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LIFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
POETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

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  
Inner Child Press International

# 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.

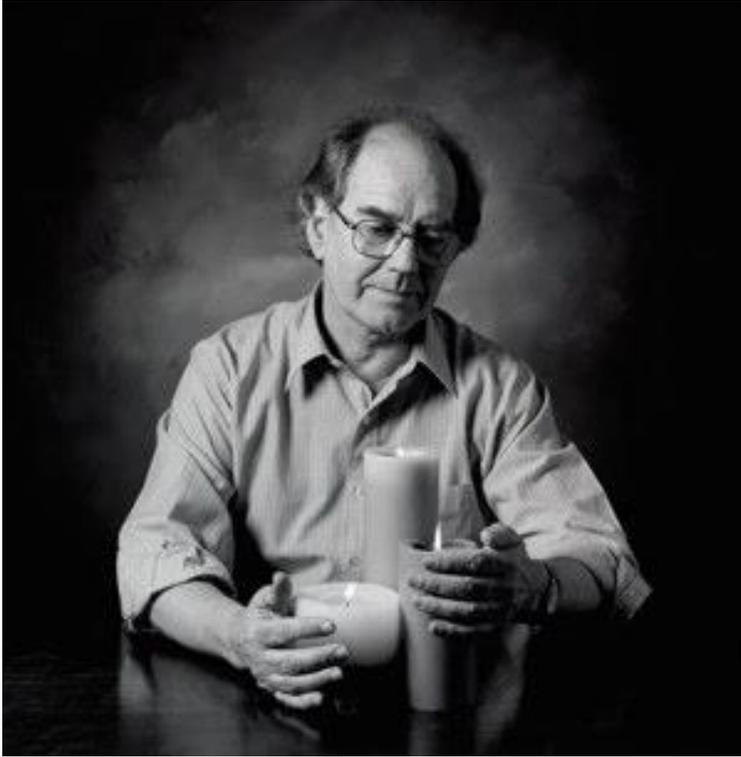
In 1970, The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Adolfo Pérez Esquivel.

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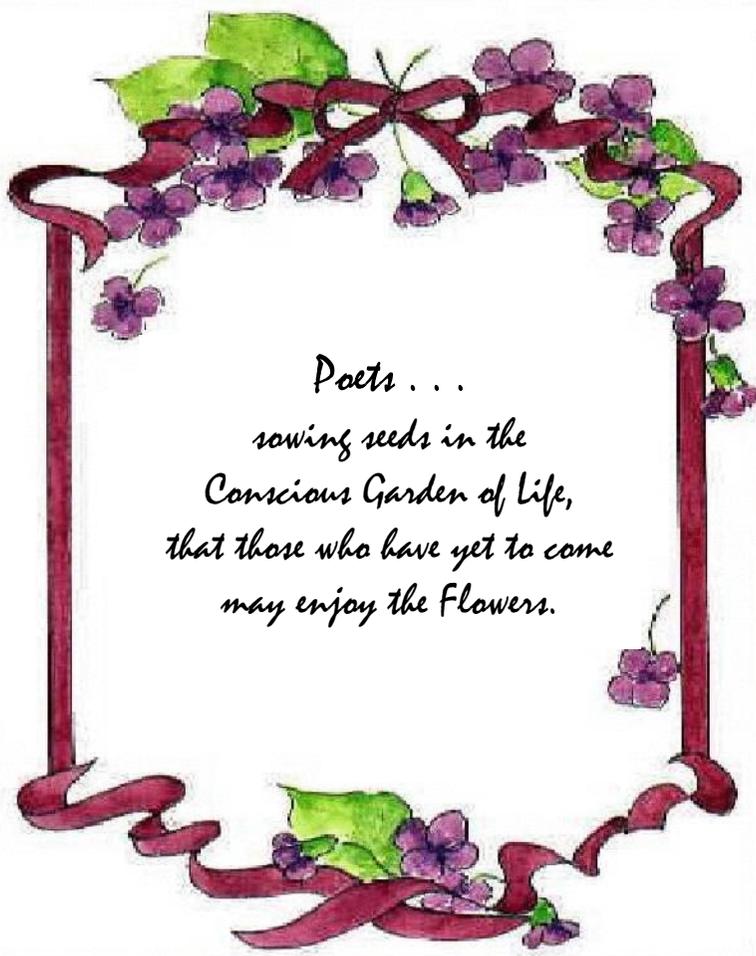
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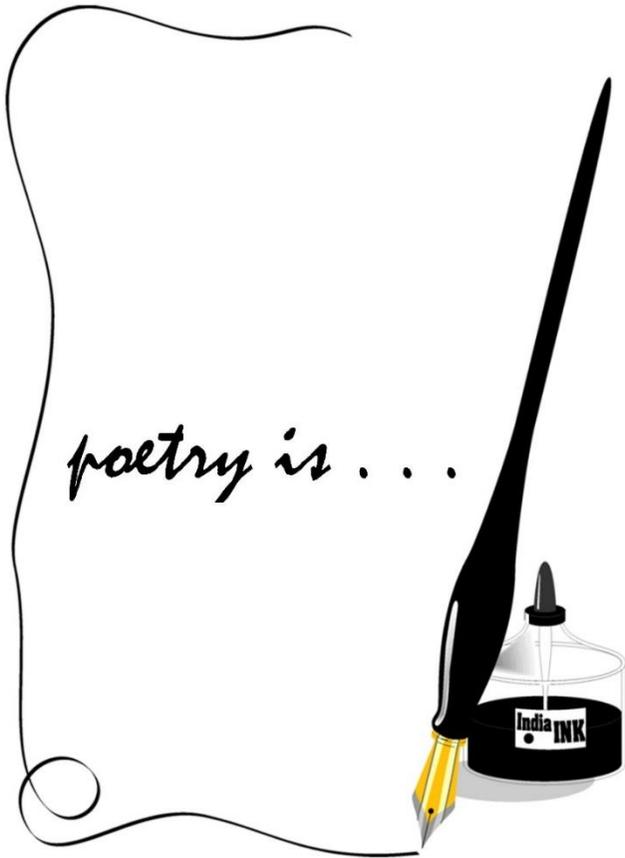
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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 . . .

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&  
Notes from the Blue Roof

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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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

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Sharḩef  
Abdur  
Rashḩed



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

Elizabeth  
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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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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  
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Gallion



Teresa E. Gallion was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and moved to Illinois at the age of 15. She completed her

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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

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## 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

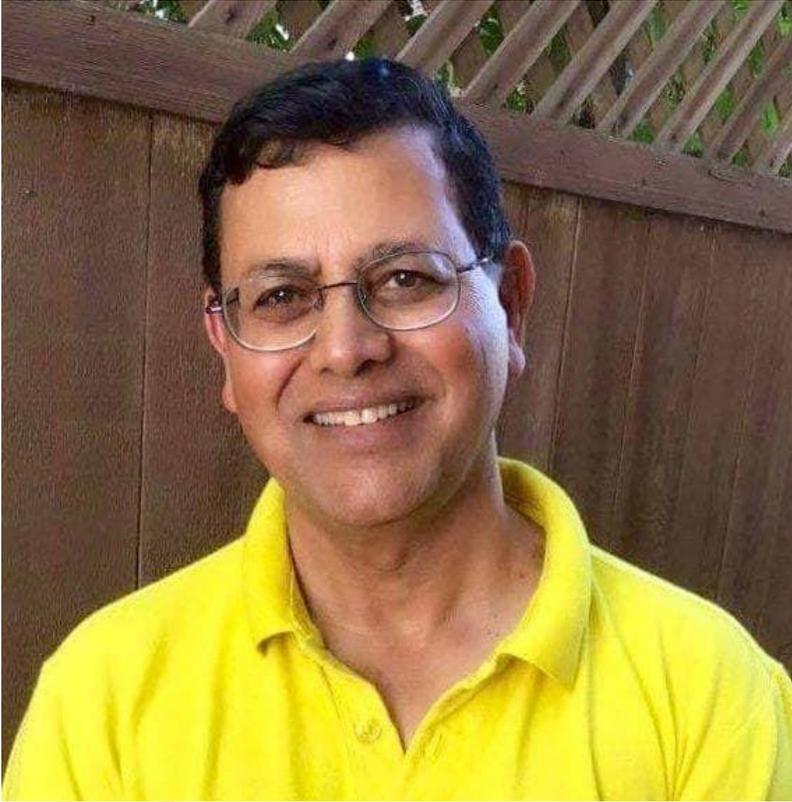
I cruise by the house  
to eat Mom's cooking.  
She is happy beyond reason.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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



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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  
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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.

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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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## 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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



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## Infinite Poetry

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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 miraże* [*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 1<sup>st</sup> Place Laureate (Foreign Poetry category) – in Contest *Quando È la Vita ad Invitare* for poem *Be Yourself* (Italy).

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

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

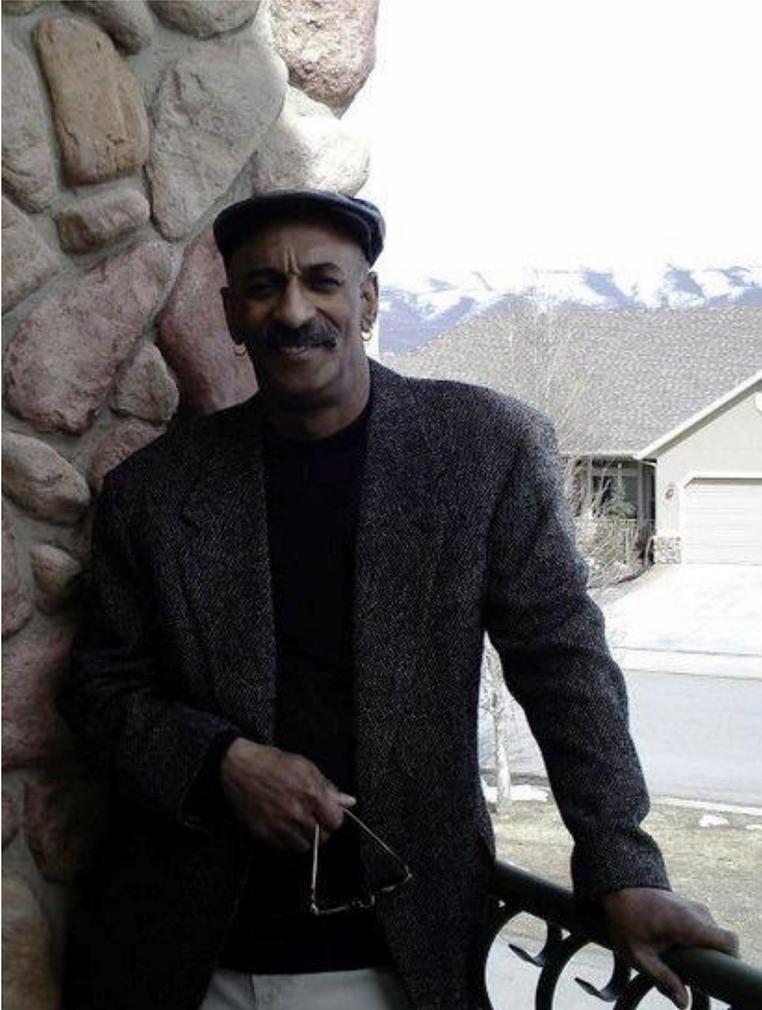
I still heard  
the flighty birds.  
They chirped,  
as if the world was spotless.

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

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Srinivas Vasudev

Ugwu Leonard Ifeanyi, Jr.



Dr.  
Pragya  
Suman



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  
“Nỡ giết con thơ, nỡ 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  
Vasudev



Dr Srinivas who is a bilingual poet hails from Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh. He writes in Telugu and English. He did his Masters and Ph.D in English literature from Andhra University, Vizag besides a few other degrees and diplomas.

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

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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

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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!

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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

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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

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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

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*(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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Ugwu  
Leonard  
Ifeanyi, Jr.



Ugwu Leonard Elvis also known as (Leonard D Great) is an award winning poet and editor. He is the author of the poetic

reflection titled 'Echoes of the invisible' (published by Author House, USA, 2017). He compiled the Anthology of Peace for the World Union of Poets (WUP) published by Atunis poetry 2016. His poems have been published in websites, newspapers, magazines and anthologies.

Leonard works at the University of Nigeria Arts faculty center.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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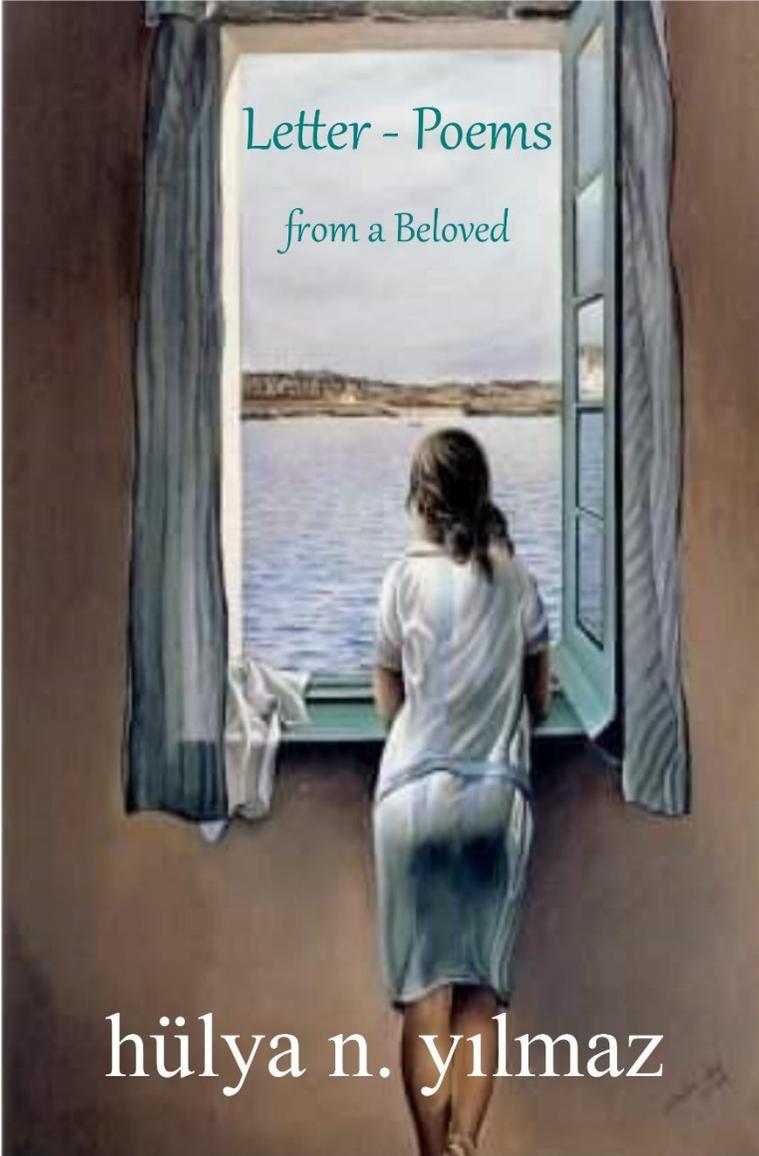
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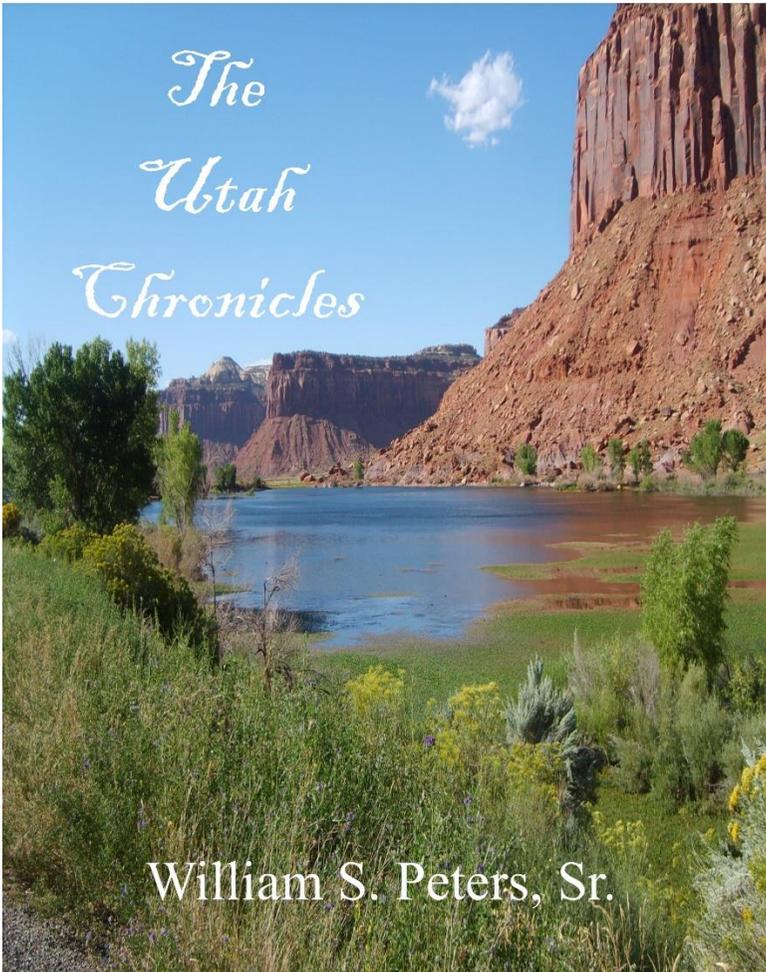
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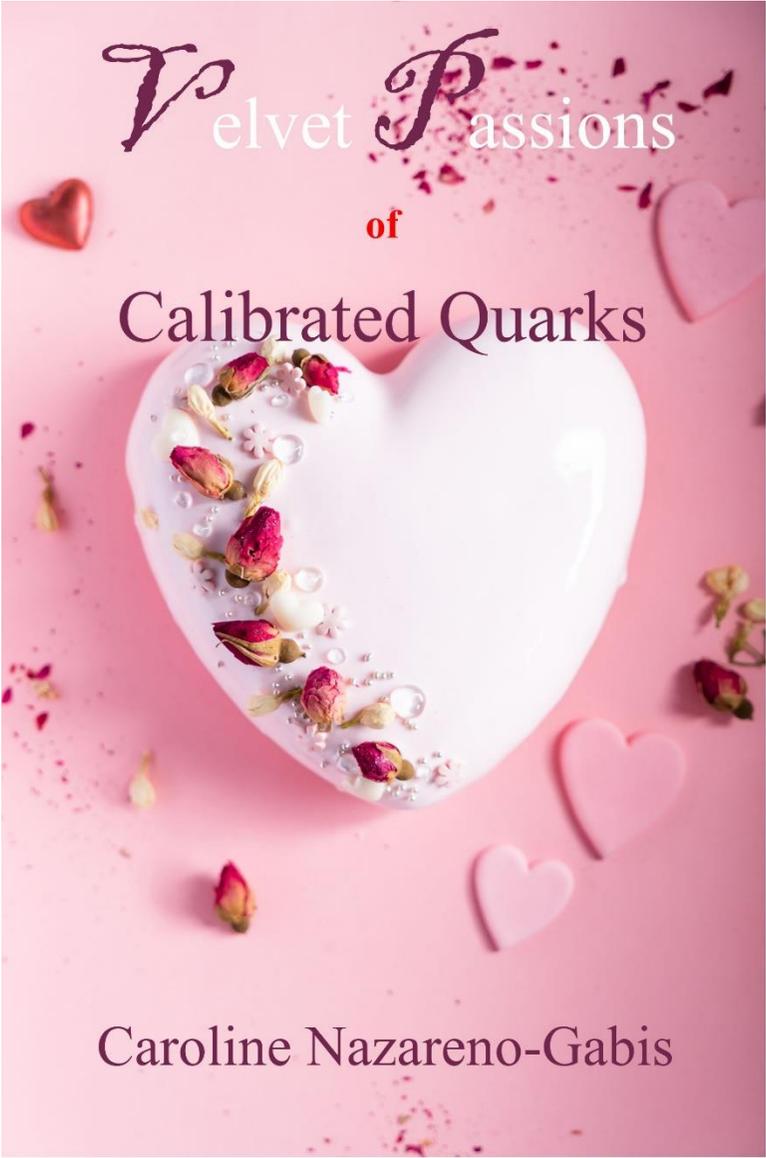
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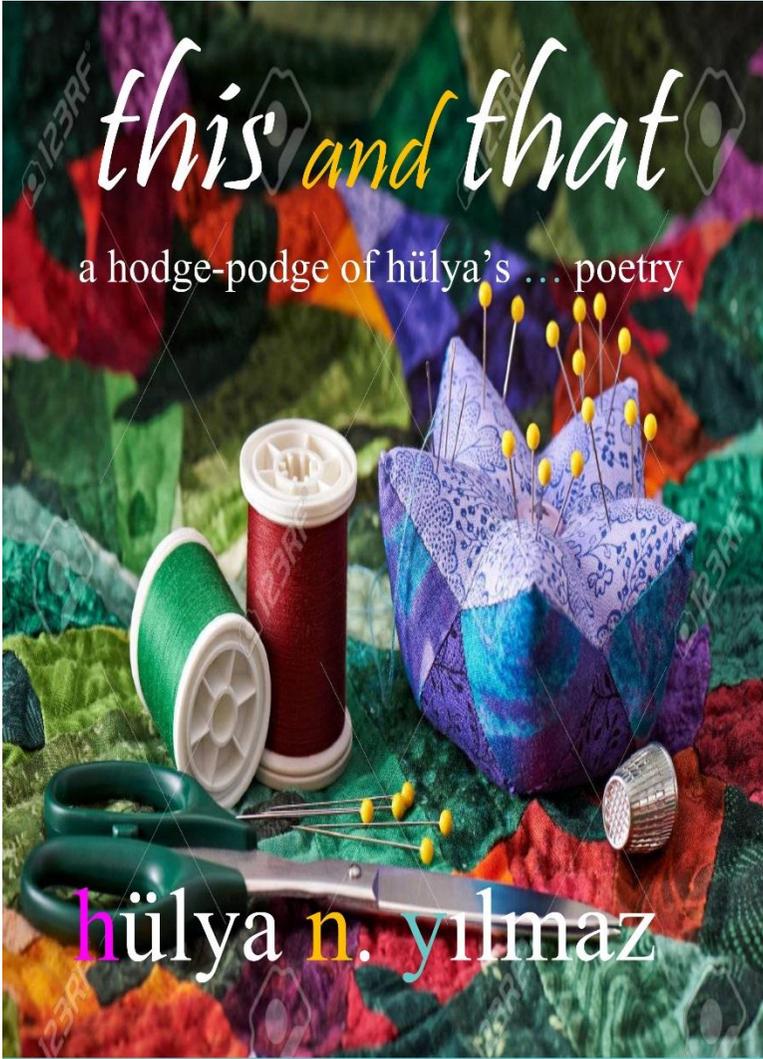
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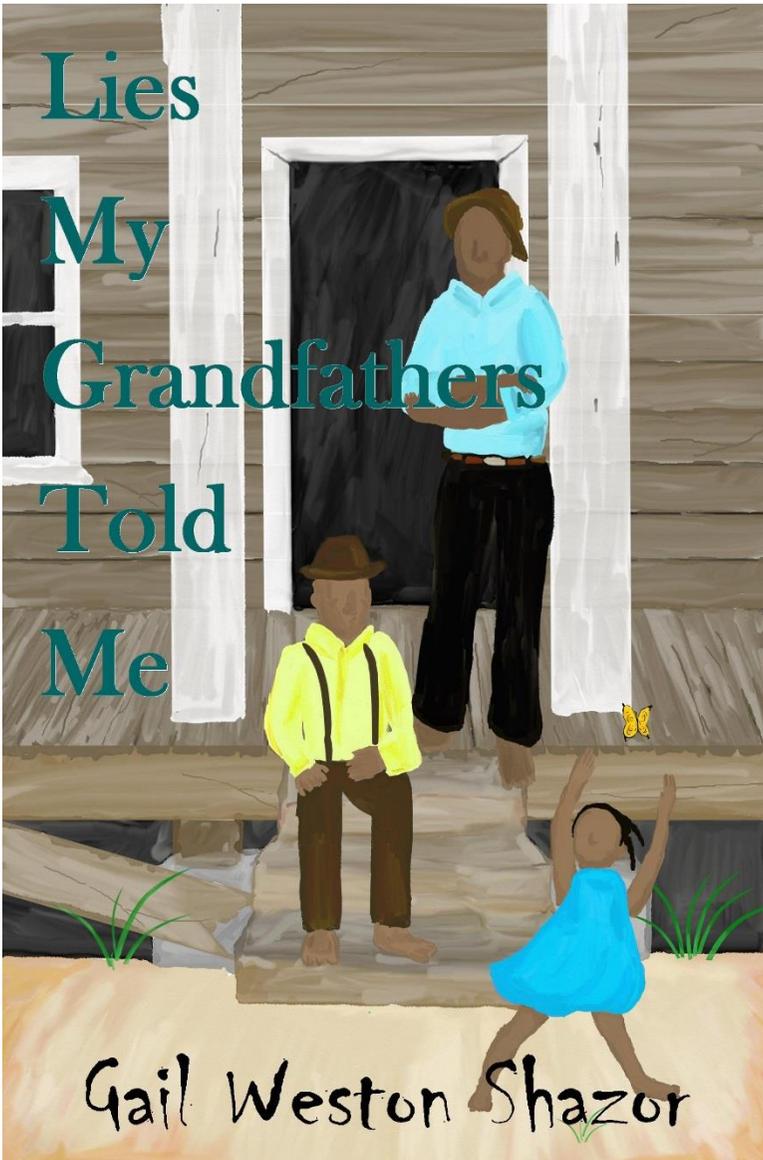
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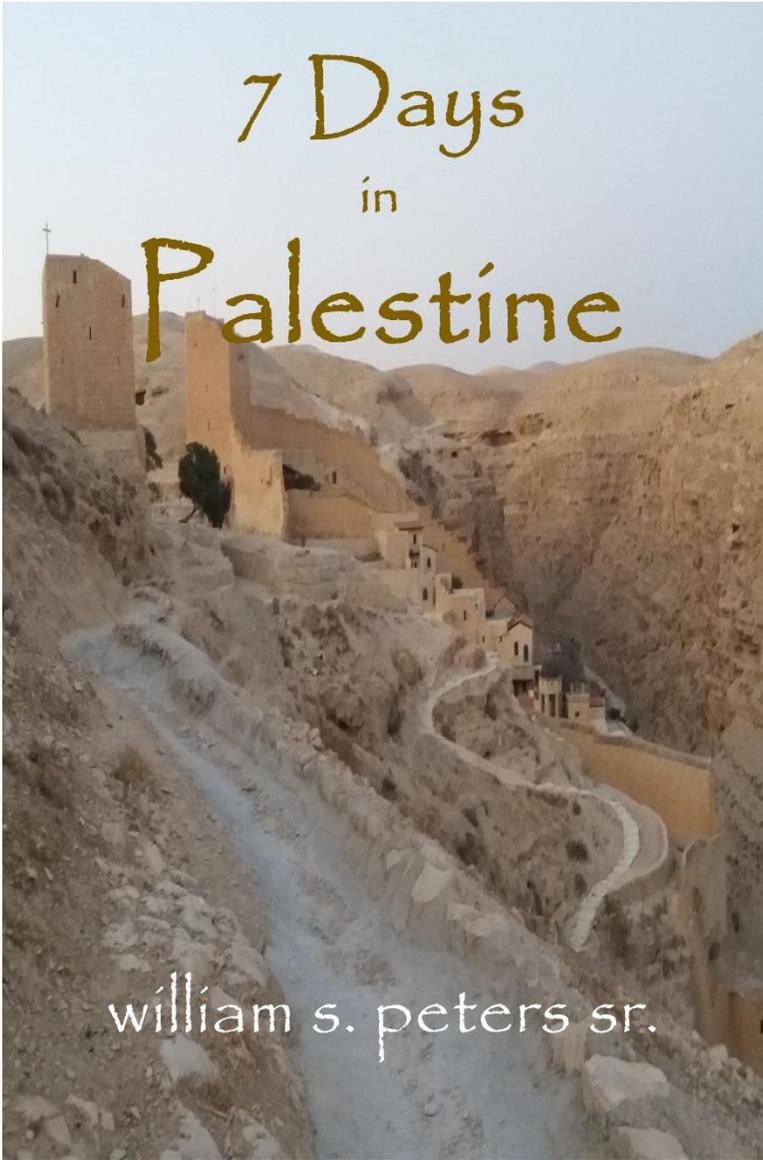
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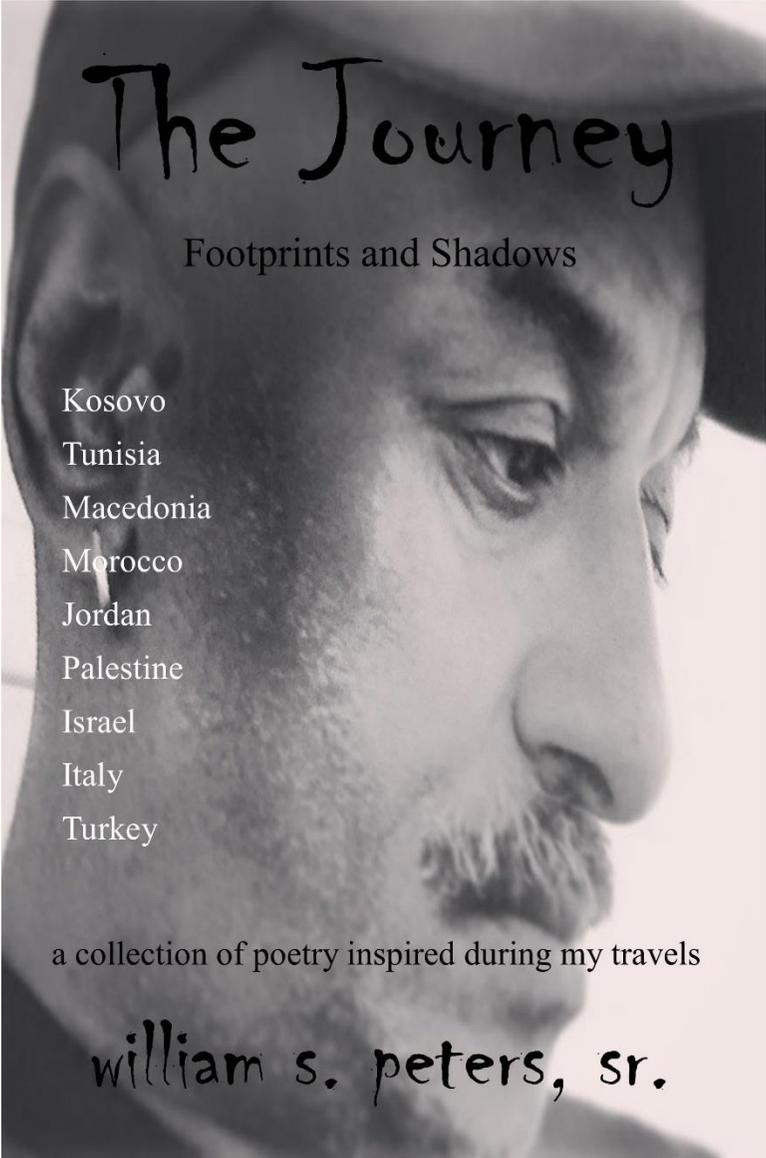
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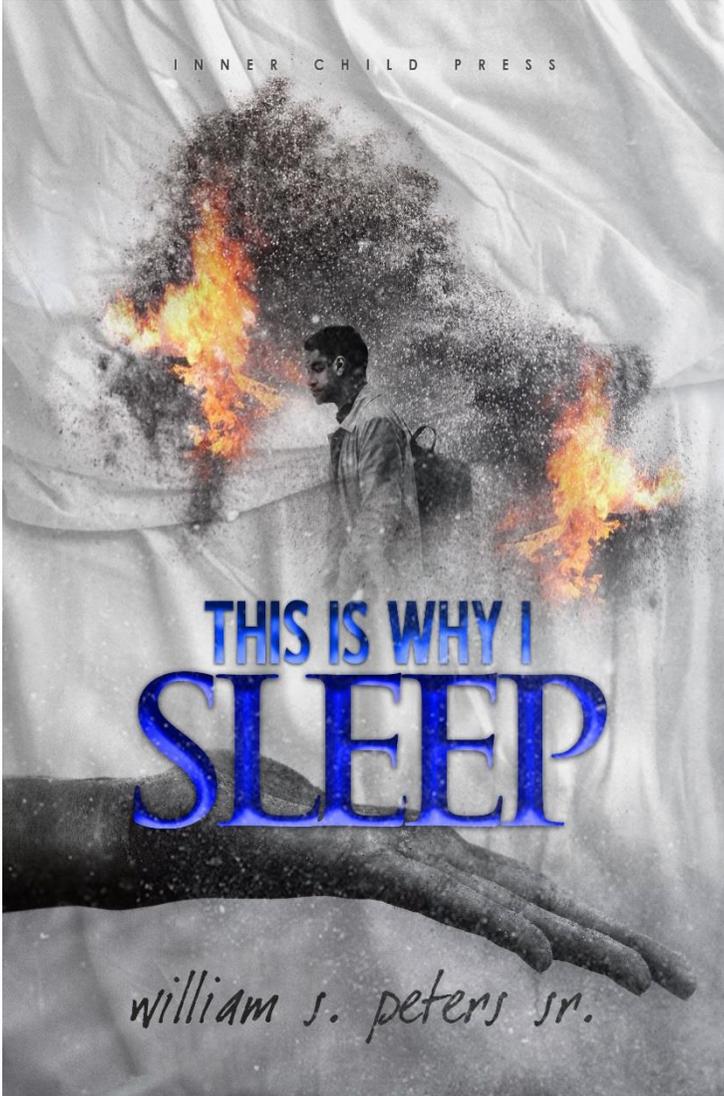
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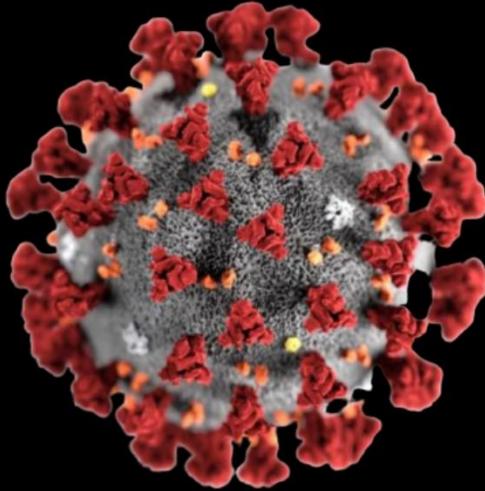
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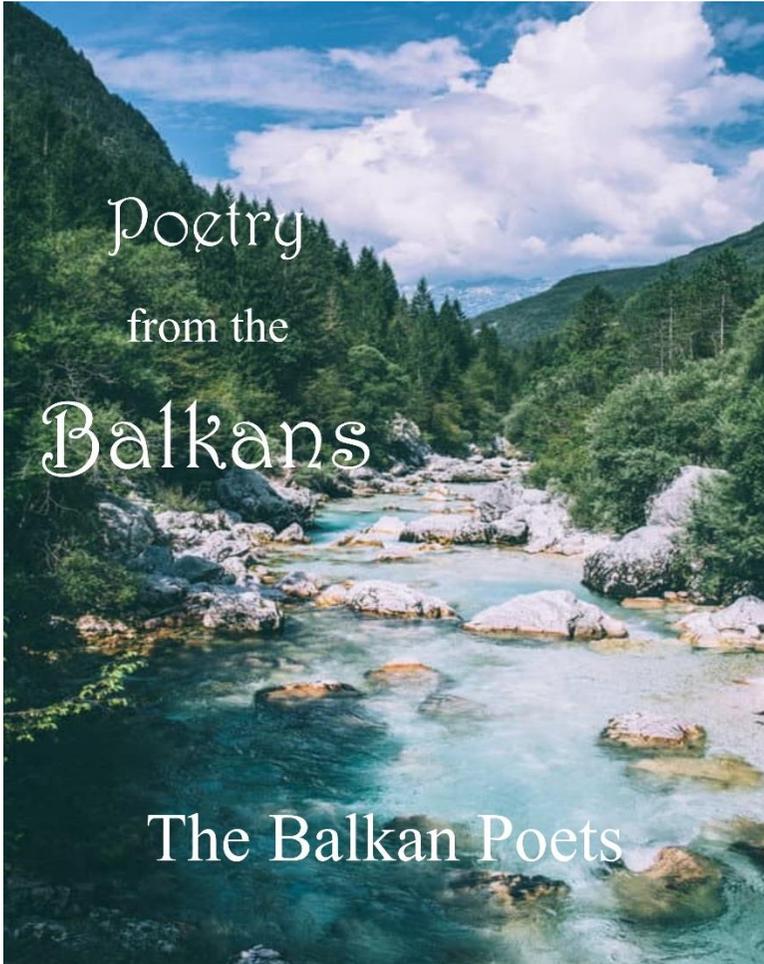


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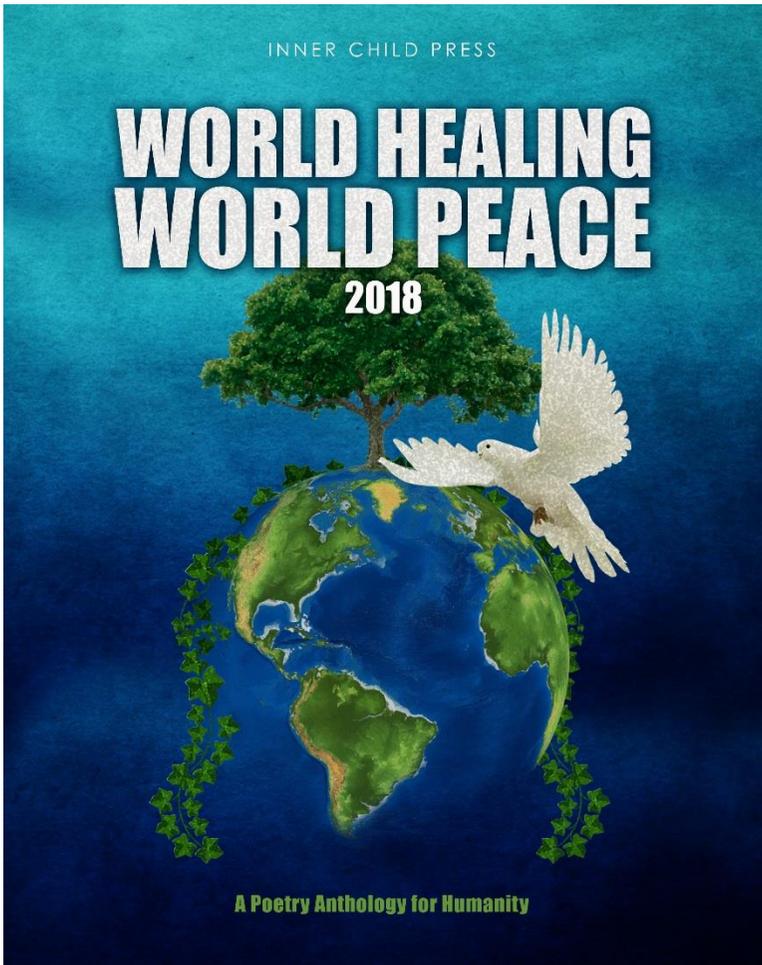
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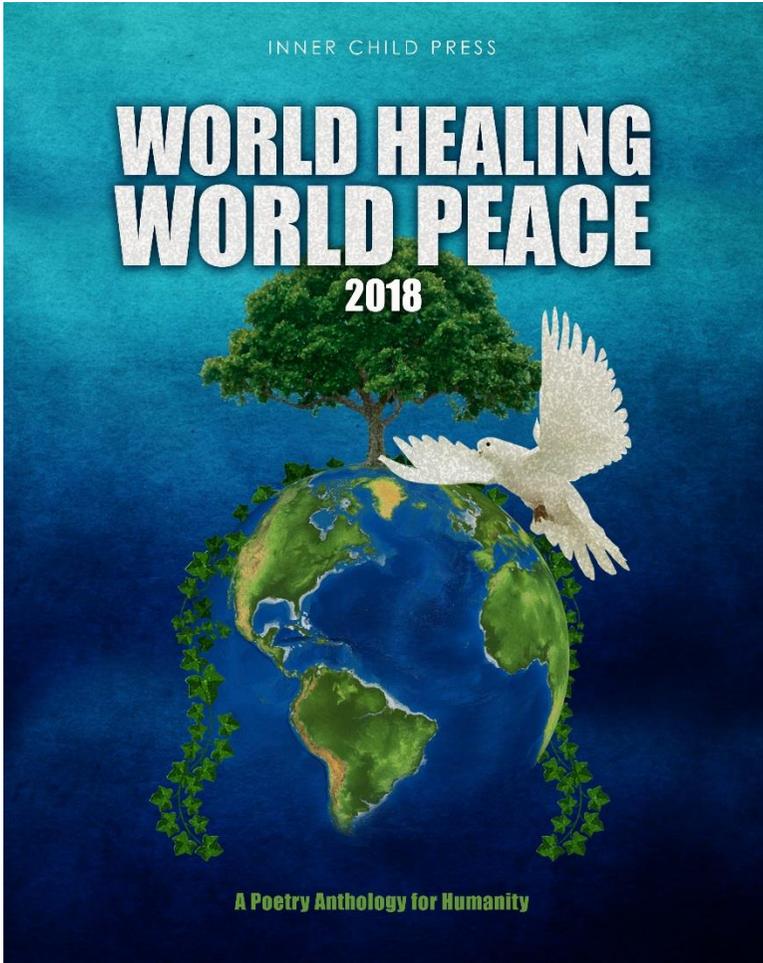


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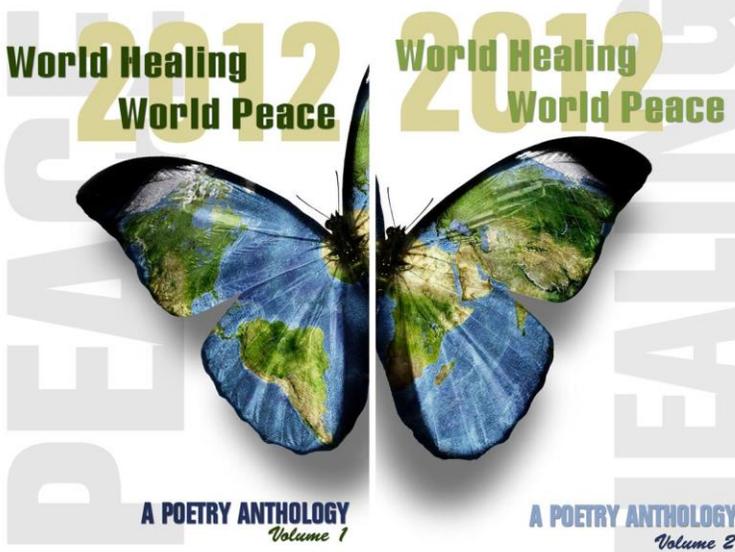
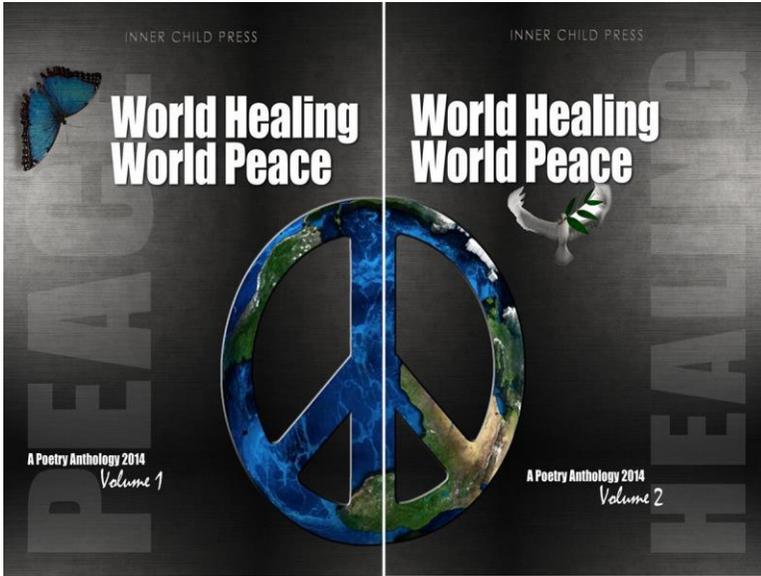
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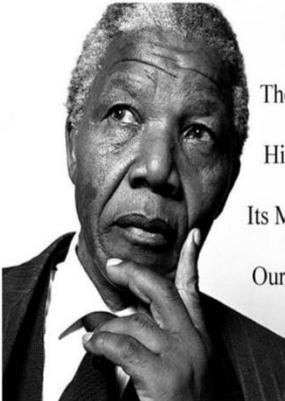
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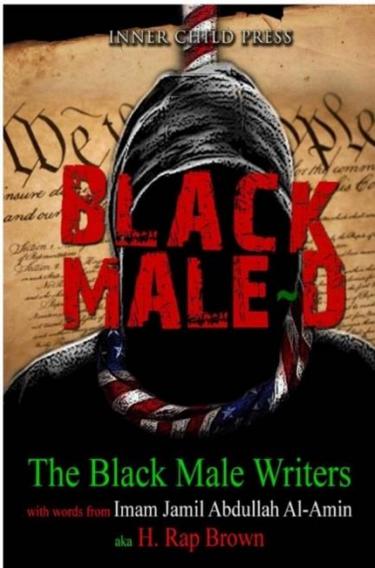
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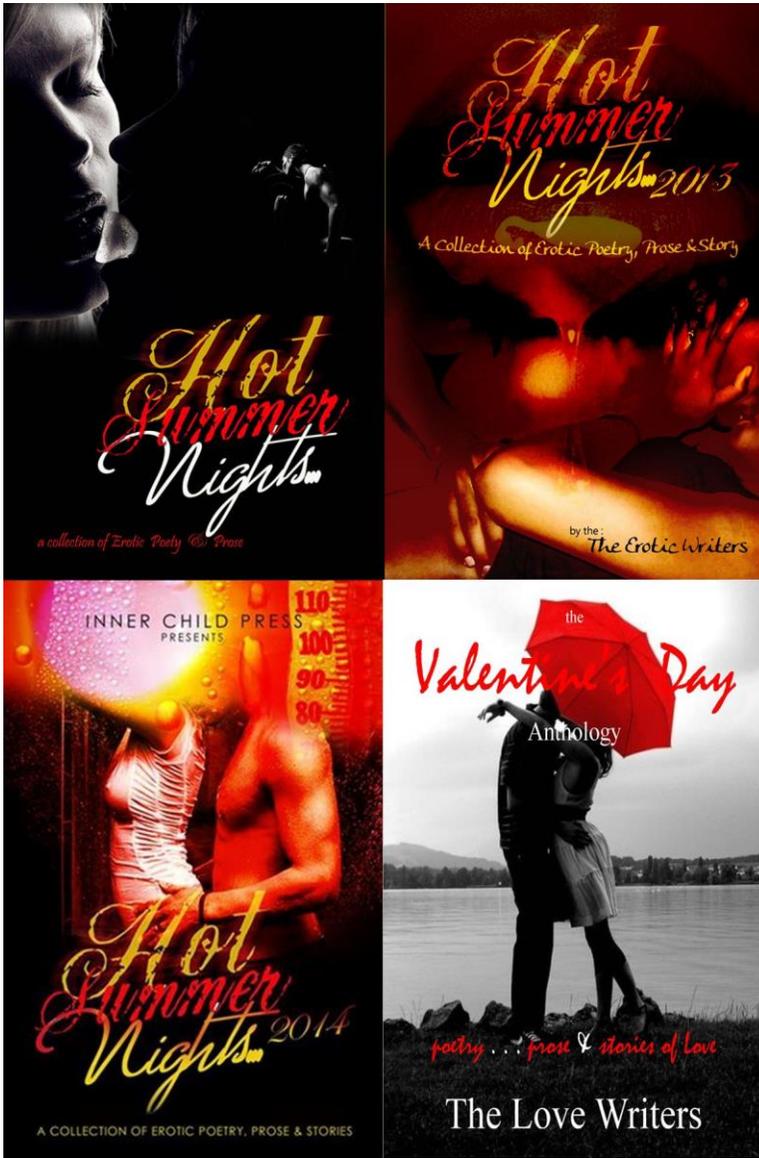


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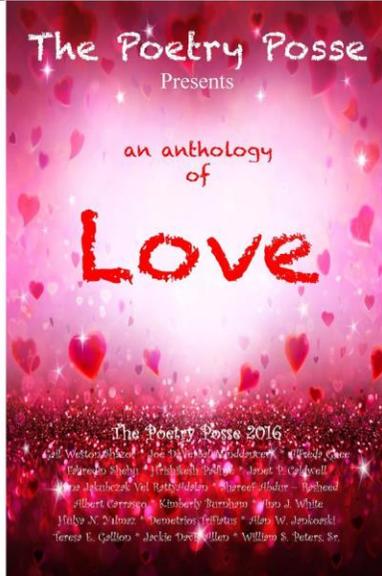
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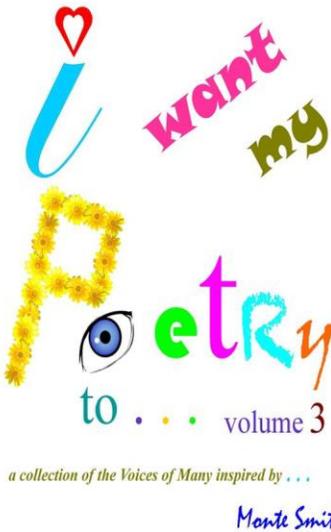
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*daffodil*

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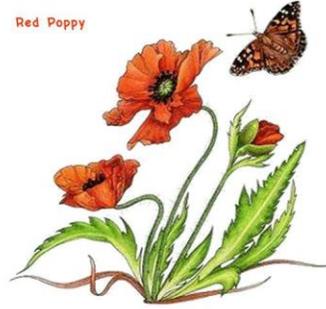
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 Shuneel Akbar-Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burriam  
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December Feature Poets

Katherine Wyatt • WhittenPae • Santosairo • Justin Miller

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**Garnet**

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Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
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Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shehu  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantri • Jen Walls • Eric Judah

**THE YEAR OF THE POET II**  
February 2015



**Amethyst**

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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima • Bob McNeil • Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

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



**Bloodstone**

**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
April 2015

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



**Diamonds**

**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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May's Featured Poets  
Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimney  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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June 2015

June's Featured Poets

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



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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



The Poetry Posse 2015

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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasiz  
Christopher Schultz



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



Sapphires

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 October 2015

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

Opal



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 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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 November 2015

**Featured Poets**  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore



Topaz

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 Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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 December 2015

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



Turquoise

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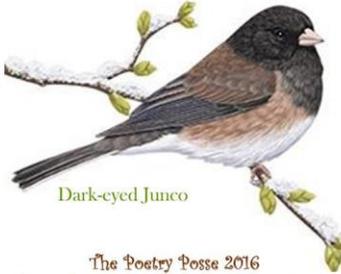
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christina Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

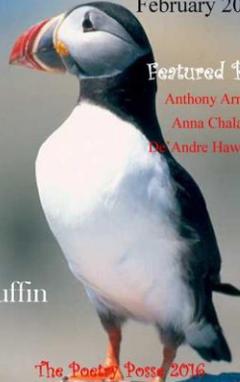
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Fahreddi Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Jose DuVerdel Mbadonker \* Sharon Alldair - Raheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Kathi Allen Jankowski  
Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Triantafyllidis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

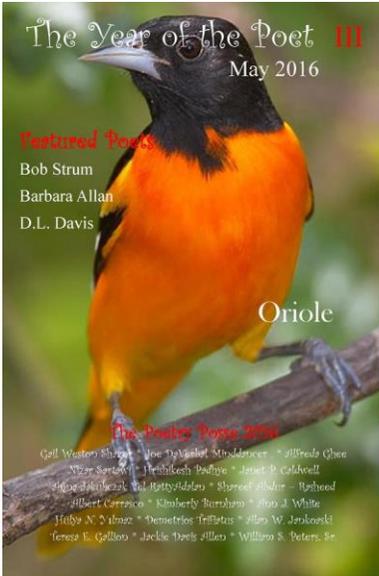
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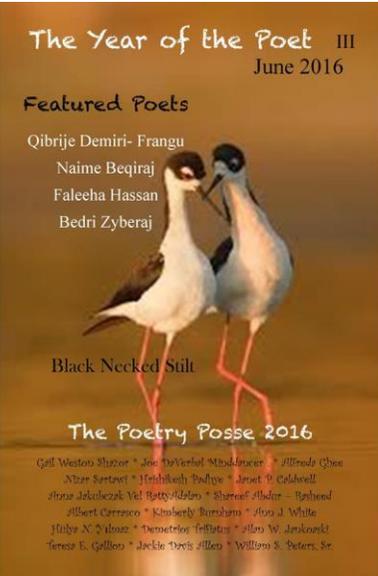


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**Featured Poets**  
Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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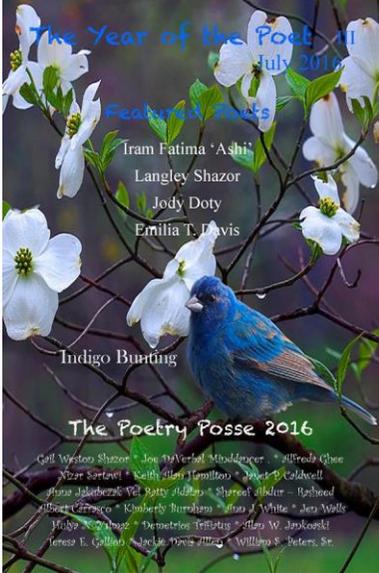


The Year of the Poet III  
June 2016

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

Black Necked Stilt

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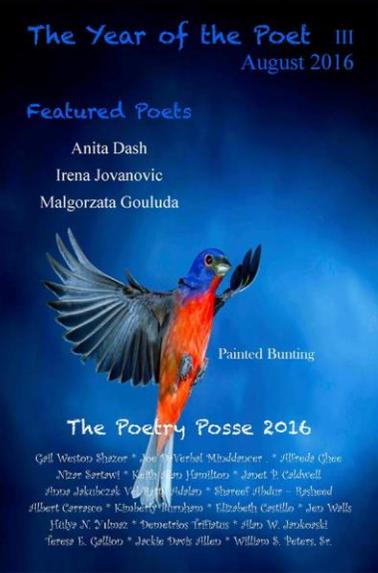


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July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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August 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Anita Dash  
Irena Jovanovic  
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novio

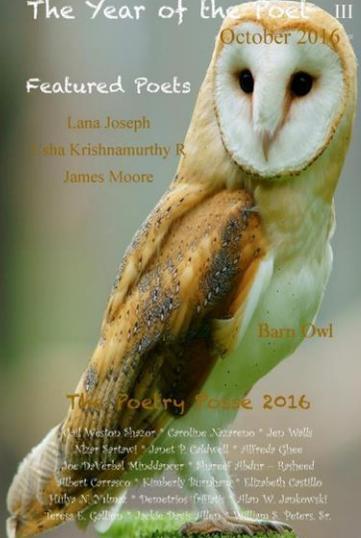


Long Billed Curle

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October 2016

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

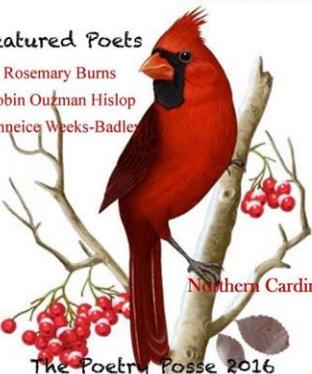


Barn Owl

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

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

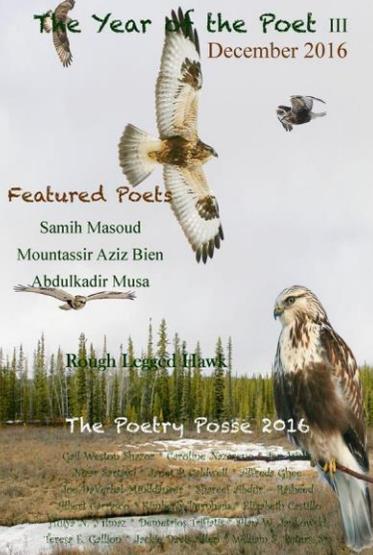


Northern Cardinal

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

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



Rough Legged Hawk

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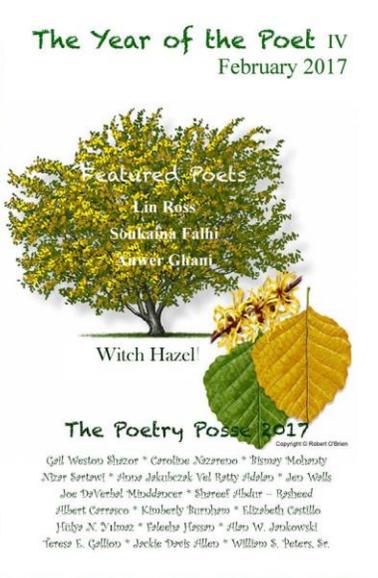


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nizar Sartawi \* Ahsan Jaleelczak Val Betty Adelan \* Jen Walls  
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February 2017

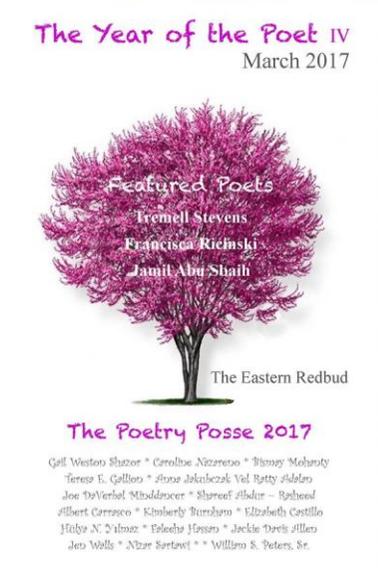


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sohaina Falhi  
Anwar Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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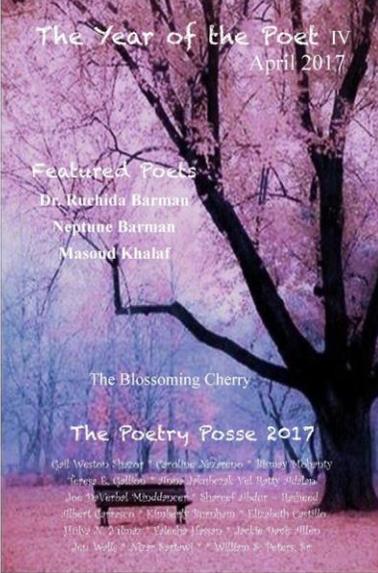


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Joe DeVirel Mbadumec \* Shereef Alidur \* Rashed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Tanesti

The Oak Moon

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Joe DeVirel Mbadumec \* Shereef Alidur \* Rashed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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### Featured Poets

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Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

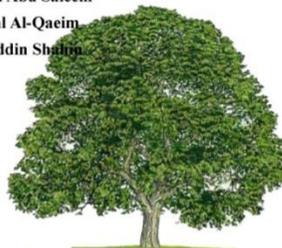
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Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

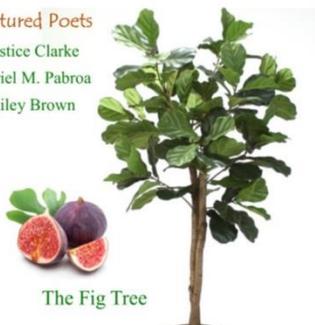
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### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Acry

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March 2018



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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'

Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Puerto Rico

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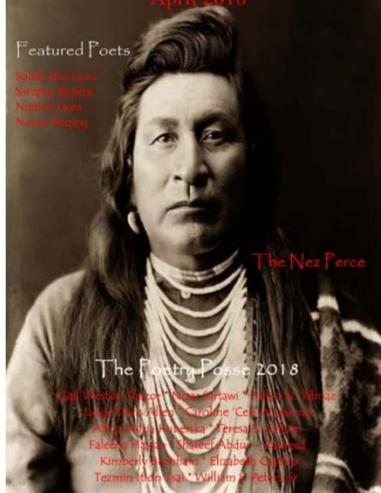
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Sonia Abu-Laym

Suzanne Belcher

Nathan Dean

Nancy Hoagmy



The Nez Perce

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 Sylvia K. Malinowska  
 Lailita Ahmeti  
 Ofelia Prodan

**The Sumerians**



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**June 2018**

Featured Poets  
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**The Paleo Indians**

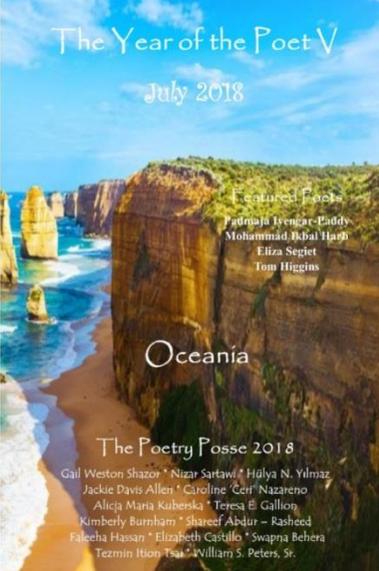


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**July 2018**

Featured Poets  
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 Mohammad Akbal Haris  
 Eliza Seget  
 Tom Higgins

**Oceania**



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**August 2018**

Featured Poets  
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**The Lapita**



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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#### Featured Poets

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

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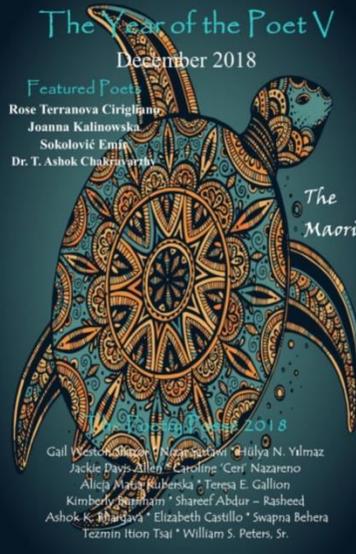
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December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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Indigenous North Americans

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

*Dream Catcher*

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Meso-America

### Featured Poets

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

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### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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 Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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



**The Caucasus**

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**Featured Poets**  
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Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
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**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Simriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**

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



**Oceania**

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato \* Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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