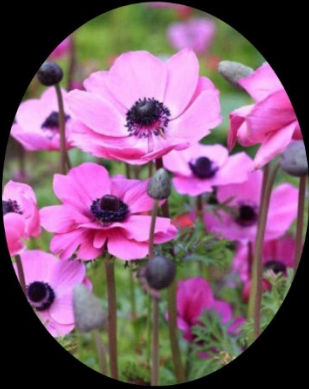


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our Patrons and Readers &  
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



*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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## Anticipation ~ Pride ~ Regret

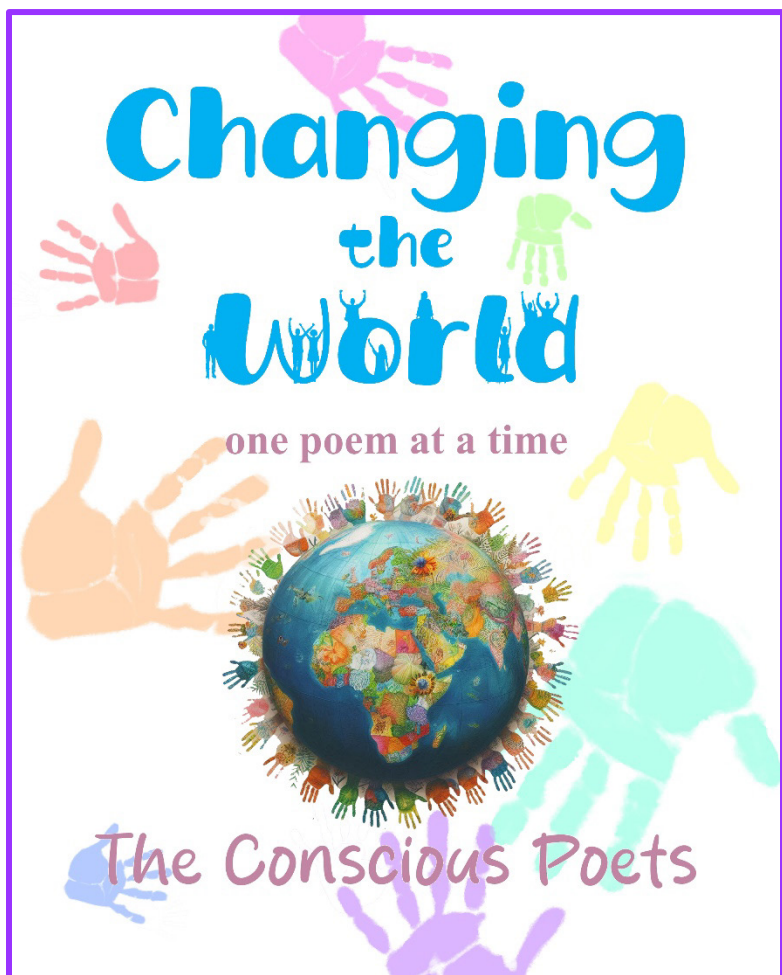
*On behalf of our brother in letters Shareef*

I truly believe that lowering one's expectations, will reduce the anxiety of anticipation. Taking the middle course in all of life's affairs can thwart feelings of despair and major let downs. Pride interferes with taking the time to understand real time circumstances, thus limiting the misgivings and mistakes one commits in putting too much emphasis in the self. Insecurities can also be disguised as false pride. The lack of humility leads to arrogance, that in turn leads to many disasters and mistakes. As a human being you will always make mistakes, but coming to terms with them is where pride can become fatal. Making informed decisions, being patient and cautious, listening to those who have stood the test of time, These, are some of the tools I feel can be used to also reduce many regrets one faces. On occasions there should not be any regrets depending on what the event was that happened. How does one classify regret? Be careful in what one pursues and desires. Regret can become a permeant fixture in a person's life.

Proet Mutawaf Shaheed

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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.innerchildpress.com). If you would like to

know a bit more about this particular endeavor  
please stop by for a visit at :

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Over the years, Inner Child Press has been socially active to bring awareness and catalog through literature the things that have an impact upon our world and its inhabitants. We have solicited, produced, underwritten and published quite a few volumes to that end. For more insight you may wish to visit : [www.innerchildpress.com/the-anthology-market](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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## Anticipation ~ Pride ~ Regret



Anemone



Amaryllis



Purple Hyacinths

This October we consider anticipation or eagerly awaiting the future as well as the past in the theme of regret and pride or a feeling of accomplishment. The future or our anticipation of tomorrow, next Thanksgiving, an important birthday, the next poetry book are all in the future but on our minds right now. The successes and failures of the past also weigh on us encouraging us to stop for a moment in the here and now to bask in our accomplishments or vow to do better in ways that we have not reached the bar we have set for ourselves. Time and emotions interlace coloring how we feel about ourselves, our family and the world.

The tricky thing about time is to live into each moment with understanding of who we are and who we are connected to so that in the future we will have few regrets and much pride or satisfaction in our accomplishments. Mother Theresa said, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." The same could be said about regrets, "if we have too many regrets, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

In *The New Year Makes a Request*, Abby E. Murray (Rattle, Jan, 2024) writes, "It wants us to stop wishing for peace like

it's the one guarding some goldmine of surrender or compassion, like the act of not killing each other really is as easy as pouring tea into mugs... The new year is tossing our demands out the window like laundry, and here we are, ... we shriek. Who will bring us what we're waiting for?" In the comments Abby E. Murray says, "I imagine this new year as the mother of our future, listening to our prayers for peace that remain unfollowed by action. She wants us to get off our a\*\* and make the peace we need ourselves."

I am struck by this line, "Who will bring us what we're waiting for?"

And by a line from Beech Trees in Spring by James Crews. "I want to be like the maples, letting go so easily of their leaves in the slightest autumn breeze, surrendering every piece of themselves they no longer need, and embracing bareness like a new suit they can simply step into. But I'm more like the beech trees, which cling to the husks of their leaves long into spring."

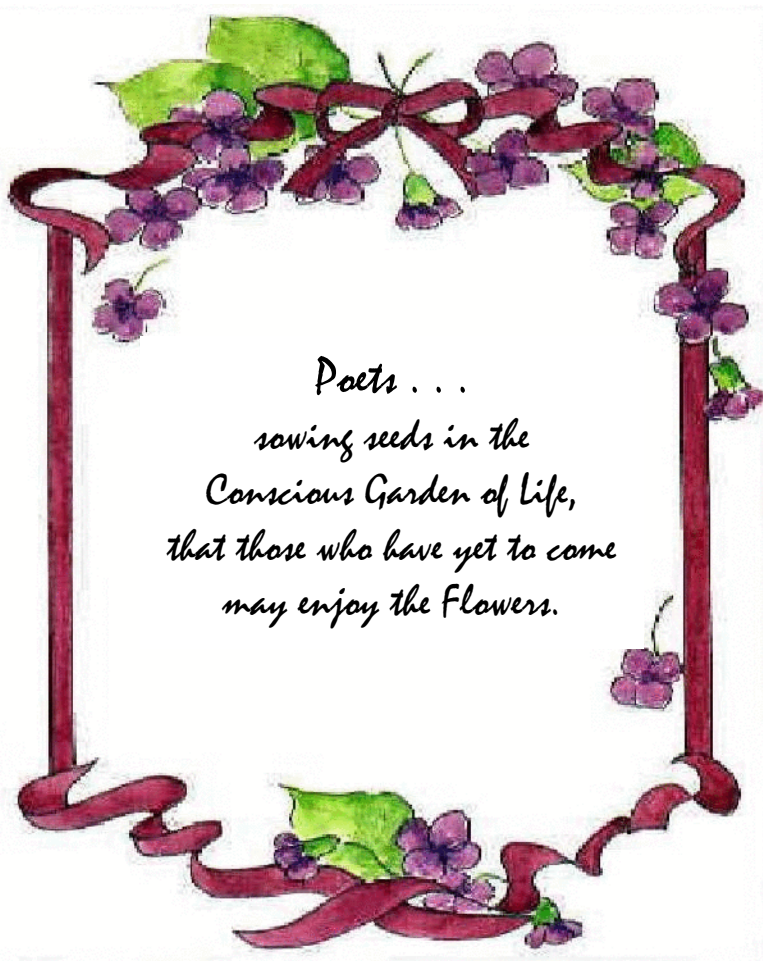
I too want to be like the maple but fear I am more like the beech but with some introspection, a look at what I really want to hold onto, life, friendships, and peace, perhaps I will do more and hold on to less.

My wish for this fall season is that we all will find ways to have fewer regrets and actively do today what we can be proud of tomorrow.

Kimberly Burnham, PhD

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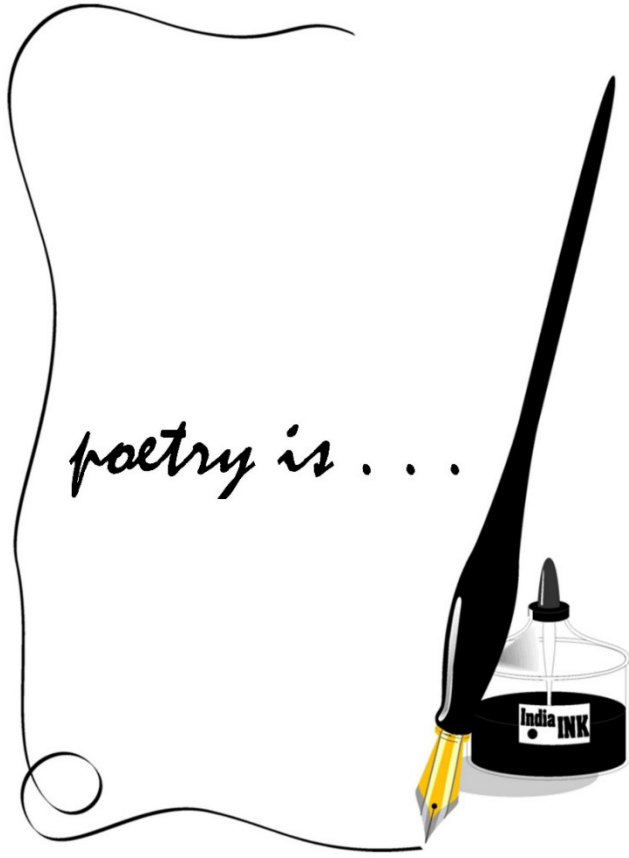




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the  
enchanting magicians that nourishes the  
seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our  
words that entice the hearts and minds of  
others to believe there is something grand  
about the possibilities that life has to offer  
and our words tease it forth into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

~ wsp



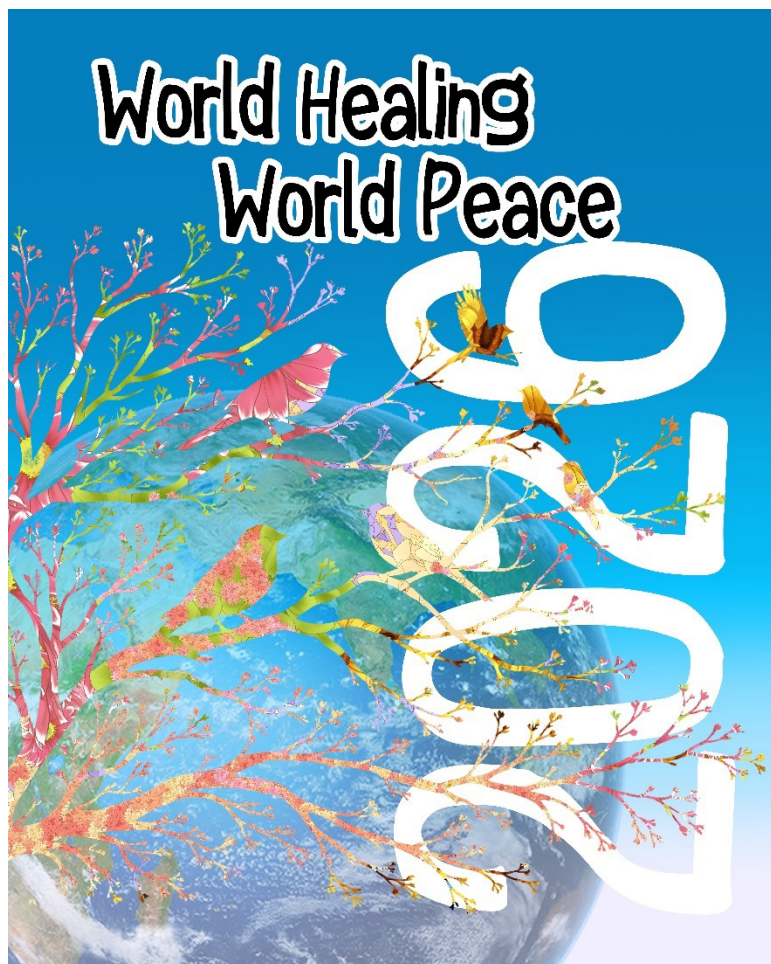


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Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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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.

## And a dream

Greying dreams transmute  
Old memories into dust  
Across still water  
Drums always will beat  
Requiring attention  
Of a calling sound  
The  
Movement  
Make cadence  
Of the sounds  
Gathered on the wind  
The breath of whispering  
And the black soil of the earth  
The offering of new rainfalls  
Until it is now in completion  
I threw the jagged edges of the broken pieces  
Into the rising sun

## hanging up

The blood rushes to my head  
And I find it hard to breathe  
The aching and pain of a skull  
Filled to bursting  
With the blood of life  
With the  
Blood  
Of  
Death  
And the smell  
Of pretensions  
Wafting through my ears  
My ankles ache  
From the chaffing of the bindings  
Findings  
Wanting  
Needing  
The lessening  
From the chains pulling across bones  
Stretched to many limits of flesh  
If I could just  
Touch the ground with my fingertips  
I might find a temporary relief  
Outside my spirit woman  
A tantalizing  
And unfulfilling satiation  
Much like a laden table with no salt  
Tasteless  
So I hang  
And not as he hung  
In perfection  
But away from heaven

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Unworthy to bear the fruit of a race  
Cast into the branches  
In places far from  
Golgotha  
For much the same earthbound reason  
Fear  
Reflecton  
Hate  
Each hair shirt heavier than the next  
Worn uneasily  
In desert heat and verdant forests  
In cotton fields and steel mills  
Even upside  
Down  
Here I hang  
And my vision is finally clear

## Dragons

To be able to sleep at night  
I need to reconcile  
The goings of the day  
The silence is much more bearable  
Than the untruths that  
Have become the norm  
My lies are no less pretentious  
And far less pretty  
For I act as if there  
Is nothing wrong  
When there is nothing right  
The strain of going out  
And coming in frays me  
And I no longer want to  
Be here in this space  
Subjected to rules that belong  
To no one else  
And punishments that have  
No basis in reality  
And how did I become  
The monster on everyone's shelf  
For now, I will sleep  
But even dragons awake once in a while

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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).

## Spring is coming

It's time to wake up  
the sleeping trees in orchards,  
open the hives and welcome the bees,  
invite the first flowers to the concert.

The hard-working insects  
with golden wings  
will play a wedding march in the sky.  
They will make a mating flight  
in honor of the queen.

A quiet buzzing will fill the space  
the air will smell like honey  
and the wind will chant the song

new life is coming  
fertile summer is coming  
autumn harvest is coming

## Autumn love

You kissed me.  
I felt a bittersweet taste in my mouth.  
I closed my eyes.  
In my imagination I saw the park.  
Do you remember?  
You said we were like two trees in autumn.

Look,  
naive, youthful thoughts flew off  
-frivolous, migratory birds.  
The first chill chased them.  
Their joyous trill,  
glorifying a perfect love, rang out.  
Delusions fell to the ground like leaves,  
rotting and turning to dust.  
We are firmly rooted in the soil of everyday life.

## My angel

Forgive me the wounded feet.  
You walk with me  
through the wilderness ,  
The thorns of sins tear at your robes.

You protect me against  
the mud of evil words  
and mean deeds.  
You fight against perverse thoughts.

Thank you for faithful persistence,  
for showing me the way in darkness  
and sometimes lending me your wings.

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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## Regret vs Gratitude

That which stings and hurts today  
May direct you on to a better tomorrow.

Regrets are best left in the past:  
It's a stumbling block to future success,  
if carried on backs. Like a sack of bricks.  
Too heavy a burden to be of any help.

Forgive yourself, others. Often.  
Focus your energy away from regrets.

Seize opportunities for self-improvement:  
Focus upon the here and now; and,  
Remember that mistakes  
Offer opportunities for reflection,

They're a means to change the direction.  
That means there's more doors to open.

Invest in yourself. Try new things:  
For a life filled with honor and respect,  
Forgive others, often, and generously.  
Think upon the positive. Not the negative.

Pursue creativity, dream your dreams.  
Develop your gifts, talent, interests.

Fill up your life's cup. Better days will come:  
Release old hurts; and again if necessary.  
Pray for strength to improve your lot;  
Nourish your body, listen to its needs.

Breathe in the best of life's offerings.  
If you fall, get up and start over.

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Forgive past weakness. Be brave.  
Love your neighbor, yourself:  
Failure, disappointment, requires,  
reminds us to be gentle with ourselves.

The body follows the mind.  
Its perfectly alright to ask for help.

Whatever happened, at the time,  
may have seemed like the end of the world.  
In the mirror of regret's emotion, the future  
may reveal itself, beautifully transformed

## Anticipation

I'm in love! I'm in love!  
At least I think I am!  
Never heard the term, "Puppy Love",  
Wouldn't have believed it anyway!

I've wings on my feet!  
I'm soaring through the air.  
Everything's going my way,  
I'm hanging on to his every word.

I'm in love! I'm in love!  
I know it's true! Indeed it's true!  
There's no one that makes me  
Feel like he does!

The days stretch into months,  
Almost a year has gone by.  
He's about to graduate, and I,  
I've still a year to go.

I'm a little anxious, a bit concerned.  
I'm trying not to think about goodbyes.  
No need to worry, what a surprise!  
He just placed a ring on my finger!

## Pride

Pauline and I, we teamed up  
To make a pecan pie;  
And hoped to get an “A”  
On our cooking-class grade.

We assembled the ingredients,  
Followed the recipe.  
Placed it in the preheated oven.  
And waited, afterwards, for it to cool.

Serving as waitresses, Pauline and I,  
We served the pecan pie to the guests:  
Our high school teaching staff.  
We, most proud of our accomplishment!

To our dismay, we were shocked to see  
No one was eating, enjoying the dessert.  
Alas, informed by Ms Boynton, we’d left  
Out an essential ingredient: Karo syrup.

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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.

## When Spring Knocks at the Door

The Yangtze roars, ceaseless,  
like a voice murmuring the old tales,  
a river's breath asking softly:  
Will tomorrow's waters shine more clear?  
Beyond the horizon, peaks half-veiled,  
await their unveiling.  
In the morning mist, someone lifts a lantern,  
listening for echoes of Qin bricks, Han tiles.  
Blossoms, birds, the wind, and a fine spring rain  
trace in the air an unfinished arc.  
Plum buds tremble, not yet daring to open,  
like a poet holding tight to secret thoughts.  
At the threshold of time, gentle knocks,  
again and again,  
in hope that spring will push the door ajar.

## The Moon Unread in Jiangnan

On crumbled walls and broken stones,  
green grass clings to faded glory.  
Who still remembers the lights of Chang'an?  
Who still hears the sighs within a nomad's flute?  
I walk the desolate Silk Road,  
the camel bells long fallen silent,  
only yellow sands recall  
the lonely ones who never returned  
from listening to the whisper of bamboos.  
Regret, like a letter never sent,  
its ink blotched and fading.  
It is the moon in Tang poems,  
never rising over Jiangnan.  
History turns a page,  
and voices fall away  
like shards of shattered glass,  
too sharp for the hand to gather,  
too painful for the heart to forget.

## Where Time Builds a Nation

Look,  
the Great Wall winding across a thousand miles,  
not mere stones upon stones,  
but countless hands,  
frost and storm hardened into veins of steel.  
Look,  
the Yellow River surges,  
its muddy waves thunder with the chest of the ancients.  
Though for a thousand years it changes its course,  
it never surrenders its rush toward the sea.  
From bamboo slips to paper scrolls,  
from paper scrolls to lamplight study,  
the brush has carved more than words,  
it has etched the unyielding marrow  
of a people unbroken.  
Mountains rise, rivers fall,  
and through the vastness of time  
the spine remains straight,  
like a pine defying snow.  
Standing against the wind,  
O world, behold!  
Here, where time builds layer upon layer,  
stands the ancient heart of China.

Noreen  
Snyder

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## *The Year of the Poet XII October 2025*

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.

## Anticipation Is...

Anticipation is like  
waiting eagerly  
being excited for  
the 100 Thousand Poets for Change.  
Where poets recite  
their poetry about change  
on justice, peace, and sustainability.  
Phenomenal, talented poets  
around the world  
and that is something  
to get excited about,  
to rejoice because we want  
to make a difference in this world.  
We stand for change.  
We stand for the voiceless.  
We stand for you and me,  
we stand for the world  
and we stand for the Earth and nature.  
And that is something  
to get excited about.



## Today I Just Wanted To

Today I just wanted to  
go outside, look up  
at the clouds,  
dreaming what it would  
be like to reach up  
touching God's hand  
as He pulled me up  
with Him in Heaven  
reuniting with Him and Jesus  
and my Garry.  
Praising God and Jesus  
making the impossible possible  
worshipping God for eternity,  
walking the streets of Heaven  
with my Teddy Bear Darling.  
It feels so right.  
I can't wait for this moment  
to be reality,  
but in the meantime,  
I'll keep trying to  
make a difference in this world  
through our poetry  
and just be me.

## Beauty to See

Single walk will do  
to see the small things in life  
like a bald eagle

soaring above you  
or maybe a woodpecker  
searching for water.

Open your eyes to  
see the beauty in this world  
rose opening up

unfolding before  
your eyes or a white daisy  
What beauty to see!

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Invisible Hands

The air quivers,  
like a harp string touched  
by invisible hands.  
I hear the silence speak—  
a promise wrapped in silver mist,  
a horizon that breathes  
but never reveals its face.

My heart becomes a vessel,  
half-empty, half-brimming,  
sailing toward the unknown shore  
where time itself waits,  
patient as the moon  
before it unveils its crown of light.

I stand on the threshold  
of a thousand unseen doors,  
each key humming in my palm,  
and I know—  
anticipation is its own kind of magic,  
a spell spun from yearning,  
woven tighter than fate.

## Shadow of the Waters

The river whispers  
with the voices of those  
who looked back too late.  
I drink from its shadowed waters,  
taste the salt of what might have been,  
and feel the echo of steps  
I never dared to take.

The stars, too,  
hold their silences like secrets,  
burning with truths  
I once refused to see.  
Every breath I take  
is stained with the ash  
of abandoned roads.

Yet regret is not only sorrow—  
it is a lantern held low,  
its flame flickering,  
showing me paths unwalked,  
teaching me to kneel  
before the altar of choices,  
and rise again,  
even with trembling hands.

## Roaring Pride

A mountain lives within me,  
crowned with snow,  
unyielding to the winds  
that gnaw its bones.  
I climb its jagged steps,  
heart fierce with fire,  
eyes bright with the storm.

No voice can bend my spine,  
no shadow can tame my blaze.  
I wear my victories like constellations,  
a robe of suns,  
stitched by the gods of daring.

Yet pride is more than thunder—  
it is silence after the roar,  
the knowing that I stood  
where few could stand,  
that my breath touched the summit  
of impossible skies.  
I bow only to the infinite,  
for even pride  
must kneel before the stars.



# Mutawaf Shaheed

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## Bottom Lines

Someone summoned summer, they said they missed  
the butterflies and the rumble of the bumble bees.  
They liked the way all the green seems to dominate  
the land. They tried their hand at growing some peppers  
and other plants. Somebody nicked the picnic bench,  
the one at one point helped me survive.

There is an ant walking slowly, boldly across the street  
,did he make it across alive? Time for me to sweat again  
to get wet again as I run into the rain again. Thunder roars  
and lightning strikes definitely play their parts. It's happened  
for the last eighty plus years , will it change tonight? I don't  
think so.

The sounds change as nature plays an all too familiar tune.  
Birds words I hear clearer now, I only wish I knew what  
their words mean. Let me get the lawnmower out , this  
time I hope it works. I was supposed to paint the picket  
fence. First, I must fix the broken gate, Oh, maybe that can  
wait. Well since my wife is dead think I'll plant some  
flowers  
in its stead.

She spent a lot of time tiding up the flower beds. What  
should I do with these flower pots? What should I do  
with this bass violin, now it seems out of place since all  
the music's gone. I know these pots I'll never use. What  
to do with the blues I got, I know I'll never lose. The kids  
are all gone. I have no idea where the hell they're at.

The honey bees hide in the trees, I'm glad I didn't cut it  
down. Since they built the new road there aren't a  
lot of passersbys. Spending a little time on line,

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unwrapping  
other words that don't belong to me. Replacing them with  
the ones I write, the ones that keep me free. I spend more  
time plugging holes, chasing moles and planning on how to  
get them. Never thought things could move so slow.  
I sit down faster than I stand.

The distance to the door is still the same, I know I can't  
blame  
that. The floor is a little more intimidating than it was years  
before. My friend Byrd, said his every third word is slurred  
and  
did I think he needed to see a shrink? I wrote this song by  
myself  
I can't even say it hurts. Well, the house is tight, so, I just  
might  
change my mind, go outside and jump straight up.

## Songs

The song you would sing to me is  
still playing, stuck under my thin  
skin. I met you during your transition  
from awareness; back to the world  
of compromise and the living dead.

The things I read the things you said.  
I cannot remove. I had no idea then  
you were traveling backwards, that  
every kiss was saying good-bye.

Every embrace was telling a lie. The  
Next time I saw you, you were wearing  
a disguise. Your eyes said I still love you.  
I guess mine said the same. We both  
agreed that life was to blame.

## Take A Ways

Searching for the terms that elude me.  
Staying away from the places that exclude  
me. Smiles that the people cracked, are  
now broken by tokens that once thrilled  
them. They didn't die laughing. Found  
nothing profound in the sounds they made,  
the songs they played. Gawking as they  
stalk the life of the world, seeking refuge in  
soft tissue.

Unaware of the twine wrapped  
around their minds, of the wounds left by  
nursery rhymes placed there by mother goose.  
Never had an accident, always on time for the  
appointments that I never made myself. Getting  
high on, then overdosing on expectations.  
Might be better to want something else.

Reaching for goals with hidden holes. So many  
souls got caught in em. Minds anointed with  
disappointment then expressing the thoughts  
of a dumb cluck. Running in and out of fantasies,  
giving charity to cigarettes. Riding the waves with  
the malcontents. The subjects of hair brain schemes.

Following the crooked by nature. Had to figure  
how to manage the under handed pitches and curve  
balls. They been moving the goal post right in front  
of my nose. Growing food in delivery trucks while  
driving down the streets. Can't completely recover  
from the combinations one after another. Even your  
home is owned by somebody else , lock, stock and  
barrel.

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Coming soon to a theater near you, is the latest candidate to show new tricks to you with some new words you have heard before. You stand in line hoping this time they are going be honest with you. Rotten to the core standing at your door, asking you for fifteen cents to watch them straddle the fence then throw you under the bus, to them that makes perfect sense. They have done it so many times before.

There is no shame in the game they play every day. After you select them, they say get outa the way you are messing up my money. Then you go on line and debate, putting your fate in that blood- sucker's hands. You were crossed out before you put a check in the box by that sold out person's name. I'll close with good luck again, for the two hundred years in a row. Ain't no God anywhere in that flow. I send my condolences to those who lost the war.



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## A Google Search

Yes, I have . . . asked Google, I mean.  
What does “anticipation” mean to the world’s experts?  
Not a complex or complicated question, right?  
Various dictionaries, respected globally, jumped in.  
Bear in mind . . . I initiated all of this.

I anticipate a few long hours on the Internet.  
Why, I argue against each online entry  
As if it were an insult meant only for me.  
You see . . . I expect, predict, foresee, foretell,  
Prophesize . . . hey, I even forecast an exemplary  
Sentence or two.

Busy anticipating a lively argument thanks to Google . . .

what pride?

humanity died

i have stood silently by

my shame has no pride!

## regrets

i have always been intrigued  
by the well-known last words;  
or better yet,  
by the final exhales  
many avoid calling them “a regret”

however, as we know too well,  
no exceptions are allowed  
now, soon, or a while later,  
each of us will hand over to death  
our dear ones, those of our all-encompassing love,  
for whom we meant beyond all  
that which charades on and on as “life”

could we  
in blunt honesty  
dissect some facts here?  
how many counts, for instance,  
show up on our attendance record  
when it was *we*,  
willing and ready,  
stood by during their turn of hardship?

how many times, if ever at all,  
have we gifted them with the core of our soul?

that they are gone  
barges into our minds  
we breathe anew our unsettled doubts,  
adeptly disguised as regrets

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oh, those regrets!  
they fatally define  
the remainder of our time

because  
neither life of their molding for our sakes  
nor Earth which they served to us as a world divine,  
or the many a ground they spread out for us in devotion  
to make bearable the blow of our most wearisome treks  
is anymore

thus, we get swept away,  
simply farther and farther away  
from what once seemed to be an indestructible fort  
into the raging squalls of a maddest river  
that sprints to ally with its wild sea  
with no mercy

and

thus, we get continually overthrown  
by the smallest undertows of our years

somehow we still manage  
to stay afloat long enough  
to ask them for their forgiveness  
in eternal absentia

in our final moment, however,  
we might by a wild chance remember:  
time does not wait for any of us  
we cannot say: "i am sorry"

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in the final moment, however,  
we might by a wild chance remember:  
there will be no grace period anymore  
if at all, time will be there for a blink of the eye

all along, we will be planning to meet  
our often-envisioned deadline,  
the one that will be bridging our two vital breaths:  
the privileged first and the barely audible last

\* *“Regrets” (modified here) is an old poem dear to my heart.*



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## Anticipatory Desire

The wind holds a conference before it speaks.  
Patience waits for the breeze  
to carry the message that floats gently  
on the airwaves of time and space.

Each whisper in the wind  
pulls on the heart strings  
like rainbows on a free ride.  
The breeze is anticipated

like a new lover coming to visit.  
Hold your breath after a long inhale.  
Footsteps freeze below the clouds.  
The universe speaks with authority.

What will the message be  
on a slow riding day?  
Let it be the friend of hope  
with blessings for a desperate soul.

## Pathway of Regret

The trail calls me into the pines.  
No guidance or suggestions  
on the route to pursue.  
It is a crashshoot of potential regret.

Choices are made daily.  
Some boil over and burn the feet.  
The dark shadows hang like heavy burdens.  
Only chaos stirs the brain.

You wander in the ashes  
of the pathway made.  
Feel the cold birth of hard choices  
and the realization of the value of regret.

That is when you recognize  
regret is the path to new beginnings.  
The lessons learned build strong bones.  
Spiritual fire warms the soul.

## Jemez Red Rock Moment

A blade of grass bows to the wind.  
The breeze says hello beautiful.  
My eyes lock on a light wave  
running across a red rock sentinel.

The clouds hang low  
like a fluffy blanket atop the wall.  
Gives me a love hug and splatters my brain  
across sacred red pueblo sand.

I lay against a juniper branch.  
It sings growth into my reshaped brainwaves.  
Another break-through in my Spiritual evolution.

The solitude overwhelms me with joy.  
The smile on my face is radiant.  
Giant little reddish-brown lizards  
race in the sand close to my footprints.

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## Quiet Regret

We walked away —  
fuming,  
shouting.  
Not peaceful.

One last attempt  
to patch the cracks  
had already crumbled  
beneath us.

There were still words  
waiting in our mouths,  
but they had lost their weight.  
We both knew.

We had tried —  
as much as we knew how.  
So we stepped back,  
trying to cool it,

to stop the unraveling,  
as if space between us  
might somehow  
hold us together.

Outside,  
a few streaks of light  
still hung from the sunset.  
We regretted, probably —

not just what was said,  
but what we didn't say.

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Quiet regret  
settled around us.

The sky —  
a scatter of stars  
and something like forgiveness —  
waited overhead,

so full  
of sparkling love  
and hope.

If only  
we had looked up.

## The Long Silence

Most likely, you'll still be here  
when we are gone —  
and somehow,  
that comforts us:  
that something of us  
will continue  
through you.

Life moves in one direction—  
no returning,  
no second meetings  
here or elsewhere.

But that's not tragic.  
It's natural.  
Everything that exists  
leans toward its ending.

What matters  
are the moments—  
how we breathe them,  
share them,  
let them shape us.

Life is one long moment,  
stitched from many small ones.

Knowing how to live it  
is fragile—  
always slipping.

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Still,  
you carry part of us.  
Like the gift we gave you  
that snowy March evening—  
earned in sweat,  
filled with love,  
meant simply:  
we wanted to be close to you.

Misunderstanding  
dried it into a scab.

It will fall.  
Don't worry.

Even our pain  
belongs  
to eternity.

## Anticipation of New Dawn

There is no silence  
we cannot outwait—  
even stone leans in to hear the coming light.

There is no fury  
we cannot cool—  
though its embers glow beneath the surface.

Dawn lingers like a flag of truce  
held in trembling hands,  
or the stillness before old ghosts march.

It might be the breath of a newborn,  
or pride readying its war cry.

God may be a lighthouse,  
or a mirror catching shadows.

Light, a blade yet to be drawn;  
shadow, a veil yet to be lifted.

We stand at the threshold,  
scarred by our own longing—

Will we heal, or harden?  
Will we rise from ash,  
or wait beneath the flame?

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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## Tomorrow's Promise

Everytime I lean on the windowpane,  
I can see a silent vow somehow,  
The moonlight spills a suspended world,  
A silver hope,  
A warm breath,  
A calming pause,  
The stars hear my wishes,  
Beyond the heartbeat and soft refrains,  
Each heartbeat hums a song of praise,  
Each refrain writes a morning light,  
I rise with my cups filled with courage,  
A sacred space and a hush of dawn,  
The time embraces the passionate pearl,  
Where windows of dreams take root into your eyes.

## The Weight of a Missed Chance

I have a visitor.  
It has no face,  
It is a shadow of words I screamed,  
It is the feeling I told you before,  
It is the happiness I have not shown,  
It is a touch of a reminder,  
It is the change I long to hear.  
It whispers, what was the story?  
If only I could tell, how much  
I desired, as I want, and as I loved  
To retract a memory lane  
To exchange a missed chance  
Of a maybe and what if  
To what I should have now,  
Today, I sit and regret,  
Looking for another chance.

## **The Highest Hill He Chose**

Alone, he planted his stubborn feet  
To the highest hill he always wanted,  
The wind warned him,  
To be gentler, to be kinder,  
Go to the soft ground,  
Move a little slow  
But seem to be so sure  
About this hill,  
Unknown that the pain is coming,  
Up the hill, the highest climb,  
Never anticipated what lies ahead,  
Where too much ego  
is louder than a big fall.

# Swapna Behera



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## anticipation

(anticipation is an emotion – Robert Plutchik)

perfidious dreams  
a visual narrative  
moth's metamorphic journey  
to be a butterfly

hope mingled with trust  
melodies of indelible memories  
magical folklore  
traditional chivalry  
or  
Buddhist theory of emotions  
that roots to lot of experience of the past  
leading to a canopy of future  
anticipations are polar stars  
visions to live and die for tomorrow



## regret of the seminars

intellectuals with their voluminous files  
present in the round table seminars  
their agendas cleanly enclosed  
with soft and hard copies  
sophisticated five-star snacks  
chefs alert, delegates with their personal secretaries, media  
all ready  
to discuss food security  
farmers issues, more productive land  
but where is the farmer delegate?  
he has to speak volumes  
fertility is lost  
scarcity of rain  
unpredictable climate  
he is the ground worker  
who tills land, guards the crops  
takes them to the local market  
sells them to the capitalist brokers in cheap rate  
at times leave them in the land itself  
too cheap is the harvest  
the logistic cost is higher than the cost of production  
too tough to handle policy files  
poor farmer is trapped  
in the loop of fractured democracy  
soldiers in the war field  
refugees with orphans  
can someone ever define regret?

## pride, prejudice and self-esteem

pride is a scarecrow  
sitting in the middle of the brain  
with a self-made paper crown on the head  
for its imaginary empire  
just a shadow  
having no diameter  
the mirage  
the thematic stone statue  
I, ME, MYSELF create the ego zone  
where there is no place for humanity  
or pragmatic solution  
birds can sit on the scarecrow  
and sing a song of the sky  
they can fly and create their zone  
The Sun and rain tear up the scarecrow  
it melts in the soil to be the fertilizer  
pride is a basket of eggs on the head  
the lonely narcissist's slogan  
a dust cauldron  
near the sea shore

prejudice is the tortoise in the traffic  
the conglomeration  
the prodigal son returning to his father  
when the heart is on the microphone

ask the granny the definition of self esteem  
a do or die slogan  
Gen z of all land  
a fight within  
for liberty, equality and fraternity  
no sugarcoating words  
no fermentation, no isms  
only a big full stop for all corruption

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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## Anticipation regret pride

When I was young I watched my mother struggle to make ends meet, she was super woman to my brothers and i. She was always on her feet hustling to pay bills and to make sure there was something for us to eat. I admired her strength to cope, she was a single parent due to her losing her life partner, my father, to cancer. I was getting older and just watching her struggle was something that couldn't be done any longer. I was going to help her. As her son, that was my anticipation.

As a young boy I chased the root of all evil to bring us joy. There was nothing scarier than being a minor in a game for adult players, I wasn't going to look back, I was going to rise up and be a respected hustler in the trap. It took some time but I did just that. I'm pushing rocked up grams with friends I played with in the sand, we weren't poor anymore, we could dig in our pockets at anytime and pull out a few grand. We're living life to the fullest and yet to have any regrets.

In the upcoming years a plague spread murder as it was a disease, I prayed for the best but yet the worst was conceived, there's nothing but air around us but a lot of my friends died because they couldn't breathe, they were gasping for air begging the lord please as they was running out of breath due to acts of soul thieves. I should've left, I saw an exit out the trap but I stood inside, I continued to ride, at that time I couldn't walk away from what I started before the dearly departed, because of pride.

Kimberly  
Burnham

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## The Heart Holding Tight

Hope is more than waiting  
the Spanish word "Esperar" means to wait and to hope  
more significance still  
in Tepeuxila Cuicatec, a language of Mexico  
hope is called "wait-desire"  
a blend of two activities

In Ngäbere of Costa Rica the phrase for hope  
"resting the mind" implies waiting and confidence  
hope is confident waiting

In the Indonesian language Mairasi  
hope is translated vision resting place  
as if we have to see something in our mind's eye  
before we can hope for it

Noongar speakers of Guyana say "Koort-kwidiny" means  
heart waiting  
where "Coer nagal nyjininyj Ngulla Boodja"  
translated "may peace prevail on earth"  
literally means "we are sitting together on our country"

In Marathi of India hope "Aasha" (आशा) with a stronger  
emphasis on desire  
while in Tamil "Nampikkai" (நம்பிக்கை) with a  
stronger emphasis on expectation  
hope in Adyghe of North-west Caucasus Russia "the heart  
expects something good"  
the African language of Keliko "place one's heart on the  
head"  
and in Somrai of Chad hope is "hold the heart really tight"  
as if our heart has to sit confidently and see  
and hold tight to hope for peace

## A Rainbow of Hope

In Anjam hope is “looking through the horizon”  
in the mountainous land of Papua New Guinea  
while in a neighboring language, Dobu "Nuwaila" is to think  
back  
the next word in the dictionary is “Nuwaiyai” means to hope  
then “Nuwa'i'isi” is to remember and “Nuwa'ila is  
retrospection  
and a sign of hope for better weather ahead “Ulele” is a  
rainbow

While half a world away in Tanzania's Mwera  
“hope” and “faith” are translated with the same word  
“Ngulupai”  
where "Kupingana" is love and "Ulele" peace

In Nigeria's Berom hope is translated “direct one's liver  
toward”  
as if it is not only our mind where we hope but in our body  
in our liver and heart  
while in Mixtepec Mixtec of Mexico hope  
is “wait and remain strong on the inside”

Tswana speakers of South Africa say “Tsholofelo”  
“hope, expect, look for confidently”  
while Uganda's Luganda “Okusuubira” means “hope, trust  
and expect”  
also “look forward to, rely upon, anticipate, reckon”  
as if hope is something that can't be done alone but only with  
trust  
in someone or something and with someone to rely on

## Shir Tikvah Song of Hope

In Hebrew שיר תקווה [Shir Tikvah] means song of hope  
Tikvah (תְּקוּוּהָ) or hope comes from the root “Kavah” (קָוָה)  
implying “gathering, binding or waiting with expectation”  
also the literal sense of a cord or rope  
something tangible to grasp  
we hold on in the face of such sadness and despair in the  
world  
“Tikvah” symbolizes the strong, enduring, and faithful  
expectation of a better future  
central to Jewish culture  
as we sing HaTikvah (הַתְּקוּוּהָ) or "The Hope"  
and shine a light where there is darkness  
while we remember that we are all connected

Eliza  
Segiet

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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).

## Snowdrops

It seemed impossible,  
yet it happened once again!  
She looked at her  
while she was asleep, astonished.  
Many-colored needles adorned her body,  
saving her life, intending to wake her up.  
In the embrace of uncertainty,  
the friend waited impatiently  
for her to wake up.  
She whispered to her, but  
all she heard was the sound  
of the respirator breaking the silence.

Anxiety, anticipation, hope –  
this made it possible to believe  
that a miracle could happen.  
Though the doctor said:  
– *This is the final ward!*

Against all expectations,  
a slow awakening began.  
A return to the world,  
where machines  
would become only a memory.

The strings of reality  
were badly frayed,  
her memory was returning slowly.  
Yet, the joy  
that she had managed to come back  
whitened like a field  
strewn with snowdrops.

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*



## Choices

His life  
was torn by relentless regrets.  
So many opportunities he could have seized,  
yet he made so many wrong decisions.  
It could have been different –  
beautiful, maybe even rich!  
There could have been fortune,  
yet all that's left is the frustration and sorrow.

All choices  
have a date of expiry.  
After that, they go off.

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## Moon Dust

No one believed in him

*“He won’t make it.”*

He took it as his fate,  
and stopped even trying  
to do anything.

But on one sunny  
September day,  
like in a one-horse chariot,  
he began to move  
towards the fulfilment of his dreams.

He made it!  
He felt as though he were  
surrounded by the moon dust,  
illuminated by the sun  
and, most importantly –  
by wisdom.

He didn’t allow himself  
to get lost in prophecies,  
he immersed himself in the dance of the future.  
He knew that  
to succeed –  
was to believe in himself.

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William  
S.  
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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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## Anticipation, Regret and Pride

### *To Dream*

I looked forward towards what was to come.

Ignoring what was,

But I had no regrets,

For my pride could not admit

This weakness I had

To dream

## Re-Fractal

Refractal reflections  
Of a life gone by  
And we humans oft ask  
The question 'why'

Patch-quilt dreams  
Of hopes to come  
Neglectful we are  
Of our holy sum

We Were created to conquer  
Yet we oft times lie  
In await for an end  
Where we believe we die

We are strong and powerful  
But we only suspect  
Our Soul's potential  
Awoken not yet

As time goes by  
And its illusions embraced  
Truth is a fear  
Rarely by us faced

But somewhere deeply buried  
In the soul of us all  
Is a power and knowing  
Awaiting our call

Nowhere is it written  
That we were born to accept  
This maleable fate  
That is quite suspect

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Let us gather ourselves people  
And press ourselves forward  
For this novel we now write  
Is only the fore-word

Telling of content  
Yet to unfold  
When we fulfill the promises  
Spoken of old

I believe soon come the day  
When we open our eyes  
And the truth of our divinity  
Will be fully realized

Re-Fractal



## We Old Folk

The aches and the pains  
And the challenge of balance  
Are but a few of the things  
We must endure

We still like good food,  
But yet again comes a challenge  
For we never know  
What good food will do

Those afternoon naps  
Are quite heavenly  
I wished I had discovered them before  
To be rested yet tired  
No longer fired up  
To go running through any doors

Forgetful memories for  
Car keys and glasses  
And reasons I go room to room  
Still yet I dream of my younger days  
When I lived like a blaze  
With no cares about things of doom

My thoughts here to there  
And back again  
I can't remember my old friend's name.  
I find myself  
Wasting much time  
On devices playing games

My hair changing color  
Falling out or going away  
Oh did I mention the aches and pains?  
Day after day

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The same routines  
With anxieties coming to play

I think of my children  
And what is to come  
For they are the sum of me  
And as days go by  
I ask myself why  
Do things have to be what they be

We old folk still wonder  
What is to come of our world  
And the plight of humanity's ways  
Oh, just a thought I play with  
At times as time goes by  
Seeking to peacefully live out each day

We Old Folk

# October 2025 Featured Poets



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Tanja Ajtic

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# Фросина Тасевска



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Фросина Тасевска aka Frosina Tasevska was born in Shtip, the Republic of Macedonia. She is a bilingual poet and writer who creates in both English and Macedonian. Passionate about words since an early age, she has authored two solo poetry collections and continues to work on new manuscripts. Her writings have been published in numerous national and international magazines, newspapers, and anthologies, where her voice is recognized for its depth and emotional resonance. She is an active member of various literary platforms and has received several awards for her creative work, honoring her contribution to contemporary poetry.

## Molten Wildflowers

I was not merely planted —  
I was forged by fire.  
The flames didn't seek permission.  
They surged through,  
devouring every tender root  
I believed it made me whole.  
Ash became my foundation,  
Smoke, my sky.  
And yet—  
Something deep within me  
Refused to perish.  
From bone and ember,  
Petals emerged.  
Cracked open by heat,  
Softness still broke through.  
I did not bloom despite the flames—  
I bloomed because of them.  
A wildflower crafted, not found.  
Molten, and still alive.



## Something More

I am something more  
than a song with underlined words,  
more than overwhelming silences,  
more than burning warmth.  
More than a sleepy smile,  
a peculiarity in the depth of breath.  
More than your sunrise  
and my sunset,  
more than a gentle, tight embrace.  
I am something more  
than a spark from heated pupils,  
more than a hazy dream,  
more than the fiery blaze  
that runs from the peak of the lips,  
more than a thought thrown into oblivion.  
I am something,  
something more than memories  
stretching into infinity.  
I am more love than affection.

## What if?

What if you followed the path your heart desires?  
What if you broke free from the chains of fear  
and embraced your true self?  
What if others judge you, but you respond with a smile?

What if you chose silence over empty words,  
remaining composed when they don't understand,  
and listening to the powerful voice within you?  
What if you embraced joy and cultivated peace?  
What if you stumbled but rose stronger than before,  
if you shed tears yet never lost hope,  
and continued to walk with your head held high?  
What if you were different, unique, and unyielding?  
What if you decided to prioritize loving yourself  
over seeking approval, to be the best friend to your soul  
and nurture the light that shines within you?  
What if the ultimate freedom is simply being yourself  
and not being swayed by the opinions of others?

Life is yours; your strength belongs to you.  
Write your own story with unwavering courage.  
Let the world have its say, while you choose to live!

Tanja  
Ajtici



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Tanja Ajtic was born in Belgrade. Since 2002 she lives in Canada. In 2023 she returned to Belgrade. She is a member of many groups. Her poems and stories have been published in more than two hundred collections, anthologies and electronic books. Her poems have been published in fifteen world languages. She published a book of poetry "Outlines of Love". She won the "Cita Del Galateo" Antonio De Ferrariis, 2022" - Rome; the 2023 literary award of the "Naji Naaman" Foundation from the Republic of Lebanon, as well as many other prestigious awards. She writes poetry, short stories ect.

## A River

You who live near the river  
You believe in images of little gods of love  
in ancient Roman art  
and Renaissance as well as a new era.  
In a lovely little winged children entertained with  
various jobs  
you see them and speak like Socrates:  
"I know I do not know anything!".  
You say that the world is a property without a master  
and that it is not known who its creator is?  
You as a free thinker, neither good nor bad,  
indifferent, but not powerless.  
You see those beautiful children in the glare of the river  
which flows for you into infinity and you enjoy.  
You have a safe haven and enough air  
to survive everything  
in the air that can cause it  
chemical changes and you can calculate them  
only if you want.  
You live in your own reflection of an image  
and I believe you  
that the world can be a nice place  
if we look at ourselves.  
Then everything is clear.

## Eternal Curse

We like to emphasize splendor, significance, reputation and fame

rather than modesty, contrition and true love.

We want to give one thing a relief that catches the eye,  
to be particularly emphasized.

And if we have relief maps, we don't know how to measure.

We wander and saunter at night.

At night without dreams.

We postpone forgiveness and omissions.

We are postponing our payment deadline,  
we also want to have a discount while we are paying,  
and we would like to do everything to make it cheaper.

And paradise is not bought but deserved.

If we return everything we took

and wish forgiveness of sins, mercy and forgiveness,  
to be forgiven we will feel the same.

After the main flowering, the flowers will bloom once again.

And we will survive.

Like being born again

the revival of classical antiquity

or more precisely freedom

and the creative human spirit under the influence of  
classical literature,

of art and philosophy in the Renaissance.

We will renew our lives

and fix and change it for the better.

We will refresh and rejuvenate.

We will look at hummingbirds that have bigger brain  
in relation to the body of other birds.

Heart too.

These birds can fly

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in all directions, as they please!  
They can live for a long time by feeding on  
flower nectar and candied water.  
We, like them, are small but a lot is expected of us.  
Rejection and refusal,  
as a musical repetition of the same tone, the  
opposite is an echo.  
Everything will resonate.  
Rejection and refusal happen to us  
like breaks in a circus that clowns fill with their jokes.  
We avoid the eternal curse  
because there is always hope for a corrective exam  
and a place under the sun for us.  
We can be dignified,  
be those who produce again,  
which recreate.  
We can multiply and experience  
content to revive consciousness,  
get a good voice again  
for the person and respect, reputation and name.  
It is never too late for natural things  
to make us feel better.  
It's all in us  
in our big hearts in the body of a small hummingbird.  
We have everything you need!  
Naturally!



## Passion

The water of your body  
flowed into mine  
in ecstasy,  
and the universe drew nearer  
that night.  
While our sighs  
rose into cries,  
filling  
the space  
of the room, the bed,  
and the tangled sheets  
with the scent of lilacs  
and the dampness,  
the fragrance of spring rain.  
Through a cry  
I spoke your  
name,  
murmuring of love,  
of passion,  
in the timeless space  
of love.  
I was filled  
with our passion,  
with the celestial music  
of eternal union,  
of the primordial beginning.

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Jerome

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Jerome L. Duque is a Filipino dreamer exploring the universes of words: as a writer, creating them; as an educator, shaping them in young scribes; and as a chronicler, ensuring that they are etched on paper. When not working, he's usually plotting his next adventures elsewhere in the Milky Way.

## Bucolic

Crickets chirping in the morning grass;  
Then, dawn chorus of tree sparrows.  
A cold zephyr rustling the bamboo leaves,  
Dewdrops plopping on puddles—  
Sounds that break the silence  
Of a forgotten country—  
As I retire  
From clatter of keys,  
Revvng engines on a rush hour,  
Staccato of office chatter,  
And erupting squeals of black boxes.

My blood sings for a slow daybreak,  
As I languor in bed,  
Thinking of the pots I'm filling  
And the blossoms I'm picking.

## Cusp

I would've made the jump  
Over the cliff,  
Not minding the depth  
Nor the crimps. I may never reach.

I could've just dove  
Into the torrent that runs through the gorge  
Without the certainty  
Of ever ending up at the bay.

I should've just leapt,  
Even without wings,  
With only the courage to dare  
The limits of life and fate.

But I didn't,  
So I must, again, wait.

## Versus

A man has two faces:  
One smiles;  
the other grins.  
The first holds his head high,  
While someone looks down his fellow's nose  
A stout heart he has,  
Another's just a hollow.  
This doesn't fly too close to the sun  
That turns to ashes.  
Faces, or masks?  
To wear, to keep, to live with.  
Two, but also one.



Priyanka  
Neogi



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## I'm Your Love Bird,

I'm your dance,  
singing version,  
rhythm of recitation,  
tune of guitar,  
scale of piano,  
therapy of nature.  
your heart sings for me,  
I'm your crash,  
your moment makes me flash.

I'm your dream & sunshine,  
make you brighter.  
I'm your sea,  
super power feel the story,  
I'm your mountain & sky,  
feel me high.

You're glad about me,  
love smell allows you,  
caring nature attracts me.

I'm your love bird,  
makes you passionate,  
I'm your happiness,  
create a lovely time.  
I'm your Miss universe & miss world,  
as a supportive person always behind.  
day by day it makes you stronger.  
Feeling mind fresh when talking with me,  
you are always interested in me.

I m your heart bird mental peace of your life,  
create a dream after getting meetings,

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my love network gives you,  
love-line of love.

I m your love bird,  
courage to everything.  
When we are travelling weather give us amazing  
colour,  
every time make new story of love,  
You know how beautiful the perfect one.

## I should be a lover

Flower basket in flower garden,  
Mind-blowing visionary,  
Life guard of drifting,  
Rules and regulations.

Lover your life is in the tide,  
Continue story sky the yolk  
Sweet harmony in the union of hearts,  
I Think stretch is a colorful dawn.

Lover is your companion in happiness and sorrow,  
Tears are forgotten and a unique smile appears on the lips.  
Reluctance to seek the warmth of a relationship,  
Sweet words bring perfection to the mind.

In the mind of a lover as a lover,  
As the ever-present spring,  
Build a sky of exuberance,  
Let me be in the ocean of love.

I will be your bride one day.  
betel leaf betel nut tip on the forehead,  
Surroundings illuminated with love.  
Be your lover according to my love rules,  
I will decorate my life with you.

## Lock of Heart with Heart,

Flowers fall from trees.  
the flowers are stuck,  
As long as the tree holds the flower,  
Or as long as flowers want to last,  
Set with trees.

The bond of love between two people,  
Mind colored pulse,  
Both intent on holding each other,  
Talk about what is in the heart.  
Locking heart with heart,  
Happiness is the companion of sorrow,  
Move forward for each other.

In the third person tense,  
Let the foreigner burn,  
block the other.  
Do not enter into the enclosure of the mind.  
In the dirty obsession of mind,  
to color the mind,  
I will pour spring.

Locking heart with his heart,  
Keep the key to yourself.  
Abyssal guards at the border of love,  
Don't let anyone in.  
With love and affection,  
Keeping the mind fresh with the mind,  
It will be a happy and colorful life.

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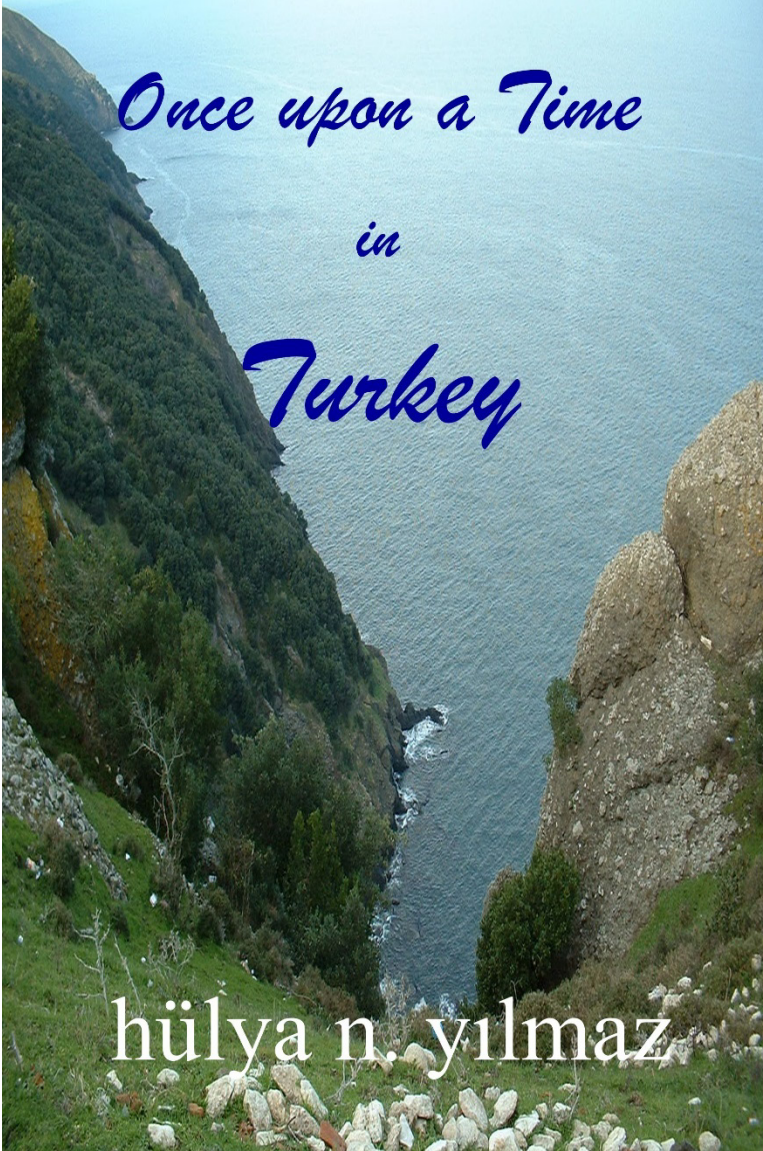
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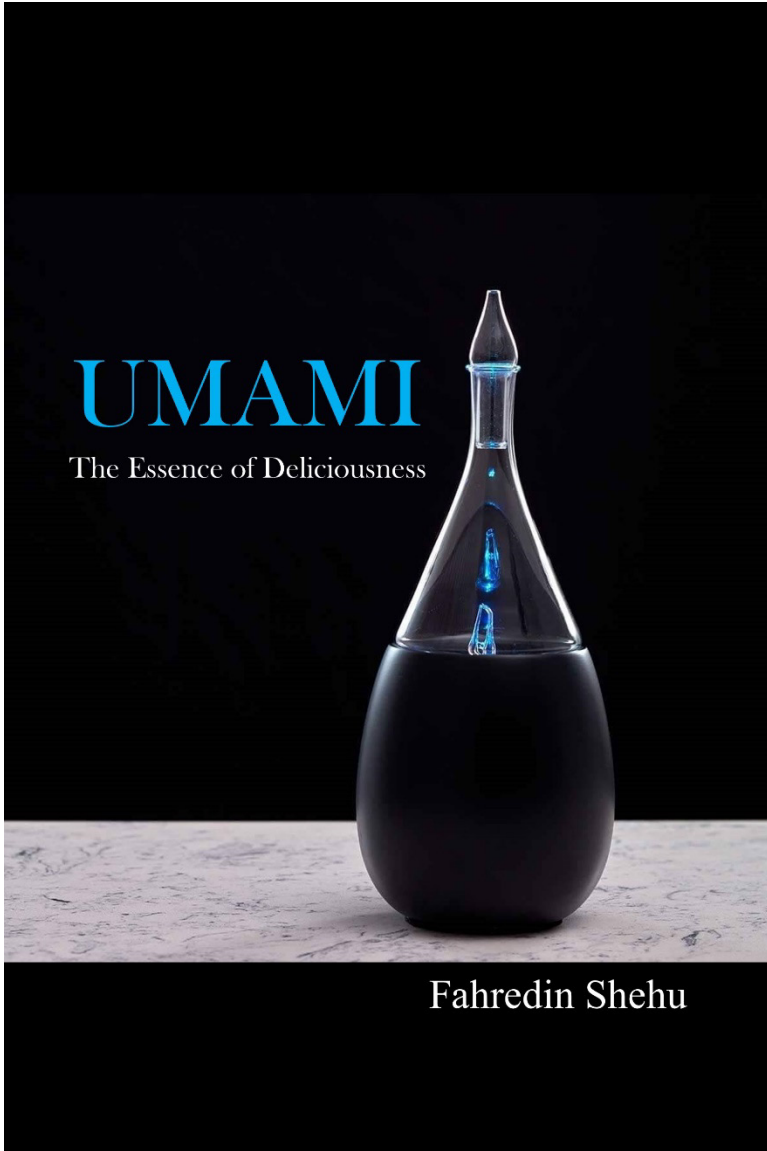
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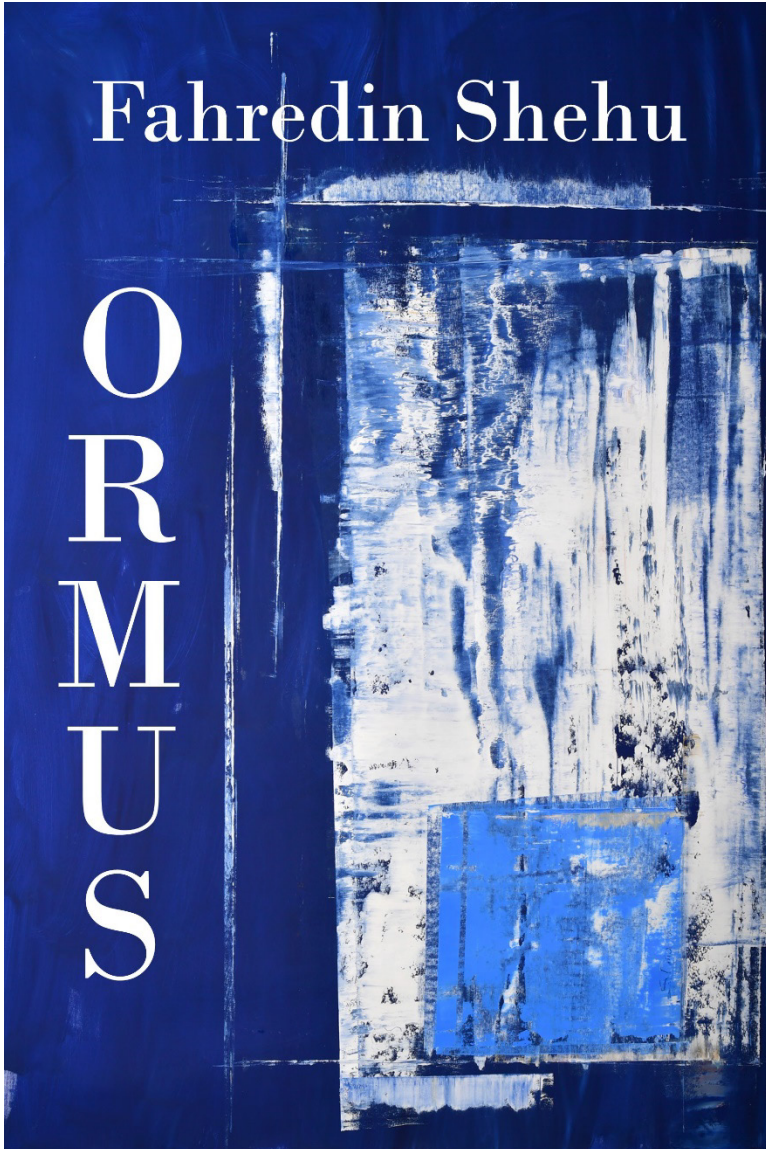


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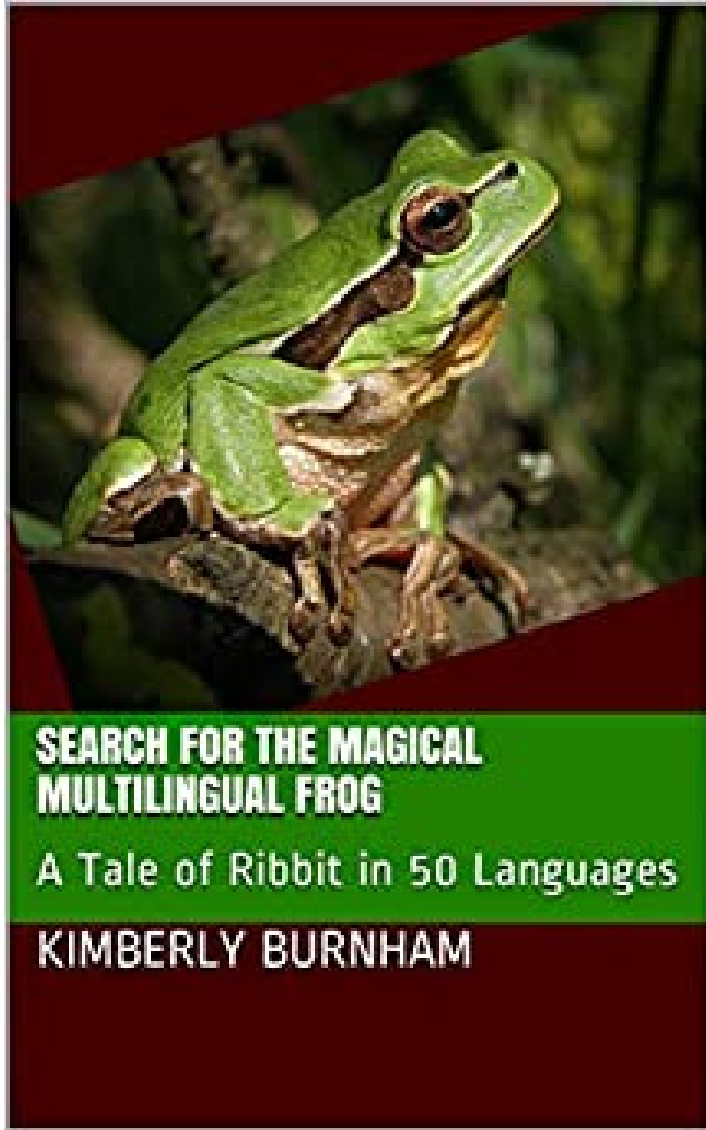
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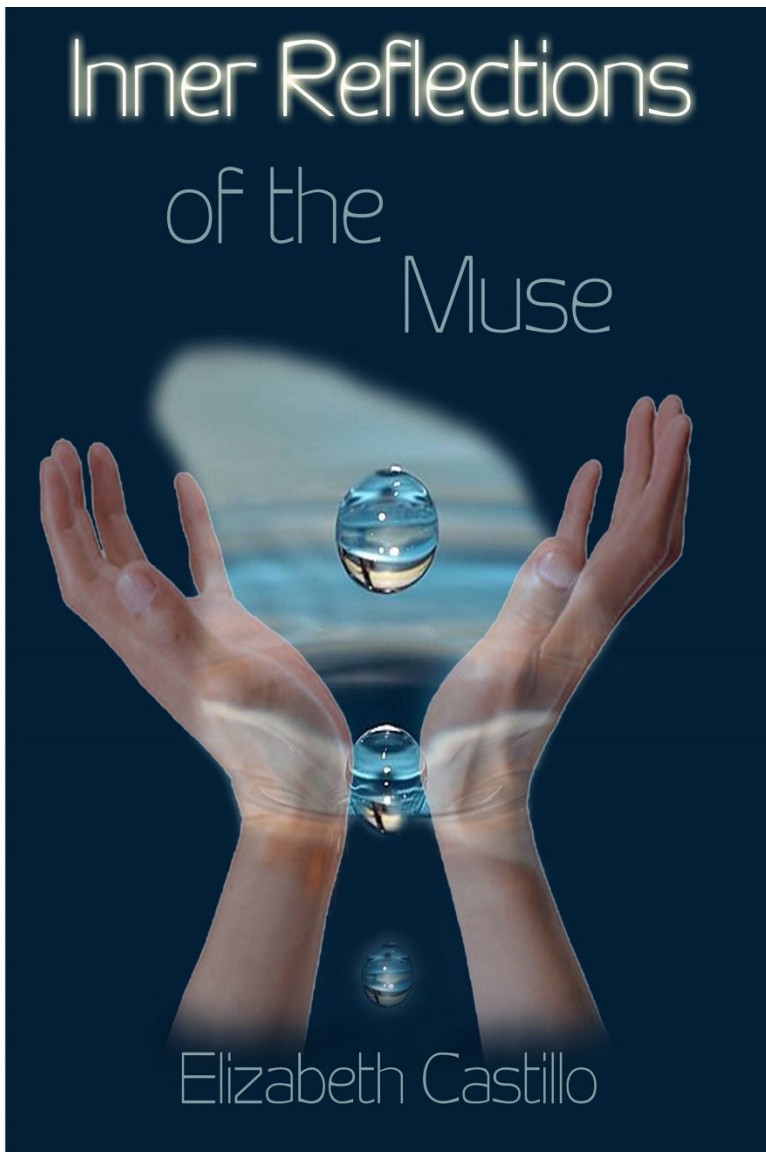
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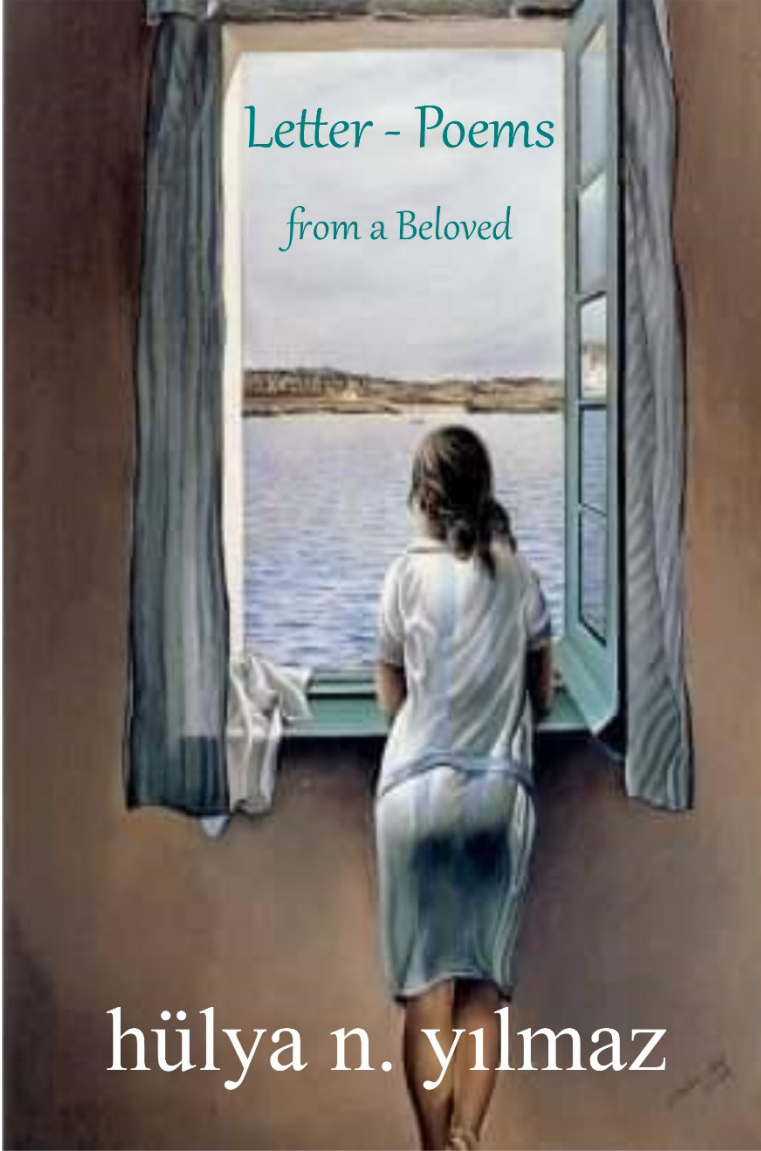
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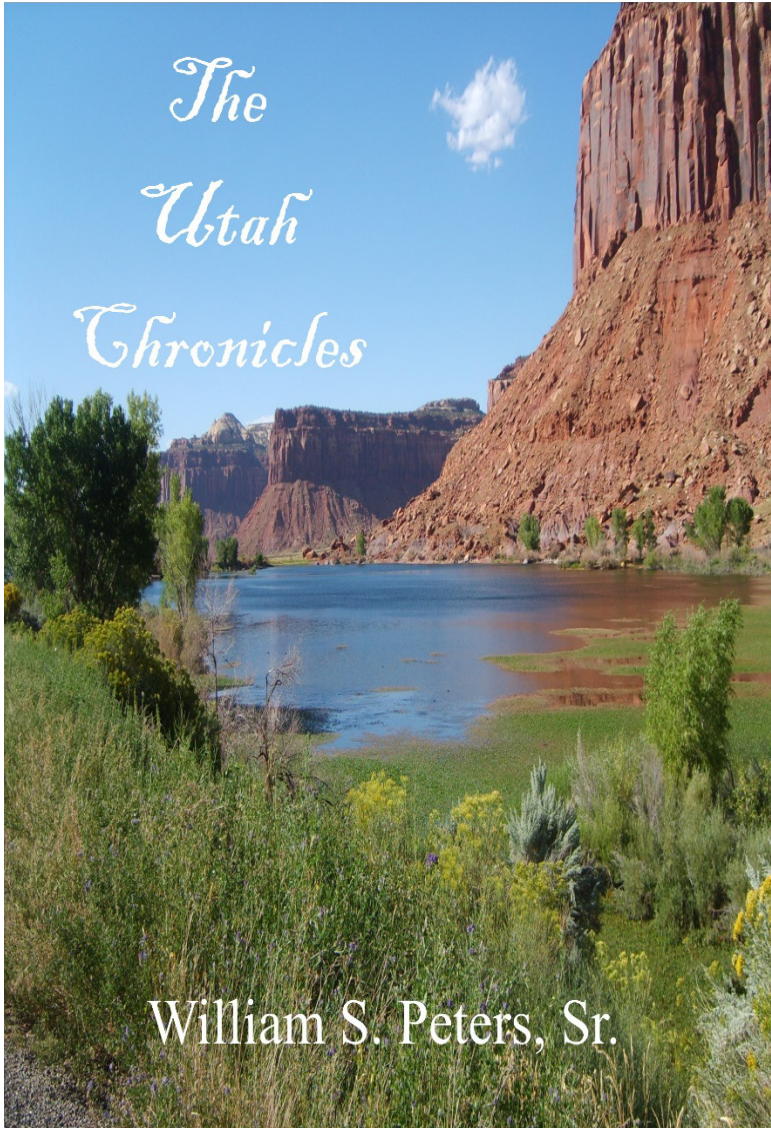


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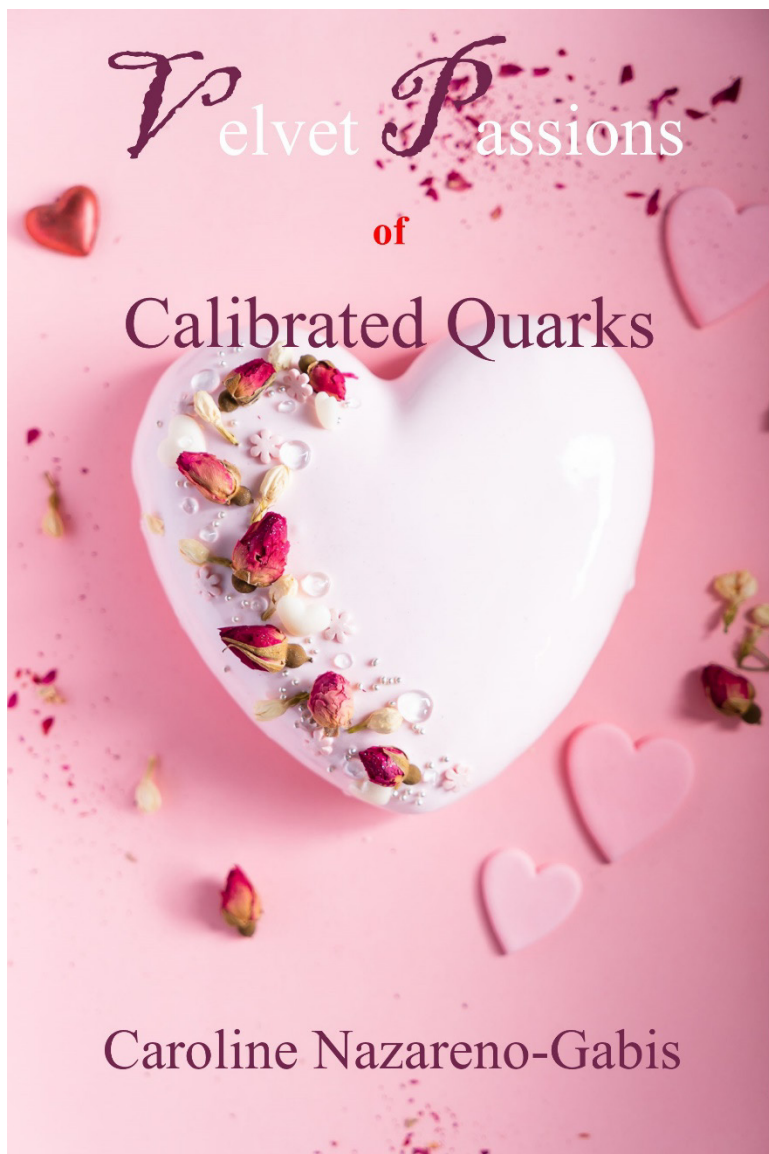


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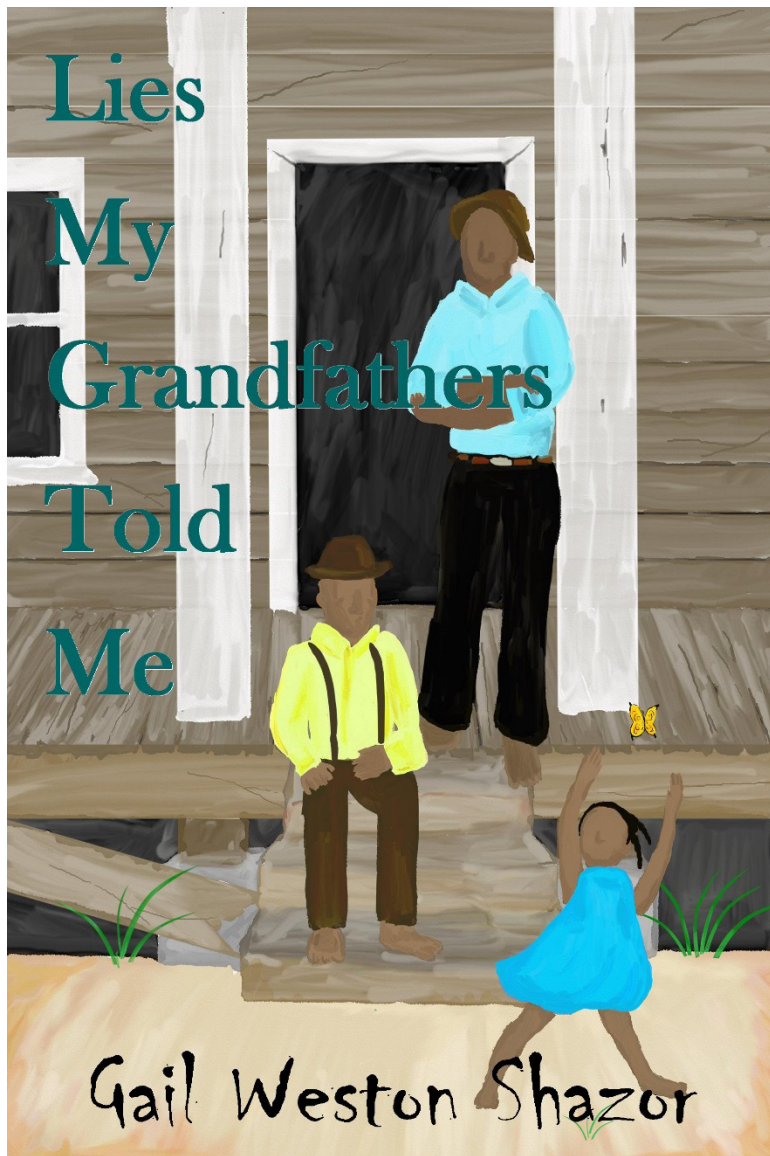
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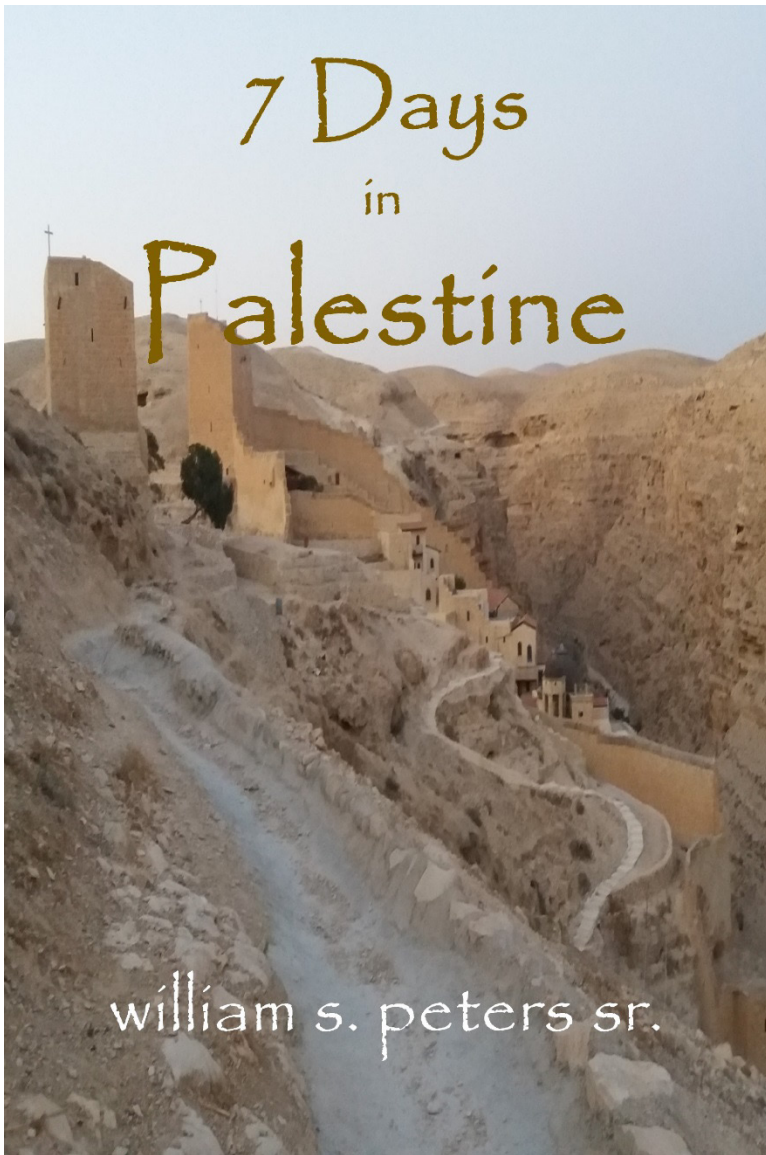
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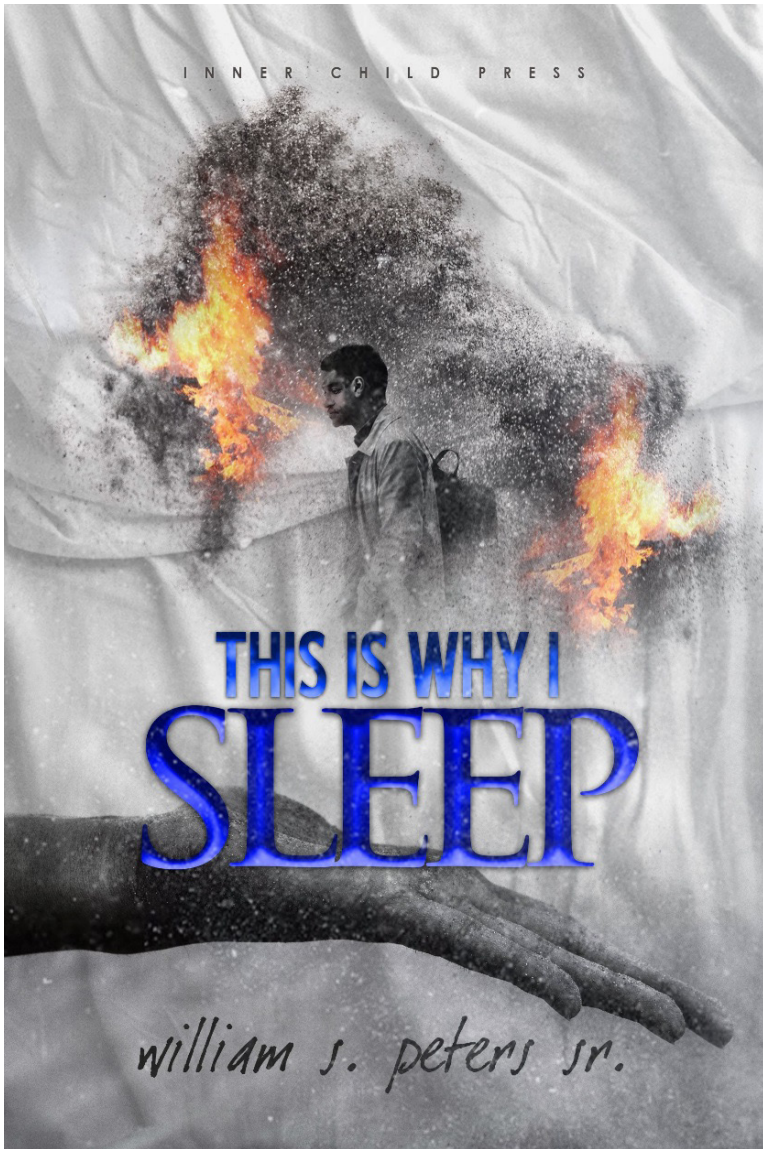
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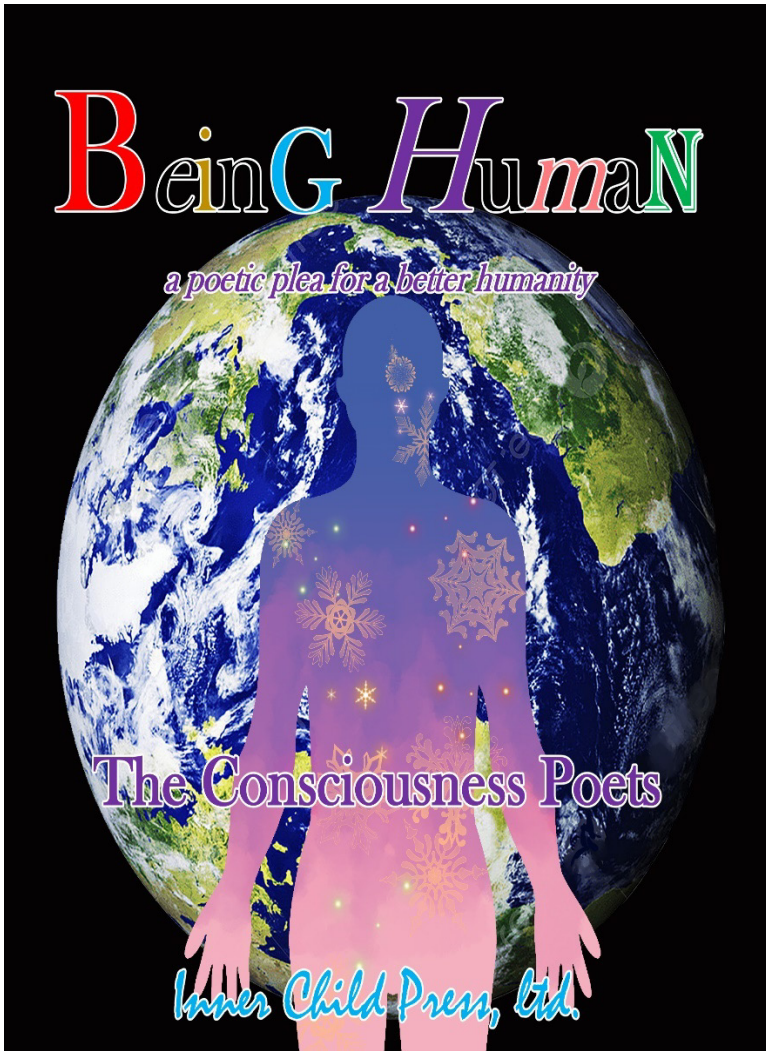
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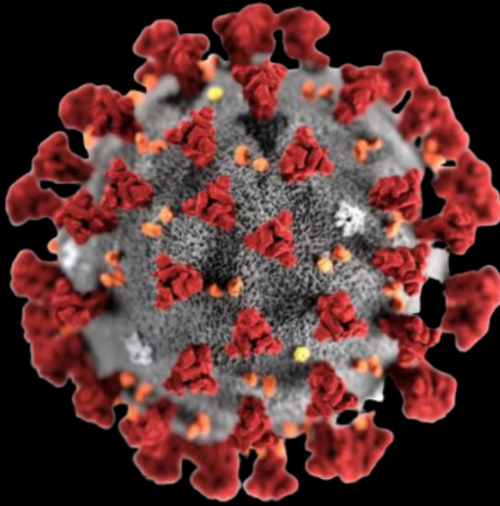
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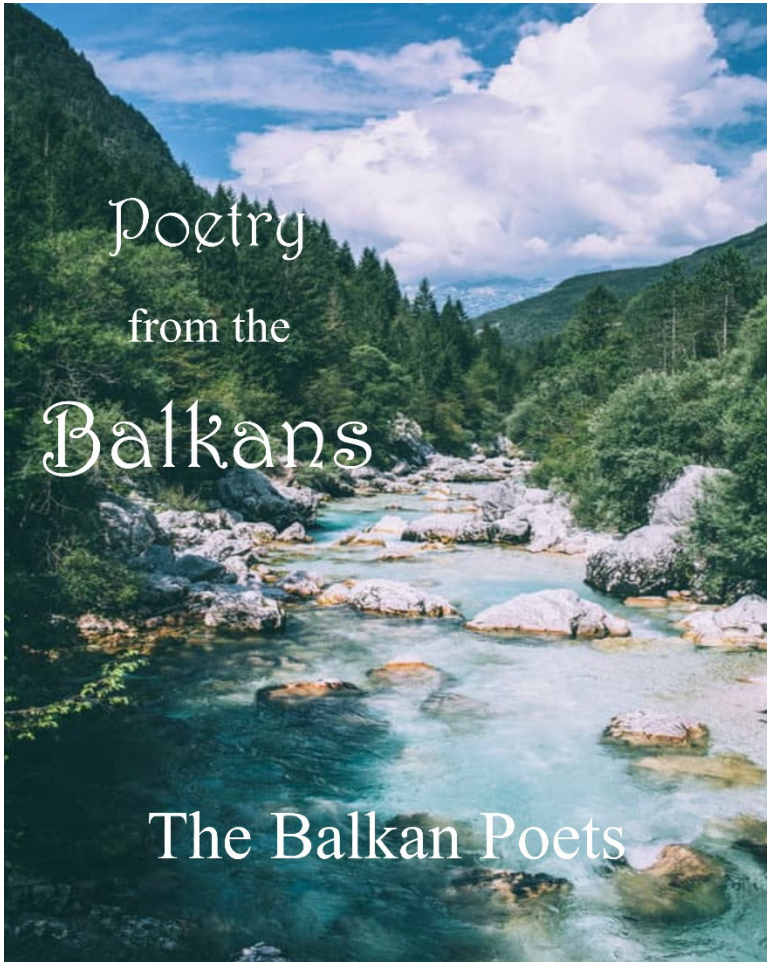


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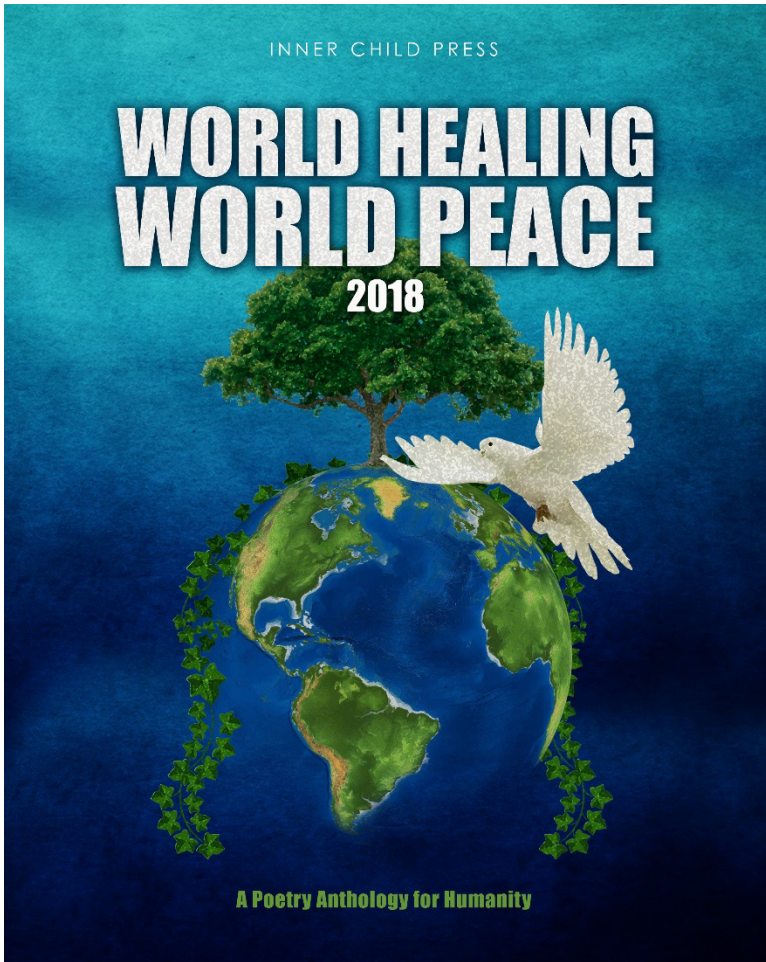


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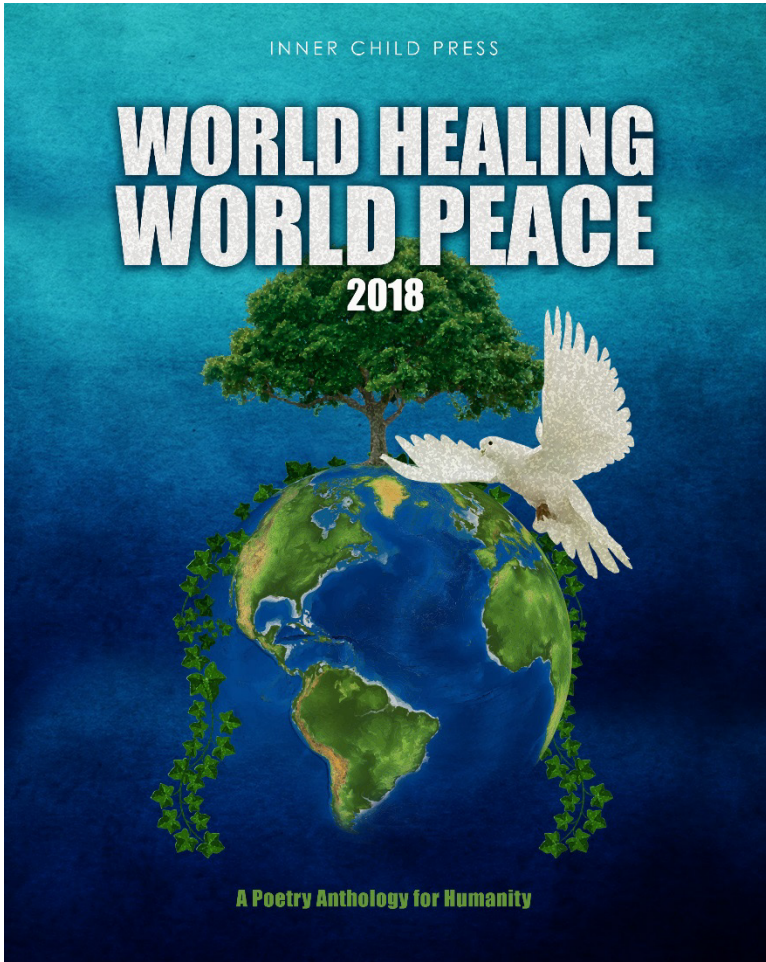
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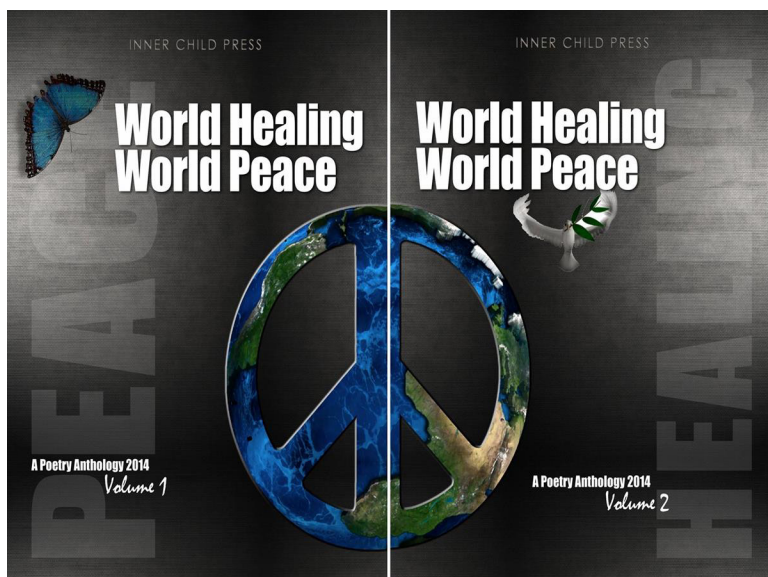
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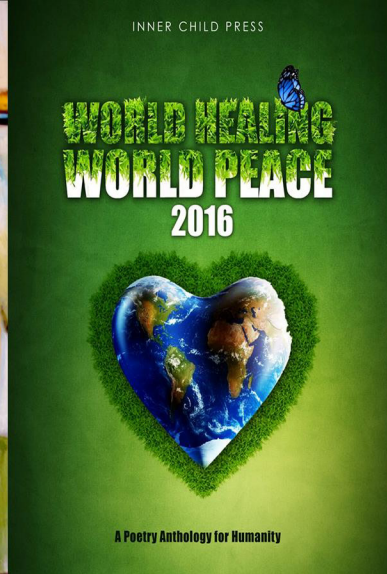
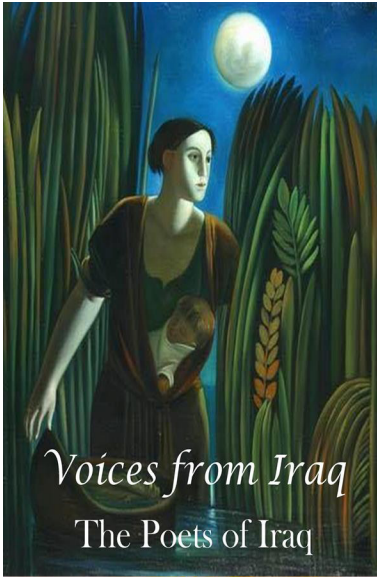
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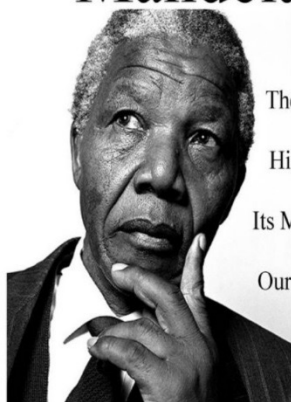
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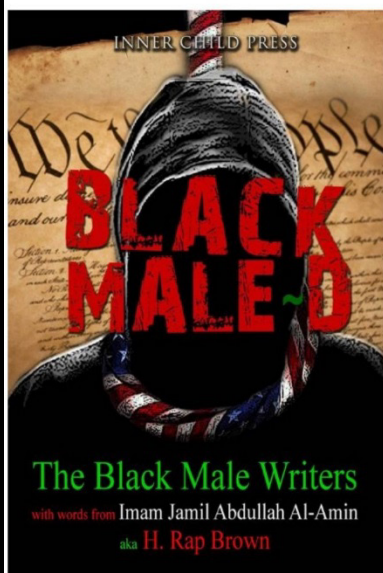
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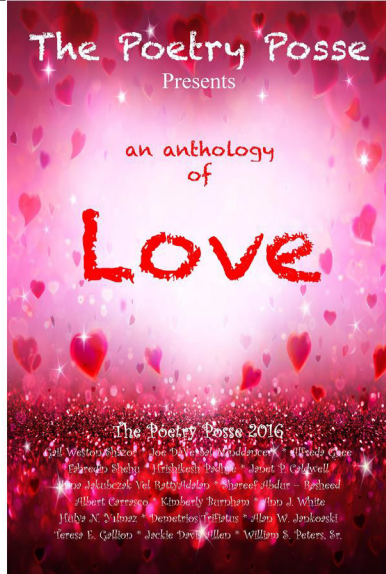
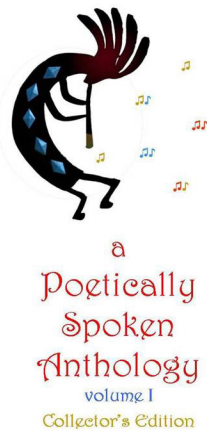
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November 2014

Chrysanthemum



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Narcissus



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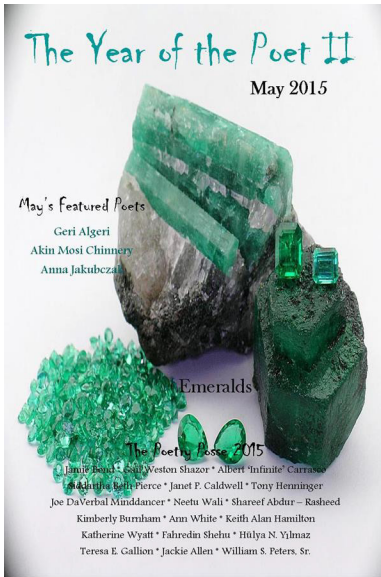
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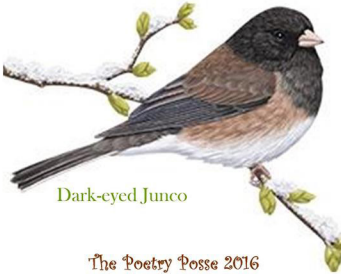
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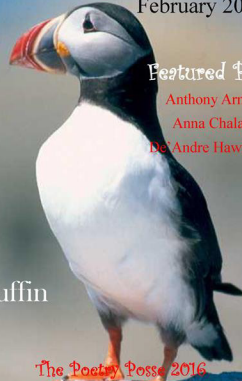
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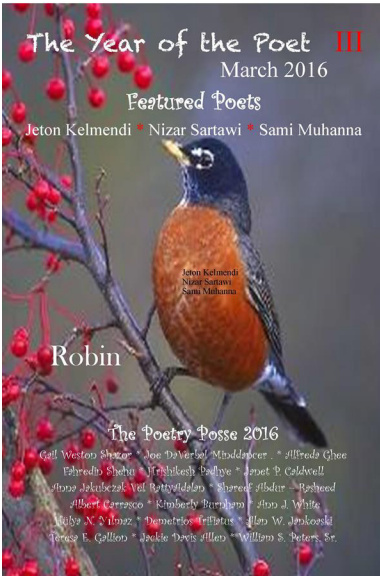
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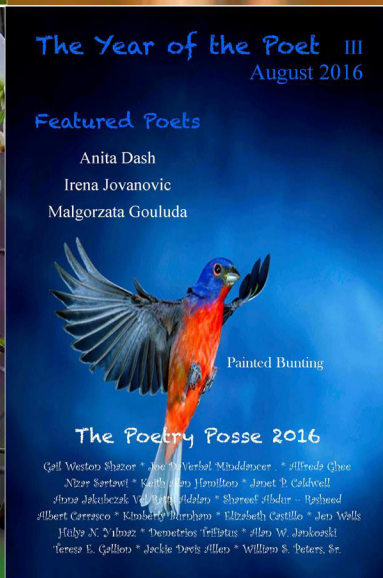
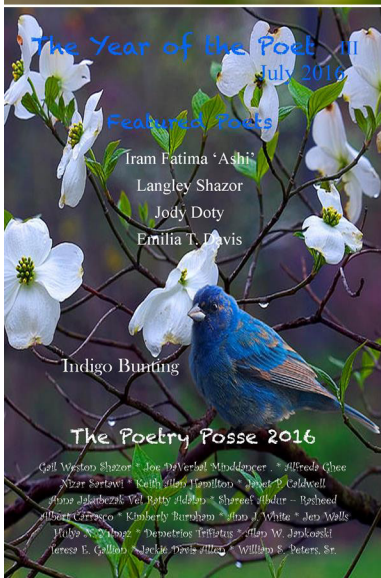
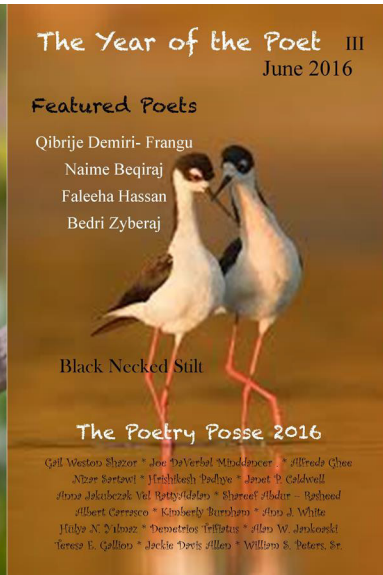
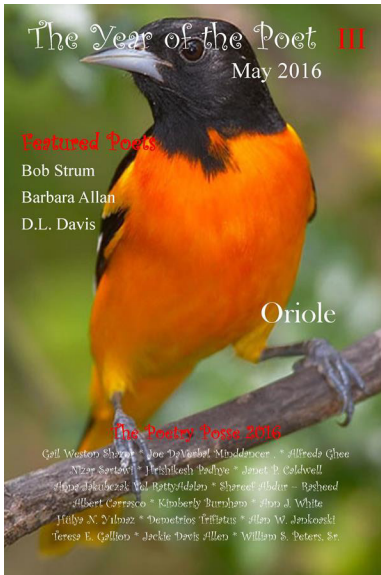
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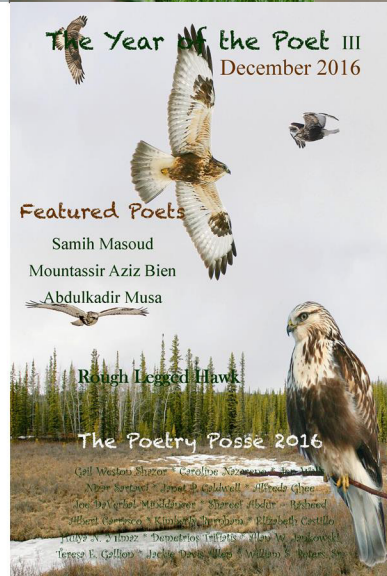
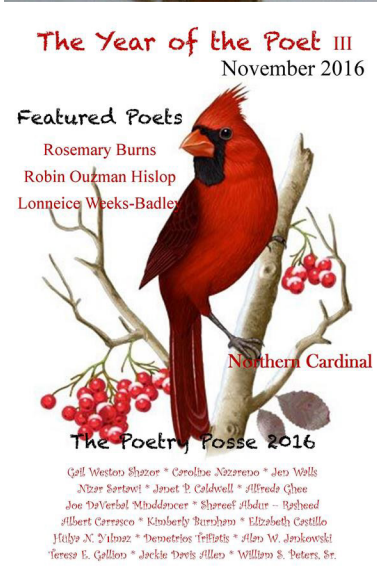
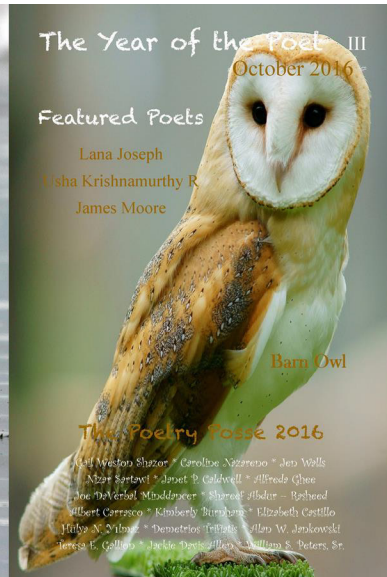


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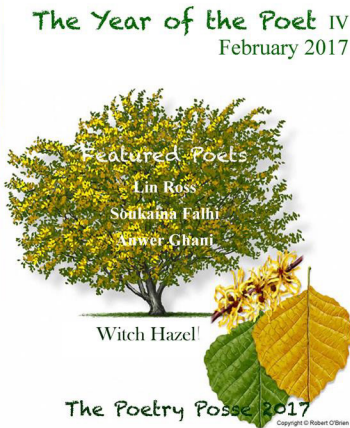


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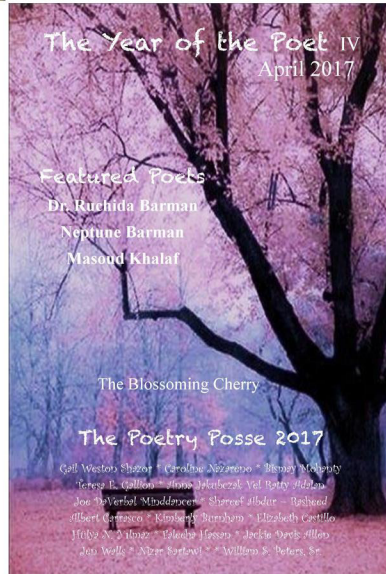
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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nizareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Aldana  
Joe DeVerbal Miodanczer \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Yimaz \* Falecha Hossain \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Surtawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nizareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Aldana  
Joe DeVerbal Miodanczer \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Yimaz \* Falecha Hossain \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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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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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Aldana  
Joe DeVerbal Miodanczer \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Yimaz \* Falecha Hossain \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Surtawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Aldana  
Joe DeVerbal Miodanczer \* Shereef Abdur - Rashad  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry

Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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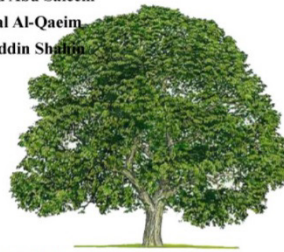
October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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

## The Year of the Poet IV

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



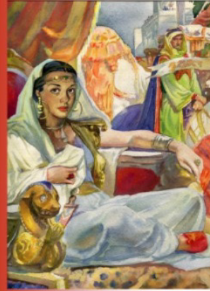
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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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##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

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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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  
Nizar Sartaawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018

### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman



### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartaawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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

Sabah Abu-Lawi  
Swagata Bohara  
Nurhan Gonen  
Suzanne Riegler



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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May 2018

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

The Sumerians




**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**  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

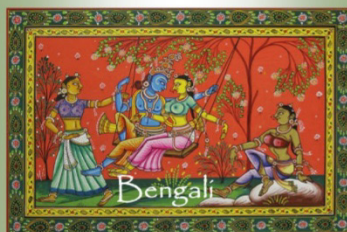
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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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May 2019

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



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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

**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**  
August 2019

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



Southwest 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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September 2019


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



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


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



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

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



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

January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dumant & Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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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 Paire  
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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



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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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 VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1960



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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September 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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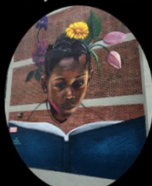
## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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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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### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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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

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadaïro Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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January 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change : The Ice Cap



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

February 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Mountains



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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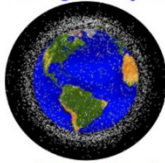
## The Year of the Poet IX

March 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Space Debris



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

April 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Oceans



\*Celebrating our 100th Edition \*

Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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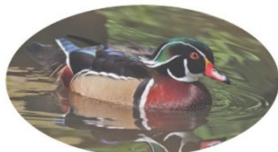
## The Year of the Poet IX

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 \* Azeezat 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 Turunc \* Tali Cohen Shabtai

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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September 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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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 IX

October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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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 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

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



**Iqbal Masih**

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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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**

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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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

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
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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**

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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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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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



Ryan Hreljac

### The Poetry Posse 2023

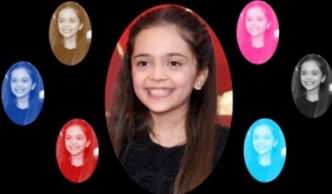
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## The Year of the Poet X July 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Bana al-Abed ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
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### Featured Global Poets

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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

Children : Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

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~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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Noreen Snyder \* Ramkrishna Paul

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~ Malala Yousafzai ~

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Xanthi Hondrou-Hil \* Francesco Favetta

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~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

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Shafkat Aziz Hajam \* Elarbi Abdelfattah

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~ Melati and Isabel Wijzen ~

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Daniela Marian \* Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskon

### Renowned Poets



~ Phyllis Wheatley ~

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Lidia Chiarelli \* Lina Buividavičiūtė

### Renowned Poets



~ Omar Khayyam ~

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### Featured Global Poets

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

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~ Nâzım Hikmet ~

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Rajashree Mohapatra \* Shirley Smothers

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~ William Butler Yeats ~

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Rayees Ahmad Kumar \* Solomon C Jatta

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~ Makhanlal Chaturvedi ~

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~ Langston Hughs ~

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Errol Bean \* Michael Lee Johnson

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~ Pablo Neruda ~

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Li Bai ~

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

### Renowned Poets



~ William Ernest Henley ~

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Adam Mickiewicz ~

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Wole Soyinka ~

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### Featured Global Poets

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Imru' al-Qais ~

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### Featured Global Poets

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



Innocence  
Daisy



Joy  
Marigold



Longing  
Camellia

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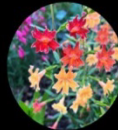
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### Featured Global Poets

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



Curiosity  
Hibiscus



Fear  
Minulus



Lonlines  
Butterfly Weed

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## The Year of the Poet XII March 2025

### Featured Global Poets

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



Frustration  
Petunias



Sorrow  
Purple Hyacinth



Detrmination  
Amaryllis

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## 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  
Centauray



Grief  
Chrysanthemums

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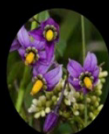
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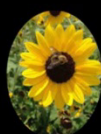
Swayam Prashant \* Ngozi Olivia Osuoha  
Kazimierz Burnat \* Deepak Kumar Dey



Bittersweetness  
Bittersweetness



Empathy  
Lillies



Sadness  
Sunflowers

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### Featured Global Poets

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



Love  
Red Roses



Gratitude  
Blue Hydrangea



Contentment  
Azure Bluets

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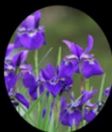
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### Featured Global Poets

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



Nostalgia  
Lillacs



Wisdom  
Purple Iris



Fearlessness  
Gladiolas

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### Featured Global Poets

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



Connection  
Sunflower



Fulfillment  
Lotus



Hope  
Daffodils

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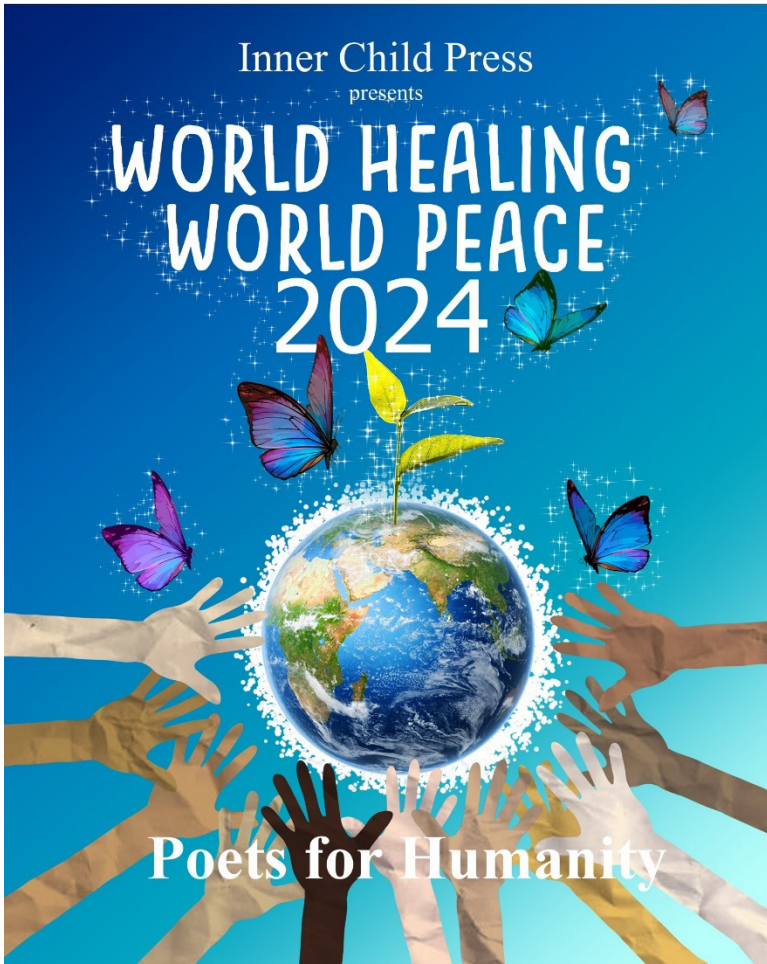


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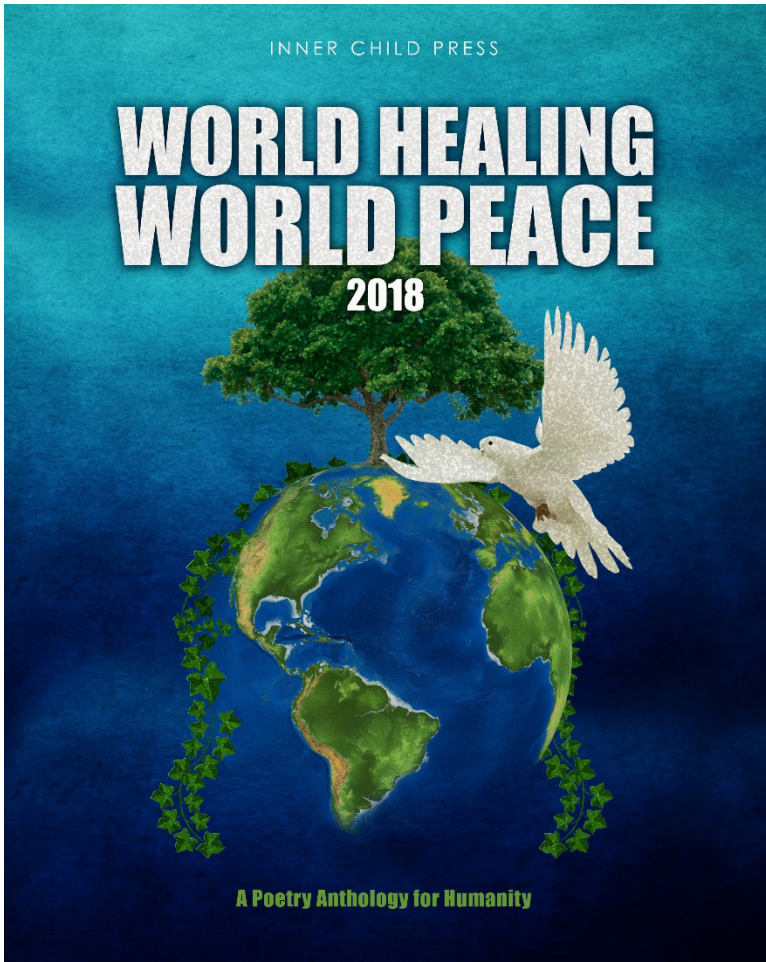
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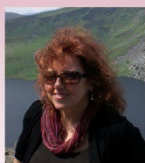
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