embraced.

We loved,
We raised families,
We worked,
We paid taxes to the cause
That was supposedly earmarked
For the goodness of the people . . . yet
Somewhere along the journey
We were bamboozled
By the greedy,
As they taught us to blame our plight
On the needy . . .
Well God-Damn . . .

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Isn't that what it was supposed to be about?

Our nation, our world is hungry
For the food called 'righteousness'
But there is a scarcity
In the souls of many . . . so it may seem,
But yet still we pray
For redemption,
To be redeemed to those dreams
Where smiles and laughter
From here to hereafter
Are the cause of the day.

In the meantime,
Our youth are as hungry
As I, you, we once were
For a better world,
A world that embraced our humanity,
And the egoic vanity of the demons
Would just go away,
Disappear . . . for ever and ever . . .
And they tell me to vote . . .
And I obediently do so
For another promise
To be delivered,
And that is the legacy that leads us to
The Suffering of Youth . . . continually!

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November 2025 Featured Poets



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Robert Allen G. Valderrama

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Zainul
Husain



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Hailing from Bareilly, a city in an Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Zainul Husain is an exceptional English language teacher. He is a passionate poet whose profound words touched the hearts of the readers across the globe. Dr. Husain's poetry has earned him numerous accolades on national and international platforms. His poetry collection “Spring of Love” published in 2023 is a testament of his talent and dedication to the art of poetry.

Treacherous Butterflies

Being treacherous butterflies of multitude colors,
They came stealthily to steal
The pollen of my faith.
They robbed me of my body and soul,
Swearing madly, they captivated my innocent heart.
Under the trap of those pretended promises,
They made my life colorless.
They sucked the nectar of my youth
To the last drop,
And filled it with tears, sighs, and moans.

Spring Has Arrived

The rosy dreams of union
Now adorn the lovely eyes once more.
Nature is engaged
In weaving garlands
To embellish earth's tresses.
Spring has arrived.

The world begins to resonate
With the magnetic melody of singing birds.
The sweet scent of morning's gentle zephyr
Has begun to heal the wounds
Of Autumn's pain.
Spring has arrived.

The goddess of nature has wrapped herself
In her most enthralling attire.
Every eye is ensnared by the radiance of her resplendent
beauty.
The star - crossed lovers have begun to reunite
Under the blossoming shade of gulmohar tree.
Spring has arrived.

They Say Poetry Is False

When they say poetry is false
With lots of spurious symbols
With multitudes of images and metaphors,
I reply It creates a utopian world
Where soothing solitude
Replaces all hustle and bustle
Where ground of heart
Is soaked with ecstatic showers
And smiles replace tears.

When they comment poetry is fanciful,
An illusion of woven words
Very far from the ground
Of reality,
I reveal them the true face
Of poetry.
It's like an ointment that heals
The wounds of painful reality.
It's a light that illuminates
Even the darkest chambers of loneliness.

Robert
Allen
Goodrich
Valderrama

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Robert Allen Goodrich Valderrama (Panama 1980): Poet, writer, essayist, academic creator of the Blog Mi Mundo, Founder and administrator of the Facebook Group Amor por las Letras has participated in more than 100 anthologies worldwide. His books have been published independently on Lulu.com, winner of several awards inside and outside Panama for his poetry, essays, cultural contributions, for human rights and peace.

The Love of My Life

You are the love of my life
the most important person
who came one day to captivate me with her beauty
and catch me with her smile.

You are the muse of my poetry
the owner of the beating of my heart
of the taste of forbidden kisses
and of the absence I feel when you are not here.

You are the love of my life
the owner of all my love
the muse of my poetry
that and more is you.

Until The End of the World

Let us walk together
hand in hand
to the end of the world my love.

Let us be companions in happiness and misfortune
until the end of our days
like two eternal lovers.

Let us walk together my love
hand in hand
to the end of the world and beyond.

We Have

We have to have the courage
to be better people
to be idealists and ambassadors of peace
to fight for a better humanity.

We have to arm ourselves with courage
and fight.

Are we going to dare?

Yes or no?

Hong

Ngoc

Chau



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The Power of Poetry

1

The power of poetry is very great
None can describe the soul of it
If you are a poet you know this
Express your soul as you wish

2

The power of poetry is always immortal
My soul is calling out to a lot of people
Return to the nature of the sound mind
The desire to love life changes new life

3

Share joys and sorrows in the temporary world
The love poem I weave for you, my love words
Just as I sow hope in the world to my beloved
Just as it really is to be forever pure, beloved

4

Poetic language is rich in the emotion of hope
I live life the sweet honey of the faith and hope
Just as all my heart boldly seeks all the truth
Just as I miss you and you miss me so much

5

Reaching many people via power
Poetry loads with authority ever
Poets create resources of power
As for everyone's power forever

Human Values

1

Human value is a concept
Invisible, as vast as depth
They are so hard to measure.
By money or even a treasure

2

They can't show the human value
The true truth of humans, it's true
The deep penetration with thinking
His lifestyle is laziness in thinking

3

Altruistic life and you have tolerant expression
If they love faith they will have fresh affection
They Ignite their ambition and hopeful life
All over the world always give them smiles

4

They love themselves first over their affection
It's an important foundation for a formation
They realize key strengths and potential
They upgrade their egos to be immortal

5

They shine wisdom and a personality
To share and care for a life of worldly
Giving energy sources of the same kind.
Human values must create all their life

6

Human values must be affirmed
How love to treat a life long-term
They spend months and years deep
Spread the happiness they received

The Freedom of Roses

Under the blue sky, I am like a rose as ever
Welcome the sun, being proud in the world
Fresh rose petals sparkling with dew drops
My fragrance for everyone's love never stops

Roses suck the sweet honey of old fairylands
The bright red color shows off my loving man
Words of love that no one can stop in reality
Enough enthusiasm, freedom, and honesty

Bright red rose buds are flowers of wish
In human life, the faith I always keep this
Despite vicissitudes, life still has dawn ready
My wings are soaring for freedom of poetry

We live strongly for life has more blessings
Sublimation poetry pours honey into loving
Our happiness included our whole homeland
Give our hearts to raise the vitality of human

Passionate love satisfies our desires
You are always in my heart forever
Together we surpass hardships and truly
You pursue a life, you've chosen deeply.

D.

Wahida

Hussein

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D. Wahida Hussein, a poet from Iraq, a member of the Union of Authors and Writers / Iraq. And teaching with the degree of Professor in Educational Psychology. She has published five books on the soul, covering educational, cognitive, artistic, therapeutic, and social visions. The poet published three collections of poetry: Hymns to the Daughter of the Wind, In the Unconsciousness of a Palm Tree, and The Motherhood of a Poem. She won a number of poetry competitions and received shields for creativity and excellence in literary forums in the field of poetry and psychology.

The Prophecy of Papers

Papers pronounced a prophecy
after my father's window was broken
The wind stopped
At the moment of conspired night
your prayers swept
from curtains, and ascendancy of longing
Which killed all the guards of the city!!!
Your fingers be near to rub the rust
About a day fined by mud and still trumped
To who mocked the aged papers
As your heart scandalized by shyness
Rearranged laws
Which fell from the arm of spider
to write proportionality .. a formula about the bones
Parted from red Knapp
All chemistry in your blood
Learn how to explain the rain
But it was a time for cactus
To understand the magic of your eyes
Time for salt to understand
The grass of your heart weeping for resurrection
Till the hour of twenty five of a day... the directions its
quarrel
And you know the retreaters in the presence of sin
Which imposed on heads
I possess the surprise
Towards a group of declaimers
And you are the picture and light
And Jesus who filled with your shadow.

Semi -definition

O ' knowledgeable one,,
I am without intercessor ,,
And you aren't Dante's son
And don't like the salt of my day
And standing between me and you
The flesh of commandments
Beautified me with you ,,
As a picture ,,
From a blood had left me
To a bridge ...
Without prophecies .. !!!
Am I deviated from the mirrors
To adjust...
The regret into the portfolio of forgetfulness ..!!
I love you on the count of papers consisted the smell of my
belongings.
And my ribs in a guilt
Affected your picture ,,!!
First love ..
Committing suicide at the late wax
And your exile,,
Semi-definition as a lonely star..
Which overlooks...
On a face that follows me and asks you ,,!!!
Why do you forget all this silence ,
So I am waiting only for pain ,,
Shedding by your palm..
And remaining of me ..
What my fingers wishes ..
that you are her companion..!!
And all wishes have passed
And your heart broke my day,
He was near my window yesterday ..

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Take off the eyes of fear ,
And wiping my handkerchief
Tears that be far of me..
And the distances from my palm..

Fingers of the Pavements

Bitterly...

My voice slips through time,
The coat mocks me
as I hide within it—
from the bleeding of a song.

Bitterly...

My voice slips through time,
The school forgets the touch of your brow,
Though it stands condemned
for the crime of the pavement.

We beg you to scream at the paralysis,
Outdone only by the eyes of Baghdad.
The sun, too ashamed to witness the day

You severed your hands,
just to prove no guilt lingers
on the water—

water that looks so much like
the tears of your heart.

No suspicion against the killers.

The caller—no, the Tigris—

Led their dreams astray,
along with the planes.

You have no care for the sugar
that flies swarm around,
while your necktie's only concern
is absence,

and smoke swallows the country
after the night stole away its windows.
It was bargaining with her over the tree,
as it nodded toward
the fate of the leaf.

The mirrors do not pass

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by your face...
for the anthem has turned to nails,
hung upon the facade,
and the sun's vast reach extended, grasped by the
pavement's outstretched fingers.

Translated by: Riyadh Abdulwahid

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our fallen soldiers of verse



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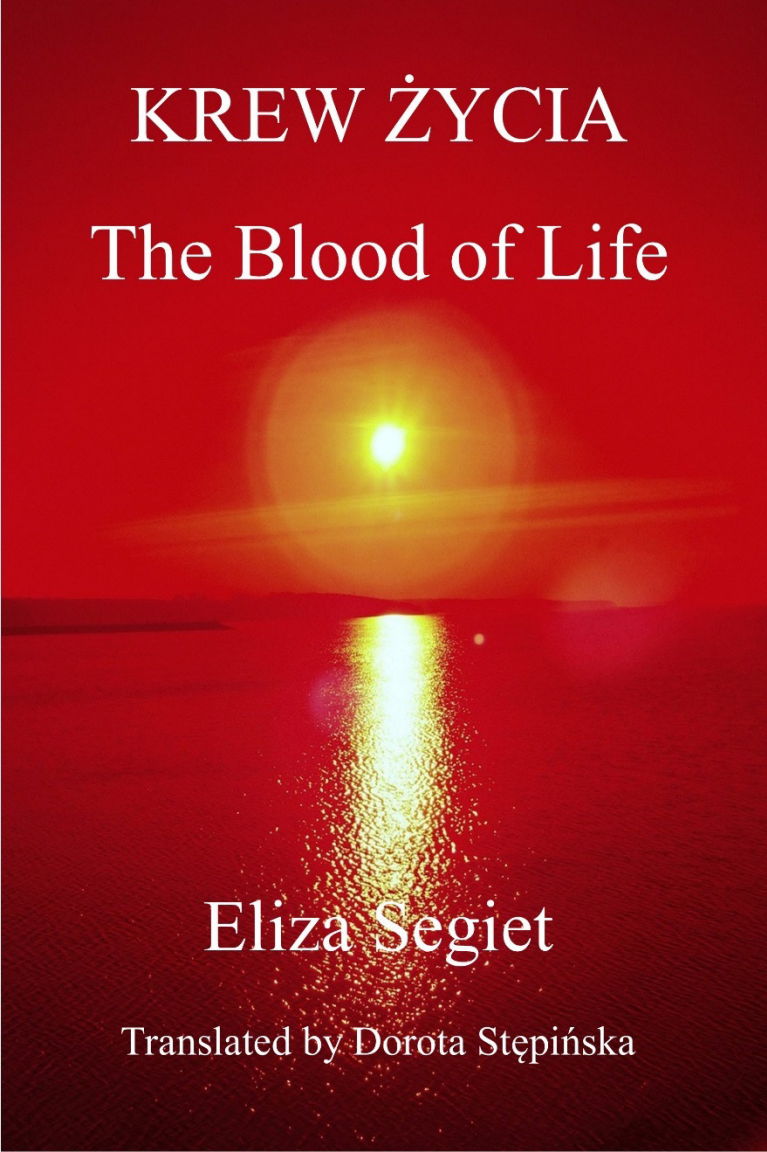
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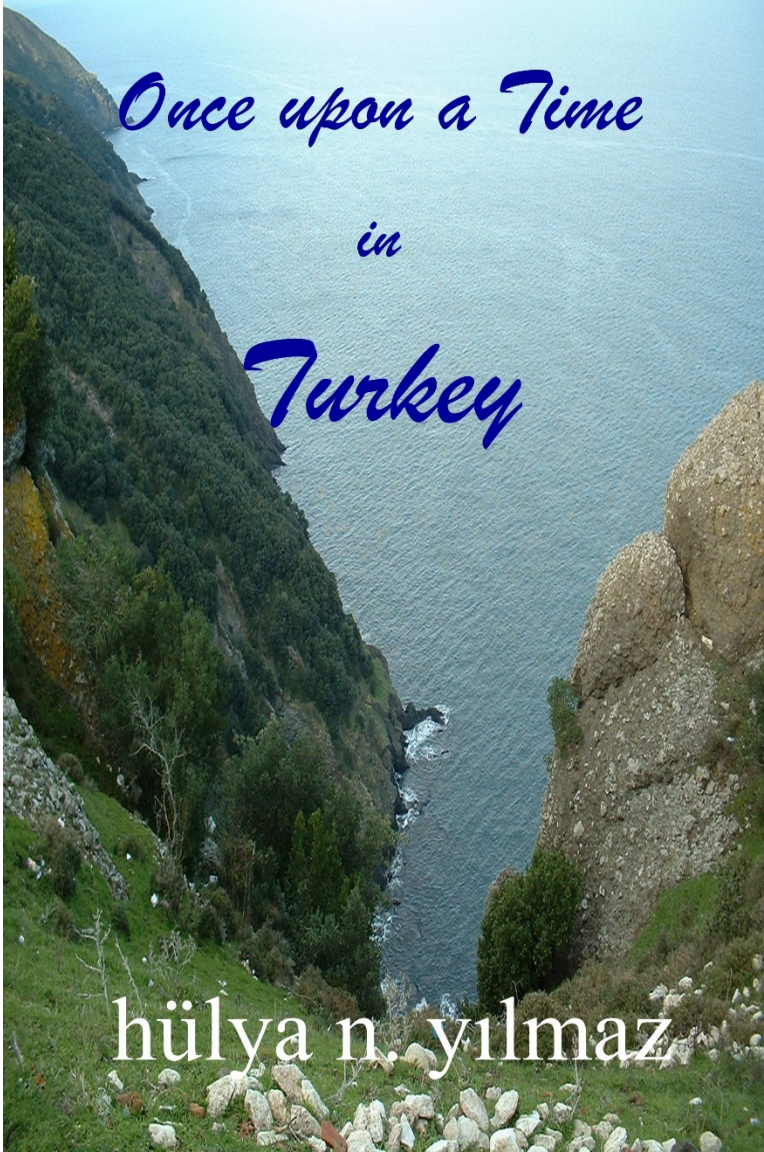
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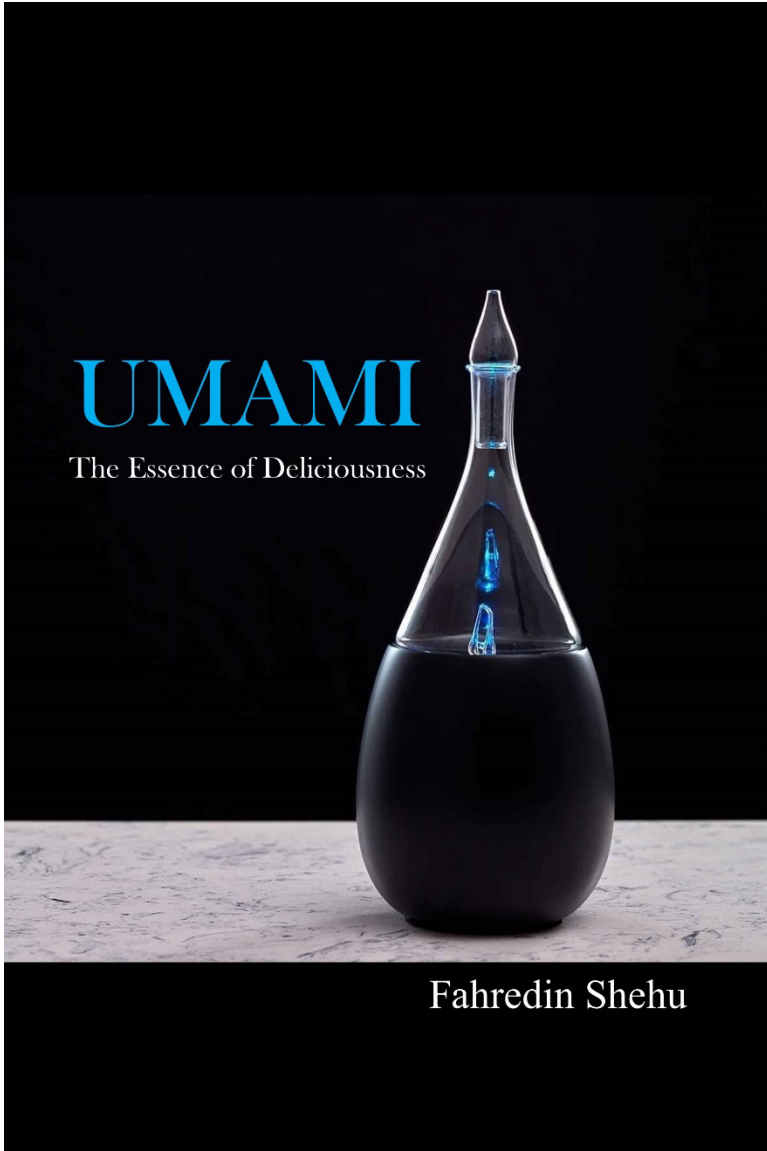
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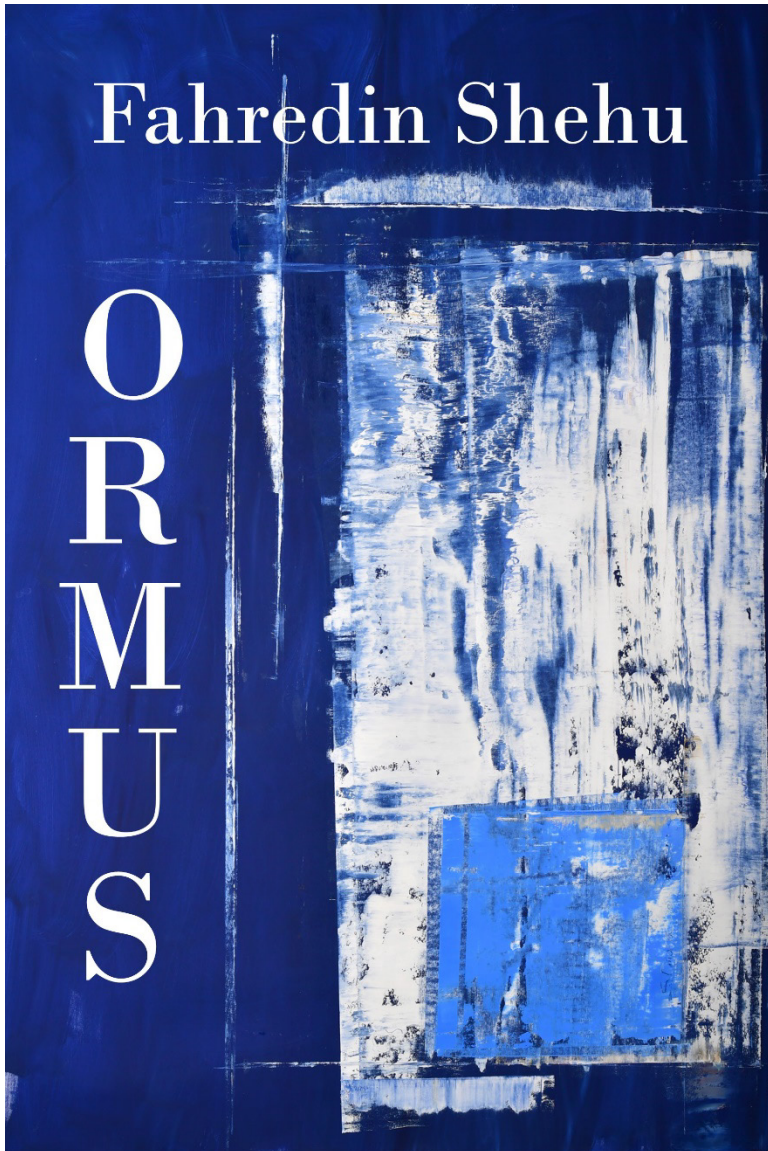


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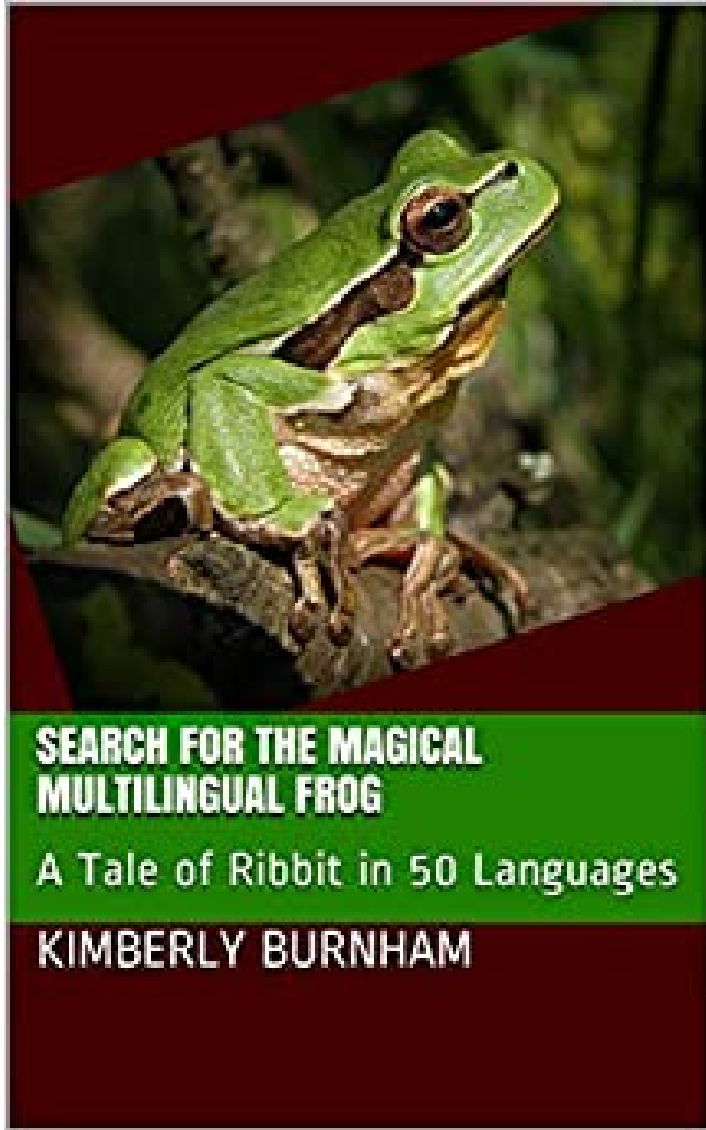
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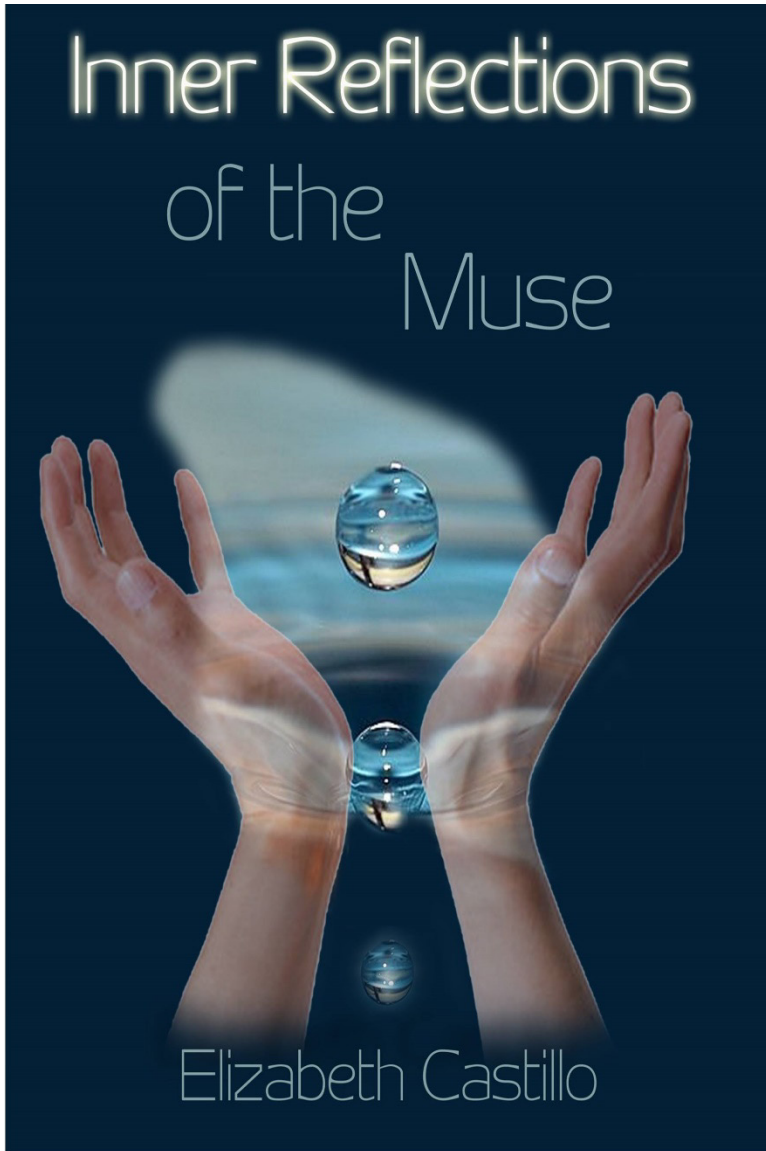
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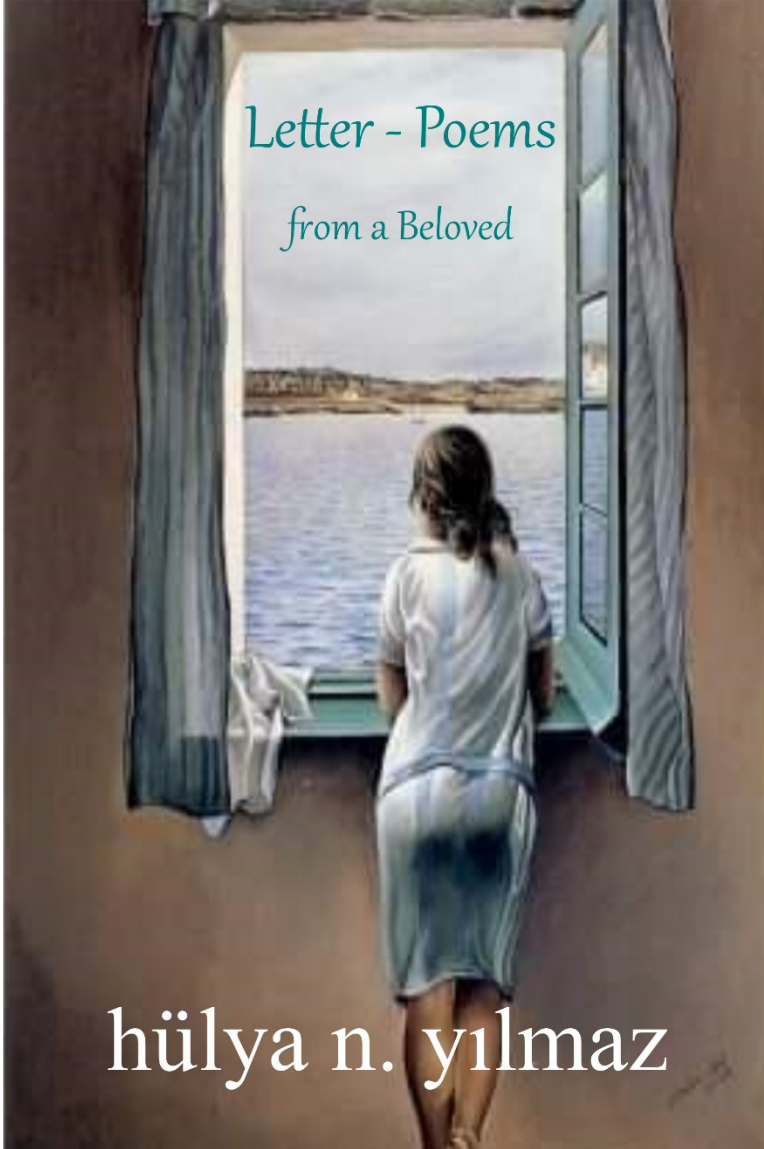
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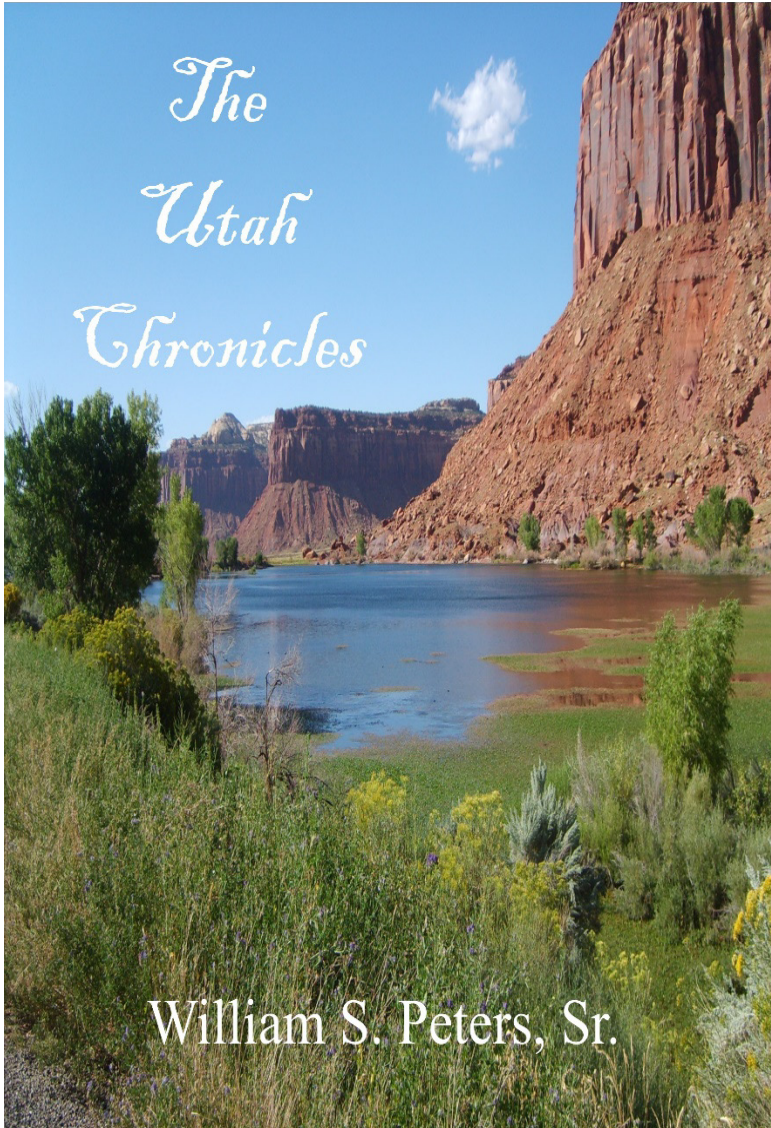
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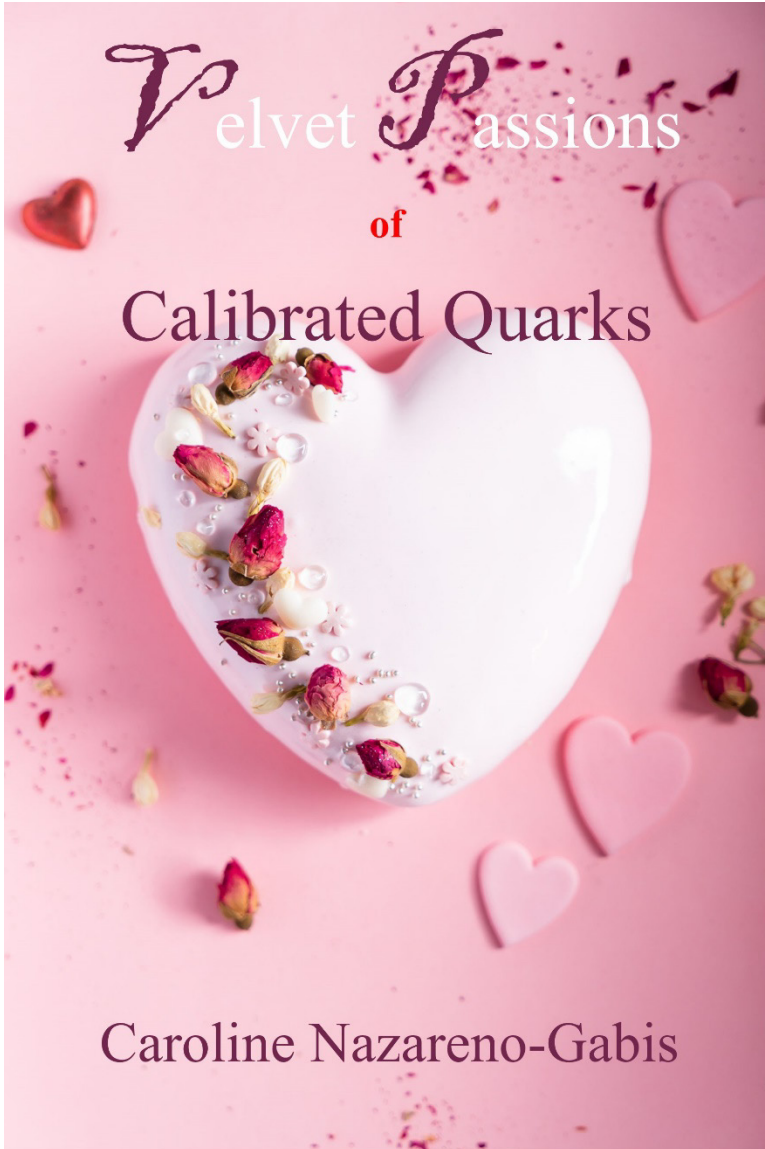


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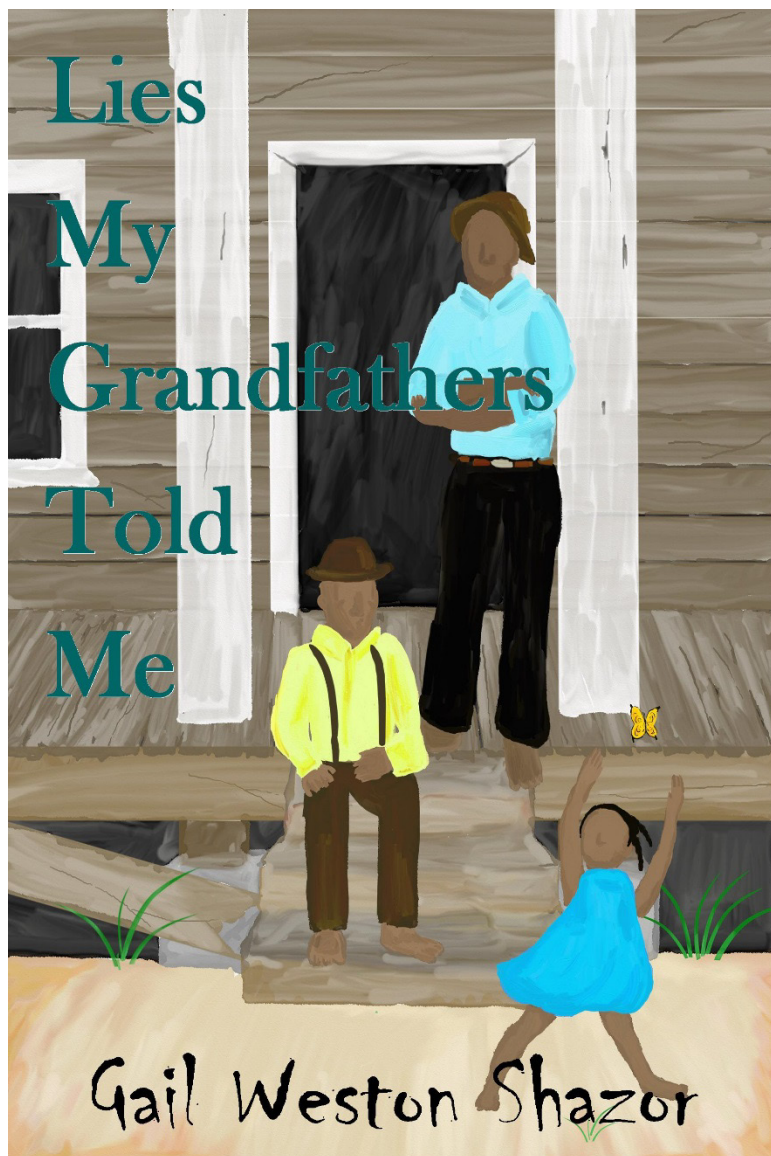


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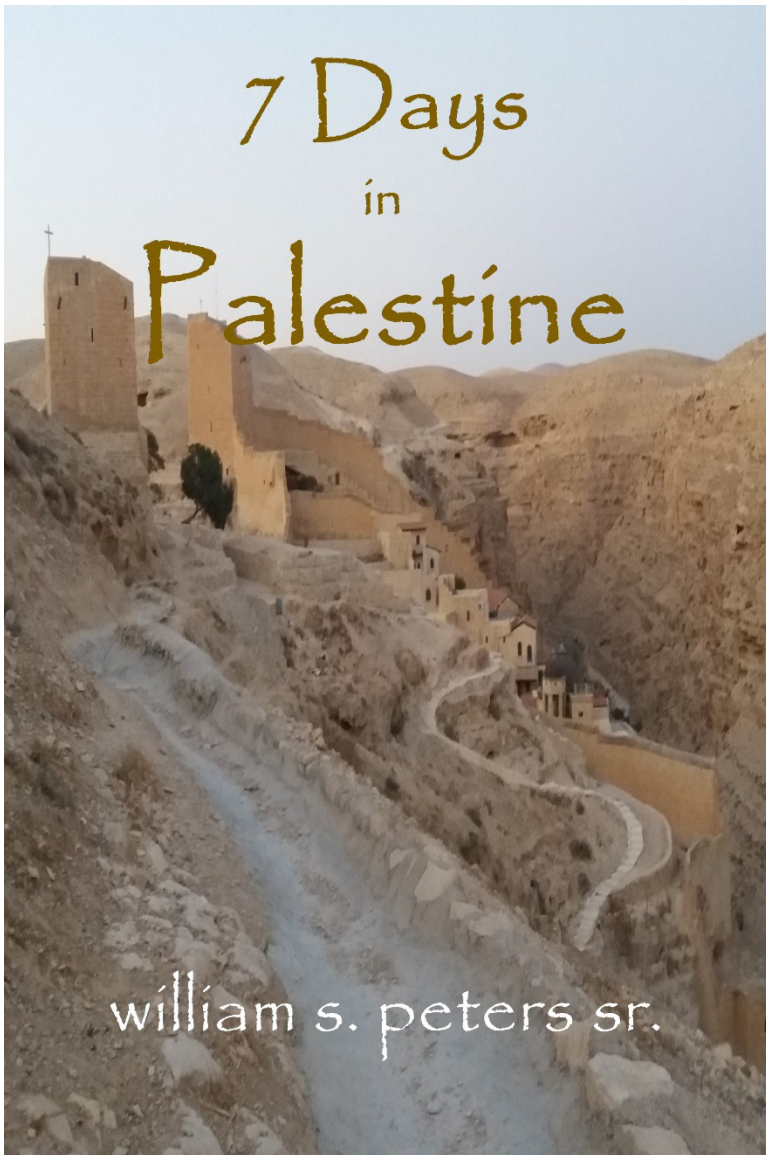
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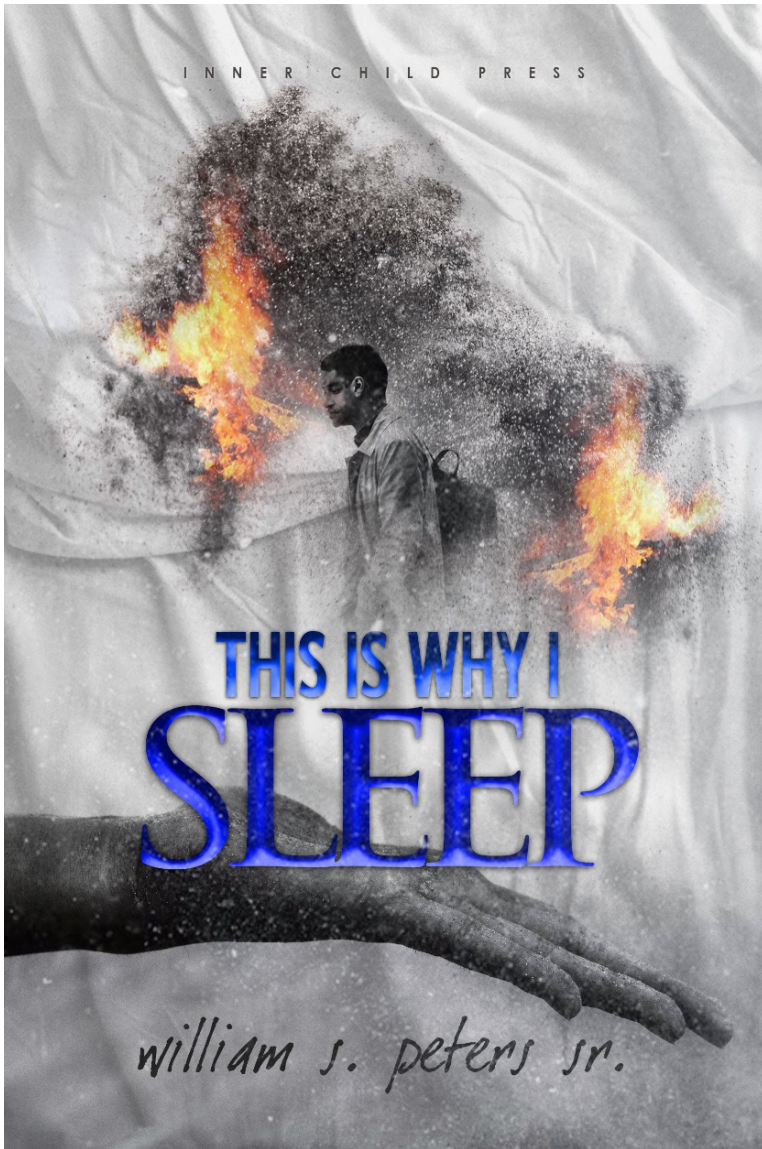
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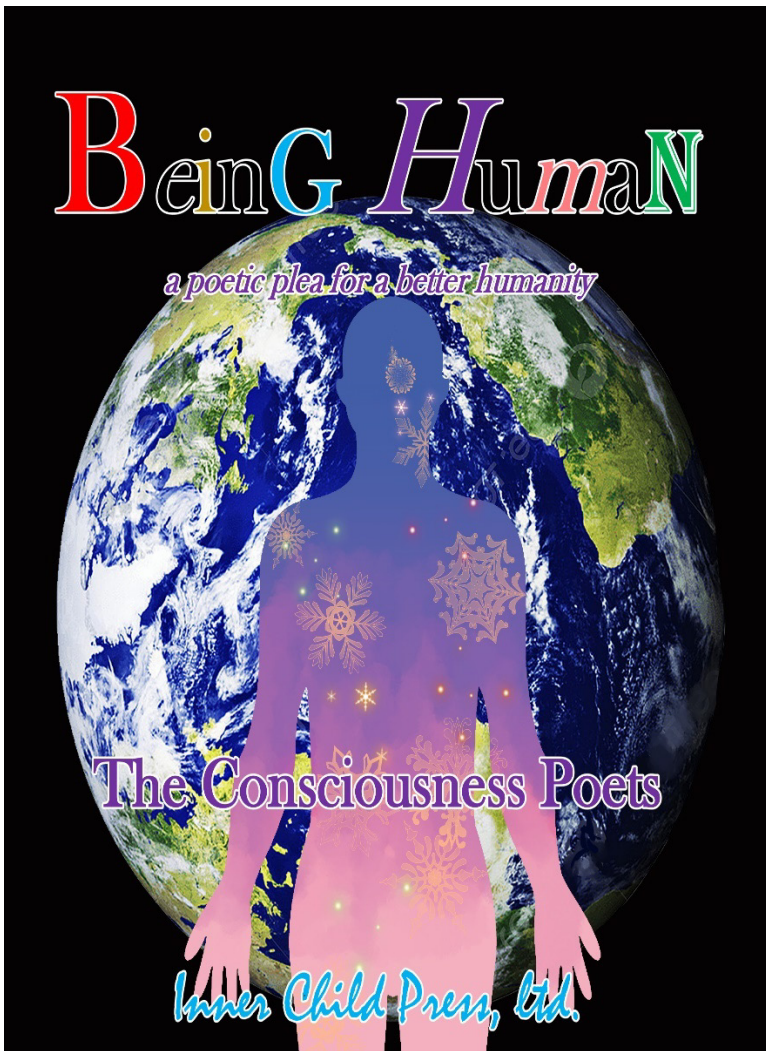
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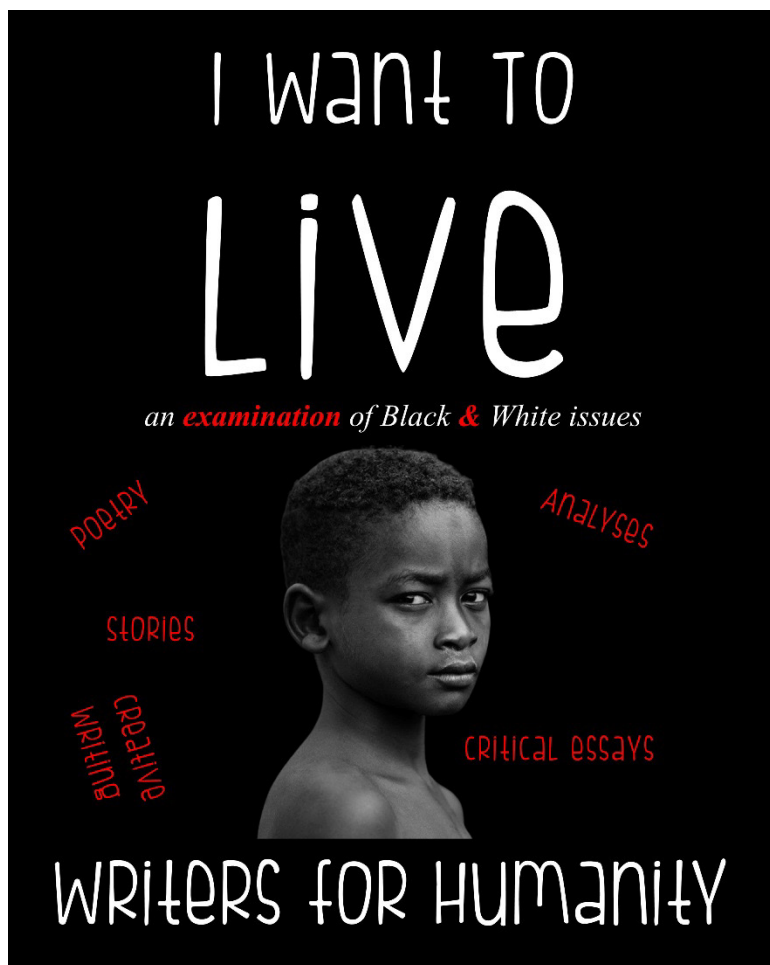
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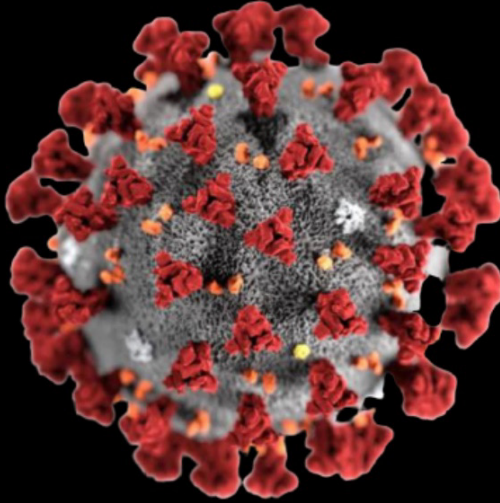
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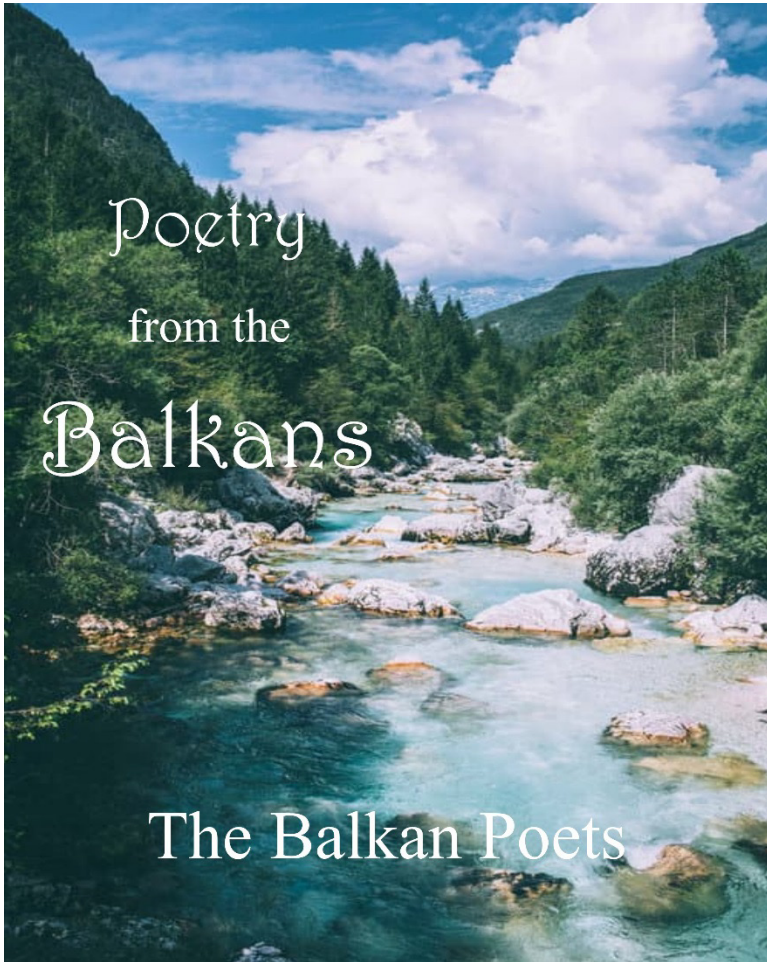


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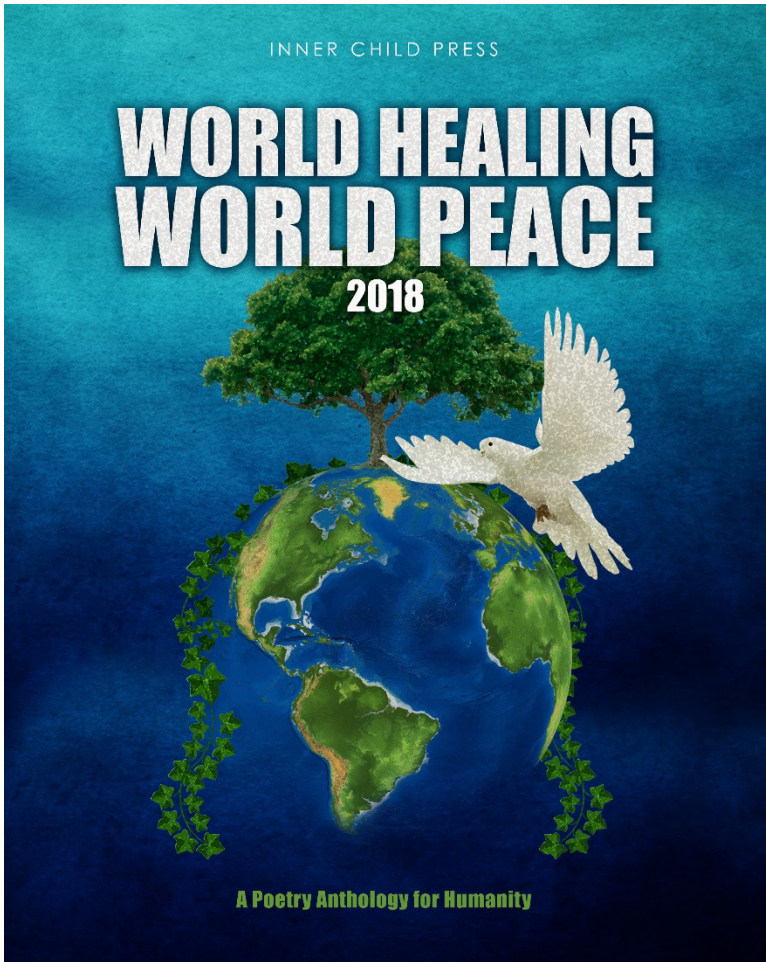
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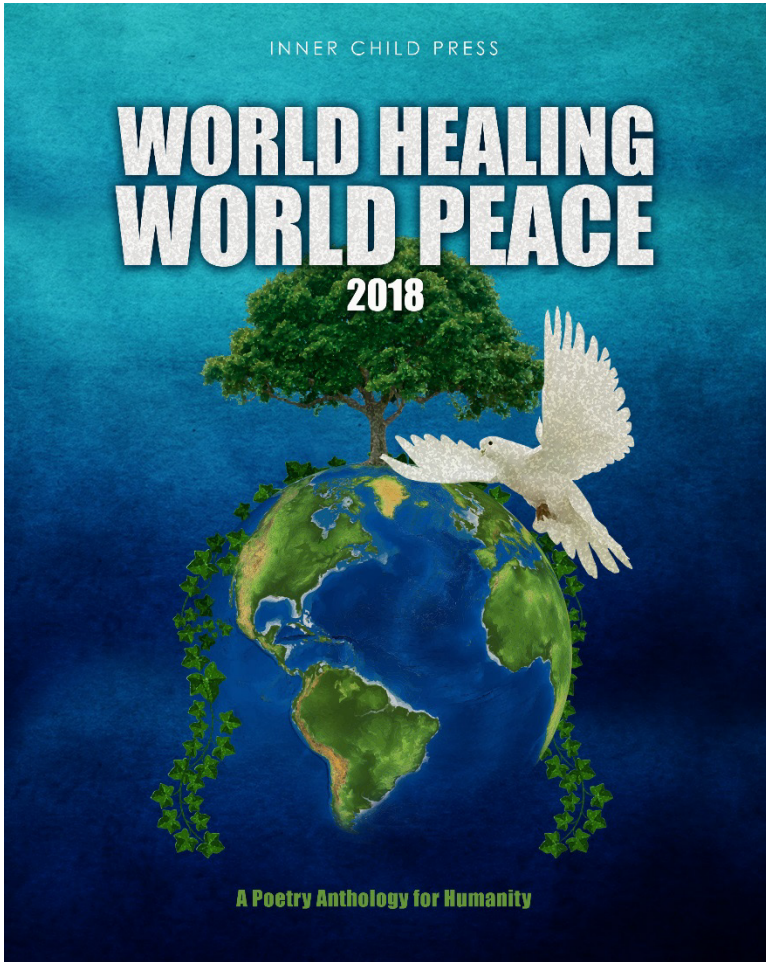


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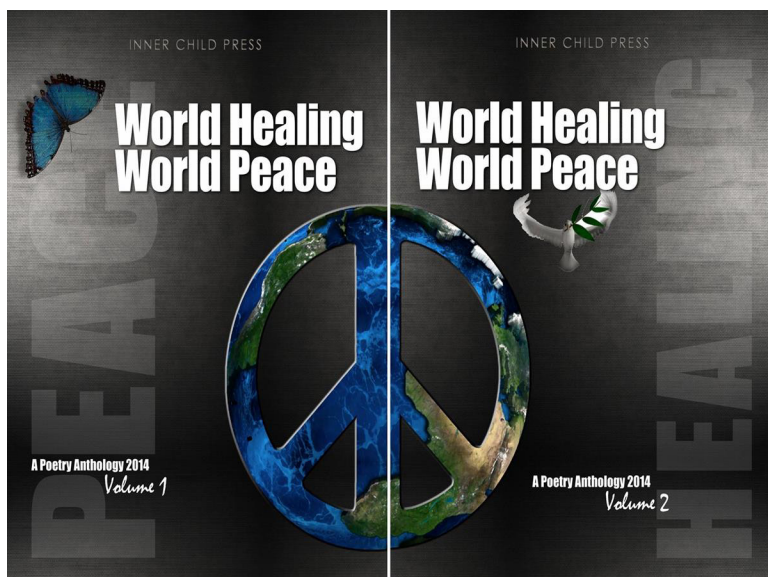
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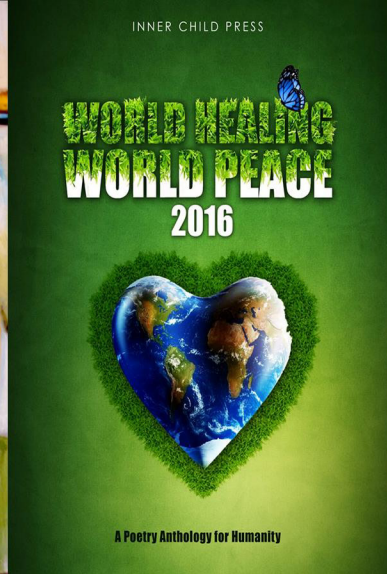
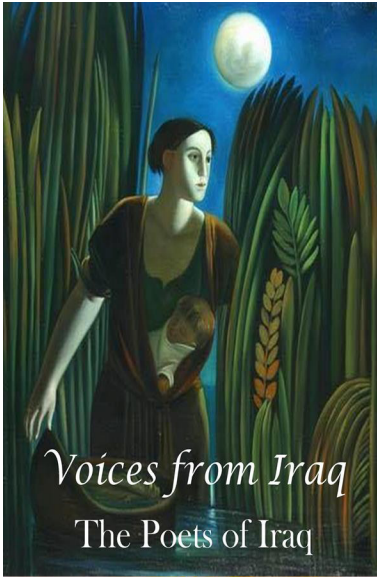
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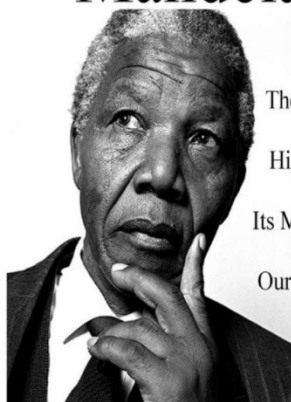


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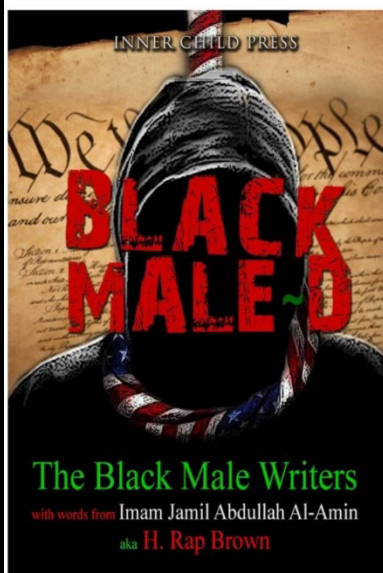
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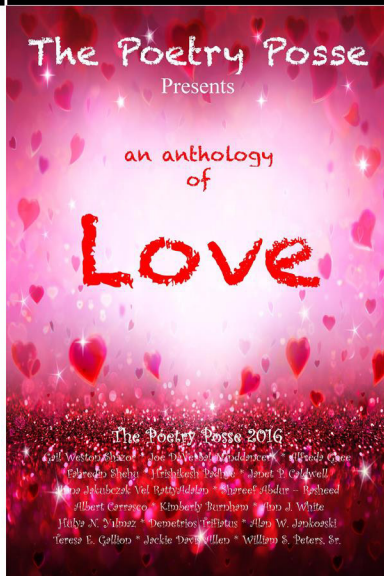
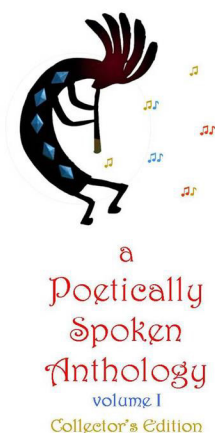
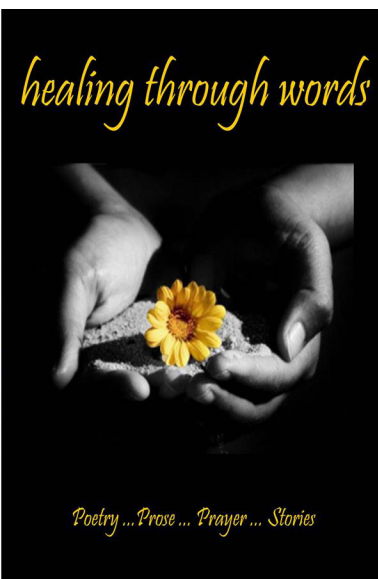
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Sweet Pea

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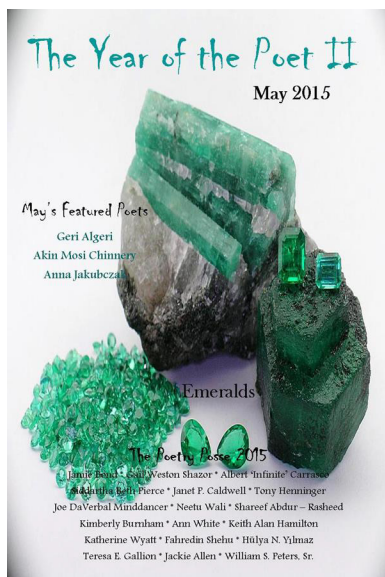
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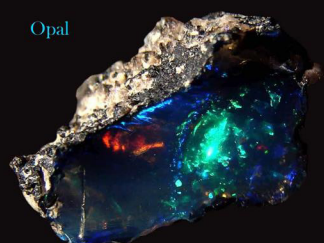


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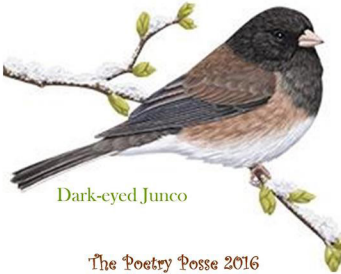
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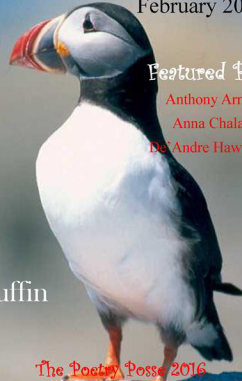
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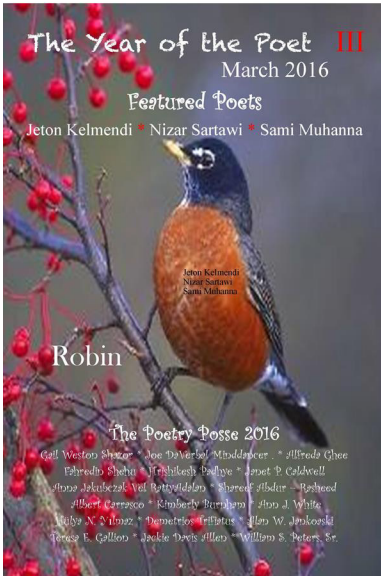
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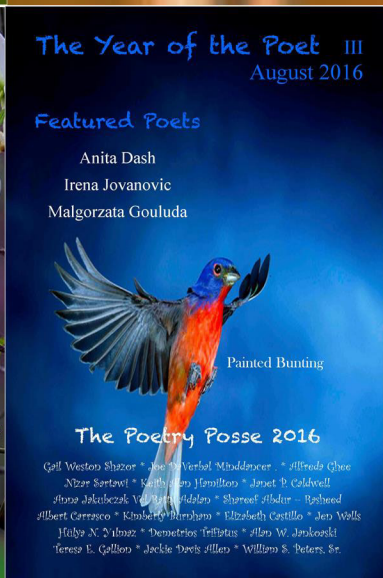
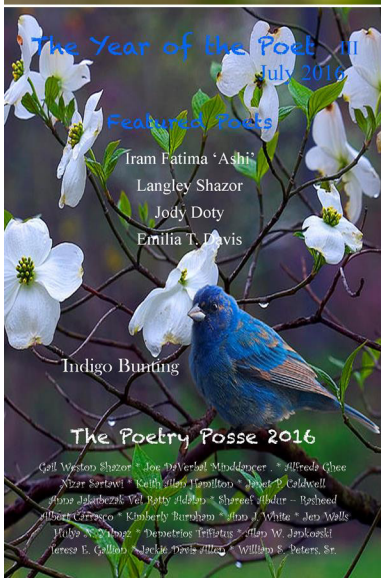
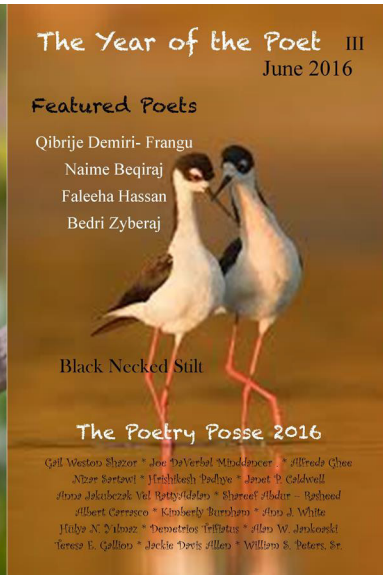
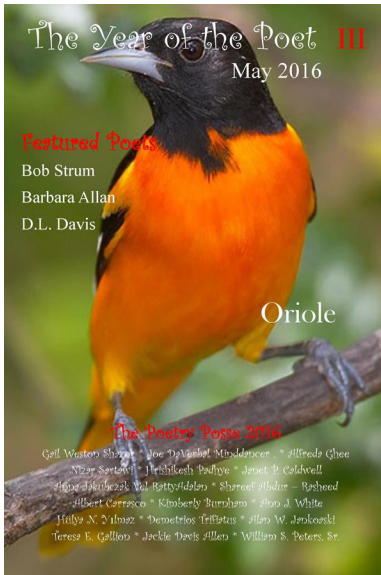
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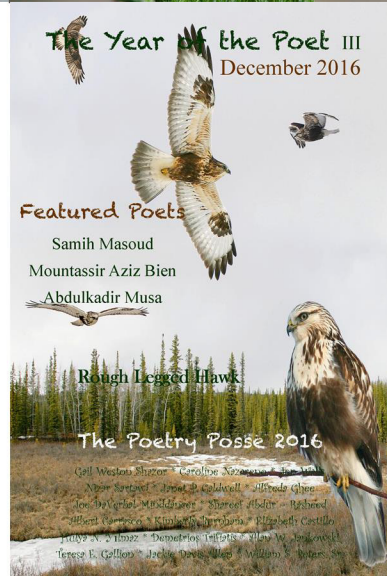
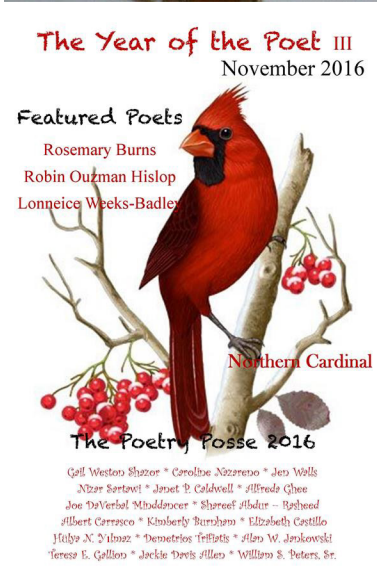
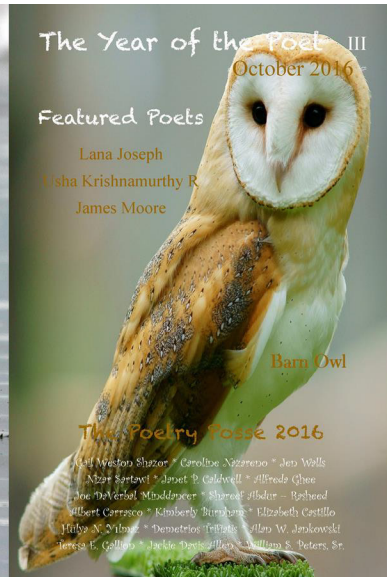
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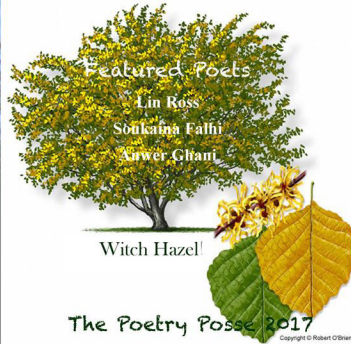
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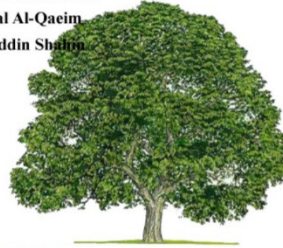
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November 2017

Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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December 2017

Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



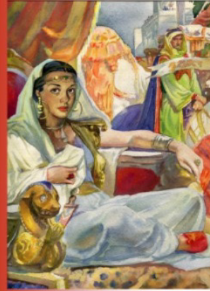
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February 2018

Sabeen



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Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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March 2018

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'

Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman



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April 2018

Featured Poets

Sabah Abu-Lawi

Suzanne Bohara

Shafiq Gora

Suzanne Riegler



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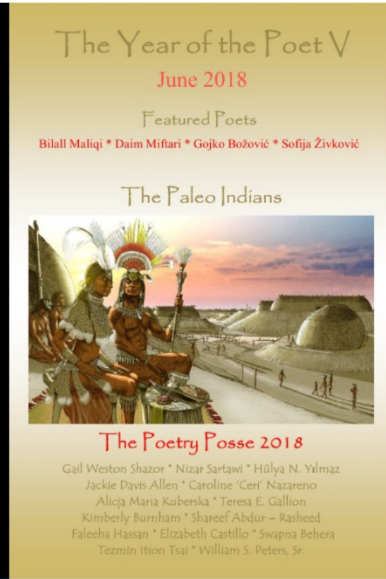
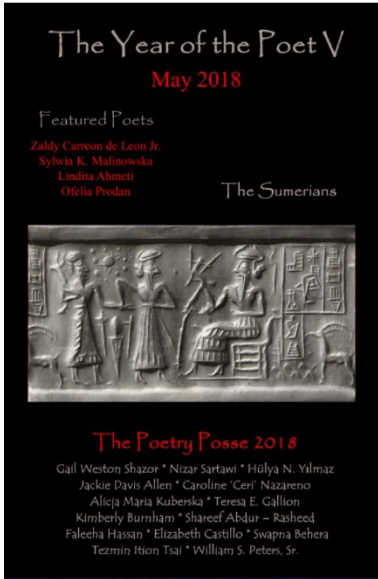
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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swann

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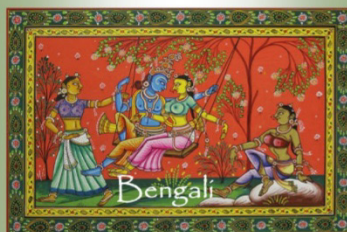
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October 2018

Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar



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



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Indigenous North Americans



Dream Catcher

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

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Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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



The Caribbean

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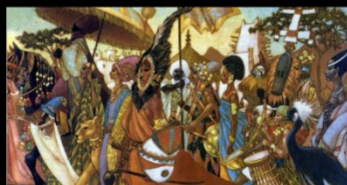
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Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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July 2019

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Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Shola Balogun * Bharati Nayak
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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October 2019

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



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



Northern Asia
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Featured Poets
Rahim Karim (Karimov) * Sujata Paul
Bhurati Nayak * Kapardeli Elitschik



Oceania
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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dumant & Frédéric Passy



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February 2020

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Jennifer Ades * Martina Reisz Newberry
Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

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Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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April 2020

Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato * Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1960



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June 2020

Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

Featured Poets

Mykola Martyniuk * Orbindu Ganga
Roula Pollard * Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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October 2020

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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November 2020

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Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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December 2020

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Ratan Ghosh • Jbtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady
Brindha Vinodh • Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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Shakil Kalam * Changming Yuan

Banksy's The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum



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February 2021

Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



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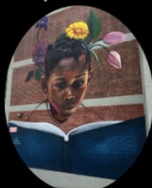
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Luzviminda Rivera * Nigar Arif

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



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April 2021

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

Pablo O'Higgins



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Jaydeep Sarangi * Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



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Tareq al Karmy * Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



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Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



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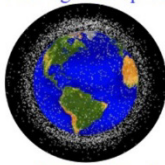
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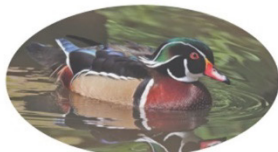
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Hibiscus



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Minulus



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Butterfly Weed

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Petunias



Sorrow
Purple Hyacinth



Detrmination
Amaryllis

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Resilience
Calendula



Self Doubt
Centauray



Grief
Chrysanthemums

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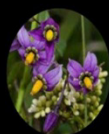
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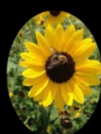
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Bittersweetness
Bittersweetness



Empathy
Lillies



Sadness
Sunflowers

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Blue Hydrangea



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Sunflower



Fulfillment
Lotus



Hope
Daffodils

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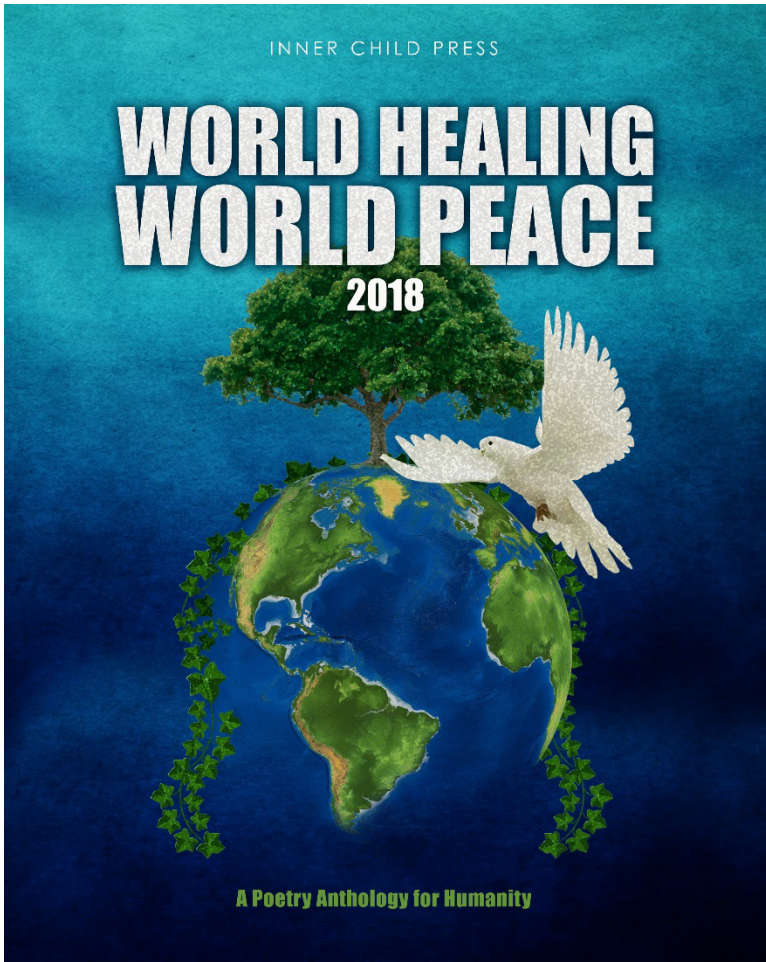


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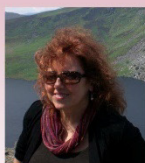
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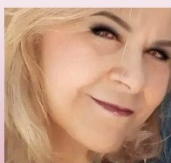
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