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**L**I F E  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
**P**O E T R Y ?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

The Poetry Posse  
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

“We are all visitors to this time ,this place, we are just passing through .  
Our purpose here is to observe ,to learn, to grow, to love and then we return home.”

Australian aboriginal proverb .

The Year of the Poet has taken ekphrastic poetry for 2021 ; 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 .

In August our theme is on the painting of Mundara Koorang .

Mundara Koorang is an Australian Aboriginal artist, designer, teacher, elder, actor, and author.He was born in 1952 in the Eora (Sydney) New South Wales and is descendant of the Gamilaroi people. Mundara’s grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother were all born in the Barwon River , Brewarrina area. He is an internationally renowned Aboriginal

artist and the recipient of the David O'Chin Photographic Award .His primary passion is the successful education of aboriginal people and he is a mentor of Indigenous people. He strongly believes that the indigenous people can and must be in control of their destinies.

In 2005 Mundara published a Dreamtime story entitled The Little Platypus and the Fire Spirit. Aboriginal Australians are the various Indigenous peoples of the Australian mainland and many of its islands, such as Tasmania, Fraser Island, .They love Nature . Symbols are used by Aboriginal people in their art to preserve their culture and tradition. They are also used to depict various stories and are still used today in contemporary Aboriginal Art.

White is the spirit colour. Black is the colour of night and represents Aboriginal people . Red is the colour of the land or of blood. Yellow is the colour of the sun and sacred.

There are several types of and methods used in making Aboriginal art, including rock painting, dot painting, rock engravings, bark painting, carvings, sculptures, and weaving and string art. Australian Aboriginal art is the oldest unbroken tradition of art in the world.

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. Poetry is the living song of human race .....

We respect the humanity ...  
We respect history and coexistence

Let us join our hands for peace and build a paradise on the Earth ...

**Swapna Behera**

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



# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are, now in our 8<sup>th</sup> month of our eighth year of monthly publication of *The Year of the Poet*. 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, 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. 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, we are seeking to invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a ‘conscious 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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*PS*

Do Not forget about the World Healing, World  
Peace Poetry initiative for 2022. Mark your  
calendars. Submissions will be opening . . .  
**September 1st 2021**

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# Mundara Koorang

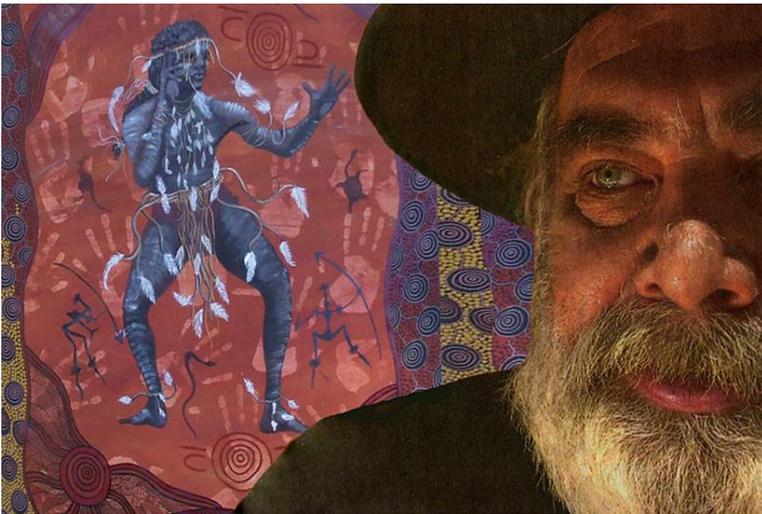
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Mundara Koorang's grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother were all born in the Barwon River, Brewarrina area of Australia. Koorang also known as Thunder Snake is an Australian Aboriginal artist, designer, teacher, elder, actor, and author. A descendant of the Gamilaroi people, Koorang was born in 1952 in the Eora (Sydney) of Australia's NSW area. A firm believer that indigenous people can and must be in control of their own destinies, one of his primary passions is the successful education of Aboriginal people. Mundara teaches at a TAFE campus, Year 10 Community school for children who can't or won't attend school and at a Juvenile Justice centre of boys who have ended up on the wrong side of the law. He teaches Literacy & Numeracy, Art, Drawing, Legislation, Mathematics, Science, History, Cultural practices, Perspectives and Kinship, and is a Mentor for young indigenous people.

<http://koorang.auctivacommerce.com/>

<http://mundara.com.au>

The Little Platypus and the Fire Spirit written and illustrated by Mundara Koorang "A long time ago in the Dreamtime there was a little animal called a platypus. He was not as we know him today. The platypus lived in the bush. He had a long skinny tail and long ears. His fur was brown and he loved to run through the bush chasing bugs and butterflies ..."





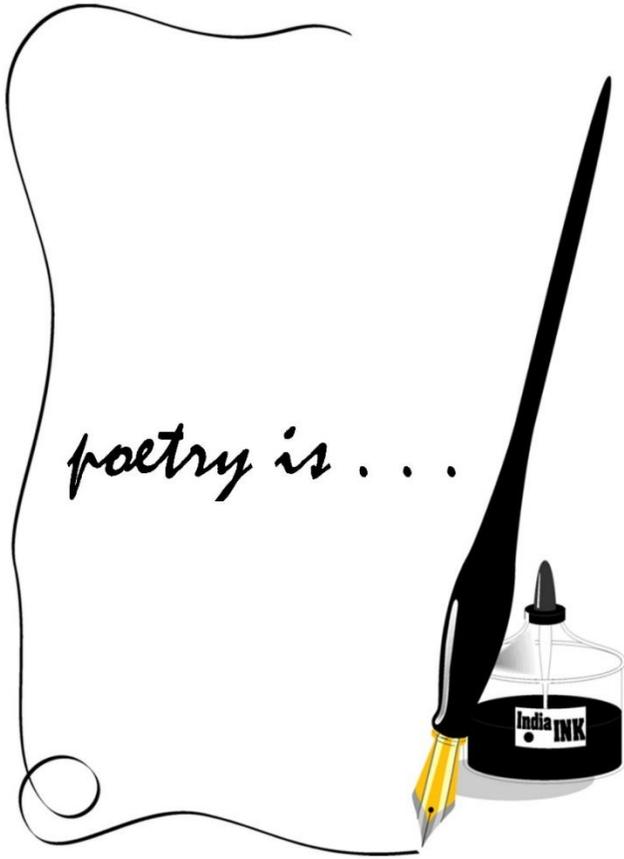
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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



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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## Snakes

Cold

Coiling

Clever

Cerulean flashed with red

Climbing

Closer

Ceilings

Cabled glimmerings

Calligraphy

Casing

Cabobs

Causing flourishes

On my totem

## A Prayer

It is in this moment Abba Father  
That the road seems to have grown  
A might bit long, Lord  
And the task hard to complete  
Weariness overtakes the evening  
And it is with the heaviness  
Of a battle scarred soldier  
That the pillow beckons a head  
But it is not the flesh that requires  
A long respite  
Only A flagging spirit in need of  
Recharging  
You know every need  
That is lacking  
And it only require a request  
Fueled with repentance and faith  
For imminent renewal  
This broken offering is ready  
To be made ready  
For another day...  
Greatfilledly

## Mississippi

I can never tally all that you gave me  
The lives that live on in my laughter, in my tears  
Those who have come and gone before  
Memories that bring both joy and pain  
Fish fries and coconut cakes and on each  
Fourth Sunday, humming jones greeting  
Those headed out to meet up with Jesus  
At Provident Baptist Church  
Of my dear papaw who carried my spirit  
Inside his Prince Albert can close to his right hand  
Side pocket of Sunday's best striped overalls  
That we bought on our annual trip to Webb  
Off route 49 and 32, after a trip to visit  
The Cascilla cousins on his side of the family  
Of mama who rose up early just to make  
The G biscuit and coffee and cream  
Who let me pack my papaw's lunch  
And sold moonshine, regulating with  
A 22 piece stashed in her apron pocket  
Who everyone called ma'am, even us kids  
Love covered the feet of granddaddy snow  
As he searched through Charleston General  
With the fear that I couldn't be found  
Though I slept with the white babies, snug and sound  
Who ran a jook joint on Saturday nights so the  
Black folks could let their hair down after  
Hot days of working in the cotton fields  
And Pearl, who folks say I look like and act like  
With my plain spoken, straight ways, nosey always  
Searching for something more than what life has to offer  
Wearing pants in town, around the courthouse square and  
Down by the piggly wiggly, sunflower and the chinaman's

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Uptown, trading with the folks, summer peaches and gossip  
Fresh and ripe as the sun on the back of her hatless head  
The neighbors, family and friends, them white folks and some  
That was neither and both depending on who you ask  
Fields plowed long and straight waiting on seed  
Fireplaces and slop jars, rifles and aprons, gavels and gloves  
Front porches that stretched round and covered the edges  
Of your heart, soul and spirit cool in the evening and a place  
For shelling purple hull peas, snapping beans and listening to  
stories

Getting your hair combed after Saturday baths in the foot tub  
You, who have been have been my constant companion  
When I talk with my mother, my father, uncles and aunts  
I am back walking down the street, chewing bubble gum  
And seeing the familiar faces who knew me always as  
T and Snow's granddaughter and so and so's cousin  
You are my memory bearer, life cradle, my bone keeper  
Even now, when I turn right off 55 and head down 32  
And the blacktop is shimmering with heat like smoke  
Whether in car or mind, I am so much closer to being home.

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Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

## Dreamtime

In the stories of old men  
like the boomerang  
stories about the past and memories  
describing the dream time return

On a path made of words  
past meets present time,  
ancient animals come to life  
and again platypus runs  
through the bush in pursuit of butterflies,  
and the Fire Spirit dances in the grass.

Modern art draws from tradition  
and it does not let forget  
about Aboriginal roots  
The images are intertwined  
with themes from the rock carvings

## Smell

Violet, tiny flower,  
where did you hide ?  
I wish I knew  
where you got such a beautiful color,  
a wonderful scent.  
In vain I am looking for you  
among the slender lilies  
and elegant roses.  
I look for you in the violet of irises.

The wind revealed the secret.  
You hid among the tall grass  
and you hugged modest daisies.

You soared together with the larks  
straight to heaven  
on subtle notes of aroma.

## Violets and Roses

Violet

-the hero of sentimental entries  
in a girl's diary

Today

it is still a violet drop of blood  
of eternal friendship,  
sealed with dried petals.

Rose

-the flower of love  
even after death

it stores a subtle scent of past moments  
in dried petals,  
but the touch crushes memories

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.

<http://www.innerchildpress.com/jackie-davis-allen.php>  
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## Hauntingly Designed

Across the ocean.  
Beneath the clouds.  
Looking inward, outward.

Haunting.

Looms the past, the present,  
Ever always, images of a river flowing.  
Filled with history, family, passion, art.

Design.

The drumbeat of the land  
Hot, cold, heart-painted, passionate.  
Spirit-filled-colors frame the canvas. Pigmented.

Hauntingly.

Originality coils, snakes  
Like an ancient river. Prepared  
It forcefully flows, springs forth.

Designed.

## Traversed

Like the highest  
Of mountains climbed  
Or the deepest waters forged,  
Yours, mine.  
Ours is a friendship wrought  
From traversing, together  
Poetry and prose.  
How has the grace  
Of time passed,  
Treasured, valued,  
Unsurpassed. Sublime.  
Our finest wines  
Poured out, freely  
East to west,  
West to east:  
Both ways.  
Mutual respect lingers  
Along with admiration.  
Ours, a friendship  
Like poetic second skin.  
Friend to friend.

## A Poet's Rose

At the introspective age  
Of forty four or forty five,  
Maria heard the beckoning call  
Of "Self-discovery."

Like a greedy little child,  
Innocent, with conscious  
Remaining virginally mute,  
She abandoned all caution.

And hastily, flying away,  
Left all behind.  
Desperate in the hope  
Of finding a special identity.

Above and beyond  
The rugged mountain tops,  
High on turbulent clouds  
Of euphoria, Maria soared.

Intoxicated, inebriated,  
Crisscrossing dark holes,  
Weight of responsibility suddenly  
Clipped her uncertain wings.

Hesitating, despondent, yet  
With resolve, determination won;  
And our sweet Maria's fragrance  
Succumbed like a faded rose.

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On recrimination's knees, filled  
with remorse, she prayed for relief.  
Then, profusely, accepting pardon,  
She reached out with gladness.

In the expansive garden of self  
Maria tilled deeply its soil,  
And there found growing, her voice  
As intoxicatingly-perfumed as any rose.

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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

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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.

A gift from the wind

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Just at noon  
TV keeps telling news of typhoon  
The terrible "Through-heart Typhoon" with a 13-level wind  
I can't help but tremble  
The next day, that call by grandmother  
The roof of my old home was gone  
A few days later  
With mom and dad  
Lying on the bed that was over a hundred years old  
We all were looking at the sky  
In addition to the wall of mud bricks around  
The original roof was empty  
A surprise never felt before  
Endless sky  
Full of stars  
The whole family were busy counting the countless flashes  
completely forgot  
We were  
The victims of Typhoon MEGI

## The ants are so happy

Mommy Mommy  
Birthday today  
Go nowhere  
Just lie in the yard  
Daddy cut a plate of big pears  
Want me to take it to mommy  
My little hand is not strong enough  
Dropped the pears all over the floor

Mommy is not angry at all  
Touching my hair and is still smiling  
Oh, my little baby  
You don't need to worry  
Bring the rest to Mommy  
Let the rest lying on the ground be there in a moment  
We will very quickly have a group of  
Joyous ants

## Grandpa's loofah shed

The row of camphor trees beside the house  
The year I was born  
Grandpa planted it by hand  
Has grown up like me  
Green branches and leaves stretch around  
Interconnected in a circle  
summer  
When the sun hangs high in the sky  
Spitting out air is like coming from a stove  
Grandpa set up a loofah shed  
Under the only cool shade  
On the one hand you can enjoy the cool  
On the one hand waiting for the harvest  
When he lies under the loofah shed  
Looking at the loofahs one by one  
He will smile to me  
Those naughty loofahs  
Very much like  
you of  
a little child who has not grown up

Sharzeef  
Abdur  
Rashheed

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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>

## Mentor Mundara Koorang

indigenous, aboriginal artist  
from eora- sydney people  
elder, multi talented  
in his artwork reflecting  
aboriginal cultural influence  
patterns, colors, shapes, figures  
his gifts shared with his people  
as a actor included young  
aboriginal youth in his films  
exposing them to the world  
of film making  
activist from strong roots  
always lifting up his people  
who have been brutalized by a  
racist, supremacist regime for many  
years as to be controlled, marginalized  
deprived of rights that are reserved  
only for so called white Australians of  
European descent  
his art extends to photography writing,  
educating aboriginal cultural ethics  
and perspectives  
a gem in the aboriginal community this  
multi talented humanitarian.

## race no race

oh mankind  
made you into tribes and nations  
said the lord  
cee?  
heed word of the lord  
cee?  
that you may know one another  
not despise one another  
that you may know one another  
not despise one another  
it may come as a suprise  
race no race only nations, tribes  
this how mankind is comprised  
the best of you are the most  
devoted to me  
said the lord  
listen people to the wahi  
cee?  
revelation it means  
describing true history  
humanbeings  
who better could describe origin  
of humanity then he who created  
you and me  
no mention of race not so much as a trace  
the big lie falls on it's face as it's designer  
disgraced yes this lie the devil creates  
Race No Race, Race No Race, Race No Race  
Big lie to divide this word to be despised  
has come in disguise as a fact  
but this a lie to be attacked, sent back  
to the one who comes from the back

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to lead mankind astray  
take truth away  
oh mankind i made you into tribes and  
nations  
to know one another not despise  
one another  
beauty in diversity, identity all tribes, nations  
all mankind  
but remember the best of you are most devoted  
have you heard this,  
Race No Race, Race No Race.

## Demanded in full

fits like this  
foot in shoe  
do what you must do  
to restore truth  
justice due  
trust truth through  
testing you  
see what you do  
when hardship hits you  
revealing real you  
exposing fake posing  
no suprise how creame  
rise to the top  
disguise stops  
when giving the trust  
to do what you must  
pick up the slack for the  
rest of us  
cast in the roll to be the one  
to make folks whole  
like restitution pays what's  
owed.  
then y'all know how justice flo  
so don't trip on the glow,  
glitter that Shaitan throws  
as the saying goes  
" all that glitter ain't gold "  
y'all stop, listen up that's  
truth, justice rising to the top.

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Kimberly  
Burnham

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A brain health expert with a PhD in Integrative Medicine, Kimberly Burnham has lived in tropical Colombia; in Belgium during the Vietnam War; in Japan teaching businessmen English; in diverse international Toronto, Canada; and several places in the US. Now, she's in Spokane, WA with her wife, Elizabeth, two sets of twins (age 11 & 14) and three dogs. Her recent book, *Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind, a Daily Brain Health Program* includes the word for peace in hundreds of languages. Her poetry weaves through 80+ volumes of *The Year of the Poet*, *Inspired by Gandhi*, *Women Building the World*, and *A Woman's Place in the Dictionary*. She is currently working on several ekphrastic writing projects. One is a novel, *Art Thief Cracks Healing Code for Parkinson's Disease* and the other is non-fiction, *Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets*.

<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

<https://healthy-brain.medium.com/bears-at-the-window-of-climate-change-d1fb403eeaf3>

## Golden Light

Creative color from within  
the center of a conscious mind  
blue legs ready  
a taut body swift  
on a sea of red  
traveling a golden path  
in through the viewer's eyes  
touching consciousness  
lighting the spark anew  
amid red and blue spirals

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## Symbols of Life Creating Reality

A snake, a turtle, and a kangaroo

hop into a painting

out of a man's intellect

life is no joke

where symbols abound

## Well Fed on Peace

What are we well fed on  
what emotion or state of being  
comes most often  
in Warlpiri, an indigenous language of Australia  
"iawa-nyinami" means peace  
and "jantukula" is peaceful  
"pukurlpa" suggests many things  
peace, happy, content, satisfied,  
and well fed  
all nuances of one word  
while "kalypapayi" describes a way to be  
habitually at peace  
one like me  
who prefers not to fight

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Dream to Be Free

He dreamt of becoming free

From a world which casts him out

A free spirit, he was a captive

Pleading for mercy

He dreamt of running free

To live in another lifetime

Where he truly belongs.

## Canvass

The arid air smells of melancholy  
Like a ship wrecked, out of direction  
Sailing against the tide  
Fighting the ebb and flow of life  
I hear your voice from a distance  
But suddenly, I was awakened  
And realized it was just a memory  
A memory of your serene face  
Your kind eyes, your sweet gaze  
That look of innocence.

## Field of Memories

In a frenzy,  
Engulfed in oblivion  
Sinking deep  
In the abyss of memories  
Of yesteryears  
Seeking you  
In every person I meet  
Field of memories  
Fragments of time  
Enveloped by dreams of forever.

Joø  
Paírø

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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.

[www.facebook.com/joe.minddancer](http://www.facebook.com/joe.minddancer)

## What A Beautiful Tapestry

Where do I display such a lovely art piece?  
Which wall could hold the space?  
Where grubby hands are free?

I can't afford the loss of space,  
Nor do I have room for an altar.  
I remember plastic covered furniture  
That never got sat on by the elders.

I can see the artists vision,  
Mundara Koorang, I believe his name is.  
What I can't see is beyond the borders of a tapestry.

An aboriginal original dedicated to teaching youths.  
But the borders of circles in yellow, purple and blues.  
You interpret for you; I interpret the hues.  
I've found the perfect spot for my tapestry  
in the center of my room.

## Time Space Continuum

I've watched them grow from tot to old.  
Nothing ever changes but time.  
I've made a few notches in this world tho cold  
I still haven't made up my mind.

Sound travels, light travels, life exists in experiments  
Where's the formular for normal behavior.  
Are we really ever near to it?

Am I scared of it; I don't fit any molds "mind made"?  
Human life share the studies of some animals.  
Some folk act like we're still in caves.

I don't do structure well.  
While some folks adhere to timelines.  
If my calculations are right,  
I've held on to a young mind.

Everything ages from the second it's born.  
I've watched children grow to have children.  
If it's so basic to procreate, do we regulate who shouldn't?

Time space continuum, how can we continue them.  
The changes, Those choices, the infamous voices  
The voice of the voiceless, even the worst of us.  
Cling to a prescribed life, but not I.

Everything is new to me, and everything gets old  
I can only be true to me; the rest gets stories told.

## Summer Ends

The warm weather feels good.  
They say it's okay to mingle.  
Company came by to just say hi.  
I say, it was nice to see you.

It's not the same anymore  
As the leaves are turning quickly.  
Masks are more or less a fashion statement  
The whole world seems so sickly.

Two people got stung with summer fun  
One by wasp, one by bee.  
I sprayed the nest with a power shot  
But nature is always free.

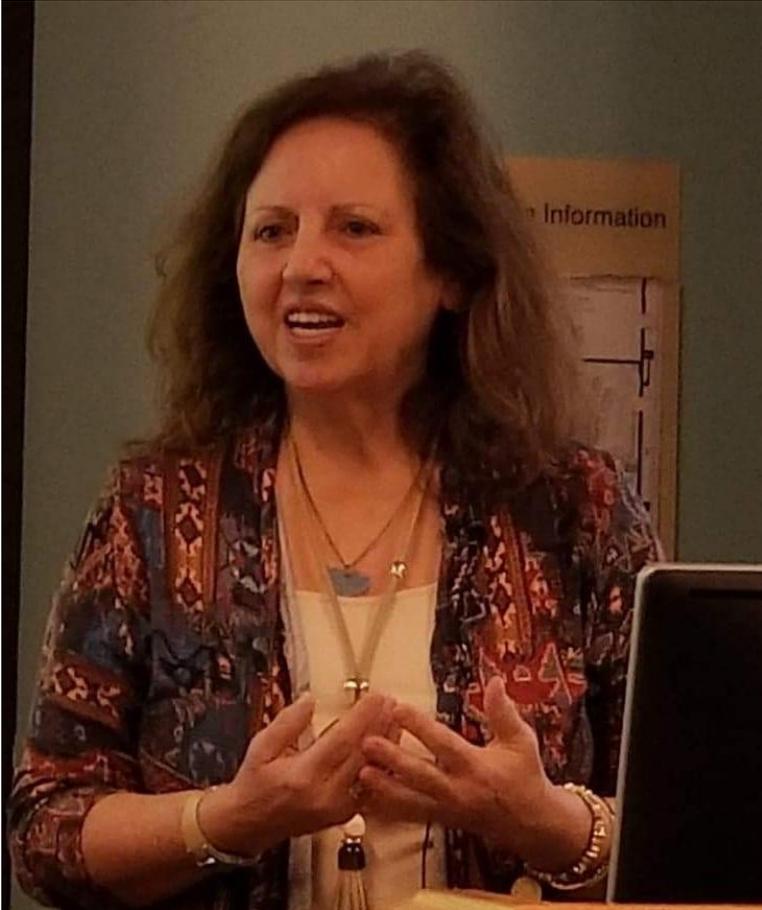
Clumps of green are turning brown  
And orchids are falling and eaten  
I saw a deer across the road  
On orange blossoms she was feasting.

Three grills for free meals,  
the take home crew is here.  
They'll feed their children for the following week  
And drink up all my beer.

School is going to start again,  
with the air not sure or certain.  
Summer ends as the flu begins.  
Another bout could mean curtains.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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Professor Emerita (Humanities, Penn State, USA), hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is a published tri-lingual author, literary translator, and Director of Editing Services (Inner Child Press International, USA). Her work has appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at poetry events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, the WIN of British Columbia, Canada honored yılmaz with a literary excellence award. Her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* (USA). hülya finds it vital for everyone to understand a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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A Poem Trilogy  
to Honor Mundara Koorang

Thunder Snake

1952.

The Eora.

Australia,

the birthplace of and home to

approximately 864,200 aboriginal peoples.

Mundara Koorang is born.

The snake is his totem.

Years later,

his is a prominent name.

Thunder Snake . . .

develops into an artist, actor, author,

a designer and a teacher.

He sates a primary passion

through his dedication to education.

Furthermore, he is committed to mentoring

troubled or underprivileged youth.

He spreads his consciousness of the dire necessity

to control one's own destiny.

In and beyond the Eora of Australia,

Indigenous people begin to take possession

of their own destinies.

Literacy is no longer

one of the unattainable luxuries.

## The Gamilaroi

I imagine a river  
where all my ancestors were born.  
I imagine a river  
which I can visit time and time again.  
I imagine a river  
where the living and the deceased conjoin  
as kin spirits, as united energies.

River Barwon is that place for this trilogy's Honoree.

I imagine Thunder Snake  
who was born to the Gamilaroi.  
I imagine the banks of Barwon  
in the Brewarrina Shire.  
I imagine he is reunited there  
with all his ancestors in spirit.  
I imagine that historically distinguished area  
of Australia where each of them began their life.

I imagine being at River Barwon.

I imagine sensing the energies of the Honoree's deceased.

I imagine meeting Thunder Snake in person.

I imagine attending one of his courses.

I imagine him teaching me  
how to take control of my own destiny.

I am, after all, also a person  
who exists in the third space . . . culturally.

## “Dreamtime”

Come!

Come one, come all!

Whether you are a child or an adult,  
come and witness the visual and writing artistry  
of Mundara Koorang, today’s Honoree!

If nothing else, please take a look at

*The Little Platypus and the Fire Spirit*,

a critically acclaimed children’s book.

Come and enjoy his own illustrations,

among other small and big written beauties.

Come!

Come one, come all!

Take a magical and informative trip

to the “Dreamtime” along the “Dreamtime”.

No matter what’s our age,

we all are in dire need for a fantasy.

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>**

## Platypus Dream

She dreams of the Platypus every night  
running through the meadow next to the farm.  
One night she decides to follow it  
in the tall grasses glowing under the starlight.

Suddenly she stops and spiritual fire  
surrounds the meadow.  
She hears a tender voice speak in her head.

*It is your time. Go forth and savor  
the ecstatic beauty of planet earth.  
Time is running out for destructive humans.  
Kiss the earth with love before you leave  
for the heavenly planes.*

She awakens to mornings light  
with a glowing smile on her face.

## Fire Ring

I draw a circle around the fire ring  
with my faithful hiking pole  
and bow my head low  
before the sacred purple moon.

Gratitude rushes through my veins.  
The swell of peace surrounds my heart.  
I am blessed with a spiritual moon.

Forgiveness washes my bones clean.  
I glow before the night fire.  
My soul is awakened to listen.

Distant memories linger as water ripples  
massage my ears with songs  
of peace, joy and love.

Solitude enfolds me like a warm blanket  
sitting by the creek of reflection.  
My tears sing back the joy  
I feel from the water singing my name.

## Following My Tears

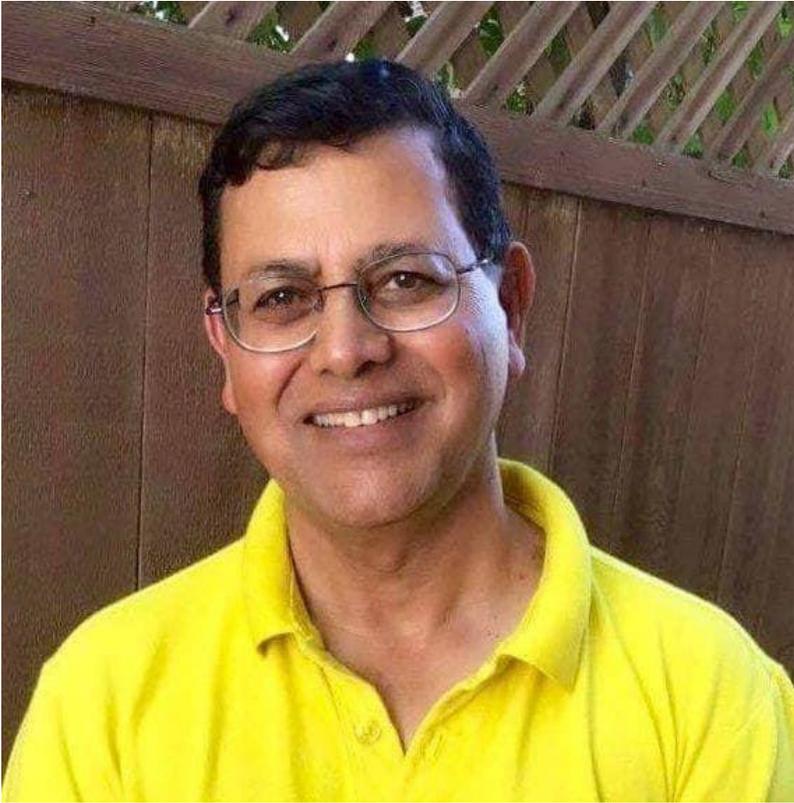
I smell my tears in the darkness.  
No one told me fear brings blindness.  
I must release fear  
and open my eyes in the dark  
to reach the easy pathway.

I follow the scent of my tears.  
Light overtakes my body,  
makes me adjust my eyes.  
I see for the first time in the dark void  
life floating pass me like a river's flow.

I can choose to step in anytime  
readiness tickles my feet to move.  
It is the sweet scent of my tears  
that sustain me.  
A special gift of love from Spirit.

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.

## Full Circle

*For Mundara Koorang*

Like a flute player charming a snake  
let people feel the weight  
of who you are and  
let them deal with it.

In the meantime  
like a cloud in blue sky  
you keep on moving  
forward with your passions.

Gracefully  
unfold your layered heart  
spread wings wide  
soar like an eagle.

Sprinkle the heavens  
with rainbow of colors  
blue, azure and come back  
full circle to the earth.

## Soft Touch

If you wish to love me  
then accept me as I am  
and nothing else.

If you like to trust me  
then believe in me  
for no reason at all.

If you want to caress me  
then touch me with your eyes  
without asking why?

Because one day  
my love will spring,  
my passion will emerge,  
my heart will blossom, and  
my zeal will grow  
for you.

But if you cannot wait for me  
then without any hesitation  
leave me and go away.  
Because I can create you  
when I am ready.

## Beauty Lies Within Us

You can find meaning of life  
only if you create it.

It is not lying out there  
somewhere to be discovered.

It is within you  
to bring it out and create it.

It is there like words for a poem  
and tunes for a song.

It is up to you to compose a poem,  
to sing a song to give a meaning to life.

Melody of a song, beauty of our deeds,  
meaning of our life lies within us.

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<sup>th</sup> Prize Winner in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada “Amazing Poet 2015”, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), 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:

[panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis](http://panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis)

[apwriters.org/author/ceri\\_naz/](http://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/)

[www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html](http://www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html)

## The Bard and The Milady

(Part 1)

The bard once penned  
“poetry, wine and chants”  
for his voluptuous muse  
as gorgeous as Marilyn Monroe,  
reminiscing his amaranthine lines  
the milady interrupts:  
Indulge and set back...  
“Syrah, bold and rich red  
Zinfandel, aged indigenous oak  
Malbec, full-bodied, deep red  
Merlot, find some exotic ducks to pair,  
Sauvignon Blanc, light, dry and crisp white wine,”  
My love, which does your heart delights for?”  
Finally answered, “Give me some light and lines”  
The milady, in velvet red,  
Kissed her, a poem sublime.

## In her eyes

In the morning, she wakes up  
Hiding her shadow like gilded little sun  
Then poke her parents' eyes.  
She lifts those tiny legs  
To kick the hanging dreamcatcher,  
Reflects a silly face  
In the mirror towards the bedroom wall.  
Ta-ta-ta, counting bananas while watching  
The musical Barney,  
Her smiles paint fire,  
Her yells bear wind,  
Her shallow tears sail innocence  
In the river of my soul.

## spring's secret lullaby

waiting for the pearly morn  
cascading with infinite dew drops  
crystalline symphonies on the clouds  
whispering silver charming flames  
a song bird singing merry silhouettes  
in the majestic hours of spring  
with you by my side is a dream  
like secrets lulling mellow chants  
while dancing to life's windmills of chance

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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## each dot is a foot print

each dot dances  
each dot speaks  
each dot is a figure  
our ancestor's  
footsteps are dots  
look up  
the sky and stars  
shower justice to our land  
each rain drop is their blessing

each dot sings  
each dot dreams  
each dot is a Sun  
each dot is life  
that reflects existence

just join the dots  
to make a wing  
shine in the horizon  
speak your existence  
each dot is the replica of time

only a single dot.....  
from heaven .....

## disaster in the courtyard

there is a disaster  
a caterpillar crawling  
the lizard on the bloody cot  
tea cups scattered on the ground  
no conversation  
none is chewing sugarcane  
no fire in the cooking place  
the pet dog is dying there  
certainly, a disaster last night  
a broken lantern, a torn door screen  
split of bangles, couple of holes of the bullets on the door  
the cows are scared, no fodder in their monger  
who is the intruder?  
the terrorists, the rapist or the drug mafias  
the small girl peeping  
stunned  
the only eye witness to record the bloody history  
everything is dark  
the courtyard that conducts rituals from birth to death  
marriage to sickness  
no aroma of tandoori roti and dal makhana  
a stoic silence  
a frog croaking outside  
a house gives shelter to many  
journey of money or honey  
seniors or kids; a sweet family  
the nucleus of existence  
basks inner light  
yes, the last rituals of vermilion or turmeric  
jasmynes fragrances  
courtyard reflects seasons in multiple colours

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so also, when the martyr's body  
covered with tricolour flags  
alas! there is a disaster is in this courtyard .....

*N.B;- Tandoori Roti and Dal Makhani are the popular cuisines.*

## just now what I remember

the lush pasture green grass  
swings of aerial roots  
of the banyan tree in my village  
that is my mother Nature

have you seen ants in lines  
carrying sugar cubes or rice grains  
heavier than their weight  
bigger than their size

just now what I remember  
is my father's walking stick  
that stands as a full stop to every vice.

intoxicated right side road of my age  
archetypal tantrums  
call it a sky ,an ocean  
or any name  
it is the synonym of confidence

just now what I remember  
it's crescent moon smile

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

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

## Mundara Koorang

Mundara is an Australian Aboriginal artist, designer, teacher, actor and author from Eora.

He used all of his talents as an educator since he is an indigenous elder.

Mundara Koorang wanted successful education for his people so they can be all they wanted to be,

not just because they should, but because he believed that was their destiny.

he alone was responsible for over 800 people attending schools and universities

Literature and art both were used so he can paint visual and mental pictures.

He is well known, not just in his community but internationally.

He is a leader,

his work paved the way for the future,

His practices opened the doors for other indigenous artist in Australia.

## Why

Why did he do it  
From where I am, I can rewind time and see his every  
action  
I'm studying him to understand why  
He wakes up in the morning, kisses his wife and three  
baby's, just as I did  
I'm watching him get dressed for work just as i am  
It's crazy how two unfamiliar faces are doing the same  
thing I Different places  
I put on my work clothes  
He puts on his ensemble  
I walk downstairs to check my mail box  
He carefully walks downstairs, holding his waistline,  
making sure what he's holding don't drop  
My car is parked two blocks away, it's at a spot on the  
corner, so I'm walking  
There he goes walking my direction stalking  
I can sense the danger  
Today we will no longer be strangers  
I ruffle through my pockets for the keys  
My window shatters  
What he had in his waistline is now pointed at me  
I'm watching myself plead  
I'm begging him not to shoot  
He's persistently screaming give me the loot  
I give it to him, but he still shoots to kill  
He runs off with what I just got out the mailbox,  
Which was payroll for my guys  
He runs back upstairs, with the look of greed in his eyes  
His wife looks and ask what's wrong  
He says I just killed to pay our bills  
Turns out he was recently fired from his nine to five  
So now I know but still don't understand

Why "I" had to die

## I u u used to st stu stutter

Some used to laugh at me, hahahah he stutters like Stanley. I wanted to curse them out. but it would've took too long so I bowed my head and walked on in embarrassment, I became really shy, i didn't want any peer acknowledgment, I was scared to speak then deal with the harassment. When in class and the teacher would ask the students a question, in a split second I would know the answer, but i would sit quietly and let my classmates figure it out until one of them minutes later would scream out the wrong answer, usually. When that happened I would pray please please don't let her call on me, But she did. Carrasco can you help us out? N no I I don't know. Damm because I stutter I can't get due credit for knowing that answer. This was my life. Mooom what yo yo you cccoking today? Boy slow down, think before you say what you want to say, take your time!. Moms therapy helped me. i started speaking clearly slowly. My mouth caught up with my brain now I talk like I'm in a speed lane, some people said I talk to fast, now I laughed inside, didn't want to be rude like they was to me, all they saw was me smiling while their brain was stu stu stuttering

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Parallel time

*To Mundara Koorangow*

With greatness  
of multicolored dots  
not from alphabet Braille, Morse,  
but from aboriginal tradition  
the painted world  
of ancient beliefs awes.  
Ancestral past  
united with today's day  
tells a reality.

Parallel time  
– magic between,  
what was and what is found.

*Dreamtime*  
doesn't permit forgetting.

No matter where you will start in your time.  
What counts is where you'll make it  
and what you'll hide in memory,  
to be able to pass on to others.

*Translated Ula de B.*

## Deceit

Preoccupied with invoices  
he didn't hear the deceit.  
Certain,  
he can sense who tells the truth,  
and who's closer to falsehood.  
He didn't pay attention to the signs.  
Believing in nonexistence of evil,  
he trusted  
his gift of situational assessment.

When he has awoken,  
he became  
a homeless ex millionaire,  
with no chance to return to  
his familiar,  
but already lost life.

He whispered to himself:  
*– Don't trust anyone,  
who's overmuch benevolent.  
He merely pretends,*

*to gain,  
till you have.*

*Translated Ula de B.*

## Crease

Is there any sense?  
Maybe just for a try?

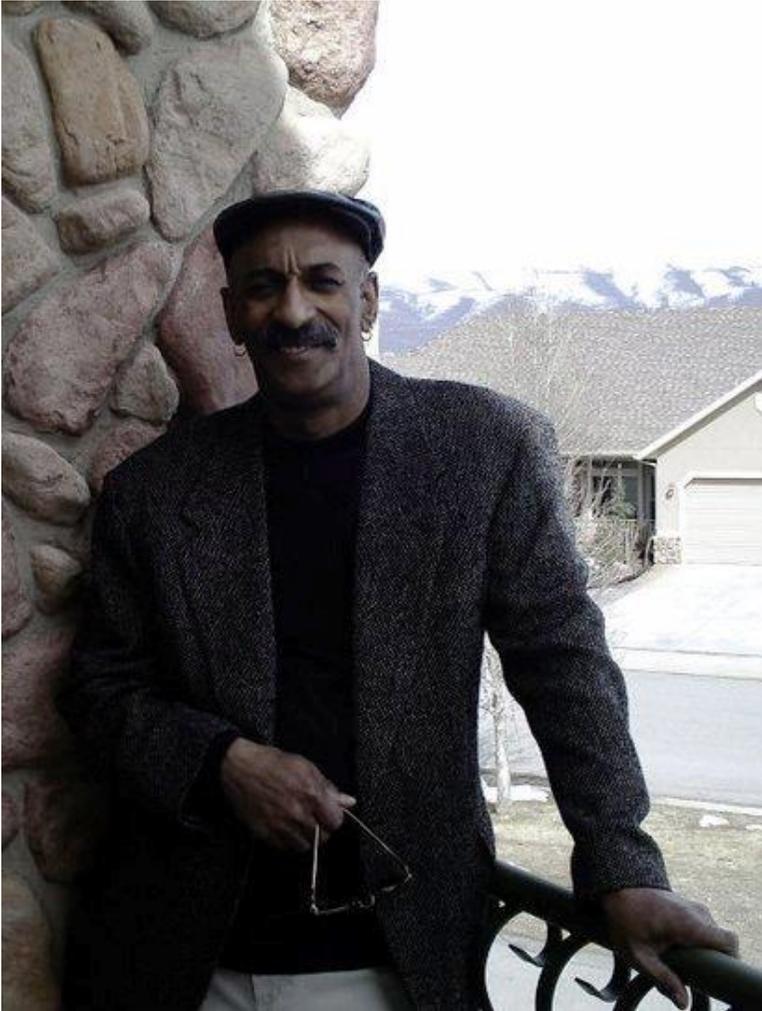
Resurrecting friendship  
is like  
filling a blown egg.  
There will always be  
a gap, void,  
that  
will not allow you to return  
to the state it was before.

An attempt  
may seemingly succeed,  
but  
the painful crease inside  
will someday resurrect.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

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!

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## An Artist's Breath

Write stories upon the canvass  
I paint pictures with my written word  
And my mind is still thirsty,  
Hungry,  
To continue its quest  
Into the unknown

What I gain, I gift  
What I learn, I teach  
I have two hands  
That I may lift you up,  
For this is the art  
Of living  
This is  
"An Artist's Breath" . . .  
Breathe with me

## paint my dreams

i took my dreams  
and painted them  
with the colors  
of expectations  
for i wanted to  
meet them  
greet them  
and  
seat them  
at the table of my realities

yes

i want to  
eat with them  
drink with them  
discuss the day with them  
and speak of  
our love  
and the certainty  
of the absence  
of the hurt in me  
and the joys  
of our coming days

a place  
where our chase  
of each other  
has ceased  
for we are in phase  
as one  
and in peace

and after we finish dining  
we begin refining

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our relationship  
i want to put some music on  
you know  
that Cosmic type  
and i want to dance with my Dreams  
my Lover of me  
i wish to swirl  
and be whirled around  
as i embrace the sound  
of the moment

i wish to do a two step or three  
or more  
as i have removed the door  
that once inhibited who i am  
i want to dance the dance of joy  
unrestrained  
never to be contained  
again

and we will glisten  
as we listen  
to the our bonded heart  
that of every Girl and Boy  
and the gifts  
we were born with  
impervious of the shift  
we allowed to induce us  
seduce us  
by way of our trusts  
we freely gave to the world

and as the "i" in me  
heralds in this new thought  
a perspective of life  
i have long ago forgotten  
i realize  
with open eyes

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that i am the artist  
i am the creator  
i am the progenitor  
of what i think i am

and there is no God  
but i am He who has made me  
for it was His or Her  
or whatever you prefer  
it was the Sources Holy breath  
that give's me Life  
and with a rife of attitude  
and a heart of gratitude  
i celebrate this day  
in my way

and know this  
that it is i who created this palette  
upon which i mix the colors  
that i may paint the canvass of my existence  
as i choose

so excuse me  
for i refuse  
to accuse  
circumstance  
things  
and people  
to inhibit  
my exhibit  
of my Self Art  
and how i elect  
to paint my dreams

## It is time

Down by the river  
Where the sleeping waters lie  
Where figments of humanity's imagination  
Dance in the dust,  
Teasing one and all  
With ghost-like etheric visions of  
Justice,  
Equality,  
Compassion,  
Righteousness  
And unrequited,  
Unabashed,  
Unrestrained,  
Uninhibited,  
Unafraid . . .  
Love

I visit this place  
Every day,  
With my longing tucked neatly  
In the hidden  
Semi-transparent chambers  
Of my heart

My breast expands with hope  
And exasperation  
Conjuring new convoluted devils  
For my consideration ...  
Whom shall I follow?

As I hold to the reins tightly  
So that hate will abate itself

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And self-declare its hypocrisy,  
I smile in the faces  
Of the virtue-less,  
For I know  
They are haunted  
By their own shadows

I strive for the struggle,  
Sweating away heavy burdensome concerns,  
For they 'do' nor service naught

Should a rainbow visit my space,  
I would probably cloak it  
In gossamer and lace  
And put small trinket-like bells  
On the threads of its presence  
That I will be alerted  
Should my private rainbows  
Attempt to escape  
Into the dark of the night

I am counting the birds  
Perched in the trees  
Chattering and chirping  
About what, who knows?

.....

Much like man,  
For reconciliation and resolution  
For our on-going concerns  
Again escape our attempts  
To jail them  
In our ever moving present

'Now' continues to elude me  
While continuously and profusely

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Licking my brow  
Telling me the dripping essence  
Upon my face  
Is a worthy sweat  
For which I toiled

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But me thinks  
It is my tears  
Of my ever-flowing lament  
And melancholy

Perhaps if I let enough of them pool  
Just perhaps  
We can awaken  
Those sleeping waters  
Down by the river  
Where figments of humanity's imagination  
Dance in the dust,  
Teasing one and all  
With ghost-like etheric visions of  
Justice,  
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Featured Poets

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Laurent  
Turunc

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Caroline LAURENT Turunc Antakya, Turkey, Arab origin, the daughter of a family of nine children. She started writing at the age of 15. She wrote her first novel at this age and her family did not allow the book to be published, her brother and mother destroyed the manuscript.

This incident did not prevent her from writing more. She has written over 1500 poems since 2013, received many certificates from abroad, and participated in 12 local and foreign anthologies. Her poems have been published in many international journals and sites.

She is writing a novel and is about to finish it soon. She published two poetry books, "Between Oriental and Schemal" and "Desert lily".

She won the second place among 2575 poets from every country during the championship of the world literature in Romania.

She won a prize in the poetry festival held by Yan in China which led her to be selected into the "world poet Literature Museum" built by the Silk Road Cultural Center of Northwest University of China.

She was also a jury member of the Galaxia International Award for unpublished Poetry, 2021 edition in Chile

She is a Turkey-based Humanitarian and represents the u.t.e.f. International foundation in Paris

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## A Refugee's Diary!

It was a breathless morning, a young man with his hands inside his pockets as if he is cold.

He was looking for a dry place in the streets of a language he did not know.

The hand lines on his palm were erased, his fingers were turned purple.

Even stones with a shadow of the sun on them were luckier than him.

It was as if the sky was blurred, being held by a thread from his entire past.

there was no trace of his habits

He was staring at strange faces like a ship lost at the dock.

It was as if he was looking for the future with hope in the raging polluted sea.

He was a refugee looking for his lost past

It came from photographs that had been erased from timeless calendars by the violence of a hurricane.

Nameless leaves plucked from the branch

Unconscious flying migratory birds disappearing during the day

Like a sycamore tree captive to the shadow's reflection

Dwarves trapped inside the mirror

among bloodthirsty demons

Who knows why he came to the place where the eternal sun turns yellow?

Just like my father's face, his face is grounded

A shiver got me!

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Death came to my mind.

what were their sins - what were their sins so much that  
they were dragged from the land of their birth?

Were the streets crooked or were the lamps without  
light?

In the scorching summer sun, my heart turned cold like  
winter.

the wind was blowing me

I looked at his face, his smile, his eyes were dark.

I raised my hand and said "hey, I know how you feel,  
I've been down these roads too, I've been a refugee in soul  
more than in my body".

While I was eating at those crowded tables, it suddenly  
came to my mind and I went to the days when we were not  
satisfied with what was on our plate.

How the time passed, I was startled by a voice, the police  
asked me to show my ID, so I put my hand in my bag,  
grabbed my ID and showed it to them. My eyes filled with  
tears when I remembered of the things I went through to  
have this card.

I left all my loved ones without looking back, it was so  
heavy that I missed asking my mother whether she loves  
me more than my brother.

I miss the days when my mother could not bear to beat  
me and cry, those days come back and my mother beat me  
again

I'm crying now I have no one to cry with me

I looked around again, my eyes searched for that young  
man, it had never rained so differently in the rains.

It smells of a wind that I've never known before

As if at a turning point

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Or was it a dream, in the middle of my brain  
Was it the game of unstable seasons caused by poverty?  
Living in a twelve square meter room from the big  
house of a large family  
The room has no ceiling, the walls are pale, if a light  
breeze blows the door will fly.

Yes, I was a refugee; each of us comes from a land of  
sorrow.

We fell into poverty. Strangers to each other.  
If I were a god for a day, I would plant the seed of  
immortality.  
From moldy vases to flower pots, to every garden of  
every house  
May the earth not miss that crazy smell of death

O supreme soul that makes my body tremble with every  
breath I take"

Farewells should not be premature, those strange  
flowers should not adorn the tops of the chests.  
Crying children.  
The streets waiting for refugees

Caroline Laurent Turunc  
13/06/2021 PARIS

## Don't Kill Silent Languages !

When I walk away from my sadness  
Minions, horses, crawls, caresses, hits  
Even if my heart is choking I find a way to get it  
But you're drowning.  
How many mornings did I wake up  
I'm listening to the confusion  
Nobody knocks on my door Why am I someone who  
loves cats  
I know i am  
I'm not satisfied without cat and love  
At the deciduous end of my days without such resistance  
on our most complicated path  
If I don't resist the rain and the cloud is quiet the night  
before the morning preparations, if you don't resist  
Denying three lonely cats above the clouds without  
knowing their names  
Strolling on orchids  
When they have the right to fly like a sparrow while  
breathing like you and me  
Nobody is sweeter than this bird  
Blue and bluebird in paradise  
That ties a bead to each feather  
The roofs were orphans, the streets were like  
stepchildren without cats, now I'm like a stupid gazelle  
lover Ahu, without the eyes of chimpanzees jumping from  
branch to branch.  
Count me as a lonely necked cat, somehow I have a  
mouth and no tongue. This was not a story.  
I said did you listen to me, nobody looked at me  
Should he hide or say; everything is empty  
There was neither that house, nor that day, nor the cat.  
Except for muddy rivers

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I look like a shore in the shade of red tiles  
on the scattered roofs of his village. And in the spring  
chaos of rain clouds

Birds were placed on the shore of a passing lake, no one  
left anymore, the silence swallowed all their joyful voices

Caroline Laurent Turunç

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## Bloody Virus!

In my heart I have all the documents of your eyes  
Will not rot with wet, fragrant violets  
Some daffodils from neighboring mountains  
A little star falling from the sky  
To melt a cloud of snow into my heart  
Far from the sun, the moon, the fire  
I'm so tired with the shroud on me

the curvature of the light was the sun  
I don't know if my defeat is now a victory  
Who is this sky and why is it unattended?  
I apologize to the world in my conscience  
How stubborn is the smoke from yellowed horizons  
Humanity was not so arrogant when the pharaoh descended  
on the ground of persecution  
your brightness, darkness, splendor lover

The vampire that makes the bloody fuck shiver  
How sweet you are with your two purple eyes  
Beyond the red sea  
The mass that walks like a dead  
Cover the earth, cover the particles of hypocrisy  
Their filth is rippling, those who don't care about the  
overflowing laments  
Cover up all calamities, their stomachs low, poisonous

They ate from open tables without chewing  
Seven colors in one sitting  
Come brother come blessed  
Running, resisting, saving is our passion  
He's got balls of cruelty, he's got bayonets, his eyes are  
stabbing

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Country shattered for a bloody crown  
Cut the chains connecting the hand and arm  
Get away from the strong and the bad

Carnations planted in destruction look miserable in pain  
and anguish  
Street of dreams is not real  
Fill old warehouses and rundown cellars to be repaired  
Traitors roll for wine, laugh, cry for hypocrites  
Let the migration from the earth to the sky begin  
None of them have a profession, no virtue, no legitimacy  
No different from a prostitute

Kamal  
Dhungana

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Kamal Dhungana was born in India in 1994, but he is a citizen of Nepal, Kamal has studied up to Inter second year

Kamal says he has been writing poems for 5 to 6 years now. Apart from poetry, he also writes ghazals and short stories. Some of my poems have been published from Vietnam, Bangladesh, China, Serbia, Spain, India, Egypt, Roman, Palestine, Indonesia and Nepal.

After some time now, I am bringing a collection of poems to the market.

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## People are not the same

Cover people to be the same  
Not just together  
Do people have to agree to be the same?  
The idea has to be agreed.  
Nobody agrees with anyone here  
Here one does not count the other as human  
People don't even have human blood  
That is why people are not the same.

When the flood of last year washed away my house  
My neighbors took me to my house one day  
No one told me to stay  
Even after hearing the news that I am homeless, my  
relatives  
They never came to see me  
That's why I've never been around them  
Maybe I wasn't like them  
Maybe we weren't the same creature ....

If people were the same  
Why did people get beaten up for touching water?  
Why women sold in the room  
Did you have to live like an animal?  
Why did people enslave people?  
People are not really the same  
People don't even get people's blood  
If found, my pregnant mother  
You didn't have to die at a young age without getting O  
positive blood.

## Hunger

I know the government  
I am illiterate, I am uneducated  
My father told me to teach  
He must have been living in the house of the chief.  
My mother told me to teach at the chief's house  
She must have wiped the broom.  
He must have fed me even though he was hungry  
I cried and cried when I was hungry  
But, my parents are hungry  
Crying in front, screaming?  
Government to tell who is hungry?

Because of the huge mountain of poverty  
I couldn't read, even though I wanted to  
There were no opportunities to study on scholarships  
The fire in the hungry stomach has never been  
extinguished  
My father was drenched in sweat all day long  
When I return home tired in the evening  
My eyes weep late into the night  
I don't sleep all night when my mother is hungry.  
I know - I was burning with hunger  
My father and mother, who look twice as good as me  
The fire that burns in the hungry stomach every day  
I have seen - innumerable mothers like my mother  
She is sucking her breasts on her hungry stomach in the  
street  
I have seen - lust for a loaf of bread  
Hungry faces doing ..

How long will the government be cheap?  
Sweat dripping, wages?

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How long will the wages be?  
How long will you continue to shed blood and sweat in  
foreign lands?  
Weaving thousands of dreams to come for how long  
Foreigners in the red box?  
How long will the stitches of millions of women be asked?  
How long will the society not get mourners?  
How long will the government school be built in my  
village?  
How long can you get employment in the country by  
studying?  
How long do you have to sleep hungry?  
And when the government is reduced to hunger  
Number of suicides?

## Then the doorbell rang

I found out then  
The thing about not coming back after you're gone  
How many nights when I look at your way  
After I slept soundly

I don't sleep  
Pillow never shed tears  
Wet was not wet  
I sleep every night after you leave  
Pillow who never got wet in bed  
They started getting wet every night

I did not know  
Most of all, looking for someone's way  
It is a difficult task, even a day seems like a year

I found out after you left  
What is emptiness?  
Nowadays, my bedroom is no less than a secluded forest  
Life I live, life does not seem

It's been a long time since the doorbell rang at home  
Not a few fingers ringing the doorbell  
There are strong eyes watching your path  
There is a life waiting for you  
And there are loud ears, hoping for the doorbell to ring

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Pankhuri  
Sinha

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Pankhuri Sinha is a bilingual poet and story writer from India, who has lived in North America for 14 years and has two books of poems published in English, two collections of stories published in Hindi, five collections of poetries published in Hindi, with many more lined up. Has won many prestigious, national-international awards, has been translated in over twenty two languages. Her writing is dominated by themes of exile and immigration, gender equality and environmental concerns.

## Wander

Walk again  
Wander  
In the alleys of other people's home  
For it is another gorgeous fall day  
The colors  
They change each day  
Deepen, darken  
Leaves crunch under your feet  
Leaves fall around you  
Trees bare themselves  
Brace for winter  
An year is about to pass  
Walk again  
In the alleys of other people's home  
Or just sit and type  
Sit here, yes, right here  
Type  
Imprint  
Document  
Tell us, they say  
Of their torture  
Send us evidence  
Send them  
The story of what's happening  
But whats happening  
You type and type  
Get nowhere  
The tv  
Right infront  
Shows all about tracking  
Tracking through phone calls  
Devices

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Police gadgets  
Apparatus  
But sit and type  
Of how the surveillance around you works  
Type with untrimmed nails  
Type before trimming them  
Cutting your nails  
Little things, no colors  
No polish  
No rings  
No promises  
Vacant empty fingers  
With the metaphor of nail trimming  
Cutting, having become very large  
In the language of espionage  
Some said, some felt  
Nails of people  
Digging occasionally in your flesh  
Your own being pulled out  
Are they?  
Or anytime now?  
All gone?  
Fall leaves  
Yet another fall day  
Wander  
Or type some more  
Just taking notes  
Recording  
Data collection almost  
Of perpetrated torture  
Inflicted  
Imposed  
Inescapable  
Permeating  
Suffocating

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Torture  
Or walk again  
In the alleys of other people's homes  
For you lost your own  
But you live here too  
Renting a flat or a room  
Who makes it then  
A purpose out of fighting landlordism?

## That poem

That poem  
Will have to be written elsewhere  
And on another day  
Although she very much wanted to write it  
In that lounge  
Of that restaurant  
It was an all day buffet  
Actually  
And spoke to her current hunger  
Very loudly  
Spoke of her current status  
Of an emaciated  
Devastated  
Immigration warrior  
A status  
She had described  
Narrated  
To the lady  
Posing  
As the landlady  
Very aptly  
As precisely  
As there were words  
Around and available  
And was heartbroken again  
As the lady  
Subletting the apartment  
Had so calmly  
Picked up  
All of these brochures  
And coupons  
Of restaurants

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And all other food chains  
Dear Suzannah 21  
With pictures of what was called  
Fast food  
Not even crawling towards her  
All opportunities  
Coming so slow  
She feared  
She will die before redemption  
Will never be able to walk  
To that counter  
That will say  
You have been hired  
Will say it  
In valid paperwork  
While the lady  
Spreading the coupons  
On all purchases  
Talked of how the buffet  
Was quite average  
Not too great  
But alright  
And she found herself  
Lapsing into that silence  
Which forbade all responses  
Not being able to leave  
That zone of lonely silence  
Not being able to reach out  
And across  
Fenced in  
Barricaded  
And building more  
To never break out of  
To never breakthrough

But the current stalemate

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Had simply to do  
With some sort of a negotiation  
Not even negotiation  
No great big deals  
Simple talk over chore sharing  
Little dusting  
Little collected dust  
Gigantic grievances  
Over specks of dust  
Not being addressed  
Left to accumulate  
With a viewpoint  
Dogmatic  
Heavy handed  
With a viewpoint  
That took all its angles  
From the top  
And believed in cutting off  
The supply lines  
Believed in pulling the rug  
From under someone's feet  
Believed in making them fall  
Falter  
Spoke bad army language  
And for sure  
Got its re-enforcements  
From many powerful places  
Offices  
Of culture and learning.

At home

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Stuck  
At home  
Again  
Shifting between salt and sugar  
Resisting one more bite of chocolate  
When sweet seems salvation  
All thoughts centered around coco powder  
And the means to acquire it  
With the hopes of making someday  
Home made chocolates  
A nice point to be in  
A nice cave to be in  
Not comprehending the violence around  
Not comprehending violence at all  
Mixed often, with news from the drug world  
With talk about the drug world  
Those who ran  
And those who perished in it  
Those who stood at its frontier  
Unclear talk about the drug world  
Also carried out over people's medications  
Prescriptions  
Around the sales in the over the counter pills aisles  
Sometimes a very silent kind of store violence  
Visible but not audible  
And then just plain, simple violence  
In and out of the store  
On the benches in the smoking area  
On the benches in the parks  
And in the parks with no benches  
And all of this airy, breezy conflict  
Conditional to weather

A life totally weather dependent  
Put under house arrest

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Made to move  
Just so many times  
Impossible to keep track of all my papers  
The one with chocolate recipes  
Poems of chocolate cravings  
Important papers  
Not just ids  
But maps of writings  
To be expanded upon  
All packed in suitcases  
And so unsettled  
Impossible to elaborate upon  
Impossible to bring to life  
Clicking pictures of coco beans  
In a mall  
Being the liveliest sheet of paper  
The shiniest  
To look and look again  
Stuck at home  
Trapped in a war over coco  
With all sense of speed  
Even movement  
Left outside  
In the great outdoors.

Paramita  
Mukherjee  
Mullick

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Dr. Paramita Mukherjee Mullick is a scientist transformed into a poet. She has six published books. She is the Founder President of the Intercultural Poetry and Performance Library Mumbai Chapter where she promotes fusion of poetry with other performing arts. Her poems have been translated into 39 languages. Paramita has been blessed with numerous awards for her poetry which are as follows:

Sahitya Shree  
Sahityan Samman  
Sahitya Bhushan  
Master of Creative Genius  
Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore Award,  
Poetess of Elegance 2019  
Literoma Author Achiever 2020  
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In the World Congress of 2019, she received the Gold Rose from MS Productions, Buenos Aires for promotion of literature and culture. She does a lot of peace poetry events and received a recognition from the World Literary Forum of Writers and Human rights. Paramita believes in positivity and finds silver linings in every cloud of gloom. She lives in Mumbai, India with her husband and daughter.

## The Search For Completeness

The new mother looks at the smile of her child.  
Her heart fills with joy.  
The new human fills her heart.  
A happiness more than any jazzy toy.

A mother and wife, looks after her family.  
Feeds them and lovingly them nourish.  
Selfless, compassionate and kind.  
Her happiness to see her children and husband flourish.

A father and a husband, toils the whole day.  
To make the family prosperous and comfortable.  
Only others in his mind when working hard.  
Bringing his family members in the forefront and making  
them able.

The giving of oneself to another.  
An emotion which is all above.  
The search for completeness ends with this emotion.  
It is the definition less, fathomless love.

## Impermanence

The yellow leaves on the branch became yellow and fell off.

Green new leaves sprouted on the branch again.

A brief shower of rain quenched the thirst of the earth.

The sweet-smelling earth heaved a sigh of relief.

The kingfisher fled by, here it was and then lost from sight.

Its dazzling colours lingering in my eyes.

Suddenly the melodious music from the flute player on the street.

Arouses my senses and I get immersed in that music.

Such is the magic of impermanence.

The short spell enchants us.

A brief encounter with a stranger,

May lead to a beautiful friendship.

These moments are to be cherished and preserved.

Time for such beautiful moments to be reserved.

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## When I Will Meet You

When I will meet you one day.

You will look into my eyes and what will you say?

Will you welcome me with open arms?

# Remembering

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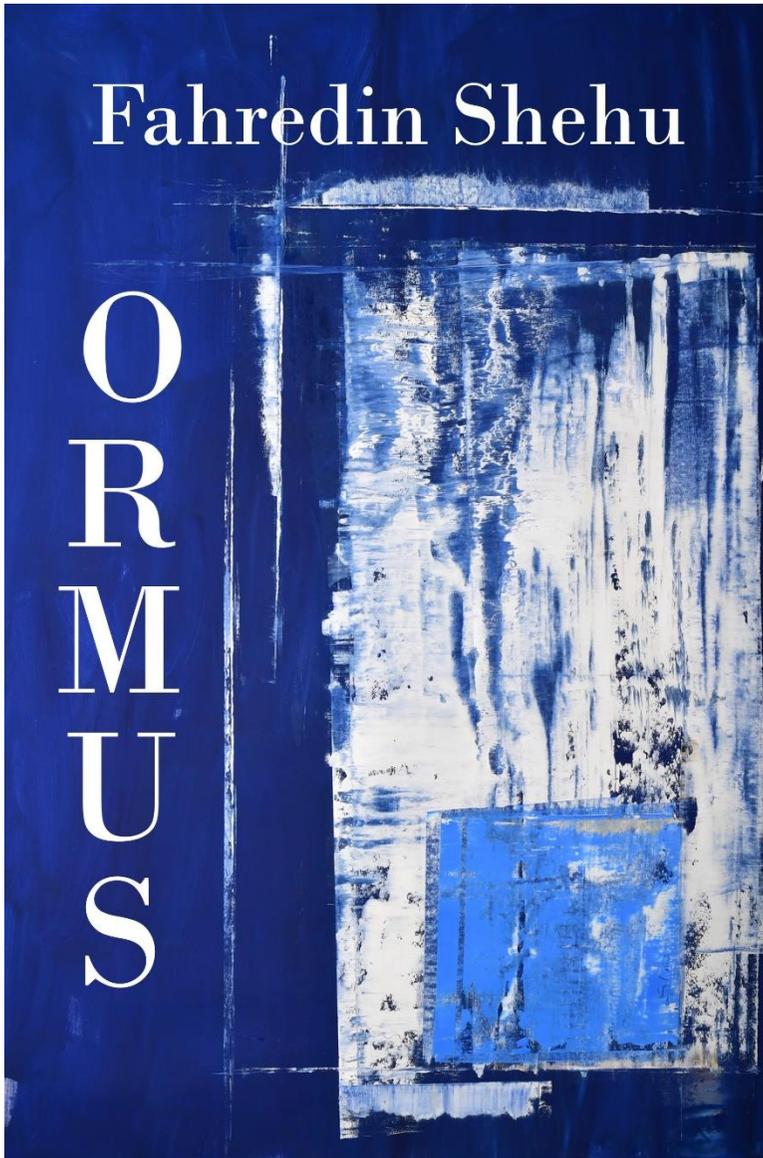
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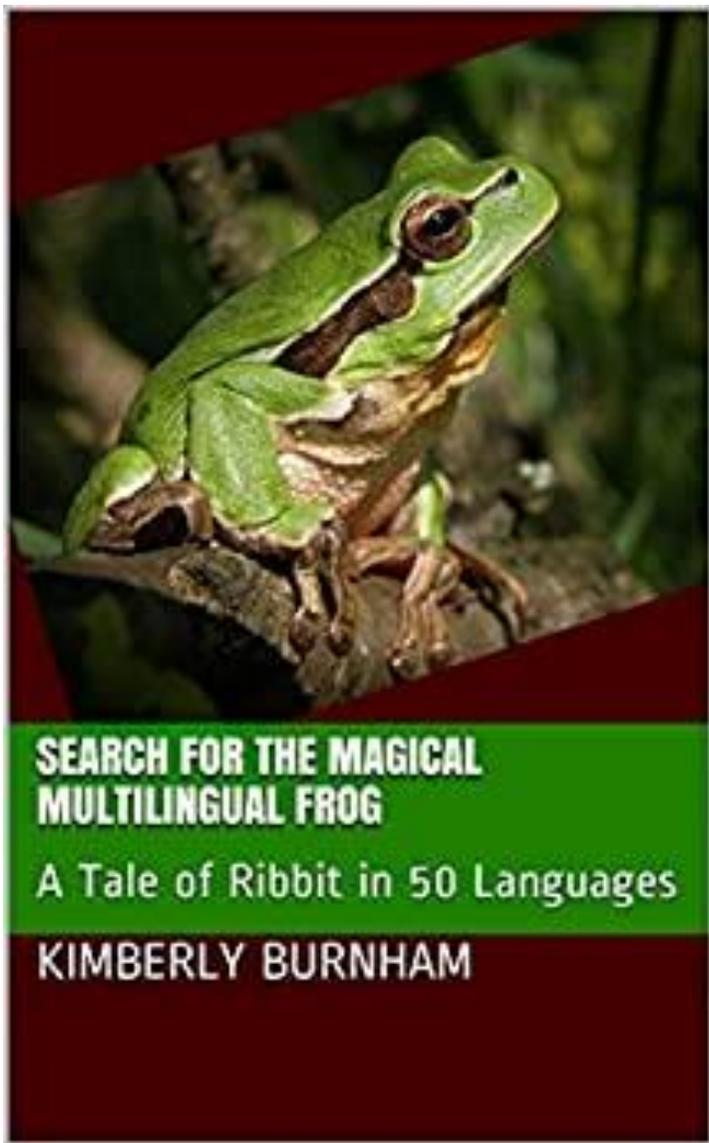


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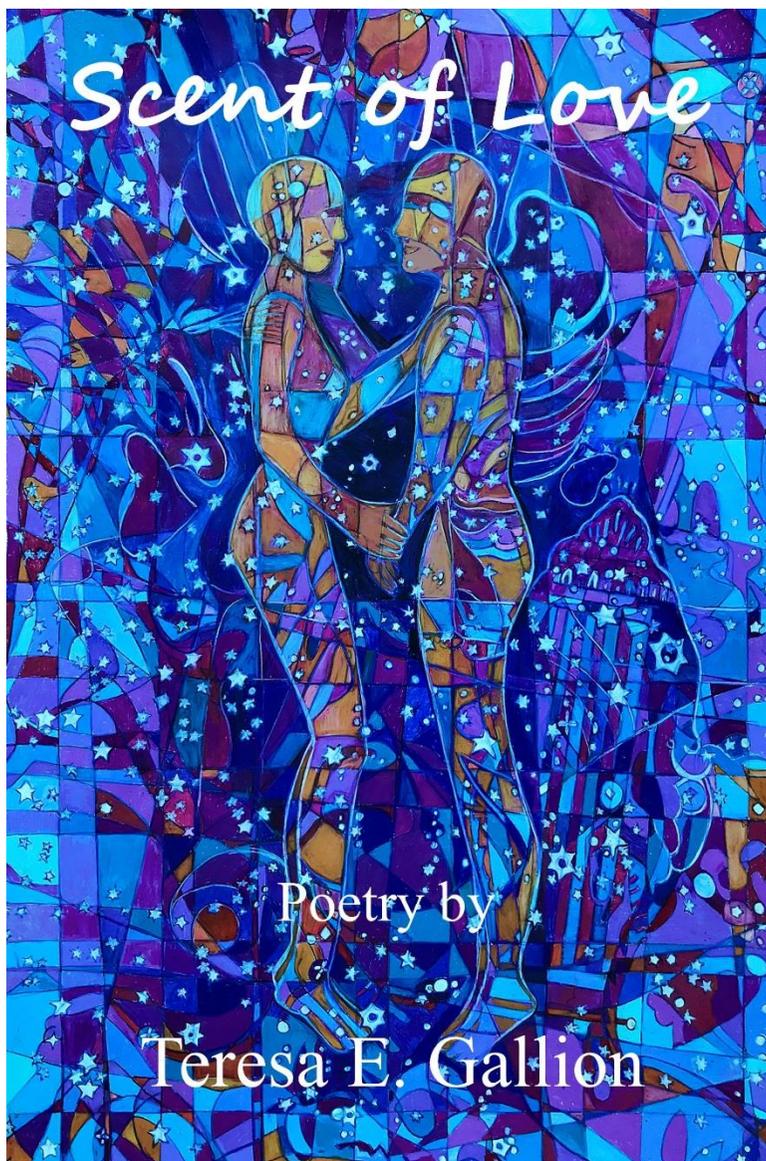
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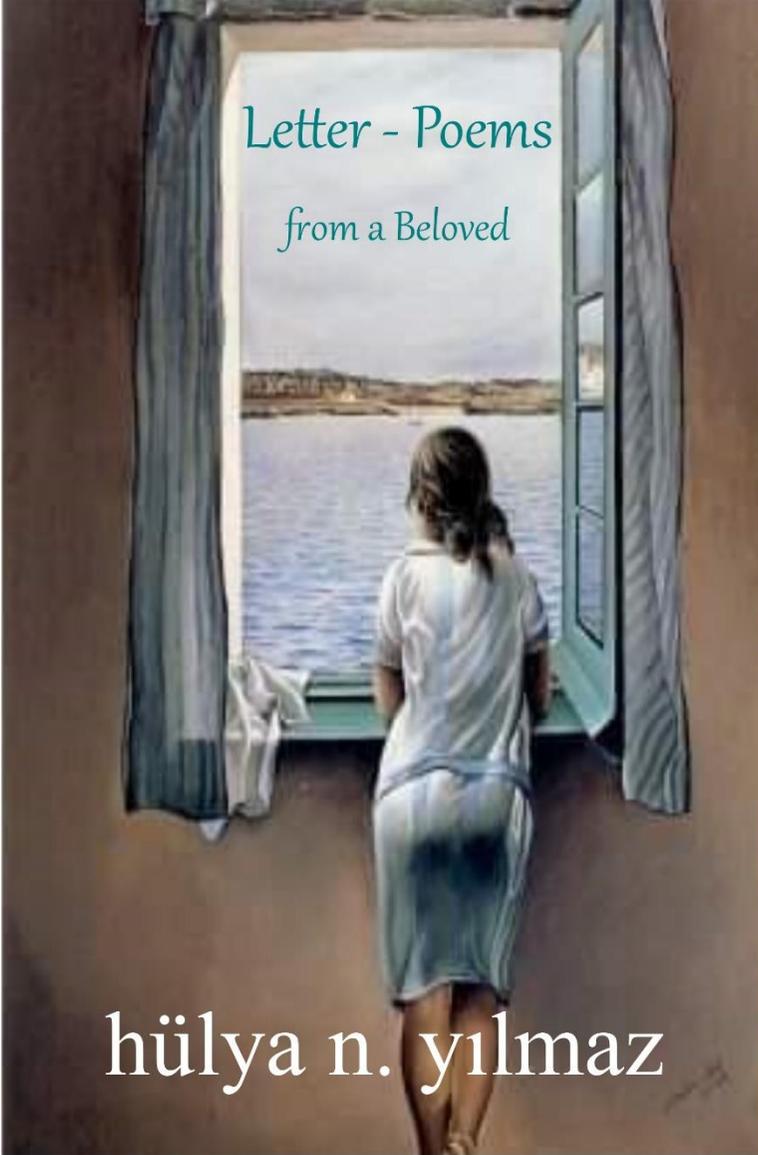
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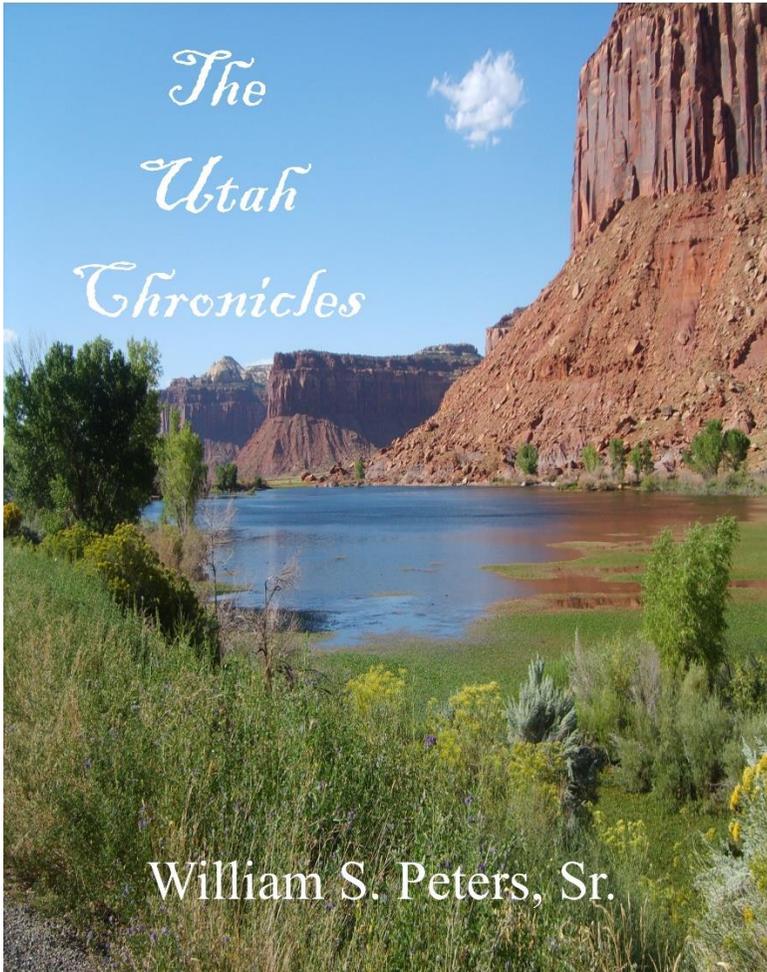
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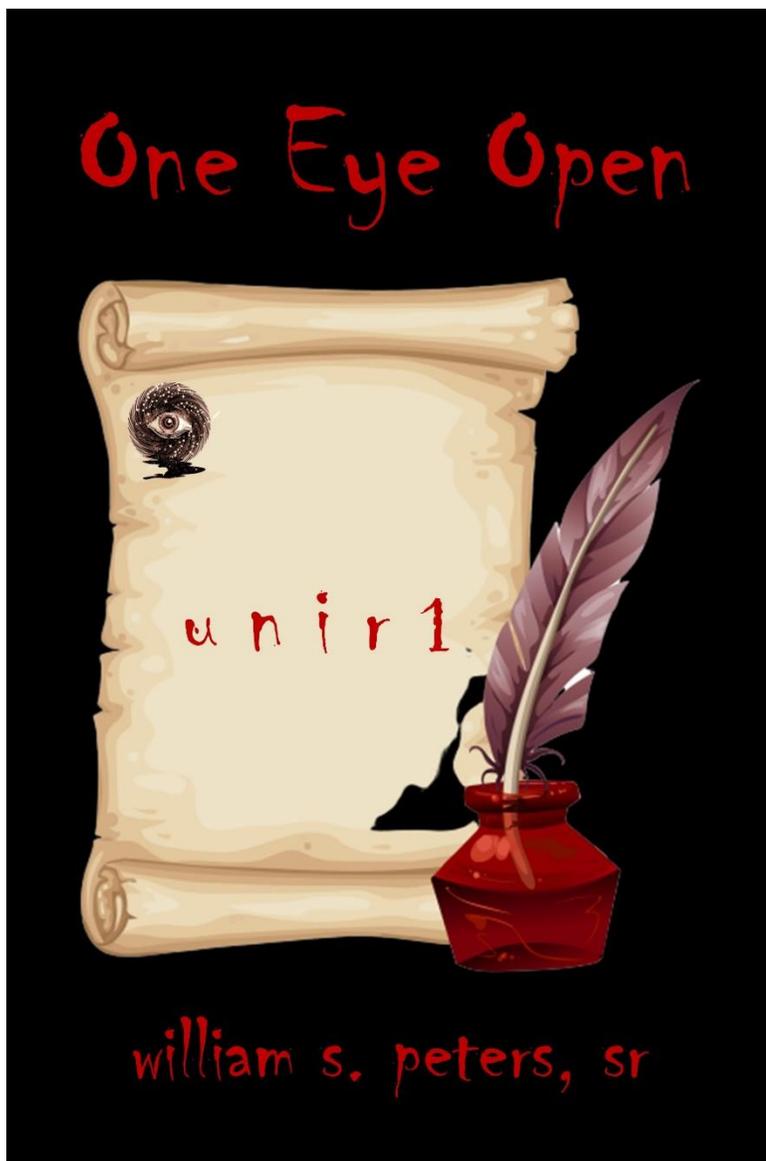
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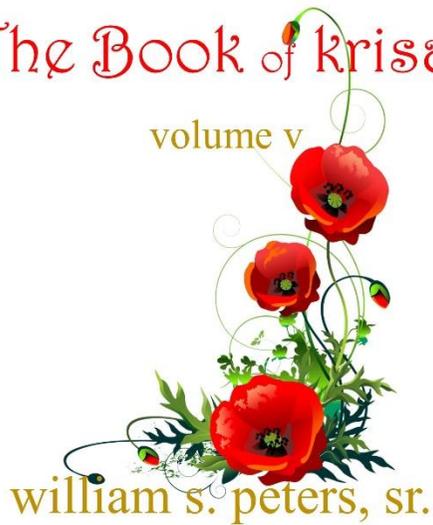
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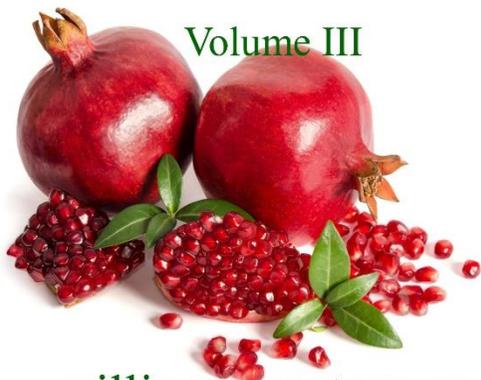
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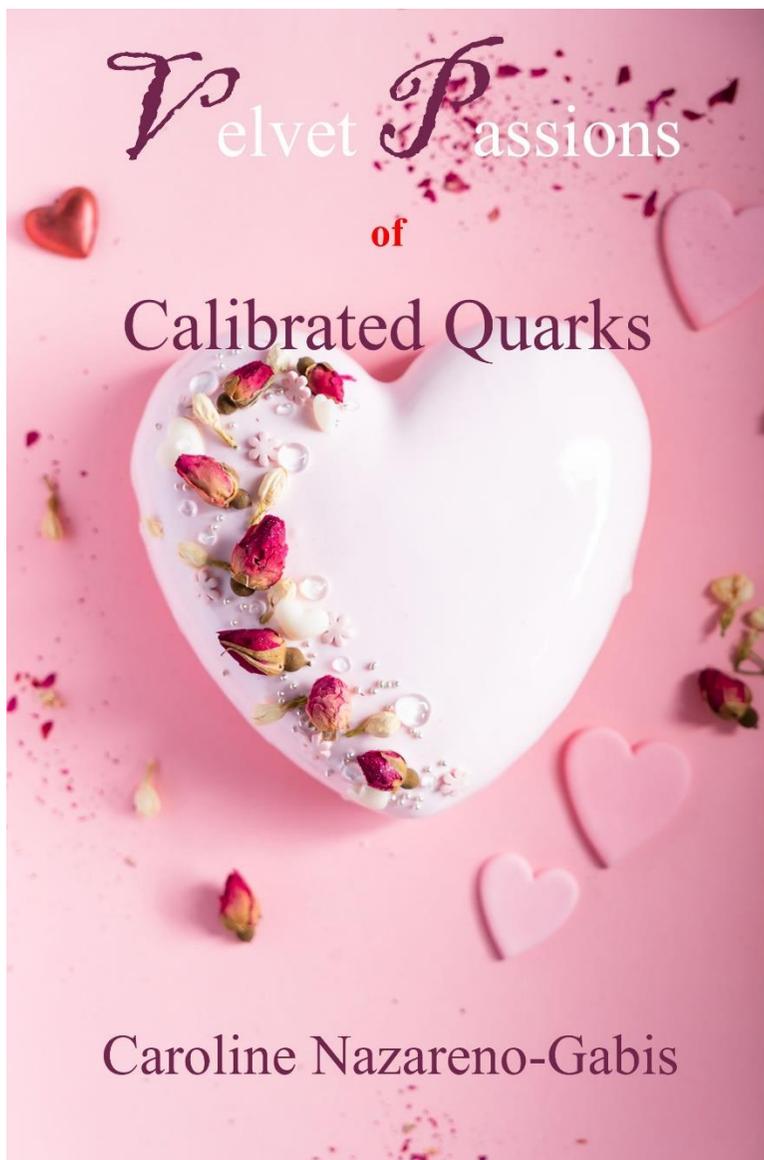


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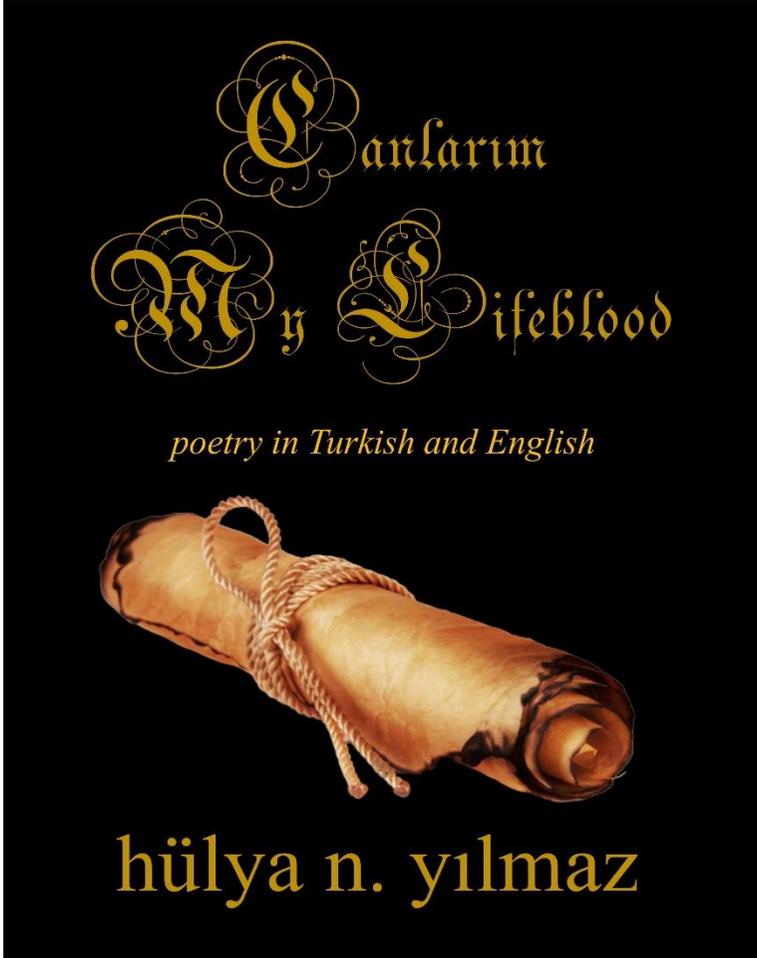
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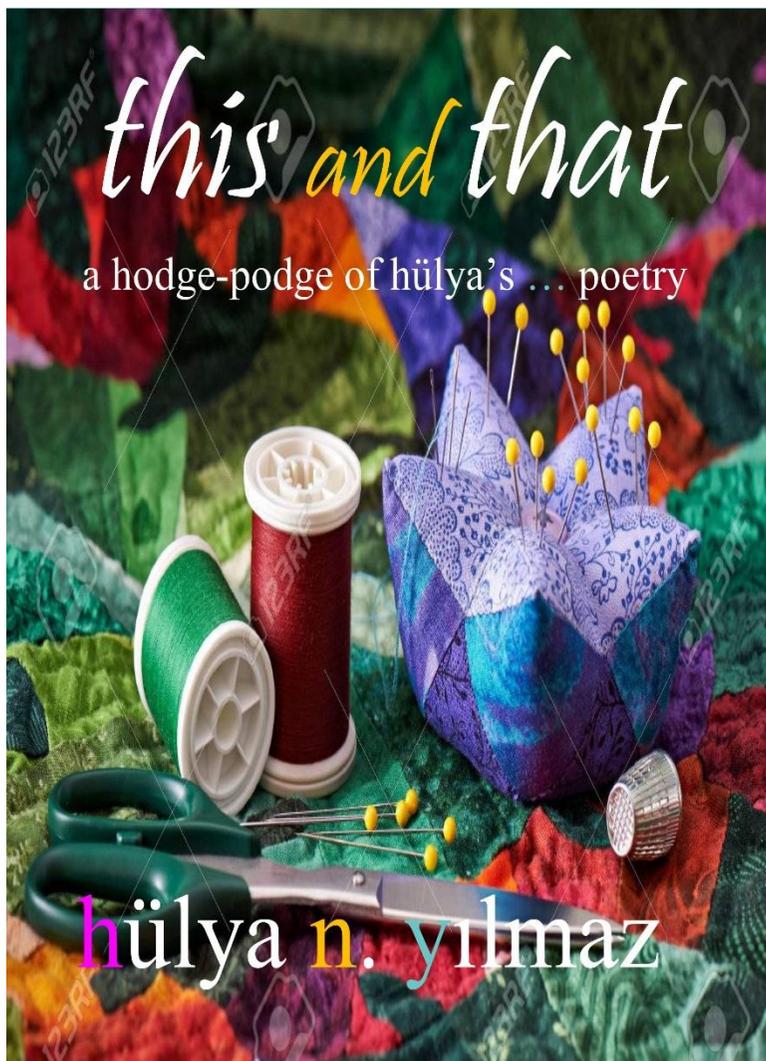
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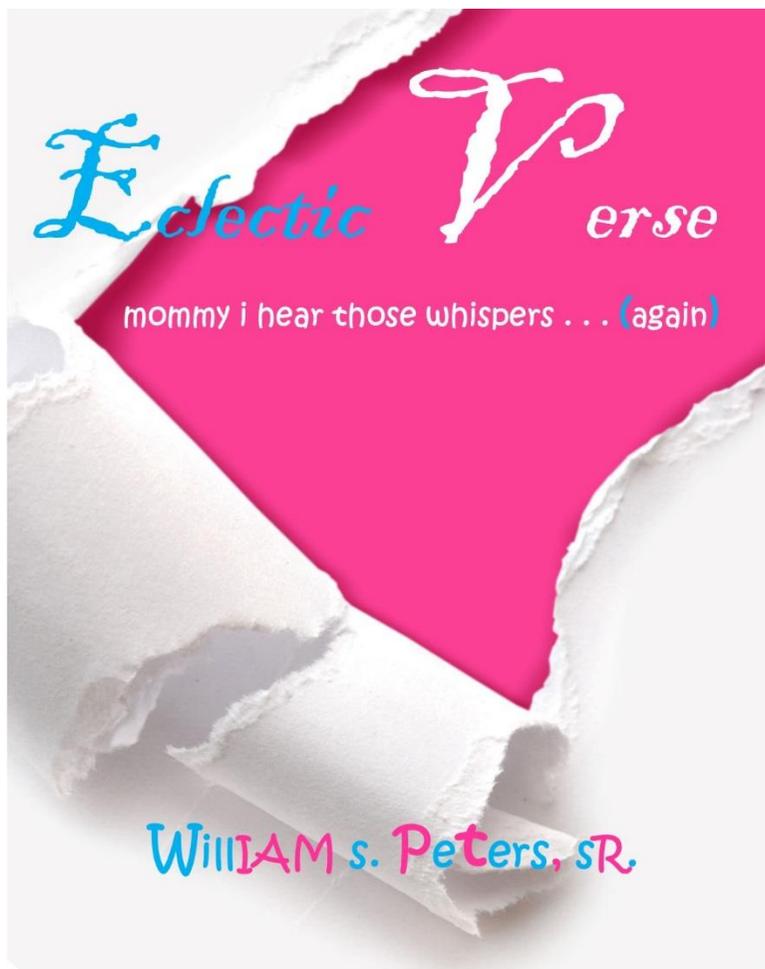
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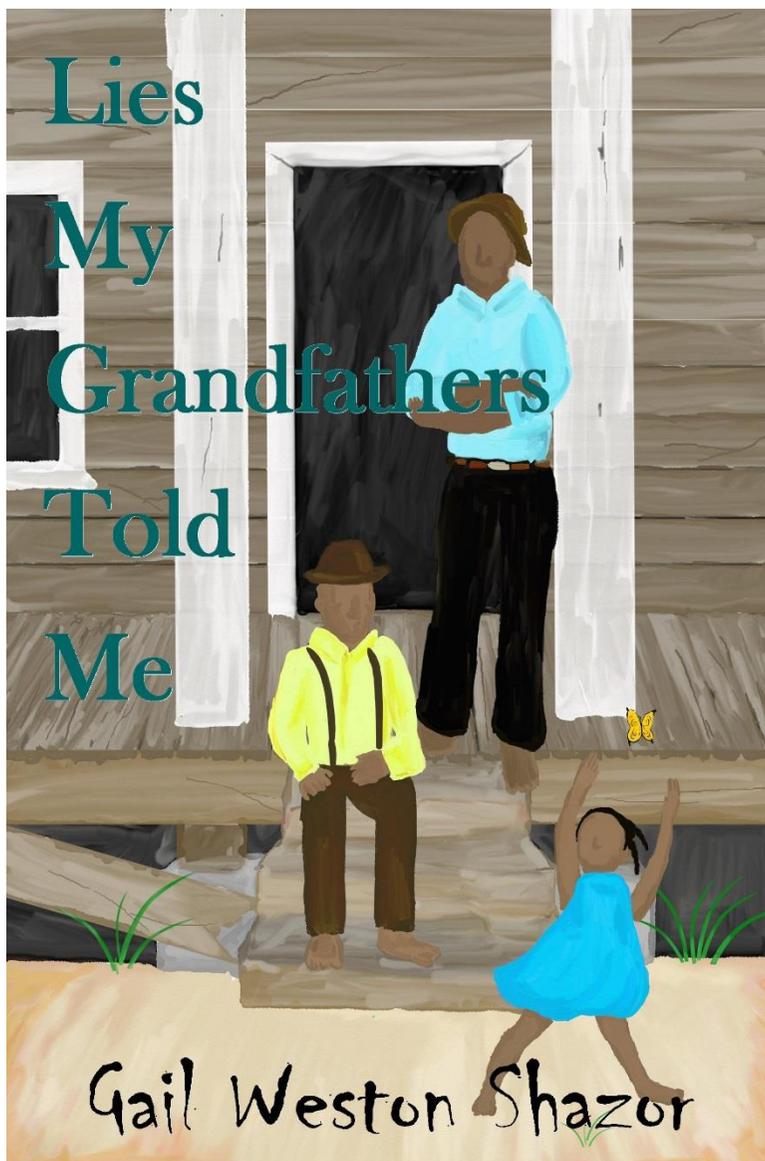
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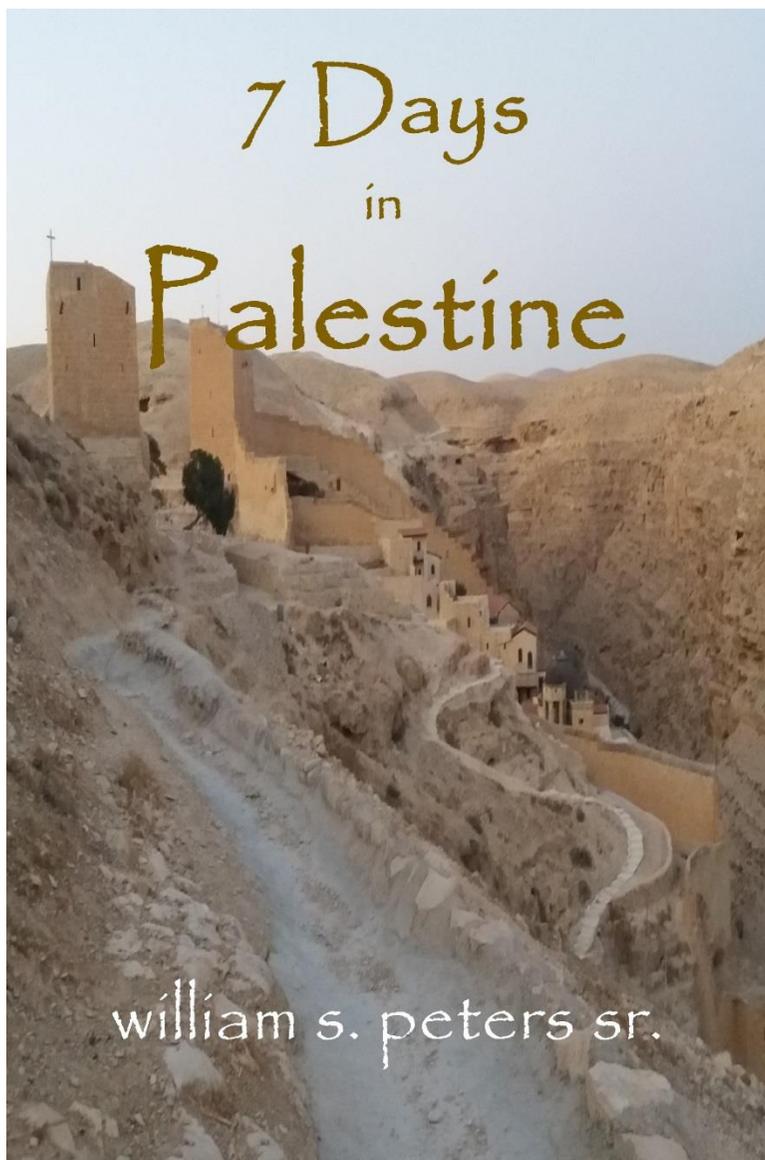
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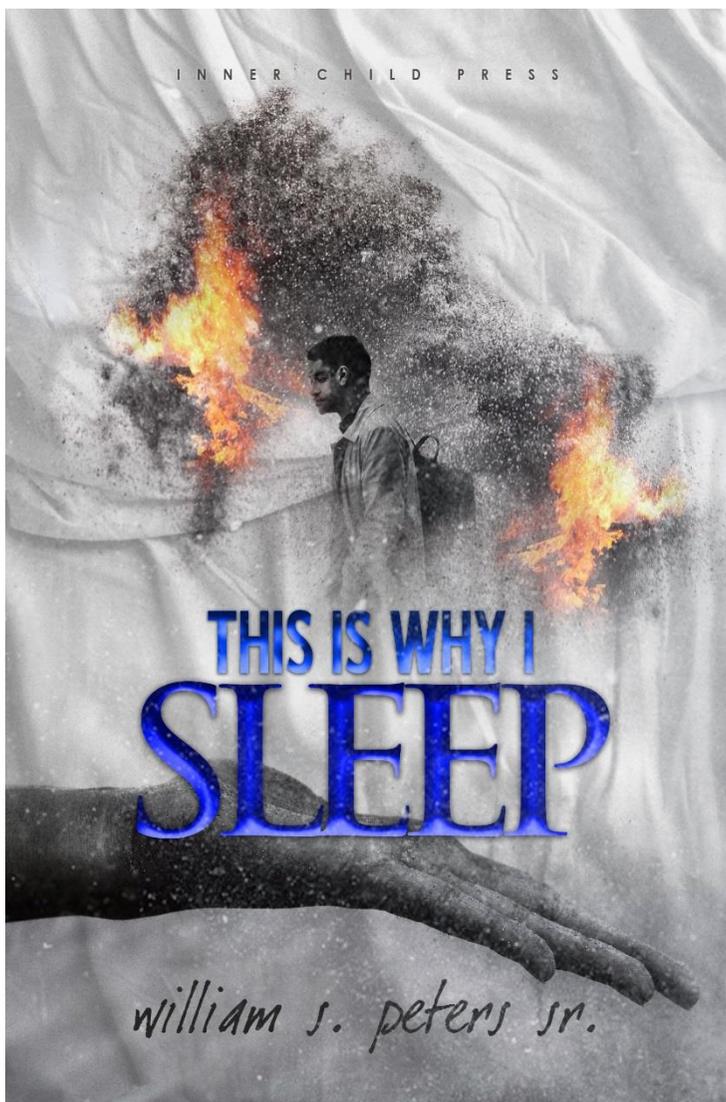
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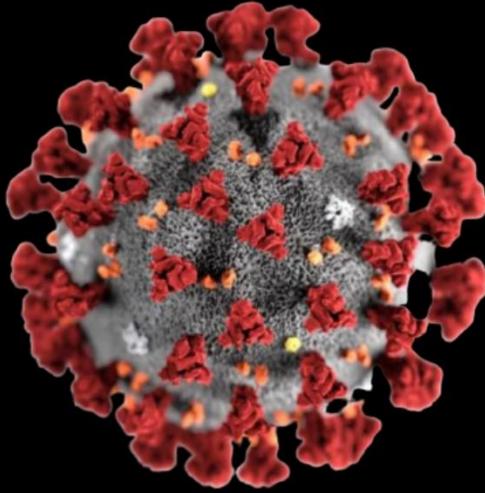
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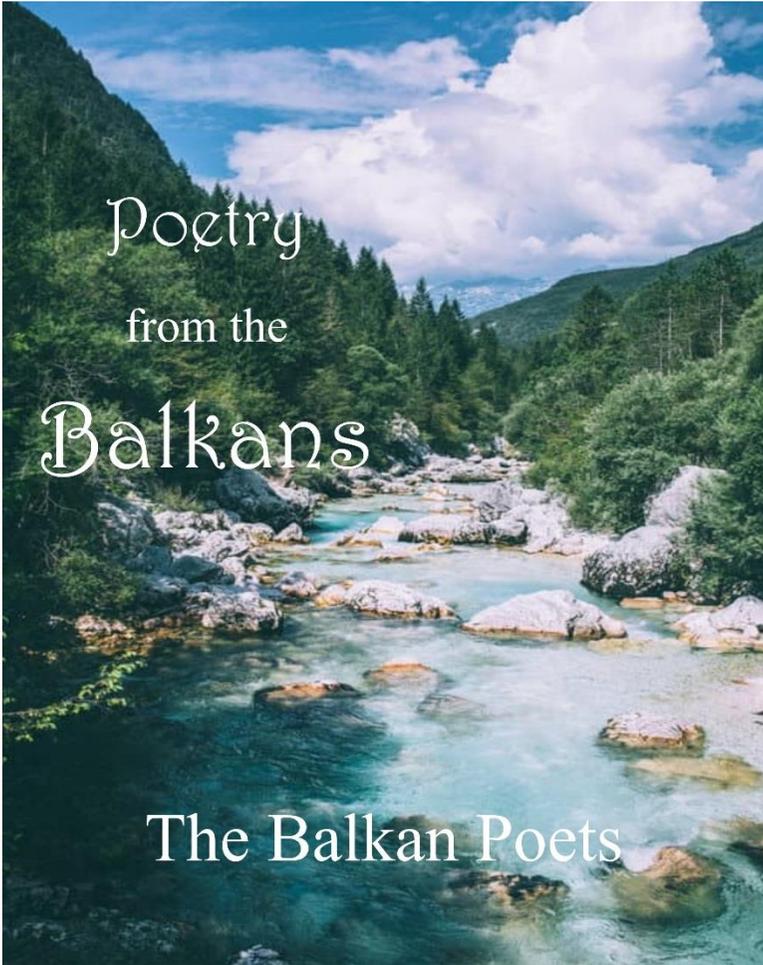
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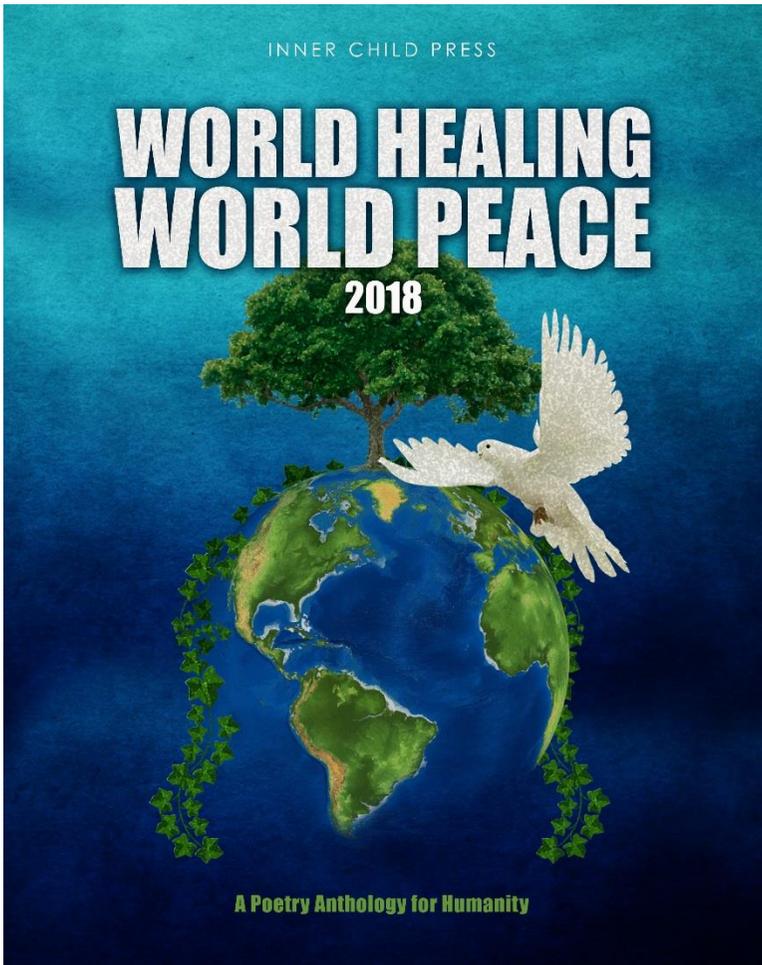
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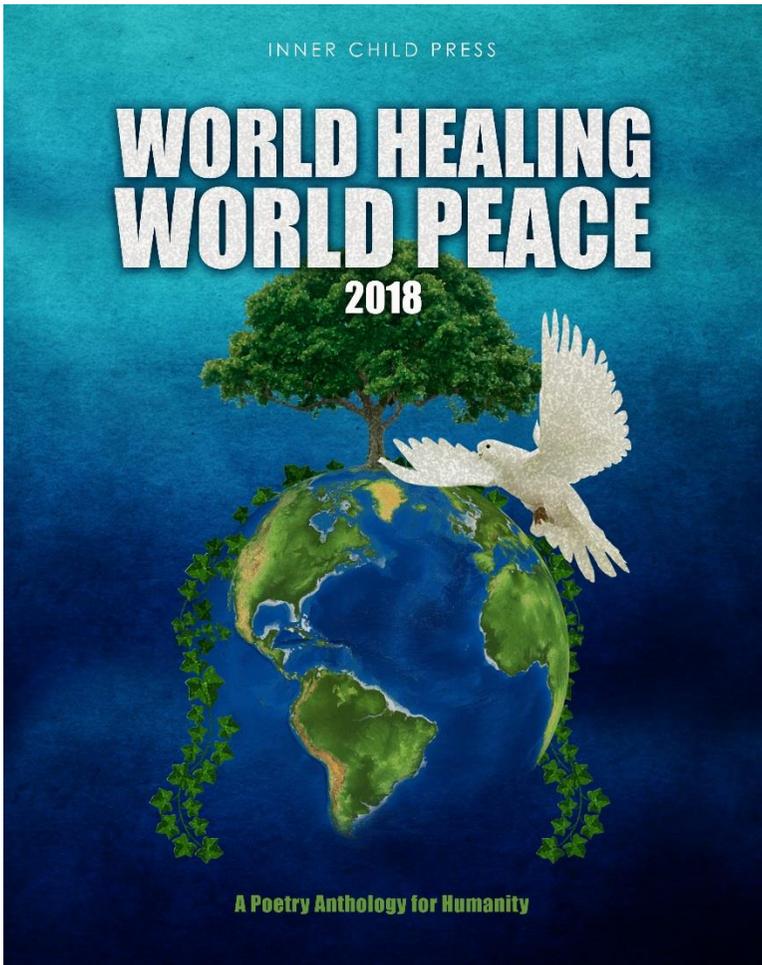


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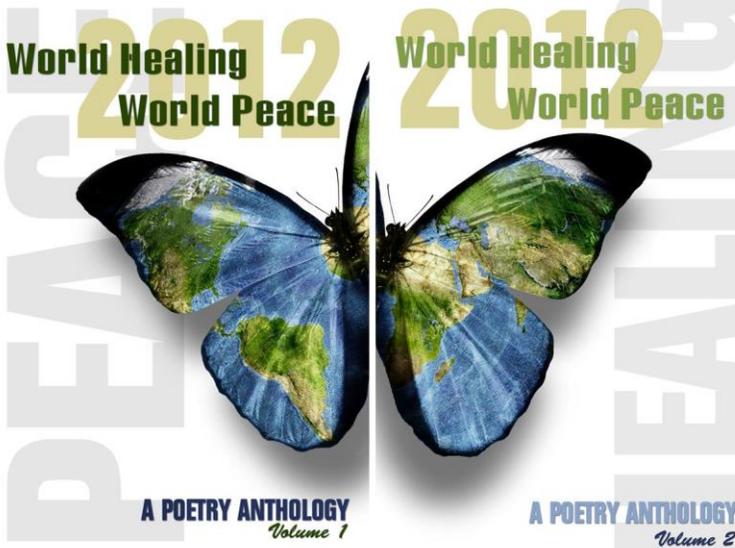
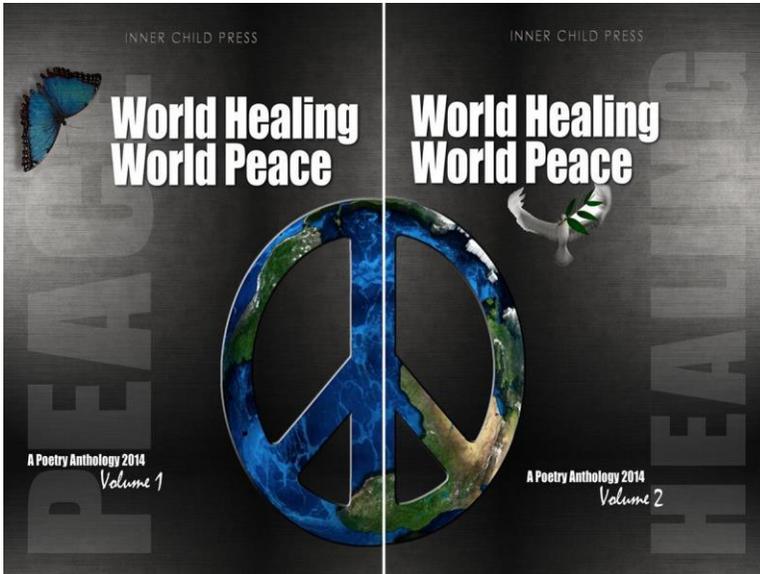
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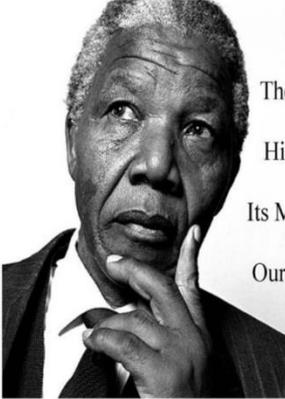
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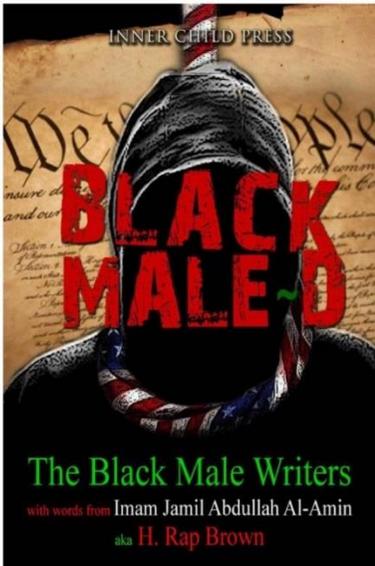
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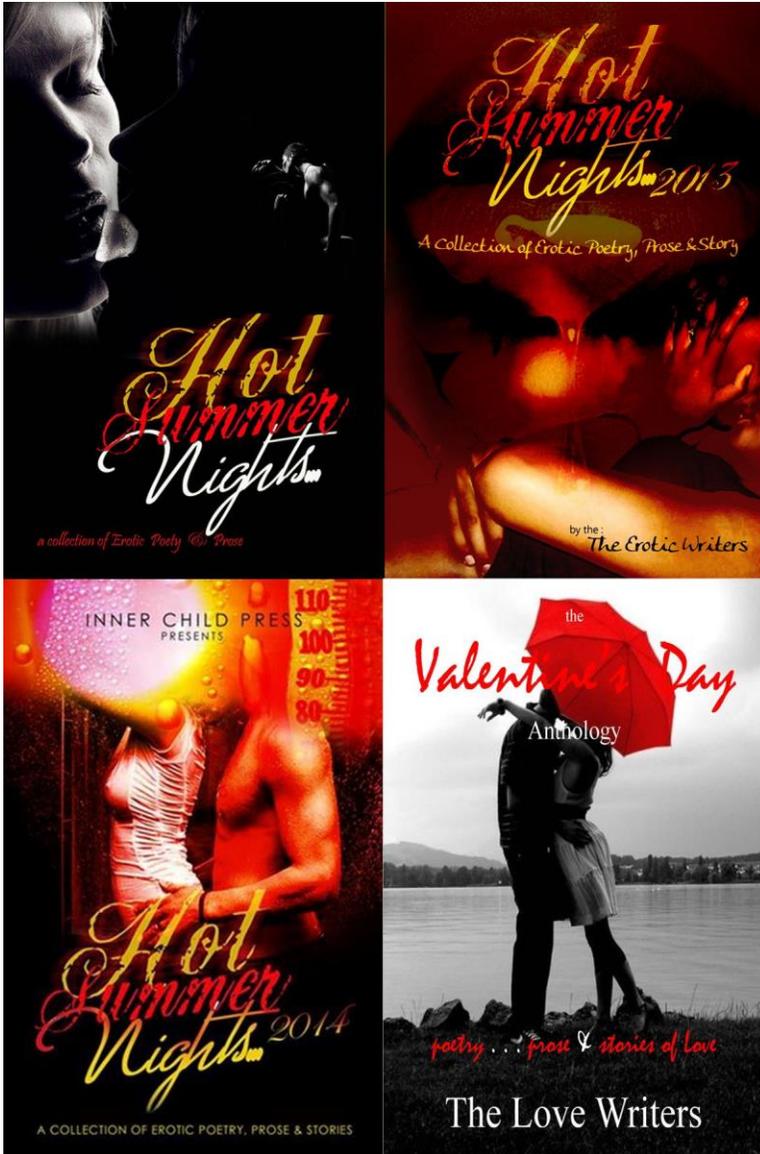


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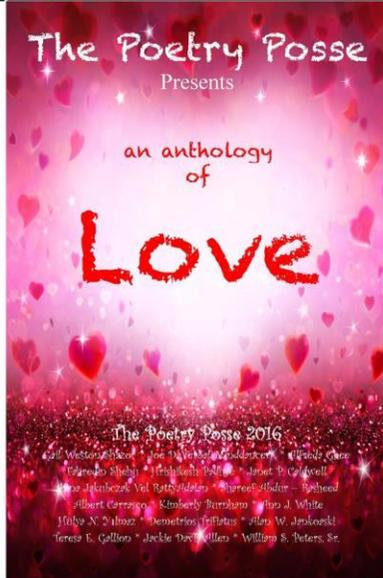
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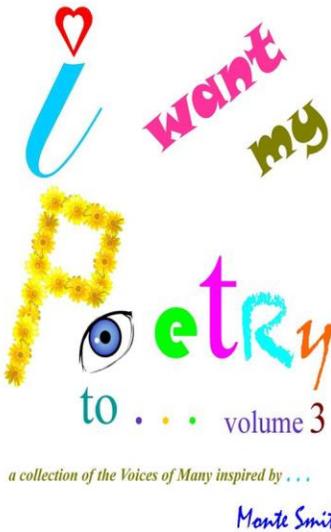
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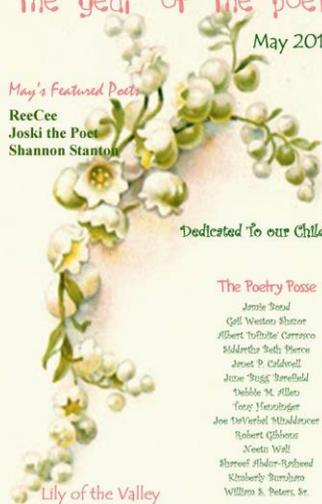
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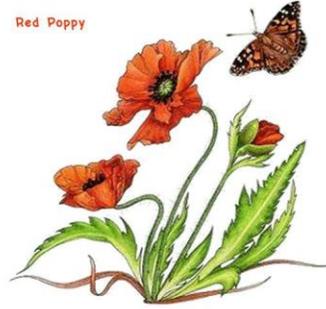
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Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shehu  
Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantri • Jen Walls • Eric Judah

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February 2015



**Amethyst**

**THE POETRY PESSE**  
Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
Tony Heninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gilbons  
Neetu Wali  
Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
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Katherine Wyatt  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima • Bob McNeil • Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

**Our Featured Poets**  
Heung Sook • Anthony Arnold • Alicia Poland

**Bloodstone**



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April 2015

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**Our Featured Poets**  
Raja Williams • Dennis Ferado • Laure Charazac

**Diamonds**



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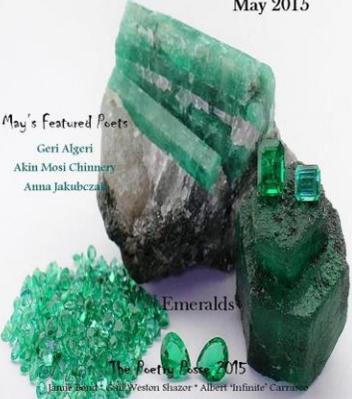
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May 2015

May's Featured Poets  
Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimney  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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June 2015

June's Featured Poets

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



Pearl

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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

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August 2015

Peridot



Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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Featured Poets  
Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

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October 2015

Featured Poets  
Monte Smith \* Laura J. Wolfe \* William Washington

Opal



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November 2015

Featured Poets  
Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

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December 2015

Featured Poets  
Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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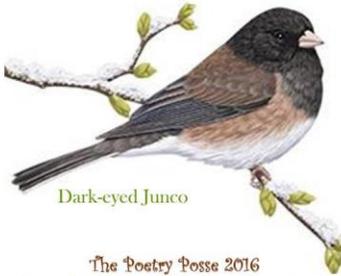
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

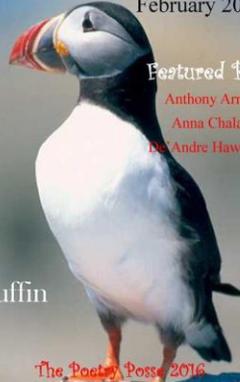
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Fahreddi Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Anna Jakubczak Vel Rattyvidalan \* Sharon Alldair - Raheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Alan J. White  
Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Triantis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

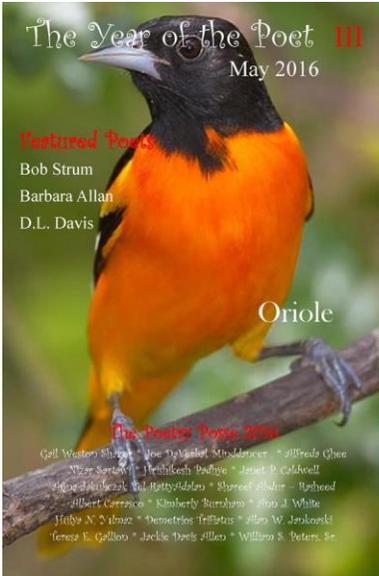
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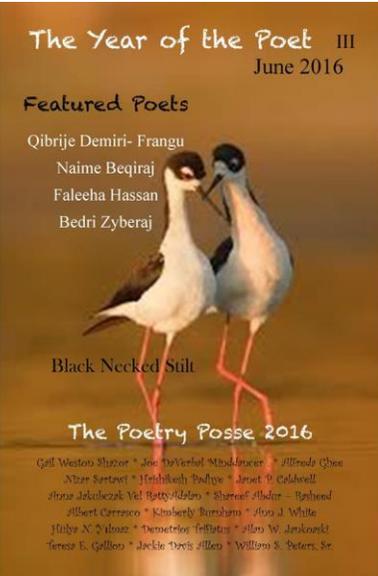


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**Featured Poets**  
Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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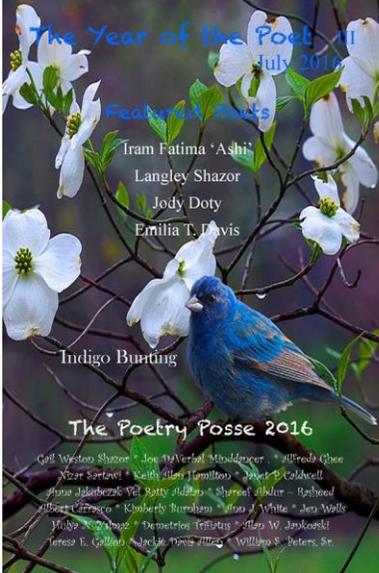


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June 2016

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

Black Necked Stilt

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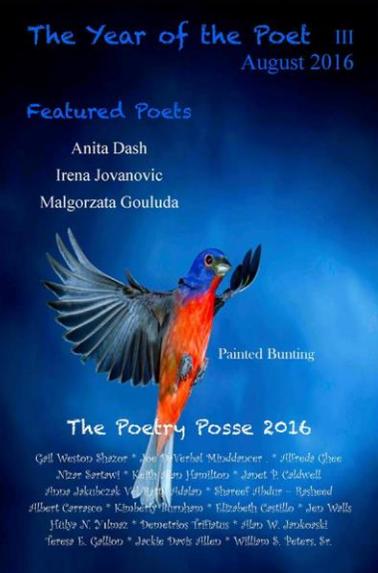


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July 2016

**Featured Poets**  
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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Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novicio

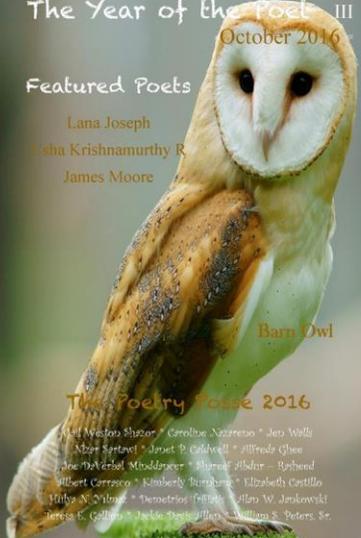


Long Billed Curlew

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October 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Lana Joseph  
Tasha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore

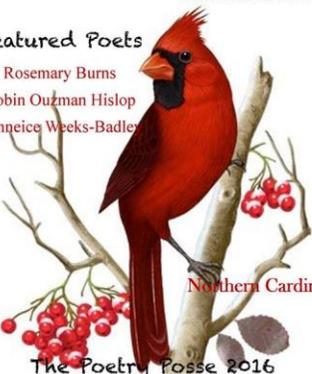


Barn Owl

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

**Featured Poets**  
Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler

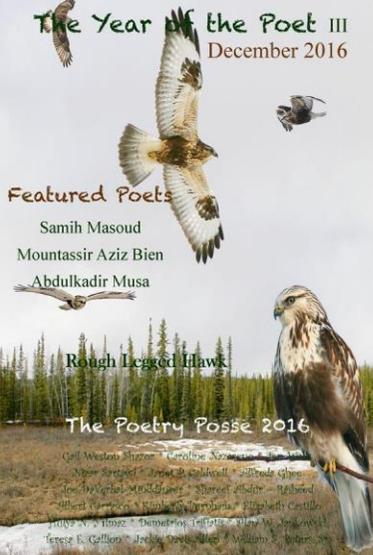


Northern Cardinal

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

**Featured Poets**  
Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

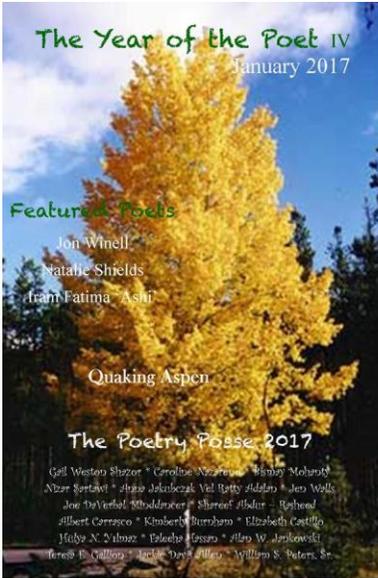
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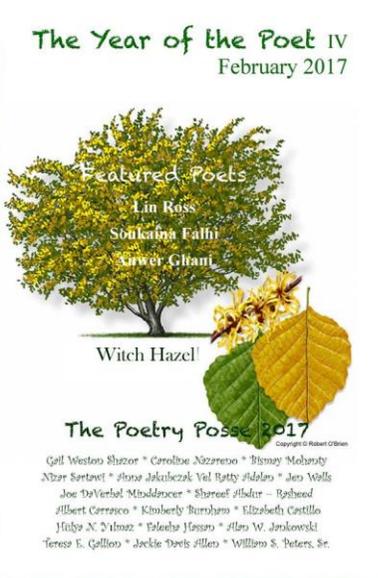


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Atosa Jakubczak Val Betty Adelan \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVierhol Miodonszew \* Shereef Alidair \* Bahend  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017

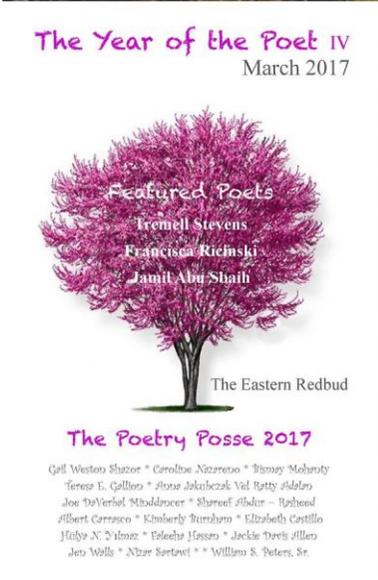


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sobkaina Falhi  
Anwar Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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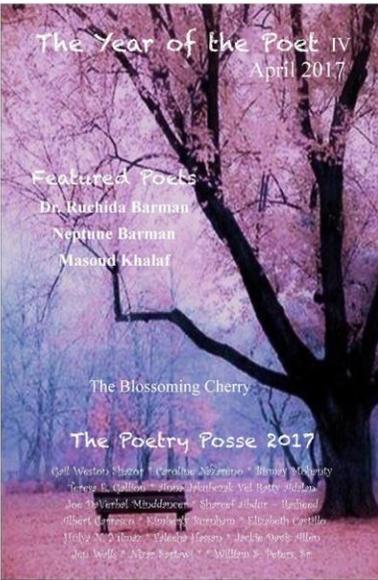


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Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaah

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilja N. Vilhaz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Tanesti

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

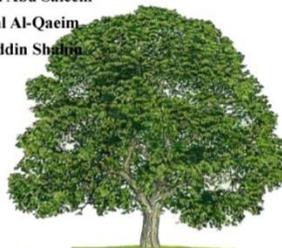
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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

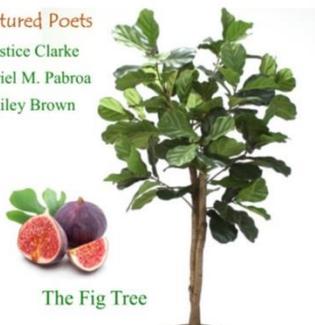
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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Acry

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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'

Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Puerto Rico

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

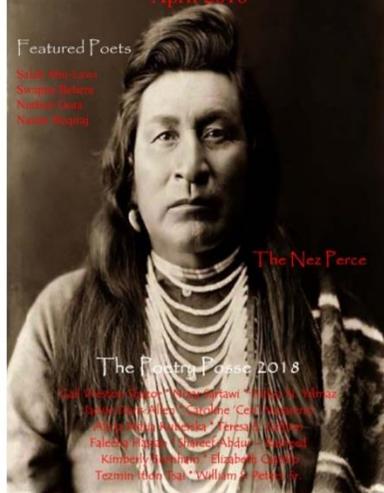
### Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Lays

Suzanne Belcher

Nathan Dean

Nancy Nguyen



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Laudita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

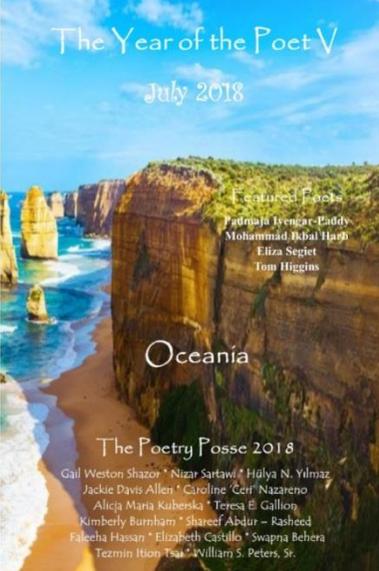


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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

Featured Poets  
Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Akbal Harb  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

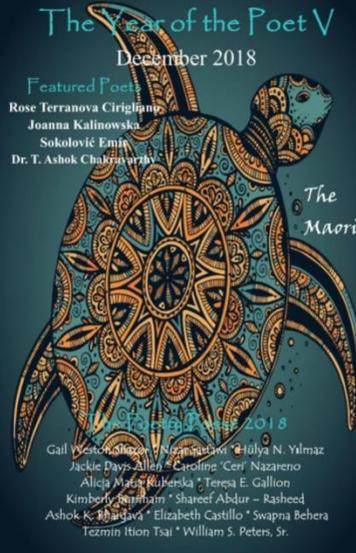
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



The  
Maori

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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 May 2019

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 Emad Al-Haydary \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
 Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 June 2019

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 August 2019

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



Southwest Asia

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



**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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

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



**The Mile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019

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



**Northern Asia**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujana Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efbichia



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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B S Tyagi \* Ashok Chakravarthy Tholana  
Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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Alejia Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rashied  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Robini Behera \* Mircea Dan Duta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elitichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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### Featured Poets

Raed Anis Al-Jishi • Sorkotović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gasima

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



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