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

Janet P. Caldwell

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F oreword

The Norse

Poetry has always been a vessel through which humanity remembers—its gods and heroes, its fears and hopes, its battles and dreams. In this special Year of the Poet issue, we journey into the ancient world of the Norse, where words carried the weight of prophecy, courage, fate, and legend.

The Norse tradition offers us a poetic landscape shaped by towering gods, fearless warriors, mystical beings, and the ever-present awareness of destiny. From Odin's relentless pursuit of wisdom to Thor's thunderous strength, from the haunting beauty of the Northern realms to the inevitable coming of Ragnarök, Norse mythology reminds us that even the mightiest figures are not untouched by uncertainty, sacrifice, and change.

Yet this issue is not merely an exploration of mythology. It is an invitation to listen to the echoes of an ancient people through the voices of contemporary poets. The Norse world becomes a mirror through which we may contemplate our own struggles, our search for meaning, our relationship with nature, and our understanding of courage and mortality.

The ancient skalds transformed history, mythology, and oral tradition into verse. Today, poets continue that tradition in their own way—turning memory into language, silence into song, and imagination into a bridge between generations. Through poetry, the past does not remain distant. It breathes again.

This issue celebrates that enduring connection. May these pages carry you across mist-covered landscapes and mythic realms, where ravens circle above ancient halls, winds whisper through the forests, and the voices of gods and mortals mingle with the voice of the poet.

And perhaps, as you read, you will discover that the old stories are not truly old at all.

They still speak of us.

They still ask us who we are.

They still remind us that even when the world approaches its twilight, the poet can create another dawn.

Welcome to the Norse. Welcome to the poetry of myth, memory, fate, and rebirth.

Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo

International Author, Poet, Visual

Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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The Norse



One theme running through early Norse poetry is the idea that we are both. We can be fierce and strong as well as tender and gentle. An Icelandic poet, Egill Skallagrímsson (c. 910–990) was a chieftain, farmer, warrior, and skald, the Old Norse term for a poet. Much of what we know about him comes from “Egils saga”, which portrays a fierce, difficult man who was also capable of extraordinary tenderness and grief. In “Sonatorrek” (Loss of Sons) he laments, “Much doth it task me / My tongue to move / Through my throat to utter / The breath of song.”

We all struggle in the face of loss and sadness. Sometimes, it is poetry that brings us through to the song again.

A Danish Romantic poet, Adam Oehlenschläger (1779–1850) was fascinated by the ancient Scandinavian past

and helped bring Norse mythology, heroic legend, runes, gods, giants, and medieval Scandinavian stories back into nineteenth-century literature. His enormous mythological poem "Nordens Guder" (The Gods of the North), retells stories of Thor, Odin, Loki, Freya, the giants, and Ragnarök.

His work encourages us to contemplate what from the past has meaning for us. What are we trying to bring back and remember? What treasures of our literary past have we lost or forgotten? It is said that the loss of a language is the equivalent of a bomb blowing up the Louvre in Paris. Do you write in any languages other than English? Are you bringing past themes or styles of literature back to life?

Another Icelandic poet, Jónas Hallgrímsson (1807–1845) helped found the journal "Fjölnir" in Copenhagen and his poems combine Icelandic landscape, Romanticism, longing, nationalism, natural observation, and the formal inheritance of Old Norse poetry. His birthday is now celebrated as Icelandic Language Day. In his poem, "Iceland", "Iceland, fortunate isle! Our beautiful, bountiful mother! / Where are your fortune and fame, freedom and virtue of old?"

Do you long for a different way of life, more like the past? Do you look at your own country or community and say, "Where are your fortune and fame, freedom and virtue of old?"

Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson (1832–1910) a Norwegian poet, symbolizes the older Scandinavian idea of the poet as a public voice or "skald" surviving in modern political and national poetry. His writing was closely involved with Norwegian national identity, social reform,

political independence, and the peace movement. The lyrics of his "Ja, vi elsker dette landet" became Norway's national anthem. He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1903. With "I lived far more than e'er I sang", he invites us to wonder are we truly living? Are we singing and finding the joy to be had? How do we respond to the world around us in our lives?

The Sweed, Gustaf Fröding's (1860–1911) poetry became famous for its musical language, humor, sympathy for ordinary people, melancholy, nature imagery, and its use of spoken language and regional dialect. With *I ungdomen* (In Youth) he describes the natural world, "The river sparkles so beautifully / it chirps so merrily in the furrow... / in the lap of my mother nature." I am struck by the possessive, "My mother nature." Do we care more about the land if we think of it as, "my mother nature?"

Edith Södergran (1892-1923) was born in St. Petersburg and became one of the great early modernists writing in Swedish, although she was Finnish. Influenced by Symbolism, Expressionism, and other European modernist movements, she abandoned many conventional poetic forms in favor of startling declarations, free verse, elemental imagery, and an expansive poetic self. She developed tuberculosis as a teenager and died at thirty-one and encourages us to consider who we are. What are we doing with our one precious life? From *Vierge moderne*, she says, "I am not a woman. I am neutrois. I am a child, a tomboy, a bold decision..." What are you? How do you self-define? Her poems are full of suns, stars, trees, seas, flames, bodies, transformation, freedom, and startling declarations of identity.

In a similar vein, Karin Boye (1900–1941), a Swedish poet repeatedly explores inner transformation, conflicting desires, courage, vulnerability, growth, and the difficult process of becoming something new. In *Yes, Of Course It Hurts*, she writes, "Yes, of course it hurts when buds are breaking. Why else would the springtime falter?" Her poem uses the opening of a spring bud as a metaphor for psychological transformation: becoming new can involve both pain and release.

Tomas Tranströmer (1931–2015) was a Swedish poet who also worked professionally as a psychologist, including work with young offenders and people facing disability and addiction. He received the 2011 Nobel Prize in Literature for poetry characterized by what the Swedish Academy called "condensed, translucent images" like these in *Allegro*, "I play Haydn after a black day / and feel a simple warmth in my hands."

What do you feel or notice after a "black day?" How do you shift your attention to the beautiful and comfortable? Do you turn to poetry?

Kimberly Burnham

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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

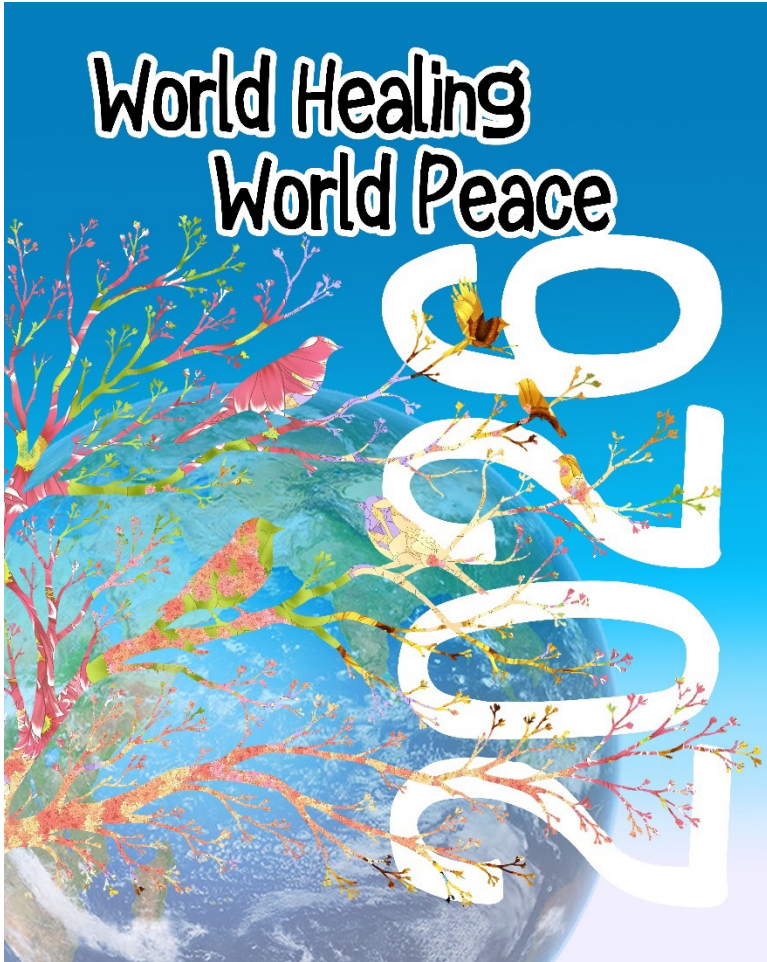




Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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Gail
Weston
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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.

The Norse

A

Tree

Yggdrasil

At the center

Of the nine known worlds

Fed by the river Urd

Might at the will of Odin

Only at Ragnorak did it bow.

Asthma

I feel you, thumb
Pressing the cough
Back behind my teeth
I think I barely notice you
Until I have need
Of your ready services
These days I find
That the last cough
Is pretty much the same
As the first, damp
I do not know days
That remain headache free
And as my body creeps toward death
I reflect on those
Who have moved beyond the veil
It is a funny turn of phrase
Noisy enough to
"Wake the dead"
When I know that they
Remain here
Ancestors that stand in the rain
I am weary
Of that which causes discomfort
And exhausted of that
Which causes pain
And I would give you the space for joy
That you seek
If you allow the grace for grief
That I pull across broken ribs
And take to my bed

One Love

I lost the title in my thoughts
So jumbled together as they were
Fleeting around the edges
Of memories, old, new and coming
Gone are the days
That we separated each other
By skin color
And when my generation dies
You will have to find colorism in a book
There is no forbidden love
No love that we have to be jailed for possessing
I can remember being bi-colored
High Yellow
Mullato
Mixed Race
And I only think on bears now
Would I fear a polar bear more than a brown bear?
Are my white relatives to be feared
More than my black or
My Indian tribe,
I don't think so
I wonder if sisters on each side
Of the Berlin Wall would genetically change
To enemies
Or did the Tutsis gain education because
They favored the Belgians more in complexion
Than the Hutus
All sharing a common language
For thousands of years with the TWA people
Why is a house slave better
Then a yard slave
Or a field slave
800,000 rumors on African soil
1 little girl on Mississippi soil

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Who has never seen a bear free
Taught that life labeled dangerous
Had to be caged
And still clinging to the thought
Of Native ancestors that all life
Is cherished life
I drink water now
And ponder on the life that calls to me
From the margins
Jumbled together as they are
Whispering to be heard
This started as a Happy Mother's day piece
And so it goes
All women are wisdom bearers
And they exist to share the knowledge
Whether actively birthing or not
As they teach the children
All children
To see life
Question life
And protect life
So bears can continue to exist
Free
So we can continue to exist
Without labels
Free

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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).

A Viking's Funeral

The longship has sailed away to Valhalla.
The Valkyries have shown the way
to the realm of eternal happiness.

There, Odin welcomes
the warrior fallen in battle.
The great hall opens its hundred doors.

It is time to begin another fight.
In the evening, a feast awaits,
and mead will flow from drinking horns.
Golden spears rise from the walls,
gleaming shields adorn the ceiling,
and Death sings sagas of heroes.

Summing Up

In my aunt's cataract-clouded eyes
flax flowers scatter,
and time changes colour.
Memories return,
sketching moments long gone.
Once more, she is a little girl
in an age steeped in brown terror.
Swastikas clash with hammer and sickle,
and the flag takes on the colours
of earth and blood.
Church bells toll the alarm,
the glow of burning fires veils the clouds,
human cries tear through the silence of night,
while graveyard stillness enfolds the land.
A little village vanishes from memory.
Weeds overgrow the traces of cottages,
yet the bones of the murdered
whisper, after all these years...
the Volhynian massacre.
What was it all for?
my aunt asks in a trembling voice.
Could we not have lived together?
Could we not simply have been
decent human beings?

Generations

My reality touches yours.
My memories are history;
yours are only yesterday.

Entangled in time,
we understand each other
and yet fail completely to comprehend—
the realities of life divide us.

You look with wonder at books—
gatherers of dust and written knowledge.
You believe without reservation in progress.
I know
that one day a magnetic storm will come,
blowing away the world of the Internet,
and wisdom will hang suspended in the clouds.

Til
Kumari
Sharma

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

The Norse

Norsemen were known as ashmen.

Norse were known from Anglo Saxon time.

Norsemen came from early eight century too.

They came from Scanvidium time.

They were referred to Germanic group too.

Early time with civilization was there.

The word is come from the word Dutch.

It seems to develop from 16 th century too.

It is the meaning of Northman too.

It is Norse speaking by people.

Norse refers to huge civilization.

Not known now though value is enough.

Healing Desert

Feeling joy within nature,

Making tears as reliable sources of life

Taking journey to Desert in Rajasthan I am feeling joy.

The tears are turning to art of healing.

The complexity of life is really unbearable.

Though hoping to be future light for all.

The desert of life is wonderful to associate me a lot.

The desert of Rajasthan is finished to visit.

Let's take of joy in nature to heal failure of life and love.

Beauty of Nature

Really beauty is there.

Painful the life seems.

Healing by natural drought to console the life of tragic
pain.

The delight of the morning

Sun of evening is wonderful.

The sunshine is delight in every second of life.

The journey to desert is hot sun.

Salty water is here.

Amazing nature is here.

Wonderful connection within nature is here.

The death also becomes confusion to take tears of mine.

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.

Winter in the Winds of the North Sea

The sea blows its salt ashore from behind the islands.
Beyond the village, timber racks spread their gaunt ribs.
Cod after cod is hoisted into winter,
like white letters never sent.
Neither fire nor gravestone is required
only the cold, keeping the flesh tight-lipped,
and the wind, turning page after page, airing out the damp.
Fishermen's lifelines remain tethered to the sea lanes.
By the hearth, their wives measure out silence.
Children read the seasons between the fishbones.
The whole village hangs its hunger high,
lest snow arrive and bite into a human name.
By spring, the fish are light enough to cross borders.
The hold receives them, and all the longing left ashore.
Distant markets weigh the North Sea in copper coins,
while a single meal slowly ransoms back an entire winter.
Later, we too learn this way of keeping:
no longer steeping the past for years in tears,
but hanging it where the heart lies open to the wind,
letting time strip away the clamor and leave the grain.
Forgetting, it turns out, is not a form of loss,
but a night when the tongue soaks the departed back into
the world.

Polar Night Leaves a Little Flame in Every Window

Dusk hands its last gold coin to the rooftops.
The harbor, the alleys, the frost-bound bicycles
are gathered at once into an ink without edges.
Polar night arrives without knocking.
It merely slows the bells
and lengthens every road home.
So people kindle small fires behind their windows
not to illuminate the world,
but so one face may still be known by another.
Soup murmurs its low dialect in the pot.
Bread, broken open, exhales a warm white mist.
Chairs draw close; their shadows cease to wander.
One person knits, another reads;
another simply lays a hand over someone else's.
Even silence is given a place at the table.
Outside, darkness seals the North into a long letter.
Inside, the wick replies in its tiny script:
home is not a wall raised against the cold,
but a little light we choose to keep for one another.
The deepest night, it seems, does not teach us loneliness.
It only takes the faraway from us for a while,
so at last we may see who has been sitting beside us.

June: Wear Flowers Like a Crown

June crosses the meadow, its hem trailing clover.
Along the woodland edge, people gather cornflowers and daisies,
braiding the fleeting into a ring and setting it upon the brow,
as though all the North were being crowned.
The midsummer pole rises, upheld by green leaves.
The earth becomes a single verdant hand,
pointing toward a sun that has nearly forgotten to set.
Children dance around it, tracing little rings of time.
Adults, too, briefly surrender their years.
At one pull of the accordion, the hillside discovers its tide.
New potatoes bear words the soil has yet to finish.
Herring, dill, and strawberries arrange the long table into a season.
Wine catches the image of a sky refusing to go dark.
Yet laughter has not forgotten winter.
It knows that light is only a guest from far away:
however long it lingers, it must eventually rise.
And so each toast is offered with more care than eternity,
each embrace laying by a little warmth for days to come.
It is not that the North has never learned to ask things to stay;
it simply knows better than anyone: summer brings no luggage.
By morning, the flower crowns will bow beside the door,
and we will have worn what must wither, solemnly, upon our heads.

Noreen
Snyder

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

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

Norse

The Norse people thrived in Scandinavia.

Norse were honorable, loyal,
courageous, and self-reliance

They lived mostly on farms,
to tend crops, raise livestock, and fish,
and some were Vikings.

In their spare time, they had wrestling,
swimming races, played board games,
listened to Norse sagas, and listened to
the Skalds reciting their poetry.

Will God Answer?

Tears streaming down the eight-year-old girl's face
Like a river flowing steadily
As she stared out the dirty bedroom window
Looking up toward Heaven,
"Hello God, it's me!
You're my last hope.
You see, I don't have any more friends left.
The kids' mommies and daddies don't want them
Around me anymore because of my mommy.
She does this thing called dope
And now I'm nothing to her.
Her dope is before me.
I told her to stop
But she won't listen to me.
Oh, God, I just want my mommy back.
I want us to be close
Like a mother-daughter should be.
I want my mommy to be there for me,
To give me advice,
To help me with my school problems.
I want my mommy to comb and do my hair
Then she would tell me to look in the mirror
And smile and say with a big grin,
"Wow, my baby, you look so pretty!"
I want my mommy to sing me to sleep
Or tell me bedtime stories.
I want my mommy to take me to the park
So she can push me on the swing
Or watch me go down the slide.
I want us to laugh together
At silly jokes.
I want her to teach me about life

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Like how to clean house, about working,
How to cook
And how to survive in this world.
I want her to be there for me
When I grow up, when I become
A teenager, when I get my
First boyfriend
And he breaks my heart for the first time,
When I go to my first school dance,
When I graduate from high school,
When I get my first job,
When it's time to go to college or not.

God, tell me, so is this too much to ask?

God, when I meet my dream man
We fall in love, get married
And have a baby
And my daughter becomes eight years old,
She wants a grandmother and her love
Like I want my mommy's love.
I just want my mommy to hug me
And say, "I love you and I'm proud of you, my baby."
So I can be proud of my mommy, too.
Just like I want my future eight-year-old daughter
To say about her grandma, too.
So tell me, God, is this too much to ask?

Kick My Muses (Haiku)

Give me some homework

Kick my muses for head start

Now my thoughts won't stop.

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The Whisper of Yggdrasil

Beneath the ancient branches of Yggdrasil,
the worlds breathe in silence,
roots drinking from forgotten waters,
while the wind carries
the names of gods and mortals
into eternity.

I stand beneath its shadow
and wonder—

how many lives
have fallen like leaves
from the tree of time?

Odin walks among the branches,
one eye searching
for what wisdom refuses to reveal.

The ravens return at dusk,
bringing fragments of the world—
wars, dreams,
the cries of those who seek meaning
among the ruins.

Yet the tree remains.

Rooted in darkness,
reaching toward light,
holding heaven and earth
in one eternal embrace.

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Perhaps we are like Yggdrasil—
wounded by every storm,
scarred by every season,
yet still reaching.

Still becoming.

Still alive.

When the Valkyries Ride

I hear them before I see them—

the thunder of hooves
across a sky painted silver,
the Valkyries descending
through clouds of fire and mist.

They do not come
to comfort the dying.

They come to carry
the brave.

Across the battlefield,
where broken shields
sleep beside fallen dreams,
they gather the souls
who refused to surrender
to fear.

Perhaps courage
is not the absence of death.

Perhaps it is
the quiet decision
to rise again
when everything within us
has already fallen.

The Valkyries ride onward,
their wings carrying stories
between worlds.

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And somewhere beyond
the last horizon,

the fallen awaken
beneath golden halls,

where no wound remains
and no warrior
stands alone.

Before Ragnarok

The gods knew
the darkness was coming.

Even the stars
seemed to tremble
in the northern sky.

Fimbulwinter stretched
its frozen fingers
across the earth.

The seas whispered.

The mountains waited.

And somewhere in the distance,
Fenrir broke his chains.

Yet even at the edge
of the world's ending,

there was something beautiful
about the silence.

For endings are not always
empty spaces.

Sometimes they are doors.

Sometimes destruction
clears the ground
for something yet unnamed.

The gods would fall.

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The old world
would burn.

The sea would rise
over the remnants
of what had been.

And still—

life would return.

Green leaves
would unfold
beneath a newborn sun.

Two souls
would emerge
from the shelter of the forest,

carrying the fragile promise
of tomorrow.

Perhaps Ragnarok
was never only about endings.

Perhaps it was a reminder—

that even after
the longest winter,

creation remembers
how to begin again.

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Mutawaf Shaheed

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Norseman

Norse was a force to be reckoned with,
switching styles while getting points across.

Expressing meanings that they understood,
would stand the test of time.

Relating to their environment would help them
stay the course.

Egill 's strength of Viking values showed
up in his work.

Reflecting on daily life and all the tests that came
with it, were examples of the Viking strength.

Telling stories of their laurels was the center of
the truth.

Hardy folks with hardy ways, spent their
days preparing for the months ahead.

Traveling far afield to establish their legacy.
If you look it won't be hard to see.

At 25 MPH

I'm gliding through things that won't
quit trying to sidetrack me. Observations
are not condemnations, they just look
different than what I see. Hearing songs
that never seem to stop playing. Emotions
seeking me out one by one.

Balancing two moods at the same time.
Minutes pass fast melodies don't last as long
as they used to. Amazing to me is for me to see,
someone on the brink of becoming extinct still
prowling and growling, like mad dogs thinks.

Measuring the gaps in my imagination. Filling
in the blanks i left in the lines I left behind in the
last story I told. I am in in recovery from language
abuse. Inspired by words that don't get tired,
connecting letters that make us feel better if we
say them out loud.

Crowds are noisy. Leaving messages with notes
tied to them, sometimes sounds better. Expressing
myself with espresso doesn't make my nights feel
as long. Phone calls that I don't answer are
questionable. In the middle of the constructing this
piece from scrap papers and things on the back of
envelopes,

I wonder who the heck that could be reaching out to
reach me? Who is that that's calling? Would it be safe
to go outside my mind and find someone like me? I
know there a limit and I know that we are all in it.
Twenty-five miles per hour is fast enough for me.

Cold Sober

The crew is coming over with the other brothers. Doing some N.A's coffee and tea with some other drinks made by me. We doing cold sober. Going to look at the Browns upset the Philadelphia Eagles. Got new chip and dip, made up by Izzy's umi. Have to put the game on pause, because it is time for sulli. Mut'min, the kitchen amir, is in here, dictating what's going to be on the menu. Our brother slim on the desk at IRM. Can't wait too late to take him a plate.

The mean uncle Yaseen, he ain;t even coming. The reason I can say all this is, because I'm cold sober. Akuya, we really chilling! The room echo's with tunes like, Al- Hamdulilah, MashAllah, InshAllah, Allah hu Akbar. Then someone says, please pass me the cheese. If you don't mind, hand me that half of glass of water. That's because we all cool and cold sober. The proper adab is easy to grab when you follow the protocols and procedures.

One of the guys even suggested some grits! I see Dahim dreaming, about his new releases. Ahmad still explaining why he is remaining with a new flip phone, he said they gave him a good deal! Everybody there, is cold sober. That's the reason why we be chilling. Nothing there to befog our minds. Motor cycles, police sirens crying, saying, get the hell out the way. That there is a topic for another day. No lying news, no stupid talk in the mix, no tricks.

Even the cat in the corner is cold sober. Amin and Muk, counting the loot, crying about how we could have some money. Took up dibs on some beef ribs from the halal spot on the other side of town. Iman roofing just muted his phone so we could hear the ref's decision. Tamir bought the brownies they were gone in a jiffy. He told us brother Yaseen, said he wasn't going to be there because he was

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from Corrington in east Tennessee. Khalil was cool, he was looking up some stuff on Goggle.

Things are so good with our brotherhood, I forgot to ask who won the game. You could tell everybody there was cold sober.

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Is It All a Myth?

‘Despite their fame’ as “raiders,”
The Norse were “peaceful farmers” . . .
Thus claim some sources today
Without an ounce of a counterargument.

History belongs to those who write it
Is a statement that has been for long
A subject for doubtful open discussions.
It is not the intent here to prove or disprove it.

However, . . . two examples among others
Evidence how the oft-questioned claim above
Speaks for itself:
Thucydides, an ancient Athenian Greek writer,
Exiled and defeated, defines the history of the
Peloponnesian War with his accounts.
And then, there are revisionist narratives
Confederate supporters promoted for decades
After losing the American Civil War.

So, . . . the famous African proverb,
“Until the lion learns to write,
Every story will glorify the hunter,”
As it attained global popularity
Through the prominent Nigerian novelist
Chinua Achebe, may be said
To represent the truth after all.

Vikings

A term designated either for a specific profession

Or used to identify a subset of Norsemen . . .

Now beware! This group of Norsemen were engaged in

Seafaring piracy and raiding expeditions.

But then, came loud and clear

The European historians' excuse:

“All Vikings were Norse, but not all Norse were Vikings.”

Farmers Among the Norse

Farming peacefully

Per the Europeans' claim

Quick! Make history . . .

Teresa
E.
Gallion



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Praise for the Norse

They come from the edge of earth.
Their ships glide across violent seas.
Oars move in a unified strength.

Masculine energy dominates.
Women fall into their roles
with strength more powerful than words.

The wind beneath the flames
tell the quiet story
that the feminine energy rules.

Generations of survivors
rising from Scandinavian roots,
proudly carry a Viking flag.

Language of Silence

The language of silence echoes in my ears.
It feeds me a reality
blooming from decades of living.

I am still learning what it means
to observe silence
and embrace the peace that flows

from the bounty.
The silence is not empty,
but full of insight on who

you really are as soul.
Renting space in this body,
learning to enjoy your own company

is an exercise in spiritual growth.
Make friends with that relationship with self.
It is like a prayer, meditation or just being present.

You Are Enough

Sometimes experience comes hard.
You struggle to shut down the
noise of should or ought too.

Come to terms with a life that is enough.
Gratitude is a wonderful ride
of ups and downs and glorious sunrises.

When you come to the point of embracing
the life you have and stop comparing yours
to others and imaginary images,

you arrive at that place
of infinite grace.
Hug it tightly.

Ashok
K.
Bhargava



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Beyond the Known

What is it
that the Norse wanted?
The smell of oysters,
seaweed
stitched to their breath.
They crossed uncharted
horizons,
guided by stars
across oceans
that carried
only storms.
Some returned.
Some settled
Iceland, Greenland, and Vinland.
Others perished at sea.
Their voyages
enlarged the world,
leaving light
where certainty
had ended.

Renewal

Each time you sail back to me,
it feels as though
I'm seeing you for the first time.
Between silence and smiles,
the years dissolve,
and time forgets its passing.
Your gentle hands touch my soul
like silvery lake water,
like a spring breeze.

I fall in love
once more,
again and again.

Moonlit Eternity

The moonlit night
shines brighter than the day,
hiding the darkness.

Silence
guides emptiness
into emptiness.

As I fall into your arms,
ecstasy fills the void
with desire.

Eternity holds us together
as the first rays of dawn
evaporate our essence.

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

Links to her works:

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The Wallflower

She wears silence,
Unnoticed bud,
She stands soft and unknown,
Her shadows spin passionately,
In the stillness,
Like a quiet flame,
Eyes like a dusky moon,
In the hush of flares,
And dancing gentle games,
The petals are unseen,
She is sometimes a forgotten frame,
Where her name once tied,
Her face, a mirror of emotions,
A billion tales of catharsis,
Not in isolation,
Just reminding you that,
Not all need a stage,
Not all flowers need sunlight,
Not all dancers need the spotlight,
Just a quiet wallflower,
A lone flower of twilight,
The world has never heard yet,
Unstoppable bloom.

The Zeitgeist's Vow

The clamor of now
Whispers fabric of the ageless vows
Between revolutions
Truth that speaks the seeds of fortitude,
Even the world mirrors broken illusions,
Broken vows across the walls,
The soul needs a lifting spirit
To console and to support,
Which makes our hearts composed,
In the hums of distractions and wars,
The mindful taps one's shoulders
To dream with hopes and strength,
It is the breathing movement,
That pushes our leaps towards
The echoes of queer questions
That we carry deep.

Bedlam State

The world cracked the chaotic screams,
Like thunder and turbulence,
Our hearts are pressed against the cages
Souls searching for flights to keep control.
Kindness roars to forget the pain
Like children weeps in algorithmic raindrops,
While poets write their deepest thoughts
To pour down mercy and calm,
We ache with hands that mend
Through prayers and verses,
So let the confusion write its labeled doom,
Face it unshattered, brave the storm.

Swapna Behera



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Eddaic poetry versus Skaldic poetry

old Norse poetry
associated with
the age of Scandinavian culture
poetry preserved a rich legacy
sharpening modern fantasy
in oral
referred to the drink of the God
traditionally divided
into two main categories
Eddaic poetry
anonymous
mythological
and
heroic narratives
Skaldic poetry
courtly,
highly complex verses
composed by known poets
written as eulogy
for living kings and nobles
authors are named as Skalds
Eddaic poems preserved in the Codex Regius
short punchy stanzas
both use alliteration,
complex metaphors
called kennings
a legacy of polytheistic folk tradition
poetry is life
so don't ever fear death

Once upon a time there was a king

Once upon a time
there was a king
luxuriating in the palace
with the commanding voice
textured royalty
moon shines
in every giggle of the corridor
his crown reflects and clatter
beautiful damsels in his harem
from each victory that he picks up
music writes the preface
his tottering throne
the horse stable
his vigil grandeur
all engraved on each pillar
but why can't he sleep at night ?
far in the jungle a dim light
penetrates his heart
a curiosity
who lives there?
who plays flute in midnight?
the king was planning to win more land
the flute player disturbs
furious he was
ordered his minister to fix
the shepherd was brought
a bony skeleton he was
but with a radiant smile
and that bamboo flute
the king ordered to break the tune
innocent eyes had a blank look
the ceaseless rain trembled
but the shepherd was standing still

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the next night again the whistling
“Kill his sheep and torture this man
how can he be happy when his majesty the king is not ?
who has given him the right to be happy ?”
the lean and thin man standing
on the debris of his cottage
his dignity was like a scripture
the king was perplexed
the courtiers were smart
his thatched was broken
sheep were killed to have a grand feast
the man still looking at sky
last night jealousy was screaming
stars singing for the shepherd
peace can never be killed nor be destroyed
after all the boy was the fragrance
who can imprison the flowers?

election is over

election is over in the city
huge hoardings are orphan
fluttering in silence
on the main road and in the sub lanes
few missing birds are sitting on the electric wire
no mikes, no slogans ,no memorandums
election is over in the professor's lane
tv screen, pre pole arguments are gong on
intellectuals predict debate on black coffee
wrinkles, smokes, concrete essays move around
election is over under the overbridge
lot of earnings before the election
pasting the posters, sitting in the meetings
without knowing which political party sponsoring
per head five hundred
now only silence
elections are shy waves
fluttering wings of butterflies in the dreams
tea shops of midnight
scrolling of channels
platforms without crowds
big ballot boxes carrying the future
now stories will be written in print media and digital media
farmers waiting
for good subsidy on fertiliser
students waiting for less expensive education
and free bicycles
dreams are sold in the dark rooms
leaders become dealers
price hike reflects in the kitchen
we need medicine
we need quality air
we need quality food

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cancer patients need free chemotherapy
where are the visionaries?
where are the honest leaders?
are they sleeping?
where are the martyrs?
the soil is wet with their blood
pseudo promises road march
election is over
unemployed youth cries
democracy is locked
the key is lost
election is over
who is waiting there?
blood drops knocking

Albert
'Infinite'
Carrasco

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

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

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The Norse

They came from a world where the cold made men colder, they were wise and brave, they had battles, some were won and in others many men were slaughtered, they didn't dig graves, warriors brothers were sent to Valhalla through Valkyries or fire. Odin was a chief God that had Huginn and Muninn as thought and memory. Thors Mjöltnir was used as a weapon for protection, Loki was a trickster known for menacing actions, Freyja was known for beauty and fertility as well as a magician, Tyr oversaw law and was high ranked in war for his visions. Ravens flew, longships sailed, Wolves howled, Serpents slithered through fire and ice, there was constant wars for territory, Asgard, Midgard this is Viking life. Ragnarok wasn't just a battle of death destruction and pain, it was the ending of one world so another could rise through the flame.

A forecast of death and jail

It's plaques and stones, rows and ranges, downstate, upstate, yards and cages, we couldn't get jobs so we got work for prevailing wages. We're smoking back to back Godfather spliffs on all three eight hours shifts, we were higher than a mother fucker, in the game of death we rather die high than sober, we wasn't gonna bow down to murder, if we avoid the scythe we were prepared to become reapers to show and prove that we're each others keeper. Dudes are getting blown away like the flame from candles under picture murals on a windy day, that hard butta from soft yay had the heat in Hell's Kitchen turned up all the way. Slugs rained, in order to reign you had to bring the pain and every crew wanted to reign, so everyday in the life was the same forecast.... a possibility of slug storms of all grain.

NYC Griot

I remember the start for many hustlers, get money brothers, I've seen so many caskets on shoulders, I seen entire teams get carried by teammate pallbearers until the last player had to get carried by complete strangers like employees of the funeral director. I've ran the streets trappn with dead and living legends, I've broken bread with idolized men that are life time biddn and men that are looking down at the carnage of hell on earth from heaven. I don't care how strong or smart you was, survival was pure luck or gps guidance from a higher presence, not too many were lucky, most returned to the essence, I survived with a mixture of luck and my Father who art in heaven made sure no weapon's formed against me would prosper, I had to live in the fire in order to educate with my urban genre. Now I spit flame to give the third degrees, Infinite... the griot of the slums in NYC

Kimberly
Burnham

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After A Day

Sometimes, after a day of too many expectations
a bar set high because of successes
I am not magic, so these thoughts happen sometimes
the barrier on the bridge seems too close
too close to the edge
where no one would expect anything more from me

Then I see the green of the other side
the river's shoreline
the green light beckoning me forward
into the evening
the quiet of my home and my love
where I am expected to do simple things
cook food
wash dishes
sort laundry
write poetry

Put Down The Blade for Friðr

Friðr peace in Old Norse
not mere silence
the summer sun can set around
mountains in silence
a fierce blade can wait silently in its sheath

Friðr asks for something more
sit as the sun goes down in peace
put down the sword and mean it
let the stranger pass unharmed

Let yesterday's enemy sleep without listening
for boots outside the door
peace are the moments
we discover we are not only the watchman

The breath slows
the heart sees
the jaw unclenches
a child laughs
and reaches out for Friðr

What Friðr Remembers

The word has traveled a thousand summers
Old Norse friðr became friður in Iceland
fred farther east and south
while English misplaced its old frith
and kept echoes elsewhere

Words remember what speakers forget
inside friðr are rest and friendship
safety and sanctuary
the protected body
the welcomed traveler,
the season no one should violate
the quarrel brought to an end
breathing room after danger
the strange intimacy of being left alone

Peace is not one thing.
rather a circle of conditions
life becomes possible again
fields must be safe enough to plant
roads must be safe enough to travel
houses safe enough to sleep
plant, travel, sleep in friðr

The heart must be safe enough to soften
what the old word knows
we do not make peace merely by ending war
we make friðr by making a world
in which no one needs war to begin again

Where friðr gives birth to more
Dutch vrede (peace, quiet, tranquility)
German frieden (peace, tranquility)
Danish fred (peace, serenity)
Swedish frid (peace, serenity)

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Icelandic friður (peace, tranquility)

Scots frethe, freith (to set free, liberate)

Danish frede (to have peace, protect, enclose, fence in)

Swedish freda (to cover, protect, quiet, enclose, fence in)

Icelandic friða (to make peace, preserve)

all joining the river of words flowing towards peace

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Eliza
Segiet

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Award - *World Poets Association* (2023).

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

Games

The art of drinking from a bull's horn
must have been difficult,
yet that pastime gave Vikings a lot of joy.
You didn't want to put the *vessel* down
every bit of liquid was too precious.

To drink till you dropped, to the very end,
to death.

During the feast,
they fed on all kinds of games:
half-drowning an opponent in swimming contests,
knife juggling,
running the line of oars thrust out from the boat,
whoever fell into the water no longer was in the game.
One less!

Those, sometimes bloody, games
gave them a break from the everyday.

Today people flee reality by going online:
they kill for pretend,
they cheat for real.
The twenty-first century has its own laws
with those who
speak only to themselves
and raise toasts before the mirror.

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

Descendants

To tip the scales of values so
– that only good would rule.

It would make sense
if the world
swirled around beauty
and was not consumed by
those who emerging from their gloom of meagerness
try to prove their infallibility.

People may be
wise or not
ugly or charming.
If only they were the ones
who see that next to them live
others
who have the right to decide about themselves
and not be those trodded upon, lacking in will mannequins.

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Usefulness

To talk about him or not,
to pretend that what's said will heal the pain?
Forgetting is not easy,
but ceaselessly evoking memories
do expire.

To live
as if yesterday with him never was
is the only way to cut off the rope of memories,
and the death of the past became the future,
invigorated by real life.

Translated by Dorota Stepieńska

Khalice
Jade



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

The Fjord's Mist

Beneath the veil of mist where fjord unfolds,
Waters glide slowly, mirror of the skies;
The wind sings in bursts of countless ties,
And dark forests welcome kings of old.
Pines lean toward the silver waves,
And the sky blazes with uncertain fires;
Solitude inspires human desires
With breath of life that endlessly paves.
Thus I walk, confidante of the winds,
Listening to stones and the echoes of time;
And my soul melts in northern light that binds.
In the cold gleam of mornings, jade-hued nights,
I keep in mind shadow and clarity,
And the fjords' song guides my wandering flights.

The Fire Of Midgard

In polar night where flames dance bright,
The fire warms hands and stories told;
Around it, warriors recount feats bold,
And time suspends its breath, halts its flight.
Runes etched whisper to attentive hearts,
Viking legends mingle with the wind;
The sea beats rocks with eternal grind,
And human souls awaken to their parts.
Thus the ancient world lives through gestures,
Confidante of lives and secret quests;
And man learns strength and radiant measures.
In the song of winds and fjord's shiver,
I gather voices of northern lands,
And gods' breath guides my heart's endeavor.

The Soul Of The Seracs

At the heart of glaciers where silence reigns,
The spirits of elders watch the valleys wide;
Northern gods whisper to sacred mountains' side,
And snow descends, teaching memory's chains.
Crows cross the sky in flashes of black,
Drakkars glide to the rhythm of the winds;
Sagas tell feats in fiery bends,
And man learns hope along his track.
Thus the land vibrates beneath shadow and light,
Confidante of myths and vanished lives;
And northern breath guides our prayers aright.
In polar glow and seraphic shade,
I feel the souls of heroes and their ways,
And ancient legends at last are displayed.

William
S.
Peters Sr.



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

Bill says . . .

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

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Death vs. Life

While the rest of the now civilized Europe
Lived in caves
And mud and straw huts,
The Norse brought forth
Civilization?
Not . . . Maybe . . . who knows?
And to this day
The barbarism and ignorance as taught
Promulgates amongst the tribes

The 'Christed One'
Said . . .
"Father forgive them,
For they know not what they do."
And yet they profess
To live by these same words
Along with the
Delusory hypocrisy
They term as 'civilized'

What has changed
Besides the centuries
In which they have practiced
To perfect the art
Of Death vs Life?

Upon the Way

There will come a day
That your chair at the table
Will be empty ...
And all that will remain
Is the art of your legacy,
The precious memories of you
You left behind

We thank the storytellers
And reminiscers
Who repaint the pictures
Of our existence
Be it factual, actual,
Refracted or distorted
For that is a fitting tribute
That you made somewhat
Of a difference

People will walk in your footprints
Either by design, default or accident ...
Blame them not,
For they too are but
Trying to find their way
Through life's wilderness,
Seeking an uncertain, indescribable
Nominal prize
Befitting of their efforts ..
But who amongst us
Can precisely predict
Outcomes, results and rewards?

Are there blue skies
Waiting for us
Behind every clouded one?
... i would like to think so,

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But only until
We mitigate our way
Will we know so.

Storms will come,
Storms will go
Hold to your peace
And you will know
That there are but lessons confessing
Their truths
To your soul

.....
Try your best
To pay it forward
By laying it down upon your path
That others may (re) discover them
And lay claim to each one
As if it is their own
Just as you have done,
And will continue to do so
From time to time

When the light comes on,
Things will appear unto you
From places previously unknown, unseen....
Within and without,
Be amazed,
Be thankful and grateful,
Be reverent
And your light may shine
All the more brighter,
And perhaps you will be blessed
By the presence of others
Who too walk
A similar path of needfulness
Through 'Creation's' garden
Where all things manifest

.....

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Open the present, life's gift
And discover that
Possibilities have no limit,
For limit is a personal belonging,
A bondage,
And it is universal
As seen through our unimaginable minds,
So therefore,
Be Mindful
To not fill your mind
With untethered thoughts of emptiness
Extracted from the void
Where life can grow no roots
To someday bud, blossom
And bear an edible fruit,
Be it bitter or sweet ..
Know that each will have their own
Assignment and purpose

Once spoken by another,
"Walk softly and carry a big stick"
But I say,
What use have I for sticks,
When my heart
Is the source of all things ...
This is my weapon which i use
Against the created baseness
We imagine, implement and indulge

.....
'Upon the Way'
Find, discover, create
A way
And lay claim to it
And leave it behind,
Moment by moment
And realize
It, life is all
But a passing fancy,

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So embrace it,
And then let it go.

In life,
Be the Sage,
Be the Student,
Be the Simp,
For they each have their own use,
Upon the Way.

a good morning

i stood facing the east
eyes silently shut
palms up and open
offering a morning prayer
for a closer communion

i breathed

an east wind
began to caress me with
a known urgency
for it heard my plea
for peace

it swept me and my words
unto the heavens
and our two heavens spoke
like old friends

i smiled
as i opened my eyes
and the morning sun
kissed me
and told me to come again
anytime
the door is open

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Concetta La Placa

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Concetta La Placa



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Sedulo È Chi Ama

Siediti e con calma, uomo, donna
medita, rifletti, osserva e, poi,
ascolta attorno a te il passo breve
di tutto ciò che ti circonda.

Tu che hai sempre un intuito veloce,
saprai che questa vita è come un soffio,
un palpito soave e che tutto cambia repentinamente.
Nulla rimarra' qui, mai come prima.

L'uomo, la donna portano in se'
segnì della loro natura in fieri.
Gioie e cicatrici dolorose del tempo,
causate dal ritmo incessante.

Ma c'è un sentimento che,
se donato, non muterà mai.
È come un tesoro al sole
che mostra ed emana perennemente il suo bagliore.

Sedulo è chi capta, nel qui ed ora,
l'amore e non lo trattiene nel suo cuore.
E' questo il vero sentimento,
l'unico che, se donato, dà senso alla vita.

L'amore, elisir benevolo,
balsamo che nutre e cura
il nostro cuore, ci eleva,
ci fa memorabili,
e ci rende veramente eterni.

Diligent Is The One Who Loves

Sit down and calmly, man, woman,
meditate, reflect, observe, and then
listen around you to the brief step
of everything that surrounds you.

You, who have always had a quick intuition,
will know that this life is like a breath,
a gentle heartbeat, and that everything changes suddenly.
Nothing will ever remain here as it once was.

Man and woman carry within themselves
signs of their nature in the making.
Joys and painful scars of time,
caused by its relentless rhythm.

But there is one feeling that,
if given, will never change.
It is like a treasure in the sun
that forever reveals and radiates its glow.

Diligent is the one who perceives,
here and now, love
and does not keep it locked in the heart.
This is the true feeling,
the only one that, if given,
gives meaning to life.

Love, a benevolent elixir,
a balm that nourishes and heals
our heart, lifts us up,
makes us memorable,
and renders us truly eternal.

A Day To Fall In Love

Summer. Stifling heat. A station teeming with travellers.
The announcer gives the destination of a train that has just arrived at Milano Centrale.

There is a strange sense of anticipation in the air: a woman who has just stepped off the train is waiting for her man. She knows he is already there, even though their eyes have not yet met.

Her heart seems to be racing. She stands there looking up, gazing around and admiring the iron vault of the magnificent station.

She knows he will arrive soon and that it will be, for both of them, a deep plunge into happiness.

A Tunnel To Illuminate

I have fallen into an abyss

I have fallen so many times into an abyss of pain.

Life has never numbed me.

I felt all the existential pain making its way inside me.

I could hardly breathe; a whirlwind of anguish swept me into places and spaces unknown to me.

I gathered all my inner strength and rose again to walk through that dark tunnel.

I knew beyond its end, that light of hope would begin anew, a new rebirth for me.

Ivan
Pozzoni

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Ivan Pozzoni was born in Monza in 1976. Between 2007 and 2024, different versions of the books were published: *Underground* and *Riserva Indiana*, *Versi Introversi*, *Mostri*, *Galata morente*, *Carmina non dant damen*, *Scarti di magazzino*, *Qui gli austriaci sono più severi dei Borboni*, *Cherchez the troika. et La malattia invettiva*, *Lame da rasoi*, *Il Guastatore*, *Patroclo non deve morire*, *Kolektivne NSEAE* and *Lo Stato Pontificio*. He wrote 152 volumes, wrote 1000 essays, founded an avant-garde movement (NéoN-avant-gardisme). His verses are translated into 30 languages. In 2024 he return to the Italian artistic world and melts the NSEAE Kolektivne (New socio/ethno/aesthetic anthropology).

Praxis Is Chronicle

It's useless for Gaviolo (?) to smile on an È or an É, with
Chomsky (?) in tow,
on his clandestine Foglio, the assertion stays unknown:
“Traditional grammar is collection of prescientific
observations about language use”, it shows
like Pablo Neruda to Massimo Troisi in The Postman, fame
bestows.

I collaborated with you some ten years ago, 2010, Lee
Bruce,
you stayed the same, unaware that the prequel The Big
Boss (1971), 香港第一凶猛, let loose
through study, study, study, invented riots and
tradomodernism's juice,
in Italy, a new slang emerged, chaotic yet profuse.

The *πρᾶξις* — as Aristotle taught — replaced the *ποίησις*'
muse,
and you, “poet,” keep contradicting Auerbach's views:
Fantasy (-F), Representation (-R), Order (-O), Creativity (-
C), Imagination (-I), Originality (-O), no excuse,
you keep using the FROCIO schema, tinnitus-ridden by
Krach's abuse.
Swap Culture (-C), Officiality (-U), Laconicity (-L),
Organization (-O), new scheme: CULO,
yet you miss how kitsch and trash culture seize
praxia/chronicle in LGBTFX+ flow,
words change, grammar bends, Sperber/Wilson's
ostensive-inferential process in tow,
hetero, bi, bicurious, open, trav, trans, demisexual, poly,
mix in the show.
if stuck on Cavalli or Valduga (stracciate on Poesia 2.0),
beware the licks that grow.

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Chronicle, as Propertius Damianus said, mustn't be
anatomo-pathologic, let it glow;
it's participant observation like Malinowski, Mead, Geertz,
grounded theory in the know,
πρᾶξις immersed in χρονικά gives École des A(n)nales a
logical flow.
-FROCIO and CULO have a force that's neat,
the artist immersed in the average man creates the median
Cucchi, interpretive feat;
we flee and win, Pelé, Bobby Moore, Van Himst, Deyna,
Ardiles defeat the German fleet,
with Bonds calibrated on bunds, spread implodes even with
Buffon, Maldini, Cannavaro, Del Piero's heat.
we'd need a Commission where PIGS operate concretely
on Northern Europe's street,
in art without function, beyond aligned frontier, complete.

I Feel In A Centrifuge

I feel in a centrifuga, not just a centrifuge,
I accept weekend sex, my schedule's no deluge.
Supplies from Parma done, now Concorezzo and the rest,
Italy-wide arrivals, I admit I feel less zest.
No will since October 2025, no girlfriend in my lane,
energy at fifty percent, new or ex, passion's flame.
I fake it, I don't care, I fake without concern,
I don't care to exert, nor care to make you burn.
You're one of three hundred, like at Thermopylae's gate,
no plan to make you proud, I leave it up to fate.
Ten orgasms I grant, sarcastic fun I display,
like in the TV show Friends, I amuse in my own way.

Passion, for me, means amor/Rome, I throw you on the
bed,
pump like Rocco and his brothers, imagination fed.
Minimum threesome, no discomfort in my mind,
without love, fantasy orgy, you're a touch of flesh I find.
Such a bore, with you I could not reach the peak,
I feel Maximus Decimus Meridius, silent, strong, unique.
You deserved another, Caterina mff, Valentina mmf, you
vff,
each a male, female, or trans, I make no fuss at all.
With love comes max jealousy, the story I throw,
you failed to make me come once, in a year's flow.
Offer yourself to fans, they come in 1.44 minutes flat,
resistance like Sonny Liston versus Ali, tit for tat.

I'm in a centrifuga, emotions, erections, ejaculation in spin,
no care for caution, moving holes, I dive right in.
Two, three, four, it draws no extra gaze,

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in total insincerity, Tacitus, you merit these plays.
With my loves, with much effort, I've worn a Durex shield,
occasional or Sicilian stories, two months, six, or a year
revealed.
I don't end exhausted, chronic fibromyalgia's my friend,
if you don't care, I don't care, damage I might send.
Await my biennial HIV tests, info I provide,
dura lex, sed lex, strict law I cannot hide.

I'm Curious About Greenland

I'm curious about a possible Greenland invasion, last
colony of the EU hinterland,
beyond the parasitic noon of Southern Italy, Lombard land
(?) at hand;
the EC of the EU declares, in formal demand:
“[...] The EU stands in full solidarity with Denmark and
the people of Greenland [...]”, grand.

UK and Gibraltar, nations outside the fold (like Burkina
Faso), buzz like a fly,
Trump replies, “It’s really being negotiated now, the
details, but essentially total access, my guy,”
And every EU/US relation, NATO’s core, ends in stress,
you thought it was cess?
Nope, tension rises high, beneath Arctic sky.

NATO, under Wehrmacht command, sends a recon/support
mission to Nuuk,
France, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Netherlands,
Estonia, Finland, Denmark, look!
NATO, under U.S. Army command, inclined to invade
with Captain Hook’s smug outlook,
Amid Crasse laughter from PCC Politburo or Russian
oligarch’s brook.

Pelledigatta, can you rhyme Nuuk with Hook?, tricky, I
admit,
On the sacred Christmas day, “It’s NATO! It’s NATO!” the
warlords emit;
15,000 U.S. Marines face off with 25 European troops,
frozen bit by bit,
Article 5 sparks an international law short-circuit.

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The USA must intervene for the Danes,
The marines will self-destruct, after kidnapping Frederik X,
insane!
Greenland becomes sovereign, two months reign,
Then a Zambian colony as counterpoise, and invaded by an
army of Eskimos' train.

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The Lighthouse

1

A majestic lighthouse in the middle of the sea
Silently powerful, deep within my soul, really
You are a shining lighthouse, I'd say
My steeply love through the days

2

The lighthouse always guides the way
For me, I live this life happily all the way
No storm or tempest will deter our love
Ideals and beliefs remain unchanged, in hope

3

You stood firm, listening to the sea singing,
The ocean waves caressed like a love song. I have seen
A thousand years of unwavering loyalty, indeed
The weathered garment remains cherished

4

In the storms, you are unyielding and resilient
Giving me power to reach further and excitement
I strive for a bright future relentlessly
The aspiration to help people happily

5

There are days when intense longing torments me.
The sea roars as if to express its feelings for you, truly.
Each white-crested wave carries my longing.
Loyalty, deep love, more and more we're attaching

My Autumn

1

Autumn comes, the golden sun gently shines
Each bunch of rustling leaves spreadly flies
Swinging, swirling with the wind blowing
My soul is ecstatic, milk flowers smelling

2

My love is burning with a lot of desires
Beside you, the sun is softly warm as ever
Our love is like the wind sings faithfully
Like stars sparkling, eyes smile so truly

3

Autumn love is warm and endless
We share our abundant happiness
Joy and sadness we're with the same mind
Due to human ideals, it itself deeply hides

4

In every blood vasculum, love is burning
For our dream, grace debt we're giving
Our hearts beat when our souls flutter
Stormy life we don't betray each other

5

The fulcrum of our life is always firm
Together we feel the love with our term
Autumn sun reminds me of vast sadness
Autumn rain makes us miss more or less

6

We have peaceful life despite frugality
Cultivating long-term meaning diligently
Our worldly-life dream is vastly open as ever
Realistic and poetic love of thousands of colors

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7

Silver autumn moon weaves emotions
Sounding by low or high notes motions
In the language treasure, you've guided me
To each other's lives, we are pouring honey

Women Like A River

1

Deep in my heart a lot of memories truly
I miss my gentle mom in my heart really
The vicissitude life of mom's life exists
Endured misery storms all are passes

2

Mom's life is like a dry river so thin
My soul condensed for the longing
I find a place to require my mom forever
Who knows when an up or down a river

3

Who knows shallow and deep a river
If deep all of you should care forever
It would help you sharpen your mind
Think quietly to avoid all faults in life

4

You greet people and life, don't be in the hurry
If rice boils reduce the heat, rice is deliciously
Deep water shallow water depends on a reality
You should know if deep to protect the safety

5

All life tells us to be careful at bends
rivers seem to remind you of bends
Cleverly deal with the situation you see
The situation is compatible, no worries

6

All the blue rivers are like women
How to know it's down or up then
You need to know and very wisely
Take charge of situations so wisely

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7

You look around at the women in charge
It is like an observer in the river in charge
Two banks sides of landslides and accretion
Know how to wriggle on river water motion

8

In short, human life is like all the wave
Rain and wind bring the joy of a wave
It's up to women to manage their beliefs
Nothing is afraid to achieve their beliefs

Priyanka

Neogi



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Tomorrow

Tomorrow I will tell my mind,
If I tell you tomorrow,
to last a lifetime,
To love you, to make you happy,
Watch twilight together.
With the mind as a sailor,
Where in the land of fairy tales,
Color the mind's exuberance,
Hand in hand at the end of the day,
lock heart with heart,
threw the key into the water,
In the bond of life with unbreakable life.
In search of rules,
Let's think about you.

Endless Love

At first glance, I thought I was looking for someone,
I found myself in the twilight of daylight,
I have a lot to talk about, I put my hand to your hand.
In the exchange of thoughts the depth of the soul with the
soul,
Seeing you, I feel cold in love again,
Have the courage to teach the burden of the mind with the
heart.
Blessed, I embrace you in my longing,
I got your direction, I am in the discussion area.
As it was, there will be fog in the mind.
Sincerity is filled as it is in the pull of the mind.
The petals of the flowers are blowing through the sky.
Re-Lagna, the world is in the trival of love,
There is a lot of conversation in the land of clouds,
You are my nature green wave,
The mind has spread the pain of the mind,
You are my Amazon, Butterfly, Squirrel in the courtyard of
the mind.
I got all happiness and peace in your heart,
Endless love for you.

Change

Leaves fly in the wind,
Some act on their own accord,
Multiplying colors,
The one who stands next to you.
The sweet consonance echoes eternal,
All the while walking and running headlong,
Changes in loved ones if necessary.

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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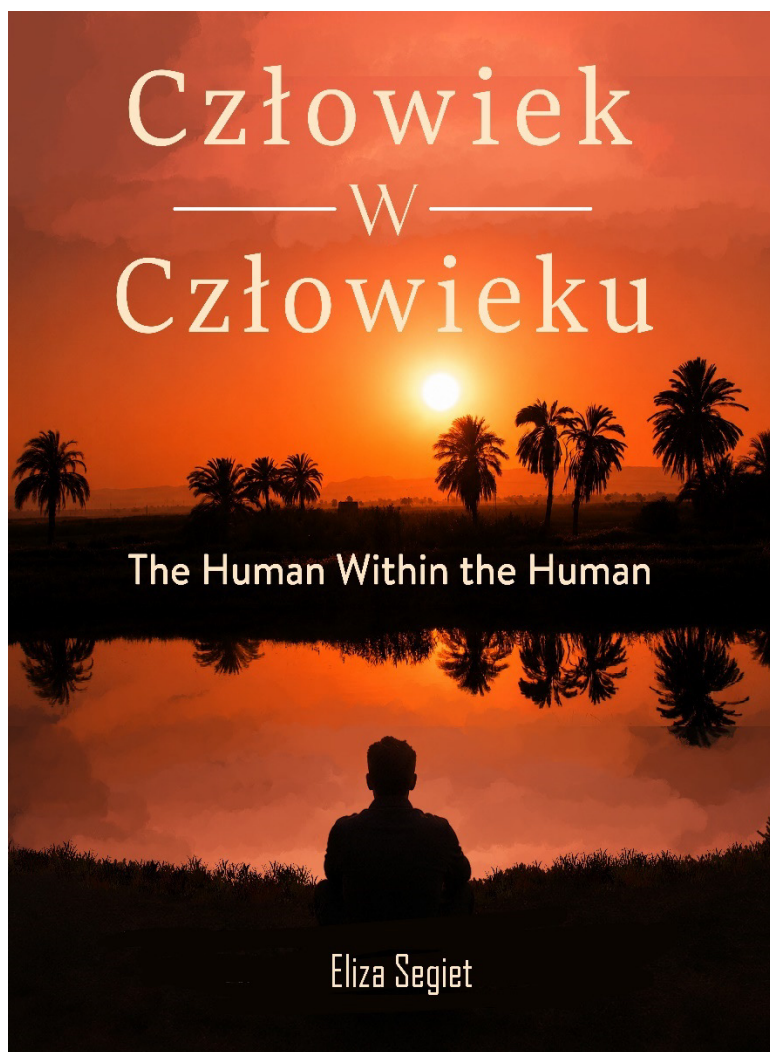
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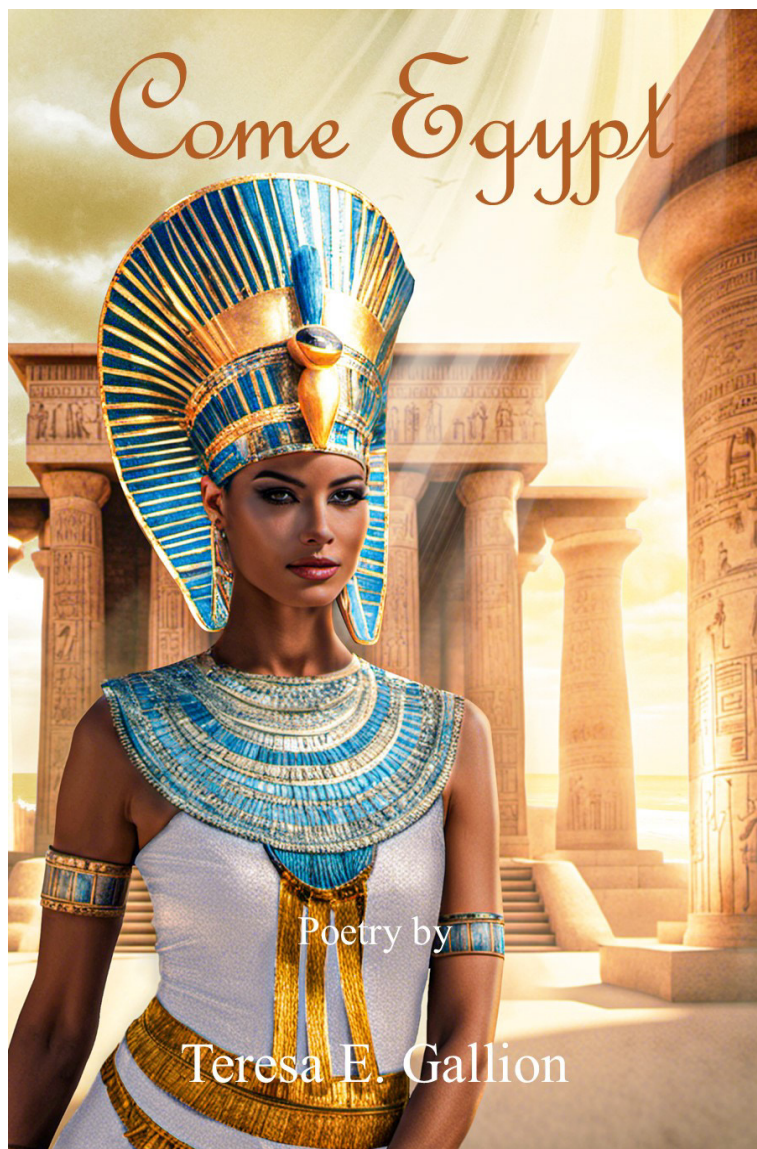
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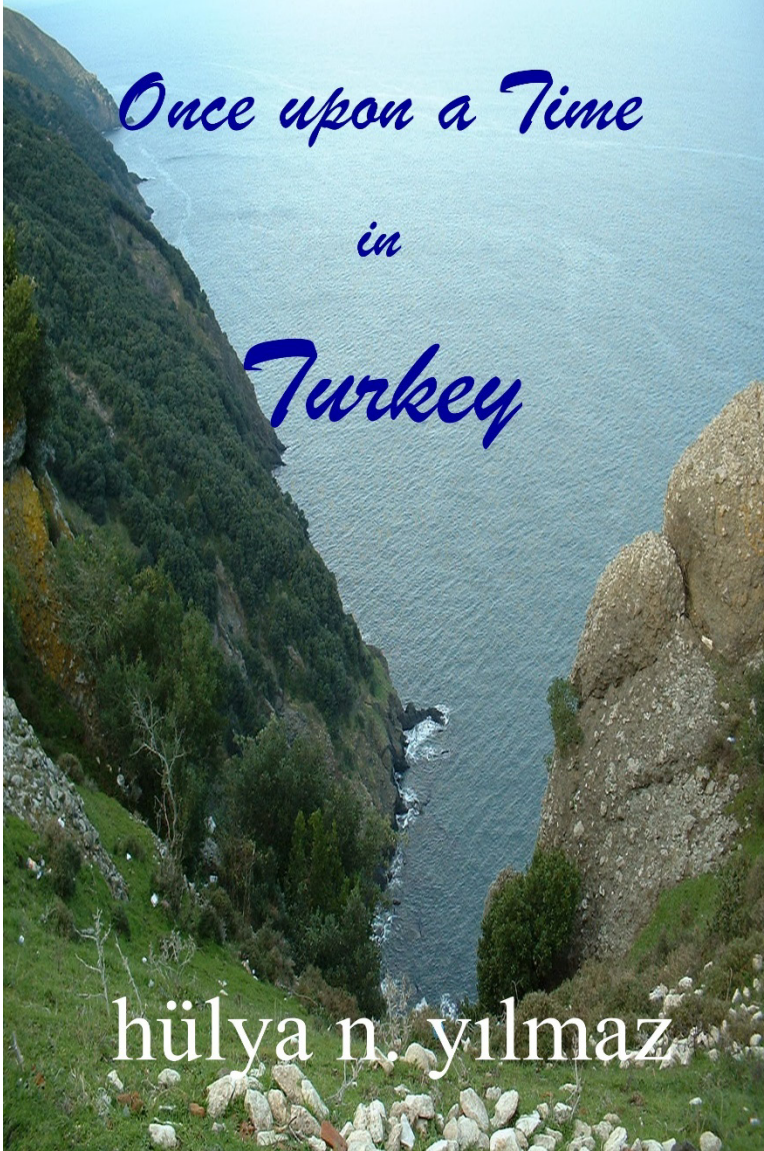


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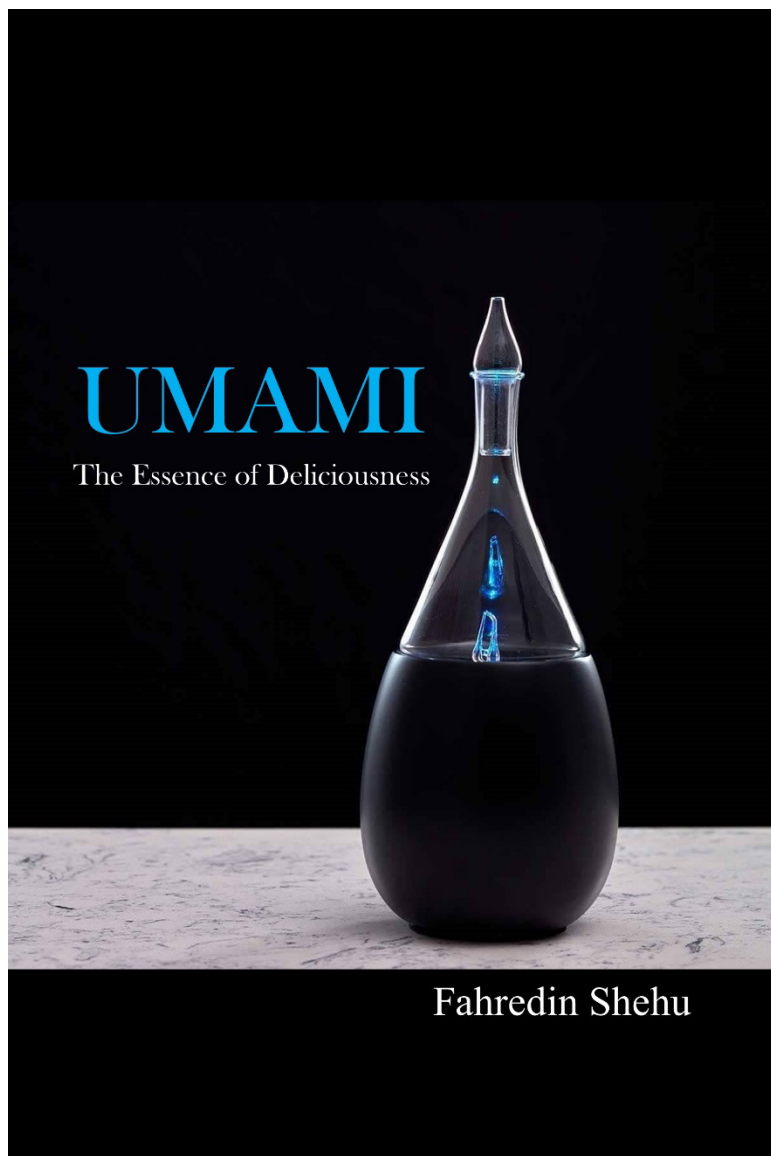


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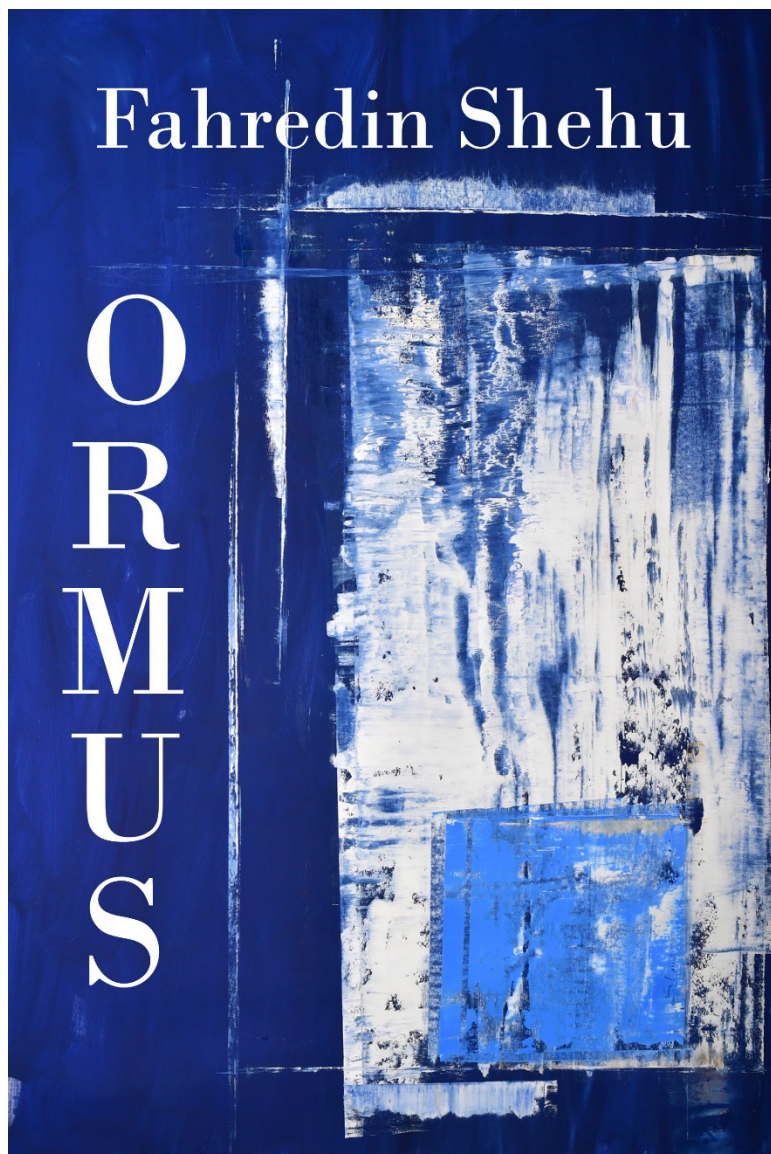
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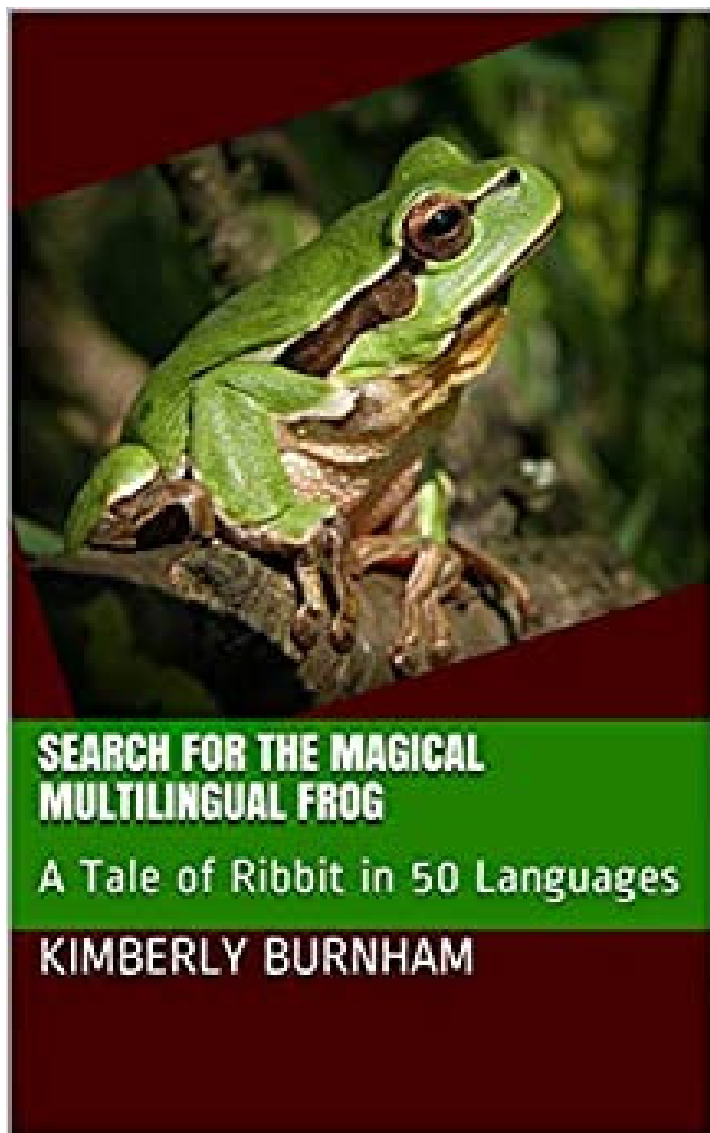
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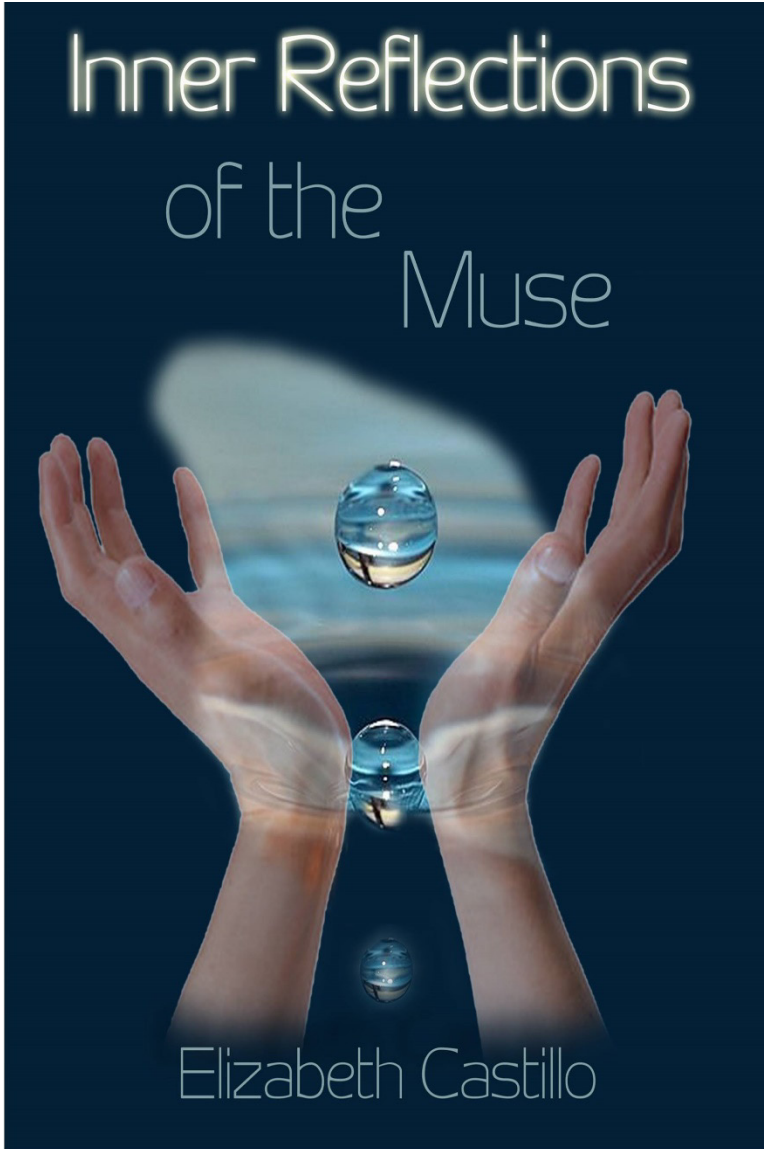
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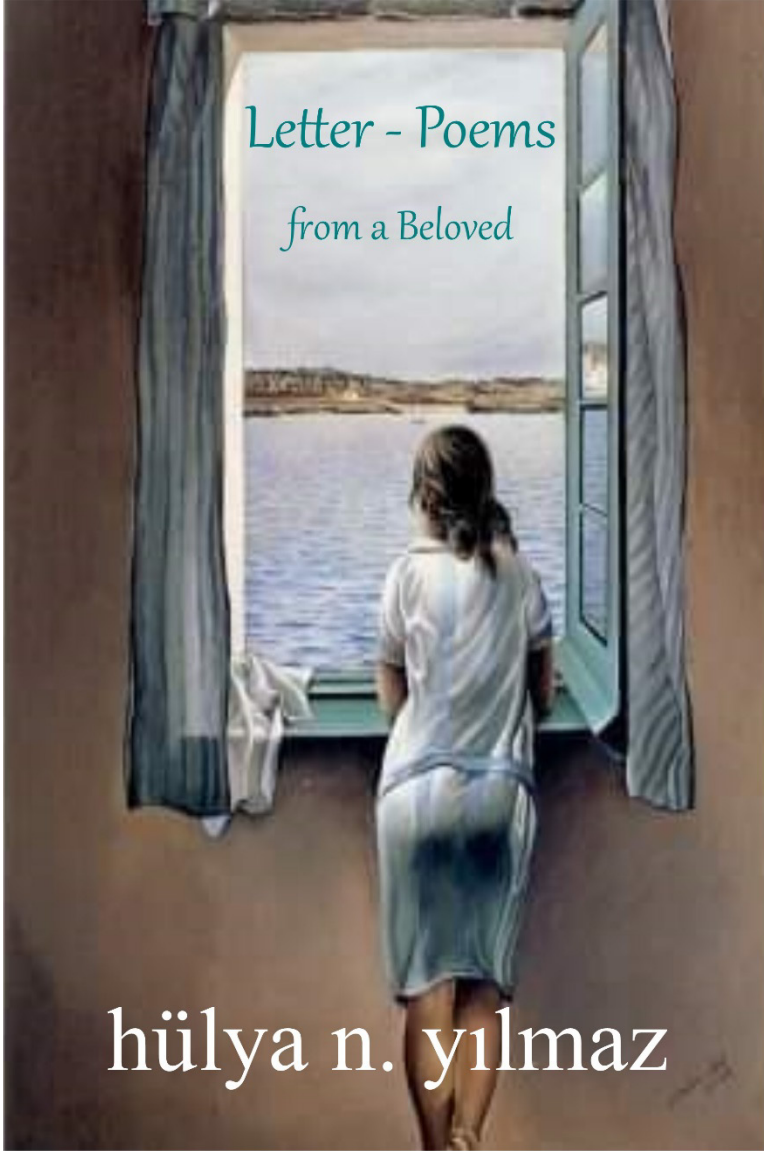
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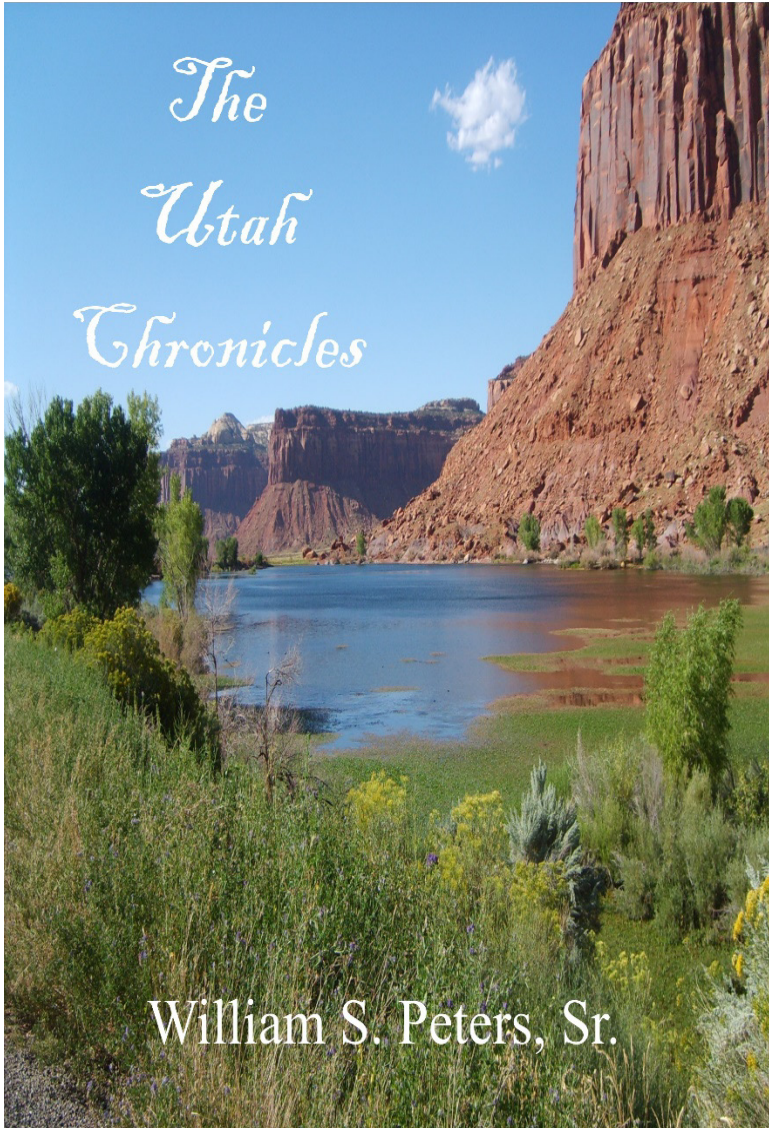
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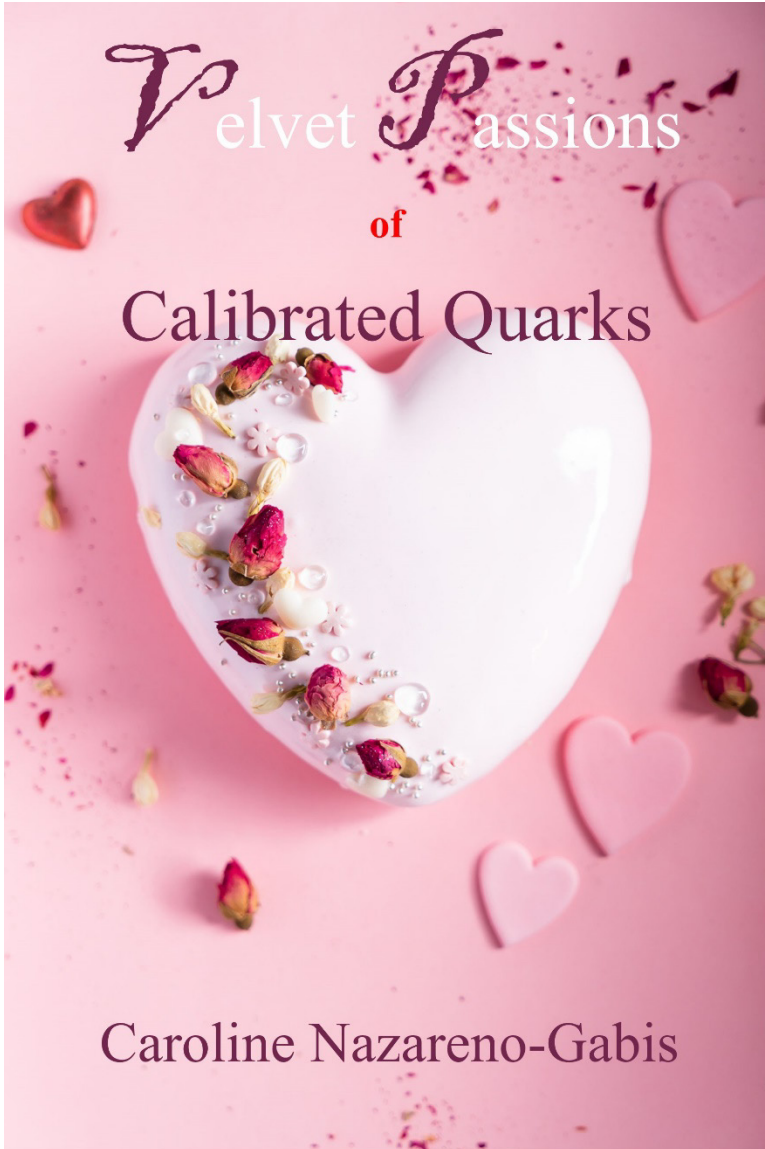


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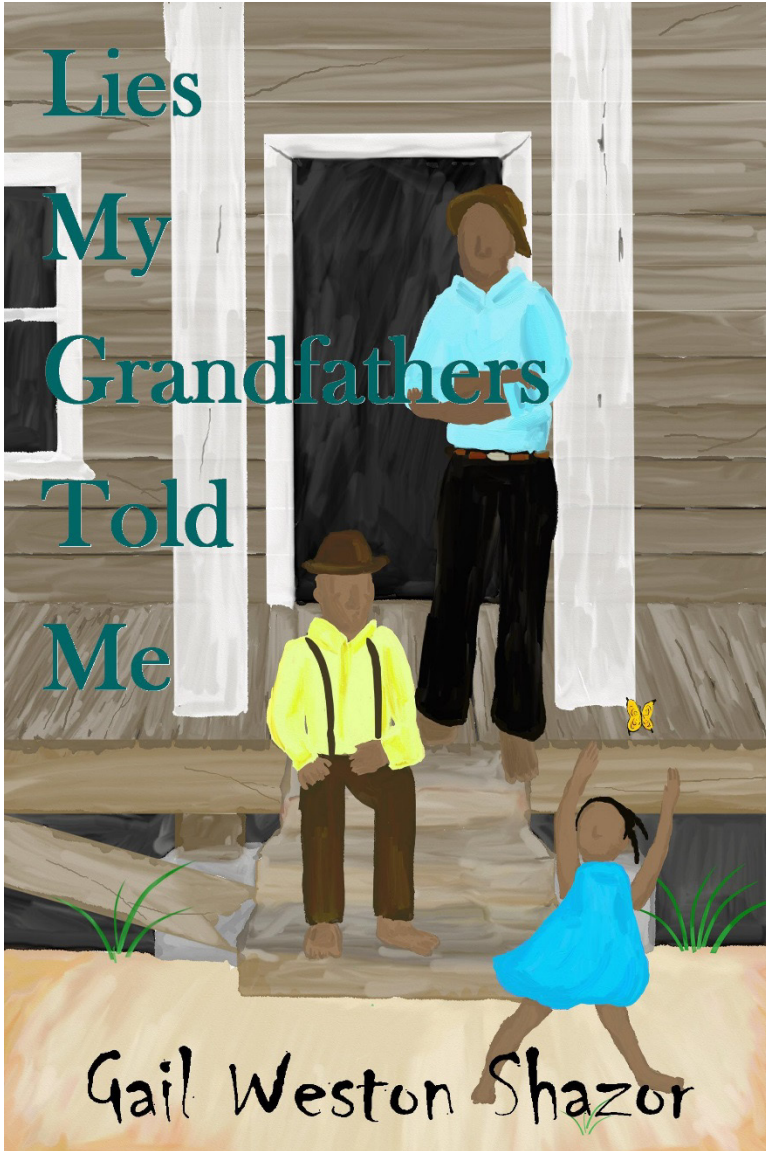


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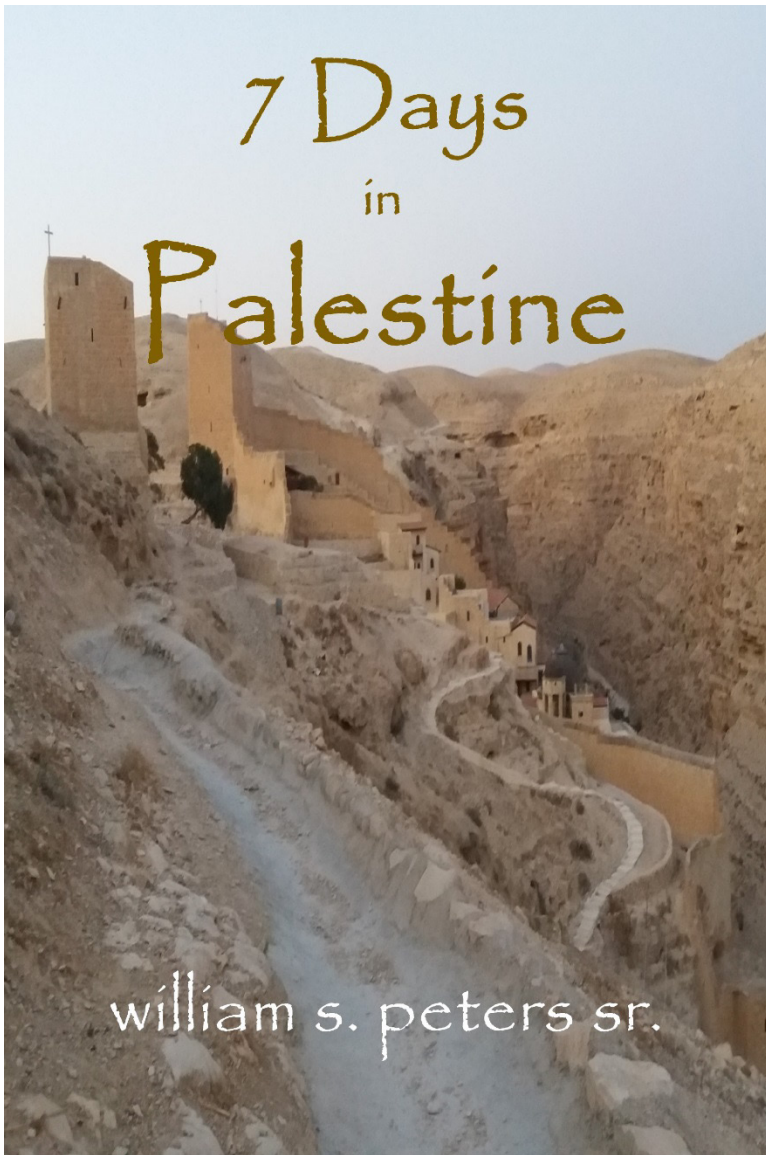
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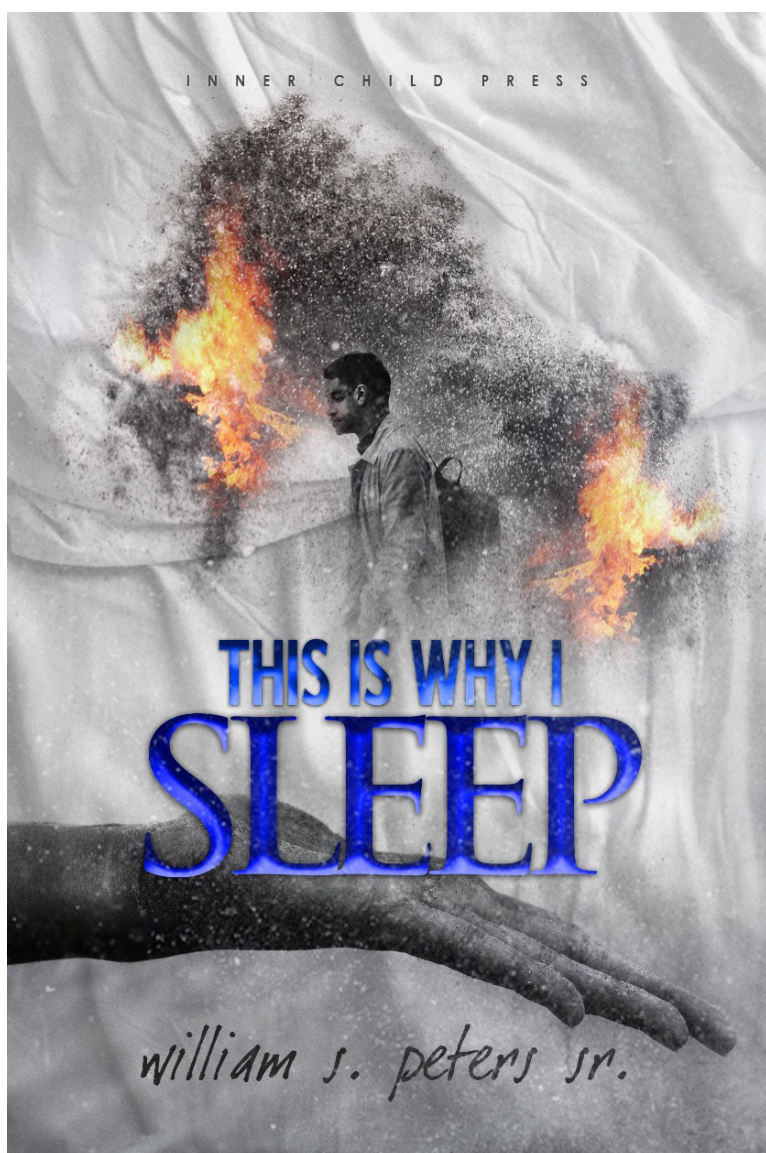
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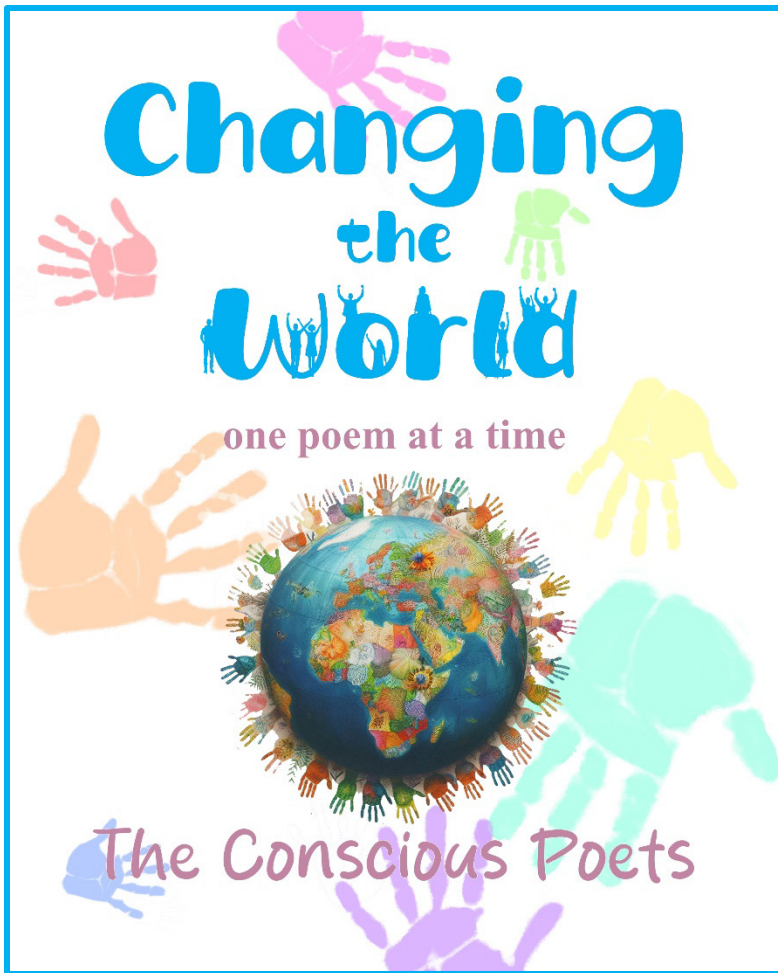
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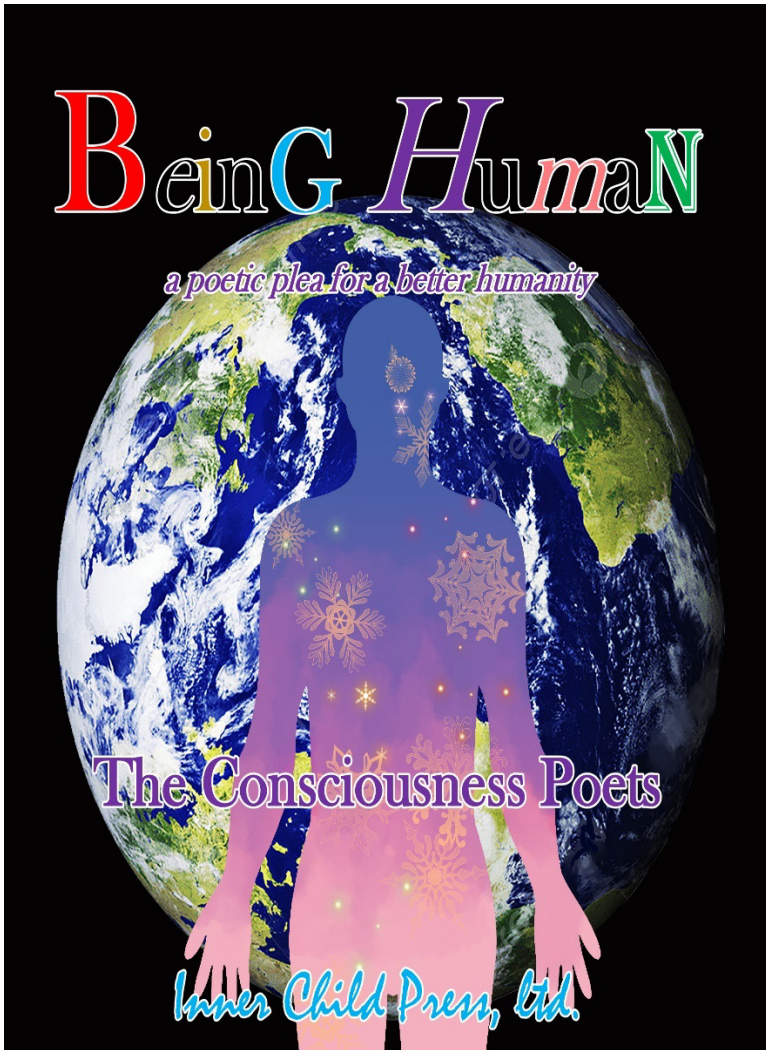
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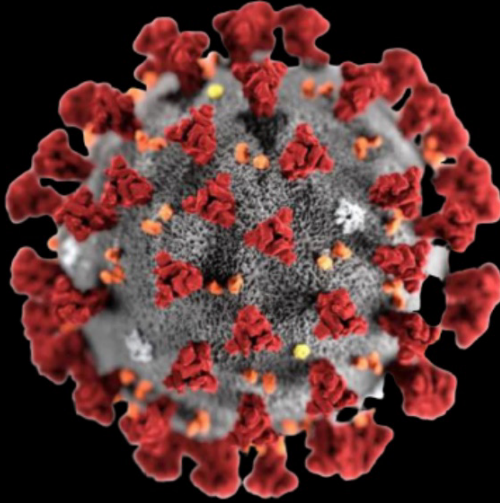
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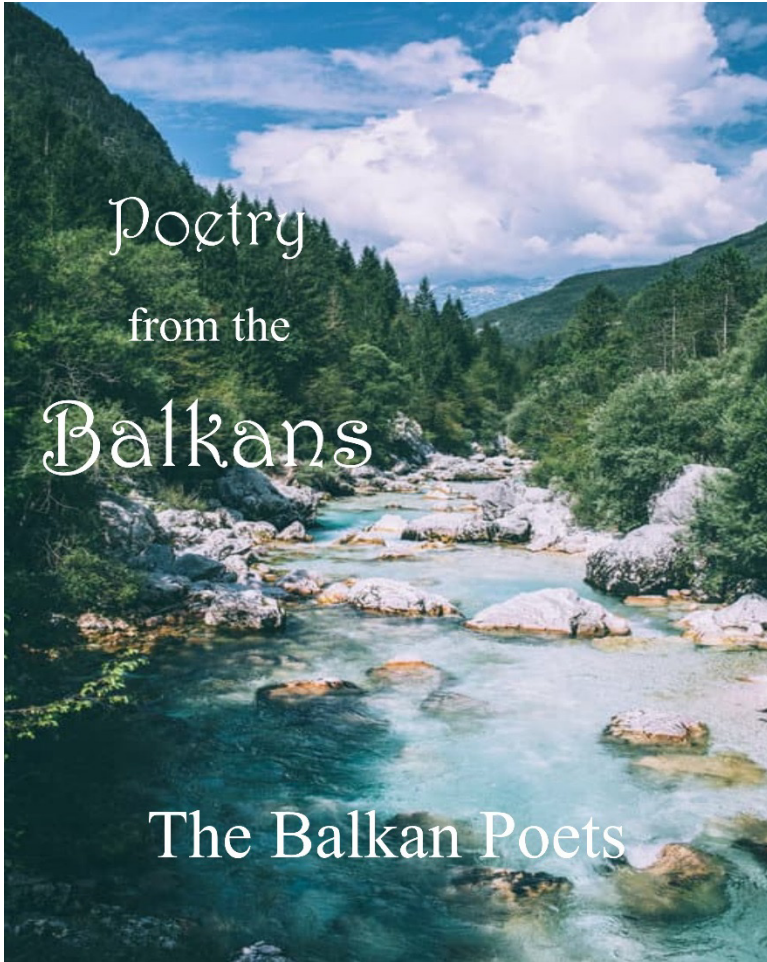


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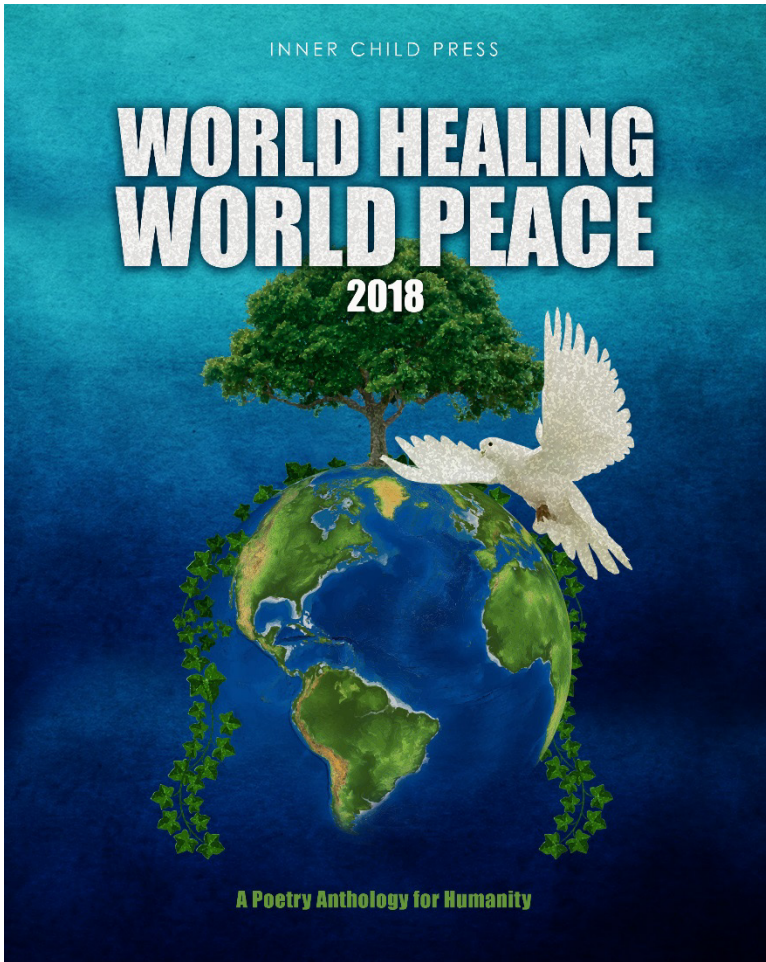
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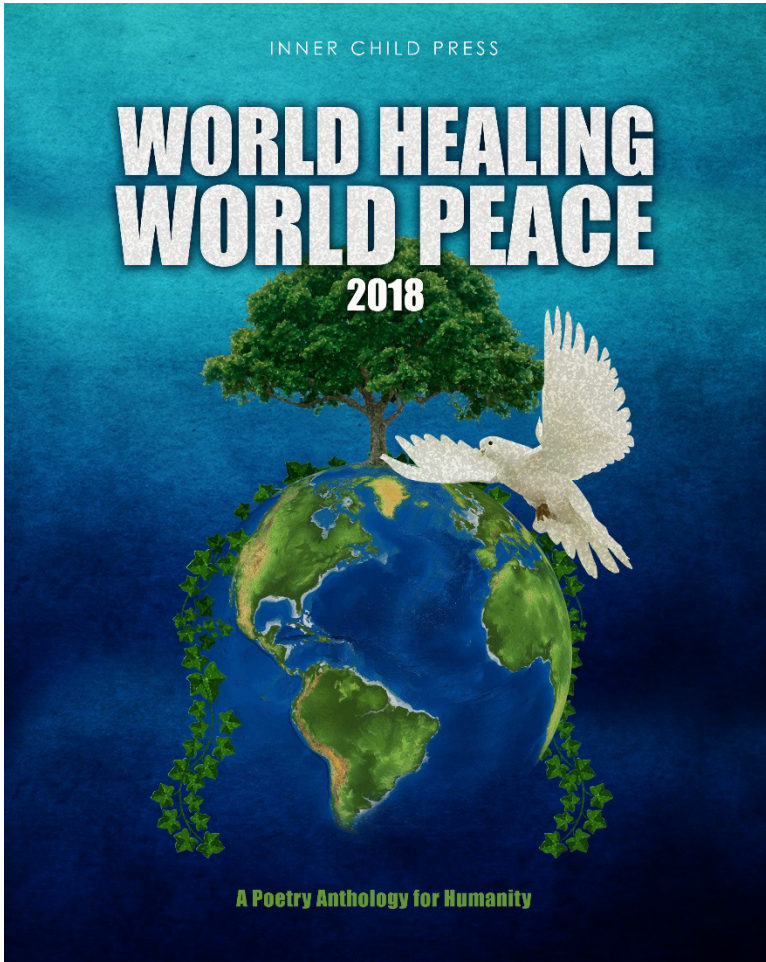


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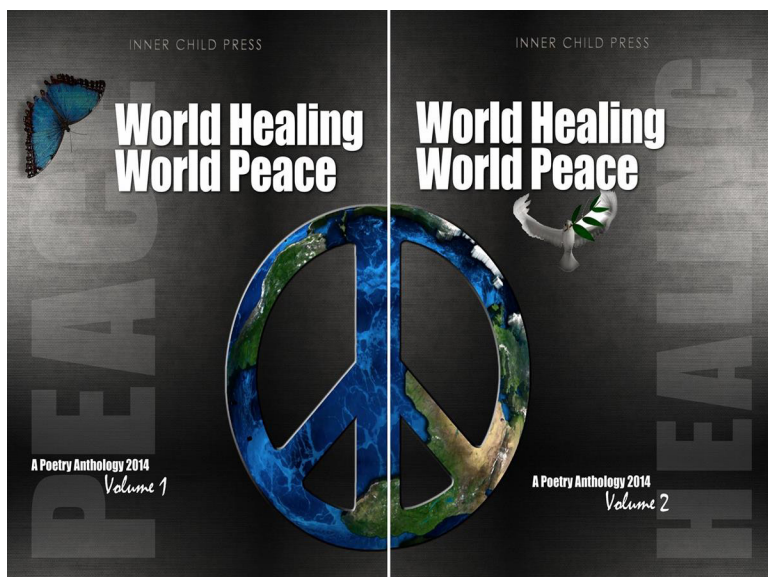
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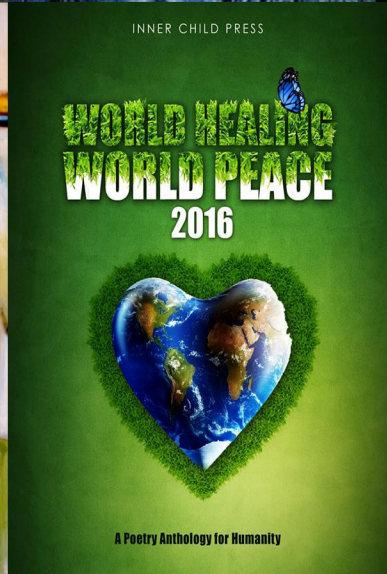
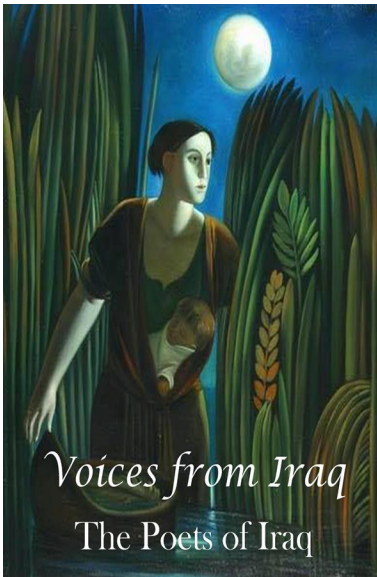
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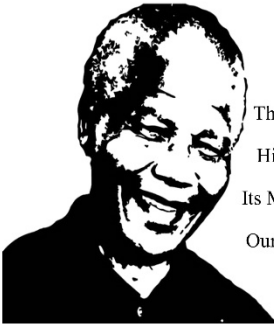


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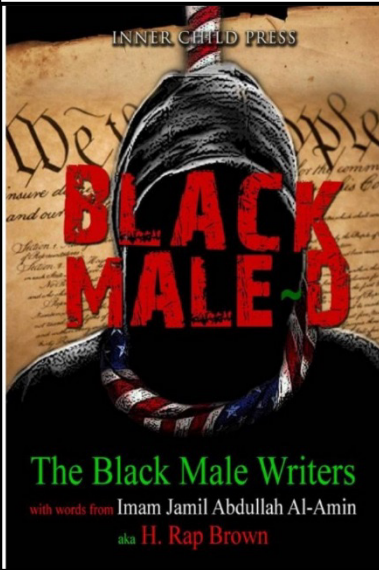
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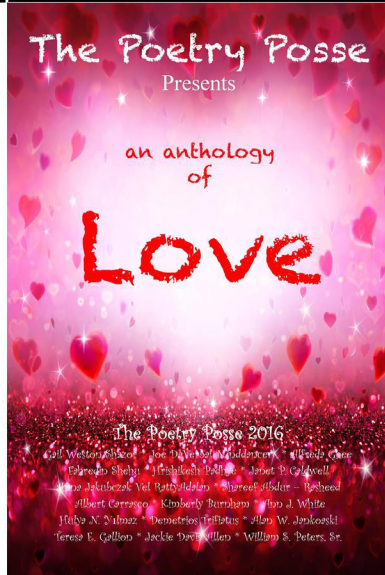
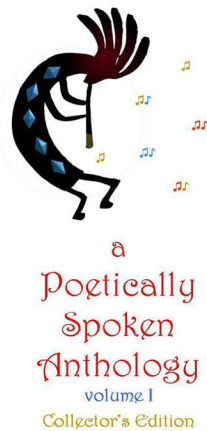
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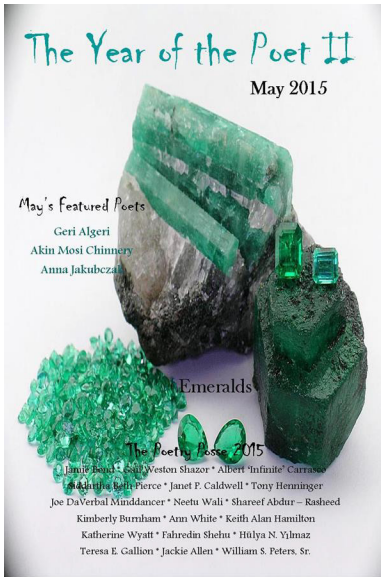
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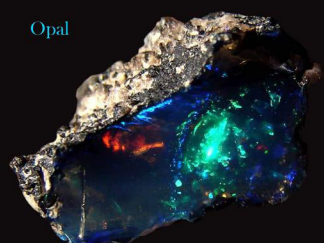


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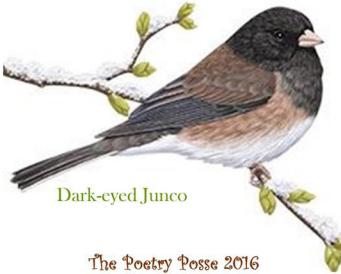
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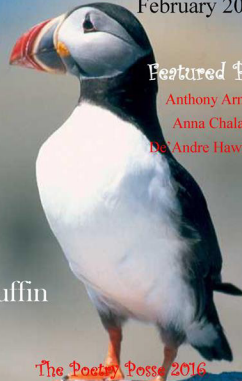
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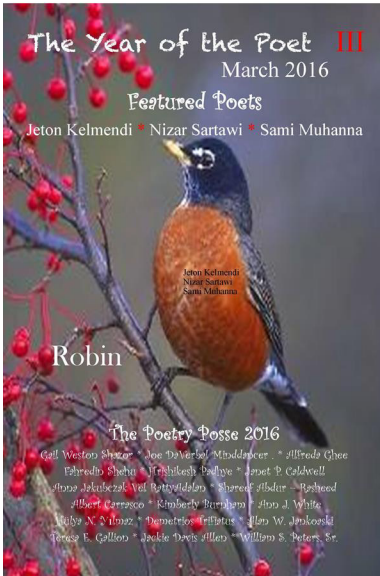
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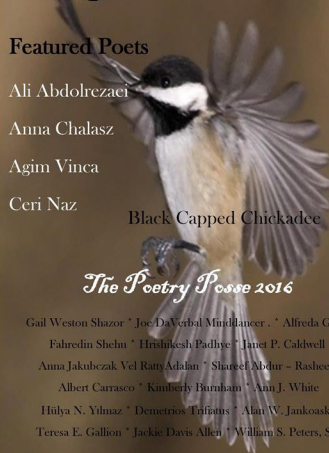
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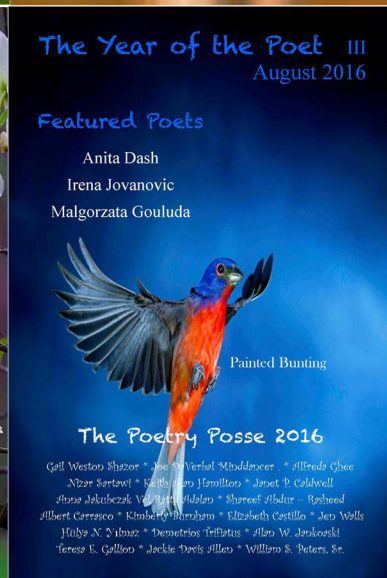
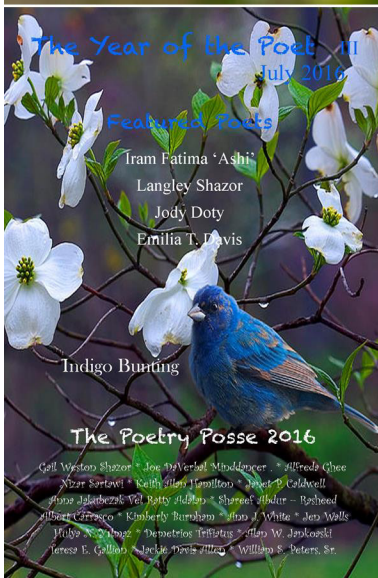
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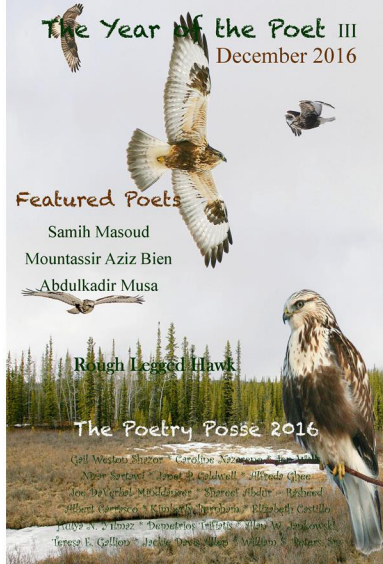
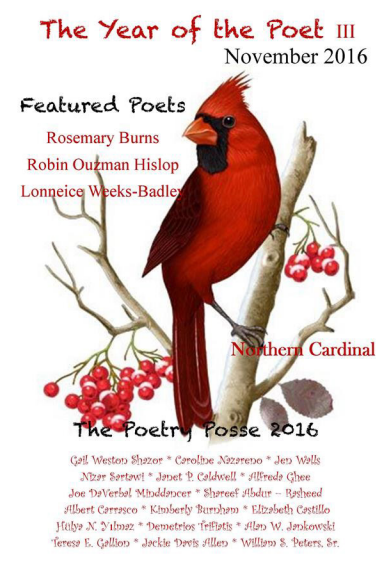
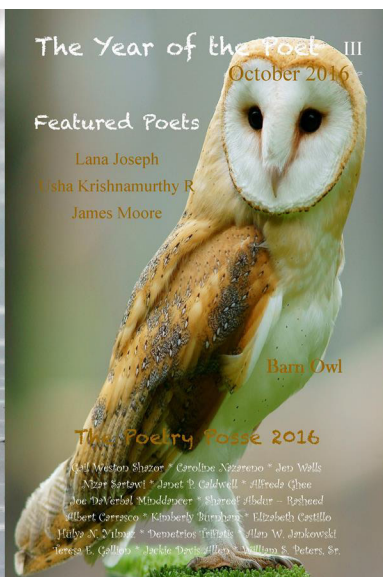
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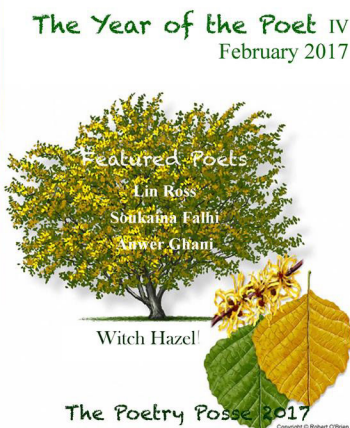
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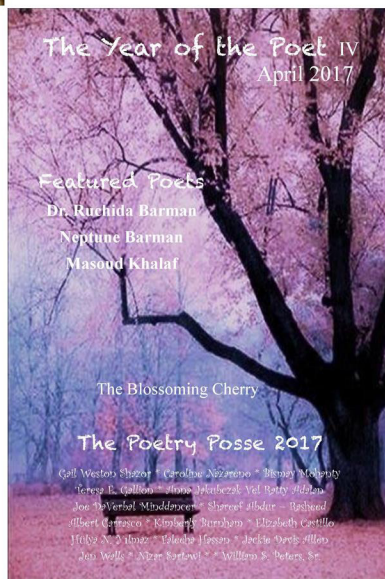
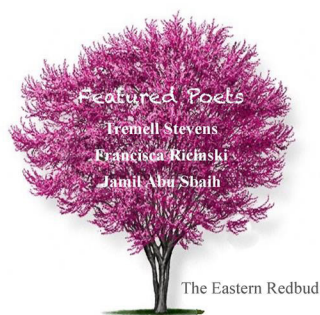
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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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October 2017

Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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December 2017

Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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Sabeen



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Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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March 2018

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'

Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman



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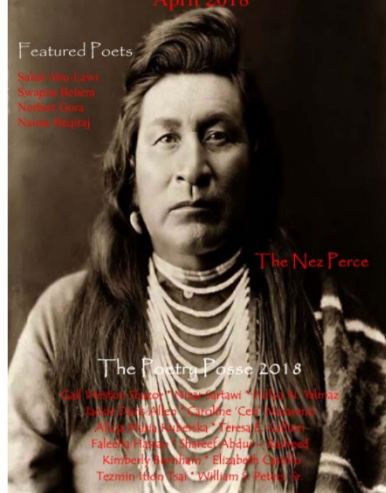
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Sabah Abu-Lawi

Suzanne Bohara

Shirley Goss

Suzanne Riegler



The Nez Perce

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Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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Bilal Maliki * Daim Miflari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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July 2018

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Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akbal Harsh
Eliza Segiet
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
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Lily Swann

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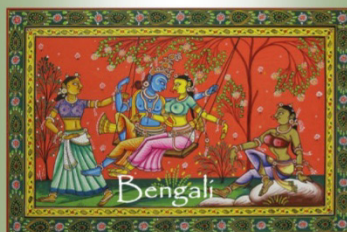
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Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar



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December 2018

Featured Poets

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



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

Dream Catcher

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Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



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Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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Shola Balogun * Bharati Nayak
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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



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



Northern Asia
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December 2019

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



Oceania
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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dumant & Frédéric Passy



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February 2020

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Jennifer Ades * Martina Reisz Newberry
Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

Featured Poets

Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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April 2020

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato * Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1960



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June 2020

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

Featured Poets

Mykola Martyniuk * Orbindu Ganga
Roula Pollard * Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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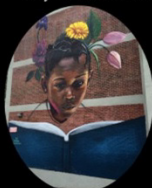
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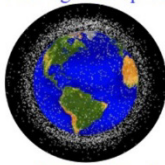
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Marigold



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Camellia

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Hibiscus



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Minulus



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Petunias



Sorrow
Purple Hyacinth



Detrmination
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Calendula



Self Doubt
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Grief
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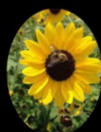
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Bittersweetness
Bittersweetness



Empathy
Lillies



Sadness
Sunflowers

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Red Roses



Gratitude
Blue Hydrangea



Contentment
Azure Bluets

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Lillacs



Wisdom
Purple Iris



Fearlessness
Gladiolas

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Sunflower



Fulfillment
Lotus



Hope
Daffodils

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Isolation
Water Violet



Empowerment
Sunflower



Confusion
Pink Larkspur

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Anticipation
Anemone



Pride
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Regret
Purple Hyacinths

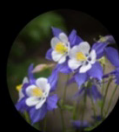
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Columbine



Peacefulness
Peace Lily



Grief
Orchids

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Transcendence
Water Lily



Legacy
Forget-me-nots



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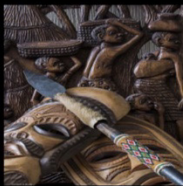
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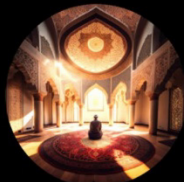
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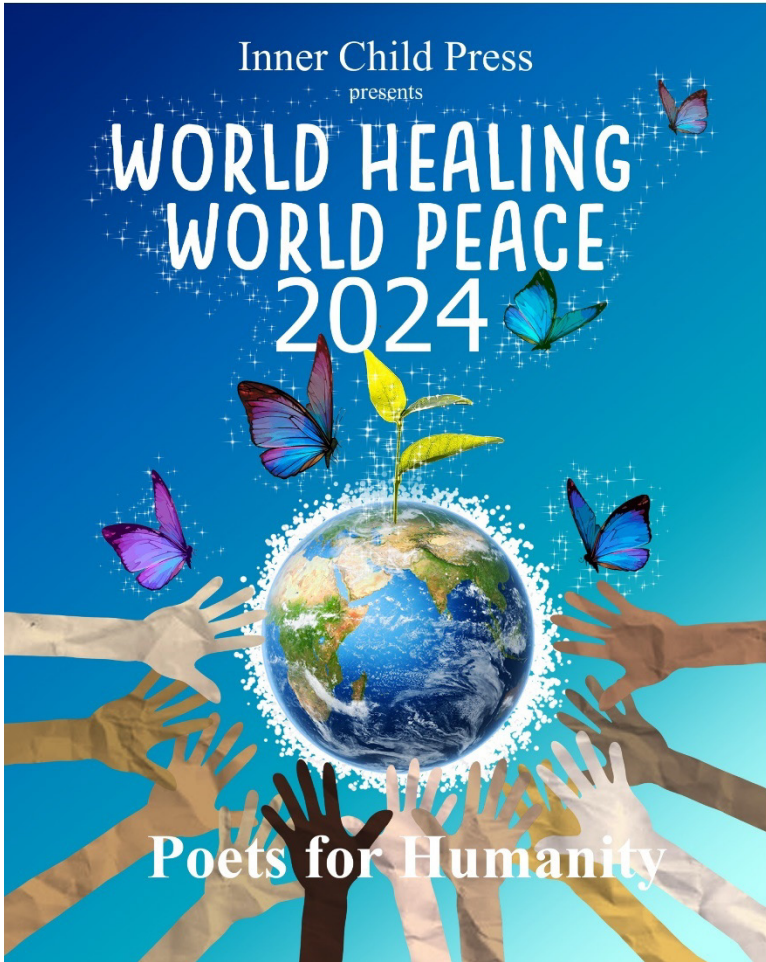


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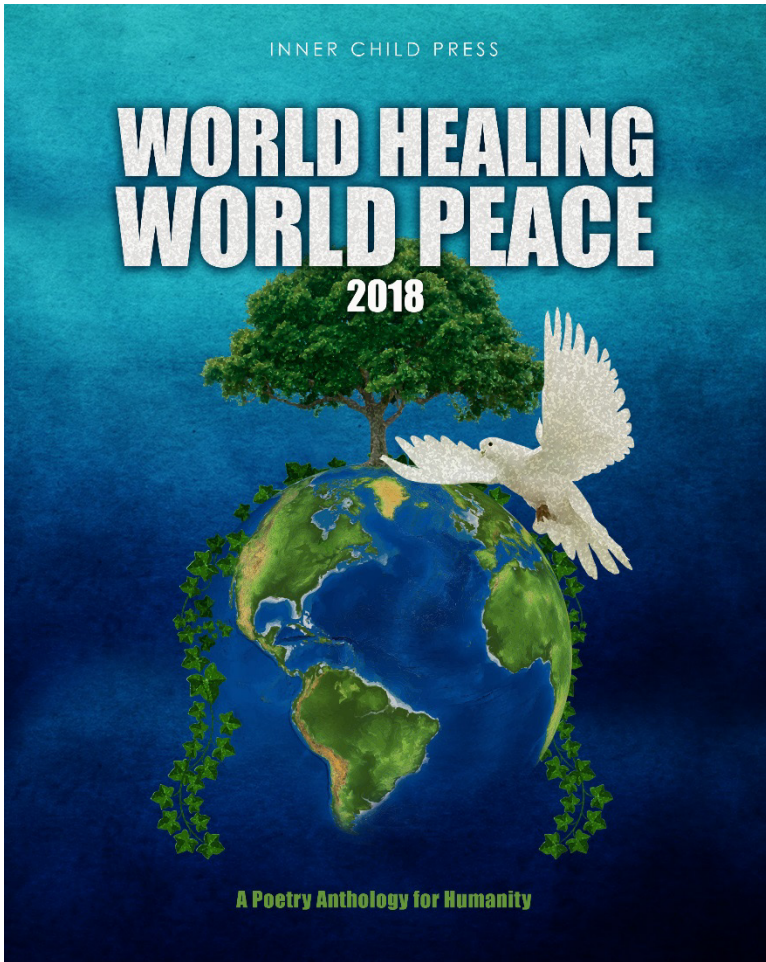


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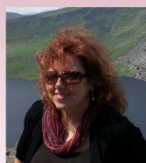
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