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the Power of the Pen
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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Foreword

*“Be an ocean
move swiftly
and roar
or move softly
and lap upon the shore”*

Leigh Fisher

The ocean and sea are the eternal music of the nature
save the music.... save the oceans

In April our theme is oceans and climate change.

Oceans, seas and coastal areas form an integrated and essential component of the Earth’s ecosystem and are critical to sustainable development .Marine conservation is the protection and preservation of ecosystems in oceans and seas through planned management in order to prevent the over exploitation of these sources .Marine resources means all living and non living components of the marine ecosystem .Marine ecosystem provide us

food security ,feed for livestock ,raw materials for medicines, building materials from coral rock and sand and natural defences against hazards such as coastal erosions and inundations.

We have to reduce marine pollution and debris including from land-based activities, promote sustainable exploitation of marine resources control over destruction of marine resources through acidification encouraging sustainable small-scale fisheries, protection of threatened species and ceasing poaching and trafficking of endangered species

The ocean plays a critical role in removing carbon from the atmosphere and providing oxygen. It regulates climate. The ocean is an important source of biomedical organisms with enormous potential for fighting disease.

Let us save our oceans because global warming hits sea creatures. Ocean acidification is caused by increased concentrations of atmospheric carbon emission dissolved in sea water.

The Year of the Poet has taken ekphrastic poetry for 2022; reflecting the world-famous pictures of our time. The word ekphrasis, or ecphrasis, comes from the Greek for the written description of a work of art produced as a rhetorical exercise, often used in the adjectival form ekphrastic. It is the verbal description of a visual work of art, either real or imagined. Any poem about art, whether rhymed or unrhymed, metrical or free verse, may be considered ekphrastic.

The ocean has a very significant role in poetry since time immemorial. The ocean both wild and calm, dangerous and beautiful is made up of contradictions and mystery. The ocean is the mighty harmonist. Certainly, ocean is not a dustbin. Over 8 million tons of plastic is being dumped into the ocean. 50% of the plastic carrier bags and water bottles end up in the ocean once we dispose them. Last year in 2021 the theme of the world ocean day 2021 is the ocean; life and livelihoods. Ocean current distributes heat across globe regulating temperature and weather. The ocean also absorbs 90% of the heat and approximately 30% of carbon dioxide emissions produced by human activities. Let us use fewer plastic products. take care of the sea beach, reduce carbon footprints.

The Inner Child Press with its mission of building bridges of cultural understanding takes the responsibility for global peace and harmony through poetry with International Anthologies.

We respect the land, nature, folk tales, culture, music, literature, perceptions, ideas, thoughts, language, art, artisans and all ethnic groups of the world.

Literature has undergone a tectonic change. We express our deep reverence to all for they are the apostles of a time zone who have solved the situations, saved human lives and helped the economic, cultural social growth of society.

Painting is poetry of Nature.

Nature is our eternal Love Guru

Poetry is the living song of human race

We respect MOTHER NATURE. We respect the humanity ...

We respect coexistence, sustainable development

Let us join our hands to sustain our lovely nature
for future generation and build a paradise on the
Earth

Environment is our responsibility

Save the Oceans.

Swapna Behera

Cultural Ambassador of India and South East Asia
for Inner Child Press International

Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, making our way onward through the ‘New Year’ of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#100) represents our 4th month of our ninth year of monthly publication. Amazing how much effort has been given by all the poets, to include the various members of *The Poetry Posse* and all the wonderful featured poets from all over our world. For myself, it has been and continues to be a great honor to be a part of this wonderful cooperative effort.

Last year, 2021 and the previous year of 2020 has been challenging for many of us throughout the year. We at *Inner Child Press International* were busy. We envisioned our role where the arts meet humanity to continue doing what we were good at... publishing. In 2020, we managed to not only produce and publish this series, *The Year of the Poet* each month, but we were also very proactive in the arena of human and social consciousness. We were able to produce several other anthologies to include: World Healing, World Peace 2020; CORONA . . . social distancing; The Heart of a Poet; W.A.R. . . we are revolution; Poetry, the Best of 2020. Going forward for 2022, we are seeking to

invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a ‘conscious humanity’.

We are now in the stages of completing another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which will be published April 1st of this year. Additionally, there is yet another call for submission for “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”. Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the cause(s) of a better world, a better humanity.

We, poets and writers do have something to say about it all, and we intend to do so in any and every way we can. So stay tuned . . .

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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Climate Change and Oceans

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“By polluting the oceans, not mitigating CO2 emissions, and destroying our biodiversity, we are killing our planet. Let us face it, there is no planet B.”

—Emmanuel Macron, President of France



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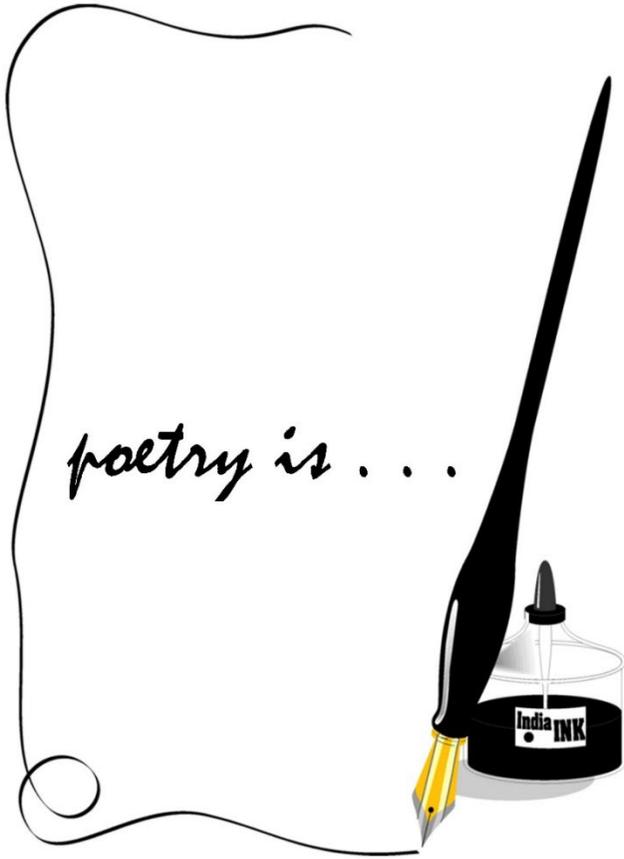
Poets . . .
sowing seeds in the
Conscious Garden of Life,
that those who have yet to come
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp



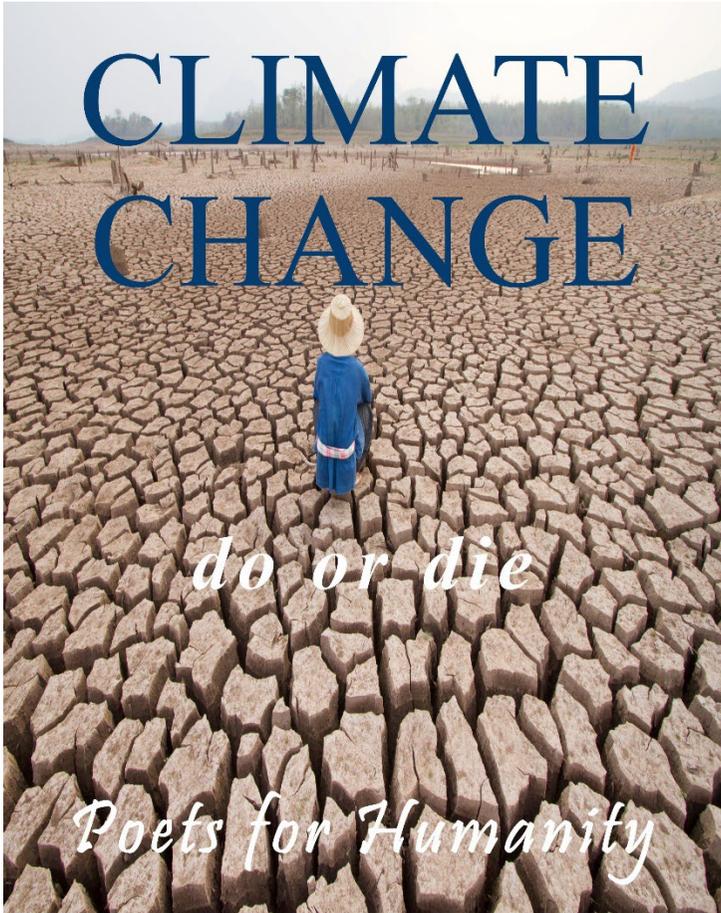


Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

~ wsp

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1 Poem

Picture of Poet

Bio of 50 words or less

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Gail
Weston
Shazor

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This is a creative promise ~ my pen will speak to and for the world. Enamored with letters and respectful of their power, I have been writing for most of my life. A mother, daughter, sister and grandmother I give what I have been given, greatfilledly.

Author of . . .

"An Overstanding of an Imperfect Love"
&
Notes from the Blue Roof

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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For You are the Sand

I pull the sand over me
As we have done many times
My heart melts
For now, I must remove
The straws and soda cans
From the mixture of this
God-given exfoliate
You will never know the ocean
As I once knew her
Clear and wild
With infinite promises
Now when I cast my net
On either side of
Of my boat
I pull back bits of dead coral
And plastic filled fish
I weep
For the legacy we leave you
The trash that leaves the hand
And ends up on foreign shores
I hope
That you can turn the tide
To slack this disaster
To pull clean sand
Over my grandchildren

Surf Fairies

The ocean is dotted
with small conical caps
i the believe the sky
drops the sprites down
to an unsuspecting earth
And we have to get high up
To see their drowning parachutes
i try to catch the leaves
as they fly by
But the wind is in a hurry
And although a few have taken
a refuge under my skirt
but they too, i surrender
to their journey
Speak to me trees
tell me the stories you have heard
with your gnarled ornamentation
close to the ground
where i sit
and your beauty out of reach
The water is bluer than
it really ought to be
some kinda cotton candy
cloud blues that lay close to the horizon
so close that i want to
pull them across my feet
i can feel you breathing
as you try to slow the thoughts
that have run amuck through your mind
and i want to draw the threads
of your fates through my fingers

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until i can see your way through
the conical caps bob with the wind
i follow their progress
along the surf that echoes
the sprites singing along
with your song
and i am pleased being here with you

Beens

you so delicately wrap your arms around both me and my
insecurities
and I would bow graciously to the silence
I have found in the heavy breathing.
My struggle is just
to inhale the air just as it is in
your acceptance
of me.
Honestly I want to thank you for this
I've found a smile in some dark corner
to give
and give
and give
to you
In the peace of mind
tucked into our quiet moments
even when you are raging,
a tempest seeking affections
In the calm of the quarrel
Allow me to reassure you
Even when it comes and
it hurts like hell
in return...
I will love you
if you let me and
somehow I'll manage to find the courage and
i will love you
I would carry my convictions
clear across...
the spread of your wings.
To the distance where your voice fell silent

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to ring throughout my many
Could've beens
Should've beens
would've beens,
had I been braver, and smarter maybe...
I would've loved you sooner
I would've have listened long ago
Even now
when you speak
Into the recesses of my hollows.
Echoing your oblivion into my own.
I see how our nothing
Always
meant something
to us and
I would watch your strong hands.
Create
As fingers would dance and write and move beautifully
building upon everything,
Monuments of affections
testimonies
with such grandeur.
I would watch you, love
Push aside your fear and
love me...
I've been thinking
Maybe I should learn to be brave and love you
like I've never been hurt...

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, Ukraina, 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).

Contemporary man

He stands on top of a heap of plastic garbage
And he gasps every sip of air with difficulty.
He puts a mask on his face and he is afraid to breathe.
The Earth's green lungs stop producing the oxygen.

He looks with hope into the endless black of the cosmos
In the search of a planet beautiful like a blue gem.
In vain he wants to escape from his family home
to abandon old problems and his own mistakes.

He still believes in the power of money,
So he was caught in a trap made of delusions.
He forgot that not everything can be bought.
A drop of clean water and fresh air are priceless.

I'm crying for you, Ukraine

My life is like a broken window pane
- dreams crumbled into rain from crumbs
and memories hurt painfully.

The view outside the window
is the same and not the same.
Trunks of burned trees
stick up like exclamation marks,
the blind eyes of the houses
stare blankly ahead.

I can't hear the birds
and the chirping of the children.
The silence is interrupted
by the wail of the alarm sirens
and the terrifying
whistle of falling bombs.

How to pack the past into one suitcase?
How do I tell my child,
that there is no home left?
How to shut a torn door behind me?

Four stamps

Do not wake up
the Horsemen of Apocalypse!

Four horses snort, hooves tap.
They are ready to gallop.

War, death, hunger,
plague are always together
and ride side by side.

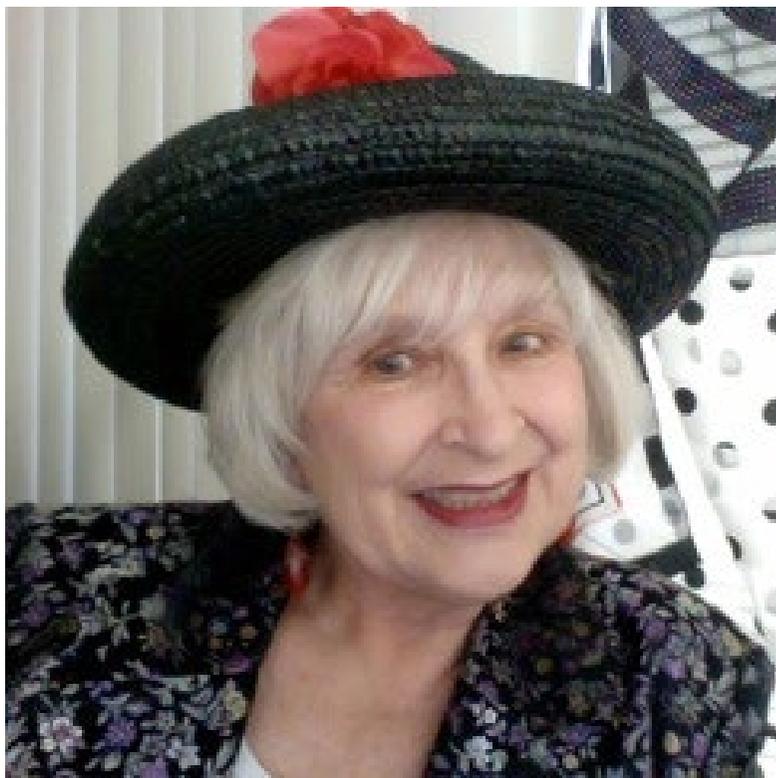
Auschwitz was not a dream.
The demons are born
in the dark side of human nature.

The lust for power
The glory of winning
The greed
The fraudulent propaganda

Do not break the seals!

Jackie
Davis
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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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 Bachelors 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 InnerChild Press, ltd.

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Step by Step

Slow as a turtle
Quick as a slippery fish
The weather changes; so, too the ocean
Physically, politically,
Or otherwise

Far too often, faster than a speeding bullet
Or the wink of an eye,
History has a tendency to repeat itself
Yet there needs to be a way
To undo the harm

The proverbial clock is ticking
Minute by minute, slowly
Hour by hour, consistently; faster
Week after week.
Year after year

It's time, don't you think
To care, to strive, with heart and mind
Of understanding, for the environment
To do what you can.
For mankind

Let's put love
And effort into action
Let's put a dent
Into the devastation
For the planet's sake

Crossing the River

Crossing the river
Towards a reawakening
The moon, in its fullness
Calls out to the stars in their infinity

Beware of evil
Lurking in darkness
Hidden faces
In the shadows, they, the wicked

Sword of truth
Dwells within
Its path informs
Gift of love, of truth; hints of peace

Why then
Do a people
Crossing over the river
Choose to hide
Civility, peace, from their faces

All That Which Remains

Pressed between the pages,
The memory of a gardenia's scent
Mingled with the fragrance of the past year,
Wherein he and his beloved resided.

Her heart's imprint of love faded;
A shadow of a bloom, his lady love.
Yet he hovered over her fragile essence.
She was lifeless, like a marble vestige.

Delicate, like a quivering feather,
Her small hand he held to his mind's mirror.
Her frail image caused his breath to catch.
His heart rose, then fell. His love was no more.

The heavens rained down their disapproval,
The tragic loss lamented and bemoaned.
The ship of finality, with her, sailed away.
In anger he called out to God.

A chorus of heaven's angels responded.
Witnessed this mournful scene.
Echoing sympathy, they wiped their eyes,
The promise of his tomorrows, gone.

Beneath the palest moon
Of the deepest of dark nights, he, the branch
Of the late bloom severed, began piecing together
The next chapter of the story.

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai (蔡澤民博士) was born in Republic of China, in 1957. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and two Masters of Science in Applied Mathematics and Chemical Engineering. He is a professor at Asia University (Taiwan), editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text. He also writes the long-term columns for Chinese Language Monthly in Taiwan.

He is a scholar with a wide range of expertise, while maintaining a common and positive interest in science, engineering and literature member. He is also an editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text and a columnist for ‘*Chinese Language Monthly*’ in Taiwan

He has won many national literary awards. His literary works have been anthologized and published in books, journals, and newspapers in more than 40 countries and have been translated into more than a dozen languages.

Elegy of the Sea

On the sea, white clouds lie on the top
Sand, come and go with the waves
Waves, one is born and one is destroyed at the same time
If they stop washing each other one day, this white expanse
 will naturally gallop to peace
No one knew that the water here was supposed to be so
 clear, that the sun's light was supposed to be so bright
The sound of the waves and the roar of the turtles rooted to
 the depths of the sea
The green rocks are slightly exposed, and I don't want to
 talk about the right and wrong of the sea
All night, the east wind blows across the sea
Remnant yellow dust, how dare the sea mud pollute the
 natural tranquility
The red scales have not changed, but darkly destroy the
 invisible world
However, the road back to the sea seems to be out of reach
Under the slump of the muddy pit, is it possible that there is
 only room for sinking in the sea of bitterness
When the red on the water has disappeared, the snow-white
 heart is still bright
Predestined to sit quietly, eager to eliminate the misfortune
 from nowhere
Learn to fish with the white waves, look back several times
 to find the way but disappear
Can't afford to sing high, send away the feelings that are
 gradually drifting away
Throat tragically turned into a brooding heart, drifting to
 the end of the cloud
It laughs at my broken shadows sifting through the swamp,
 counting boats on the sea, but the sorrow in my heart is
 more sorrowful

The World

In front of the steps
Looking at the moon shadow
That Clouds merge like ice
Like to sit and watch the stars
Feel boundless from ancient

Sycamore rhizome
Shyly open to my seeds
Buds stick out their heads
Between the waving fingers
Feed me with painstaking care

The old wood fell down
No longer vitality
Half into pieces
Thrown into that fierce campfire
Lure the poets to make their marks

West of the mountain
The drizzle came crookedly
I feel curious
Tighten the ridge of leather
Oh, how much wind did you eat?

The moonlight bright-white
The wind blew in the slightest
The gentle dune face
Wrinkled without any thought
Camels turned into small boats

That Late-Night Gathering on the Clouds

Clouds gather above
the surging Yangtze River
Angling rod mingled
School of fish swam near the shore
Crashed into the net of greed

Majestic horses
Drinking outside the Great Wall
Song of native land
The shadows of flying spears
Are lonely and unfeeling

Late at the deep night
The angels came quietly
Deep sleepy valley
Shed a drop of lonely tear
Staying turned into this lake

A thousand winds can't blow
Reach the thousand-foot dark cliff
Look excitedly
Plum blossoms carry spring back
Melted the thousand-year snow

The geese flew over
In a whispered and low voice
Plums are lost in thought
Taking a leisurely look
Why did you stay in that season?

Sharæf
Abdur
Rashæd



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Shareef Abdur-Rasheed, AKA Zakir Flo was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. His education includes Brooklyn College, Suffolk County Community College and Makkah, Saudi Arabia. He is a Veteran of the Viet Nam era, where in 1969 he reverted to his now reverently embraced Islamic Faith. He is very active in the Islamic community and beyond with his teachings, activism and his humanity.

Shareef's spiritual expression comes through the persona of "Zakir Flo" . Zakir is Arabic for "To remind". Never silent, Shareef Abdur-Rasheed is always dropping science, love, consciousness and signs of the time in rhyme.

Shareef is the Patriarch of the Abdur-Rasheed Family with 9 Children (6 Sons and 3 Daughters) and 41 Grandchildren (24 Boys and 17 Girls).

For more information about Shareef, visit his personal FaceBook Page at :

<https://www.facebook.com/shareef.abdurrasheed1>
<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

Home

CO2 emissions
manifestation
human traditions
raise more than
suspicions
you keep your fishtank
clean
all those beautiful fish
didn't come from tanks
the waters of our earth
source of their birth
now you abused their
home and mother earth
is sick
bio diversity close to life
support
gases, gases like methane,
nitrous oxide
destroying forest that regulated
kept balance
perverted CO2 emissions
from deteriorating healthy
conditions
trees mitigate toxic effect
so what did you do
burn them down
chop them down
took nature's protection
spit on it, your stupidity
greed has eroded our home
but you keep your fishtank

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clean
while the array of precious
life disappear
turn off the lights
enjoy your fishtank
all those pretty lights
while home to its occupants
slowly die of manmade
toxic blight

invaders

land hoarders crash borders
indifferent to human slaughter
for instance Ukraine, Syria,
many more
men, women, children
slaughtered by butchers
intent to eliminate, slaughter
innocent humanbeings
set upon by agents of Shaitan,
Satan!
for no probable cause
just because
they want to be free from
tyranny
folks like you and me
mothers, babies, fathers,
uncles, aunts, grandparents,
families
just want to live and be free
but silence is louder then violence
SILENCE IS LOUDER THEN VIOLENCE!
world stands to the side
in the shadows dem hide
out of sight, out of mind
indifferent , busy indulging
out their dam minds
turning collective backs
indifferent to established facts
that establish urgency to ACT!
NOW! YESTERDAY IN FACT!
But here's another fact

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ignore GENOCIDE today
because it seems far away
out of sight, out of mind
has a way of sneaking up
impacting
on you "n" me someday
not far away but near
then it won't be out of sight
out of mind far away
END THE GENOCIDE TODAY!
save Ukraine, Syria all the
lands under the feet of devils
posing as human
There are many
all who long to be free
all over the world
stay strong

Or get off the pot

you down or not?
spitting bul\$#!+
got to stop
but it's not
there's lives being snuffed
when is enough, enough
playing politricks
while clocks tick
y'all sick
if it was your a\$\$ you'd
be on it
y'all don't give a dam
a bully killing willfully
men, women, children
familes
yesterday was living normally
like you ' n ' me
today corpses
victims of don't give a f#(k
metamorphosis
if it ain't us don't give a f#(k
good luck with tanks and
trucks that carry stuff
that make you go puff
y'all let us know how it goes
while we do what we do best
nothing
hi joe lets play 18 holes
Ukraine still be burning
when we get home
here's your no fly zone

Kimberly
Burnham



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<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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The Sea of Planet B

There is no planet B
no other world where colorful fish inhabit the seas

There is no place but this
where lynx and lionfish live in bliss

This is the world we have to save
to sun and play in each moment's wave

To grow like trees at the ocean's edge
protecting the land and water we pledge

Because there is no planet B
no other realm where we are free to live

Ukraine, an Environmental Crisis

Blackout poetry missing words
for what happens
a found poem wired.com

Russia's attack tearing
polluting air and water
Ukrainians suffer long after smoke
the ground sinking
a conflict zone
hundreds of miles flooding
toxic chemicals radioactive

More deep and dangerous
sparked fighting
ecological catastrophe
toxic leaks contamination by shelling
chaos of a contested region

Who should bear the cost
the environment a weapon of war
overlooked
damage unfurls in slow motion
long after conflict subsides
the cost of doing business

The Black Sea (Чорне море Chorne)

Six countries agendas
a massive body of water
another casualty of war

Fish stocks plummet beyond repair
Crimean coastline rising sharply
the Black Sea's unrelenting grayness
dolphins danced a decade ago
this sea was alive with beasts, birds, and fish

Now pollutants and floating debris litter murky waters
who the hell can live in that
millions of holiday makers
flock when stifling heat strikes
water quality low from the inflow

Wonder aloud the Black Sea might be
devoid of life
dense, salty waters flowing from the Bosphorus
sink to the bottom
fresh water drains from five rivers
fertilizer concentrates
spurring suffocation of marine creatures

Apparent officials in Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria,
Romania, Turkey, and Georgia
set aside political differences
work for the sea's survival
found poem from Smithsonianmag.com

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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Blue

Ocean warming and ice sheet melting
Sea creatures losing breeding grounds,
The ill effects of global warming
How do we humans alter these disaster
When greed consumes our hearts?

Ocean blue, what happened to you?
As the planet warms,
More energy you receive
Who's fault is this?
When man thinks he is living in bliss.

The waters created by the Source
Continue to be taken for granted
Of the supposed to be custodians
Of Light and Love.

Indigo Child

i am not of this world
i came from an abysmal chaos
but from this beautiful chaos, Desiderata was born-
a child of the Universe, precious and golden
a lovely old soul beyond time and space
often misunderstood by mediocre minds
but applauded by great free thinkers
i long for a world enveloped in serenity
inhabited by empaths with great sensitivity
a loner I may be but this is who I am
but i've got this deep connection with things around me
an indigo girl at birth
my temporary sanctuary is the Earth
lonewolves gather at my feet-
for i am their Goddess in human form.

Luna

Beauteous royalty
Clothed in immaculate white
Enamoring weary hearts
Tonight you capture
The raging spotlight
With your luminescence.
Luna hear me out,
The Sun worships your beauty
He bows down and gives his life
Just to see you shine at night.

Joø
Pairø

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Joseph L Paire' aka Joe DaVerbal Minddancer . . . is a quiet man, born in a time where civil liberties were a walk on thin ice. He's been a victim of his own shyness often sidelined in his own quest for love. He became the observer, charting life's path. Taking note of the why, people do what they do. His writings oft times strike a cord with the dormant strings of the reader. His pen the rosined bow drawn across the mind. He comes full-frontal or in the subtlest way, always expressing in a way that stimulate the senses.

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Extinction

Scrapbooks of dried leaves
I believed somethings would last forever
Buffalo were plentiful long ago
Now logos adorn some sweaters

I love to go fishing, never tried to scuba dive
Now here I go wishing, the rarest things were still alive
Never cared for poached fish, I like my flounder fried
If climate change goes without a hitch
That's murder by profit in my eyes

Catch and release is one thing
Only take what you need is two
Everybody wants to be in-charge
And the current price of things is proof

An archeologist wrote of how there was once water
An astrologist saw traces from outer space
If the climate change worsens
Who'll discover our human race

Pretty pictures rarely give that physical need
Has reality succumbed to greed?
What has clearly been taken for granted
Can no longer be saved so it seems.

A brain with fins I wonder what it's thinking
With what it breathes
We pollute, then clean for drinking

Rapunzel

I refuse to go down that rabbit hole
Trying to make a point with a four-year-old
I've asked that age old question
little girl, "Have you been here before?"
The boldness of her innocence
I'm trying to control taught discipline
Some children aren't born to discern
The subtleties of language yet

Do we expect too much from our youth?
Do we reject the conversation with a doll?
Tantrums aside there's a budding brain here
To a four-year-old life lesson's often come with tears
She won the argument and continued to watch the movie
Only five times today, but later she'll come crying to me
"Can we watch it again" and then watch Scooby?

Imagination is the why we have what we have
How to becomes the teacher
Procrastinated ideas never come to fruition
I stay preaching to reach her

She's just a child is not an excuse to deny education
Think of the miles saved by giving the right information
"If I knew then what I know now"
Everything has a period of gestation
I can no longer sit idly by and feel it's not my problem
Solutions may not be easy to grasp
I feel I must help her solve them

Invasive Behavior

I can't leave it alone, this feeling of despair
I can't remember a home, that I have not lived in fear
Right neighborhood, wrong color
Wrong neighborhood but that's what's available

Vulnerable assets but who assess what is vulnerable
War machines are rolling down my street
All these things are rubble at my feet

Annie get your gun, Grandma's toting one
Grandpa's on the hill out back Red Rabbits on the run

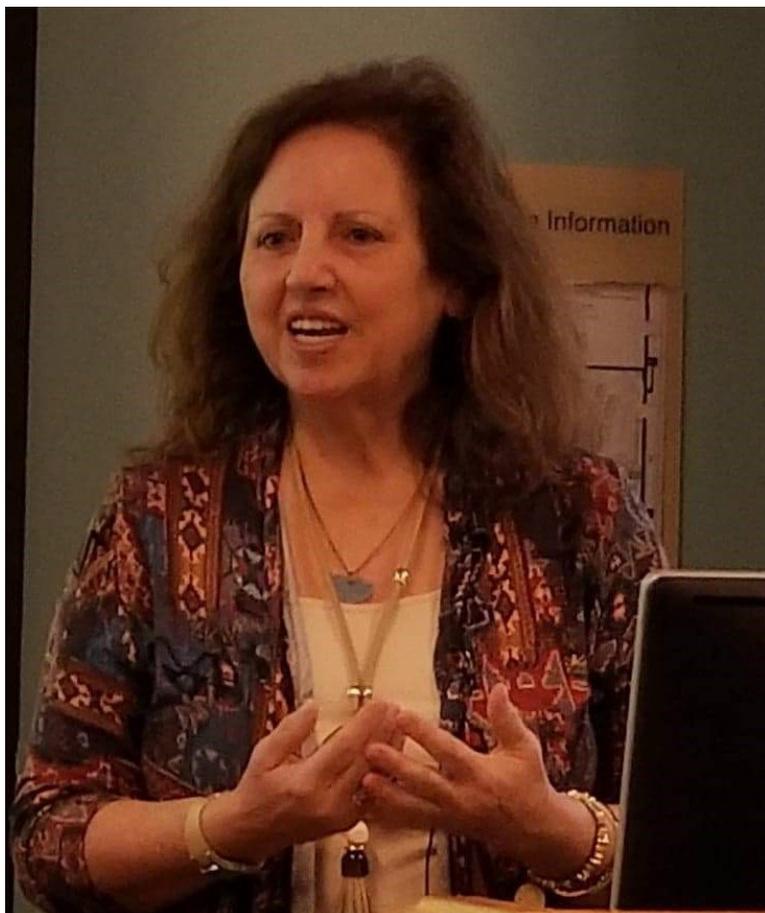
What place is this where one soul controls the many
We cherish the word but don't apply it to any
I can't let this go
I spare the souls through faith and prayer
To save the fold from those who don't care

It's like a bar cheer, "Go, Go, Go"
And he staggers home
No, No, No, to a no-fly zone
And his home is gone, flattened, turned into rubble

I can bully you, and you don't want no trouble
It's easy for me to say
But when the truth can set you free
You're

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a crappy poem
for a crappy planet maintenance

lately, i have not written poems
poetry, however, has always been my go-to

i feel crappy inside, and look thus on the outside
negative thoughts have been piling up in me
for too long of a while,
and they spread like fire of the wild

our planet's state of being leaves me in despair
no care for tomorrow, no care for today
a gigantic dumpster is what we are turning it into
the forests, the valleys, the oceans, the rivers,
all of them get their shabby share

i know, i know
this poem is utterly crappy
but i cannot help writing it for each of us to see

how we supposedly maintain our planet
is being done ever so lousily

what are we leaving for our children,
for our grandchildren,
for our yet-to arrive fellow humans?

a crappy planet
not unlike these crappy lines

an egregious chunk of disarray!

Planet B Through Z

President of France: “There is no planet B.”
A factual statement. Many of us do clearly see.
Yet, we act as if planets lined up
as an endless spare . . .

With a sickening carelessness,
we continue to pollute the oceans.
We refuse to moderate CO2 emissions.
We are thus devastating our biodiversity.

As Emmanuel Macron declares,
“We are killing our planet.”

But wait, what does the French president know?
He seems to have no clue!
Is he not aware that we have many a replacement?
Has no one told him about planets B, C, D, . . . and Z?

Why worry? Let’s have one of our picnics.
At a beach, please!
No trash bins around? Not a problem!
Empty bottles – glass or not, cans,
paper plates and cups,
cutely colored napkins
and plastic utensils . . .
off they go for a dive in the sea.
Can’t you see?
What a disappearing act!

We are done here.
Off to planet B we go . . .

nature's lament

the mom sea turtle's

five hundred years of living

will end abruptly

Teresa
E.
Gallion

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Teresa E. Gallion was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and moved to Illinois at the age of 15. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of Illinois Chicago and received her master's degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She retired from New Mexico state government in 2012.

She moved to New Mexico in 1987. While writing sporadically for many years, in 1998 she started reading her work in the local Albuquerque poetry community. She has been a featured reader at local coffee houses, bookstores, art galleries, museums, libraries, Outpost Performance Space, the Route 66 Festival in 2001 and the State of Oklahoma's Poetry Festival in Cheyenne, Oklahoma in 2004. She occasionally hosts an open mic.

Teresa's work is published in numerous Journals and anthologies. She has two CDs: *On the Wings of the Wind* and *Poems from Chasing Light*. She has published three books: *Walking Sacred Ground*, *Contemplation in the High Desert* and *Chasing Light*.

Chasing Light was a finalist in the 2013 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards.

The surreal high desert landscape and her personal spiritual journey influence the writing of this Albuquerque poet. When she is not writing, she is committed to hiking the enchanted landscapes of New Mexico. You may preview her work at

<http://bit.ly/1aIVPNq> or <http://bit.ly/13IMLGh>

They Know Not

Most homo sapiens know not
that the sea is rising.
They are busy being human
contributing to a polluted environment.

Most homo sapiens know not
that the ocean is absorbing more heat,
becoming warmer
and contributing to greater storms.

Most homo sapiens know not
that water is life
and the destruction of life
can lead to extinction of the planet.

Loving From the Distance

Mother nature is a Spiritual light
manifest in the natural landscape of earth.
Her essence is untouchable
and so is yours.

Look at the beauty of a rose.
You can see it.
You can feel it.
You cannot touch it.

Mother tells me secrets in the woods
I cannot share with you.
They are so personal my Spirit Guide
hides them from the sky.
Let me rub your face with my energy.

My walking prayer in the desert
leads me to you.
I can see you.
I can feel you in the core of my Spirit.
I cannot touch you.

You are almost too much to bear.
Still, I breathe you into me.
My heart swells with passion.
Bubble smiles rain from my eyes.

I come back into my body.
You are gone.
It is then I must love you
from the distance.

Waiting for You

You speak to me in a language
that only you and I understand.
You embrace with words
longing to touch, but afraid to reach.

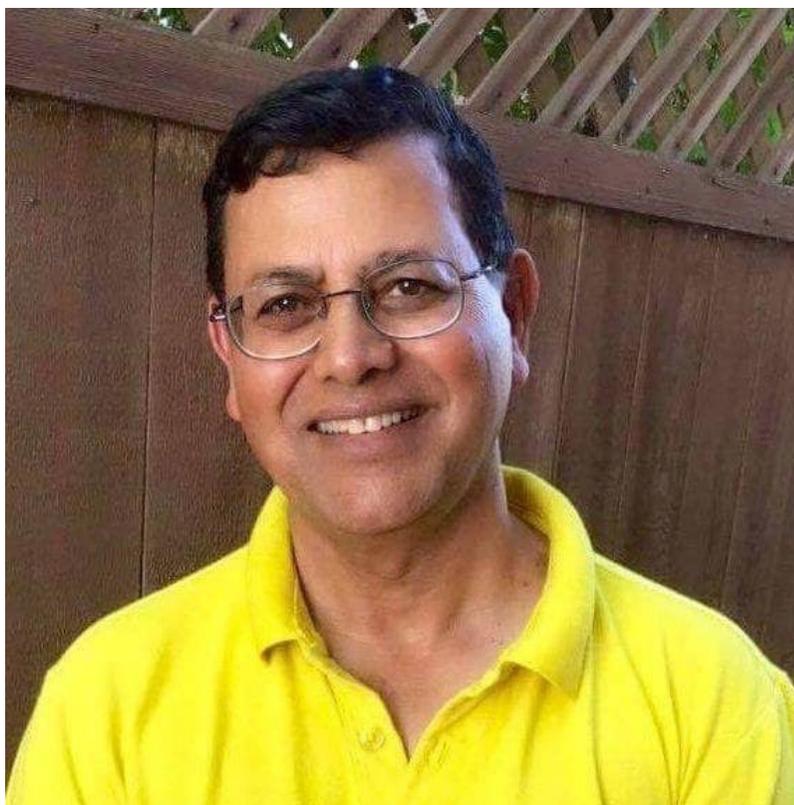
I sing soft lyrics that vibrate in your soul.
You hug them gently because you feel love
that is yet to be acknowledged in your loins.

The air is giving birth to seedlings
to germinate in your garden.
Each is a blessing engraved in your name.

You cannot sleep at night
and you know not why.
It is because your soul is restless
and wants to come to me
where love waits for you
in the eternal garden.

Ashok
K.
Bhargava

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Ashok Bhargava is a poet, writer, community activist, public speaker, management consultant and a keen photographer. Based in Vancouver, he has published several collections of his poems: *Riding the Tide*, *Mirror of Dreams*, *A Kernel of Truth*, *Skipping Stones*, *Half Open Door* and *Lost in the Morning Calm*. His poetry has been published in various literary magazines and anthologies.

Ashok is a Poet Laureate and poet ambassador to Japan, Korea and India. He is founder of WIN: Writers International Network Canada. Its main objective is to inspire, encourage, promote and recognize writers of diverse genres, artists and community leaders. He has received many accolades including Nehru Humanitarian Award for his leadership of Writers International Network Canada, Poets without Borders Peace Award for his journeys across the globe to celebrate peace and to create alliances with poets, and Kalidasa Award for creative writings.

Is It Real

Ocean shores -
Debris from sewer
Oil spill and plastic bags
Wash up on the sandy beach
Where we once played volleyball

Oil stained feathers
Helpless to fly
Seagulls cry for food
Seeing dead fish afloat
What a nightmare

How long
Can we remain ignorant
And wonder
If it's real

Virtually

“Time is a created thing. To say 'I don't have time, is like saying, 'I don't want to.'”

My prayers are folded hands
holding silence.
In the darkness of night
I search for the spirit of light.
It sparks a deep desire in me to oscillate
from here to there, from there to here.
My body is brittle
fragile glass
shatters easily.
My resolve is steel
stainless
unbreakable.
Randomly a beam of light shines on me
silently
bringing peace to my impatient heart.
I stop my quest
find light everywhere.
Don't need any avatar –
I am it
you are it
we are it.

Splitting Isn't Easy

I have taken what is mine
I have given you what is yours
I have taken back my kisses writing verses on your lips
I have taken back my embraces firing your imagination
I have taken with me your desire to have me in your arms
To arise from nothingness to furtive sacredness
To mesmerize the splitting of a seed into a sprout
I can't offer you what I don't possess
Even if you ask for more
You said you desire to get drenched and dance
Underneath the monsoon rains and
Sing with the thundering clouds
No I don't want to ...
Because music flows the winds and
I am capable of any tune

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis

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

Among her poetic belts include PANORAMA YOUTH LITERARY AWARDS 2020, 7 th 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), the sair-gazeteci or 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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cynosure

pristine blue waters
mirroring the ocean stories:
waves, people and aquatic creatures,
i've always wanted to tell
that i admire the covenant
which transcends fidelity,
both keepers
of time,
of life,
and merging finitude;
ocean -sky: cradles
of harmony.

The Water Story

every time i hold a glass of water,
i think of its every drop
can rinse trepidation
for now, waiting for the rain
so all dark matters
could be drowned into the abyss.

The Utopian Whispers

Gazing at the doors
Of the seasons coming
Chasing the fabrics
Of illusion from the blindfold
Of the past
Now, seizing the caps
Of believing and doing
On this ardent, fertile utopia
Taking the prerogative
Even a single

d
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Of bloodless silence.

Swapna
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE Award, ATAL Award 2018, Global Literature Guardian Award, International Life Time Achievement Award and the Master of Creative Impulse Award. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government accredited Literary Society Lasher one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 60 languages. She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union, Kazakhstan 2018. Italy, the National President for India by Hispanomundial Union of Writers (UHE), Peru, the administrator of several poetic groups, and the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child Press African is the life member of Odisha Environmental Society.

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euphoria vs. reality

the morning euphoria
so dynamic, enigmatic
a cup of hot coffee
a newspaper having
the advertisements
of oil, soap, medicines, food
everything virtual is so beautiful

the mid day
is so confusing
money that matters
war that matters
rape that matters
war widows, orphans
refugees that matter
migration that matters
evacuation that matters
death squad and firing squad
that certainly matter
life that matters
death that shatters
bombing that matters
fear that matters
tears that matter
humanity that matters
“Dad please don’t die”
the screaming of the soldier’s child
that matters

in the evening
the noble peace award
on the auction table

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for the peace process
for the wounded soldiers
emotion that plays hide and seek
like the coconut trees running back
as seen from the train window seat
the playing card of drunken river
in fact the plastic bags choking its mouth
the polythene from the stomach of the fish
is it not a dangerous game
who is the game changer
who is the show stopper
everything is at stake

at night the turbulent poetry
is so sceptical and dark
ocean is our eternal music
where is the aesthetic movement ?
where is the new moon that brings the tide?
is it lost or baptised
to rise as the new Sun !!

ocean is an eternal music

a river mingles
an ocean accepts
a being merges
to be a Being
a metamorphosis happens
myriads of waves scatter
the aura of cosmos
reflects the galaxy
the bohemian ocean current deletes the ego ,super ego
a dot travels to melt
a soul proofs its identity
the blood streams are the rivers inside the body
somewhere I can hear the sound
is it the murmuring inner voice of my cells
love and peace are in tandem
lo, behold
the celebration of the estuaries
is somewhere

a sailor's last letter in a bottle

a sailor's last dream
his body should reach his home
he left his land at the age of twelve
his mother had cancer
no food, no medicine

for forty-five years in the sea
facing the storm
doldrums of horse latitude
the dazzling waters,
the seals, the hemisphere
the magnetic needles, the polar star
and of course, his red tea
served in the enamel mug

who has polluted the sea?
no more planktons .no more fish
global warming increasing the volumes of water
the Gulf stream and the Labrador stream merging
there is fog every where
cataract in his two eyes
carbon is killing the fish
polythene is choking

dear anonymous

if at all you get my letter
please do me a favour
in the distant village near
the sea shore of Atlantic
lives my family

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mother might have died
as I remember
near my hut a tiny girl was living
she had blond hair and frilled red frock
i love her
make a grave in my village
engrave my last words
save the sea, save our climate”

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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Alcarrasco2 on YouTube

Infinite the poet on reverbnation

Infinite Poetry

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html>

Climate change and oceans

Three quarters of our planet is covered by water, so many different species of life exist in the abyss that will not survive climate change bringing in warmer temperatures.

Rising water levels of today can eventually drown coral reefs and seagrass meadows tomorrow; they cant photosynthesize unless water levels are shallow.

Oceans absorb one-third of carbon dioxide created by humans,

doing so slows down global warming but causes acidification higher than natural variation.

Higher acidity is damaging species that use calcium carbonate to form skeletons.

Fishes are migrating towards the poles, local fisheries are losing money due to the non availability of what is usually sold.

Acidification is also reducing the flow of the oceans sulfur back into the atmosphere, this also reduces the reflection of solar radiation back into our solar system... resulting in more warming.

Time

I lived a crazy life. If you was to ask me... if I could turn back time would I relive it all again? I would reply yes in a heartbeat. Why? Because I'll have all those that died by my side in these ill BX streets. I'll make sure I wouldn't lose them again. I'll change history drastically, past tragedies definitely wouldn't repeat. I'll know the when's and how's when murder was to take place, I'll be there that day to eradicate a death date. They won't understand that this is my second chance living the same life and that I know when they'll take their last breath. It'll just be my duty to make sure knives don't slice, stab and cut and they evade slugs intended to break bones after melting flesh, breaking homes and the hearts of kin they left. Oh yeah you're going there? Ok me too, you're going to handle what? I'm coming too, homie I know you're thinking about messn with blazay blazay don't do it, they don't love you. They'll be buggn like... how does he know? as I alter witnessed deadly scenarios. Now that everyone is kept alive, I'll let em know we aren't going to spend cash because we could, we're all going to start businesses and buy property down south and up north in the woods. If only I could hear toc tic ya know the sound of time as it rewinds.

Imagination

I can see the grays on their head and in their beards.
I hear them complaining about aches and pains.
"When I catch you I'm going to beat that ass",
That's them when it's time to discipline their children but
they're too fast.
War stories, they'll be on repeat,
Remember I did this and that in the street?
OG's clean and neat, khakis, button downs and j's still on
their feet.
No more dutchies or entourages,
It's back to bamboo, playing dominoes yell'n out capi cu.
This is my imagination of what life would be,
if my dead homies was still here with me

Eliza
Sęgięt

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Eliza Segiet: Master's Degree in Philosophy, completed postgraduate studies in Cultural Knowledge, Philosophy, Arts and Literature at Jagiellonian University. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The NWNW - Union of Writers of the World.

Her poems *Questions* and *Sea of Mists* won the title of the International Publication of the Year 2017 and 2018 in Spillwords Press.

For her volume of *Magnetic People* she won a literary award of a *Golden Rose* named after Jaroslaw Zielinski (Poland 2019 r.). Her poem *The Sea of Mists* was chosen as one of the best one hundred poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada.

In Poet's Yearbook, as the author of *Sea of Mists*, she was awarded with the prestigious Elite Writer's Status Award as one of the best poets of 2019 (July 2019).

She was awarded *World Poetic Star Award* by World Nations Writers Union – the world's largest Writers' Union from Kazakhstan (August 2019).

In September 2019 she was 1st Place Laureate (Foreign Poetry category) – in Contest *Quando È la Vita ad Invitare* for poem *Be Yourself* (Italy).

Her poem *Order* from volume *Unpaired* was selected as one of the 100 best poems of 2019 in International Poetry Press Publications (Canada).

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

Laureate International Award PARAGON OF HOPE (Canada, 2020).

Obtained certificate of appreciation from *Gujarat Sahitya Academy* and *Motivational Strips* for literary excellence par with global standards (2020).

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

Author's works can be found in anthologies, separate books and literary magazines worldwide.

The pier

Once unspoiled,
now
already fed with the plastic islands
prompt to reflection.

The sea turtles, fish
should they swim amid
that
leaves behind one's self
a reckless landlord?

To think is:
– to foresee
– to see
– to sense
To keep
water, earth, air
in the appropriate lordiness.
The care belongs to us,
so that the beautiful world
wasn't stamped into oblivion,
wasn't saturated with distaste.

Through the pier, between
the delight with nature
and its destruction,
should be the mind.

Translated Ula de B.

Trauma

When
brightened by joy day
transformed into murky afterglow
of uncertain future,
decided to change the rules.

Life's traumas,
which he carries with him everywhere,
will not be pushing him into the void,
from which it's hard to get out from to
the surface.

New wounds will bring him strength
to conquer gifts,
even amorphous
pleasures.

Those imaginary joys are more beautiful
than true pain of existence.

Translated Ula de B.

The strength of mind

How much can one sacrifice
each day,
for the still unfinished
to become fulfilled?

How many times can one give up,
because yet again the trial
didn't succeed?

How many times can one say:
– *Who am I if I can't?*

Strength of mind suffices,
for the white flag
not to be a part of ourselves.

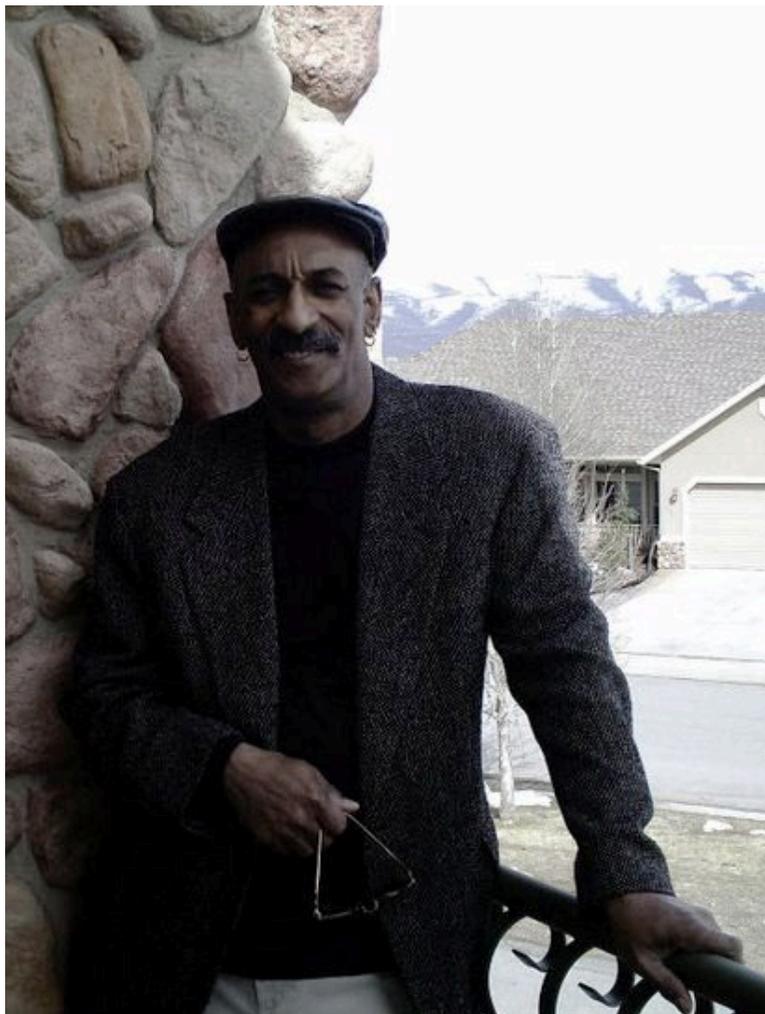
The strife for dreams,
is often difficult,
but when they come to life,
and seemingly
impossible already is the touchable

– you rise above

Translated Ula de B.

William
S.
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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But we remained silent

We knew
Over 5 decades ago
We were coming to this,
But sleep seemed to be
A better choice

Can I still swim
Without catching something
That I must take home with me . . .
Perhaps

.....

But what about those
Who call the Seas and the Oceans . . .
Home . . .
Where do they walk to,
Run to,
Swim to . . .
Where can they hide
From our dastardly ignorance

Choking on plastics
Getting caught in fishing lines
While man passively slaughters
The Oceans,
A living entity
With their indifference
Or for the sport of it all

We knew
That it would come to this,
But we remained silent . . .

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O Man, O Man,
Who art thou
That would destroy that
Which gives life unto thee?

No more peaceful sleeping allowed!!!

Let us ...

The Ides of March

Let us be liberated
From that which binds us
To this realm of convoluted things

Let us allow our innate light
To be uncovered, uncloaked,
Uninhibited and unbound
By the conjured
Doctrines of darkness
We so blindly and ignorantly
Embrace

Let us loosen our selves,
Frolic to the rhythms of creation
And dance with a glee
That exhibits our divine connection
To one and another
And to that
Of all things
Past, present and future

Let us embrace each other,
And the possibilities
Of what we may become
While in remembrance
Of where we have come from

Let our tongues utter
Naught but 'Truth' absolute,
That Truth that speaks
Of oneness and unity,

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And shared consequences and outcomes
Pertaining our actions,
Deeds, words and thoughts

Let our hearts
Open their doors
And allow the overwhelming goodness
We possess,
To overwhelm the entire world,
The 'Multi-verse',
With a blinding, inebriating love
That can not be denied

Let us come to know thyself
And 'thyself' come to know itself
... intimately
As we purge all falsehood and falseness
From our experientialness,
Our imaginings,
And our dreams ...
Let the nightmares, hauntings and
Trepidation be no more

Let us speak these things
Live these things,
Give these things,
Be these things
As we were meant to be,
As we are ...
Let us ... so be it

Chapters

Vowels and consonants,
Syllables and words,
Lines and phrases,
Paragraphs and pages,
Chapters and books ...
Libraries

I am the story being written,
By the circumstances,
Thoughts and feelings....
The final outcome yet
To be told

Moments and minutes,
Hours and days,
Months and years,
Meandering at their own
Variable speeds,
Sometimes rushing,
Sometimes idly languishing,
Yet always perceptibly
Or not,
Moving on, moving forward,
Weaving and
Contributing to the tale

Questions unanswered,
Dreams unattended,
More imaginings waiting
At the gate of my
Potential reality ...

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What is to come,
What if any is the plot?

I am the protagonist,
As are you, and you, and you,,
And together,
We act out the expressions
Of life,
With a spontan  it  
That no script can replicate

Enuciation,
Pronunciation,
Proclamation
And translation
Fail the sought after edifice
Of clarity, parity and ability
(thank you h  lya for yours)

Wondering and wandering,
Seeking and exploring
Uncovering the fruits
Of deplorable things
We wish to extricate ...
Is there hope?
YES ...

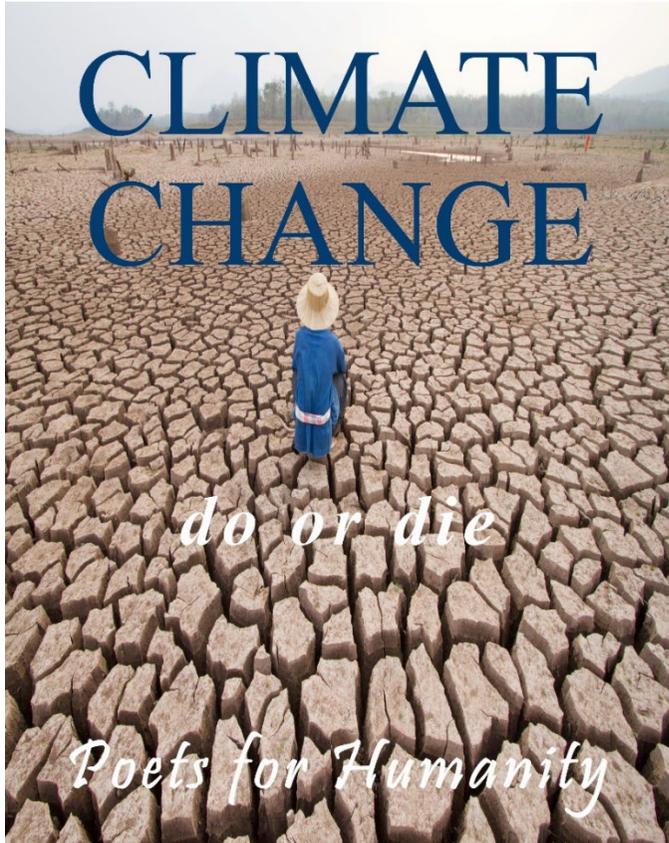
WE MUST SPEAK THE WORDS,
Breaking it all down,
One piece at a time
Until we arrive,
Yes arrive
To that final chapter
Where happy endings
Are always welcomed ...

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Alonzo
Gross

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Alonzo "zO" Gross or zO-AlonzO is a songwriter, Dancer, recording artist and writer.

His short stories were first published internationally in 2005 and in 2006 in the Staying Sane book series published by Evelyn Fazio. Staying Sane when family comes to visit (2005) and Staying Sane during the Thanksgiving Holiday. His first book of poems entitled **Inspiration, Harmony and the World Within** was published in 2012. Also in that same year he was awarded "Best Spoken Word Poet" at the Lehigh Valley music awards. In 2016 zO was selected as a featured poet in the film "VOICES" directed by Gina Nemo filmed in Los Angeles California and released in 2017 in select theatres as well as Amazon Prime. Then in January of 2018 he released his second book of poetry entitled "**sOuL eLiXir The writingZ of zO**" which was greeted with rave reviews and a 5 out of 5 star rating. In November 2020 zO was named as one of the best poets of 2020 by Inner Child Press where his work was featured in their Anthology. In June of 2021 zO released his highly anticipated 3rd book of poetry/art entitled "**PoemZ 4 U AND YourZ**" available globally. zO is a graduate in the field of English Literature from Temple University, and looks forward to releasing music cds as well as new books of poetry and art.

Locust & Wild Honey (lookin' 4 me)...

O' my Insanity!/
my Desert- Calamity!!/
PARANOID THOUGHTZ RUN CANDIDLY!!!,
FitZ Of Rage Cloaked In Vanity/.
"O' my Love)
slow my Dove")
twas this I said,
fore' it All came 2 a head.
Yes,
thought never again could I bare Love)
"never again,
(Said i)
shall my feet,
tread so sweet,
in LoveZ Palace Thereof"/.
But Alas,
as the change of weather*
(iZ Certain')
the pain shall wither*
(amidst hurtin')
4 A Cold Heart iZ Not Yet Frozen_
Hence Drink From The Flask,
Knowin,
Some MemorieZ R Better Left Golden_
Just as Some RoadZ,
R Better Left,
Un-Chosen_ .
(Twas' Only Then Did I Know,
What I Didn't Wanna See---)
Round & Round I Go,
lookin' 4U,
(But Really)
lookin' 4 Me---).

Emperor David (In eXiLe)...

(2 The Majesty King Leo 700 AD),
As i ponder on things I've lost,
through this horrific war,
i indeed,
reminisce of things I've tossed,
amidst my angry shores.
Verily,
i thought riches,
wouldst cover my mask,
Merrily,
I've partaken of the finest wines,
that one man could ever ask.
But Twas all 4 naught,
4 all began 2 rot,
the day a sword, into my Wife's heart
was shot, (A Most Cowardly Plot)
She died in mine arms,
(in her womb) our unborn,
i cursed those wretched thorns,
thence on Pure Vengeance i sworn.
Tillest, in mine sleep,
wouldst the enemies creep,
thence cut out mine tongue,
but never did i weep.
4 what are the tears of the proud worth?
wherefore,
before i leave Earth,
and in Heaven or Hell,
i doth perch.
Heed this lesson with a smile,
(whilst i clutch mine last breath)

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Revenge is like Hemlock
i drinketh Till there is none left,
may i die a most expedient death,
filled with regret all the while-----*
Sincerely, Remorseful,
Thy Emperor David,
in eXiLe.-----*

Dr.
Debaprasanna
Biswas



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Dr. Biswas is an Indian Bengali poet. He is also bilingual poet. He is honored with several literary awards at home and abroad. He is a member of different national and international literary groups. His poems are published and translated (Odissi, Marathi, Indonesian, Persian, Polish) at home and abroad. His creation is mainly on social life. He is a believer of humanity and universal brotherhood.

Disciple

The sky instructs me to be broad-minded
The air whispers me to be a worker.
The greatness of silence is taught by mountain
The open field inspiires me to be open hearted.
The sun advises me to glow with own brightness
The moon teaches us to laugh and to be sweet speaking
The ocean hints us not to disclose our inner strength and
quality
I have learned from the river to go on with own motion
The tolerance I have learned from the earth
The hardship of activity is learned from the stone.
The rythim of songs in our heart is the effect of fountains
The living woods give us alms
I am the student of all features from worldwide schooling

Banyan tree

An old banyan tree has branches
How many branches are there
How many of them are ruined
How many crows are there
How long are they residing
How many cranes are there
How many nests are there
How many of the nests are different
It is the shelter of so many lives.
Parrots snakes insects parasites and what not.
So many boys are playing under it.
So many cow- boys assembled under the shadow.
Wood cutters are managing fuel
Migratory people creates fire for cooking on routes.
Some are collecting skin for herbal drugs
But nobody cares to save the tree.
Nobody cares to save all those family members.
Our society is that banyan tree
The branches have the cultural harmony.
The free oxygen is important
For children to survive
Let's pray for the

The garden

Oh baby come to my garden
Oh baby come to my shoulder
Oh baby you are not burden
Oh baby come to this flower.

Have you seen the colours
Can you name all the flowers
Can you name the colours
Can you step up to the tows.

Come here with a group
I have no companion to play
Let me face with your troops
Who will build up model with clay.

I like to see me within you
I like to know your present view
I like to have friends a few
I like to walk with you on dew.

Let us enjoy the singing birds
Let us avoid the night guards
Take care of walking high and low
While looking to the sky with rainbow.

Monsif
Beroual

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He was born in MIDELE, Morocco, on 1994. Monsif graduated from Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah University, section Public Law in Arabic at Taza City, Morocco. He holds his Master Degree in “Strategy of Decision –Making” (Political Science & IR Field. Mr. Beroual is a multi-awarded and International renowned poet. His poems have been translated into a dozen languages : Spanish , French , Chinese , Polish , Arabic , Romanian, Bulgarian, Bangla, Serbian, Croatian, Italian, and Taiwanese. He has also been published in more than 300 International magazines and anthologies.

Can You Imagine

Can you imagine ?
The world fallen
Yes , the world fallen
Because us , Humans
We destroyed everything , we touch
The nature, the animals and the life
Can you imagine ?
You are the cause
You and I, Us, humans
Can you imagine ?
No oxygen , No clean air to smell
And No green views to watch
Can you imagine ?
Just you and the wars
Can you imagine?
You are the cause
And you are the reason
Us , humans who killed the life.

Save the Planet, save the Generations

I came along to hear your pain
I was asleep
When you inspired me to talk
To explain your sadness
That I will write for the world
About your screams
Words came to me
In my dream
To share your pain to the world,
My ink pen
Is about a dream
Our dream , Our existence that in danger to fade today
Cause what our hands commit against the nature
We destroyed it With our hands Without cares
Even we know;
It's our future
It's our home , Our homeland that has no price
Priceless , without it , there's no existence
And without it safety Our existence will be gone ;
faded forever
Maybe Like dinosaurs
And more money , tech has no values without our
existence.

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Carol
Aronoff

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Carol Alena Aronoff, Ph.D. is a psychologist, teacher and poet. Her work has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies and won several prizes. She was twice nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Carol has published 4 chapbooks (Cornsilk, Tapestry of Secrets, Going Nowhere in the Time of Corona, A Time to Listen) and 6 full-length poetry collections: The Nature of Music, Cornsilk, Her Soup Made the Moon Weep, Blessings From an Unseen World, Dreaming Earth's Body (with artist Betsie Miller-Kusz) as well as The Gift of Not Finding: Poems for Meditation. Currently, she resides in rural Hawaii.

The Sounds of Healing

Who speaks the language of tenderness— makes it their
mother tongue—
has a hunger for love and knows this love
is in the loving, knows that words form bridges— soul
to soul, no matter the divide.

Who sings in the key
of kindness— has a voice that echos the divine, echos across
whole universes, lighting the way for starships and
voyagers
through difficult landscapes, turbulent times.

Who chants the prayers
for healing— knows the secret to reconciliation, knows what
is needed for peace to be restored:
let go of the focus on differences, separation— focus instead
on what we can share— a beautiful sunset,
child's loving smile, our deepest grief.

A Small Kindness

The red flower in a vase on the cafe table where
I drank my nonfat latte and ate pain au chocolate was a
small kindness that opened my morning.

A bouquet of surprises followed: the crew member on our
flight who sang blues before take off, the attendant who
asked us to be kind to each other as we left,
the shuttle driver offering candy to a cranky child.

Each gesture was a seed carried by sparrow to a far nest,
each thoughtful moment stretched time and breached
borders. Moved people closer to where joy and relief
at our shared humanity intersect.

The Nature of Gratitude

Yesterday it was enough just to be alive.
This morning I yearn for beauty, for the peace of an
unhurried walk along the shore, for a day without news.

A hawk floats on easy currents above my head, showing
me the art of flow. I listen to the chatter of mallards and
marigolds, each in their own language, feathers and petals

on gaudy display. I don't need to know what they are
saying, their sweet nearness is enough. And the soft
lingering scent of sea on a slight breeze from the west
unencumbers my spirit.

Although the beach is closed, my feet can take
a different path, find magic in a half-demolished coffee
shack, a strangely curled coconut tree still bearing fruit. In
the richness of the found world, how can I hunger for
anything?

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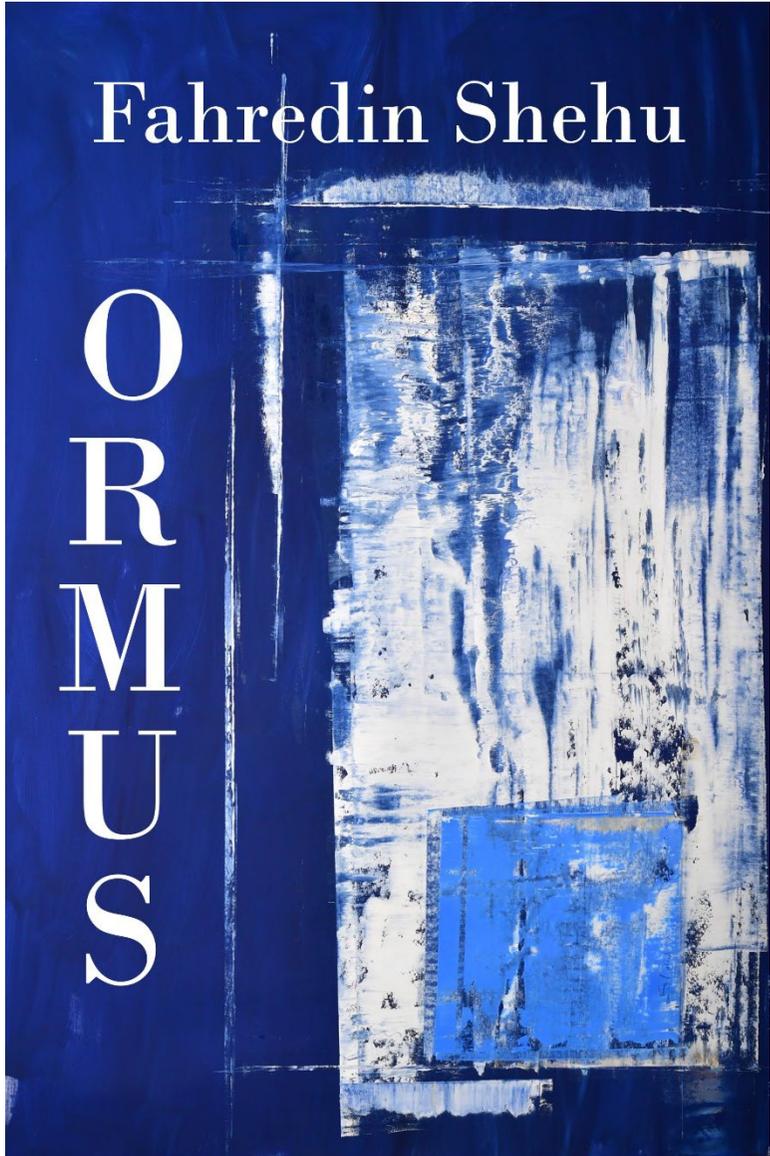
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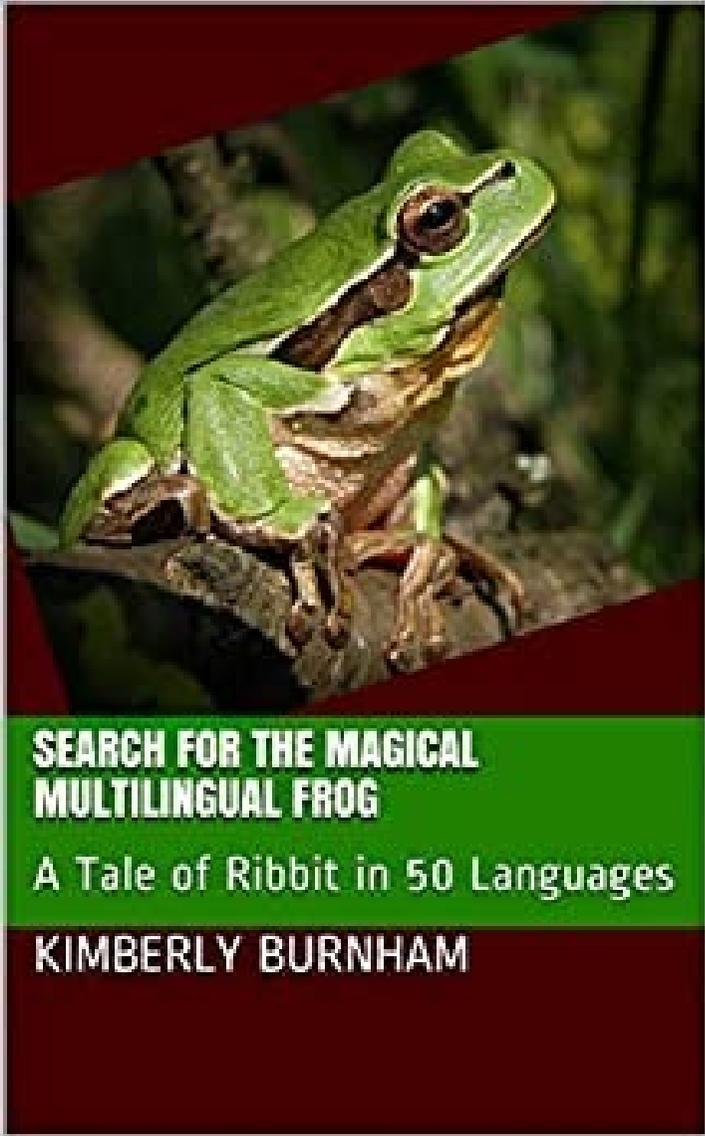


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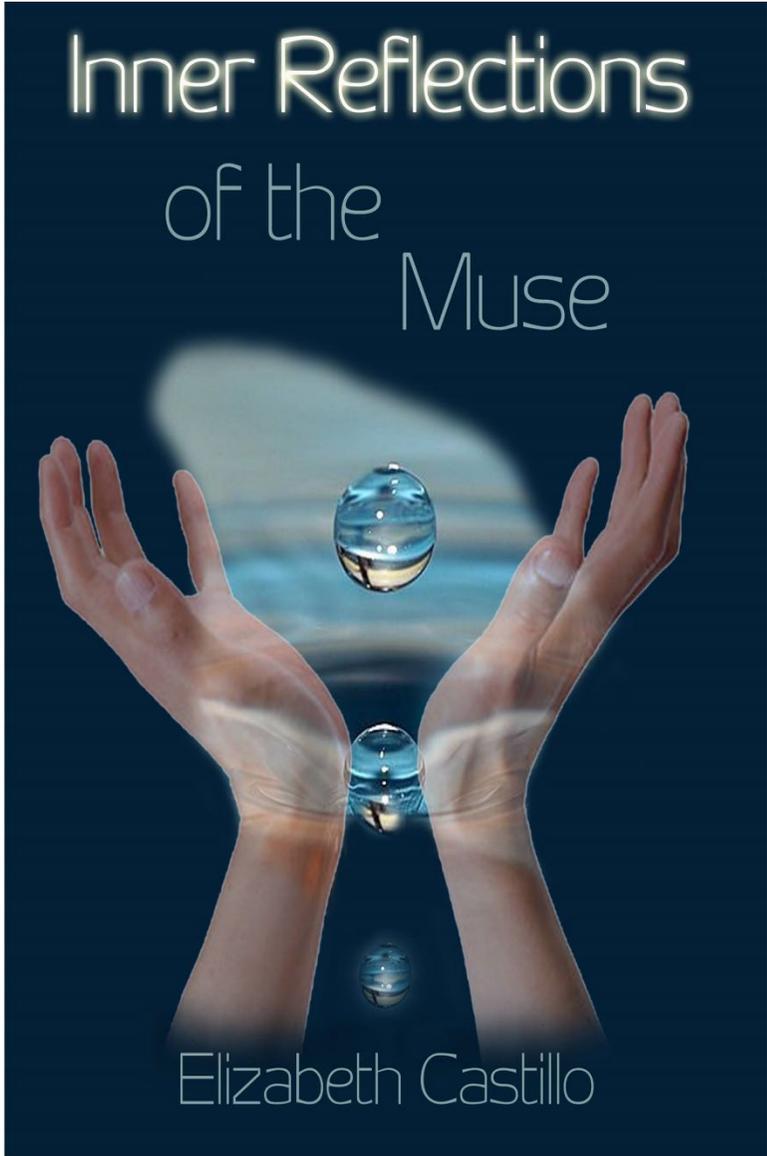
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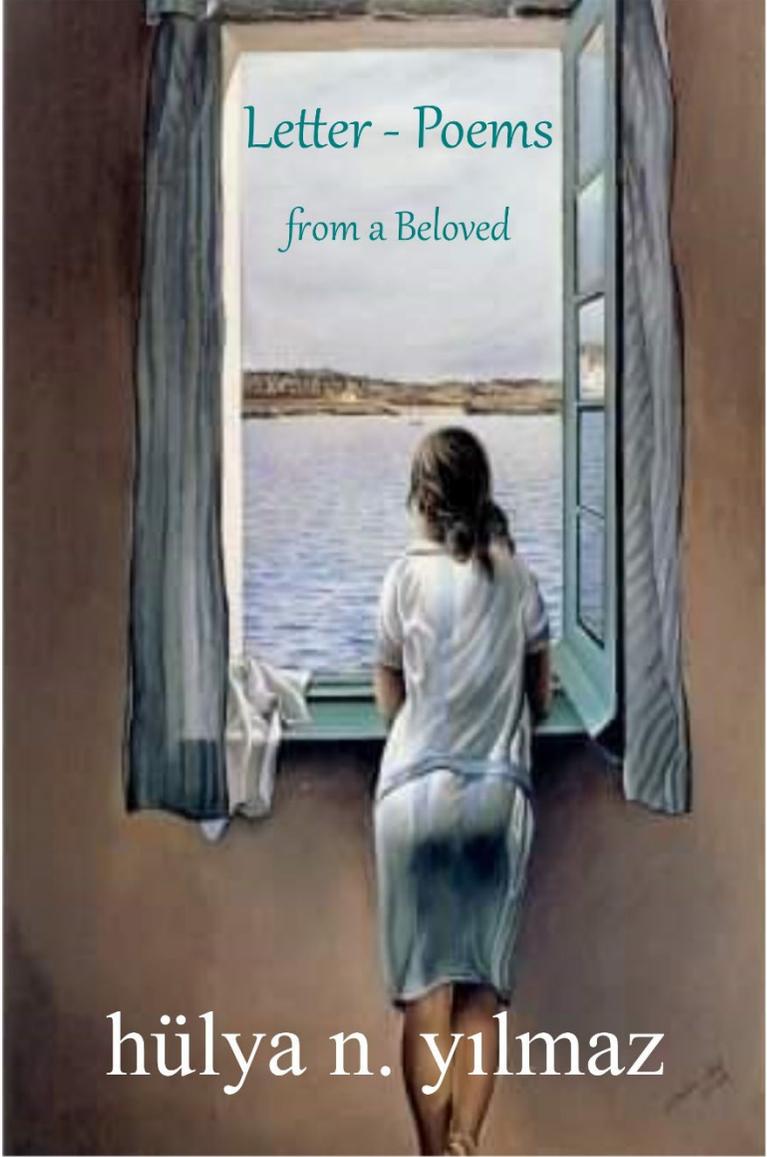
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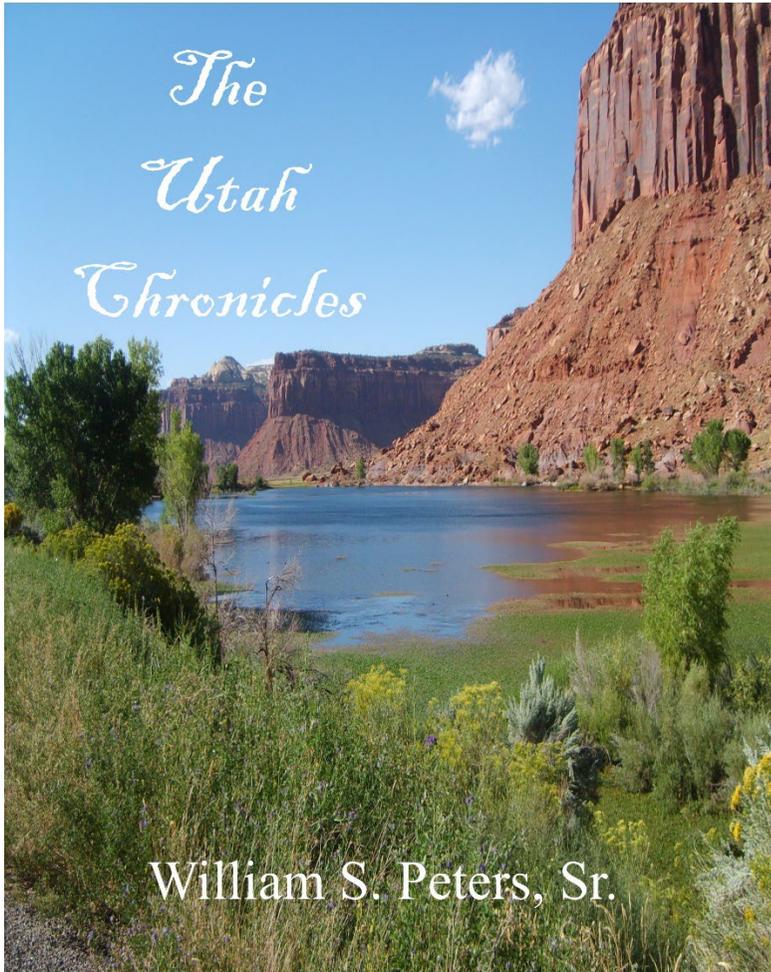
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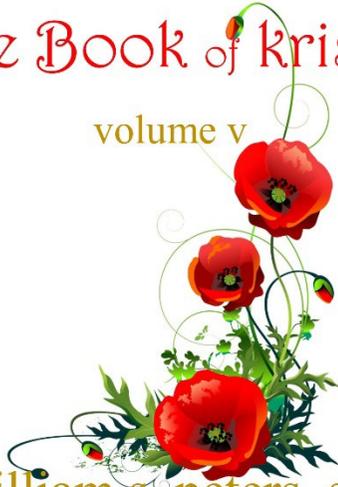
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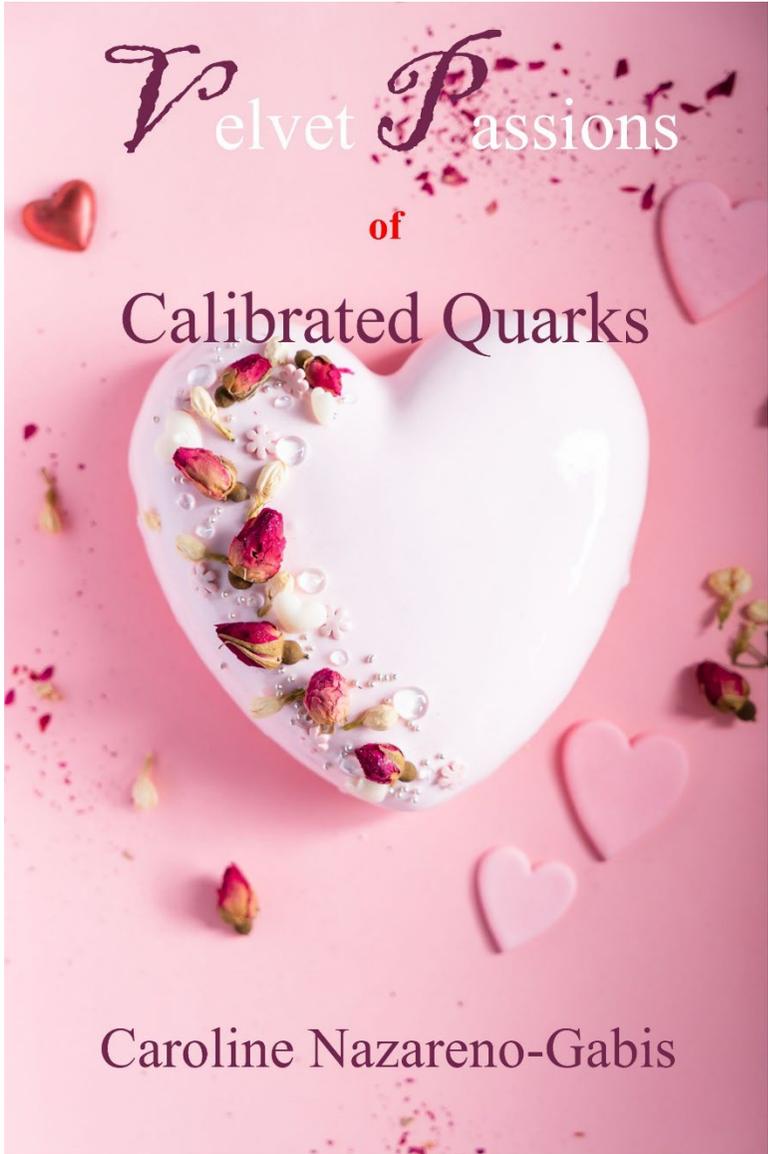


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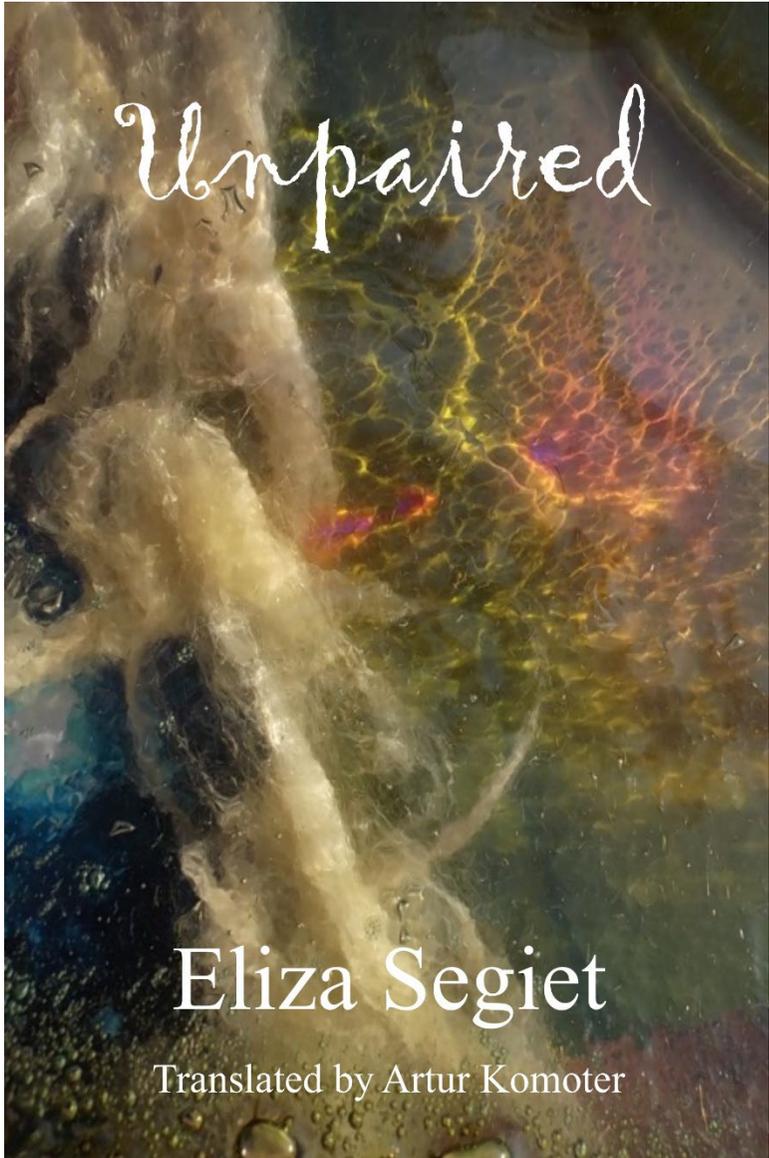
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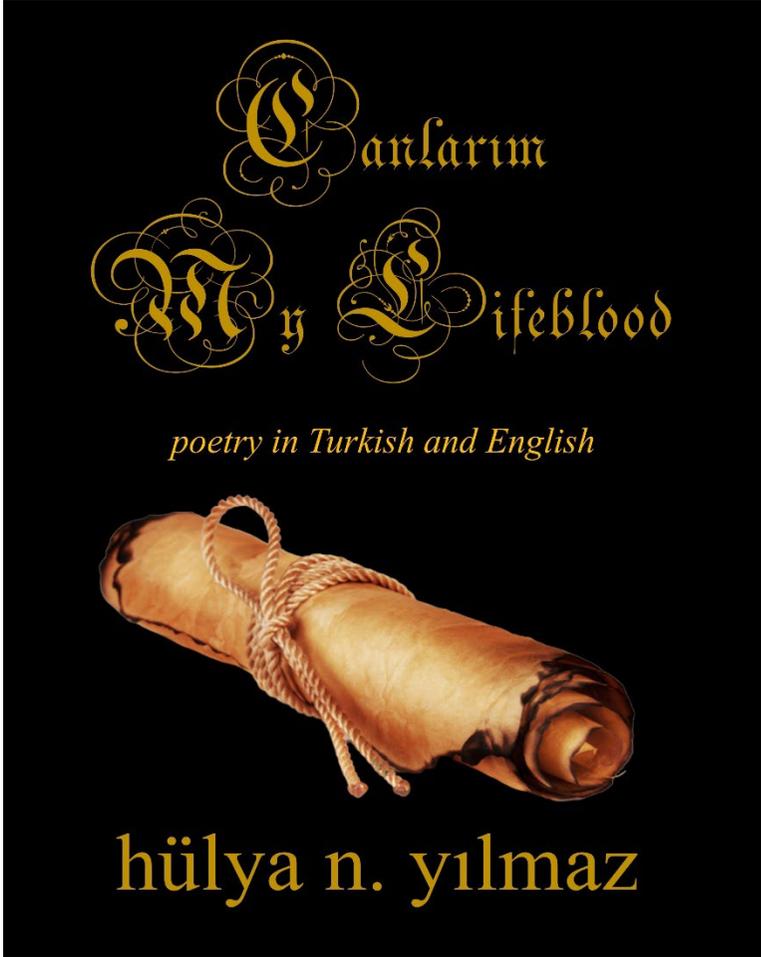
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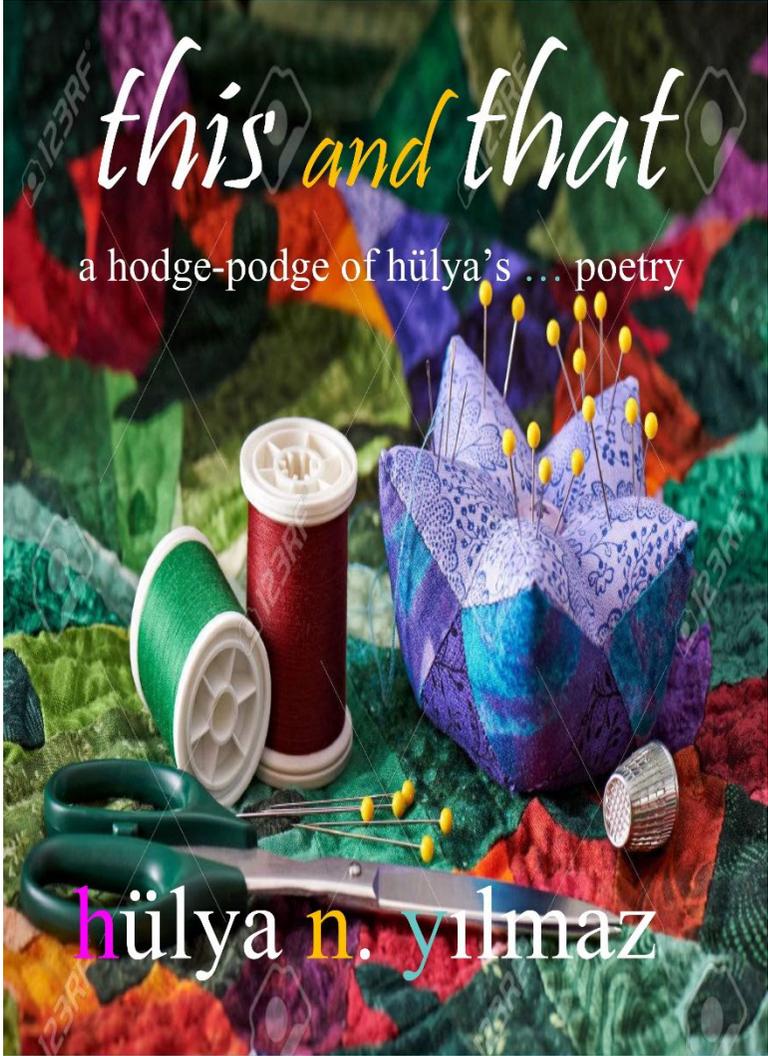


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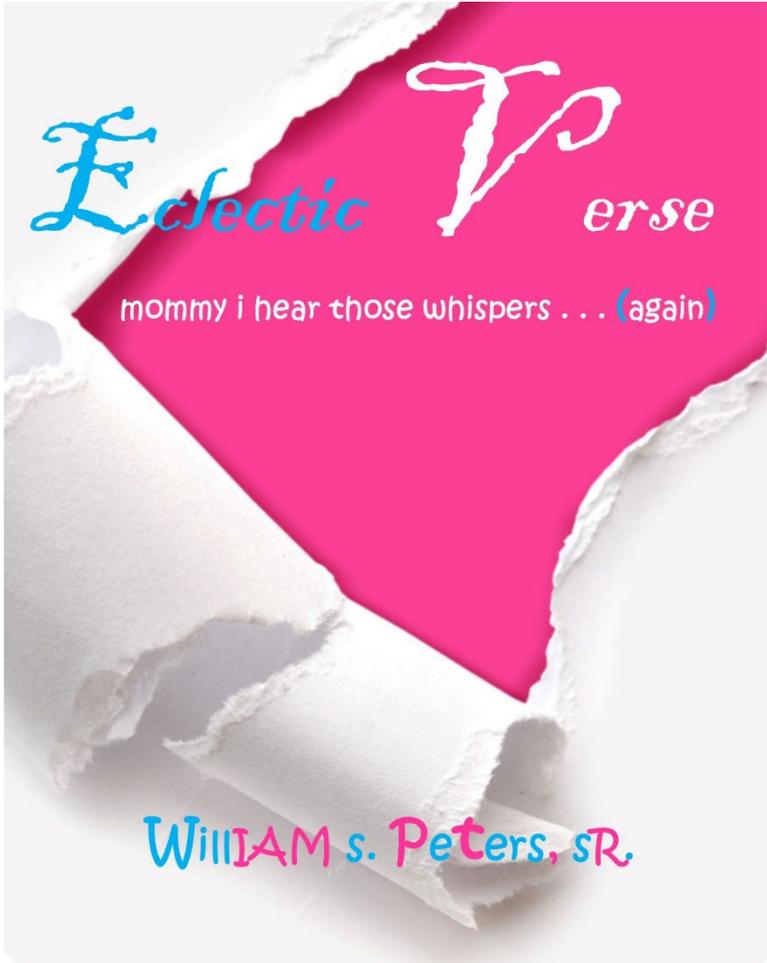
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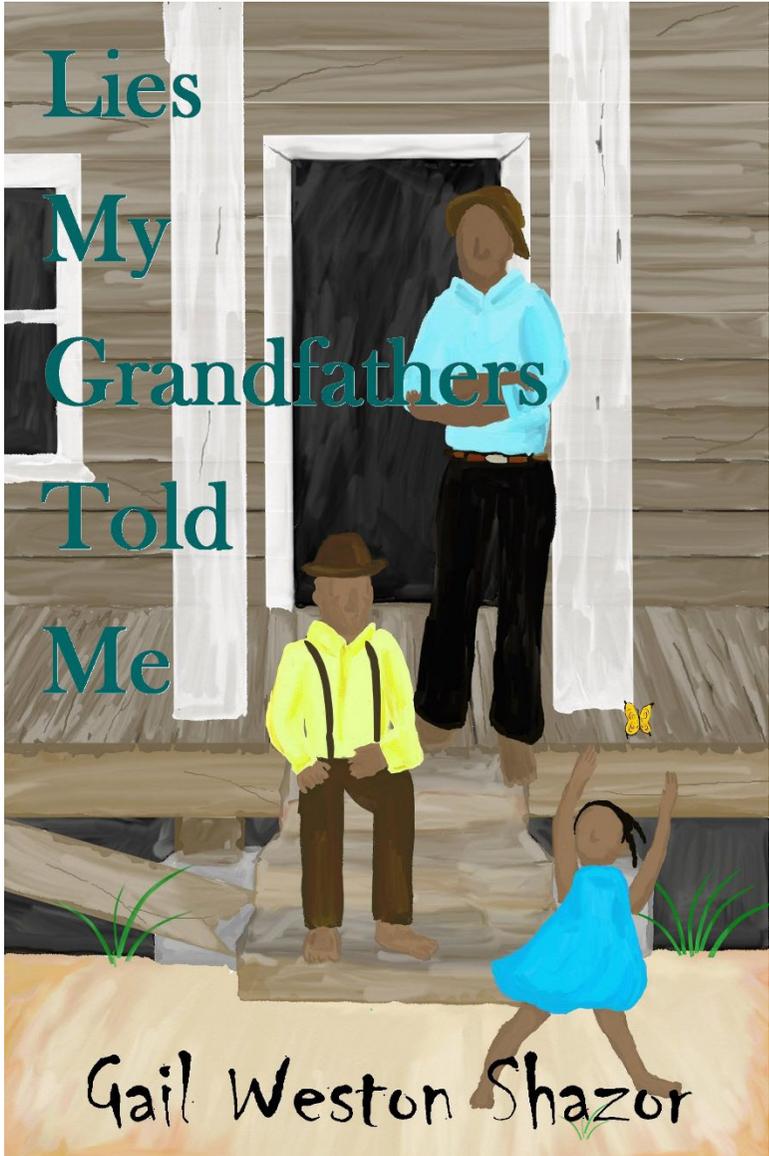
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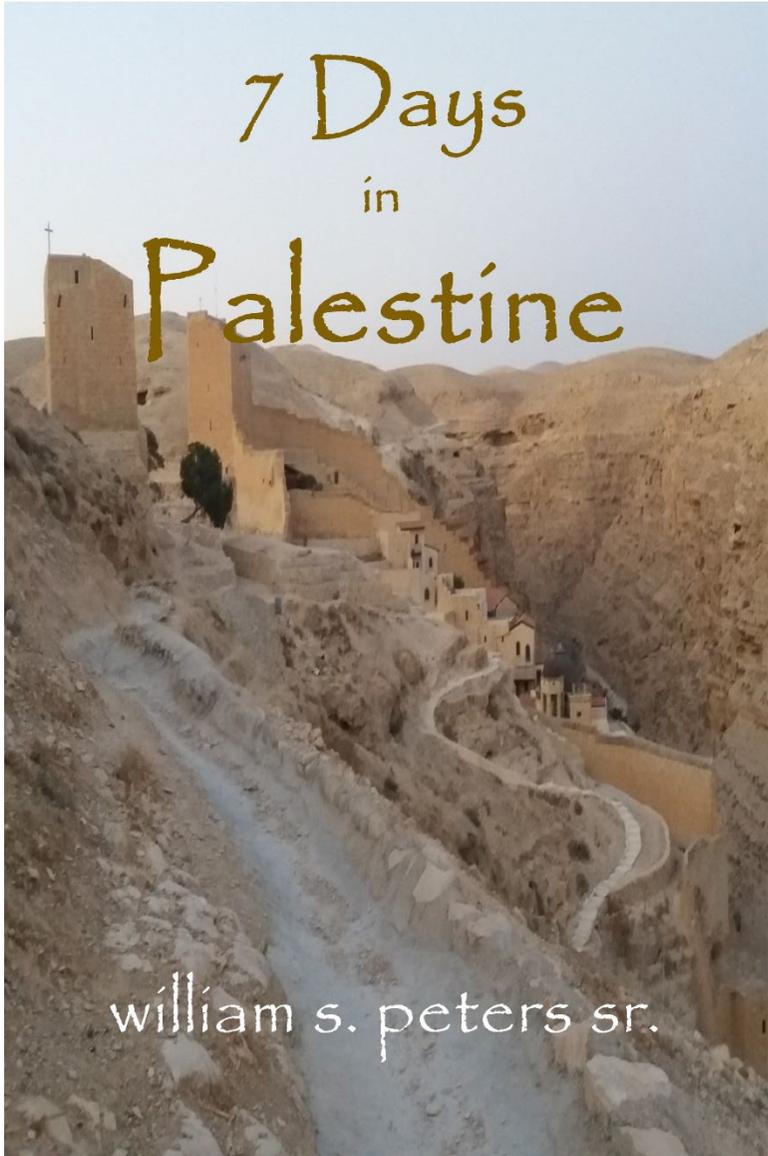
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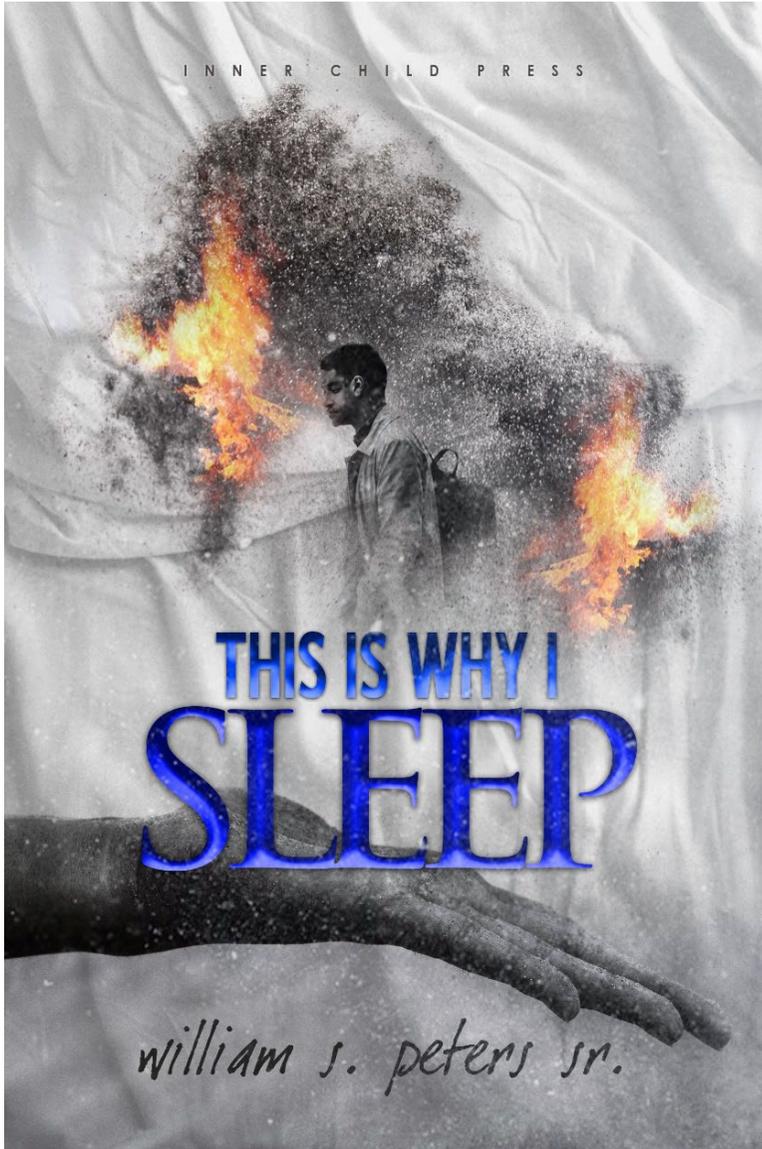
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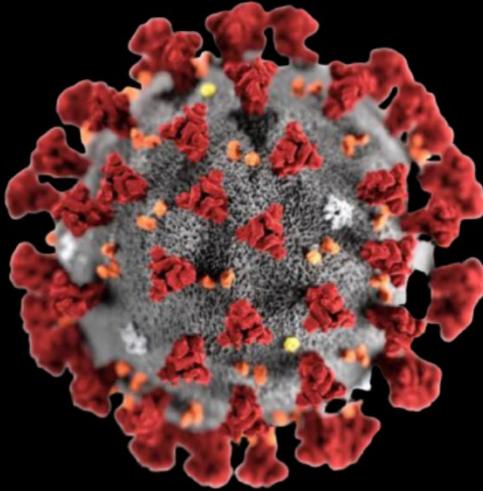
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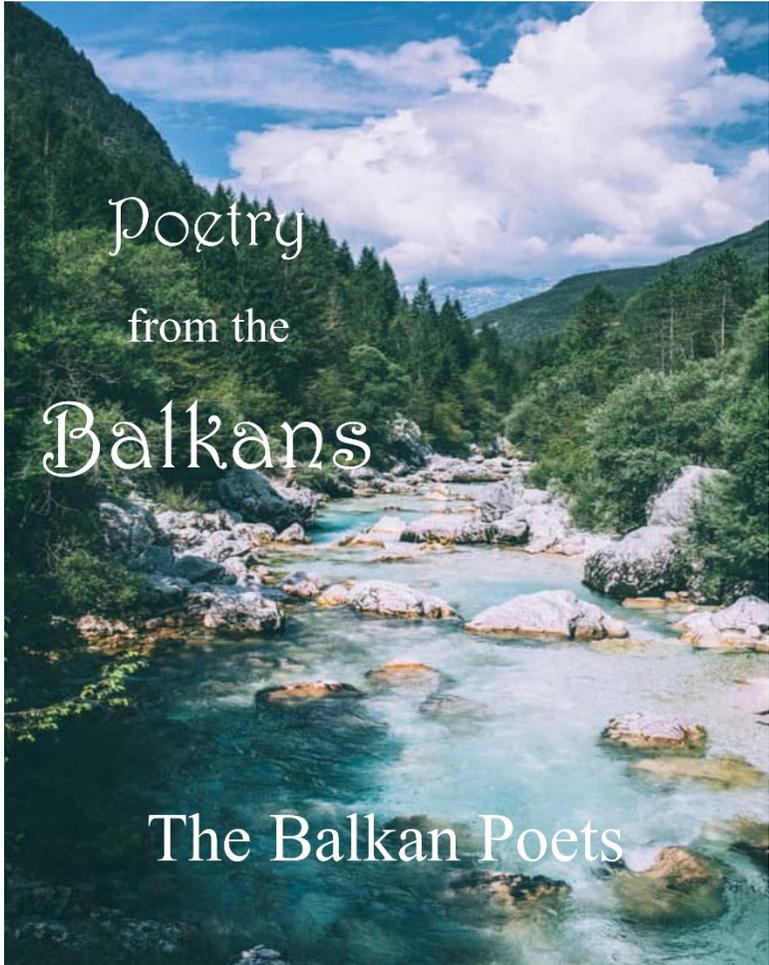


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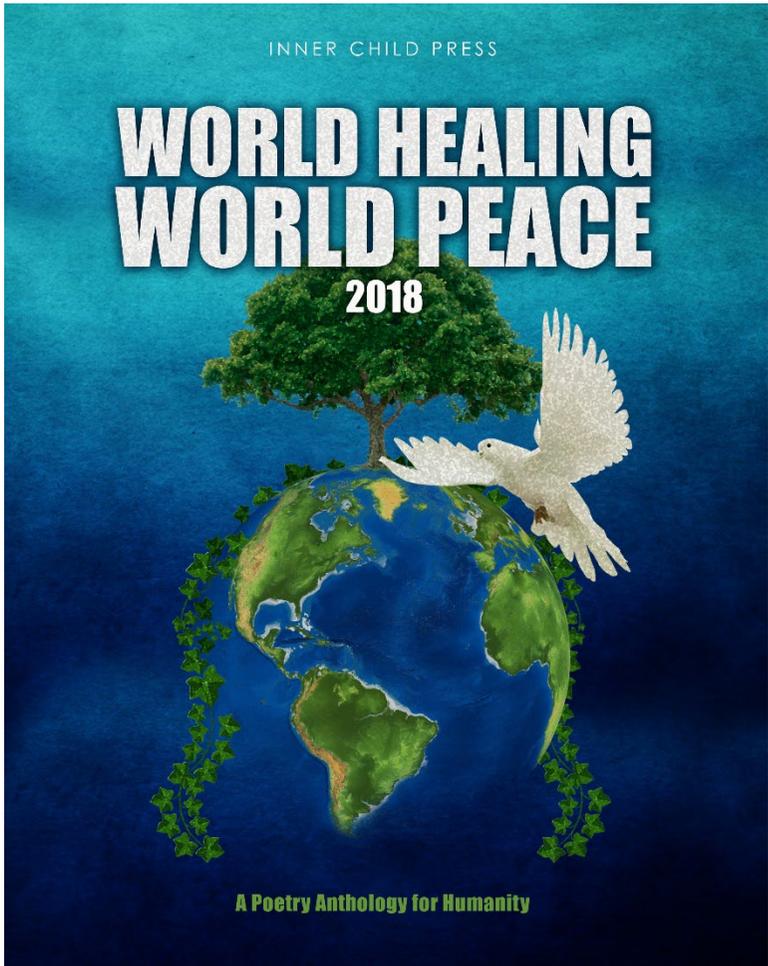
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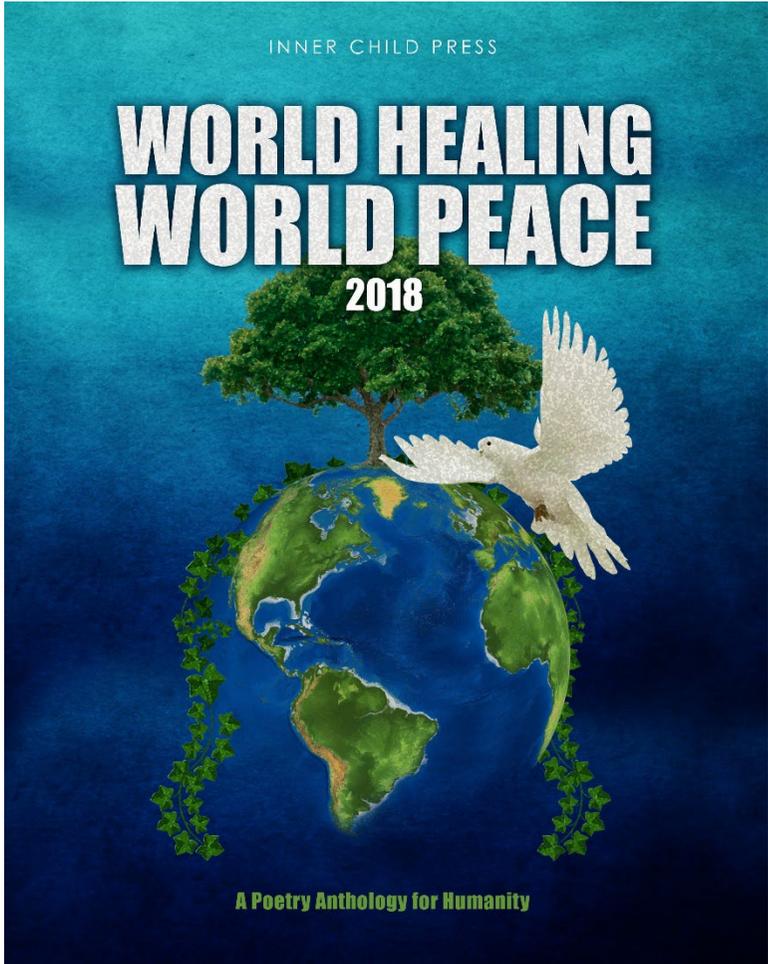
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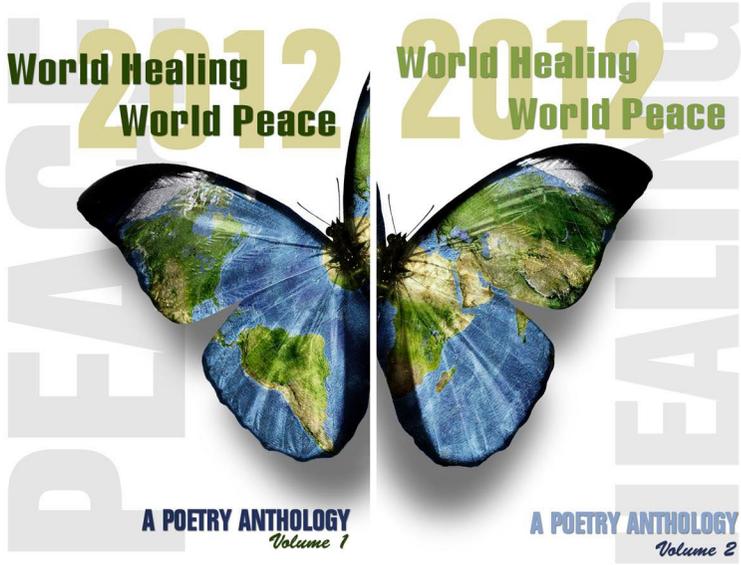
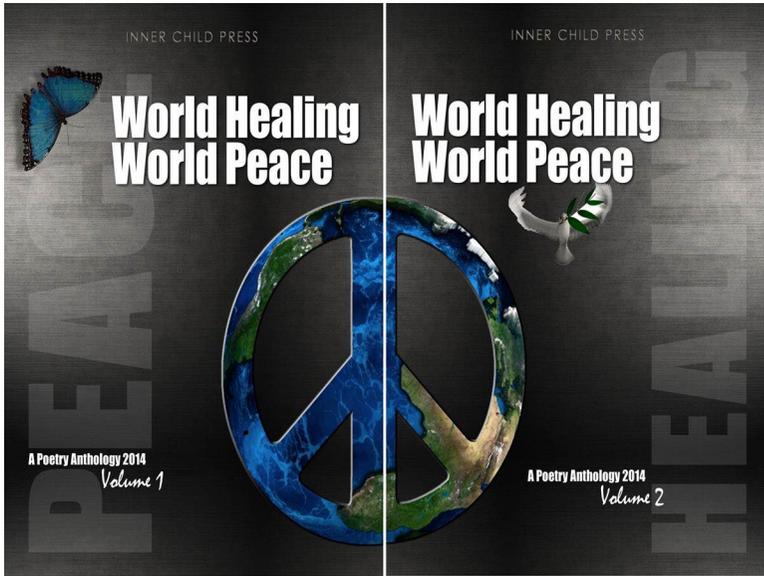
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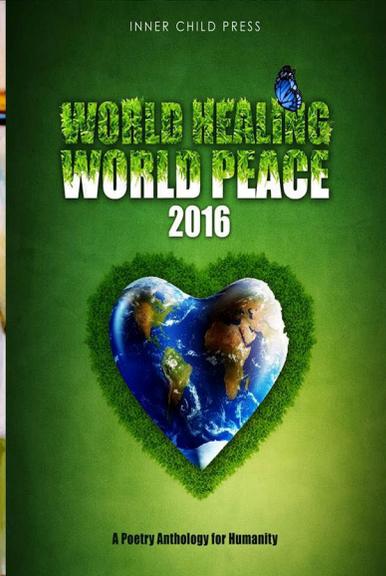
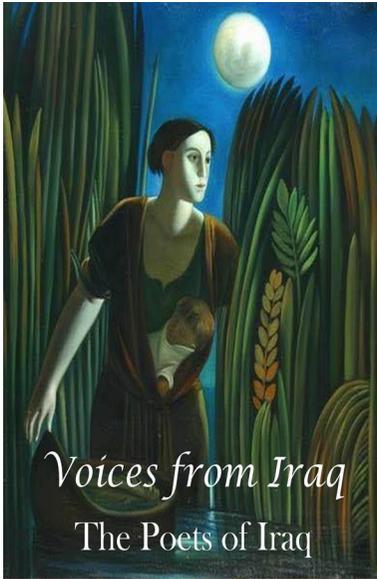
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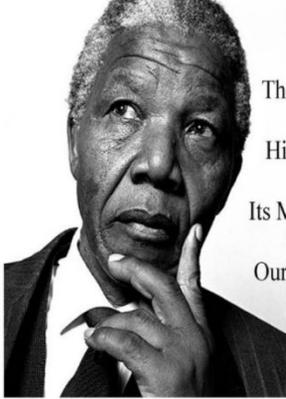
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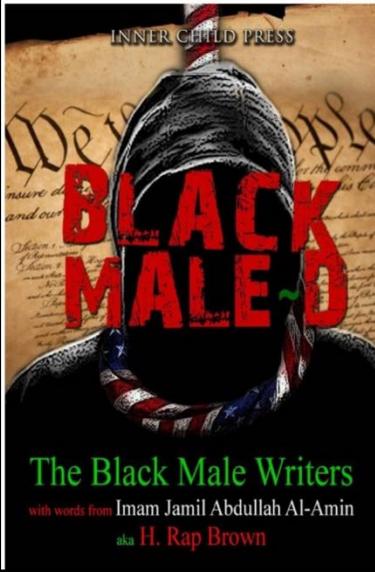
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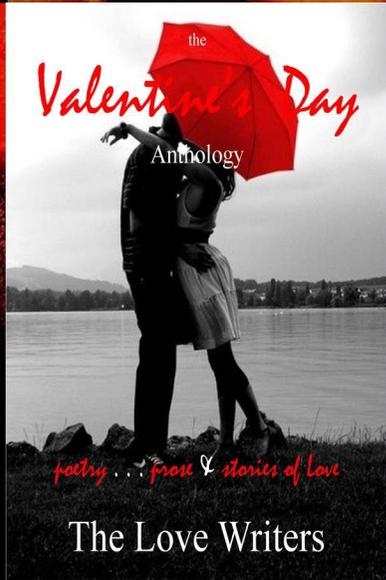
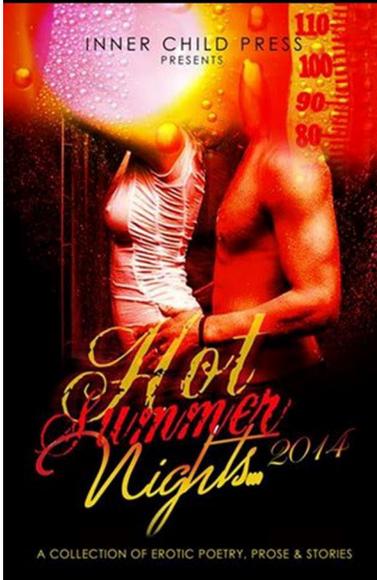
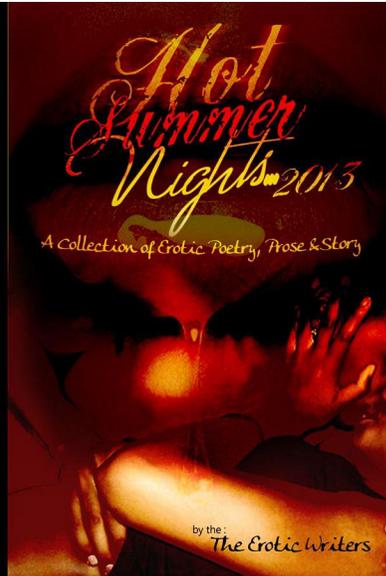
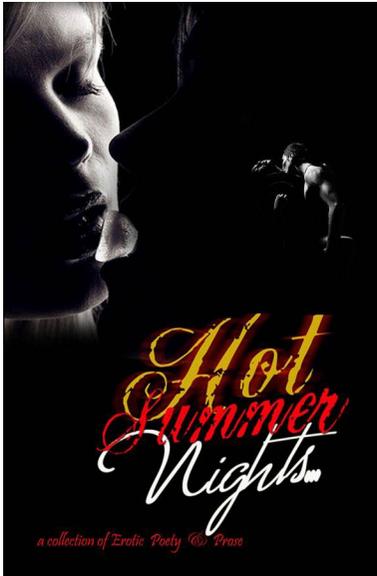
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Our March Featured Poets

Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

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Sweet Pea

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Our April Featured Poets

Fahredin Shehu
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Justin Blackburn
Monte Smith

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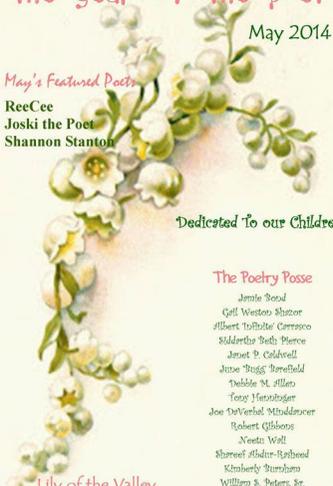
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Lily of the Valley

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Love & Relationship

Rose

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Shantelle McLin
Jacqueline D. E. Kennedy
Abraham N. Benjamin

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Dr. John R. Strum
Rolapie Olanrewaju Freedom



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Lotus
Asian Flower of the Month

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Gladiolus



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Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Carnation of September Birthday Flower

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Red Poppy



The Poetly Poase

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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz * RaJendra Padri * Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

Jacelyn Roseman * Jackie Allen * James Moore * Neville Hiate

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Narcissus

The Poetly Poase

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Bismay Mohantri * Jen Walls * Eric Judah

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Amethyst

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Iram Fatima * Bob McNeil * Kerstin Centervall

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Our Featured Poets
Heung Sook * Anthony Arnold * Alicia Poland



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Our Featured Poets
Raja Williams * Dennis Ferado * Laure Charazac



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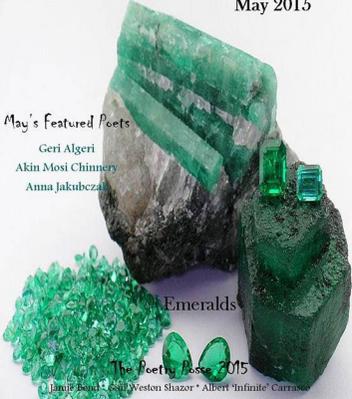
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June's Featured Poets
Anahit Arustamyan * Yvette D. Murrell * Regina A. Walker



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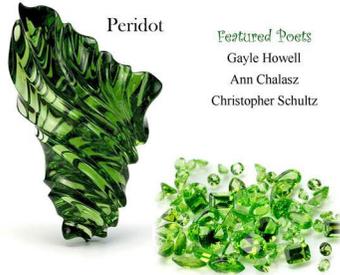
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Abhik Shome * Christina Neal * Robert Neal



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Christopher Schultz

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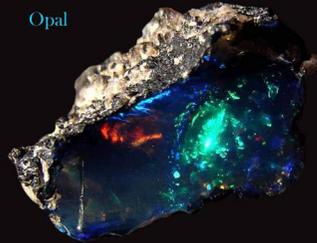
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Featured Poets

Monte Smith * Laura J. Wolfe * William Washington

Opal



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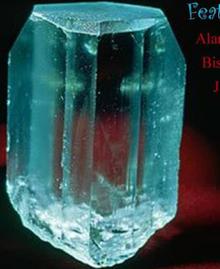
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Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski
Bismay Mohanty
James Moore



Topaz

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Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan * Michelle Joan Barulich * Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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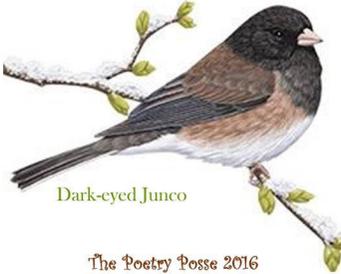
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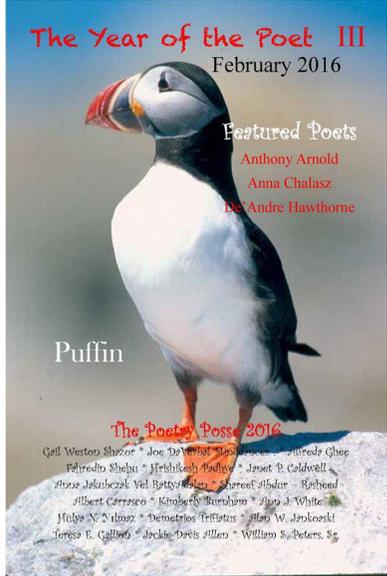
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February 2016

Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold
Anna Chalas
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi * Nizar Sartawi * Sami Muhanna

Robin

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Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei
Anna Chalas
Agim Vinca
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

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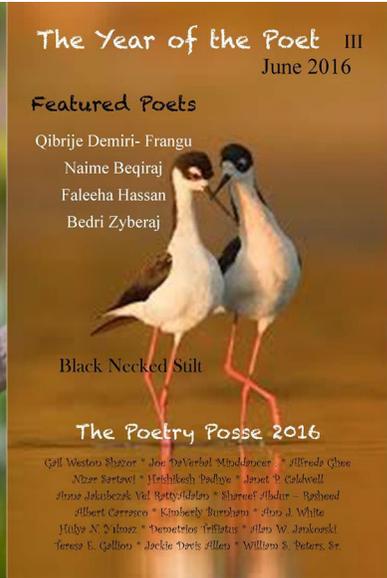


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Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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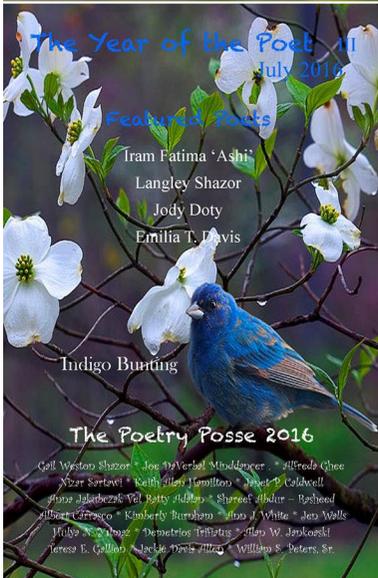


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Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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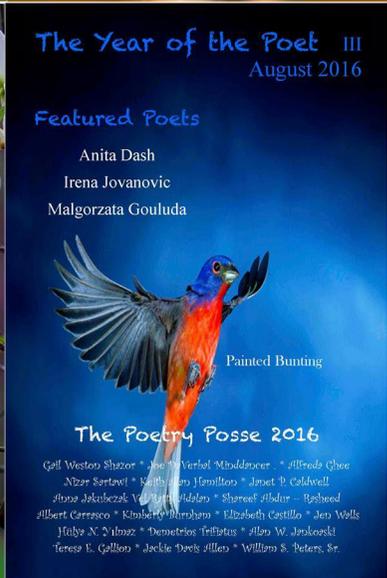


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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

Featured Poets
Anita Dash
Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Long Billed Curlew

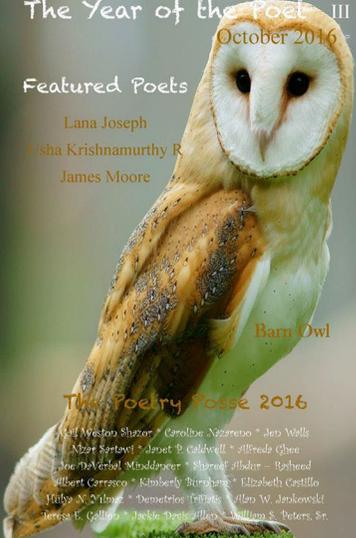
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October 2016

Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Tisha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

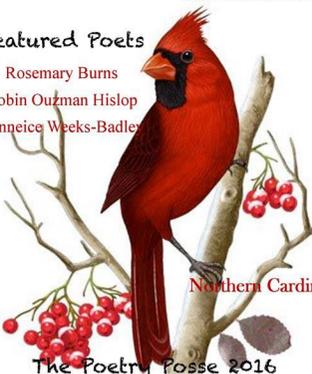
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November 2016

Featured Poets

Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

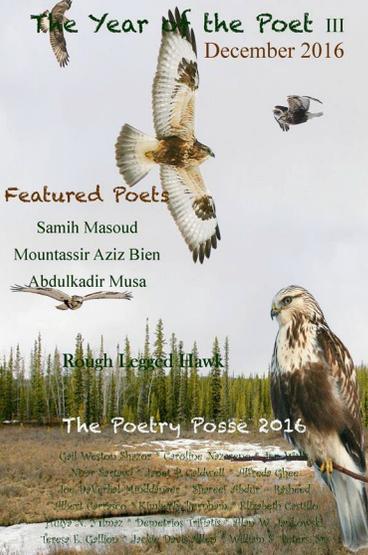
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December 2016

Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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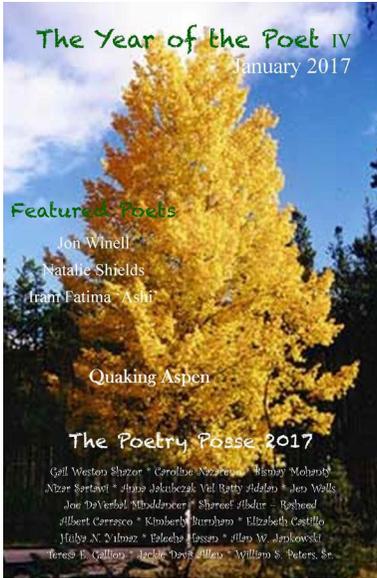
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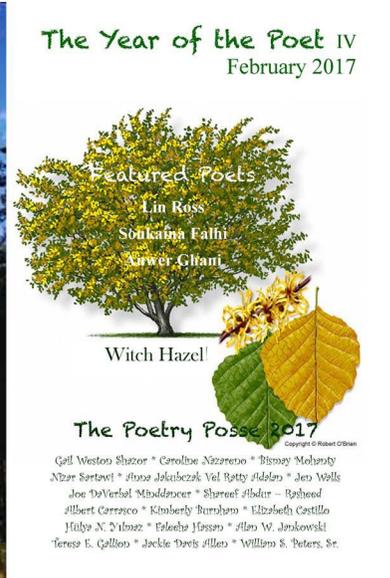


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Jon Winell
Natale Shields
Fran Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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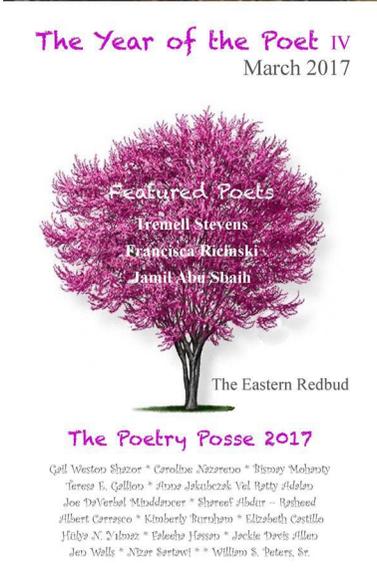


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Lin Ross
Sankama Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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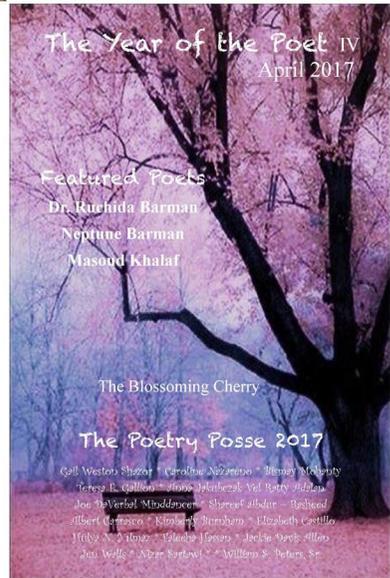


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Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaikh

The Eastern Redbud

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Dr. Ruchida Barman
Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

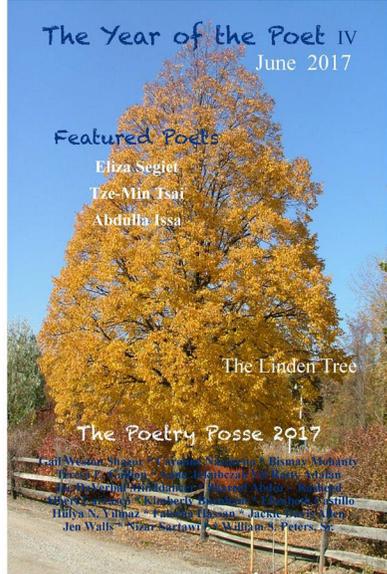
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Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibana Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree



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Ameer Nassir
Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

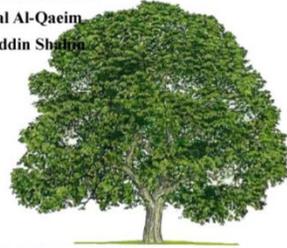
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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shamin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Featured Poets

Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

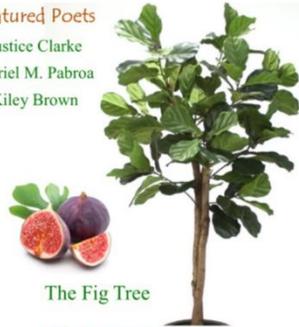
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Featured Poets

Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets

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

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Puerto Rico

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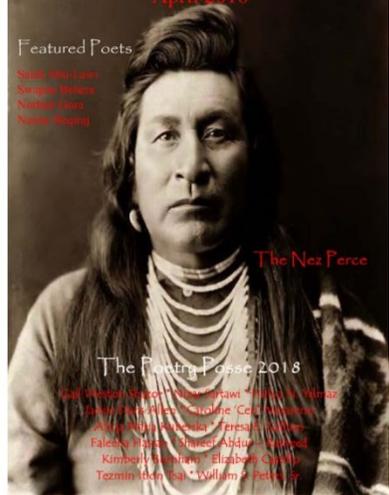
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Sarah Abu-Lays

Suzanne Belack

Nathan Lion

Naama Shajm



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

Featured Poets
Bilal Malqi * Daim Miftari * Gorko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians

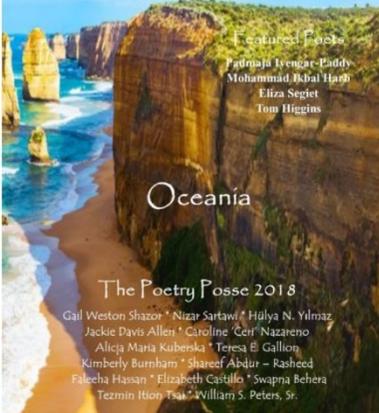


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Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akhal Hany
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swarn

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Featured Poets

Alicia Minjarez * Lonnice 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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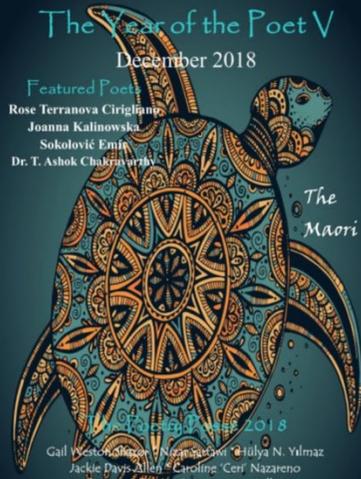
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December 2018

Featured Poets

Rose Terranova Cirigliano
Joanna Kalinowska
Sokolovic Emily
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



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Anthony Briscoe
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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March 2019

Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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April 2019

Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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 Wahab Sheriff * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



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June 2019

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 Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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July 2019

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

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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August 2019

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



Southwest Asia

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi' * Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



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October 2019
Featured Poets
Ngozi Olivia Osooha * Denisa Kondić
Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



The Mile Valley
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November 2019
Featured Poets
Rozalia Aleksandrova * Orbindu Ganga
Simruti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleidar



Northern Asia
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December 2019
Featured Poets
Rahim Karim (Karimov) * Sujata Paul
Bharati Nayak * Kapardeli Efthichia



Oceania
The Poetry Posse 2019
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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

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