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A LITTLE  
**P**OETRY?

# Dedication

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our Patrons and Readers &  
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

## Children: Difference Makers

Kelvin Doe

Living in a very poor area of Freetown in the civil war-torn Sierra Leone, Kelvin Doe was faced with unreliable supply of electricity, frequent power failures and many other hardships. Encountered with these challenges he displayed an incredible ability to adapt and to create electronic items from scrap to overcome these difficulties. Rather than getting disheartened he inspired himself to build his own devices and to help alleviate the predicaments of his community.

Kelvin Doe was born October 26, 1996, in the capital city of Freetown. He is the youngest of five children. At the tender age of 10, he would retrieve discarded electronics and other scrapped items from junkyards after school. He would disassemble these objects to figure out how they worked. He would reassemble these pieces to create his own contraptions. His mother would often come home to find their living room looking like an electronic scrapyards.

He is known for teaching himself engineering at the age of 12 and building his own radio station in Sierra Leone, where he played music and broadcasted news under the name "DJ Focus." He was one of the finalists in GMin's Innovate Salone idea competition, in which he built a generator from scrap metals. He would constantly use discarded pieces of scrap electronics to build transmitters, generators, and batteries.

As a result of his accomplishment, he received an invitation to the United States and subsequently became the youngest person to participate in the "Visiting Practitioner's Program" at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

Kelvin Doe was a speaker at TEDxTeen and lectured to undergraduate engineering students at Harvard College. In May 2013, he signed a \$100,000 solar project pact with Canadian High-Speed Service Provider Sierra WiFi.

He has become a role model for the youth in his country. They follow and emulate him to succeed in their lives. He has also been able to speak to young people in Africa on different platforms. He has become an example of self-teaching and learning.

In 2016, Kelvin Doe became an Honorary Board member of Emergency USA, an organization with a mission to provide free medical and surgical care to war victims and poverty victims. Kelvin has become one of the most respected of young African inventors in the world. He says openly that everything he learns he will share with his friends, family, and community.

Ashok K. Bhargava

President, Writers International Network

Vancouver, Canada



# Preface

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

We are so excited as we are now offer unto you our eighth month of our **10th** year of monthly publication of this enterprise, **The Year of the Poet**.

This particular year we have chosen to feature children who made/make a difference in enhancing the lives of all humanity. Read ~ Learn.

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

Our purpose is simple. Through our lyrical words and verse, we not only wish to share our poetic works, but we also have the poetic naiveté to believe that we can assist in the growth of consciousness of the things that have an effect our collective humanity. Therefore, we welcome your readership. For more about what we are attempting to accomplish, have a look at our Publishing Web Site . . . [www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com). If you would like to know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Children

## Difference Makers

### Kelvin Doe

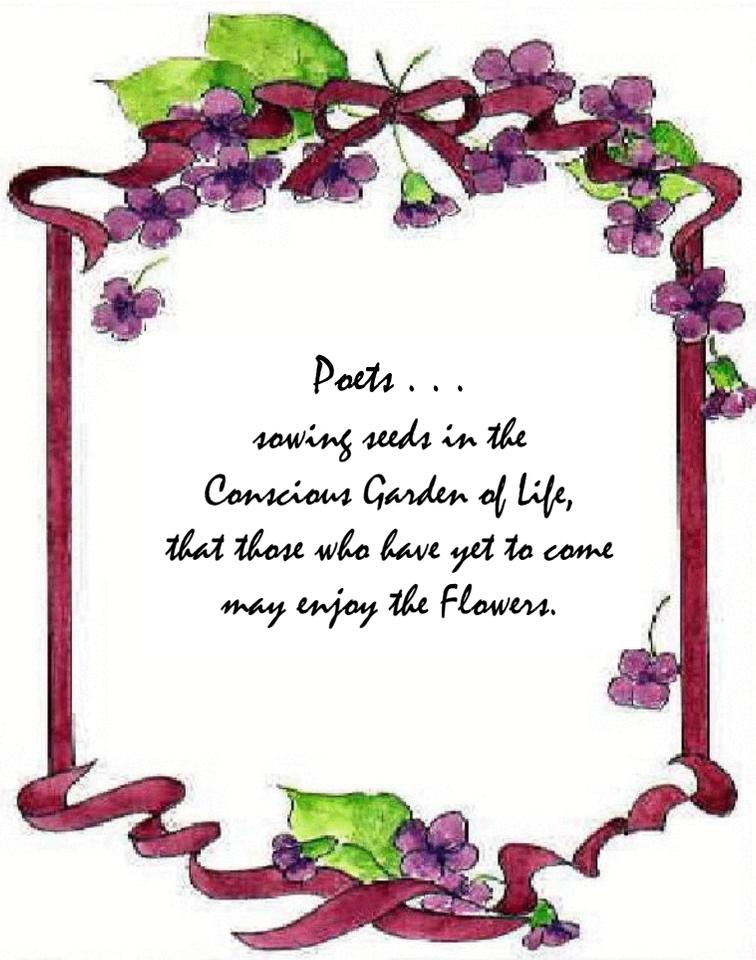
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by **Kimberly Burnham, Ph.D.**

“I love inventing. Creativity is universal and can be found in places where one does not expect to find it. Perseverance and Passion are essential to nurturing that creative ability.” ~ Kelvin Doe

One of Sierra Leone's most famous inventors got started when he began looking for ways to fix local problems with technology as an 11-year-old, just five years after the country's volatile civil war ended. By 13, he was powering neighborhood houses with batteries made out of acid, soda, and metal in a tin cup. He went on to build a community radio station out of recycled parts that he powered with a generator also made out of reused material. David Sengeh, a PhD student at the MIT media lab and Kelvin's mentor, said: "In Sierra Leone, other young people suddenly feel they can be like Kelvin."





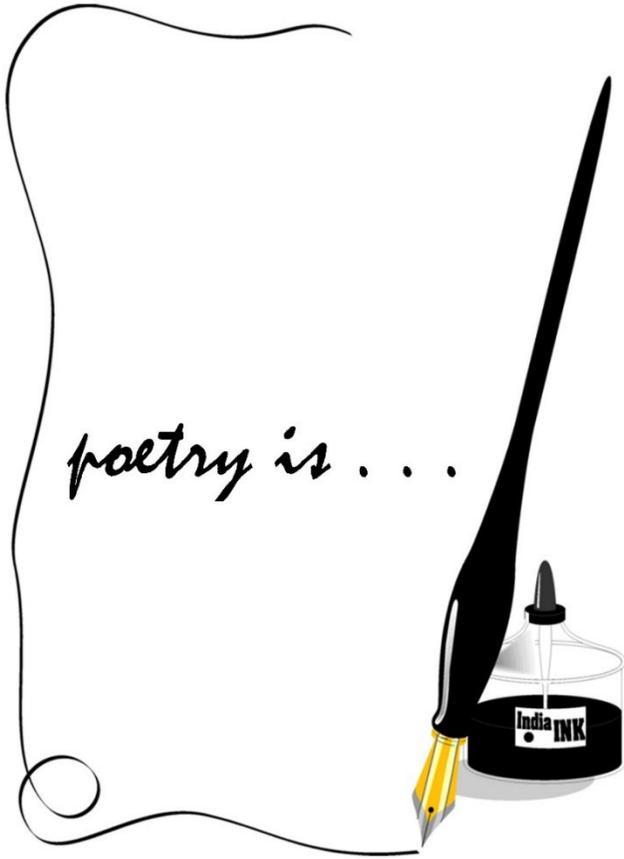
*Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.*



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

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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"  
&  
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## Mighty Me

Scouring the landscapes  
I search for lost treasures  
A bottle cap  
A broken wine glass  
An old battery  
Sometimes I find  
The one thing to connect them all together  
And I pleased with the hunt  
Things that will take a chance  
To become one  
I am pleased with the hunt  
It is my chance to connect  
All our people as one people  
And make families

## Wait

In the dimming of this day  
I wait on the one who gets me  
Who will allow me to share  
The important things in my life  
My dreams, my wishes,  
My expectations  
And will support me in those  
Without judgments  
Or anger  
I wait for the one that listens  
With an ear to see me as a person  
And not as someone in the way  
To be interrupted midsentence  
Midthought, midspeak  
So I wait without the dreams  
I wait without the wishes  
I wait without the expectation  
I wait without hope  
And in the dimming of this day  
Everything goes unspoken

## blue roof 8

I can watch the raindrops  
Fall in a steady staccato rhythm  
From my window  
It's not that I am afraid to  
Be wet nor am I  
Particularly anxious about my notebook  
But I think that even you  
Could use an uninterrupted  
Salving of thoughts and sitters  
And so I wait  
Until after maybe the rain stops  
I might just sweep the boards today  
And remove some of the piles  
Of smallberries I made earlier  
But it's not as if I intend to share you  
In this day or the next or even the next  
I just need for you to be ready for me  
On the morrow

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).

## Kelvin Doe

*Kevin Home Alone*

What should be done to protect a house?  
Poverty lurks on the doorstep  
It wants to break in and steal  
dignity, dreams, hope.

"A weapon can be made from a couple  
of rusty cups and bars"  
The Knowledge - the eternal enemy of Poverty  
whispers how to win this battle.

"One needs to light the house,  
banish the darkness from the corners,  
hang like lanterns  
sparks of faith in a better tomorrow.

Kevin listens carefully  
and builds many small power plants

## The Sahara

The earth swollen  
with rain will bear crop.  
Life sleeps in the little seeds  
and it waits for the time to wake up.  
In the rhythm of falling raindrops,  
mighty trees, tiny flowers sprout.  
It's a riot of colors and scents.

In the desert,  
the cracked soil begs for water.  
Rain clouds grudge rainfalls  
and they wander  
different paths in the sky

Once the Sahara had the emerald dress.  
Now it wears coarse rags.  
It dreams of returning  
to the green of the trees.

## Web

Stories woven from words  
drift like gossamer  
- they are so light,  
transparent.  
They change shapes,  
tear threads,  
fade and disappear into oblivion.

Holes in memories  
are mended by colorful tales  
about what might have happened.

Recorded stories are like fabric.  
They are trapped in knots  
on the basis of the past time.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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

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

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

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

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

<http://www.innerchildpress.com/jackie-davis-allen.php>  
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## Life, and What One Makes of It

Revealed as from pursuit  
Of excellence,  
Some are beribboned, adorned  
With accolades  
Of silver and gold.

Their brilliance shines  
Above all others.  
As from a jeweler's scope,  
Inspected, appreciated, acknowledged,  
Appraised, great the value.

Hidden, neglected  
In dark recesses,  
Some abandon gifts.  
Ignoring talent, distraught  
At a loss, they weep for their lot.

They bemoan the barren desert  
Of life, wailing, with belief, akin  
To concealing a secret.  
Awaiting a hundred year's storm,  
Thinking then, they will finally bloom.

## Motivated, Determined

I have known hunger...  
The searching need  
A reminder of some emptiness~  
Yet I will not be defeated  
Nor bow down to its claim.  
O yes, I have known hunger.  
With voice most vociferous  
It identifies me as determined.  
It pulls me up by its great need  
And calls me by my name.  
I have known hunger  
And its penetrating ache...  
A reminder of a gnawing inside.  
Yet my eyes focus on the prize  
And I ignore thoughts of blame.  
O yes, I have known hunger.  
The immensity tattoos itself~  
Identifies me as motivated.  
It whispers in my ear that  
In effort there is no shame.  
I have known hunger  
And its unrelenting pain~  
More than pages of speculation  
That would spell defeat,  
That might be insult to fame.  
O, yes. I have known hunger.  
The deprivation manifests itself,  
Identifies me as most determined.  
It reminds me to honor my gift, and  
That hunger can lead to acclaim.

## Flowers of Hope

Her summer dress was stitched  
By caring hands.  
And the fancy pattern,  
Born of pink and white stripes  
With a bow tied  
In the back,  
Painted a picture lifted  
From a fashion  
Beyond ability  
Of her family's purse.

It seemed as if need  
Had placed  
On her house  
Its curse.

A generous gift  
From a relative, in pretty pink  
She posed before a mirror.  
A picture of beauty,  
Naiveté.  
She wondered  
At the facade facing her,  
That how was it,  
In other's eyes  
She was admired  
Because of determination.

Yet from within, dejected  
She feared inspection,  
Saw only rejection.

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She was walking along  
The stony path.  
To where, she did not know.  
And all the flowers were waving,  
Blooming as they dared.  
She was walking an uncertain  
Path, her head  
Full of questions,  
With thoughts troubling.  
No map to assist.

She was going somewhere,  
She had been told,  
If she would but keep on walking.

The flowers, growing  
Alongside the path, blurred.  
Merged, resurfaced as tears.  
Yet, with chin held high  
She was trusting,  
That she was going  
Somewhere.  
But where, she did not know.  
At sixteen, she was searching  
For answers, waiting  
At the end of the path, the prize.

She carried flowers of hope  
To believe, prayed,  
And kept on walking.

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Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai comes from the Republic of China(Taiwan). In addition to being a professor of literature at a university, he is more committed to writing poems, novels, and prose. He is also an editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text, an International editor of "Contemporary dialogues" literary periodical in Macedonia, and Vice-Chairman of the International Jury of the SAHITTO INTERNATIONAL AWARD in Bangladesh, and a columnist for “Chinese Language Monthly” in Taiwan.

In a wide range of literary creations, he is particularly fond of interesting stories or novels, and writing articles or poems about the feelings of nature and human beings. He has won many national literary awards. His literary works have been anthologized and published in books, journals, and newspapers in more than 55 countries and have been translated into more than 24 languages.

## The Yellow Lily In My Dreams

The old wooden door by the house is weathered and faded.  
The mud prints on it have never been erased.  
The rusty lock is still loyal and reliable.  
I carefully open it.  
A pair of white butterflies' flutters away in fright.  
Three hats are still stacked by the window.  
The wind chime that my mother hung before she died.  
Rings loudly, ding-dong, ding-dong, ding-dong.  
I turn around and look at the millions of yellow flowers,  
But not even one answers my call for help.

This house that I have walked through hundreds of times  
has no one to greet me. Has it forgotten me, this little  
owner?  
The water in the pond behind the house is still.  
The dragonfly's tail, courting, stirs up tiny ripples.  
The weeds spread rampantly.  
The sunset is mischievous, playing with the frogs which's  
eyes are wide open.  
I sneaked out of the fence,  
Like a cat who has gone missing.  
The ground was covered with golden wind chimes,  
I bent down and picked up a full basket.  
I took it home, and sewed it back into my dreams, one  
flower at a time.

## Go Back To The Old House On The Matao Creek

The wind followed me gently,  
As if it had received permission from someone.  
It was not as wild as usual,  
As if it was afraid of disturbing the pool of  
nostalgia in my heart.  
When I was a child,  
I spent many innocent days here.  
As soon as I approached this place,  
My steps would unconsciously quicken.  
A few steps ahead,  
Was the home I had been thinking of.  
But why,  
Today, I felt a little timid in my heart?

The Matao Creek is always in a hurry to change its clothes.  
Just in the gradually hot late spring,  
The fuchsia wisteria has just finished its curtain call.  
The golden wisteria is silly and happy,  
Being urged by the spring wind to scatter flowers all over the  
sky.  
The flowers cover the sides of the road,  
Not sparing half an inch of sky.  
A big bend,  
The sloping angle of the red tiled roof is still eye-catching,  
In the past fifty years.

## The Song Of The Age-Me-Not Cavalier

Oh~~

Walking into the midst of traffic, I straighten my clothes.  
The river village is in the mist.  
I have written a poem, but it is still waiting to be framed in  
the spring hall.  
My thoughts are dry, and my heart is weary.  
Fly, fly, fly over the waves,  
Over the waves of a thousand miles.  
Take a dream as wings, sing my masculinity.

Oh~~

Farewell to my beloved, holding her hand by my side.  
I will no longer drink alone.  
I will ride on the wind and show my strength.  
I am an age-me-not cavalier who loves to be wild.  
Fly, fly, fly over the frost,  
Over the floating frost in the sky.  
Smile and dance out the forgetting of youth, only let my  
madness remains.

Fly, fly, fly over the hill,  
Over the sheep-grazing hill.  
The rain and clouds cannot catch me, I am this howling  
wolf.

Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd

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

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

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

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

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

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## light em up

Kelvin Doe lit em up  
you recall " let your  
little light shine "  
well Kevin really took  
that seriously  
born: 1996 Freetown  
Sierra Leone  
at the ripe old age of  
12 he did what every  
normal 12-year-old  
does  
he taught himself to  
be an engineer  
he would take junk  
scrap metal, pieces  
here and there  
electrical discarded  
materials and make  
a fully functioning  
generator from  
garbage  
he built transmitters,  
batteries etc from  
discarded scrap metal  
fully functionable  
he built a Radio Station  
broadcast news, music  
etc.  
he was known as DJ Focus  
he turned the lights on  
in his village, country,  
the African Continent

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literally and in a much  
broader sense as a  
inspiration especially to  
young boys, girls, teenagers,  
to aspire to be productive  
contributors to benefit the  
people of Sierra Leone and  
beyond  
Kelvin won competitions  
invited to USA to participate  
in a special program for visitors  
conducted by MIT  
he was the youngest to be  
invited  
invited to Harvard lectured  
to undergraduate engineering  
students  
the list is mind boggling  
what's your kid been doing lately  
never underestimate the creator  
given ability of a child

darkness...

descended  
they thought it was light  
thinking wrong is right  
day is night  
darkness descends upon us  
like a plague  
turning from enlightenment  
to ignorance instead  
where daylight enhances life  
nights darkness invites death  
in the form of..,  
blind, dumb, deaf  
is all the rage for now  
until the day it erupts in flames  
and goes away somehow  
as the light of truth takes  
the stage and bows  
as mother earth screams more  
and light of truth takes  
encore after encore  
but for today we defer  
to the master playwright  
and you know only he knows  
how to write the play right  
the creator, life's originator  
knows what we know not  
until then this is how it flows  
my friend as the devil stirs  
the pot  
folk who think they know  
say what it is and it's not  
leaving truth behind  
because without guidance  
divine  
lose their dam mind

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dem think ignorance is bliss  
perception distorted  
what's this..,  
knowledge, wisdom aborted?  
prophecy fulfilled as originally  
reported  
ignorance will be flaunted  
while knowledge and wisdom  
disappear without a trace  
ignorance walks in and takes  
its place  
then honor replaced with disgrace  
now is that time, here is that place

## wages

of sin is death  
what thou sow you shall reap  
whatever goes around comes around  
payback is a b!+@#  
it's karma?  
all profound on the come around  
y'all think \$#!+ don't matter?  
just cause a sucker got dough  
he/she can control the come ' n ' go?  
regulate the flow?  
stay on a roll even if dem \$#!+ be raggedy  
in need of legitimacy  
we're talking affluency and how it  
gives folk tendencies  
drive lives to heart disease  
it stems from who you please  
your flesh or king of kings  
hit the grave your \$\$\$'s stay  
can't help your @\$ \$ anyway  
you got dues to pay  
and you will pay  
dem call it judgement day  
take it serious ain't nothing to mess with  
your deeds put on a scale  
reading accurate don't fail  
another adage they say  
you get out of it what you put into it  
y'all get paid a just wage.  
one(1) mo time  
make your bed you lay in it

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>

## Kelvin Creative

Kelvin, a man, a boy, a visionary  
Leading the way

Battery, a tin cup, acid, soda  
Lights the way

Community radio station  
recycled parts, a generator, a neighborhood  
find a way to peace and prosperity  
steered by a boy creative

Now other boys  
emulate  
and the cycle of prosperity continues  
because of one boy

## Creative Communication

In Vai, a language of Sierra Leone and Liberia

”ꞤꞤ 𐎎𐎎 𐎎𐎎”

[fala ɓɔŋ luma] means peace

someone creative

filling a need for communication created these symbols

letters meaning peace

now we need another creative

to show the way to peace

the calm creative life

we can all have

## Born of Freedom

"Pis" peace in Sierra Leonean Creole or Krio  
words born of freedom  
where freed Jamaican slaves  
travelled to Africa carrying an English creole language  
creativity began with Europeans and Africans  
trading in 17th centuries  
today a first language for 10% of the population  
but understood by 95%  
a diversity of people  
more than 7 different ethnicities  
living together "Gud" (good) in Sierra Leone

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Creative Teen

He proved that age is just a number  
Stunned the world with his discoveries  
Creativity is universal he once said  
Displayed perseverance and passion  
Until he was coined as a Young Icona  
Kelvin Doe-  
An inspiration of the youth  
From scraps he found a treasure  
His contributions cannot be measured.

## Nature's Wrath

Look around you and witness!

The destruction of our Beloved Earth

Natural disasters everywhere

Drought and hunger

Many suffer.

Nature's wrath is at hand.

But how do we reverse what we have destroyed?

Silence won't do good

For we must all take action

We belong to only One Earth

Our only Home.

## Hues

A prism in the sky  
Though I am color-blind I see  
The natural beauty of the world  
Different brush strokes  
With varied hues emerge  
During a velvety sunset  
A masterpiece like no other,  
Captivating, alluring.

Joø  
Païrø

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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)

## Dj Focus

Bits and pieces, scraps and what have you  
The imagination of a male child,  
made junk that's workable

One man's junk is another man's treasure  
It seems Americans only live for their leisure  
A 15-year-old from Sierra Leone  
Built from scrap, a generator to power and own  
A radio station broadcasting music and hope

Peace and unity for his community  
So much waste in this "Land of Opportunity"  
Does all that carelessness go without impunity

Kelvin Doe thought so!  
Even in a land with a bad infrastructure  
He used what most folk would consider as busted  
Batteries and transmitters from pieces of scrap

Kelvin Doe's mindset was about focus  
Believing, and achieving one's personal goals  
Believing in peace, providing for the community  
A child's efforts can inspire more to take heed

Kelvin Doe, is the CEO of "K-DOE Tech, inc"  
From taking apart things,  
to understanding how they work  
From being unknown, to known  
With a little DJ Focus, who knows where you'll go

## Cloudy Skies

So much fog in the daylight,  
and we lay right into wrong.  
it's expected.

In a world hyped on rhetoric,  
I retort for sport.  
At times I'm a container.

When it rains here, I'm at my best  
What's best for me  
Is to be blessed, to see a sunset  
Waring like a septuagenarian  
Clouds are like oil,  
but thunder isn't how it was

I won't believe a word just cause  
Just cause it's not Jesus  
In God we trust on American currency  
It's the only thing some believe in  
In the past, future and currently

Sunny days run cloudy, concurrently  
Agree to just agree, now that worries me  
An army of Me's? who don't want to be!

Artificial relevance, like silver iodide on a cloud  
I dispute your evidence, when rain was cheated for  
I thrive in cloudy skies, searching for a lining  
Blanket me with faith, the far sight of a blindman  
Group therapy becomes group heresy.  
Aw, dare I see a new cloud?

## Life In The Yard

I was sentenced to weekends,  
it was a Bae-Bae situation  
visitation rights, while mama takes flight  
Horton hears a who,  
the cat in the hat stuck with babysitting two

two rambunctious,  
temper having  
juice grabbing,  
screaming and laughing  
crying and gasping for air  
because the little one touched her hair  
the older one won't share  
The mother is who knows where?

What sentence is this that I should miss  
Having grown children  
(who should have outgrown this)  
But I digress into doting over them

Watching them play in the yard  
Breaking up fights  
Waiting for next year to start my garden again  
They love picking flowers, and chasing the cat  
(If I only had his will power)  
And they will flower  
The yard will flower again, annuals or perennials.  
What happened to parental will?  
What happened to Jack and Jill  
What happened to capture me,  
living life on the yard

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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Professor Emerita, hülya n. yılmaz is a published author, literary translator, and Co-Chair and Director of Editing Services at Inner Child Press International. Her poetic work appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at various literary events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, WIN honored yılmaz with an award of excellence. Since 2017, her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* – a U.S.-wide poetic art exhibition. hülya finds it vital for everyone to seek a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

hülya n. yılmaz, a traveler on the journey called “life” . . .

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## An Engineering Genius

An adage used widely in the U.S.A.,  
“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure,”  
Has attained its true meaning in Sierra Leone’s Freetown  
With the birth of Kelvin Doe. A genius!

Thanks to his invention at the age of 12,  
An FM radio transmitter assembled from trash,  
People in his country stayed connected to one another  
And were able to share ideas on a common platform.

When he was 15 years old, this young genius  
Shed light into the houses in his community. Literally!  
After gathering trashed soda, acid and metal,  
He wrapped them with tape; thus, ingeniously recycling  
Supposedly “waste” materials . . . toward  
His invention of a battery. Freetown had, thus, acquired  
Its own power to light its houses.

## Owning . . .

I wonder, how many of us have belongings

For which we lost count;

If we remember with any frequency

Where we stored them;

What the last time was

When we used any of them;

If we ever spent a single thought

Whether they still are good for something;

How we could free them from their moldering.

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boxes

boxes in boxes

“what am I good for?” asks one

to be forgotten

*\*This HAIKU is dedicated to hoarders who might be waiting for their Kelvin Doe-moment.*

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>**

## The Hat of D J Focus

A mind focused on humility and invention  
turned the garbage bin into a treasure chest.  
Using recycled electronics to provide electricity

for an impoverished community and build  
a radio station to entertain and educate  
his people is the work of genius.

No one can take the mark of a genius  
away from the soul that sparks it.  
You may only benefit from

the sacrifice of loving devotion  
the individual projects into the world  
wearing the hat of a D J Focus.

## Your Next Move

Your beliefs are the carpets you walk on.  
Perhaps you need to look closely  
to see if your carpets need cleaning.

Persistent dirty carpet may lead  
to stains difficult to remove  
and create permanent damage to Soul.

Do not let that happen.  
You control your choices.  
Sit in solitude with your thoughts  
before you make your next move.

## Pathway to Growth

I open the window to my soul  
and I am amazed at all the beauty  
peacefully, patiently, pondering  
in my garden waiting for me  
to step in and touch the love rose.

The purple wave of heaven spins  
magical charms along the highway.  
Follow the magic lines  
in the streaming light.

Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses  
play in my garden and tempt me to  
ride the wave of the ancient ones.  
I cannot go backwards to repeat  
the woes of any ancient history.

I must go forward into the light.  
The pathway to growth is there.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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ASHOK BHARGAVA is a poet, writer, inspirational speaker and a literary consultant. He has attended poetry conferences in Italy, Turkey, India and Philippines. His latest book "Riding the Tide" about his battle with cancer has been translated and published in Arabic, Hindi, Telugu and Bengali languages. He is a contributing writer to several anthologies worldwide including World Poetry Almanac 2014. He has been published in numerous print and online magazines.

Ashok has won many accolades including Poet Ambassador to Japan, Kalidasa International award, World Poetry Lifetime Achievement award, Writers Beyond Borders Peace award and Tapsilog Leadership award for his community involvement. He is founder of Writers International Network Canada Society to discover, nourish, recognize and celebrate writers, poets and artists and to assist them to network with the community at large. He is the author of eight books of poetry and one anthology. He is Artist-in-Residence at Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre and also co-edits the literary section of The Link Newspaper.

## A Young Doe

pokes his head out  
looks and sees  
heaps of shattered shells  
discarded devices  
useless electronics  
as a garden of abundance.

furtively he searches  
for good seeds,  
to his right are broken radios  
to his left are rotten leftovers.

instinctively he picks up  
what he needs  
walks down the slope  
to his home  
to germinate them,  
grow them  
to emit fragrant light.

he meshes and  
assembles them into  
the edible harvest of  
transmitters,  
generators and batteries.

he believes in  
the ingenuity and strength  
of a kid  
to rise up and say  
“everything I make  
will be shared  
with my friends,  
family, and community”

## Freetown, Sierra Leone

it has become a land of  
wrecked communities,  
broken hearts,  
amputated bodies,  
junkyards and  
the wind  
sifting through the dust.

shortages of everything  
everywhere.

where could you go,  
when nowhere to go to  
except  
miles and miles of a child's  
imagination letting  
creativity flow  
like a river  
to go beyond and  
to believe  
all the world is  
a lab of hope and dreams.

## Anxiety

frolicking waves  
the ocean speaks  
from deep inside.

I sit here  
watching the sky go  
from light to dark,  
waiting for the first raindrop to  
knock on the open window.

my words waiting for yours —  
will they ever meet.

raindrops can unite  
the sky and earth  
as one.

my tears  
come down  
quietly to meet yours.

in the morning  
you asked if I slept well.  
I say yes.  
I keep silent about  
waking up at 3 o'clock at night  
haunted by how you ignore my existence.

outside the clouds  
dissolve into enigmatic patches,  
tiny birds praise the clement sun.

yes,  
it's going to be a good day.

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 a multi-awarded poet, editor, journalist, 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 **Gabrielle Galloni Memorial Panorama International Youth Award 2022**, Panorama Youth Literary Awards 2020, 7th 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), 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:

<http://panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis/>

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

<http://www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html>

## DJ Focus and The Engineered Scraps

Kelvin Doe, you are a child prodigy,  
Self-taught inventor,  
Scrap metals turned into valuable works,  
Made your own radio station  
Played music and broadcast news,  
Who knows about  
discarded electronics?  
And make it work  
like roving transmitters,  
Battery and generator?  
Your mind created a big name  
To India, China, Ghana and Sierra,  
Others may call it tech garbage  
But your creations went a long, long way!

## Better Days

inhale life as it is...  
a bigger future than the past,  
a bigger heart than reward,  
respect is greater than applause.  
being compassionate is more  
while working and doing  
without complaints,  
don't compare your baby steps  
with others,  
you are still blessed,  
a micro-progress is a development  
getting closer to your goal  
one step at a time,  
until you learned,  
you have set  
a much better difference.

## Tonight is a Breakaway

I am telling the cold abandoned  
Bed of yesterday  
Tonight is tomorrow's Subservient way  
To feel the cloud nine thirst and hunger  
Why is the day leaving again?  
The marriage of callous blankets and pillows  
Of immaturities  
Denying, disbelieving, holding back  
The winds of turning downfall  
The Mystique of the unknown frontiers  
Ups, Downs, Slides—  
clips of immortality  
Heeding to the cliffs behind and before,  
All are silent yawning destinies  
Of insecurities,  
It is happening.  
When you let me feel  
This is our story  
To live in Xanadu  
The snoring holy graves  
With you.

Swapna  
Behera

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## Kelvin Doe ; the self taught engineer

Kelvin Doe a genius  
at the age of thirteen  
built his own community radio station  
in Sierra Leone, Africa  
played music under the name DJ FOCUS  
multitalented he was  
could make generators, transmitters, sound amplifiers  
from scrap materials and discarded pieces  
batteries made out of acid, soda, metal in a tin cup  
wrapped with tap to power the houses  
his mento was David Sing  
Kelvin a speaker at TED X Teen  
gave a lecture to Harvard engineering student  
owner of a solar project  
Perseverance and passion are essential  
to nurture creative ability  
Kelvin the youngest person in history  
to be invited to the visiting  
practitioner's programme at MIT  
and he says  
"Creativity is universal  
that can be found in places  
where one does not expect to find it"  
my salute dear child prodigy

## The marigold garland on my necked neck

you put the garland  
when I was a teen ager and kissed me  
in a lovely illusion  
I enchanted the diaspora anthem  
to enter your utopian island  
where red rice will boil on the clay pot  
fearless farmers will cultivate  
we both will sing; entwine our dreams  
that will shine in river water,  
dazzle in the sky  
your smile will taste spicy  
we both will feel proud  
you as a soldier taking care of our country  
me will take care of our kids  
you will play lovely flute in winter  
I am the indigenous woman  
will take care of our own jungle  
planting bamboo plants  
to spread green carpet for hornbills, silk worms  
how nice was the last holiday  
we danced, bought new clothes  
from the weekly market  
but now how can I face you?  
they have put this marigold flower on my neck  
the dispute is of ethnic war  
we save nature  
urban affluent people need road and factory  
the labour contractors exploit  
our resources, our nature, our teenager girls are at stake  
how can I be quiet? should I not protest ?  
I am a soldier's wife  
they took me to a jungle, made me nude

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not a thread on my body  
I was rapped dear husband ,raped by ruffians  
we both are brave  
you save the country  
I save the jungle  
rapists are cowards  
still, I love you  
you love me  
we both love marigold flowers  
the flowers of the jungle are precious  
how difficult is it to forget and forgive  
I am searching for the thread that can cover my body  
my dignity and your loyalty  
shame on the rapists  
I condemn .....

## Learn to say NO

your NO will save some one's life  
may be you will save yourself  
from being abused  
the predators are clever, shrewd  
but how does it matter!  
your NO is your strongest weapon  
barriers are every where  
in each nook and corner  
your body is your right  
your destination is your right  
your journey is your right  
your challenges are your right  
your beauty is your own BLISS  
say NO if someone cuts a tree  
say NO to polythene  
say NO to injustice  
say NO to Lust  
say NO to colour discrimination  
say NO to violence  
then only the butterfly will sit on your shoulder  
saying a big YES TO PEACE .....

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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>

## Kelvin Doe

I got tired of waiting for a miracle so I've created one for me and my people.

Hand outs didn't come often to us young and older Sierra Leoneans, so i used my mind to extend mine.

At just twelve years old i taught myself engineering, i can build a generator from scraps, I can build batteries with cans, soda, acid and powder, i even built transmitters to broadcast news and music all over.

They say a brain is a terrible thing to waste, well I made sure i used mine to accelerate time at a fast pace inventing electronic designs.

In a short time my entire country knew who i was, i was honored with praise and love. Of course I accepted it with no hesitation, I am known as DJ focus, if you focus, you can achieve your wildest imagination.

Talent was something I knew I had, with focus it took me to MIT to do work in their media lab.  
An idea turned into a career.

## Cemeteries

Cemeteries have become one of my favorite places, I come here to parlay with those who were familiar faces. Unfortunately they're closed at night, What I do is jump over fences, go straight make a left then right so I can see my kins names mark on rock with my phones flashlight. The souls of yesterday that see me walk through isles know I'm not there to disturb em, they understand the loyalty I have for my gone but never forgotten family. In no way shape or form do I come here to desecrate the home of the late, but... I can't lie, it crossed my mind to excavate, open caskets and kiss the skull on a skeleton that rode with lemniscate. Many won't understand those thoughts, you'll have to witness death over and over to overstand that type of mental behavior. I sit Indian style and speak freely blowing greenery... Fellas I wish you was here with me, I feel your presence, but what I mean is physically. I've found a way, a way we could've lived out our dreams the way we used to say...." Ayo we're going to be a tight circle till we're old and gray", killers killed that dream. My friends won't age, I'm the only getting older as I visit life in its final stage, full of rage.

## Loyalty

What does it mean to you? To me that means by any means I got you, if you got me. Who ever you got a problem with has a problem times two. When your down and out I'll still be there without a doubt. Loyal brothers and sisters don't step on toes, wont plot when it comes to men women or dough. I'll give you the utmost respect if you give me that same respect back without it being questionable, We'll have a bond that's unbreakable. where your at, I'm at and vice versa, inseparable no space for others to divide and conquer. I'll bleed for you, if you get locked up I'll pay bail or bond and have my retainer plead for you. If your at your dying day and im with you, I'm dying too. Period. Loyalty.

Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich

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Michelle Joan Barulich was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. She started writing poetry and songs with her younger brother Paul. They have written many songs in their teen years. She is currently studying Alternative Medicine and would like to become a Homeopathic Doctor. Michelle loves all kinds of animals and birds; she does wild rehabilitation. She has also rescued rock pigeons that make great pets.

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## Changing the Narrative

Kelvin Doe what a true inspiration you are

To your family and generation to come

Taking leaps and bounds

Not stopping until you found the solution

You definitely reflect the word persistence

You impacted not only Africa but the whole world too!

## Below the Low

It's going to be a different day  
Maybe even a good one Listening to the radio  
"This is the day your life will surely change"  
I feel so torn since I was born  
Life is easy when you set your death point by your own  
theory  
I'm wondering how many layers are there in depression As  
I look to the window Hearing Christine sing to Eric  
Daydreaming of going away in a three mast ship  
In a blink of an eye I could cross the threshold  
My intriguing scene shakes me  
Below the low here it comes  
Sinking oh no not again, God help me in my need to feel  
complete  
Playing with diamond cards  
But the joker always knows what's on your mind  
Violins are playing in my darkest hour  
And the sweetest melody  
I hear is from the musical figurine.  
That plays on..

## If You Stay

If you stay I'll be complete  
There's no time to weep from one's eyes  
If you come, don't say goodbye  
If you love me, don't turn around  
Promise solid ground  
Then your love will be found  
If you stay  
Love will be true Come in from the rain  
And I will love you  
Keep your heart in my hands  
It will return from empty lands.

Eliza  
Sęgięt

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Eliza Segiet graduated with a Master's Degree in Philosophy at Jagiellonian University.  
Received *Global Literature Guardian Award* – from Motivational Strips, World Nations

Writers' Union and Union Hispanomundial De Escritores (UHE) 2018.

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020, International Award Paragon of Hope* (2020),

World Award 2020 *Cesar Vallejo* for Literary Excellence.

Laureate of the Special Jury *Sahitto International Award* 2021, World Award *Premiul Fănuș Neagu* 2021.

Finalist *Golden Aster Book World Literary Prize* 2020, *Mili Dueli* 2022, *Voci nel deserto* 2022.

At the international Festival of Poetry CAMPIONATO MONDIALE DI POESIA (2021/2022) she won the title of vice-champion of the world.

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

## Talent

*to Kelvin Doe*

Probably at night,  
by the light of the moon  
he fantasized:

*to light up life with the glow of a lantern,  
to listen to the sounds oozing from the radio.  
To turn the dreams into reality!*

Talent and enthusiasm  
allowed him to  
turn darkness into light,  
create a radio transmitter,  
become an inventor!

Thanks to his belief  
in the impossible,  
he achieved his goal.

There are those  
who have dreams,  
and those  
who are ready to fight for them,

to act and to be in harmony with themselves.

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## Music of the Word

Beautiful is the world  
painted with the music of the word.  
Like  
a butterfly passing by,  
who for a moment  
intoxicates with the colouring of its body,  
stopping  
the breath of those thirsty for beauty.  
Its sensual dance  
is freedom of imagination.

And the word?  
The word can be  
the music  
that can be heard  
when it is quiet,  
and yet silent.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Awakened

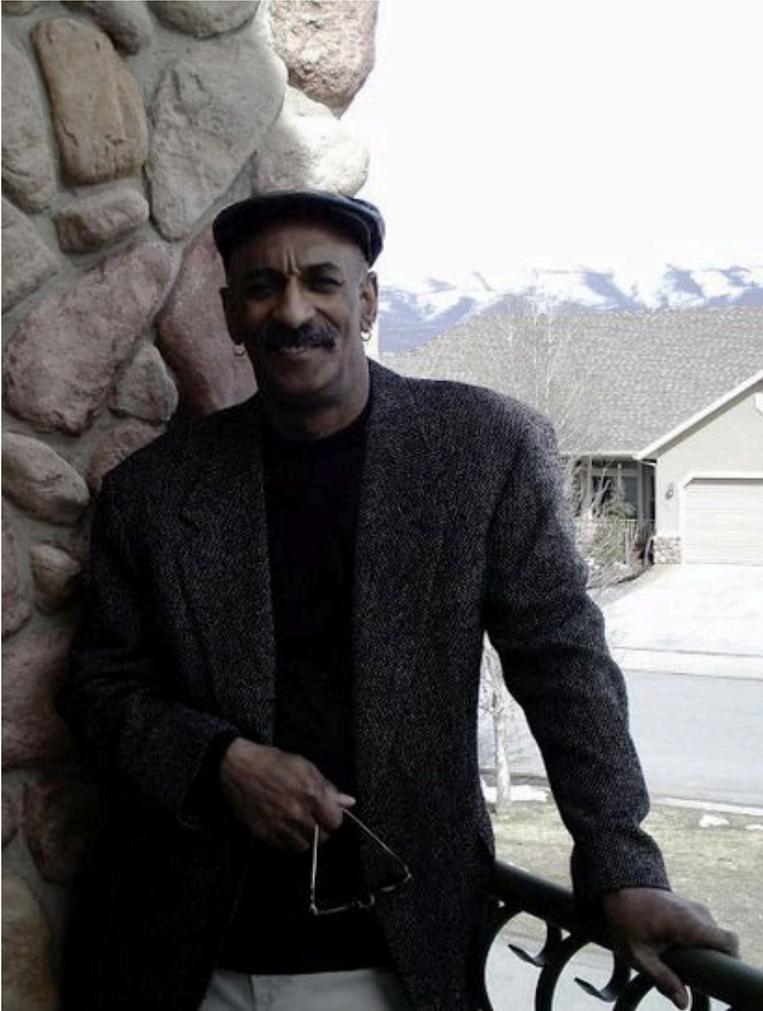
She feels the wind shifting time,  
the memories of people from dreams  
graying.  
Now awakened.

In reality they are different.  
Real.  
But is it worth dreaming about them?  
Nights  
sensitise.

*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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## I Am Kelvin

In the land forgotten,  
I lived.  
We lived.

Were not our needs the same as yours?  
Is need the 'Mother of Invention',  
I think so!

War has devastated us,  
But why was there a need  
For such 'inhumane' things,  
Such as killing and strife? . . .  
We needed more . .  
We needed more! . . .  
And my soul said to me  
It could be done,  
It could be done!

Is need the 'Mother of Invention',  
I think so! . . .  
For . .

I Am Kelvin, Kelvin Doe  
From Sierra Leone.

## 1-2-3-4 or more, but all

I wish not upon you  
that which  
I, my people and others  
have suffered because of bias,  
indifference and ignorance

I wish not upon you  
the opportunity to walk in my shoes,  
for I am sure you will find the fit  
to be uncomfortable  
perhaps unbearable

I wish not upon you  
The ropes, the boots  
Nor the knees  
You have put upon the necks  
Of people like me  
Who made you so uncomfortable,  
That your only preclusion  
Was to abuse your power,  
Your position  
To assault  
Maim,  
And kill  
Without humane discretion

I wish not to possess the privilege  
You exercise so cavalierly  
With no cognizance  
Of its affect on others

I wish not upon you  
The daily burden I carry,  
Nor the acute awareness  
One must always keep tuned

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Simply because  
Of the beautiful pigmentation  
Of my skin

I wish not upon you  
The poverty of enfranchisement  
Nor the hunger for equity,  
Nor the famine of justice  
That which we, my people  
Have had visited upon us,  
Our homes,  
Our communities,  
And our institutions  
That simply sought  
To survive and thrive

No, no, no, no

What it is  
I wish upon you  
Is the music of fairness,  
The beauty of equanimity,  
The color of forgiveness,  
And the remembrance  
Of who you are  
And where you come from  
And then ...  
Perhaps we can sit  
And have a discussion  
Eye to eye  
Soul to soul,  
One of a true understanding  
That we are  
More alike than different

And each are endowed  
To enjoy our brief stay here

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On this planet,  
In this dimension,  
Without the additional strife  
Of being oppressed,  
Or the oppressor.

Yes, what I wish upon us all  
Is the freedom to express  
The innate love  
We each possess,  
And to allow that wonderful light  
To shine  
Unrestrained,  
Uninhibited,  
Unabashed,  
And uncloaked  
From the darkness  
We now so ignorantly embrace ...

I wish upon you  
The ability  
To dream of Utopia,  
And to strive towards that end  
Overflowing with inclusivity  
For all ...

I wish ....

1-2-3-4 or more, but all

## The Poet

I believe that all poets  
At some stage in their journey  
Lend their emotional-lexiconic prowess  
To the ways of love ...  
Be it for their mate,  
Their children or family,  
Humanity  
Life ...  
Or 'Self'

Some of us utilize this platform  
As our pulpit  
To usher forth and disseminate  
Messages of supposed  
Insight, conviction  
And other transient fixtures  
Found upon the landscapes  
Of morality and virtue

Many of us write  
From our personal experiences,  
Be it our angst,  
Our fears and doubts,  
Our hopes and and dreams  
As well as our insecurities

There are a few of us  
Who are visual artists  
That specialize  
From time to time  
In sharing a world of wonder  
That can only be seen  
Through their eyes  
And the congregative collection  
Of their word-art.

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I close my eyes  
To speak to my many muses  
Who whisper mesmerizing incantations  
That inebriate me and  
Take command of my imagination  
As they dictate the words  
They would have me espouse.

.....

Most times,  
Being innately ignorant  
As I am,  
When the task is completed  
I find that there may be  
A thing or two amiss  
In my translations and interpretations,  
But I do not fret,  
For I am all too enjoyed  
Just to be able to hear ...  
.... therefore,  
I am susceptible to  
The intoxicating vibrations of spirit  
That lead me where ever it may,  
Be it,  
The wood,  
The mountains or valleys,  
The waters or the desert  
Within or without,  
Intrinsically or extrinsically

I have found that  
None of these aforementioned  
Things matter, for ...  
The Poet ...

.....

Listen and write, Poet!

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# The Butterfly Effect



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## From The Bottom Of My Heart

Without pretence  
I didn't ever expect  
That one day I'll be  
That I can be impotent  
With no seed of love.

In my life  
I knew pain existed  
Something like snake bite  
That would make you sing in tongues  
Run wild like a mad person.

I didn't know  
That love can make someone mad  
Sleep with clothes and wake up naked  
I didn't know you could slumber in love  
Wake up in a coma in a love bed.

My first love was my mother  
Who broke my heart  
I didn't know her love language  
All I ever heard were hurt and pain  
I tried to heal, but the scars never healed.

I drowned never to paddle anymore  
I tried to shout but all was echoes  
My heart caged a tormented soul  
In a cave and desert of darkness  
No water, no light, no love and no life.

From the bottom of my heart  
All nerves got numbed  
Cold and shriveled they were  
Poisonous animals got abode  
I became toxic, rude and uncontrollable.

## Blessing In Disguise

I have a mother  
I know I have her  
I can't replace that fact  
Even the thought won't impact  
Though I wish I had another mother.

Having her in my life  
I can say it's a blessing in disguise  
Like a cursed blessing to be precise  
She has made my life hell  
With the little love I have, I respect her.

When other mothers are from God  
How come, some come from hell  
To torment the lives of their children  
To make them look miserable  
And live like orphans with parents.

This isn't a fairytale  
My heart is hurting  
Learning I've to call her mother  
When deep I sometimes disown her  
Because I feel better in her absence.

I can't question God  
Who made me in her womb  
And decided I'll call her mother  
For my entire life here on earth  
Maybe in a curse, there's a blessing.

## Racism

There's a wild fire  
That's replacing wildflower  
Sweeping from east to west  
Blown by the south wind to north  
Battle of skin pigmentation and superiority.

All have emotions  
That sometimes stir like whirlwind  
Get hot like heated magma  
And can spill out like molten lava  
When evoked by a prickly sentiment.

I hate no one for their race  
We're human race  
With no superior nor inferior  
We are all equal before the Creator  
For in His image we're His creation.

No race was curved from wood  
No race was dropped from heaven  
Like raindrops, no race fell down  
Like dew, no race condensed  
We were all created and born.

No race will assume eternity  
In their physical body form  
All races must taste death  
To be back where all came from  
So drop off pride, discrimination and torture.

From dust we all came  
To dust we'll all return  
Whether white, black or red Indian  
We'll all assume the spiritual world  
Our spirits know no race.

Jose  
Lopez

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## Patch up oblivion

Tailoring in action!  
I delicately thread the thread,  
But, it is not just any one,  
That thread is well prepared for the mission,  
Needle is in my hands for the commendation,  
I tie a knot...and that's it!  
Patient is oblivion,  
Has repeated his episode several times,  
The seam will proceed,  
Mending, mending,  
Each interweave will fit together perfectly,  
Zigzag each end of memory,  
Is uniting, uniting,  
He is even taking on a new project,  
Soon he glimpses excellent brilliance.

Patch to oblivion.  
Any bond that goes out of the way expires,  
Because its north, it will be very good,  
With me. I always wanted to be smoke, come here and... to  
the wind, go.

## Pentagram of your heart

The pianist makes his debut!  
Travel-ready keyboard.  
I feel the strings of your voice  
Dictate each melody to my skin,  
Sweeten that kiss touch the membrane,  
Your cotton season tender your beat,  
And that experience drives me to the top,  
Where we can embrace the sky,  
Wrap us with the wind music.

I follow that filming of sound poetry,  
You speak to me through piano notes,  
They are the perfect dose to weld this distinction,  
I wish the transformation of the song,  
From the one who keeps you as a harpist of my life,  
That the novel of which we are telling does not end,  
Let's be the scriptwriters of the beautiful concert,  
To decorate the happiness that overwhelms us.

What a wonderful pentagram!  
The more I touch you, I emit your voice,  
More satisfied I go to you.  
You are the producer of melodious poetry.  
You will be my pentagram, my great lady!

## Cracks of your essence

A hammer!  
Raised fissures have sprouted,  
This feminine smell has been imprisoned,  
Why do you have to be in that infamous prison?  
I don't know who led you to that decision,  
What I only understand, that he should not have incurred.

Now it has been carnalized, it has caused an unexpected  
poison, the question remains unfinished: what will be done  
to prevent its spread?

Doubts are boiling without answers,  
And, the impossibility of those cracks of that essence  
follows.

That they try to close so that no one lacerates or  
contaminates their sensitive pores.  
And, then, how is he to bear that agony of injustice?

They muted the chances of healing in the face of such a  
brazen feat, because they do not want the support that is  
required to come out.

What despair, what anxiety!

What remains to come, may be, nothing.  
Cracks of your essence.  
In total, you will be lifeless because the rescue will never  
touch your injured glass.  
Cracks of your essence.  
I hope the last option comes.  
Persistence.

Sylwia

K.

Malinowska

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Sylvia K. Malinowska is a poet, occupational therapist, activist for the legalization of psychoactive plants and mushrooms.

Through her work she calls for the freedom to decide for oneself about one's body and mind. She writes about love and respect for oneself, people and the world.

Her texts have appeared in press publications such as "Poetry Today" and numerous books published in Polish, English, Bulgarian and Turkish.

She strives to inspire and heal with words, delving into herself and the mysterious world of nature, bringing out the beauty in humans and connecting with the uniqueness of nature , the thinking and feeling organism, Gaia.

## Alive

I touch everything that craves to be touched. I touch my truth, as everything is there.  
I touch the wounds that still need my attention.  
Without judgement, anger and regret that I keep returning.  
I know that some wounds need more time to completely melt in trust. I know and I give thanks.  
I am in myself.  
I am always there for myself, even when it is inconvenient.  
I am there with love and attentiveness.  
I know that the end is the beginning. Death is rebirth.  
Darkness is the reflection of light.  
I feel gratitude for living, for being, for existing.  
Here, now in this place, in this very moment, I feel alive. I am alive!  
Embracing all that is so utterly indescribable and impossible to express in words. The very structure and nature of language seems inadequate for this.

How to describe it?  
The experience of ecstatic unity with humanity, nature, every being, universe.

How to describe the return to a metaphysical, transcendental dimension where infinity and eternity become reality.

How to describe that what I feel encompasses everything. Everything!  
How?  
How to describe that I am everything and nothing at the same time. How to express it?

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When our identity and ego disappear and we feel ourselves expanding to the point where our being encompasses the entire universe.

How to describe it? That everything becomes comprehensible and at the same time you know that you have not discovered the riddle of the world, the mystery of existence.

How to describe it?  
That she is still present and you feel her meaning without understanding her at the same time.

How to describe the state of this experience, which transcends all religion and world beliefs and reflects a direct understanding of the mystical nature of reality.  
How to describe it? How?

## Love

Sometimes you have to go astray to find yourself again, and I know it is not easy, I have been there. It is accompanied by fear, loneliness, pain, anger, doubt, helplessness and tears.

Sometimes we have to fall deep enough to reject everything that no longer serves us.

At times we need to remain in apparent halt for a long time in order to touch ourselves anew in silence.

To tame the anxiety creeping in, to be in it, suppress it and love it.

Sometimes we have to say goodbye to friends, acquaintances, work, place and loved ones, in order to move on, holding only ourselves by the hand.

At times this is the only way to truly touch ourselves again.

My return to myself has been the longest and most difficult route I have ever taken, but I am thankful for every part of the journey.

For today I truly am.

Today I know and understand every pain of rejection I experienced on my way. Today I understand why I had to fall so many times.

Today I understand every part of this inconceivably difficult route. Today I know that it was a lesson in love, a lesson in my love for myself.

And although I have frequently questioned why I am once again experiencing pain, fear, rejection and tears.

It is today that I know to say No when I wish to say No. To say Yes when my body screams Yes.

To say I love when I feel I love, without shame but with pride and my head held high. To say STOP, I do not accept when someone is crossing my boundaries.

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Today I know that I needed this path to learn how to express out loud, with pride and courage, everything that my heart desires to express.

Today I know that I needed these lessons to learn to love and care for myself.

Today I know that I needed to fall deep enough to find the strength to give myself a loving hand. Today I am not afraid of rejection, as I know that I will never reject myself again.

Never!

Today I know that I am more than enough, I am perfect in my imperfections. I am!

I realized that when I was dying during the Ayahuasca ceremony, my old identity was dying, Sylvia, who was so afraid of rejection, who was so ashamed of herself, who was so afraid of life, was dying. Today I know that the end is the beginning, and I open myself to that beginning every day.

Today I consciously choose the most beautiful and powerful energy in the universe, Love. I choose Love.

## Ayahuasca

You are power, faith, anxiety, fire, fight, surrender,  
darkness, fear, bud, flower, dub, healing, cry, laugh, dance,  
blow.

You are the certainty in the penetrating wisdom

You the immersion in rushing thoughts, a breath to look at  
them, to sit by and think.

You are your own existence, an embrace, which teaches  
you to embrace.

You are a reflection that hurts but heals You are the chaos  
in which order is born You are tension, exhalation, release

You are the rush to understand the calm

You are the envy of the forgiveness that is born in love.

You are all that hurts and heals

You are an existence

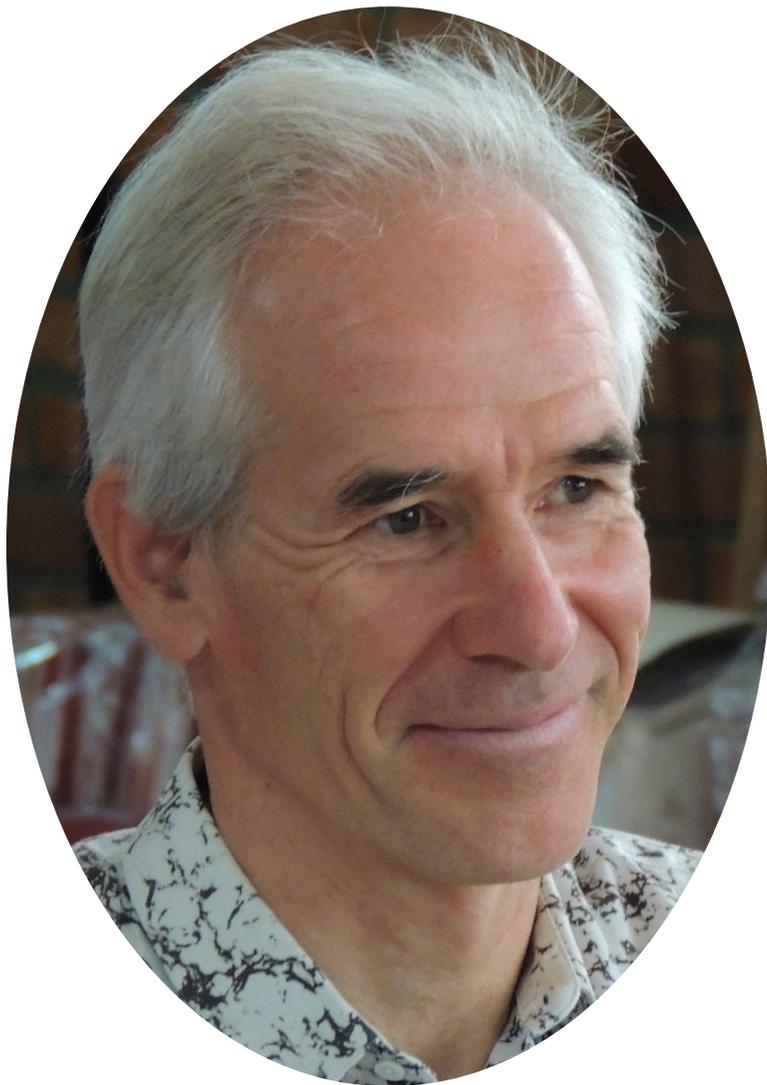
A beautiful wavy breeze

You are a distance, a sore loneliness, to hug your existence  
anew You are a rejection to touch your existence anew

You are an anxiety in emerging trust You are the love.

Laurent  
Grison

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## Poems

Never forget  
you dread to forget  
faces and bodies  
those of the disappeared  
that haunt your memory

in the shadow of time  
the suspended words  
do not cross  
the walls of your mind

when you break the silence  
in sharp chunks  
you hear a noise  
low and melancholic

a restrained cry  
which scatters like a star  
from your chest  
up to your skull

groan of the past  
faint trace of despair  
which will never destroy  
the signs of peace

## Signs

long ago long long ago  
in a cave  
deep in the heart of the mountain  
a man has opened the door to the sky

inspired by fire  
his body curled up  
under a silent wall  
he has painted on the stone

bison horses  
ibex and stags  
that traverse time  
to dance the world

## Four letters

(Trans-Siberian Railway)  
Warp the snow rail/track  
to free  
the mad poet

(Abyssinia)  
The Abyssinian writer  
of mute vowels  
whispers:  
where is the seer?

(Perpetual animal)  
To open  
the poem's belly  
one must use  
a sawfish

(By chance)  
On just a throw  
we give these dice  
to badly armed hands

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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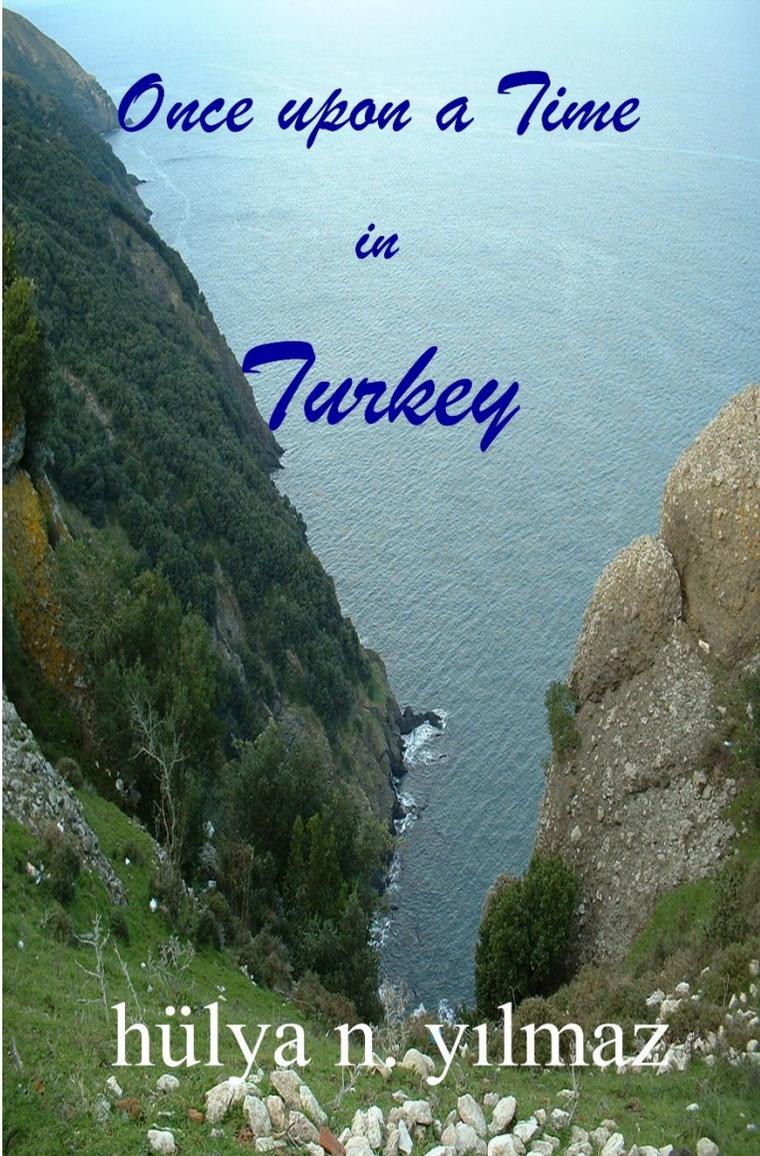
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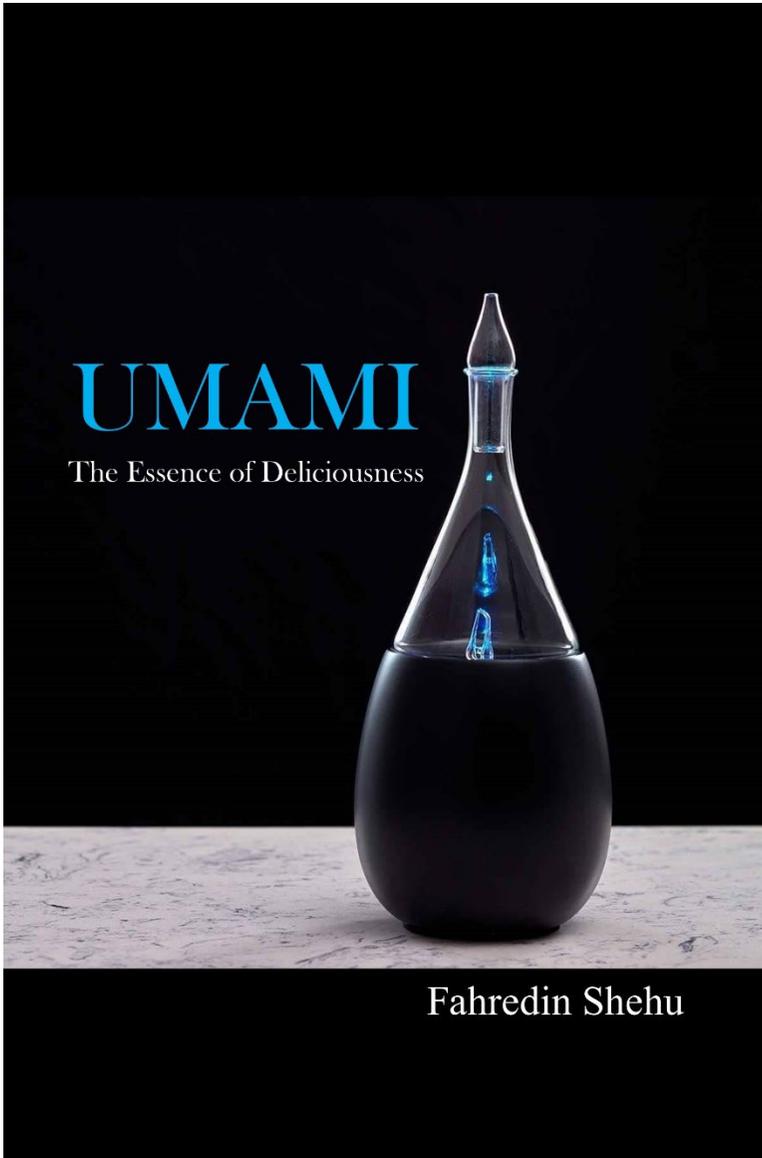
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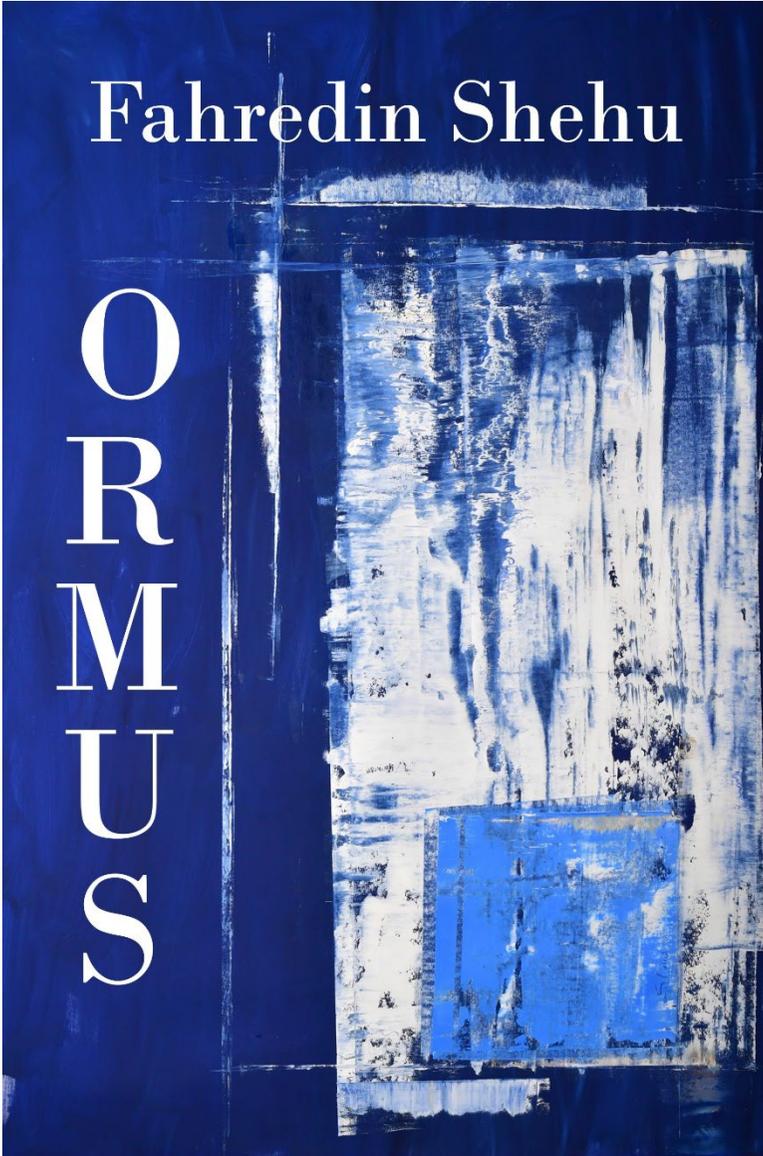


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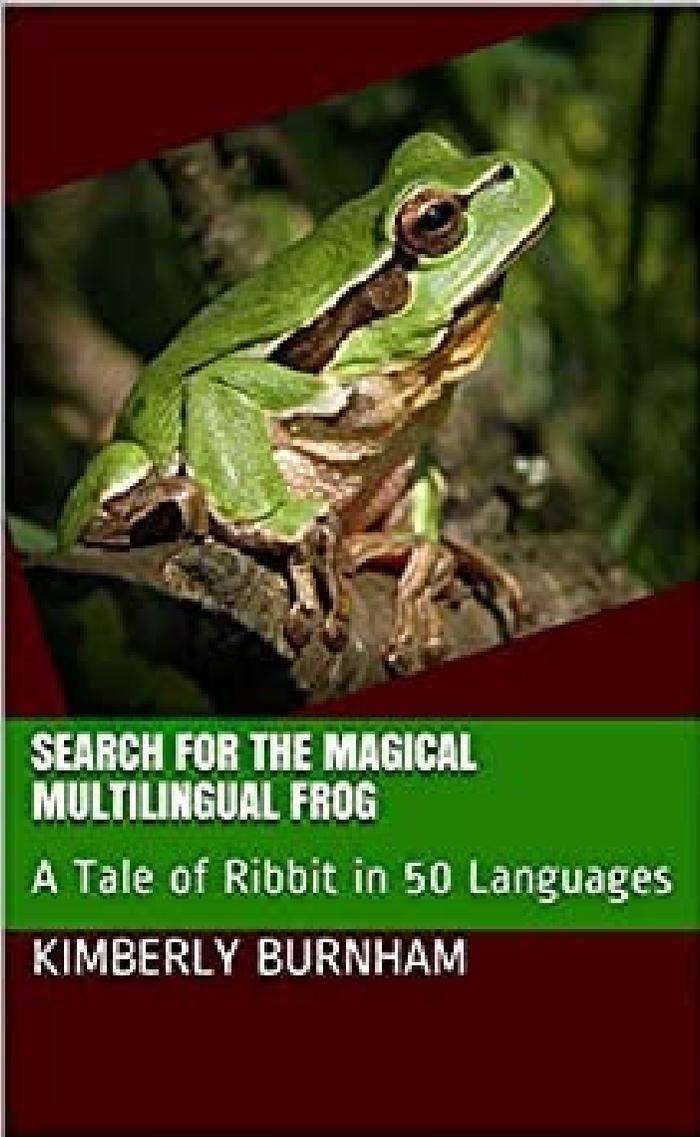
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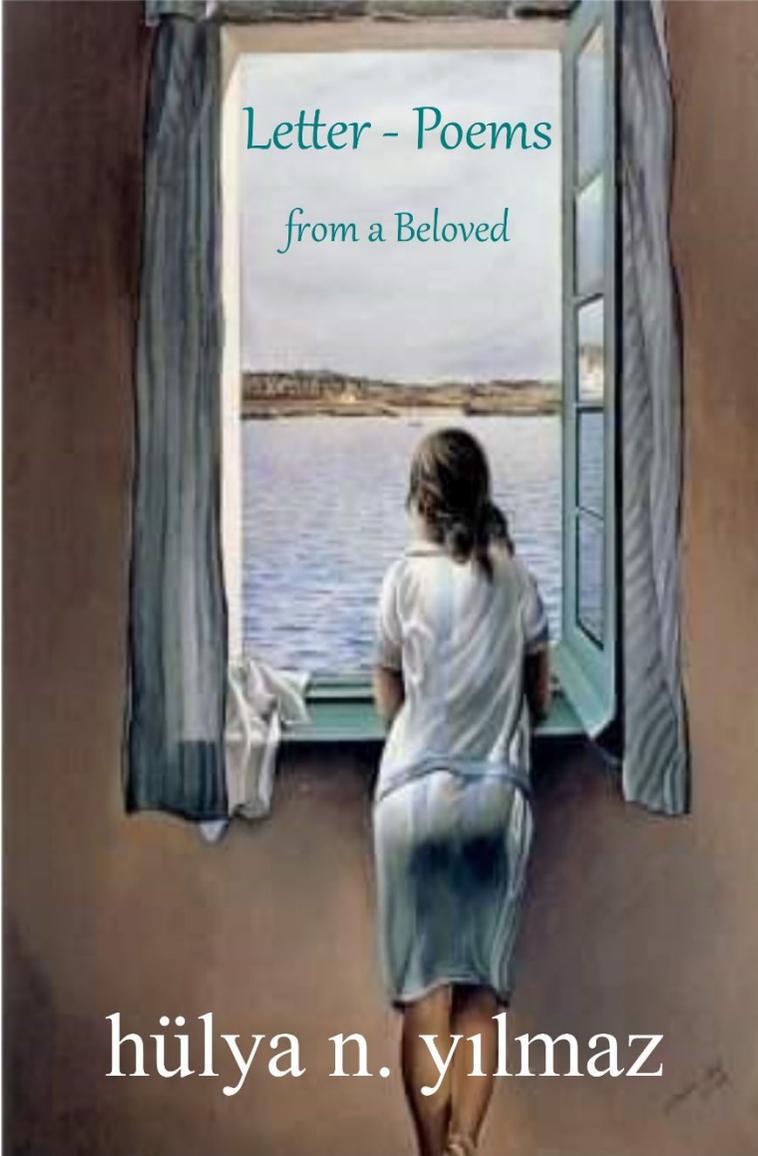
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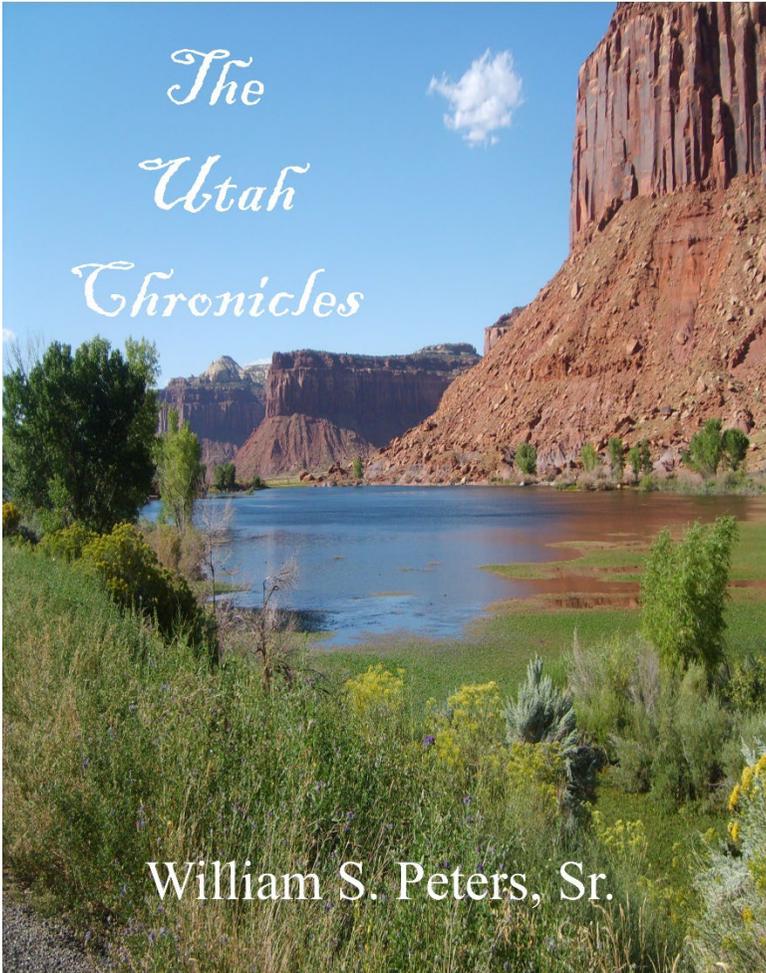
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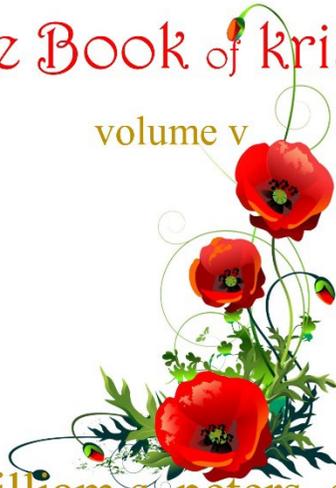
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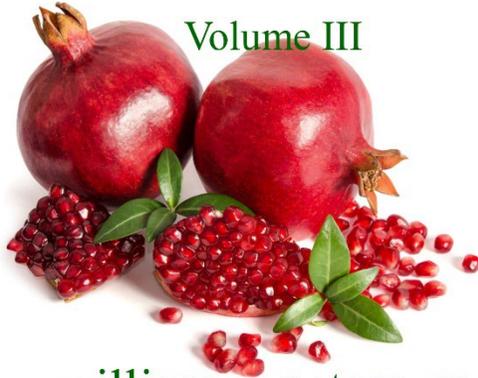
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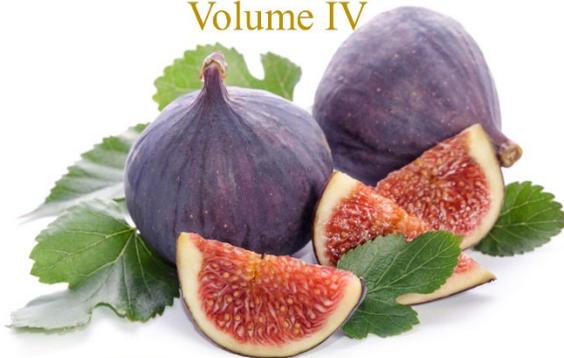
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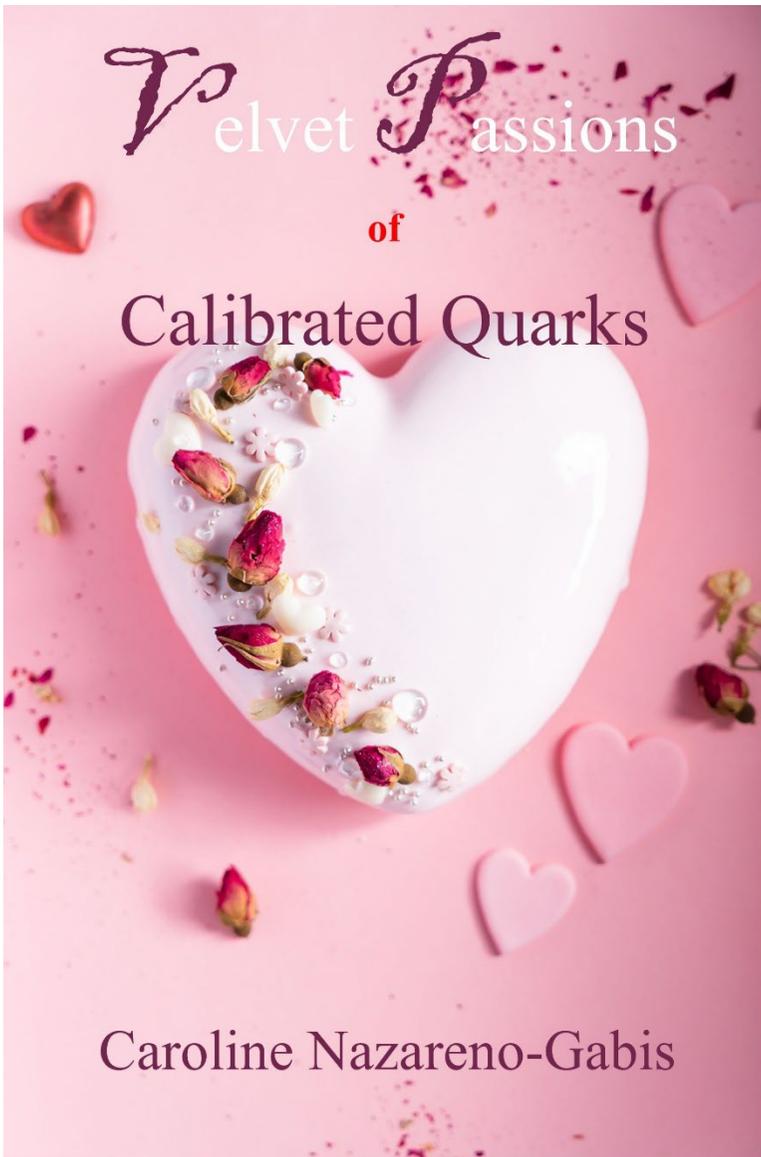


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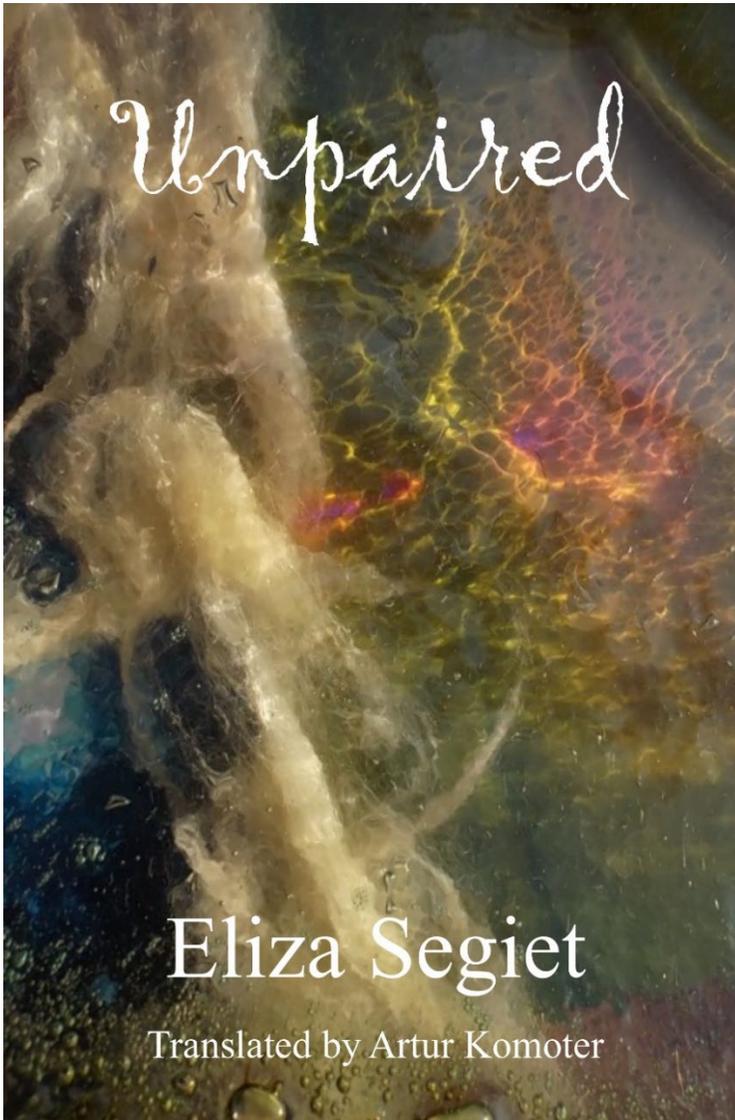
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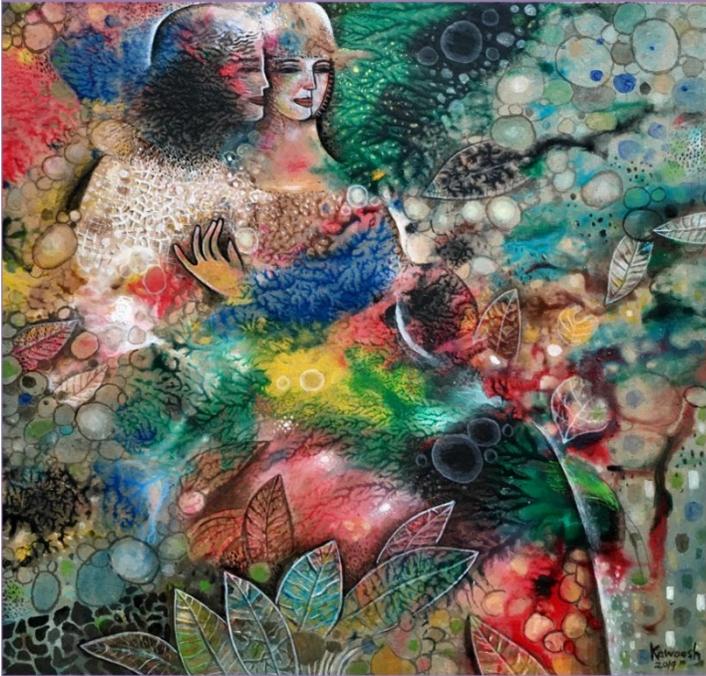


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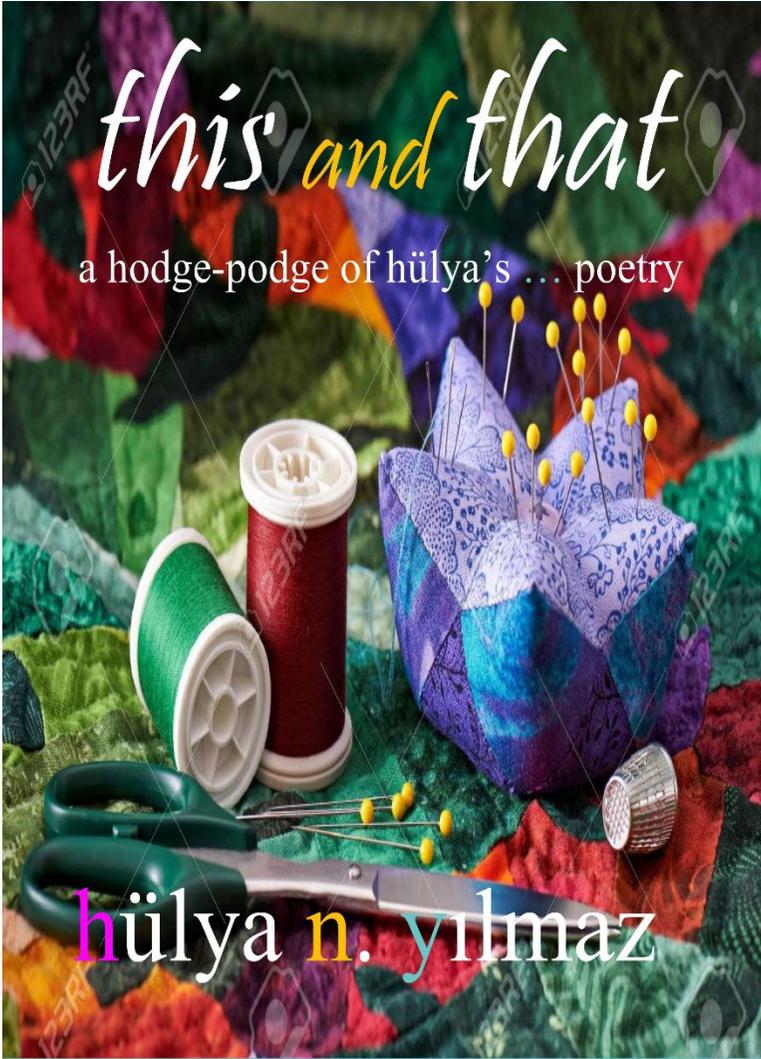
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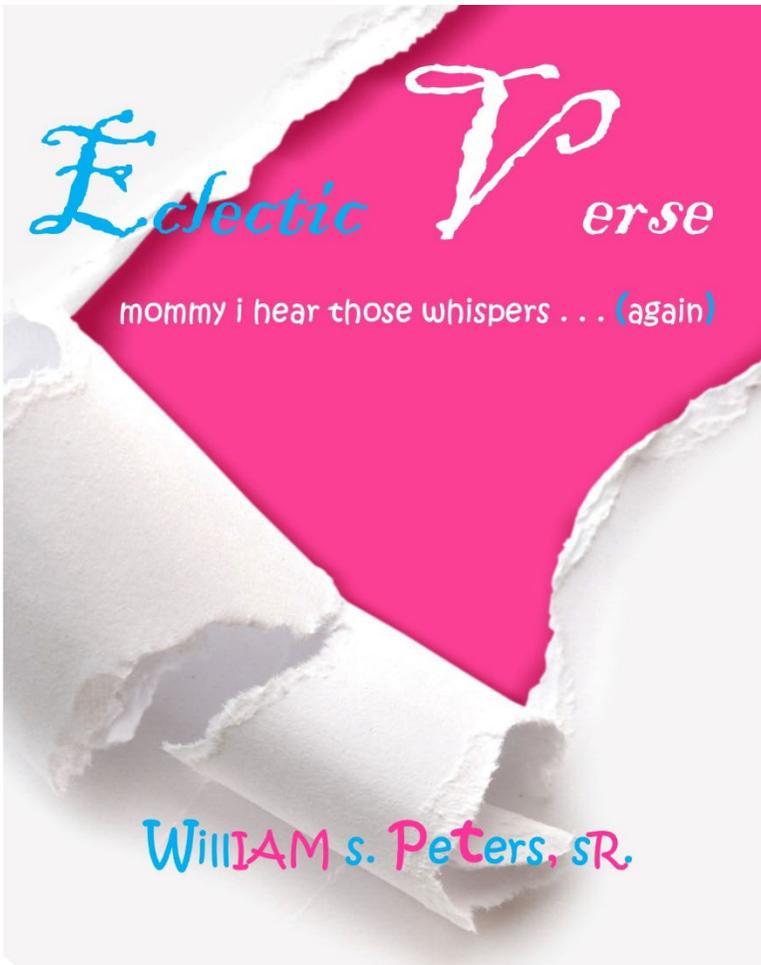
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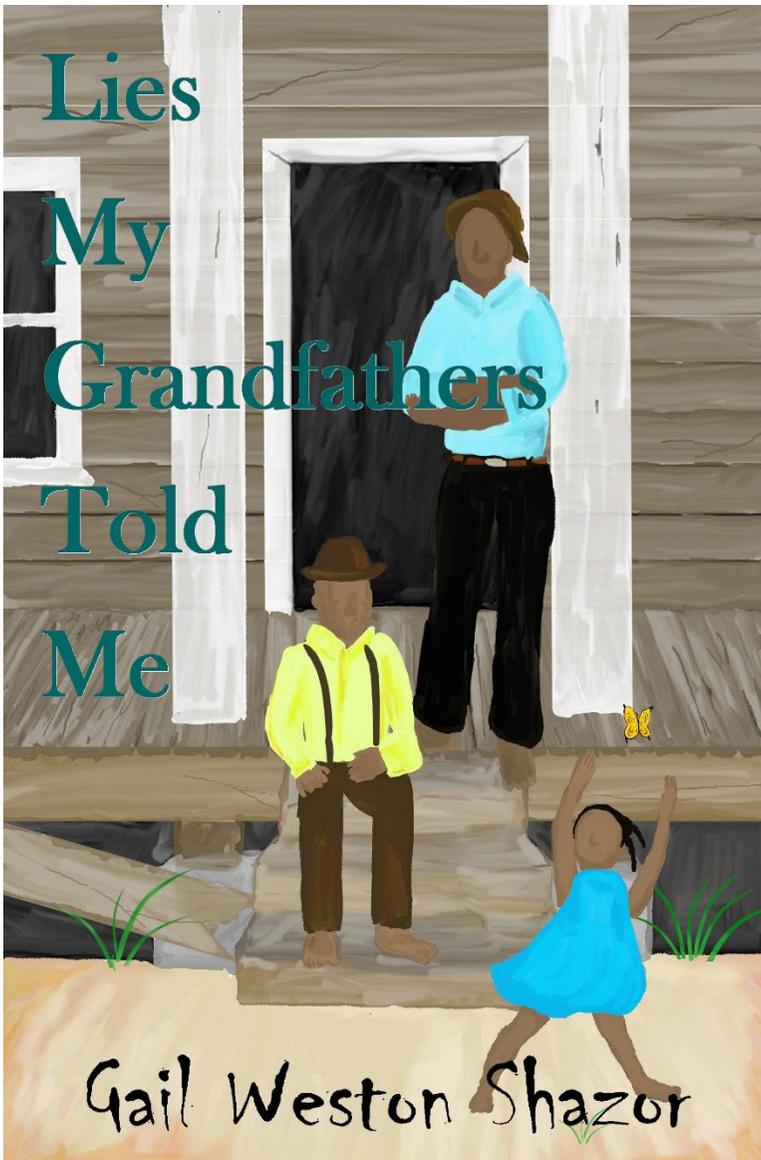
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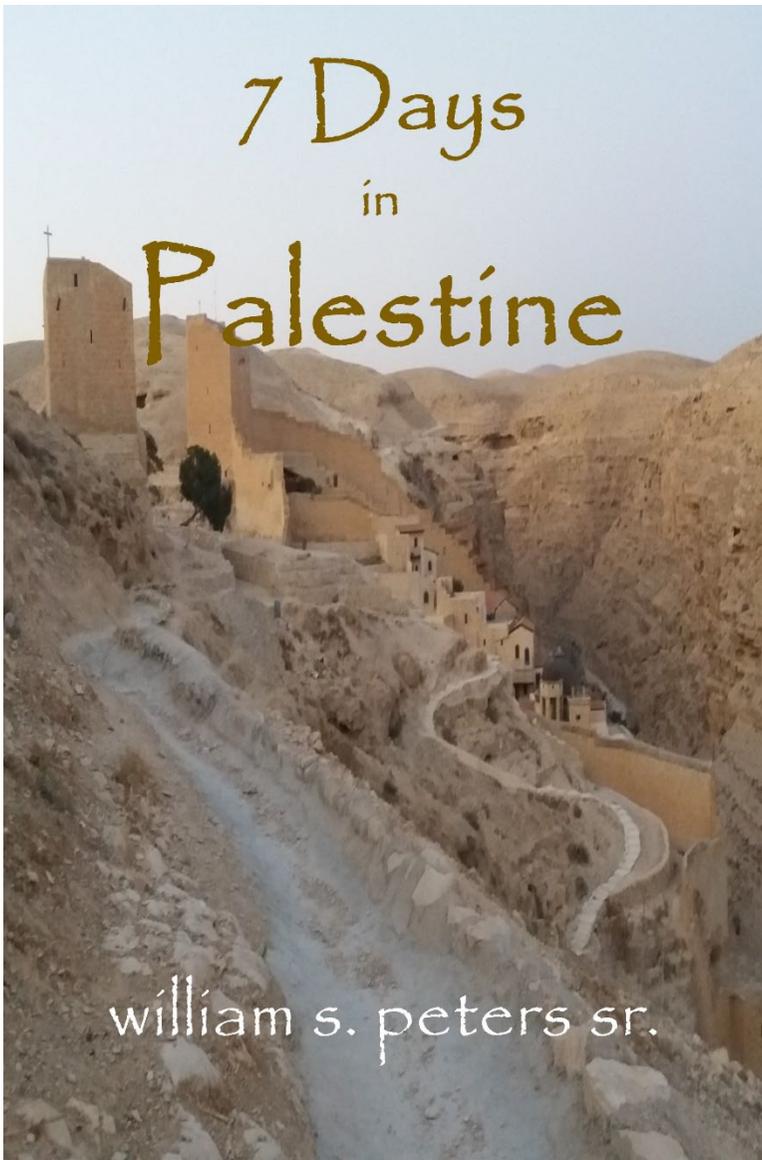
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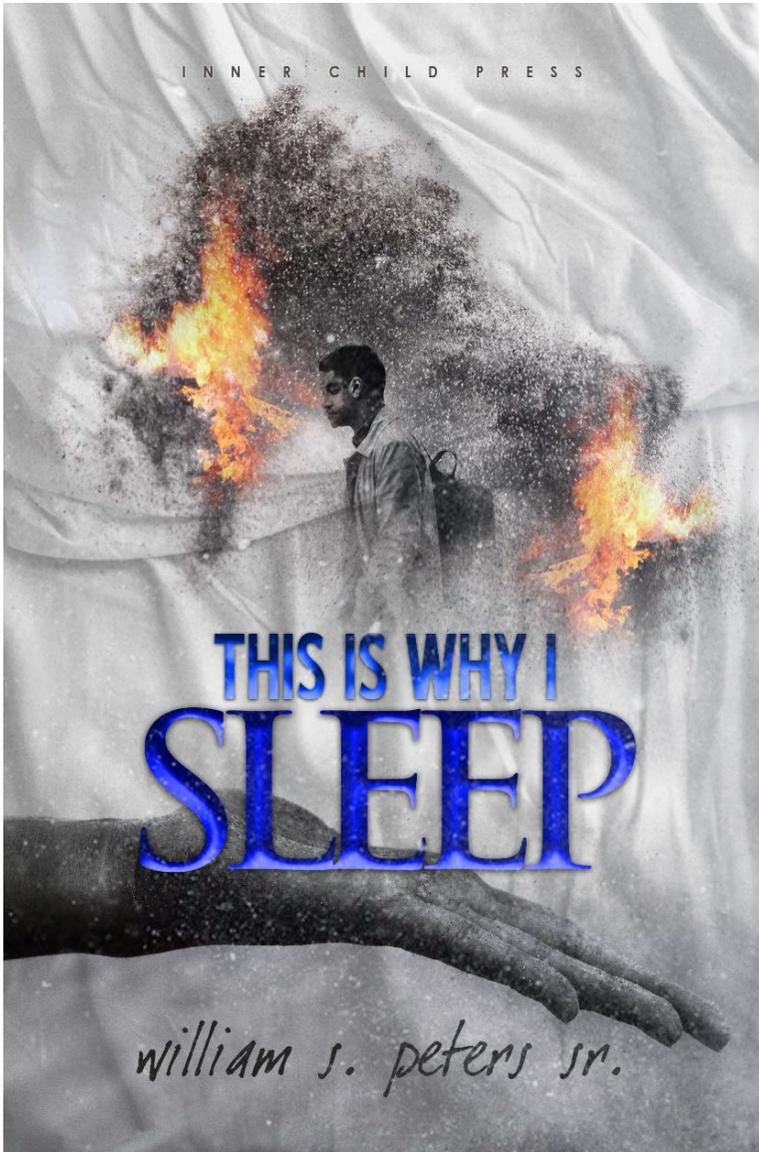
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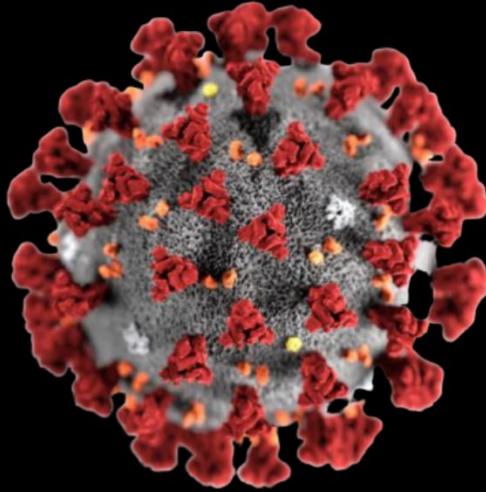
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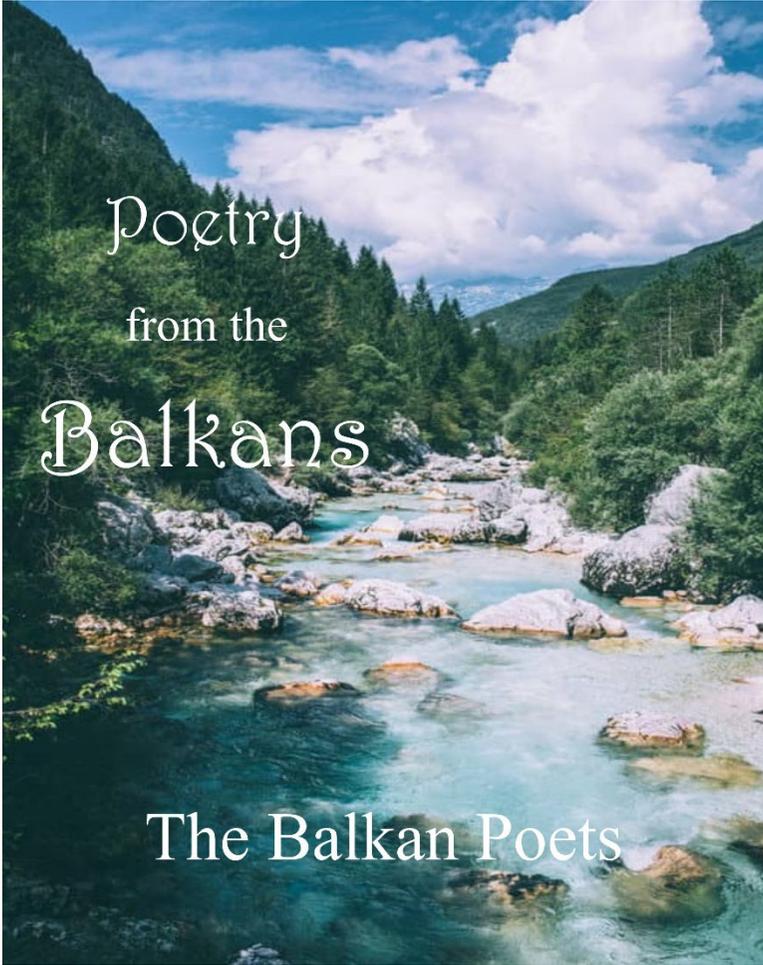
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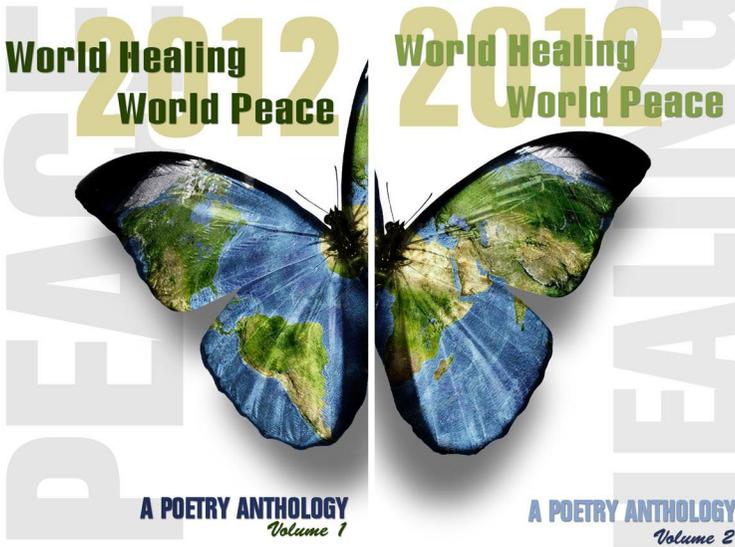
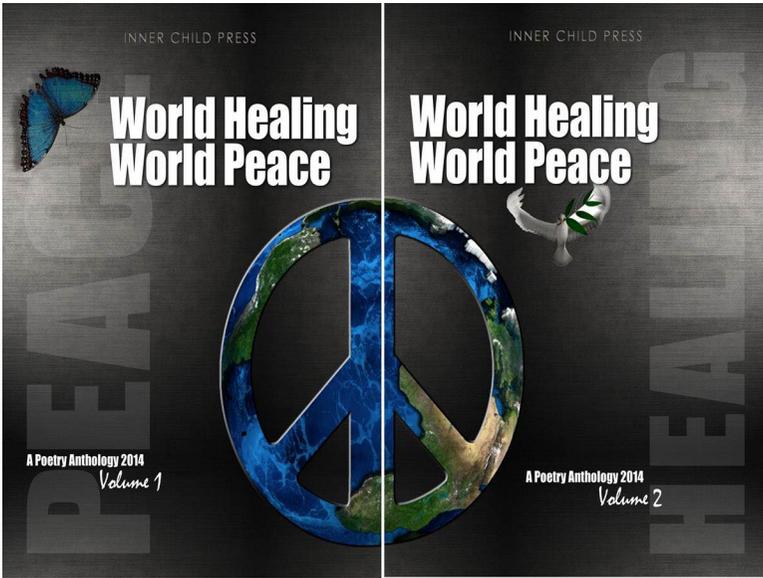
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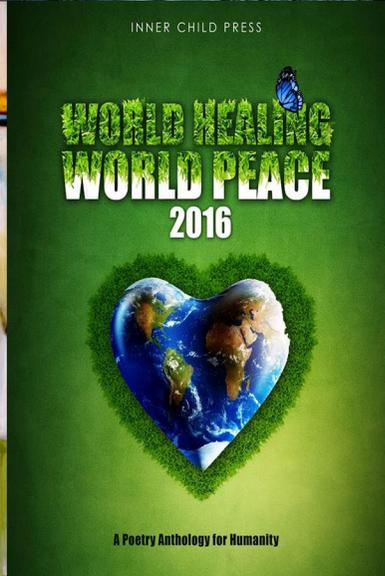
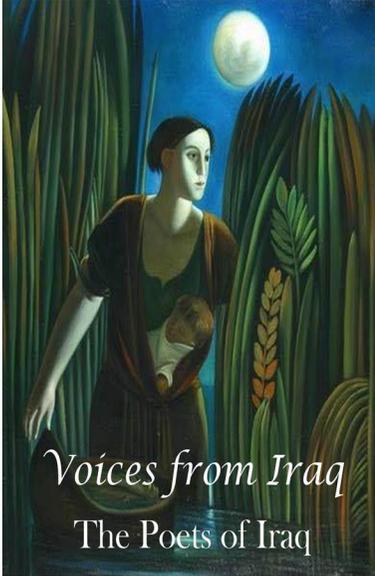
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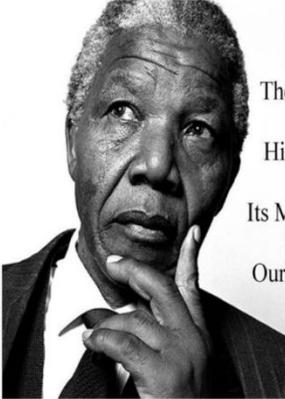
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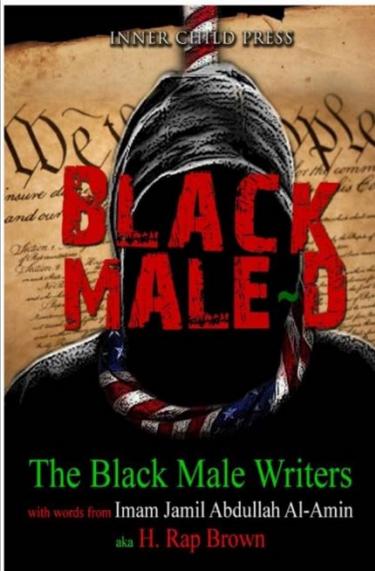
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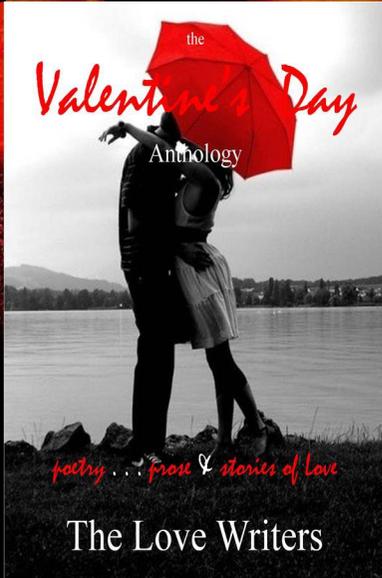
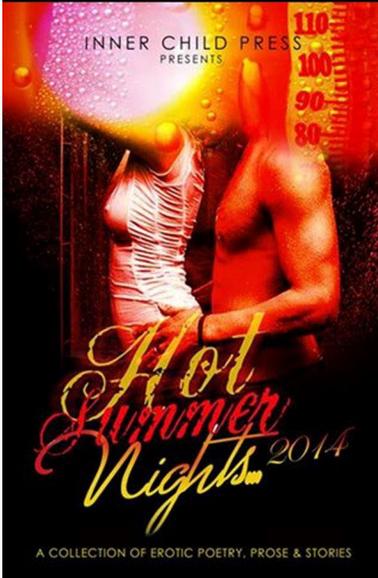
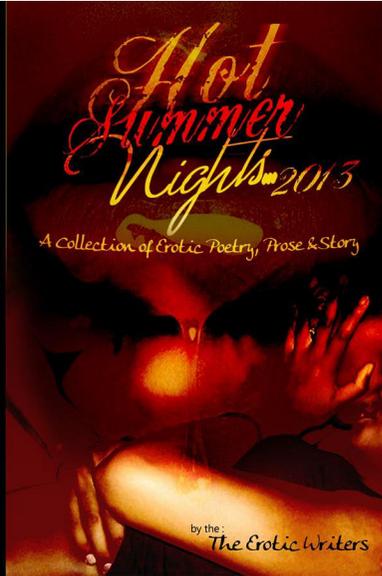
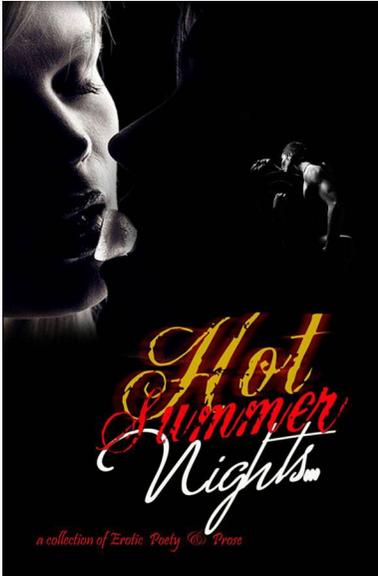


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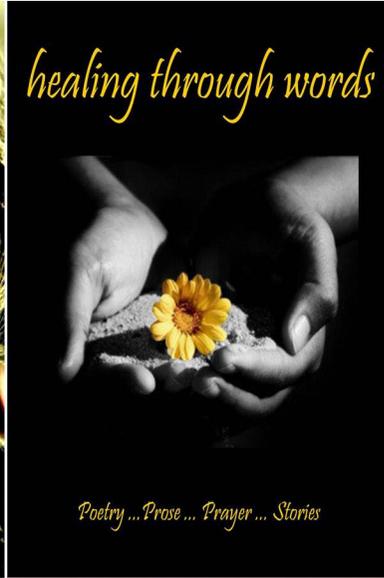
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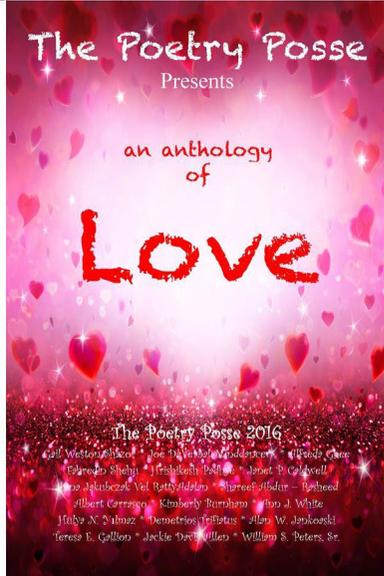


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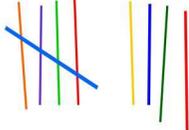
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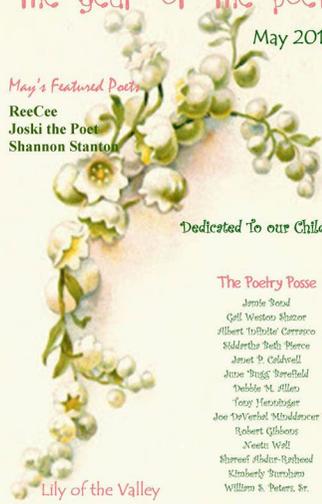
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*Love & Relationship*

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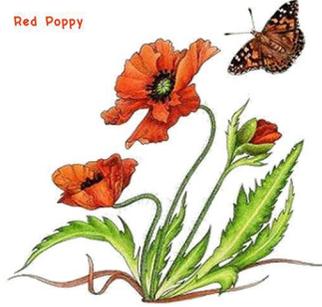
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November Feature Poets  
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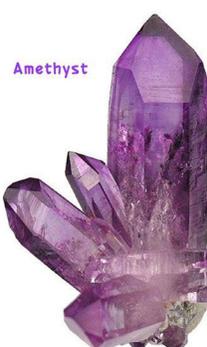
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Our Featured Poets  
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## Bloodstone



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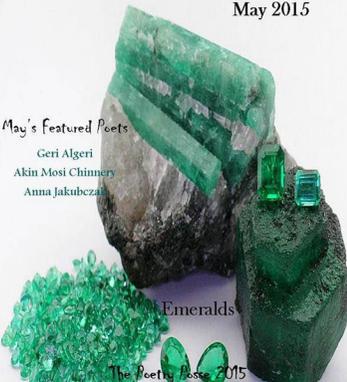
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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

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## The Year of the Poet II

August 2015

Peridot



Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2015

### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifatis



Sapphires

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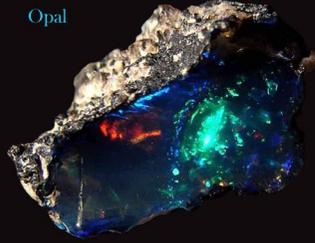
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October 2015

### Featured Poets

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

Opal



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## The Year of the Poet II

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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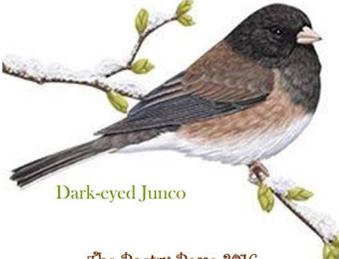
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

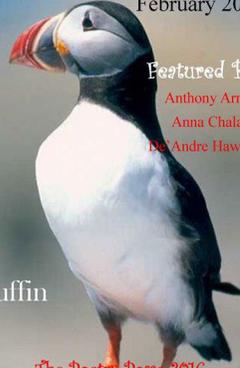
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February 2016

Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

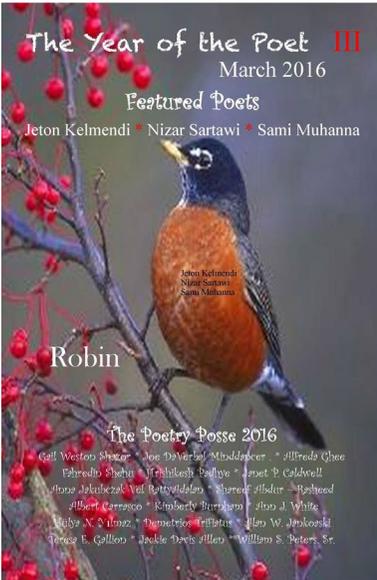
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March 2016

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

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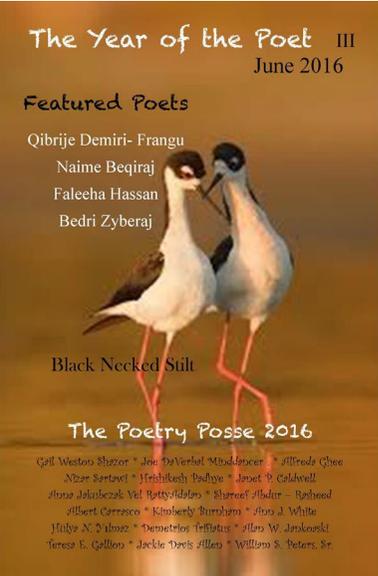
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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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Nizar Sartawi \* Hershikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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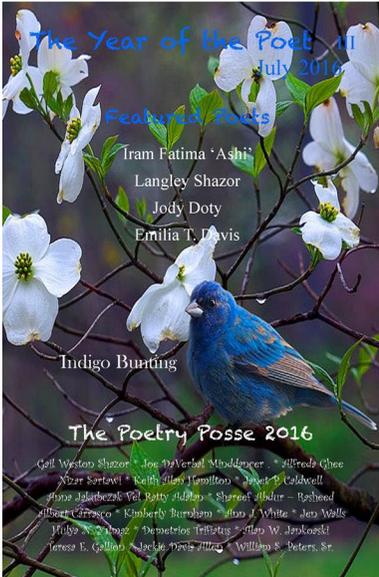
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Qibrje Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj



Black Necked Stilt

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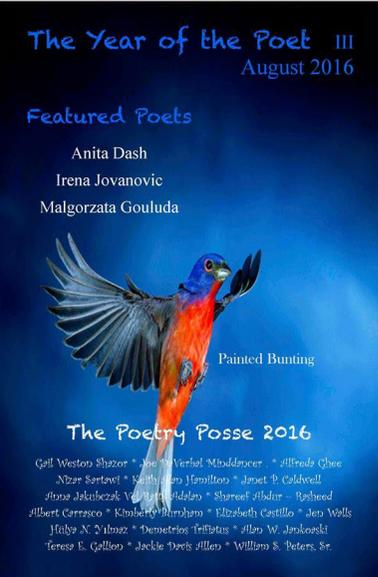
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Langley Shazor  
Jody Doty  
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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Anita Dash  
Irena Jovanovic  
Malgorzata Gouluda



Painted Bunting

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novilla

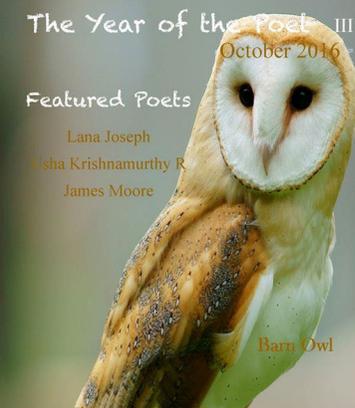


**Long Billed Curle**

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October 2016

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

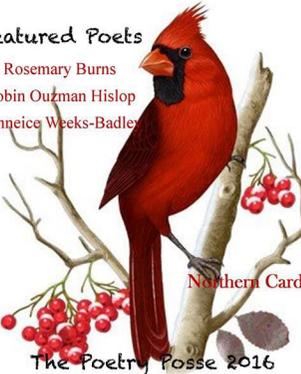


**Barn Owl**

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November 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badle

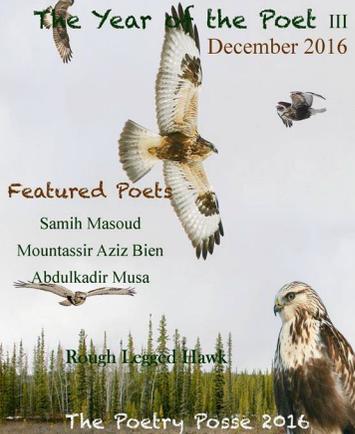


**Northern Cardinal**

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December 2016

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



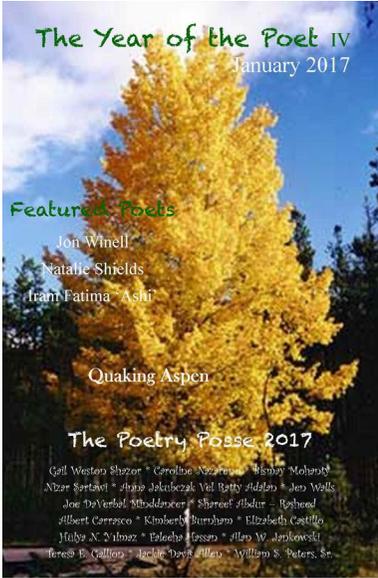
**Rough Legged Hawk**

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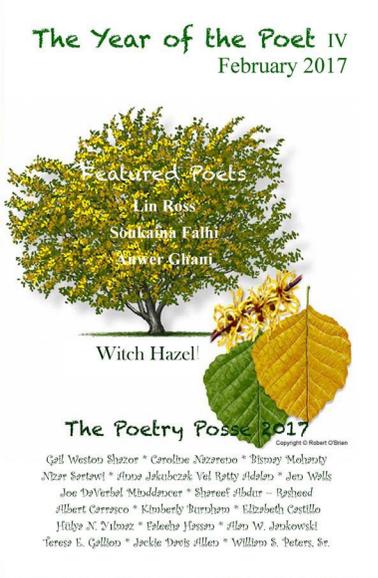
Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima \* Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017



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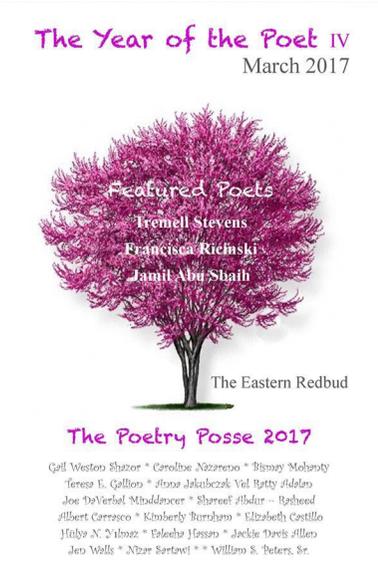
Lin Ross  
Sohkama Falhi  
Arwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017



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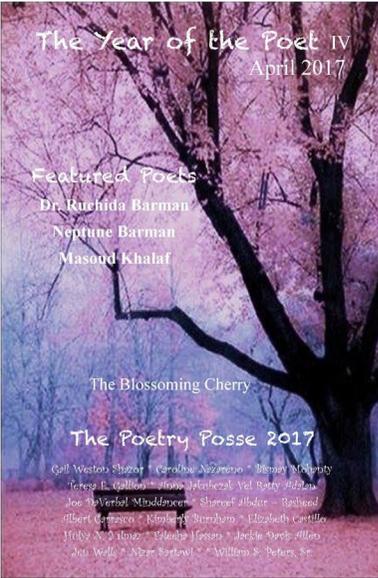
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shalih

**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

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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June 2017

Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

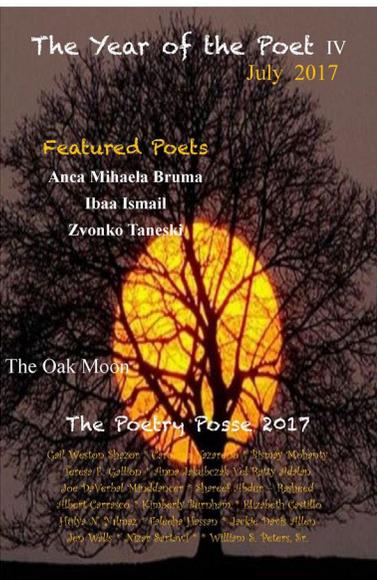


The Linden Tree

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July 2017



The Oak Moon

Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

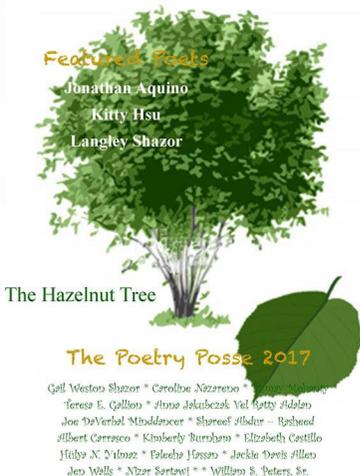
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August 2017

Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor



The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



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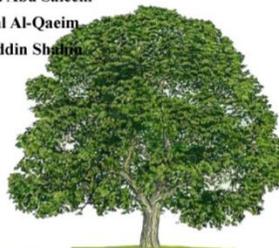
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## The Year of the Poet IV

October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaem  
Sadeddin Shaban



The Black Walnut Tree

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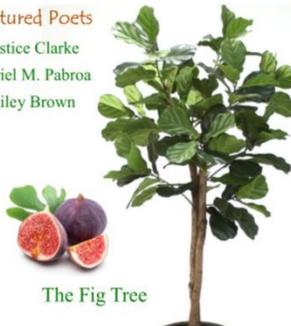
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## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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## The Year of the Poet V

January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sirtawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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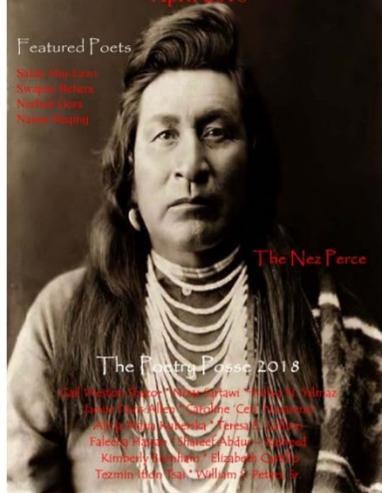
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzuki Shin-Luen  
Suzanne Belcher  
Stephan Lewis  
Nancy Haganaj



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Featured Poets  
Zaldy Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malimowska  
Lindia Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

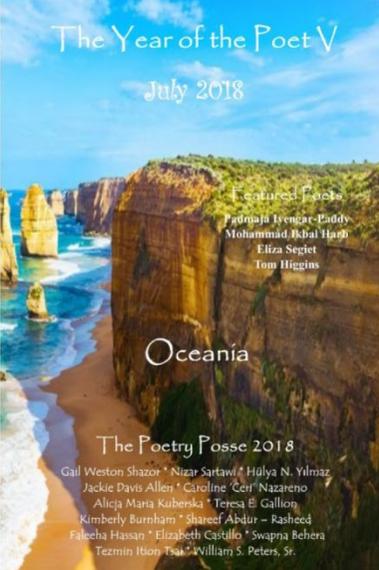


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July 2018

Featured Poets  
Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Iqbal Hani  
Eliza Segiet  
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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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Seglet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

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October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

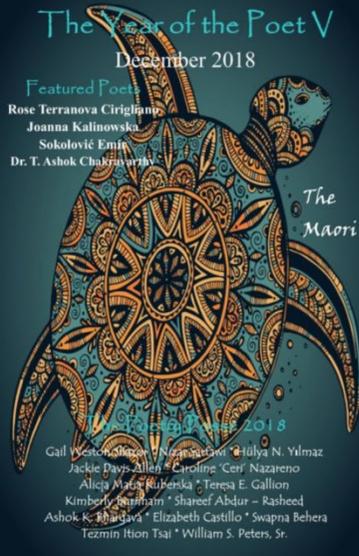
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December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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January 2019



Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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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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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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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

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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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 Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameerii



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
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**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**  
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 Shola Balogun \* Bharati Nayak  
 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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



**The Caucasus**

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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**

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

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



**Northern Asia**

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

**Featured Poets**  
 Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
 Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeti Efteha



**Oceania**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

### Featured Poets

Aziz Mountassir \* 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  
Momalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shooovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

### Featured Poets

Efichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Koshi K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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September 2020

### Featured Poets

Raed Amis Al-Jishi \* Selkovic Sozana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

Mutawaf A. Shaheed \* Galina Itlyanskaya  
Nadeem Fraz \* Avril Tanya Meallem

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia \* Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi \* Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh \* Ibtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodhi \* Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

May 2021

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Paramita Mukherjee Mullick \* Rose Zerguine  
Jaydeep Sarangi \* Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrasticly Speaking

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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 VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Alonzo "ZO" Gross \* Lali Tsipi Michaeli  
Tareq al Karmy \* Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrasticly Speaking

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

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevska-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



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August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Kamal Dhungana  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



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September 2021

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Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik  
Heather Jansch



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October 2021

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Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal  
Dale Lamphere



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November 2021

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Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra  
Andy Goldsworthy



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December 2021

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Orbinda Ganga \* Fadaïro Tesleem  
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Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



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February 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Mountains



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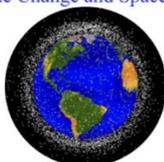
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Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



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Monsif Beroual \* Carol Aronoff

Climate Change and Oceans



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Ndaba Sibanda \* Smrutiranjana Mohanty  
Ajanta Paul \* Monalisa Dash Dwibedy

### Climate Change and Birds



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June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeizat Okunlola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioke Abonyi

### Climate Change and Trees



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July 2022

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Michelle Joan Barulich \* Mili Das  
Anna Ferriero \* Ujjal Mandal

### Climate Change and Animals



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August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Pankhuri Sinha \* Abdulloh Abdumominov  
Caroline Turunç \* Tali Cohen Shabtai

### Climate Change and Agriculture



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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Sajid Hussein

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



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October 2022

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



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Hema Ravi \* Shafkat Aziz Hajam  
Selma Kopic \* Ibrahim Honjo

Climate Change: Time to Act



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December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Elarbi Abdelfattah \* Lorraine Cragg  
Neha Bhandarkar \* Robert Gibbons

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



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Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jamnagerwalla

### Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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Francesco Favetta \* Dr. H.C. Louise Hudon

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Ruby Bridges

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## The Year of the Poet X March 2023

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Yo Yo Ma

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Maxwanette A Poetess \* Alonzo Gross  
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Claudette Colvin

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Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown  
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Louis Braille

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Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

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