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BE WITHOUT
A LITTLE
POETRY?

Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

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the Power of the Pen
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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Foreword

Leo Tolstoy once said: "Everybody wants to change the world but nobody wants to change himself." This is indeed true for change in the world must start within ourselves. We don't just expect things to happen, we should be the change we seek.

For this month of August, the Poetry Posse will be bringing to you poetry depicting Adolfo Perez Esquivel, 1980 Noble Peace Prize Recipient. Esquivel is a perfect example of a champion of both peace and human rights who wanted to bring about peace and prosperity for the poor and made it happen. His family's poverty didn't become a hindrance for him to fulfill his calling, a multi-talented noble man being a painter, writer, sculptor, an Argentine activist, and a human rights leader.

Esquivel's cry for freedom is eloquently expressed in his books: "Let Freedom Ring" and "Christ in a Poncho: Testimonials of the Non-violent Struggles in Latin America." Being an artist, he is an Empath who promulgated non-violent reform to ease human rights abuses in South America.

Truly, a passionate artist like Adolfo Perez Esquivel can be an instrument of both peace and

change in the world. Like poets, we can be stalwarts of peace and unity of humanity to bring healing to an ailing world through our words.

Congratulations to our Featured Poets for the Month of August and to the Poetry Posse Family for yet another wonderful issue exploding with poignant and creative diverse poetry!

Thank you
Inner Child Press International!

Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo,
International Author and Poet,
Cultural Ambassador to the Philippines/Director
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Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

Yes I am excited and feel accomplished as we enter our seventh year of publishing what I and many others deem to be a worthy enterprise, *The Year of the Poet*.

This past year we have aligned our vision with that of Nober Peace Prize Recipients. We have title this year's theme. The Year of Peace! Hopefully through our sharing each month, our poetry can have a profound effect on our global consciousness and the need for peace while educating ourselves and our readership about some of the individuals who have made history through their efforts to promulgate peace for all of humanity.. We are on our way to hitting yet another milestone. Needless to say, I am elated.

To reiterate, our initial vision was to just perform at this level for the year of 2014. Since that time we have had the blessed opportunity to include many other wonderful poets, word artists and storytellers in the Poetry Posse from lands, cultures and persuasions all over the world. We have featured hundreds of additional poets, thereby introducing their poetic offerings to our vast global audience.

In keeping with our effort and vision to expand the awareness of poets from all walks by making this offerings accessible, we at Inner Child Press International will continue to make every volume a FREE Download. The books are also available for purchase at the affordable cost of \$7.00 per volume.

In the previous years, our monthly themes were Flowers, Birds, Gemstones, Trees and Past Cultures. This coming year we have elected to continue our focus of choosing what we consider a significant subject . . . PEACE! In each month's volume you will have the opportunity to not only read at least one poem themed by our Poetry Posse members about such celebrated Peace Ambassadors, but we have included a few words about each individual in our prologue. We hope you find the poetic offerings insightful as we use our poetic form to relay to you what we too have learned through our research in making our offering available to you, our readership.

In closing, we would like to thank you for being an integral part of our amazing journey.

Enjoy our amazing featured poets . . . they are amazing!

Building Cultural Bridges of Understanding . . .

Bless Up . . . From the home in our hearts to yours

Bill

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Adolfo Pérez Esquivel

1980

Each month for the year of 2020, which we have deemed as *The Year of Peace*, we at Inner Child Press International will be celebrating through our poetry a few Nobel Peace Prize Recipients who have contributed greatly to humanity via their particular avocations. This month of July 2020 you will find select poems from each Poetry Posse member on this month's celebrants.

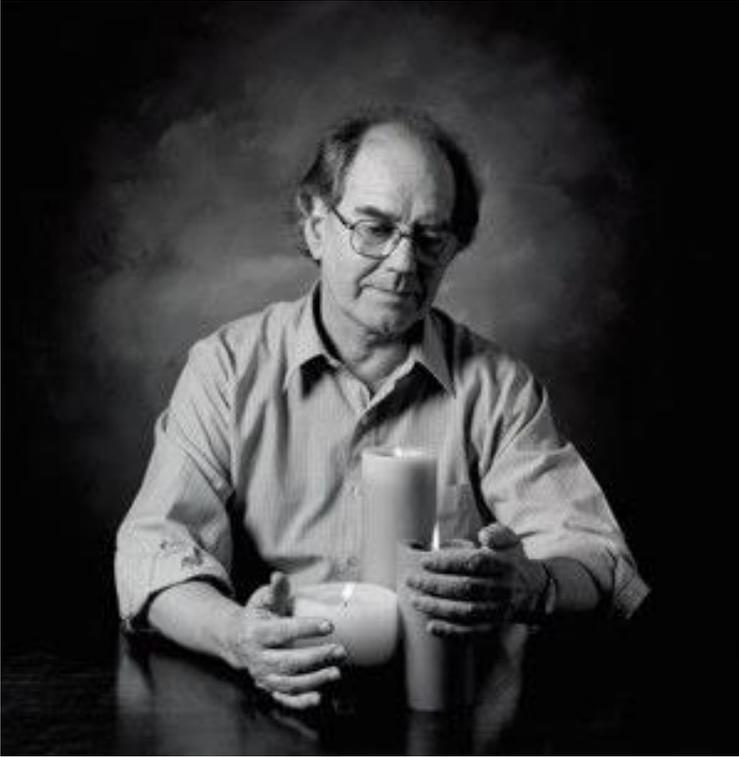
In 1970, The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Adolfo Pérez Esquivel.

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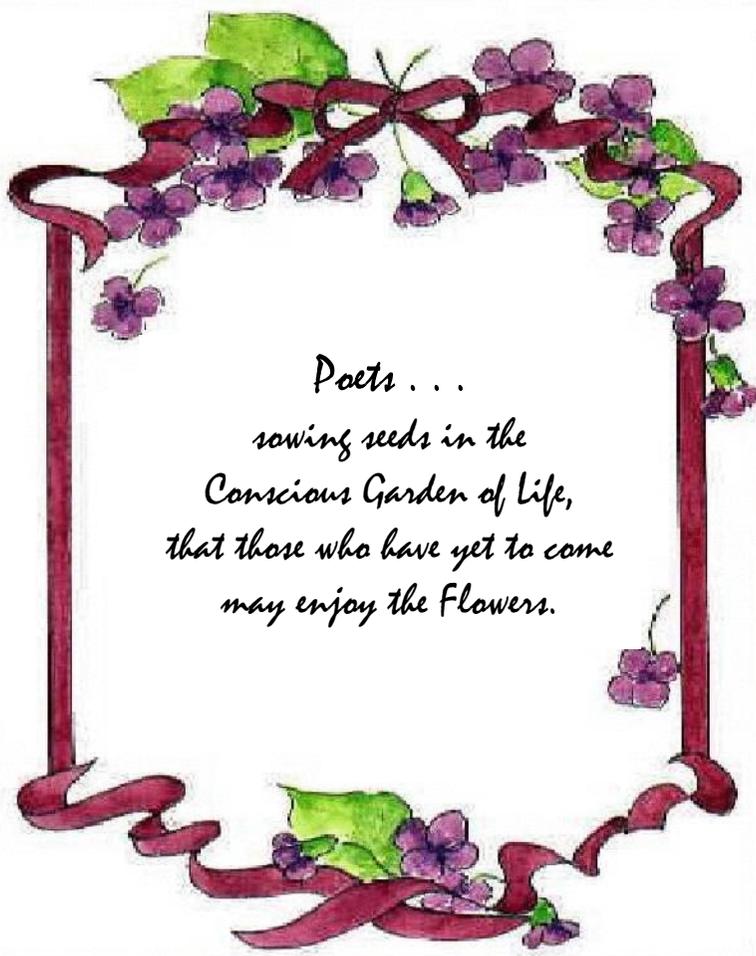
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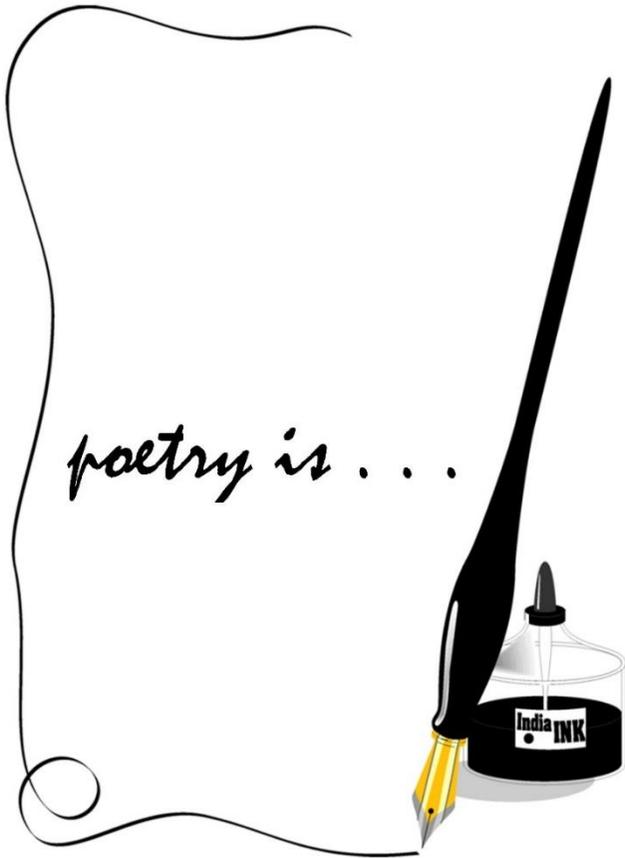
Poets . . .
sowing seeds in the
Conscious Garden of Life,
that those who have yet to come
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp





Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

~ wsp



Gail
Weston
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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

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Oh death

Out of the corner of my eye
A shadow briefly passed
And only just for a second
A refraction of light
I should not have seen it
No one else seemed to have
Or were too afraid to acknowledge
A moving darkness in the sanctuary
Cloaked in blindness
A momentary patch
Over the third sight

Of the multitudes of pew sitting folks
The hallelujahs were loud
The lights grew dim in the noon hour
And it seemed a hot chill passed
While we all called on the Lord
Weeping for private dreams
Praying for private wants
Ignoring private needs
And the reaper walked unmet
To the tares hiding
In amongst the wheat

I averted my eyes lest
He would find me wanting
Offering to make a crossroad deal
Though I knew full well that
This is now the harvest season
And I understood the word mercy
In that moment
For maybe I hadn't done it right
But I am still favored as wheat
And at the dimming of this morn
Death passed me over

Jazz in the Park

It's hot
The music floats under the kenips
Threatening to ripen the bunches
As they hang
Salsa beats to move hips
Men with long forgotten partners
Appearing to dance
With transitioned loves
Smiles stealing a sweet memory
Of the days when only the band
Broke to swallow a cold beer
And wipe a wet forehead
Hands never still until stilled
My mothers speaks of those nights
Under a sweltering sun
The only breeze, seldom
I can hear the skirts swirl
Against the melodies
The men in Sunday brogues
And knife pleated trousers
Because, well because
This is an occasion
May it happens less occasional
The rhythm still moves
The beat is still strong
And the night remains a memory
Of singing scat under the stars
And it
Is hot

Truth

Hold me til the truth
Is close to bursting
With fingertips caressing
The joined places
And sinews begin to hum
Hold me close
Just to hold back
The movement of time
Breathe breath through minutes
And sanction this moment
To be with you
In that continuous consciousness
To lay claim
To the sensation of being
Necessary to your existence
Place your hand
Across my ribs
And whisper of the changes
That have occurred
From the dawning of time
Know me, my heart
In all its pieces
As someone whole who
Understands that every day
Is a day of greatfilledness...

Alicja
Maria
Kuberska

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Alicja Maria Kuberska – awarded Polish poetess, novelist, journalist, editor. She was born in 1960, in Świebodzin, Poland. She now lives in Inowrocław, Poland.

In 2011 she published her first volume of poems entitled: “The Glass Reality”. Her second volume “Analysis of Feelings”, was published in 2012. The third collection “Moments” was published in English in 2014, both in Poland and in the USA. In 2014, she also published the novel - “Virtual roses” and volume of poems “On the border of dream”. Next year her volume entitled “Girl in the Mirror” was published in the UK and “Love me”, “(Not)my poem” in the USA. In 2015 she also edited anthology entitled “The Other Side of the Screen”.

In 2016 she edited two volumes: “Taste of Love” (USA), “Thief of Dreams” (Poland) and international anthology entitled “ Love is like Air” (USA). In 2017 she published volume entitled “View from the window” (Poland). She also edits series of anthologies entitled “Metaphor of Contemporary” (Poland)

Her poems have been published in numerous anthologies and magazines in Poland, the USA, the UK, Albania, Belgium, Chile, Spain, Israel, Canada, India, Italy, Uzbekistan, Czech Republic, South Korea and Australia. She was a featured poet of New Mirage Journal (USA) in the summer of 2011.

Alicja Kuberska 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.

The architect of gentleness

poem dedicated to Adolfo Pérez Esquivel

Great edifices can be made from
Glass, concrete and shiny steel
But future is created out of words

The power of thought allows
To go through the prison bars
To get around the padlocks, gates, and guards
It gives the chance to climb to the top
Where there are the perfect beings
- to the kingdom of goodness and beauty
The world is constantly changing
And a non-violent struggle continues
To give every human being his rights.

Man, year 2020

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

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

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

The matches

I am a child that has not been blessed.
I stand at a street corner
With matches in my hands
And light my dreams with little sparks.

I know why it is so
And understand what happened.
My clock did not strike happy hours...
Or maybe didn't strike them often enough

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Jackie
Davis
Allen



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

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

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

In 2015 she authored *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*, and in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Both books of mostly narrative poetry were published by Inner Child Press and were edited by hulya n. yilmaz.

in 2019, *No Illusions*. Through the Looking Glass, which was nominated to be considered for a Pulitzer Prize by the publisher and editor of InnerChild Press, ltd.

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A Notable Man

An Argentine, a Roman Catholic,
Man of many gifts, talents.

In 1980, this man,
Adolfo Perez Esquivel

Won the esteemed
Nobel Peace Prize,

Rewarded
For his sacrificial opposition

To the civil/military government.
Of his native country,

He remains today,
A ray of hope's light.

For the oppressed.

A New Day, A New Song

Sing, sing! Sing, a new song,

Lest opportunities for renewed friendship
Dissipate into the dark.

Dark, dark! Dark is the heart
Of any who belittles love's effort,
To improve one's station, one's self-worth.

Worth, worth. Take count
Of peaceful investment; it comes
Both with joy and some pain.

Rain, rain. Enjoy the ping ping
Of the pouring rain
That sinks deeply down,

And nourishes the sweet earth.
Earth, earth; let the earth
Bring forth her bounty.

With thanksgiving, we then beg
Of her to rest, to sleep,
Her promises to keep.

Sleep, sleep, my darling.
May the loving arms of angels
Safely cradle you, until you awaken.

For Real

Wonderment, surprise!
It is the season for romance;

See her expressive eyes!

Like the maraschino cherry,
On top of mountains of whipped cream,
Her lips are an invitation.

Anticipation rises.
Tantalizingly.
So too her child-like exuberance!

He grins.
She beams,
As she runs, then leaps

Into his waiting arms.
The ones offering his love,
His adulation.

On waves of giggles,
Like a child,
She snuggles closely, next to his chest.

She, her smile, her thanks,
Her lingering kiss,
Has him totally mesmerized!

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai



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

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

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

Like holy rain
Drip along the branches and leaves
Seep into the ground
Turbid and muddy
The branches and leaves are heavy with unbearable aging
Sinking in the sand, the west wind is blowing violently
Can't find itself
Only that wailing after another
In the name of the poorest and smallest of my brothers and
sisters
The white butterflies are flying on
The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo
Horses lined up
Walking Together with the People
Against the practice on the part of training children into
paramilitary squads
Oh the one who is guilty of sin
Even the final trial
Also leave
Kill like the holy rain
Drip along the branches and leaves
Seep into the ground
Turbid and muddy

That Blue Peach Blossom Lake

One piece of blue light, infinite good scene
How can it be rediscovered the shadow of the moon in this
flower pond?
The old agreement
Sorrowful heart, waiting in spring, didn't know if people
have left
Clouds surround the mountain, the east wind blows through
the sky outside the empty and green cave
The remaining water exudes fragrance, and the cold sky
moans all night

Looking at the birds with blue wings, lights across the bank
The desolate autumn feeling was washed by the dew, and
the person was under the reflection of the water curtain
The moon hangs on the bright pool, and the night falls to
cover the golden line
The fog is so thick, the empty pool surface, soft silk
fluttering everywhere
Sing that song that recalls the past
Crystal curtain roll, cold light stays dark
Swallows fly over, the water sinks and the smoke is wet
Crossing over the colorful clouds, looking at the moonlight
in the distant mountains
The west wind blows my dream, to seek it after a good
night's sleep
Talking and laughing, waterfront, It's not like that year
A new word contains thousands of meanings
A beam of sunset glow, thousands of acres of glaze

That blue peach blossom lake, remembered how gorgeous
it was

Ask sky where to find immortal's dwelling

Blue lake, can anyone understand it?
Peach blossom water, not seen in the world
Peach blossom water, where the ten-year old dream can be
found again?

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Unparalleled Poetry

These articles of poetry
Even if you hold tens of thousands
How you to stop the time elapsing
Day by day
Year after year

Spring, it will not disappear after passing
Apricot flowers are limited, the endless sea of tribulations
Exchange sadness of missing by sickness of poetry
Under rising moon, write down the poetic sentiment of the
special flavor leisurely
My thin body can't stand the cold night wind

That very year, indulge in songs and wine
Arrogant is full of paper
Nowadays, too old to fight for
The flowers in my heart which are slightly open, make me
indulge in self-admiration
Never dare to mention, those old poems
Let them pile up alone by the old brick wall
It's even less practical than the ridiculous reputation of the
past
O, who grind the ink
Let it be! No longer smear over everywhere
Let it be! No longer delay that whole-life precious youth

GRATIS ICPI

Sharḩeef
Abdur
Rashḩeed



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>

Adolfo Perez Esquivel...

B. 1931

Buenos Aires, Argentina
community organizer,
painter, sculptor, writer,
educator, activist, pacifist
champion of the people
creative, creator, gifted
to create, crave for, endorse
promote, sacrifice for peace
peace in the Argentine,
South America, the world
suffered for forgotten peoples
salt of earth
selfless champion of
indigenous, down' trodden,
deprived of human rights
imprisoned, tortured by
oppressive regime
never relented, sold out
a rock of courage to enjoin
the right, forbade the wrong
price to pay for freedom
never free, you pay with
your freedom so others
are free
you pay with your life
that others can live,
live free
this strain runs through
all the peaceful warriors
for peace on earth
they are a cut above,
beyond status quo
Nobel Peace Prize laureate
1980

One who..,

floats thoughts of sweetness
yearning for tranquility

mourning tragedy
literally almost daily
carefully navigates angry waters
deliberately avoids that which
generates voids in essence noise
without voice
what are you saying sir?
i'm just talking about substance
that which inspires fire
in hearts and souls
gives meaning to beings being
meaningful feeling whole
content to know life has meaning
depart on numerous journeys
to seek it out
that's what i'm talking about
for without it one is at loss
just as the seas churn ' n ' toss
one would rather there be calm
waters, tranquil of course
let the soul dwell at peace
in the house of the lord forever
Ameen!

food4thought = education

When your cup..,

continuously
runneth over
stays full

drink from
the overflow
leaving what's in
the cup alone
this example
thee makers endless
bounties
never exhausted
bestowed?
on whom he please
thee blesser
best to bless
endlessly
supply never diminishes
able to fill your cup
keep it full at will
by simply saying " be "
will you not be
grateful?
will you not be pleased?

food4thought = education

Kimberly
Burnham



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. Kim's poetry weaves through 70 volumes of *The Year of the Poet, Inspired by Gandhi, Women Building the World, A Woman's Place in the Dictionary, Tiferet Journal, Human/Kind Journal* and more.

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A River of Hope

A river of hope flows across time
eighty years through the eyes of an artist
human rights activist
1980 Nobel Peace Prize winner

A current of blue and white
the sun golden and red in the sky
as Adolfo Perez Esquivel paints consciousness
a powerful voice for the dispossessed

A tidal wave of human rights
for indigenous mothers and immigrant fathers
his words and art live on
through his time as a "disappeared"

Tortoise Peace

In English
peace often found
between pay and peacock
in Matakoto a language of Argentina
"tanit-pe" or peace is found between

A tortoise on foot
on a path of calm companions
"ta'ni" a land tortoise
"tanicha" is calmed
"tanisej" to go with or accompany
"tanisfwa" companion

Quiet skies and calm water
"tanit cha" calm quiet sky
"tanit-pe" peaceful quiet
said of water

Where married we can rest
in soothing sounds lapping at the shore
"tan'waye" married
"talaj" headrest or pillow

As we grow up calm and wise
learning as we travel through the day
"talakw" great or grown up

And then return on foot
"tapil" return here or come back
"tiischa" on foot
to begin again the day in peace and quiet
slowly like a tortoise
calm as water on a still sunny day

Healing Peace

In South American Aymara

"samaraña" is peace
healing
easing of pain
resting in a quiet place
all these held in "samaraña"

Finding ways to peace more
we must heal and ease pain
in quiet places of peace

A similar word "samana" is air
and breath we require air to breathe
in spots of healing
and calming the pain

"Samanchaña" is paint
or to represent something in color
to see and reproduce the beauty around us
we need more peace air
and "T'arphuyaña" to calm
ourselves, our family, and community

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E.
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Esquivel, Champion of Human Rights

Born poor but yet with a golden heart,

A man also passionate in his art
Peace and prosperity for the poor
Was his grand dream,
The son of a fisherman
Esquivel promoted non-violent reform.

His books depict the voice of freedom
"Let Freedom Ring"
"Christ in a Poncho"
A real champion of human rights,
An activist through peaceful means.

Memory in a Bottle

I collected fragments of memories
Of those great yesteryears

When your love is within my grasp
Of laughter and tears
Like dew drops leaving misty eyes,
Of love letters and forgotten woes
The melody of a dying ember
Stored memory in a bottle.

Like a rainbow cloud, hope is dawning,
Of Noah's Ark, of the Great Flooding
Of white doves signifying peace,
Tainted dreams, shattered glasses
Captured moments in a bottle.

The rhyme and reason
Of unconditional love and devotion,
The waiting game, the damsel in distress
Of a Prince who is yet to arrive
In still moments frozen in time
Embedded memory in a bottle.

Cast in the sea, sunset at the background,
By the shoreline our mem'ries resurfaced,
A tidal wave of emotions
The current taking me in a serene revelry,
Of shared moments stored in a bottle.

Lover Under the Moonlight

I saw your shadow one night
Overcast sky but so it seems,
Waiting for the misty twilight to dawn

The light of the moon
Reflected in your dainty eyes,
Which speak to me of a love so true
My lover under the moonlight
Across the oceans, continents apart,
And yet love connected our hearts.

Verses of oblivion putting me into slumber
To be with you in dreams of forever,
My lover under the moonlight
Beauteous sight, cast under a spell
When your eyes speak of a thousand
Midsummer night's dream,
Even of those words left unspoken
In my sleep tonight, your face I shall remember
My lover under the moonlight,
Enthralls me each time you are in sight.

Joe
Paire

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Joseph L Paire' aka Joe DaVerbal Minddancer . . .

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

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I Want To Write A Love Poem
Words From A Conversation

I was feeling a little left out, left behind
I wanted to coax some emotions from deep within
I remember her

We met in the most unusual circumstance
I was one who enjoyed love from a darker perspective
She loved to dance, off and on shared thoughts in verse
Was I cursed to be alone in this world?
Weeks on end without friend or foe
I had to know if I could write a love poem

The internet rang and I answered in past confidence
Knowing I haven't progressed not one bit
Disillusioned torn apart from the world as I knew it
I was fluent in matters of the heart but not my own
The casualness of our conversation led to this poem
And I quote

“It's thundering so hard out here that it feels like the house
is going to come down. I love it when it rains, but I've
never heard thunder this loud.”

My reply off the fly was

“That's beautiful music to me, I love the thunder
It's like the word from on high to those who'll listen
without fear of the mighty voice”

(note to self, don't quote yourself)

As we continued to conversate, she encouraged me
I had no need to fulfill a fantasy, so I thought of the rain
The sound of it the feel of it on the hottest day

Memories of being caught in a downpour
saying baby what you cry for,
I took pictures.
After hours in a beauty parlor, I miss her.

I itched her with my whiskers
and she never complained
I want to dance again between phrases
Between gazes and days when we just chilled

It's amazing what we do and won't do for love
I want to be the one who says everything is okay
I want to be believed in on my worse day
I don't rehearse things, love should be free flowing
With both of us knowing it's going to be alright
her storm tonight set me free.
I'm beginning to see love poetry.

When We Die For Freedom

How can we live in chains?
when we're preached to love our fellow man
I'm trying to understand the words of the faithful

Do unto others seems to mean do it to others
How can that be
with a taste of communion on those tongues?

Does survival through the bible mean two men are rivals?
Because the action of religious men seem devil like to me
Freedom, peace and prosperity we are taught these things
Values and morality even opportunity seem to fade
I've met my maker a few times in life.
I was told what's provided in death I have now

I was told what's provided in death I have now
I repeat that line because we seem to have forgotten
Life is to be lived as the word prescribes
Eternity starts at birth not the end we ascend from heaven
It's up to us to make it so
Earth is the place paved with gold.

Shout if you feel me, we are so close to the realization
A nation of togetherness is a simple signature away
The world awaits amid this mist we're breathing
And we're breeding hatred in this season of discontent
Death has never been the key to havens gate
Freedom doesn't come in stillness.

Symbolic Coins

No one truly seeks an accolade
when lives are in the balance
I struggle to do just cause for people who earn it.
The Noble Peace Prize.

Adolfo Perez Esquivel was included in those ranks
Incarcerated and tortured for 14 months
Simply for speaking out against both sides
Sides that would lean toward terrorist ways
The advocacy of peace seems to fall on deaf ears
Yet he resigned from his chair at the
Argentine National School of Fine Arts in 1974
Where he was appointed a professorship

A man who sacrifices self is not a man to be paid in coin
Human rights are worth more than that
An architect, painter, sculptor,
lines in his art transformed into lines to his heart
men who stand-by rarely feel
they gaze and graze on the efforts of righteous folk
no one get's paid to be kind,
yet men pave humankind, a path to walkover
How can I praise this man?
Until a few days ago I've never heard of this man
The words of this man, his actions, his advocacy
Is the price of freedom truly free?

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Liberal Arts Emerita, hülya n. yilmaz is a published author, literary translator, and Co-Chair and Director of Editing Services at Inner Child Press International. Her poetic work appeared in an excess of eighty-five anthologies of global endeavors and has been presented at numerous national and international poetry events. In 2018, the Writer's International Network of British Columbia, Canada honored yilmaz with a literary award. As of 2017, two of her poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* – a U.S.-wide poetic art exhibition. hülya finds it vital for everyone to understand a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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Speaking out Non-exclusively . . .

is not an act for the ordinary.

An architect, a sculptor
and a professor of architecture –
all in one person,
has done thus; ever so capably
and effectively.

Adolfo Perèz Esquivel of the 1931-Buenos Aires
was meant to bestow a historical gift upon Earth
once he was given birth.

A committedly nonviolent activist and reformist,
imprisoned and tortured in later years . . .

With his Servicio Paz y Justicia –
though purely a Christian-based construct,
this passionate believer of peace
advocated human rights;
not selectively as too many have done
and continue to do today,
but, rather all-inclusively.

Fast forward to our times . . .
I believe we can safely say
that history suffers from dementia.
A claim that would hold true
if the culprit were a person, that is.

Why does history repeat itself anyway?
Why do we accept its return to us time after time?
Why do our fatal mistakes not stay away?
Why do we insist on our erroneous ways?

Are we tragically forgetful?
Do we refuse to see the tangible reality?
Perhaps it is the age-old egotism

that seems to ensure our own demise;
our innate flaw to which we resort
in the face of injustice to others
to the point that we conveniently retort:

‘I won’t bother with that which does not affect me.’

Hence . . .
unlived decades pass by.
We remain in a deep slumber
and are lulled to our repeated sleeps
under the spell of an utterly cunning lullaby.

A Renga for Adolfo Perèz Esquivel

*My dear poet-friends:
Your collaboration is needed on this one.*

he spoke against
the left- and right-wing violence
too much to ask for?

~ * ~

dreaming intently

i want to wake up
to a global reunion
to breathe unity

Teresa
E.
Gallion



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>

Champion for the Poor

Adolfo Perez Esquivel is an Argentine activist,

community organizer, writer, painter and sculptor. He received the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize for his work to defend human rights. He promoted liberation of the poor, accepted the prize in their name and donated the money to charity.

He was a professor of architecture for many years, but later appointed Professor of Peace and Human Rights Studies at the University of Buenos Aires. He was an avid activist for peace and justice.

I Wanted to Tell You

I wanted to tell you.
My touch is holy

and my embrace is sacred.
When could I tell you
and you truly hear me.

I wanted to tell you.
I have eagle eyes.
I see beyond your breast
the scar that holds your fear.
I have the power to heal.

I wanted to tell you.
The flow from your womb
is righteous.
When could I tell you
and you truly feel me.

I wanted to tell you.
Your heart is a ball of purity
in a sea of emotions.
Those emotions crippling you,
I have the power to remove.

I wanted to tell you.
I carry the love of spirit
on my shoulders.
When could I tell you
and you truly believe.

I wanted to tell you.
I carry the spark of divine love
and want to share it with you.
I am capable of surrender
I have the power to give.

Mom and Pops

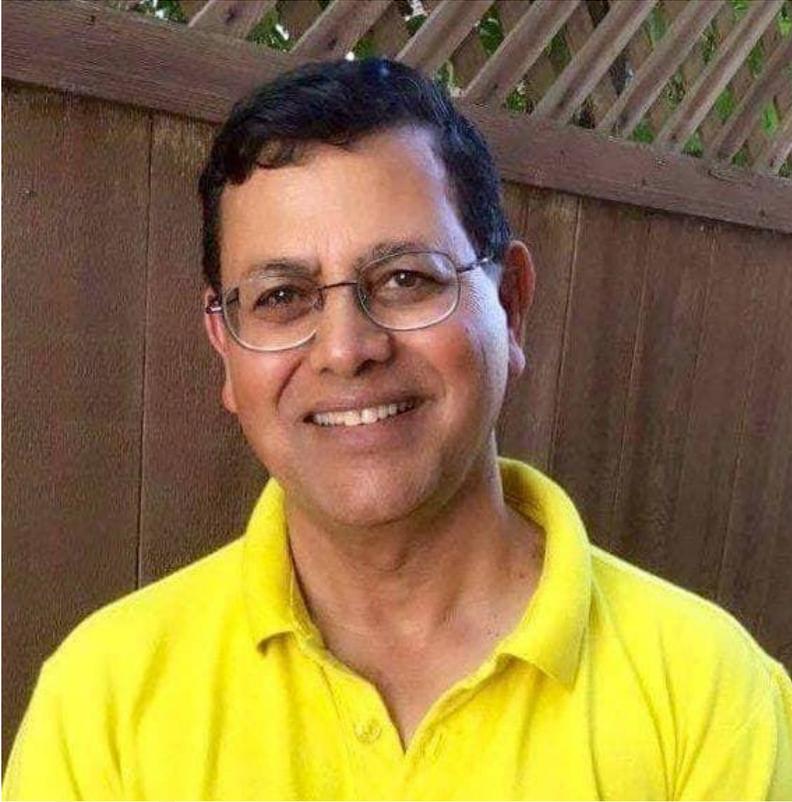
I cruise by the house
to eat Mom's cooking.
She is happy beyond reason.

From the living room window,
I see him stroke my car windows
with love using the morning paper.
Those windows sparkle, spit shine,
love glittering.

I see Mom out the corner of my eye
with a smile from 7th heaven
watching me watch Pops
as I eat her greens and cornbread.

Pops has magic hands dipped in holiness
and Mom has hands of grace.
You cannot compete with
a love like that.

Ashok
K.
Bhargava



Ashok Bhargava is a poet, writer, community activist, public speaker, management consultant and a keen photographer.

Based in Vancouver, he has published several collections of his poems: *Riding the Tide*, *Mirror of Dreams*, *A Kernel of Truth*, *Skipping Stones*, *Half Open Door* and *Lost in the Morning Calm*. His poetry has been published in various literary magazines and anthologies.

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

I'm Peace that is Nowhere

The spectacle of hatred

how to interpret it.

Beyond grasp is its repercussions.
Is it intolerance or fury against others?

For centuries blood has been spilled,
dead buried in the name of peace.

We indulge in it a thousand times
in Yemen, Palestine, Iraq or Afghanistan.

Life becomes a war, often
agony and torture orbit the conflict.

Time gnaws the shattered lives
drenched by the rain of bullets.

Divine patience needed to attain peace.
When we think we have it, it moves.

Sentience

all we do
open eyes

to see
the beauty

a slug-crawl by
a spider's cobweb
with an amazing grace

each morning
we wake up
look around
see the beauty

of tiny insects
slowly sliding
frictionless
as the eyes move

A Peace Road, Perhaps

I peep into the past
and find all answers or clues
have been erased by Time

Where does this road lead to?

This road has existed
from ancient times.
It has witnessed the of footsteps
of marauders, saints, kings
and regular folks like you and me
reborn with a burden of unlearned
lessons and forgotten history.

Is it Babylon
or Jerusalem?

Far into horizon
I see the distant ruins.

Why I'm walking on this road
to that unknown place?

I have no answers.

Caroline
'Çeri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis



Caroline 'Ceri Naz' Nazareno-Gabis, World Poetry Canada International Director to Philippines is known

as a ‘poet of peace and friendship’, a multi-awarded poet, editor, journalist, speaker, linguist, educator, peace and women’s advocate. She believes that learning other’s language and culture is a doorway to wisdom.

Among her poetic belts include 7 th Prize Winner in the 19 th and 20 th Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada “Amazing Poet 2015”, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), the sair-gazeteci or Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

Her poetry and children’s stories have been featured in different anthologies and magazines worldwide.

Links to her works:

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The Teacher is Born

Tribute to Adolfo Pérez Esquivel

you are always born,
you never die...

when life turns uncertain,
you give us windows of the future
we see reinvented horizons,
when all seem to be unworthy,
your words gather unwavering stories
of dignity, sacrifice and wisdom,
when no one listens, that your heart
started to be torn and crumble,
your majesty remains standing
you were there, you bleed
but your heart is an unfathomable
field of bravery and courage.

everyday's free magical story
For my daughter

you would sleep like a princess,

when mom and dad's arms
are ever comforting craddles
of lullabies ,

you would be merry with milkbottles
or mom's breastfeeding tales
in full swing to ease hunger,

you are everyday's free magical
entertainer, little boss,
giver of hope,
littlest star, to our life's full circle
and when you radiate a little smile
the weary world becomes
blissfully blessed.

the masterpiece

thinking of day and night,
you are the daily sunshine,
you are the beaming moonlight,

the seasons' adorable lush
of daffodils, blue luminiscence
of endearing buttons,
of silky baby pink socks
of tempting creamy mittens,
that you always find soft;
that it pacifies you,
more than just a piece of comfort,
just like having you in our lives
because you are our masterpiece,
our most precious neonate.

Swapna
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of Gold Cross of Wisdom Award, the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE AWARD 2018, Ambassador De Literature Award 2018, Global Literature Guardian Award, International Life Time Achievement Award and the Master of Creative Impulse Award. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government accredited Literary Society LLSF. Her one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 50 languages. She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union, Kazakhstan 2018. Italy, the National President for India by Hispanomundial Union of Writers (UHE), Peru, the administrator of several poetic groups, and the Cultural Ambassador for India and south Asia of Inner Child Press U.S.

no chair is vacant

the sky is the endless version of a celebration
don't ever think to tie a horizon in its clouds

the sea is never erased
melodies are canvas
don't put the hash tag of your name on it

the air is restless in open balconies
the virus peeping here and there

poison spreads in the arteries and veins of the soil
every plant needs oxygen beyond the polythene

someone spreads tears on the fire zone of the pyres
who conspires ?
five elements are at stake

you are just a dot in the cosmic range
a dot needs no chair to establish the citizenship
a dot shines ,makes the painting

you are just a dot dear
clean the hardware and glaze the dot
for a dot can be a Sun
a sun needs no chair
because it plays no hide and seek

you are a copious dream
reflecting every soul and investing your energy
no chair is vacant
in fact you don't need a chair to establish yourself
your journey is your identity
not your chair !

liberate me

Liberate me from the bonding
bonding that ties my soul
for every liberation is exotic

Liberate me from love
love that expects and so possessive
for every Greater Love is divine

Liberate me from myself
For ME and I speak only narcissism
myself is only the reflection of Thyself
nothing is mine

Liberate me from my pains
for pains are created by my own ego
let me inhale the Greater pain of the street

Liberate me from lust
for lusts are so puzzled and confused
let my lust be converted into love

Liberate me from my self ego
for egos camouflage
let my ego be converted into humility to serve

Liberate me from this time zone
for time zones are created by latitudes or longitudes
let me be the eternal Sun
and dance

Sowing the seeds with open feast

and
he says
sow the seeds with open feasts
the declaration of a humble man
non violence is absolute respect for each human being
none can sow seeds with clenched fist
a new society is
possible
with friendly hands without hatred and rancour

he is
an activist ,community organiser,
a painter ,
artist ,sculptor of Argentina
who opposed the last civil -military dictatorship
the recipient of Pope JohnXXIII Peace memorial

his murals and monuments
the fifteen station Latin American Via Crucis
that includes a Lenten cloth “A new sky and a new land ”
to commemorate
the 500th Anniversary of conquest of America
the sculptor of
‘Monument of Refugees’

he opposed
the last civil military dictatorship
an artist;

shines in the hearts
a Nobel peace prize recipient
Adolfo Perez Esquivel

a true sculptor who sows the seeds with open feast

Albert
'Infinite'
Carrasco



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

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Aldolfo Pérez Esquivel

On November 26 1931 Adolfo Pérez Esquivel was born in
Buenos Aires, Argentina
He and his family lived in poverty,
That will be one of the things that fueled his fire soon after.
Years later he'll be a household name in Latin America.
He became an Architect,
A sculptor,
And a human rights activist.
He is an opponent of all violence.
Searching for a way to keep the world working with equal
and peaceful order,
Is the life of this leader.
Because of him traveling and sharing his beliefs,
He was imprisoned over and over,
and felt the pain of torture.
There's a light in him that never went dim,
when it came to non violent liberation.
In 1980, due to hard work and touched lives,
Aldolfo Pérez Esquivel was awarded the Nobel peace prize

“p”

I wasn't embarrassed if he was mopped out in a nod scratching and leaning, I've taken him to the clinics get his meth, as a youngen I've seen that prescription in my kitchen, I grew up around addiction. I didn't co sign, I always preached the ramifications with hopes to see change in his condition. I took him for who he was, only God can judge us.

No one is perfect, we all have bones in our closet, I walked with a cache, vest and red cash in the projects, he didn't look at me as a thug or hustler, he looked at me as a lil brother, we both was poor so he overstood the hunger, he had my back as I advertised a color, when he heard shots or sirens he'll wait for me on his floor with open doors because he knew I was breezn up those concrete stairs with my material and burner.

He was a man of many hats, he was never scared to get his hands dirty, by any means he was going to feed his family. I admired that. He worked for his, hustled for his, everything he did was for his kids and wis. Our history started in the late seventies and continued into twenty twenty, we had a strong bond, four decades of beautiful and ugly memories.

I went from broke to willie and he was there in the beginning and end with no cross in him, straight loyalty. I thought he'll live forever, we evaded death for a long time but he returned to the father after putting up a long fight with stage three. Love you "p"

Trapped

Although we had lookouts in the trap, I didn't like putting my freedom in their hands so I constantly checked the front, park side and back. I had a lot to lose and a lot to gain, wasn't going let the D's or shooters sneak up and catch me with my gat, catch me moving soft and hard caine or catch me slipping to end my reign. Had to be on point like chopper slugs, if not you'll be counting down days to release dates or become food shared with earthworms, maggots and other corpse eating bugs. I was different, I had that eye, I studied the parked car line up and eyeballed everybody walking by, if I saw a flock of birds fly, I looked around that area of trees to see why, the only way to catch me sleeping was in that split second when I blinked my eyes. I wasn't out there for sneaker, liquor and weed money. Work was getting put in, the streets was my career, dudes were temporary hustlers, ya know out there just to get fly or get high, I was out there everyday trying to break the generational curse, not just on the first. The game became second nature, every move that was made was for family, my team and future paper. They say the game doesn't last forever, that's a lie, it does, the only thing that changes is new men in position and flight patterns of cemetery lawn released doves. I've lost a lot of men regardless of how good I was.

Eliza
Sęgięł

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Eliza Segiet - A graduate of Jagiellonian University, The author of poetry volumes. *Romans z sobą* [*Romance with*

Oneself] (2013), *Myślne miraż*e [*Mental Mirages*](2014), *Chmurność* [*Cloudiness*] (2016), *Magnetyczni* (2018) *Magnetic People*- translation published in The USA in 2018, *Nieparzyści* [*Unpaired*] (2019), A monodrama *Prześwity* [*Clearance*] (2015), a farce *Tandem* [*Tandem*] (2017), Mini novel *Bezgłośni* [*Voiceless*](2019). Her poems can be found in numerous anthologies both in Poland and abroad. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The World Nations Writers Union. The laureate of The International Annual Publication of 2017 for the poem Questions, and for the Sea of Mist in Spillwords Press in 2018. For her volume of Magnetic People she won a literary award of a Golden Rose named after Jaroslaw Zielinski (Poland 2019 r.). Her poem *The Sea of Mists* was chosen as one of the best amidst the hundred best poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada. In The 2019 Poet's Yearbook, as the author of *Sea of Mists*, she was awarded with the prestigious Elite Writer's Status Award as one of the best poets of 2019 (July 2019).

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

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

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

In November 2019 she is a nominee for Pushcart Prize.

Without hatred

To Adolf Pérez Esquivel,

- Laureate of Nobel Peace Prize of 1980 .

Listening to God's silence,
without use of force,
the architect of peace
reached hands out towards a human,
to aid.

He pursued harmony,
fought for justice.

All in defense of
– the truth,
– the peace,
– the lack of hatred.

After all
when the world reveals itself with love,
it is friendly for all.

Translated by Ula de B

For Them

I'm still alive
– happy otherwise.
Under the cover of understatement
I pretend it is good.

It is not so!

Hungry children
wander without a father.
They say that...
I don't know what!
I should be the head for them,
but it looks bad,
on it are traces
of my history.

I'm still alive
– happy otherwise
I age faster,
get thinner
and more and more I want to live
for them.

I do not know
how to explain to them
something
that is inexplicable?

Birds

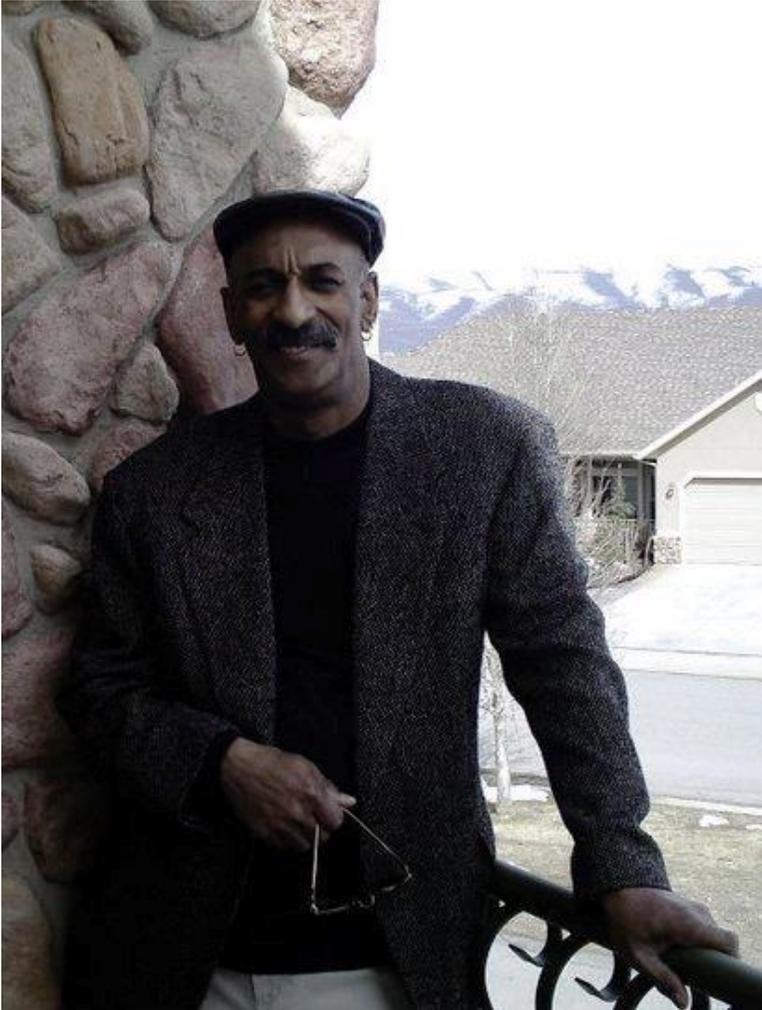
I still heard
the flighty birds.
They chirped,
as if the world was spotless.

I looked at them,
they flittered on both sides of the wall.
They chose
the way they were going,

they
- were free!

Translated by Artur Komoter

William
S.
Peters Sr.



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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Remembering Adolfo Pérez Esquivel

I toiled and struggled

In the fields of hope
Believing the yield
Of my crop,
The sweat of my brow
Had possibilities
To bring about
A fruit
That all humanity
Could taste
And enjoy

Peace was necessary
For my existence
And many like myself
Who longed
To once again
Embrace
That which they remembered
From the youth
Of their souls

I could not help my self,
For purpose had seized me
In a grip of death,
A grip of life . . .
Required I think
Of the hearts
Of all men

Spreading my Wings

I have always encouraged my children,
All children,

Elucidating the message,
That 'You' can Fly

I speak for my ancestors
Who have endured,
Suffered,
Yet still dreamed
Of this day
Where I could make a difference.

I speak for my children,
And the children of my children,
Ad infinitum,
That they may continue the strong tradition
Of believing,
And working toward the great manifest
Of acceptance,
Compassion,
Embrace
And love

I walk the path
That my soul has laid before me,
For I must reconcile
My darkness
With my light,
And the light of my Creator

I mind not the toil,
The sweat of my brow
Blinds me at times,
But I mind not,
For it evidences my willingness
To submit to the expression
That I may remain
The variegated color
Of the canvass
Of my humanity . . .

I glow vibrantly
With cosmic dust
And a 'Soul Trust'
That must be given
Back unto from
Whence it came

My color is exponential
In its vastness . . .
I am translucent,
I am opaque,
And all the visions and views
In between

I am the wonder of life
That can not be mastered
From without
For my exponential-ness
Has a non-exhaustive potential
That speaks in terms
Of probabilities,
So, you probably better beware,
For when I, we spread our wings
You will be enveloped
In the shadows
Of my/our light.

Reset

Gathering a means
To validate esteem
With 'likes' and 'comments',
'Points' and 'levels'
Allowing 'Social Media'

And Game Designers
To become our saviour . . .
From 'self'

'Thumbs up'

Watching Netflix and HULU,
YouTube and Fox News . . .
Who knew that our lives
Would become
What they are

Once upon a time
I had dreams
That I truly believed in,
That were spawned from
The books I read . . .
I believed,
So, I attempted to work towards that end
To make them manifest
Into my every day truth

. . . .
I added imagination
And words of mine own,
And the passages became paragraphs,
Which grew into chapters
And translated into years

Where character and characters
Were developed,
Plots etched in the sands,
Congealed and thickened,
And thus, played out
In my ever-evolving life

Swipe,
Double Tap,

Please leave a comment,

.....

Emojis have grown more than i

Friendships and followers,

And other nuances

That feed our hopes

And desires

That someone is paying

Attention

To who we are,

Or at least

Who we think we are,

Or pretend to be

Hi-rise towers of self-frailties

Built upon limestone

And sandstone foundations

That is surely to erode

As time quickens,

Plots thicken

Humanity sickens

Of its self

In the meantime,

Wealth is another false equation

That is the basis of the persuasion

Of 'The Lost',

People such as you

And i

Lies accepted as certitudes,

Attitudes off the charts,

'Mini-Mart' of perspectives

Dominating our convictions

And derelictious ways
As 'Day by Day'
We cruise the net
Looking for 'sure bets'
That will deliver to us
In 'Prime' time . . .
The next day,
As they promised . . .
And they do!

We attempt to buy our way
Out of our misery
With fading artifacts
'Made in China'
At the 'Sweat Factories'
Of human suffering,
Further enriching
Those 'FAT CATS'
Who feed us facts
Filled with diversion,
Subterfuge,
Deceits,
And other falsehoods spoken

From beneath their
Pointed hoods
Of exclusion

In the mean time,
We pass time
Absent mindedly
With no consciousness employed,
Deployed,
Yet annoyed we are
About our condition. . . .
Is it time for our

Seditionist nature to arise
I ask,
And take on the daunting task
And reset?

*Let us purge the distractive divisive delusions of darkness
and reset ourselves, our humanity.*

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Featured Poets

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Dr Pragya Suman :

I am a doctor by profession and literature is my passion. I am from India. My poetry has appeared in Five anthologies this year. My poems and reviews have been published in many magazines and books. I have acquired certificates of excellence for my poetry from Global forum Motivational Strip, Asian Literary Society, Global Literary Society and other forums also. I inherited my inclinations towards writing from my father. He was a civil Engineer by profession, but always kept his library up to date. My mother was house wife, my parents are my ideal though both are no more.

White songs

The words upon the pink petals
were frisky and limpid in the whistling wind.
they spread upon the soil in a whimper,
I tried to embellish them in slumber.
broken song in bits in vain
elegy of soul stale away in slain!
In mauve colour
dream I saw them again
though my abiding was abstract and whole.
I am heckled in, bites in soul
"now I sing white songs standing upon the graveyard "

The Tunic Of My Father

The tunic of my father is still on the tenterhooks, though alienated in aura as dust is in the air.

One day I saw it nibbled out in multiple holes, my mother sewed it for hundred years.

My wrinkled eyes are now in arcus senilis and in a big vacuum I am sucking the teats of my mother !

Compass

My eyelashes

were in the wings of butterfly
and in brewing coffee
with a segment of salt
my medic eyes knew,
you were going to die soon.
In one flash,
I moved around the moon.
Globe on your table
is stand still
and compass is crusted
as location
of yours is beyond par !

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CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

Books of poems will be published:

- Vietnamese Contemporary Poetry (Volume 1)
- The Couple of Terns in the Vast Sky

And a lot of printed works in newspapers, magazines and general publications.

The Will Paper Of A Dead Lover

The love story is so beautiful but tragic
Commonly, we're predestined a love romantic
We will go to a happy marriage as thinking
We failed as meeting the scene of mourning

We don't work for the same company
We've loved three years so far, you see
Having promised to get married at large
The wedding will be held in the West in March

He's still been in Wuhan city, China
Working as an informatics engineer
For a fashion exports company, I like
We meet every day on Wechat website

Hearing news Wuhan spread the virus
I received his message sent me as such
"I get a cough, my body at high temperature
I'm worried to be infected with Covid as ever

I scolded him to say unlucky things a little
Wuhan has over tens of millions of people
Not easy for you to be infected so quickly
I comfort, reassure but I'm also not happy

I wish for safety, it is my true attitude
I'm waiting for his news every minute
Bad Luck, I pray, please, don't fall down
On an honest person who loses faith now

In the sad afternoon, on Wechat talking
I received news he went to the hospital for testing
Got an order number but he couldn't enter at all
I asked: "Why didn't you go to another hospital

He sighed: "Everywhere is the same, oh, Lord!
Lots of people in fever are patiently waiting for
Most hospitals are full of patients at present
It is hard to be cured as our hope or consent "

“How are you, my darling! On the whole
“My body is tired, the stomach is abnormal
I feel nausea, cough, fever, chest pain
Symptoms of pneumonia have I gained?

I thought he must be infected by Virus
I worried to find the means or way, thus
Helping him to be diagnosed with his disease?
I asked my friend's husband to help quickly

Helping him to be diagnosed on the whole
My friend's husband worked at a private hospital
So he refused to receive anyone of fever
Many patients are waiting for him to take care

My heart in pain, but I didn't discourage
He really needed me I couldn't quit
My impatience made me choke the throat
I rushed to book a ticket, able to approach

At midnight they canceled the trip of visiting
They ordered to blockade Wuhan that morning
The pandemic spread overcame my imagination
Then I didn't know who could help me in action?

I called a video chat to meet him
So close, why couldn't I touch him?
Warm arms were full of longing
I couldn't hear the sweet-talking

He was lying, covered with a blue blanket
He tightly hugged a teddy bear I gave indeed
Near the bed on a cabinet was a lot of medicine
"Call your company right away, have you seen?"

Or local managers, ask them to help some
Sending someone to visit you at home
He was bored, shaking his head lazily
“Not okay! They don't have only me

“Many infected people are in critical condition
Need to help right away with their urgent action
Busy with difficulty under great pressure
I can still go, it's my temporary pleasure

Many patients are in critical calamity
The pandemic spread fast, unexpectedly
People in the whole town are in panic
They can't deal with the pandemic

He felt better the next day if I could behold
I thought he might only catch a little cold
But being so scared I was constantly crying
All the street was full of corpses stinking

He said: “Peace of mind, don't worry
Oh, at this moment, my wife is ugly!”
With tearful eyes, I smiled wryly for fun
His comfort words don't make me fun

Temporarily not thinking of instability
A few days passed over quietly slowly
Urgently, he called me on Wechat website
The voice was slack, painful, and tired

He said, "Darling, promise me
I said this with all my sincerity
Obey me, don't cry, don't be sad to panic
Our unlucky fate, you must be optimistic

“If I can't be with you to step forward
To accomplish being engaged with each other

This life we can't finish our wedding
We have to postpone, is it such thinking?

Although our dream of marriage is broken
I still want you to get happiness golden
So I have some words on my will paper
Remember to hand it to your future lover

For sure, your future lover will read it
He'll change my role as a groom to create
A little bit of the dowry I leave for you
You feel free to use it later, it is true

Curious I opened the will file
When reading my heart seemed died
My heart seemed broken into pieces
My tears wet the phone screen soulless

“As soon as you read this will document
I congratulate you to be her boyfriend
Winning my girlfriend's heart, great
I'm not jealous when you're talented

The following is my secret confide
There are some important advice
Certainly, you remember to remind
She is a bit stubborn sometimes

You tolerate her unconditionally
As her protector, you should be ready
To protect her all the life, not to blame
Vestibular pain, her anxiety has such a name

You should not be easy to talk miscellaneous
I gently rub her forehead if she's unconscious
I make her feel asleep, after her sound sleep

She wakes up in the fresh mood, all pain relieves

This is the method of Eastern medicine
I've learned it, you have to trust in
She still has another defect more or less
I've tried to help her fix her wrongness

But I can have no more occasion
I leave this task to you for action
She is a film addict at night
She loses the concept of time

She watches film until 3 early morning
With a tired body, then she goes sleeping
This is bad behavior to harm health, you see
Sleeping time is not enough to rest, obviously

Try to help her to fix, you love her
When two of you are life partners
There's a lot of obstacles in love naturally
I wish two of you have a good sympathy

To respect, tolerate each other, you understand
I don't know where is your native land
Where is the place you will earn a living
What I remind you is not a big thing

But it is rather important to note, I hope
You need to know-how is a true love
As deep as my love I've given her as ever
I want to thank you a lot to care for her

Since you substitute me to care indeed
I wish both of you run good business
You're happier and happier with children
If missing me, at my grave, burn incense

At the lower part of the document file
He wrote to me his last words for my plight
“Here is my name, bank account, and password
That is a property for your dowry, so I word

It values \$100.000 Chinese currency
It is the save of my working money
All my life I love only you – my honey
You deserve to inherit all my money.

The Belief Of Aspiration

Life sometimes revolves in this existence
Let ask misery people in pondering moments
Who can foresee the reunion or separation?
Sad or joyful days so as to longing in motion?

We share confide at the nameless place
To tie our relationship being love fate
The two hearts in the same beat, same flow
Sunshine or rain we’ve ever experienced sorrows

From now on we hope our love fullness
Man life career adapts our desire more or less
For tomorrow, it exists throughout generations
It's forever constant the belief of aspiration

We love the simple life of sincerity
The ideal rises among life worldly
With our will, we keep our loving fire
The vow is witnessed by the blue sky

NIỀM TIN KHÁT VỌNG

Cuộc đời luôn có lúc quay vòng
Hỏi khách trăm luân phút chạnh lòng
Hội ngộ phân ly ai biết trước?
Buồn vui ngày tháng biết mà trông?

Tâm tư chia sẻ chốn không tên
Ràng buộc chữ tình nên nợ duyên
Đôi trái tim yêu cùng nhịp đập
Nắng mưa từng trải những truân chuyên

Từ đây duyên nợ mong viên mãn
Sự nghiệp nhân sinh trọn ước nguyện
Tồn tại mai sau bao thế hệ
Niềm tin khát vọng vẫn triền miên

Yêu anh sống giản dị chân thành
Lý tưởng trào dâng giữa thế gian
Giữ lửa yêu thương cùng chí hướng
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Agent Orange CHẤT ĐỘC DA CAM

Xào xạt tiếng mưa như nguyện cầu
Ươm mầm nhân nghĩa, vun tình sâu
Cùng đoàn thiện nguyện đi thăm hỏi
An ủi những bà mẹ khổ đau

Vạt nắng dát vàng rơi óng ả
Tùng cơn gió nhẹ thổi mơn man
Chiều về, xóm đạo bình yên quá
Gác nhỏ nằm trong ngõ vắng tanh

Căn nhà gỗ cũ nhiều khe nứt
Vết nắng trải dài màu tái xanh
Những giọt thủy tinh như thỏ thức
Động trên mái lá sáng long lanh

Đồng nghiệp được thăm cô tạp vụ
Chịu thương chịu khó làm lao công
Siêng năng, sạch sẽ và ngăn nắp
Công tác hoàn thành, luôn hết lòng

”Thầy cô đã đến ” em tươi cười
“Thật ngại, nhà không có chỗ ngồi
“Tiếp đãi thầy cô cho đúng lễ”
Thoáng buồn em lấp bắp đôi môi

Tôi vội trấn an ”không có sao”
“Chị em đồng cảm, đừng lời thôi
“Em đừng đặt nặng chi nghi lễ
“Bối rối làm gì!”, tôi tiếp lời:

Bất chợt vang lên tiếng gọi “..Ồ..”
Em nói “Con em chào đó cô!”
Góc trái sát tường, tôi chợt thấy
Con em, cháu bé nằm co ro
Tay chân quặt quẹo cứ run rẩy
Đôi mắt khác thường đang mở to
Lơ lảo đảo nhìn, tròn trắng dã
Miệng cười như khóc - một tràng ho

Cầm tay cháu bé: “Cô chào con”
“Được mấy tuổi rồi hở cháu ngoan?
Cháu bé lắc đầu, miệng ú ớ
Hai dòng nước mắt rơm rớm loang

Tiếng cô tạp vụ: “Cháu mười tuổi
“Tuổi như năm, người nhỏ con
“Cháu bị tật nguyên trong bụng mẹ
“Nếu thai em phá, cháu không còn.

“Nhưng em không thể nào vô tâm
“Nữ giết con thơ, nữ nhẫn tâm
“Khi biết thai nhi năm tháng tuổi
“Em tin quả báo đến ngàn năm

“Nhìn con tàn tật, tim đau nhói
“Chất độc da cam của chiến tranh
“Qui trách cho ai gieo tội lỗi
“Cũng nhờ xã hội giàu lòng nhân.

“Chồng em chết trận đã mười năm
“Ở vậy nuôi con em tảo tần
“Mơ ước gì đây trong cuộc sống?
“Chỉ mong no ấm được yên thân”

“Thầy cô an ủi người nghèo khổ
“Xã hội giúp em có việc làm
“Tương ái tương thân ai cũng biết
“Thì đời hạnh phúc đẹp vô ngần.”

Rustling rain as the sound of prayers with the hope
Nurturing human kindness, cultivating a deep love
Together with the volunteer team, I visit
Comforting suffering mothers indeed

Golden sunshine drops fall shinely
Every light breeze blew caressingly
In the afternoon, the religious hamlet is so peaceful
The cottage is located in a deserted alley sorrowful

The old wooden house with cracks was seen
Slight sunshine carpet is pale light green
Crystal droplets are seemingly sobbing
Stagnate water on the roof are glittering

The colleague we visited is a school maid

She suffers hard work as a laborer as said
Diligent, clean and tidy, good manner indeed
Her complete work is always wholehearted

"Teachers have come" she smiled a bit
"It's embarrassing, the house has no seat
"To treat teachers properly as I like to keep
A sad moment. she stuttered her lips

"it's okay already!" I reassured quickly
"We're sisters of sympathy, don't worry
"Don't place any heavy rituals to pursue
"Don't confuse for nothing!", I continued

Suddenly, a voice sounded "Oh .."
The school maid said: "my son says hello"
I suddenly saw in the left corner of the wall
A child was lying down in stoop after all

His body, arm, and leg were trembling
His unusual eyes were a wide opening
With wild white irises, he seemed in an around looking
He smiled like crying - a cough as a rooster crowing

Holding the child's hand I asked: "I salute you"
I went on asking " Oh, dear! how old are you?
His mouth babbled, the child shook his head
His eyes were moist with tears instead

The school maid said: "He's ten years old
His body as small as a child of five years old
"He had a disability in the womb indeed
if I aborted my fetus, he wouldn't exist

"But Oh, God! I cannot be heartless
"To kill my future baby so is heartless
"When knowing my five-months-old fetus neared
"I believe in retribution for thousands of years

"Looking at my disabled son, my heart aches as ever
"The Agent Orange of the war is a massacre
"Whom can I blame about this ghostly sin, you see?
"Fortunately I still have the kindness of the society

"My husband died in battle ten years ago
"I've nurtured my son, kept being a widow
"What is my dream in this life reality?
"I just wish to live in peace and safety

"You teachers comfort the poor's hope
"Society helps me get a stable job
"Mutual solidarity, everyone knows this
Oh, happiness, how so beautiful life is!

Srinivas
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Worked in various countries in the capacity of English faculty for their respective government organisations before he relocated to Bangalore in the year 2014. Worked in Oman, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam for the Ministry of Education for about 15 years. Came back to India in 2014. Since then he has been working as Head of the Department of English PG centre affiliated to Bangalore University. He currently lives in Bangalore city.

Won several prestigious awards in the field of teaching outside India in all the countries that he worked.

Casket, full of dreams

Dream, daughter of night,
Solace the troubled soul
Comforting through piles of broken images
Each droplet of foggy dream slips on a window pane

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Silky & slippery
Frothing & floating
They have no script
Nor screenplay
Nurturing the oblivion
They push me into bliss
Haunting with tinted streamers
Dreams, Oh! they cut through life
as if they define Life and Love

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Tales upon tales, piling for ever
Tales on wings, tales coloured with feathers
as delicate as balloons, as frail as airships
Self pricking all of a sudden
Self annihilating as fog....
Dying, dying and phoenix again
They are there in words and letters too
Its all about you
It gets the same story
Story of Life and Love

Let me....wait!
wait for the fulfilled dream!
Life asks for Love

(To her: She has been my life force and she suggested this title and Can't say if it matched with her thoughts! But still, it is for her)

The City that never dreamt

The Sun-burnt city never sleeps
as if to warm up the clogged hearts
as if to crucify the odd one
the Sun-light clad city never dreams

The dew on December flowers competes
with my shower- gel in the morning
the fog in January sneaks quietly
over the naked mountains and rock faced hillocks
still, natives sleep in blankets of miasma
as if there's no tomorrow
destiny is drafted, anyway!

One needs to embrace veracity and wakeup
either with Mosque hails or Temple bells
or the vendors' clarion call
the school children's sweet songs make the medley
as the morning flowers pave the way for them

The occasional rain dampens the hearts
if not the red Earth
the late Spring plays its flute all through
the surged up Sea snarls against the shore
solacing its admirers with foamy waves

A conglomerate of cultures,
the city that shelters myriad temples
the city that pricks one's taste buds
lo! It cuddles you into it
where all the six senses invoked to life
where hillocks make sensual love with Sea

*(This is an Ode on Vizag, a port city in Andhra Pradesh,
India, where I was born & bred)*

When death strip teased a biker...

Time lays its trap--
a death trap of camouflage.....cowardly
He was challenging Time, while wheeling!
never realized the truth--
Time and Death-- in the same cradle

Death hates Time as it is...
as it pedals and reins the ultimate
Whats the texture of death
If it is to define the beautiful Life?

Where does Man linger
Is it between life and death
Or
between Time and Death
always a mystery, kept by Time

do we invite death by ourselves
or
does it come itself as an uninvited guest

how do we tempt our end?
Do we tempt it anyway?
If life is measured by minutes and seconds
And celebrate b'days
Why don't we rejoice death too?

By the way, how do we want to die
At the end of it?
It what—
It symbolizes the Time
The ultimate Time

No one knows nor does to pretend to know....
Value life! Value of death too
After all none wants a cruel death!!

(on seeing a young biker erroneously going into the back wheels of a big truck and yielding on the spot... it was such a ghastly sight that Im not able to come out of the shock even now)

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The War

A poem for the post Covid-19 era

This is no war of serenity where bullets are swallowed by
the skull.
This is a short bout of power burnt by ravaging hymns put
install,
Every hoofing jackboot throws our spirit away to the storm,
Now we seek comfort from the bottom of terror yet unborn.

Sit home; no we prefer to stir the wall war of cataclysm,
Roaming the streets of dread for the sake of capitalism,
But when this voyage comes lurking, shall we dance to its
apostrophe?
When this battle cry falls on to our feet, can we avert the
catastrophe?

As we bask in adulation; our soldiers return hunting in
gyrations,
This time, we bid farewell to our dreams, our children and
aspirations.
This War is not of war, never a battle ground infringed by
fatalities,
But this is a battle field averse by overwhelmed familiar
formalities.

O! War a mark to bear for so long; come by the moonlight
sail that we may accommodate your wisdom.
O! War dark heart of green light, no matter your cavalcade,
we shall be at your dumping rout waiting to sip freedom.

Oasis

A poem to all feminists and anti-feminists

I am the oasis that bleeds from nature; a tree to reckon
I am the belt hanging on waist of freedom for another
freedom
I am that desert forged into trees and shrubs yet to beckon
I would love to stare the duo of powers in one unceasing
kingdom

I am that referee whistling the bout of two canker-worms
Dancing to drums with baseless steps cantankerous to
assimilate
What can one do without another? A well placed goat horns
Oasis! In the midst of dryness comes life, a reason to love
and relate

Amidst darkness you search for your shadow in despair
I am that man, who went cooking for my goddess
While she stared the four wheel of my car trying a repair
Equal right, unequal sphere on dent of God's goodness

I am that man who bows to power to make mystery
I am that Man whose mystery attracts power in history.

Look

A Poem Written on 5th June; the World Environment Day

Look the sparrows sing

And the wind whirl
Look the sun glitters
And the cleavage of clouds coalesce

Look the stars hang
And the moon pinned to the sky
Look the soil at base
And the air ready to fly into nostrils

Look the beauty of flowers
As it flouts its petals in growth

Yes! We nurture nature
But never in control of its nature

Why must man mar this moisture of beauty?
In this enthralling nest where we find life a slippery rout
Look these beauties
And the evanescence of life

Why must man mar this beauty?
Where he find himself dwelling like flowers in the sea

This home we find our boot
Must be pampered like baby without foot.

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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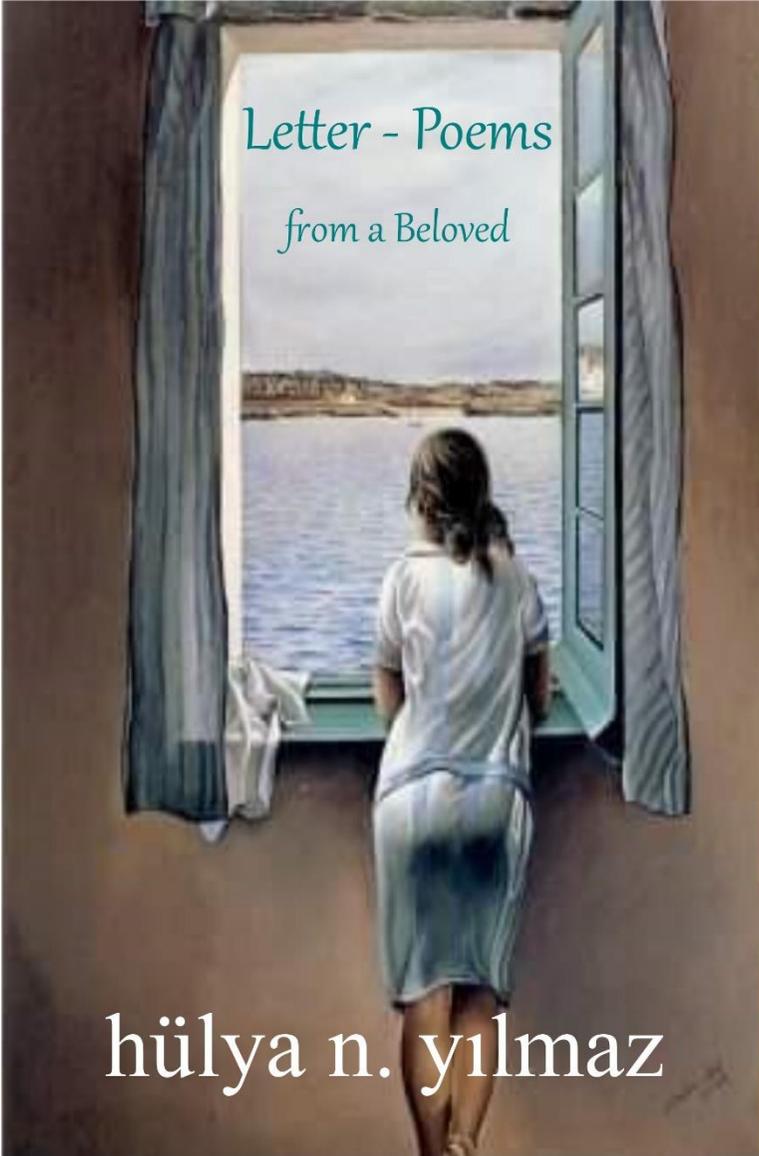
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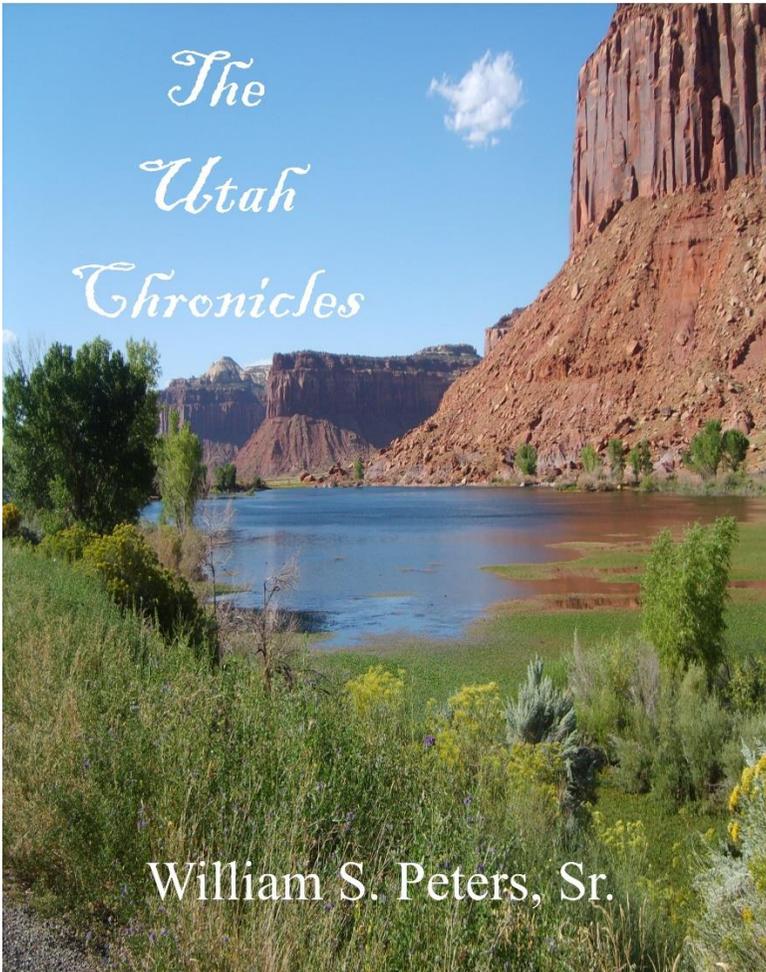
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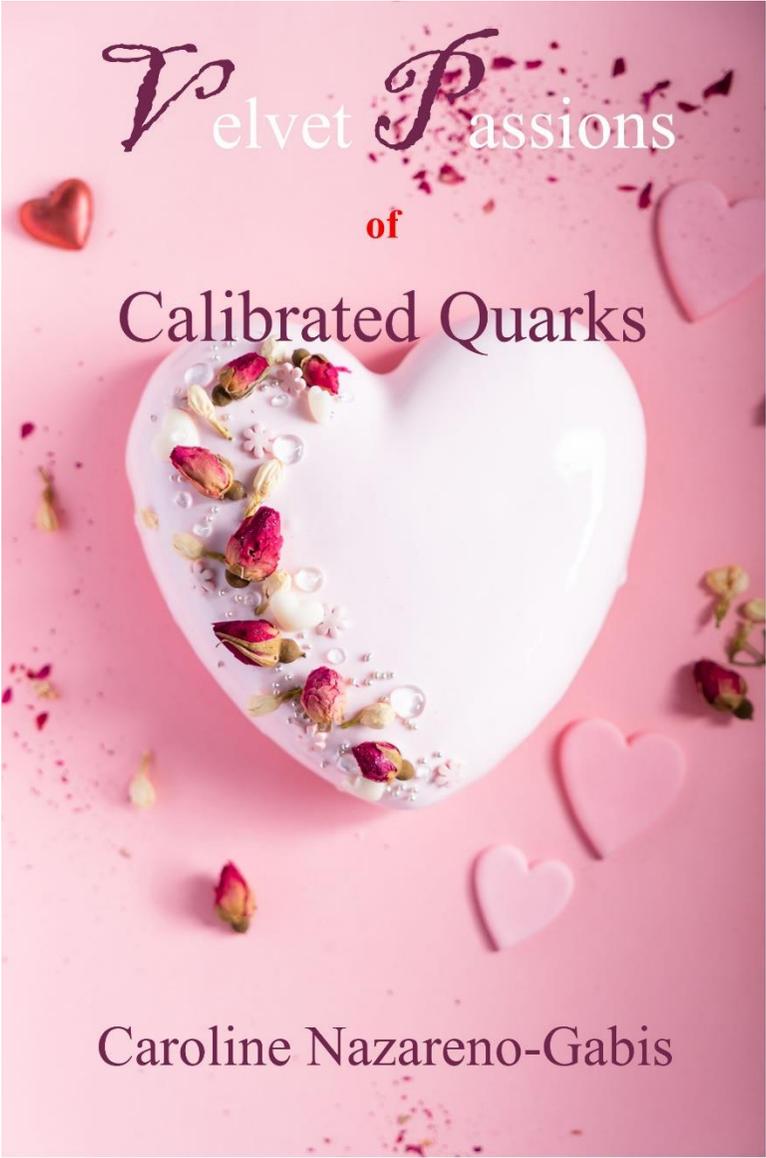
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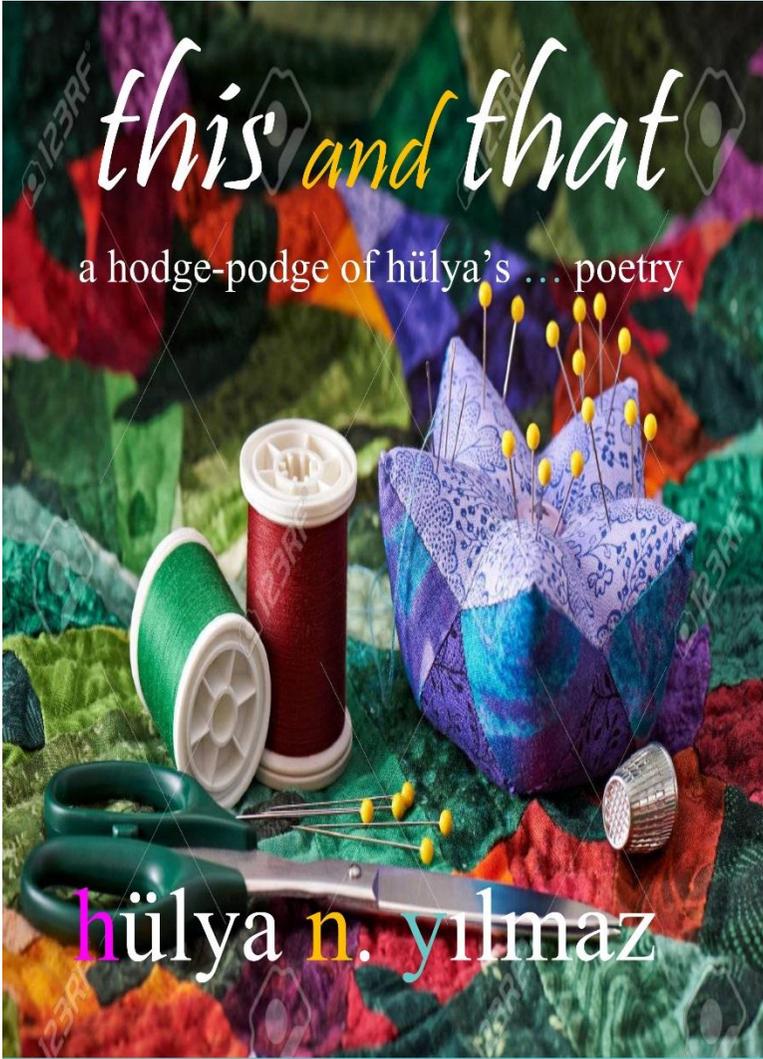
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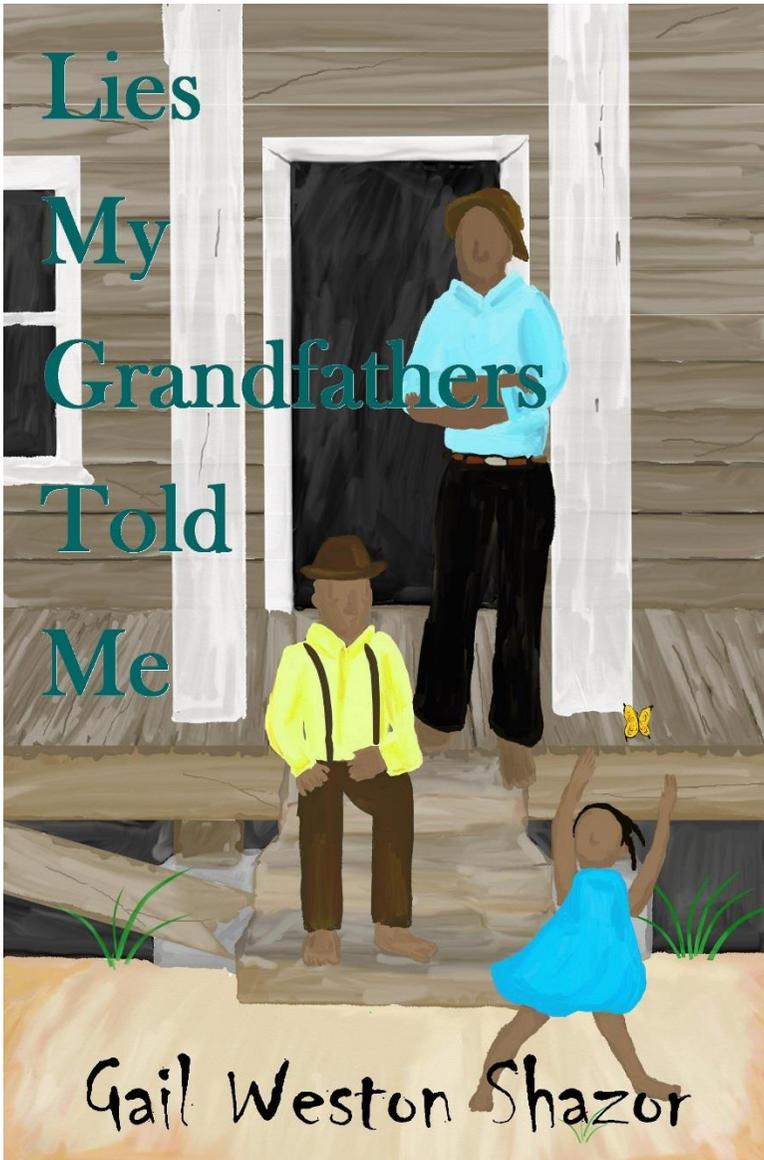
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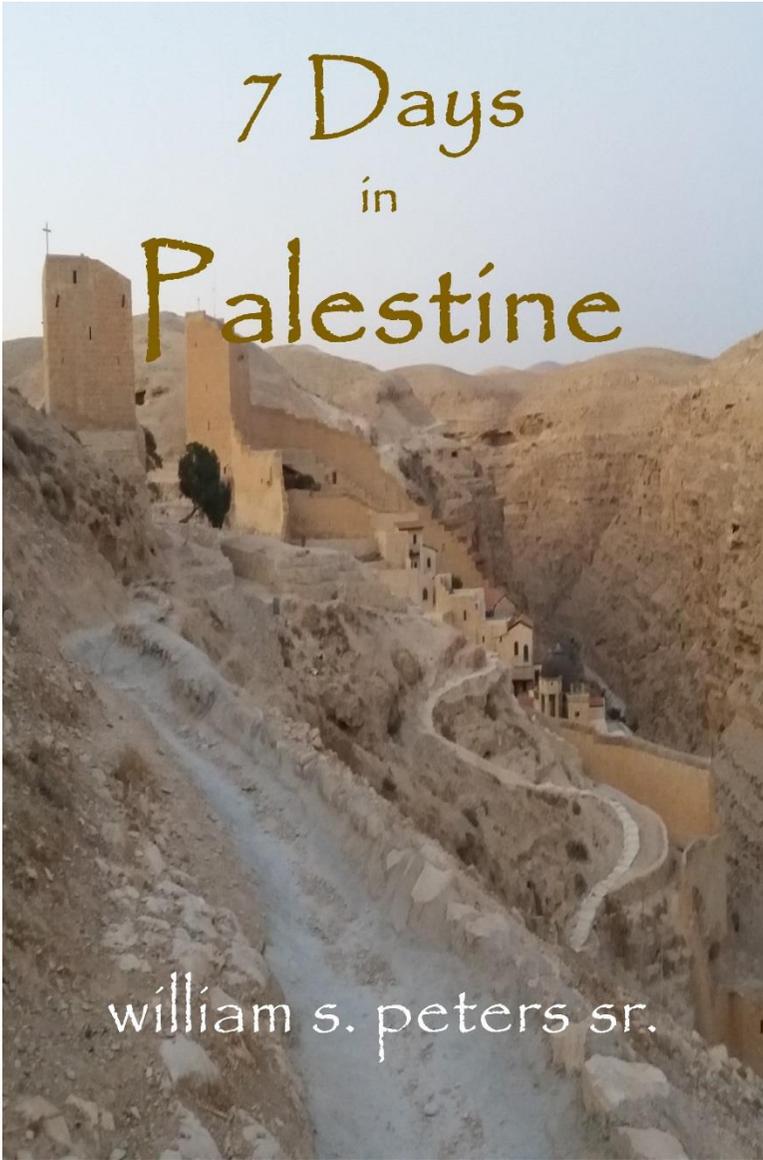
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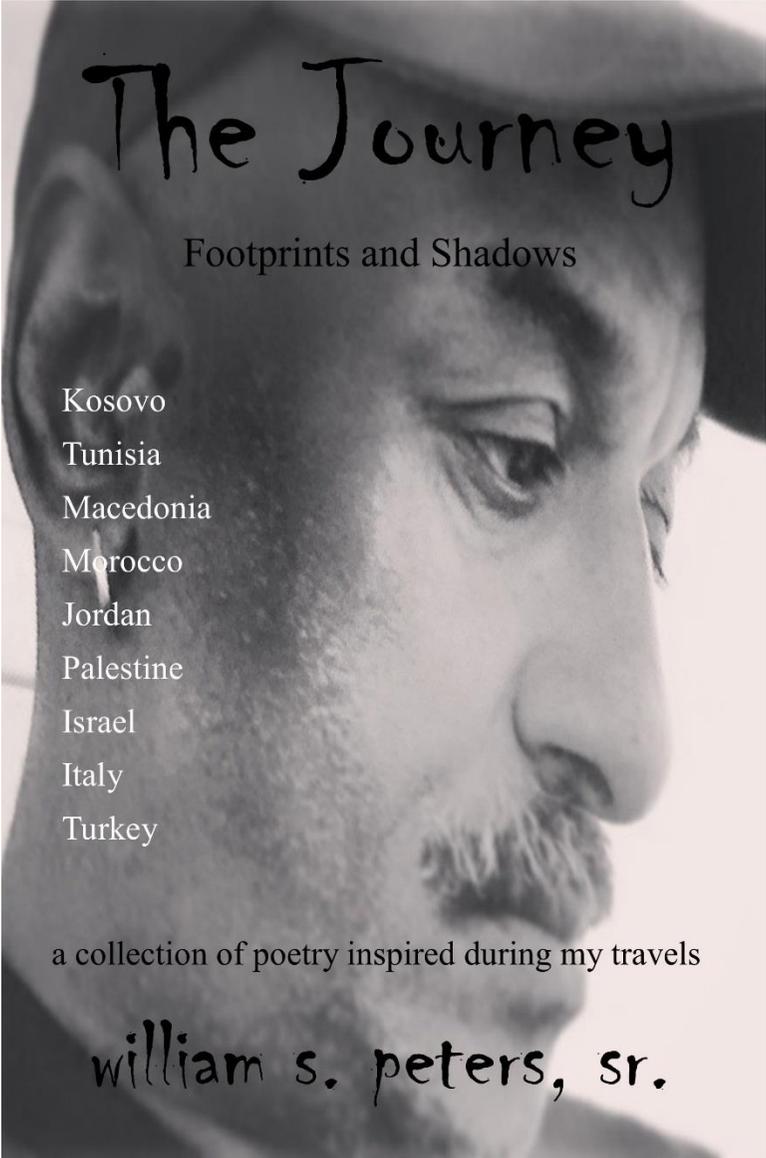
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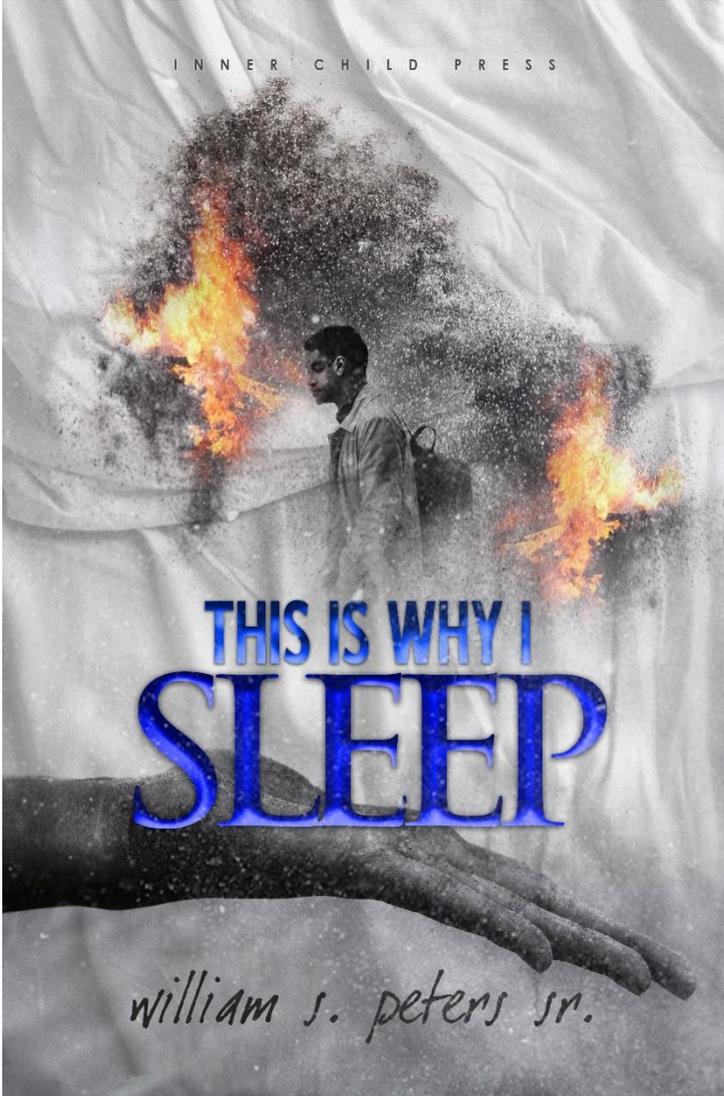
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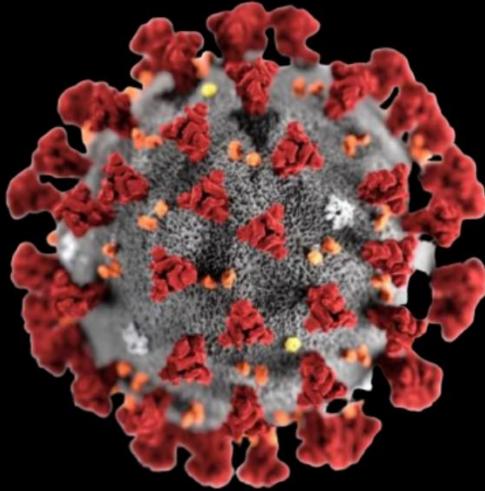
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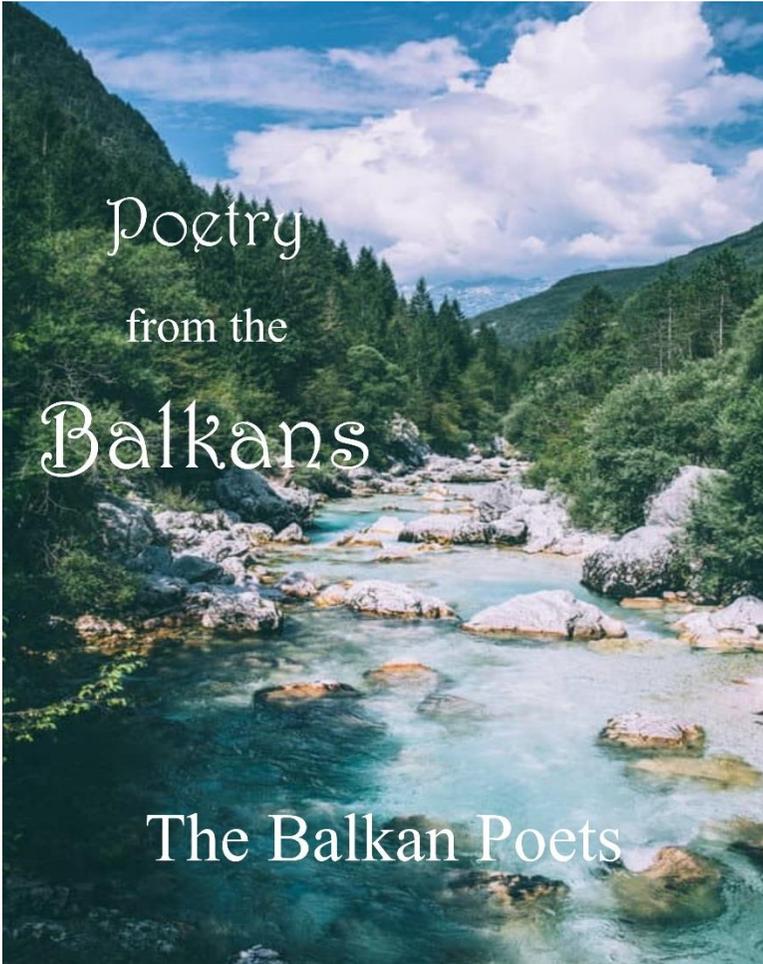


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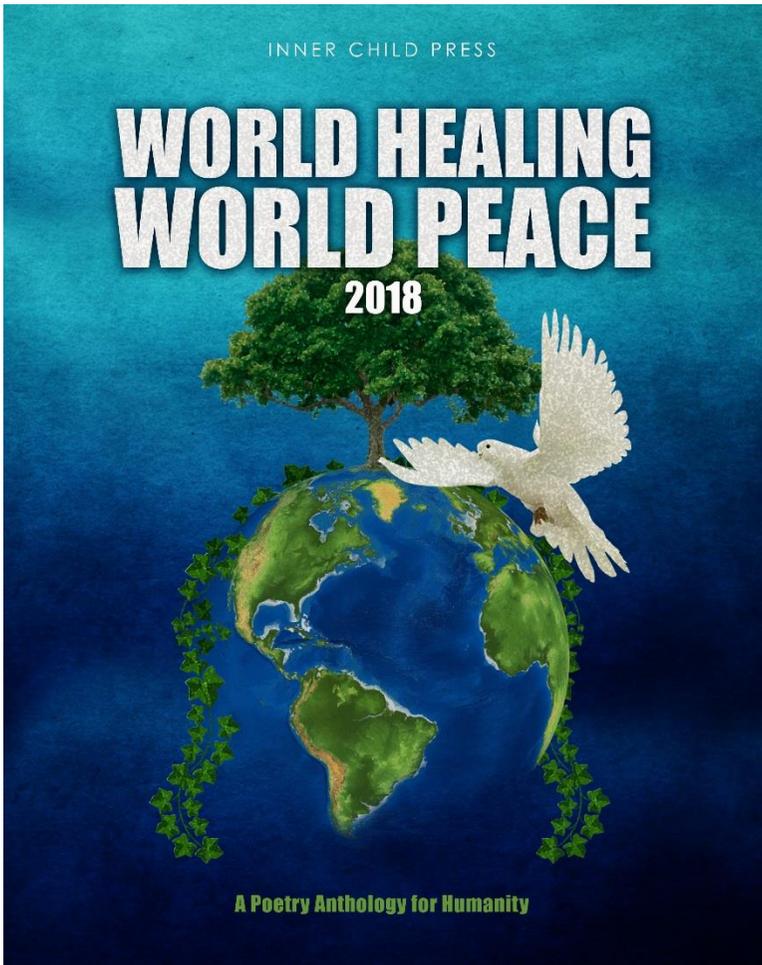
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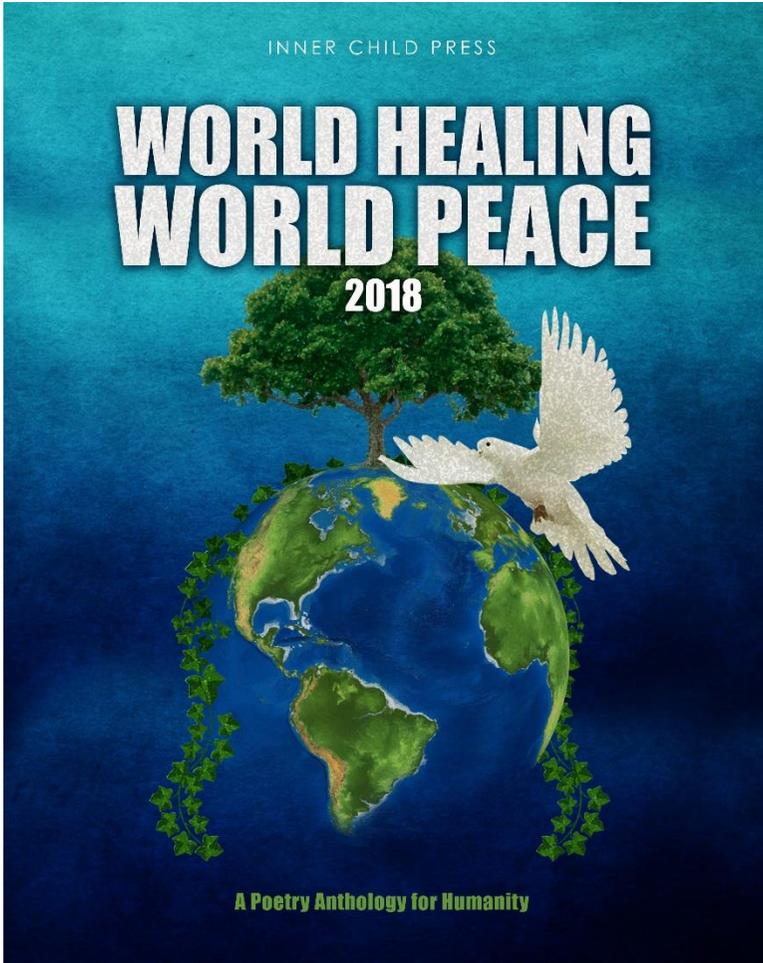


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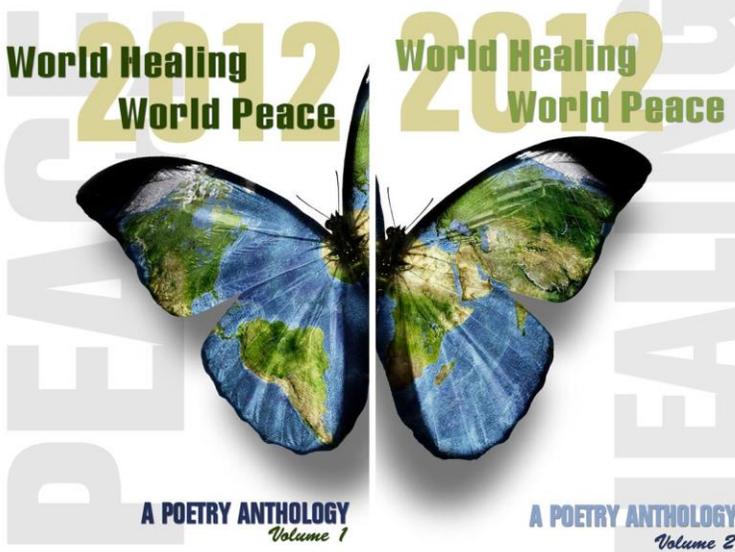
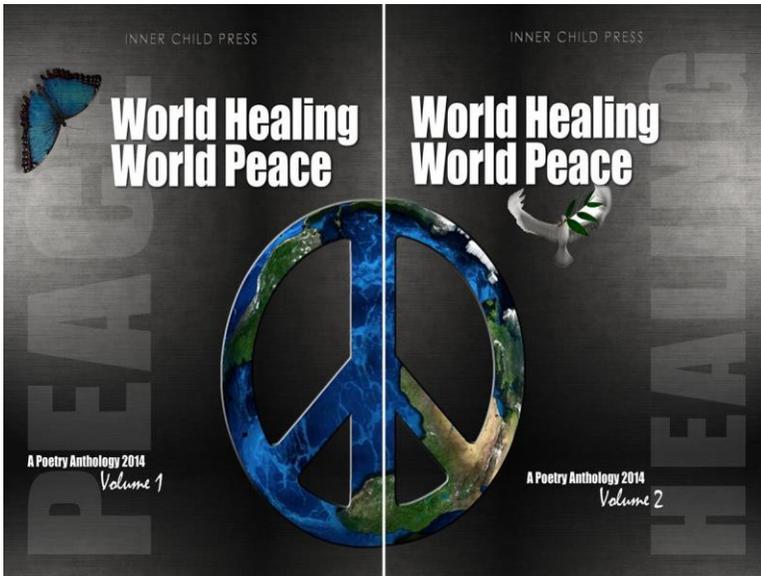
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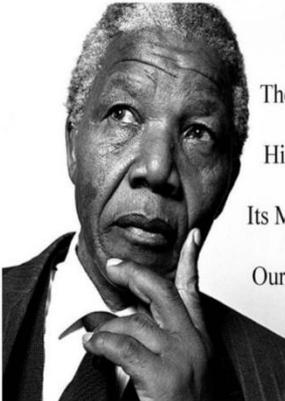
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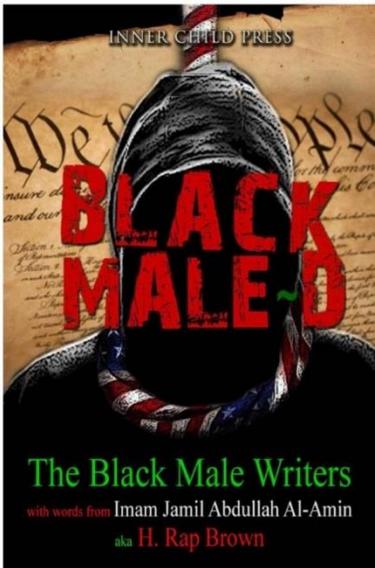
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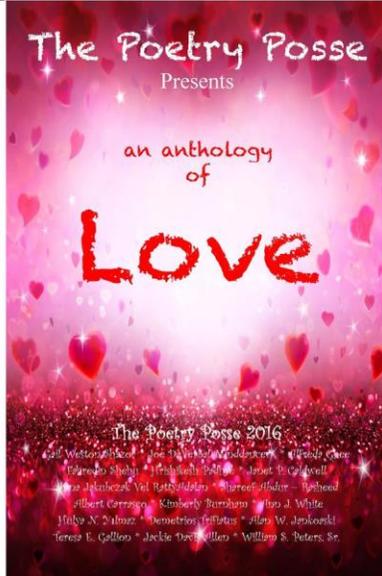
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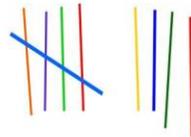
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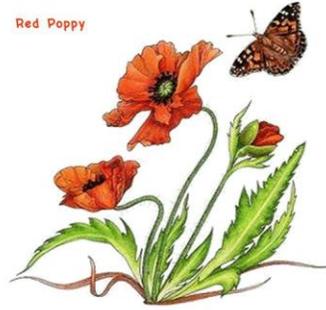
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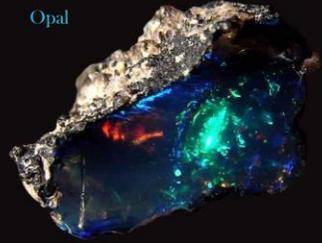
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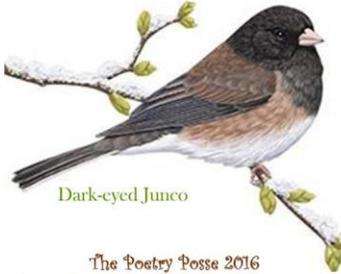
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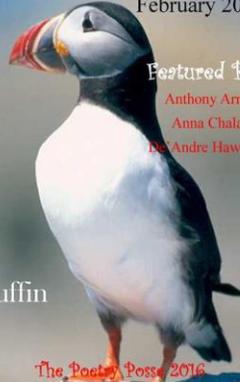
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Agim Vinca
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Black Capped Chickadee

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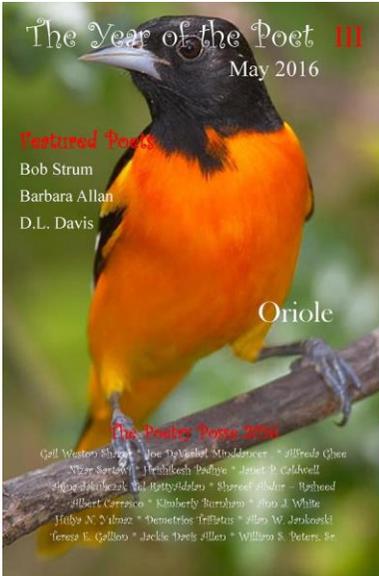
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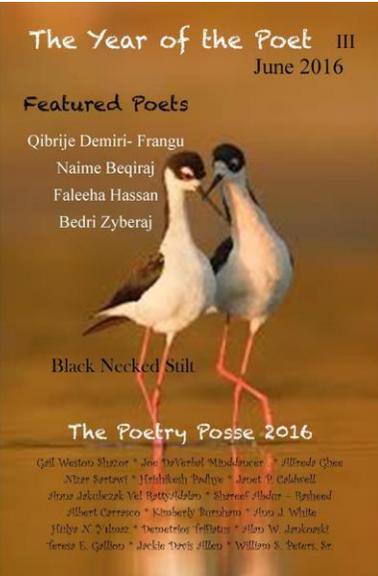


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Bob Strum
Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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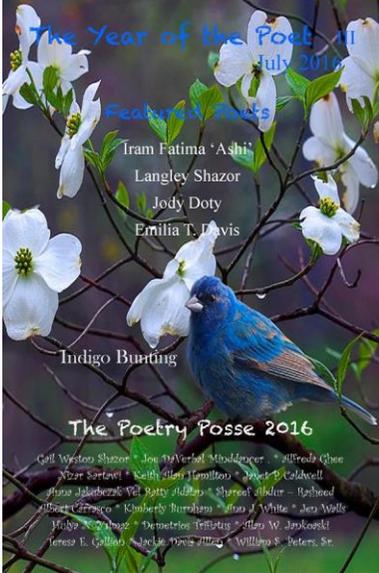


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Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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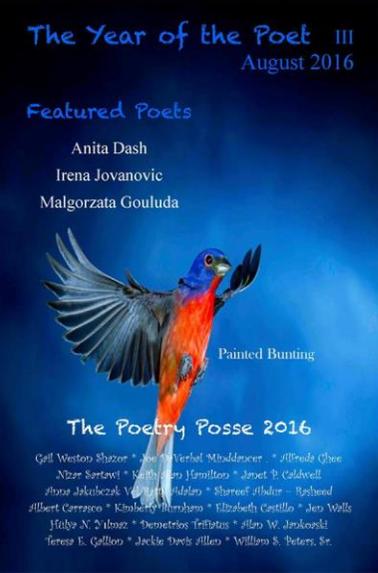


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July 2016

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Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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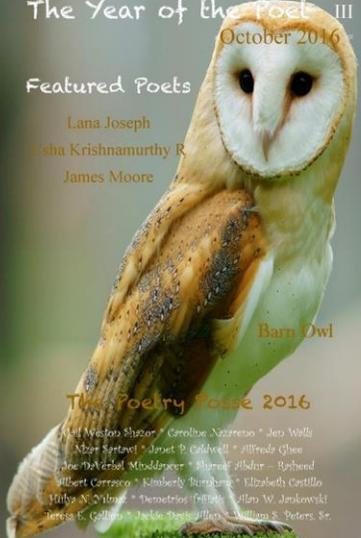


Long Billed Curle

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Featured Poets
Lana Joseph
Tasha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore

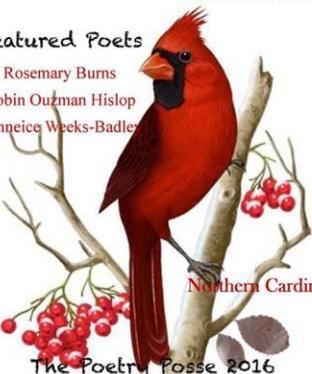


Barn Owl

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Featured Poets
Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badler

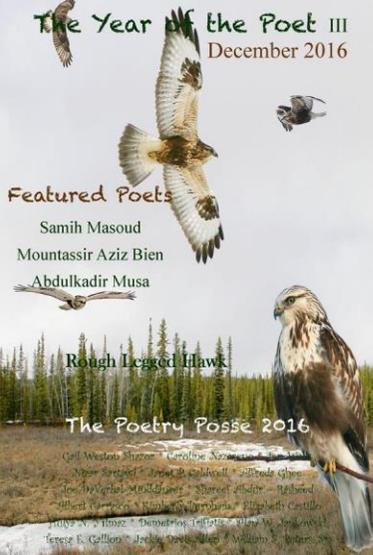


Northern Cardinal

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Featured Poets
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Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

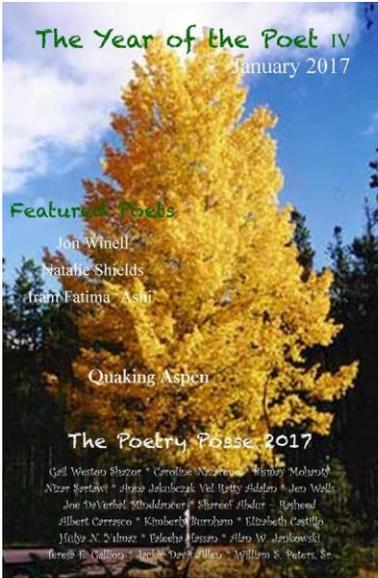
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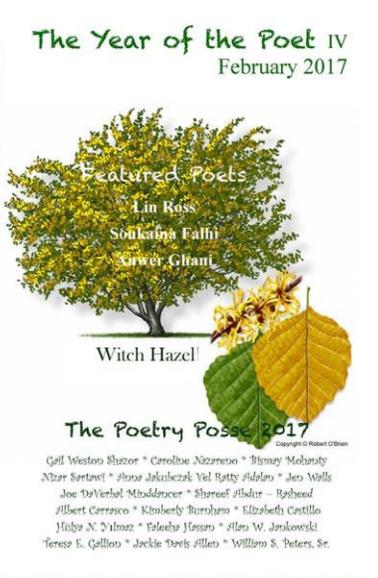


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Jon Winell
Natale Shields
Fran Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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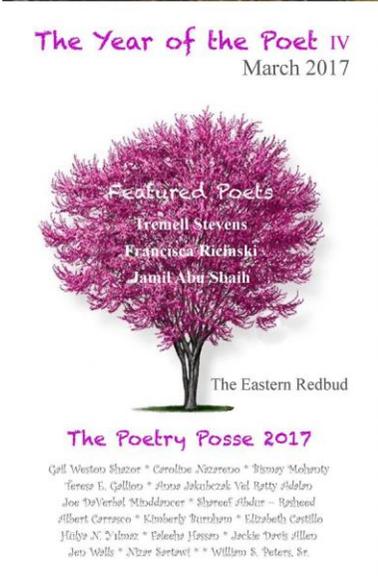


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Lin Ross
Sohaina Falhi
Anwar Ghani

Witch Hazel

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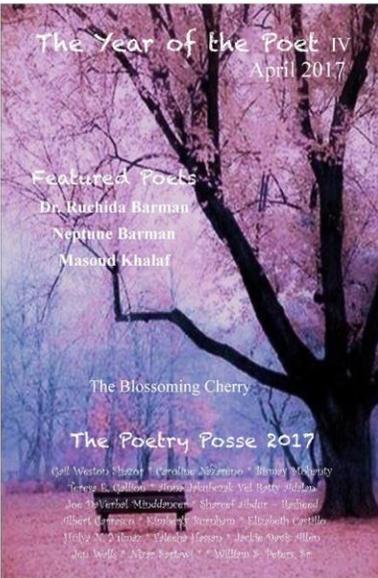


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Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaib

The Eastern Redbud

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Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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Fethi Sassi

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Eliza Seglet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Tanesti

The Oak Moon

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Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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The Elm Tree

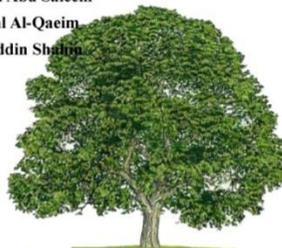
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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Ali Abdolrezaei



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Sabeen



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Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Acry

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Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Puerto Rico

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Sonia Abu-Layman

Suzanne Belcher

Nathan Dean

Nancy Hoagmy



The Nez Perce

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The Sumerians



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Bilal Maliqi * Daim Miftari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians

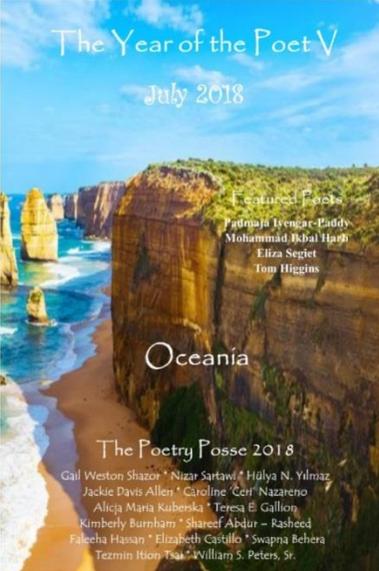


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Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Iqbal Hash
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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

The Lapita



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October 2018

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



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November 2018

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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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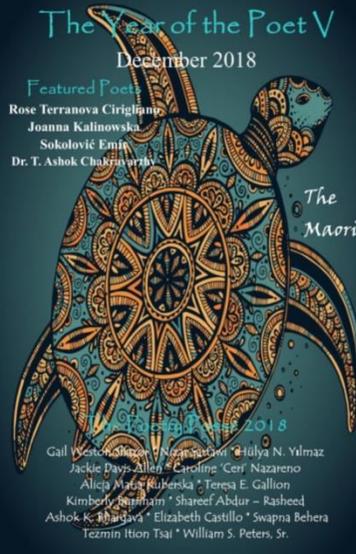
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December 2018

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



The
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans



Dream Catcher

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

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



Meso-America

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March 2019

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



The Caribbean

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Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



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