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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

Dear Reader:

You are holding in your hand the second collection of *The Year of the Poet, Volume VII*. The 2020-series is titled: “The Year of Peace. Celebrating Past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients”. The 1913-recipient of the said prize, Henri La Fontaine is the focus of this anthology’s February issue. Maybe you have never heard about him. You may be asking: Who was he? What did he do in the field of peace? Why was he rewarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

I would like to introduce him to you. Read his short biography, please, and later, some poems dedicated to him in this publication. Discover his personality, dreams and emotions in the verses, which were written about him from all over the world. Poets from different countries tried to resurrect the past. His personality and ideas will revive again. I hope we all can learn much from him.

Let us start our introduction . . .

Henri La Fontaine was born in Brussels on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April in 1854 and died in the city of his birth on May 14, 1943. He was a professor of international law, a senator in the Belgian

legislature, a renowned bibliographer, a man of wide-ranging cultural achievements. Henri La Fontaine was a freemason, and a member of *Les Amis Philanthropes* in Brussels.

He studied law at the Free University of Brussels. In 1877, at the age of twenty-three, La Fontaine registered as counsel with the Brussels Court of Appeal. Later, he received a doctorate in law from his alma mater. He practiced law, becoming one of Belgium's leading jurists. In 1888, he began his long work for the cause of peace; and participated in liberal reform initiatives.

He and his sister Léonie La Fontaine were early advocates for women's rights and suffrage. In 1890, they founded the Belgian League for the Rights of Women.

In 1893, he became professor of international law at the Free University of Brussels, and two years later, was elected to the Belgian Senate as a member of the Socialist Party. He served as vice chairman of the Senate from 1919 to 1932.

He also served as the president of the International Peace Bureau from 1907 until his death in 1943. La Fontaine promoted the idea of unification of the world's pacifist organizations. He was a member of the Belgian delegation to the Paris Peace

Conference in 1919 and to the League of Nations Assembly between 1920 and 1921.

Henri La Fontaine was the first socialist, who won the Nobel Peace Prize. La Fontaine's greatest work was as an activist in the international peace movement. He was a strong champion of internationalism. He set up an institute which collected documentation from all over the world on international matters. In 1910, he organized a world conference for international organizations. Its purpose was to create "an intellectual parliament" for humanity.

Henri La Fontaine held high positions of trust in the peace movement. When he was awarded the Peace Prize in 1913, he was the effective leader of the peace movement in Europe.

Now, let us read some poems . . .

Alicja Maria Kuberska

Poland



# 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*.

**T**his past year we have aligned our vision with that of Nobel Peace Prize Recipients. We have titled 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.

**T**o 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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*PS*

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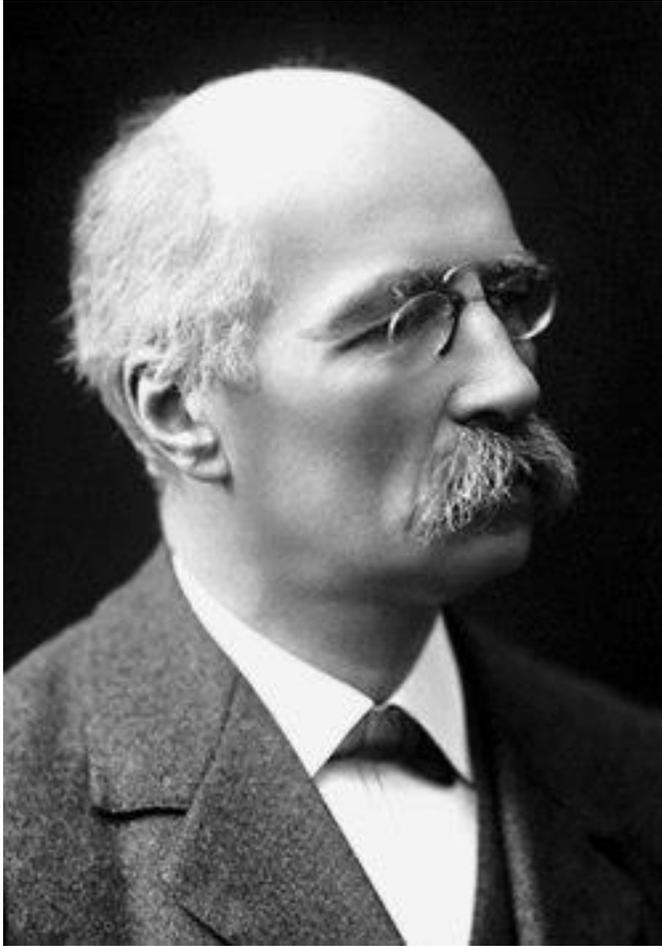
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# Henri La Fontaine



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 February 2020 you will find select poems from each Poetry Posse member on this month's celebrants. In 1913, The Belgian Lawyer and peace activist Henri La Fontaine, was the named recipient of this prestigious award for his work.

For more information about visit :

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henri\\_La\\_Fontaine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henri_La_Fontaine)

<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1913/fontaine/biographical/>



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



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp



Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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## Peace

A fountain moves quietly

Suffering not the ideals

That suffocate minds

Donning a mantle of

~Peace~

The lion protects the pride

The lioness nurtures

The next generation

Of freedom

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**B**

We B all the time  
In synch  
Saving daylight and watching the moon set  
Cuz we  
B  
Seeing life  
In unison  
Different and yet the same air breathing  
I cannot help but watch you  
Cuz you B  
And sometimes that is all you are  
B  
Everything in small movements  
Eyes be blinking slowly  
And I cannot tell  
Which  
B  
You are  
When I B looking hard  
For a sign of my being cuz  
I  
B  
Diggin you  
In my solitude of friendship  
And you  
B  
My best consciousness of that moment  
And no matter what I say  
I can find accomplice-ness in your nod  
Cuz you  
B  
Understandin

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Just how I feel after having experienced  
So much pain and hurt and loss  
In your past  
And we  
B  
Like, just forget dem fools  
Where yo shovel at, buried and done  
And yet I can still see a haunting in your eyes  
And I want to cry for you  
Cuz I can't cry for me  
And you B like  
Holding my hand in my sleep  
B  
Wrapping your arms around me  
B  
Silent  
B  
Breathing slowly jes so I can catch up  
B  
Slipped up  
B  
Resting it all out  
No one else B getting us  
Our laughter and private jokes and heads together  
Saying things that are only meant for me and you  
In the quickening of the day  
They  
Be  
Like  
Where dey do dat at  
Unmarried folks closer than those that are  
And its no sense in the arguing  
Cuz we B like  
You ready  
  
B  
Like, yup

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B

Like, you ok

B

Like, of course

B

Like, not really but keep talking

Til we both feel better with all the air

Between us clear and as blue

As the water that

B

Fulled up in the sea

Press your fingers  
Under my skin

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And find the treasures  
i have hidden  
My secrets are not safe  
Until i share them with you  
The burden is lightened  
Of wanting so much  
And needing so much  
Simultaneously  
Aging ungraciously  
In many attempts  
To find purpose  
In a single life  
And while i would have  
Focused on my aloneness  
i was never without a comforter  
Every tear that i released  
Increased the volume  
Of the ocean and sea  
Every mist and every vapor  
That spreads seeds across the earth  
My sorrow became stillness  
And the chorus came to sing  
Homeless and restless ones  
Ministering through their pain  
Asking much and taking little  
Until my cups were filled  
To overflowing again and again  
All the things thought lost  
Were merely waiting quietly  
More greatfilled than ever  
i want to share this with you  
This Angel's Share

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.

## Builder

Poem dedicated to Henri la Fountain

A man,  
under the sign of a triangle  
and a compass,  
built a palace of justice  
He gave it  
the shape of the temple of Solomon,  
with three columns  
from the east side.

In the light of stars and the Sun  
under the watchful eye  
of the Grand Architect  
he arranged paragraphs  
of the new law  
He created it like a wall  
made of the hewn stones.

Similar to a lonely knight  
from medieval songs  
he defended the ladies  
and built a mighty stronghold  
- Belgian League for the Rights of Women

He planted many acacias  
and erected bridges  
over divisions and hostility,  
that humanity could reach  
to the intellectual parliament  
and sow peace on the Earth

## Our love

We can swim far-away,  
Somewhere over the white clouds  
To the ocean of dreams.  
Nobody will find us there.

We will disappear in  
The fog of silent sighs,  
Sweet promises and  
Tender words about love.

We will see  
The blue sky, green earth  
And all colors of the sea  
Reflected in our eyes.

We should live today  
And forget about bitter  
Yesterday's worries.  
Let's go nestle close  
To our future.

Do not be afraid.  
Come with me

## The Meeting Place

Our favorite bar exists in time and space.  
Nothing changes there.  
The floor like a mirror reflects lights  
In shades of sky- blue and navy.

Bartender,  
Trustee of love's mysteries,  
With the face of a Sphinx,  
Concocts love potions  
Or collects tears in chalices.

I heard only your voice.  
I held you by the hand.  
The fingers trembled eagerly.  
I saw only your eyes.  
We were alone in the crowd.  
We found the silence among sounds.

We can return to here, where all began.  
Let's write another episode of life.  
Our barstools like giraffes will reach the sky.  
The bartender will smile  
And give us another magic elixir

## Homeless love

Streetlights awake at dusk  
And keep guard with their yellow eyes.  
Night closes the turmoil of time  
A gentle murmur flows  
In the hourglass of thoughts  
Intimate cafes invite  
With the delicate aroma of coffee.  
Parks wide open gates and lead to alleys,  
Where rustling leaves play a concert in the trees.  
Love is free like a Gypsy,  
Who reads only cards with red hearts  
And bring happiness for a thousand.  
It does not matter, it has no home

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Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Peace

Elusive, everlasting, year after year  
The longing, the search for peace

For his efforts, in 1913, Henri La Fontaine  
Won the esteemed Nobel Peace Prize

Would he not be surprised  
That the search continues

More than a century later  
Humanity is still searching for peace

Even as she hides her face  
Peace is ever the elusive lady

In the corners of the world  
Where mankind covets the prize

The light of peace shines brightest  
When one finds it within

## Interlude

sing to me gentle poet  
soothe my aching heart

lift my somber spirits high

for ominous and darkening skies  
and wildest winds, rushing by, would  
as I on sorrow's bed lie

awaken despairing visions

that would seek to hide  
from me the morrow

## Flickering Lights

When the New Year arrives  
We gather together  
Figuratively or not.  
Attired, perhaps  
In our best.

We raise our respective thoughts  
And jovially toast,  
Literally  
Or figuratively  
The festive occasion.

Promising to love more  
To be more, we thought  
We hoped to forgive  
Both ourselves  
And others.

We greeted the New Year  
With great expectation.  
Pray we seek  
More than the flickering lights  
Of the self-serving kind.

Despite moment of joy,  
Despite moment of sadness, sorrow.  
Despite moment of celebration.  
May love's promise lead us  
To heed the peace-maker's call.

Of love and kindness  
May we strive to become  
The bold light that shines  
With peace and forbearance.  
The peace that passeth understanding.

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And, with God willing  
Let us resolutely resolve  
To live in harmony, in heartsease.  
Let us encourage one another.  
Let us do no harm.

In God, our abiding trust  
We pray that others see  
Something more in us  
Than a flickering light.  
Let us shine where we are.

Deliver us from visitation  
Of health's enemy.  
And with heart's hope  
May we seek reconciliation  
Forgoing recriminations.

Let us neither cry  
Nor weep over the passing  
Of the year.  
Nor over that which came.  
Or never came to pass.

Let peace begin with us.  
Pray that we seek the ability  
To become more than we are.  
More than a flickering light.  
May we be the light of tranquility.

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Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai (蔡澤民博士) was born in Republic of China, in 1957. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering 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.

## Intellectual Peace

Spring like a dream  
Still raining  
Bring everything to the message

A flying flower outweighs all regrets  
Cut off the hairspring over a thousand feet

The fragrance of the butterfly doesn't smell  
The singing of the birds goes away  
The clutter of ignorance

Frequently peeking at the shadows of the sun  
I'm afraid today is a dim day

Desperately want to hold  
The night that can't be kept  
Request for spring  
Leave a little remnant of peace

The scramble made the flowers and leaves thin  
However, the green clothing of the tree newly woven the  
earth.

When the balm is suitable, the aroma naturally overflows  
The color does not fade when the bottle is tightly covered  
No trace of knowledge

Not as weeds  
With the whole body green and looking up at the white  
clouds floating in the sky

## Silence

Waves billow  
How many human sins are swallowed up  
Forgot to take away  
From me  
The pool of foam  
The pool of stillness

The wind howls  
Ridiculed the world of mortals let red dust flying around  
Can't interfere  
My  
Suspicion nowhere to hide  
Panic nowhere to hide

In my mind  
Did not lose a needle  
Not a single thought have not been disturbed  
Ask  
The fish  
It just stood in front of me  
Besides the big eyes  
Forgot to give me a shallow  
Smile

Reef rocks stand grimly  
Wait and see  
The floating sea  
The sea water turned between green and blue  
Tell  
The past and the future  
When does the elegant seagrass will come

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Secretly told to me  
Bitterness of growth  
Shouldn't be so quiet

Why not let  
The bottom of my heart  
Waiting for the youth  
Slowly  
Show up

## The Slightest Trace Of Concern In My Heart

That night  
Millions of stars squeezed into the sky again  
Haven't given up an inch of space  
Not long ago  
Romantic  
Accompanied by this same coast  
Bit by bit turned into a passion in the chest  
So surging  
So shy again  
It's hard to fight even the bad waves that slap on the shore

I can't find the armor that should have protected me  
Ask spring breeze  
It answered lazily  
Ask Haiyan  
Only got muttered again and again  
Panic out of the confusion  
Looking at the unfathomable sea  
I am helpless  
It's been long enough to leave in the dark  
Let me stand up

Follow the original form that came here  
Cannot be recalled  
Colorful clothes floating in the clouds  
The sea  
Ambiguous lure me  
To jump down  
Besides you  
I can't find a trace of care in my heart  
s flying freely?

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Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd

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

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

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

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

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

## blessed be the peace maker

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Henri La Fontaine  
was blessed  
for he was a peace maker  
action taker  
B. 22 April, 1854  
Brussels, Belgium  
as young student studied  
law  
Brussels Free University  
admitted to the bar 1877  
earned reputation  
authority international law  
active as advocate for  
women's rights  
founded Belgian League  
for Rights of Women  
taught international law  
elected to Belgian Senate  
concentrated on international  
peace efforts  
joined International Peace  
Bureau  
influential in bringing about  
the Hague peace conferences  
1899 and 1907  
founded, headed up many other  
peace initiatives, journals. legal  
handbooks, documentary  
history international arbitration  
awarded Nobel Peace Prize  
1913  
called " effective leader of peace

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movement in Europe"

blessed be the peace maker

Henri La Fontaine

d. May 14, 1943

peace is not achieved by wishing  
it takes intense commitment, effort,  
real dedication as a primary goal  
to bring about peace and harmony  
throughout the planet

food4thought = education

remember...

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innocent babies,  
mommies, daddies,  
remember Marley?  
called dem wicked,  
evil babylonians  
they will find you  
on that day,  
consequence  
you will pay  
a price that day  
the way you walked  
earth arrogant  
thought you magnificent  
said look me benevolent  
but you are excrement  
vermin personified,  
disease certified  
you lied, and lied  
dem died and died  
you said i'm leader  
instead you bottom feeder  
causing death, destruction  
when ever you come in  
life is diminished, finished  
you are selfish, you are  
excrement  
you die the earth will spit  
you out  
reject you  
will not let you rest  
serpents will crush your ribs  
because you were evil

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devil-heads oozing puss  
your eternal meal  
fit for a king of vile things  
they will remember you  
and vomit

food4thought = education

## I had ideas...

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they disappeared  
sitting on the potty,  
lol  
dam where's my pen?  
thoughts of a poet  
always traveling  
never know when  
they made a landing  
can't plan them  
mind tuned in  
to a spiritual frequency  
man, how i want to rise up  
above the fray  
fly away  
destination judgement day  
on the way to \*jannah  
this here is drama  
this here is deception  
from the jump  
take you off the count  
jam your signal  
so, you can't connect  
stay frozen in place  
in this ^dunya space  
dam sure need to escape  
do you know why your  
alive?  
what's your location?  
(((over)))

food4thought = education

\*jannah = paradise

^dunya = world

Kimberly  
Burnham

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## Woke Peace

Lover of peace  
part agitator part senator for the people  
Henri La Fontaine 1913 Nobel Peace prize winner  
saw his beloved Belgium invade in 1914  
again in World War II  
but not the return of peace  
and liberation for he died in 1943

Between the wars  
La Fontaine wrote  
the people are not awake  
dangers render a world organization impossible  
secret bargaining behind closed doors  
peoples will be as before  
sheep sent to the slaughterhouses  
or to the meadows  
as it pleases the shepherds  
international institutions ought to be  
by the peoples and for the peoples

And I wonder what have we learned  
in La Fontaine's future  
wars of our now past  
about how to create  
a world at peace

## Belgium's Peace Movement

I never knew when I was twelve  
after World War I and II  
the Korean war over  
as fire fights raged in Vietnam  
that I lived in a country  
where Henri La Fontaine  
a socialist tried to bring the world  
to peace  
he died long before I was born  
but I walked where he walked  
not yet woke to ways of bringing peace  
to the world around me  
today I write poetry as he once did  
and work towards greater harmony  
for my heart and for all  
perhaps fifty years ago  
as I walked in Brussels' Grand Place  
I absorbed some of his energy  
a spirit of unity  
compelled to carry on his legacy  
walk and woke the world towards peace

## Belgian Paix Vrede Peace

When we speak with one heart  
one world speaks of peace

Peace takes just two letters  
“Pa” in the Morvandiau language of France and Belgium

Three letters of “Poi” means peace  
in Bourguignon

In Belgium the French say “Paix”  
for the “Peace” we all desire

Also “Paix” in Bruxellois  
a dialect spoken in the city of Brussels

“Påye” is peace in Németalföldi  
a Flemish dialect

Also “Påye” in Walloon or Walon known also as Valão,  
Valón, Betchfessîs, Liégeois, Namurois, Wallo-Picard and  
Wallo-Lorrain

Taking five letters, the Flemish say “Vrede”  
in this language like Dutch

Limburgish peace is “Vreij” in yet another language  
of many in this small bilingual country

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## La Fontaine, Peace Advocate

Born in a foreign land  
This great man, La Fontaine,  
Advocating for women's rights  
His earliest task at hand  
World War I convinced him  
That we need an international court  
When peace began dawning again.

Here was a free mason,  
A peaceful world was his mission,  
The Les Amis Philanthropist  
Lead the Hague Peace Conference,  
A witness of a once destructive war  
The Peace Movement in Europe he founded.

## The Wind Whisperings

the cool breeze felt by the ocean  
sends shivers through her being  
while her mind is drifting to a far away place  
where her love is  
sweet whisperings come floating in the air  
a voice from a far, mellow enough to calm her senses.

as she walks barefooted on the white, warm, crystalline  
sand  
echoes of the tides dancing become a melodious rhythm  
caressing her perturbed soul  
as her longing for her love becomes unbearable  
the days pass her by so slow...

the woman found a soft spot by the shoreline  
her hair being swayed by the wind bringing those romantic  
whisperings again  
at a distance, the majestic , golden setting sun said "Hello"  
and she wished it could send sweet nothings for her Prince  
at the other side somehow.

one fine day their eyes would finally meet  
and the loneliness they feel will be put to an end  
as that day will cast upon their souls a brand new dawn  
they still will continue to build castles and paint pictures of  
tomorrow  
weave dreams only their intertwined hearts could  
comprehend.

their love is likened to a ship that is still in its endless  
journey  
with stubborn waves and the sky casting troublesome  
storms along the way

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but these have made the cruise mighty strong  
and in each other's loving arms they continue to belong.

the journey of a thousand stories  
is still bound to reach its awaiting Kingdom  
with the Almighty's guidance  
the Prince and Princess love for each other will prevail  
as the wind sends sweet whisperings to the royal's ears  
though an ocean apart,  
a promise of being together soon is embedded in their  
hearts!

## The Artist By the Shore

In the still of the night  
All I hear is the slight drizzle by the window  
Tiny droplets of rain making sounds as they fall on the  
ground.

On this cool July evening  
Alone in my room  
Still can't bring myself to slumber,  
My mind starts to wander  
How I long to be in a far away island.

Far away from this hustle and hurried life  
Let time stop for a while as I dream on,  
Walk bare footed on the white sand and watch the tiny  
waves playing like kids  
As the cold wind sweeps and caresses my warm cheeks.

I dream of sitting by the seashore  
Where I can sketch the setting sun in all its glory and  
beauty  
Colorful hues of orange, yellow, red in my palette,  
Gentle strokes of the paintbrush as I get hypnotized by its  
aura  
Distant mountains at the far horizon caught my eye  
Wondering how could I cross to the other side and be in  
another world.

I'm gonna play my music, too  
By the shore where the sound of the tides goes in rhythm  
with my heart  
Appreciate the beautiful and astounding nature

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Created by God, His gift to mankind,  
By the shore is all I wanna be  
Spending time as I wait  
For the sun to finally set in and bid it goodbye as I close my  
eyes and sleep.

Joø  
Þairø

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## 100 Years Between Us

Age wise he'd be around 165 or 166  
The only relevance of that is peace  
Henri La Fontaine, the 1913 Nobel Peace Prize  
had a strong interest in peace and Women's rights  
Seer's of peace never seek a prize  
they seek the eyes and ears, and the ayes have it

Henri La Fontaine

This man was a politician in support of pacifism  
rational men are mighty with the pen  
as is a preacher at the pulpit, we sculpt the way  
with as many followers who may note this  
It's hard not to just quote his history  
The power of research is at hand  
The power to teach our fellow human being  
Being that I've changed my view and way of thinking

Henri La Fontaine

so easy to relate by a date referenced by a date 1854  
One hundred years before me will it take another century  
for peace, not a prize,  
but don't be surprised in times of war  
Peace writers defeat more.

## In A Timely Manor

These walls hold so many mementos  
like pimentos soaked in Vodka  
I'm a collector of time

From childhood memories to times at sea  
they're all stacked against my walls  
Things, trivial things, a broken lock box  
a broken chain, missing rings, missing things  
I can't find a picture of my mother  
But I have porcelain animals from my father

These walls hold the smell of smoke and kitchen grease  
I'm not saving those odors, yet it holds the chef in place  
An empty bottle holds its shape,  
maybe I'll make a candle holder  
Do I really need an old matchstick holder from the 50's?  
It's quickly approaching Tax Time with stressed minds  
Writing poems for a deadline,  
with a dead mine until the last day  
I live in a timely manor  
Now if I can deliver in a timely manner, yeah!  
that's on me.

## Cruise Control

what is contentment?

Is it the knowledge that all bases are covered  
even the newly discovered won't be a chore

You know that sudden bill, from a spill, trip or fall  
or all three, so pardon me for asking  
but what is content? Let go and let God?

Jesus take the wheel, Karma, if you will

Yo, momma, if you still; live at home

Now that's some content to lament

I remember being sent to my room, all the amenities  
can't count the inches TV, keys to the car  
access to the bar, wee hours of the morning  
some access point left ajar

But what is contentment? When some relish the struggle  
It keeps them alive, is that contentment in their eyes?

Who am I to judge or assume I know

I know I call it cruise control

WHATEVER, whatever happens, happens

I shouting and clapping for the folks who aren't napping

But if that makes you happy, are you not content

Can we ever be free of worry if our worry is not the same?

Are we cheating experience,

for a little more to be content with

You ever laugh at a funeral?

No! I mean like during, I don't know, I lost track of where I  
was, I'm on cruise control.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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## Internationalism

What a concept for our times!

After all, not perilous are all -isms.

Internationalism . . .  
a passionate dedication to world peace . . .  
hence, the key to the betterment of humanity.

I dream of the day  
when, across the board,  
our curricula dons finally  
a sweeping devotion to humanism,  
an unconditional inclusion-ism.

A dream, not impossible to make true . . .

If only  
each of us  
were to aspire  
to inhale and exhale  
as the likes of Henry La Fontaine!

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**peace-HAIKU**

inclusion of all

breathing on our shared planet

humanism rules

## prize-seekers need not apply

many of us may be eternally seeking  
a worldwide recognition in some form or shape

bring in the uniting sources and forces  
internationalism will open wide the drapes  
that cover our callous-ified eyes  
at the present, unwilling to see  
what is going down in reality  
disguised as humanity

prize-seekers need not apply

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Peace Through Education

A socialist, a pacifist, an activist  
is attributed to Henri la Fontaine.  
He believed an obstacle to peace  
was the peoples' ignorance of each other.

La Fontaine was actively involved  
in the international peace movement.  
He set up institutes and conferences  
to bring people together.

President of the International Peace Bureau  
for 35 plus years, trusted in the peace movement.  
Peace, equality and democracy were  
underlying themes of his activism.

He defended the emancipation of women, expansion  
of democracy and access to knowledge for all.  
He believed that peace could only be achieved  
in a democratic, egalitarian society.

## Gratefulness

The gentle touch of a loving thought  
makes the stars raise eyebrows.  
The moon pokes her head in the shadows.

The stillness of night blossoms  
burn my eyes in the darkness.  
Rainbow showers come with daybreak.

Colors accentuate the morning  
with dew drops across the yard.  
Happy bubbles take ownership  
of the grass.

Gratitude sings in my heart.  
My thank you ritual begins  
with water to nourish the body,

coffee to gaze at the blue sky  
and fluffy clouds outside.  
Food on the table provides energy.

A vehicle waits in the driveway  
to take me to the trailhead  
for my daily walk.

## Desert Chill

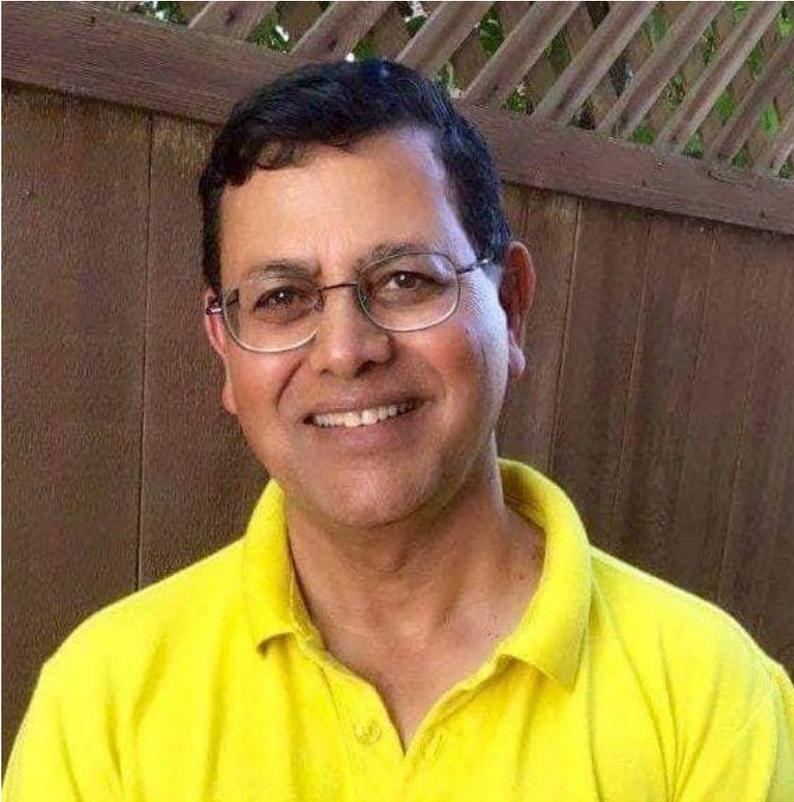
An abnormal winter holds the desert  
hostage on moist muddy trails.  
Sand weeps for dryness.  
A wet chill is not soft like  
sunrise sharing blue kisses.

Familiar signs peek at sanity.  
A roadrunner struts on the path.  
Ducks chill in the pond.  
Crows have a conference  
in spite of the gray sky.

The winter desert and I  
long for sunshine,  
a soothing cobalt sky,  
a day of warm echoes  
and an end to chilly solitude.

Ashok  
K.  
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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.

## International Peace

You asked me  
what is peace  
I said it's —  
the lighting of the sun and moon,  
fresh air that  
orbits around us.

the quiver of a flute,  
the rhythmic beat  
of a drum,  
that infuses energy  
and make us dance.

Sadly  
it is the humming drones,  
rumbling sounds of fury  
and target killings  
that stiffen minds  
making possibility  
of peace  
disappear.

## End of the End

*Re-examine what has been buried inside, dismiss whatever has offended the feelings.*

I call your name gently  
And waited for a response

With a faint blip on the monitor  
jumbled and confused memories  
Sulking on  
Old pain buried inside the heart  
Resurface.

I call your name again  
And no response  
You are breathing  
With life-support-system.

I don't even know  
If you are there in deep sleep or  
any of this is real.

We never reconciled.  
Cold wind blows in my heart  
Why?  
Did I do anything wrong?

Why and what you did to me  
There would be no answer to that.

The pain is still fresh  
The insult inflicted still hurtful.

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Today you are struggling  
To break all chains  
To liberate yourself.

Your time coming to an end.  
My heart  
Unwilling to cure.

I'm sorry for not forgiving you  
Or forgetting the past.

But I pray for you  
And see you dying.

## Enigma

Invaders plunder  
glorify victories  
write history

and you  
the vanquished  
wrote nothing about  
how bravely you fought  
held up the enemy  
and shed blood  
you got just left out from history books

Not a word about you  
Never a mention  
Not in the Hindu Sanskrit script  
Not in Gujrati  
Not in Urdu  
Not in the folk stories

You left behind shame  
And a gigantic wound  
Which won't cure  
Which won't fill  
A collective pain  
Buried silently  
In the psyche

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Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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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.

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

Links to her works:

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## l'avocat

*(Homage to Henri La Fontaine)*

you were an influencer  
pacifist and philanthropist  
who once made the world a better place,  
your advocacy to foster peace,  
remain in our shattered worlds.

You embraced The Hague Peace  
A socialist who believed women's rights  
You were the fountain of truth,  
education and noble purpose  
O! La Fontaine  
You lived and have moved mountains!

## my other wing

i am not so far away,  
i'm always here,  
"more often than always"  
my lifesaver,  
my heart bearer  
my time keeper,  
my other wing.  
from day to day,  
i'll fly with you  
in a brisk wind  
with our match speed,  
go the distance  
'closer you and i'.

## ultramarine ink and chai

there is what we used to call  
acquaintance loop,  
where we meet with our favourite  
vista verde or veranda,  
oftentimes we talk about  
the rhyming of a fleeting cloud to  
a midsummer's swaying cogon grasses,  
as we hold the quill  
to etch the dissidence,  
while memories dripping  
like the schoolboy's icecream.

there was a time we just giggle  
while solstice makes the brewing chai  
attuned in the crisp of *baklava*  
just like our laughs in a moviehouse;  
then our seats creak.  
we were sojourners of hope,  
someday, somewhere in time,  
forgetting is just a blank paper --  
forget the place, the *dernier cri*  
the menu we used to order;  
and the pain to let go  
as i watch you leave...  
because we were friends  
but strangers when the evening comes.

Swapna  
Behera

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## Cuttack ; a city that never sleeps .....

on the bank of four rivers  
a century old city  
Mahanadi ,Kuakhai,Birupa and Kathajodi  
run through it

Cuttack hyper active in all seasons ;  
where the coconuts of temples  
and dates of Kazi Bazaar caters brotherhood  
cakes and Halwa  
multiple cuisins on plates  
universal brotherhood celebrates  
the Christmas carol or the Azan  
sing the background chorus

Cuttack is a register of the chronology  
foot marks of Jayanta Mohapatra  
and Madhu Babu  
the Balliyatra and the Barabati Fort  
Dussehra or Holi  
Water of Mahanadi ;mirror of Cuttack  
testimony on the silver filigree  
gipsy grass here and there  
the city sings the melody  
of Akshaya Mohanty

here swirls the ring road  
values reflect and transmit  
the celebration of noisy dreams  
Sankirtans or Dadu's copious smiles

Ahh,my city  
the one and only  
Cuttack.... !!

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*N.B. -Cuttack is a city and the old state capital of Odisha, India*

*Akshaya Mohanty is a very popular singer, writer, short story writer, composer, music Director of Cuttack Bali yatra; - the trading festival*

*Jayanta Mohapatra; - the famous Indian English poet who received Sahitya Akademie award*

*Madhu Babu; - Madhusudan Das, the Utkal Gouraba was the founder of Utkal Sammilani*

*Halwa; - Halwa is a sweet dish*

## When people are not awake ....

the hero of Brussels  
the president of International Peace Bureau  
a true socialist he was  
thought of hunger ,liberty ‘  
child labour  
free primary education  
for all  
empowerment of women  
technical schools for them  
a visionary  
who dreamt for economic union  
legislation support to the League of nations  
a senator thought for labourers and mine inspection  
only eight hour a day and forty hours a week his slogan  
no secret bargaining behind the closed door

“People will be as before  
They are not awake  
The sheep sent to the slaughter houses  
or to the meadows as it pleases the shepherd ”  
Disarmament  
Mandatory after the first world war  
in Paris conference or in the Peace movements

A Nobel Peace Prize Recipient  
he is Professor Henri La Fontaine  
who dreamt for the people .....  
stood for them ....

## Last night she was singing.....

Last year she was singing  
perhaps she was extra creative  
to paint her horizon with blue melody  
after all she is the sky herself

Last month she was dancing  
with the tune of Rumi  
perhaps she was coding love  
to paint Nature with greenery  
after all she is the Earth herself

Last night everything was superb  
but today someone  
some where is missing .....

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

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

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### Infinite Poetry

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

## Henri Marie La Fontaine

Henri Marie La Fontaine was born in 1854,  
He went to the free university of Brussels,  
By 1877 he was admitted to the bar and built a reputation in  
international law.

He was elected as a member of the socialists party,  
In the senate, from 1919 to 1932 he was vice chairman.  
He and his sister Leonie both were advocates for women's  
rights.

They founded the Belgian league for the rights of women.

Mr. La Fontaine wasn't just an excellent speaker,

He was also an excellent writer.

Les droits et des obligations des entrepreneurs de  
travaux publics,

Traité de la contrefaçon,

Pacifisme internationale

and bibliographie de la paix et de l'Arbitrage are a couple  
of books in which he is the author.

Not only did Henri practice peace with law,

He was also boisterous about peace without war.

## A dark place

I'm from a dark place where, I'm struggling, I'm depressed, my back is against the wall and I need a shoulder to lean on is written on everyday peoples face. Where I'm from It can be summer, bright outside and hot like a oven, but the sun doesn't shine often. Poverty had parents shopping on credit at the corner store, they weren't lazy people they just needed the opportunity to work, save money and build up credit scores. Hustlers are made where I'm from, settling for less wasn't everyone's decision. I've seen people work on engines and transmissions on main streets. I know people that'll fix your washing machine and dryer for a few dollars. I know an old man that walked the hood looking for old or broken shopping carts, he'll use four to make one then sell it, walking the hood yelling "last call, I wouldn't wait one minute". When there's will there's a way, us children of circumstance running the streets in search of fun will become the ones who run the streets in search of funds with guns and hard ya. We was in a dark place living at a fast pace, we'd rather ride in the back of hearses instead of living under traditional curses. That's exactly what happened, a lot of men lost vitals trying to break the cycle. Hustling was opportunity to my generation, we went hard for dead prez accumulation, when you do accumulate money, it instantly becomes an addiction. I was addicted and so was my homies, we didn't want rehab, we were cash junkies, we o.d'd daily trying to get high enough to never go back to poverty.

## Pen cry

I've seen homies in critical. I've seen homies through morgue windows. I never gave up hope when i was at beside vigils regardless to the fact docs said there was no brain function, I believed in miracles. Casualties of war, reactions of actions to not be poor anymore. If there was a way for people to see through my eyes at what I saw briefly, there eyes would be sore infinitely, my pain would have the average man reach a level of insanity. I Kissed cold foreheads like I always do while silently sayn... Inf loves you, went to everyone's burial, watched holes get refilled with dirt too, sometimes it's still unbelievable knowing it's true. Through the fire I gained a gift to tap into memories I see ever so clearly, I could think of a point and time close my eyes and relive history. It's a gift and a curse, after the fun and laughter there's going to be murder... I also relive that over and over, but Ill take the good with the bad as long as I can visualize the closest friends I ever had. I didn't live through it all to drop tears screaming out woe is me, I lived through it all to let my pen cry urban poetry.

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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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.

## New face

*In Memory of Henri La Fontaine -  
President of the International Peace Office,  
Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 1913.*

With help of his knowledge and desires  
he pursued aims:  
improving education  
foreign affairs  
and most importantly:  
international peace.

Although at times, fate  
does not let  
realize.

That was back then.

World War I  
prevented the establishment  
*of multinational cities*  
Took dreams away  
and reality uncovered  
free of delusions face.

*translated by Ula de B*

## Free Will

You allow suffering  
because one has to be strong?

Not everyone can withstand this pain.

Nobody adds strength.

You gave eyes that see this world.  
You gave hearing  
that slowly  
stops responding to shots.

You gave legs,  
not everyone has them anymore.

You created a man  
who has free will.

Did you give it to everyone?

Is it possible  
that some have only evil in themselves?

What are people allowed to do?

Eat?

The problem is that  
we will not die from overeating.

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Hunger is the everyday reality  
of most people  
who are stuck  
among the creators of death.

*translated by Artur Komoter*

## Way of Peace

These times  
do not honor the wisdom of the elderly.  
There are no longer the sapient ones  
who can remedy  
the wrong decisions.

In the dark  
it is hard to find  
a way of peace.

We're still in a place  
where we should not be.

Can people be punished for innocence?

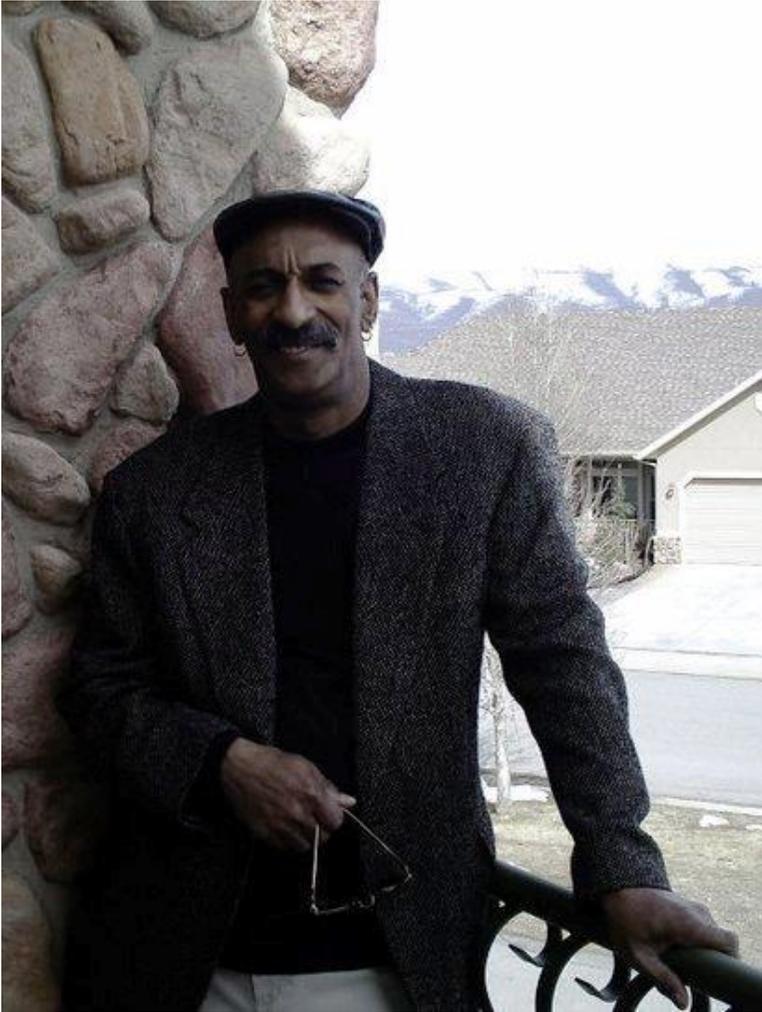
Nobody will answer anymore.  
Even silence  
is a bad adviser.

*translated by Artur Komoter*

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William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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## Fontaine

There was Henri La Fontaine  
Who was not from Spain  
Who won the Nobel Peace Prize

The year was 19 and 13  
Yet peace we've not seen  
But he did manage to open a few eyes

A Lawyer, a man  
A Barrister they say  
Who argued the wisdom of peace

Yet unto this day  
The world's in a fray  
And the wars have yet to cease

He begged and he pleaded  
But few nations heeded  
That war is as ludicrous as they

But keep hope alive  
And strive O human strive  
And we will have peace someday

So it is not always the prize  
That opens ones eyes  
You have to feel it in your heart

Tolerance and compassion  
Is a much-needed action  
And from our ways we will part

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So I thank you Mr. Fontaine  
For addressing the inane  
For insanity must not rule our way

And I as well keep saying  
We must stop the little boys playing  
And soon world peace will be TODAY

Fontaine

## Live

The 'Gateway' is open,  
But the blind  
Are the only ones  
Who can see,  
For if your eyes behold  
This world  
You can view nor envision  
The 'Light Illumined Portal'  
(L.I.P.)  
That leads us to  
The 'Rainbow Bridge'

How many years,  
Millennium,  
Eons,  
Have the Saints, Mystics and Foretellers  
Prophesied errantly  
About that which is to come,  
When it has been here  
All along ?

Tell me O child of creation,  
Are not you  
The Creator  
Of the path you walk,  
The dreams you conjure  
And the longings of your heart ?

Tell me O Child of the Universe,  
Can not you loose  
Your consciousness  
And walk upon the  
Galaxies,  
Nebulas,  
The Stars Systems,

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The Moons  
And Illusions  
You behold ? . . .

Yes, behold the wondrous magnanimity  
Of who you truly are . . .  
Live not thy expression  
Cloaked in a self-woven cloth  
Of Ill-deceits  
Of your own making,  
And that of others  
Who wish you to but follow them  
Into their chosen paths  
Of perdition

You alone  
Are the condition  
Of your resurrection,  
Your erection,  
Your coronation  
That places you on the  
'Throne'  
That gives you sovereignty  
Over your life

Life is about  
Your selections . . .  
Choose wisely,  
And authentically true !

Live my child, Live  
As you were meant to be,  
Live !!!!

This is the year 2020 . . .  
Time for you to see clearly!!!!

## The Forecast

As minds across the globe  
Are being lost  
Tossed into the  
Mercurial,  
Tumultuous,  
'Winds of Change',  
The children suffer  
That of which  
Is to come

Hopefully,  
That which is present  
Will not last  
Beyond these times,  
The 'now' times  
Of our consuming anguish

Death dances about us,  
In the streets,  
The Churches and Synagogues  
And the Mosques and Temples  
Singing unholy praises  
Of a false cleansing  
That panders to the  
Demonic, deluded, demented souls  
Who walk amongst us  
Pretending  
That they are normal  
And that their agendas  
Are spirited upon them  
By some conjured image imagined  
They call God

Shalom,  
Said the Rabbi

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To the Imam,  
And the Priest  
Made a sign  
Signifying  
A crucifixion  
Which is due to shortly come

Wait for it . . .

They say,  
We know not the time, . . .  
Of what I ask . . .  
For the task at hand  
Is already upon us

I can no longer trust  
With any particular ease  
To be appeased alone  
By waiting and praying . . .  
IJS (I'm just saying)

Because,  
The cause  
Is at hand,  
And if we pause 2 long  
The song, the show  
The performance  
Will come to an end  
As will all the Thespians  
Who pretend that  
It, this, all was/is real

Forecast . . .  
Wait not for the answers,  
You already know!

You are the solution !!!!!

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Featured Poets

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Claudia Piccinno

Jennifer Ades

Martina Reisz Newberry

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Claudia  
Piccinno

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Claudia Piccinno was born in southern Italy in 1970, but moved very young to northern Italy where she currently lives

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and teaches in a primary school. Her poems are in more than one hundred anthologies, she is a member of the jury in numerous national and international literary awards. She is the Director of the Poetry Word Festival for Europe. She is board director for Galaktika Atunis Magazine. She is co-founder for Ngo literary confederation in Istanbul. She has received awards in important national and international poetry competitions. Her poem "In blu" is reproduced on a majolica stele on the seafront of Santa Caterina di Nardo (Le). She has also written numerous critical essays or prefaces to the books of other poets. She has published

Love?

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Love is the sunflower  
Which turns in my direction  
As I was the only light of the day,  
Love is the man who waits for me  
At the slopes of the mountain,  
Love rests in the shadow of my freshness  
And improves my way so hard.  
Love knows what I miss  
And it does not punish me with his absence,  
Love listens to all my silence,  
Love fills the black hole of a distance  
It does not dig up with its omissions.  
Love doesn't live as a fault its distractions,  
he replaced them with laughters or conscious privations.  
Love has no logic or prohibitions,  
Love has restless beats...  
Love rustles in memories  
He hesitates behind a display  
And dies as surrogate of a false addiction  
Which misunderstands the sense of belonging.

The silent scream

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Burns this atavic, undeserved evil ,  
the soul of a mother is suffering  
in the silent scream,  
her patience wavers,  
her strength  
rises from the ashes.  
We are together  
once again,  
an obvious fact  
for the majority,  
not for us  
we, who after the dark  
dreamed of light.  
And we are here  
In the shadow cone  
of my fears,  
in the bright wake  
of a new aurora ..  
waiting the day  
to develop.

Orange flowers

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It was a fake stratagem  
The transparency of the white wedding veil  
En pendant with the immaculate corset  
Adorned with trine and lace  
On which a drop of old wine bounced.  
Ersilia seventeenth-century's bride  
She could choose a dress  
That it was red or black  
Pear and apricot  
Pineapple and coffee.  
The twenty-first siecle  
stopped in achromatic feeling  
But it appreciates  
The cyclamen's resurrection  
Camouflaged in orange flowers bouquet  
To neutralize pitfalls  
Entangled in the grosgrain.

Jennifer  
Ades

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Jennifer Ades started writing at the young age of seven. Her first poem entitled “Autumn, Autumn” was published in a poetry magazine launching her interest in writing and poetry. Jen’s hobbies include writing, reading, movies, music, literature, art, history, computers, and video games. She is also multilingual and loves exploring foreign languages and different cultures. The Richland, Washington native speaks fluent French, Spanish, Hebrew, and English as well as basic Japanese. In her spare time, she enjoys writing and hanging out with her gorgeous and amazing daughter, Karen Shellie, to whom Jen dedicates her poem “Periwinkle Wave.”

## The Vault

Embedded in the depths of the soul  
Intertwined with the chambers of the heart  
Lies the vault; a guard, a keeper  
A protector, a sealer.

Immune to holdups, to robbers  
Sending them away quivering in the wings of their onyx  
masks  
Melting down their pistols at infernal temperatures  
The vault reigns supreme.

The vault is host  
To miniscule, metallic safety deposit boxes  
Locked away in their miniature compartments  
Key destroyed, combination erased, eternally.

Anchor? There is none.  
No staff to enter or approach  
No access granted to anyone or anything  
Save the vault's caretaker ... its owner none other than.

Solely the owner can make deposits  
Can approach the vicinity of the vault,  
However, from the vault, only deposits exist  
Never withdrawals; nothing ever exits the vault.

The vault has the highest security  
Round the clock patrol by the senses and the mind  
Stressed with scrutiny and surveillance, the owner dwells  
His days on care and on guard to let nothing leak out of the  
vault.

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There will come a time  
When a thief slips through those soldierly steel bars  
Or the owner erroneously stumbles in speech  
O', but recovery is rapid, order is restored; the vault is re-  
secured.

The owner is forever the  
Sole proprietor, the account holder  
To do as he pleases, deposit what he wishes  
Into the vault, any hour, any day, never to be released.

Who or what, one may ponder, doth reside in this vault?  
'Tis simply concoctions of various sorts, of various flavors  
Metamorphosizing, manifesting themselves into the  
apparitions of secrets, thoughts, feelings  
Frantically preparing for their airtight sealed, vacuumed,  
locked permanent new life  
In the vault

## Hispanic Splendor A-Z

Aragón, Andalucía, Argentina, arroz  
Bandas, bailes, Bolero, Barcelona  
Cadíz, camarones, churros, Colima  
Dalí, Domingo, Don Quixote, Daddy Yankee

España, enchiladas, Enrique, Español  
Flamenco, flores, flan, flautas  
Gazpacho, Guernica, Guadalupe, Granada  
Hacienda, Hidalgo, Huelva, Hayon

Iglesias, Ibiza, Itatí, Iturraspe  
Julio, Jalisco, Juan, Jaén  
Kalimba, Kepa, Kirikoketa, Kalpancalá  
Lima, Lucena, Laura, Luís

Maradonna, México, Madrid, Málaga  
Neuquén, Necochea, Nuevo León, Navidad  
Oaxaca, Ortigueira, Obleas, Olazábal  
Pamplona, Prado, Puebla, Picasso

Quesadilla, Querétaro, Quilmes, Quito  
Recodo, Real, Rafael Calzada, rosca  
Sangría, Sevilla, salsa, Sonora  
Tapas, tamales, tango, toreadors

Uruguay, Utrera, Unquillo, Univisión  
Verónica, Veracruz, Valencia, Valderrama  
Waterpolista, Wampursirpi, Wönken, Wallapampa  
Xalapa, Xico, Xóchitl, Xola

Yucatán, Yerba Buena, Yeguas, Yahuecas  
Zaragoza, Zorro, Zamora, Zánacara.

## Periwinkle Wave

Heavied with the burdens of the day  
Dull, dismal, more than I can say  
Her pearl smile, her calming gaze  
A periwinkle wave my spirit doth raise.

Perturbed, panicked, pressed about the future  
The mouth laughs, the soul pensive far away  
Her soothing hug, her serene cure  
A periwinkle wave births a new day.

Ill, infirmed, whatever may ail me  
I fear, overly at times, what will be  
Her angelic voice, her peaceful sight  
A periwinkle wave of power and might.

Insecure, intimidated, a feeling of daze  
Whether or not I accomplished enough; anxiety, dismay  
Her resuscitating jokes, her pristine gaze  
A periwinkle wave of faith.

More than treasure, more than riches  
More than crystal waters full of color fishes  
She is my rock, my all, more than any girl and boy  
A periwinkle wave of joy.

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Martina  
Reisz  
Newberry

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Martina Reisz Newberry's most recent book is WHERE IT GOES. She is also the author of LEARNING BY ROTE, WHAT WE CAN'T FORGIVE, LATE NIGHT RADIO, PERHAPS YOU COULD BREATHE FOR ME. HUNGER, AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE: POEMS 1996-2006, NOT UNTRUE & NOT UNKIND, RUNNING LIKE A WOMAN WITH HER HAIR ON FIRE:

Collected Poems and 100 SELECT POEMS plus ONE.

Ms. Newberry is the winner of i.e. magazine's Editor's Choice Poetry Chapbook Prize for 1998: AN APPARENT, APPROACHABLE LIGHT. She is also the author of LIMA BEANS AND CITY CHICKEN: MEMORIES OF THE OPEN HEARTH—a memoir of her father, (one of the first men ever to be hired at Kaiser Steel in Fontana, CA in 1943)—published by E.P. Dutton and Co. in 1989. Newberry has been included in Ascent Aspirations first two hard-copy Anthologies, as well as othernumerable notable anthologies.

She has been awarded residencies at Yaddo Colony for the Arts, Djerassi Colony for the Arts, and Anderson Center for Disciplinary Arts. Poet Andrew Hudgins nominated her for a Pushcart Prize in Poetry in 1989.

A passionate lover of Los Angeles, Martina currently lives there with her husband Brian and their fur baby, Charlie T. Cat.

## Yvonne, I Still Have Your Bowl

“Who will answer when Jesus calls?”  
asked my neighbor, Yvonne (she said *Whyvonne*.)  
“Ain’t worried so much about myself, but all the others...”  
She, newly uprooted from Wild Cherry, Arkansas  
to live in the Inland Empire. Her husband’s wife,  
my new neighbor... She told me she couldn’t read or write  
“but just the little’st bit,” that her mother hated her now  
because of her husband had got her “with child.”  
If he hadn’t,” and she giggled here,  
“I never would of got a husband homely as I am—  
She giggled again. “...face like a fry pan.”  
My daddy said “Marry quick as you can.”  
So we did. I’m due in a month.”  
The formal phrase *with child* seemed grim.  
“I can cook, though,” she said. “I cook real good.  
You don’t have to look good to cook good.”  
She was frying chicken and okra for their evening meal.  
I had not tasted okra, told her so. “Never?” she asked.

Later, she left a bowl of it near the clothesline where we’d  
stood.

A note pinned on my drying tee shirt said,  
*FORM YVONN. HAVE SOM GO’S GOOD WITH GRITTS.*  
They moved the next month. Her husband was leaving her,  
she said. She had to figure out what to do. I was no help.  
Maybe she went back to Wild Cherry.  
I can’t eat okra to this day,  
but I’ve kept the note and her cracked yellow bowl.

## Field Exercises

That's what  
the military calls them—  
the blue armbands vs.  
the red armbands,  
everyone shouting,  
sweating,  
practicing  
the most efficient way  
to flex extreme prejudice.  
I call it something else.  
I call it Caffley High School  
Class of '61.  
What told the friends  
from the enemies  
were the labels  
on the backs of sweaters  
and skirts  
and jeans.  
In place of rifles  
there were words and glances.  
In place of bullets,  
there were pushes  
to knock your books  
out of your arms  
or your glasses  
off your face,  
jibes,  
pacts  
and threats  
spoken just loud enough.

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All this to remind you  
who was blue (friends)  
and who was red (enemies).

Inland Empire, CA, 1968:  
the first time he slapped  
the shit out of me,  
I remembered.  
“Ah yes” I told myself,  
“field exercises.”  
I went to the bedroom,  
lay on the bed

and watched the moon  
make shadow monsters  
on the ceiling.

My glasses were  
on the living room floor  
where my son  
would find them  
and put them  
on top of our  
portable dishwasher.

The side of my head hurt  
and I huddled  
with all the reds  
of the class of '61—  
sweating,  
afraid.  
Class of '61...  
me and Connie Wignal,

arms around each other

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in a bathroom stall,  
waiting  
for the cheerleader team  
to leave.  
Two scared reds,  
armpits soaked.  
I thought about it  
being my senior year.  
“One more semester,”  
I told Connie W.  
“and this  
will never happen again.”

## Office Party

Everyone was slapping  
everyone. The reason was  
it was supposed to be a party  
but that bitch, Careen,  
ordered vegetarian food  
for everybody because  
she was one and  
most people were expecting  
Hot Wings and Mac & Cheese  
so Dr. Foster's secretary  
went up to her,  
said something rude  
and slapped her face  
then that bitch Careen  
slapped her back  
and then Dr. George's  
intern slapped Dr. Lillon's secretary.  
Someone was pushed  
into a buffet table  
and got cole slaw  
all over his sleeve—I don't even know who that guy was—  
and Louise from Accounting  
starting throwing pennies—PENNIES for godssakes—  
at everyone and,  
when she hit Rory in the eye with one,  
he grabbed her  
by the front of her blouse  
and snapped  
all the buttons off it  
in one purely violent gesture.  
She screamed and  
the next thing I knew,

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food and plastic forks  
were flying  
and the yelling and cussing  
was fierce.  
I left,  
went out the loading dock exit.

When I got home,  
I poured a Diet Coke  
and turned on the TV to watch  
video coverage  
of the war  
in Afghanistan.

## Festoon

Beach architect  
Sand castles  
He digs deep to find damp sand, sees blue  
and pulls out a scarf.  
He pulls and there is the hand of a child.  
He cries out,  
digs deeper  
and there is more blue scarf and  
another hand  
and he digs and again a small hand...  
Oh! Why are they here?  
Who cut them off?  
Tiny arms, where are those?  
Do the children still live?  
He looks around,  
cries,  
shouts to the empty beach,  
“Is anyone there?”  
But, no one answers  
as he knew  
they would not.

## ...Said The Spider

The new pen makes a fine line  
which calls me to write something.  
I want it to be something  
I like, something worthwhile which,  
I might add, has not happened  
for some months. It came in the  
mail—a gift, said the card, for  
my unselfish donation  
to St. Michael's School for Girls.  
I'm not unselfish and their  
unprepossessing "gifts" to  
honor my contributions  
disgrace me. I should give more.  
I would give more if I could,  
but times are hard. My books don't  
sell. I've arranged life the best  
I can. Touched it up. Made some  
improvements. I write poems in  
my dreams. I try to hold on  
to them by keeping my eyes  
closed so they don't drift out and  
away before I can reach  
for a pen. Sadly, only  
the last few words stay with me.  
But now, St. Michael's School for  
Girls has sent me this black-and-  
silver pen. Now, things will be  
different. I will write with a  
fine, delicate line—spider  
webs across the page, so fine ,  
so strong they will trap poems on  
the page and the world will buy  
my books to eat what is kept inside.

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Ibrahim  
Honjo

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Ibrahim Honjo was born on April 16, 1948 in the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia and Herzegovina). Since January 1995, he has lived in Canada.

Honjo is a poet-writer, sculptor, painter, photographer who writing in his native language and in English. He worked as an economist, journalist, books and newspapers editor, marketing director and property manager. Now, he is retired. He organized many poetry events and festivals in former Yugoslavia and attended to many poetry events and some poetry festivals in Canada, Ghana, India and Morocco. He has participated in two literary conferences.

His poetry introduced in many magazines, newspapers, portals and radio stations in Yugoslavia, Canada, USA, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro.

Honjo is author 20 published books in Serbo-Croatian Language, (6 books in English, 3 books bilingually (in English and Serbo-Croatian language). In addition, two joints books of poems published with Serbian poets Vesna Kerecki and Tatjana Debeljacki. His poems represented in more than 30 anthologies.

Some Honjo's poems translated in Korean, Slovenian, Italian, Spanish, Bahasa (Malesia), Mongolian and German language.

Honjo received several prizes for his poetry.

## You Are Everything

You are the queen in a non-existent land  
with no subjects and offspring  
you are a thorn in youthful eyes  
and iron on youthful lips

you are a stone on their soft hearts  
and a block of ice in their bare souls  
you are someone people can get by without  
and someone they cannot get by without

you're a prostitute in all lives  
and rain from wild clouds  
and an overflowing river  
and joy and a cry and echo  
you undress to bare skin in bare times  
on the podium of curiosity of wild boys

you were born naked in an even more naked country  
more naked you rule boiling hearts  
you dissipate nudity throughout the universe  
not knowing anything about your nonexistent kingdom

you are the queen of all queens  
who shamefully float above amorous looks  
of beardless boys who live with one single thought  
masturbating secretly and sighing in a non-existent country  
for the non-existent queen  
dreaming of her in her voluptuous nudity

you are the queen of love superior to all queens  
you are all that a male imagination can conceive

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you are a stumbling block for wanton young men  
you are their suffering and their inexhaustible pain  
you are someone people cannot and can get by without

now when you know how young men scatter their virginity  
and destroy unborn generations  
submit yourself to them in blue dusk at the end  
of a cul-de-sac  
and salvage everything you can  
taking care not to lose any of your beautiful nudity

## The Stone

They never asked me  
For my name  
They wanted my identity card  
Or its number

I did not have one

I said Stone

They laughed  
Asked me where I was from

From the stone - I said

They asked for my age

Twenty pebbles – I answered  
And showed them gray spotted pebbles

They are opening their hearts to me  
I am closing the doorway on the invisible wall  
Which divides us  
And I am going away

## Magnolia

You are a Magnolia from rainy clouds  
With half of the head in pink  
And half in yellow

You are a fishhook for open eyes  
Your legs are in torn shoes  
And hands on your back

I said – I saw you somewhere  
You turned into despair

I offered you my heart on a platter  
And my soul at the knees  
I offered you my rough hands  
Cheese and ham sandwich  
Blueberry tea  
And a red apple  
You refused  
Your green frozen eyes  
We are killing this day with greenery  
It was horrible  
Could we be friends -  
I asked  
You turned your head and went away  
And went away  
And went away

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# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



*Janet Perkins Caldwell*

February 14, 1959 ~ September 20, 2016

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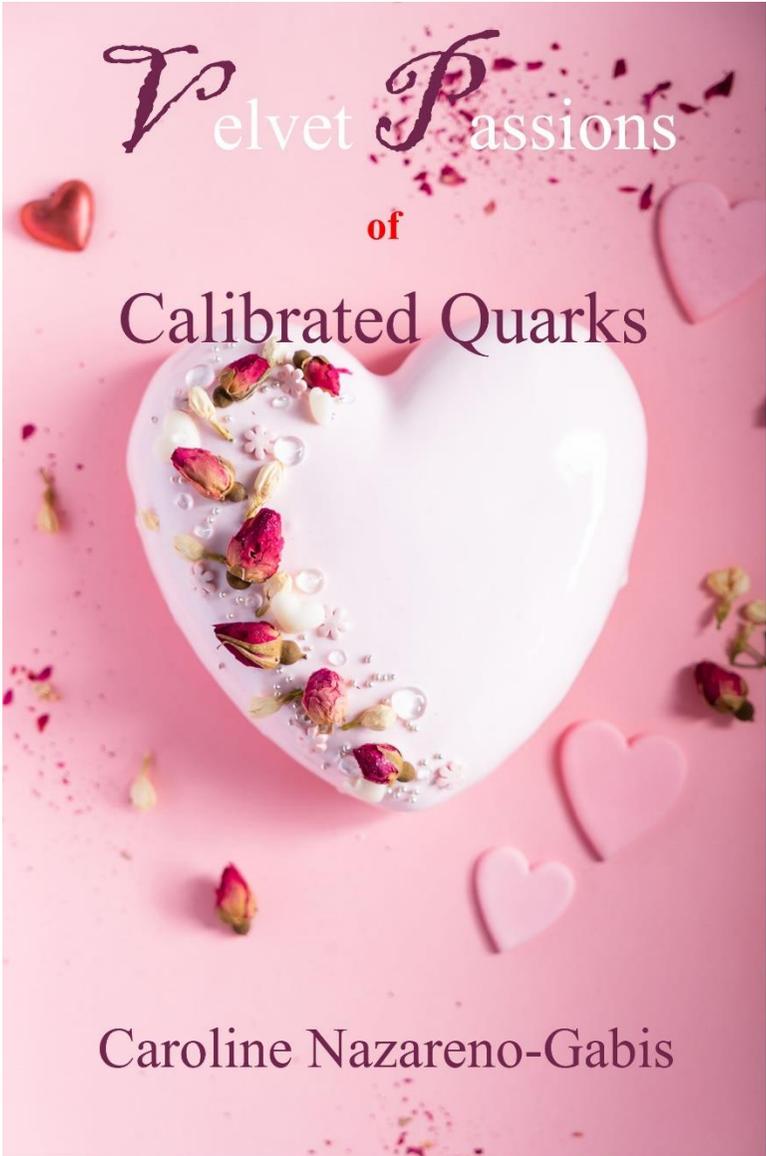
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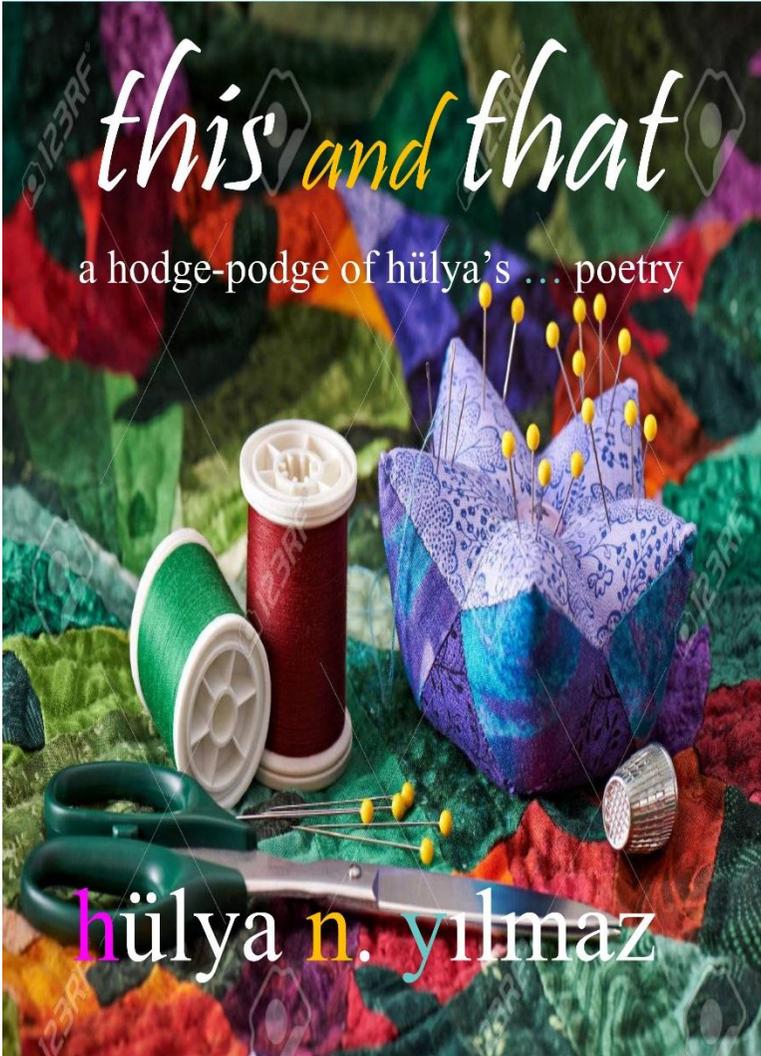
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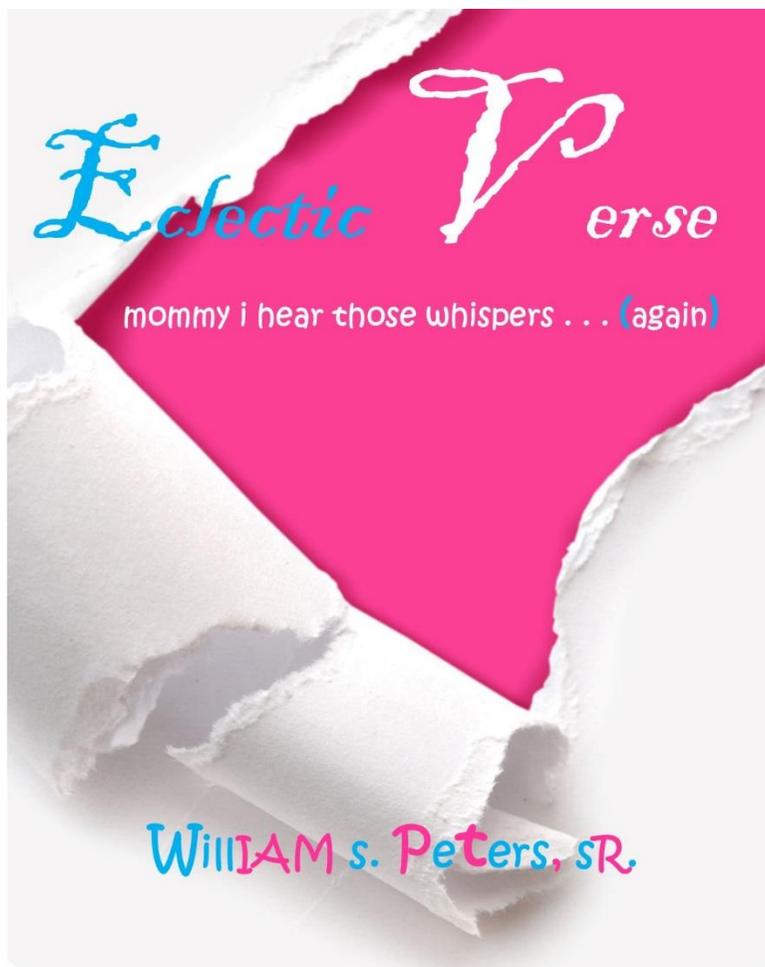


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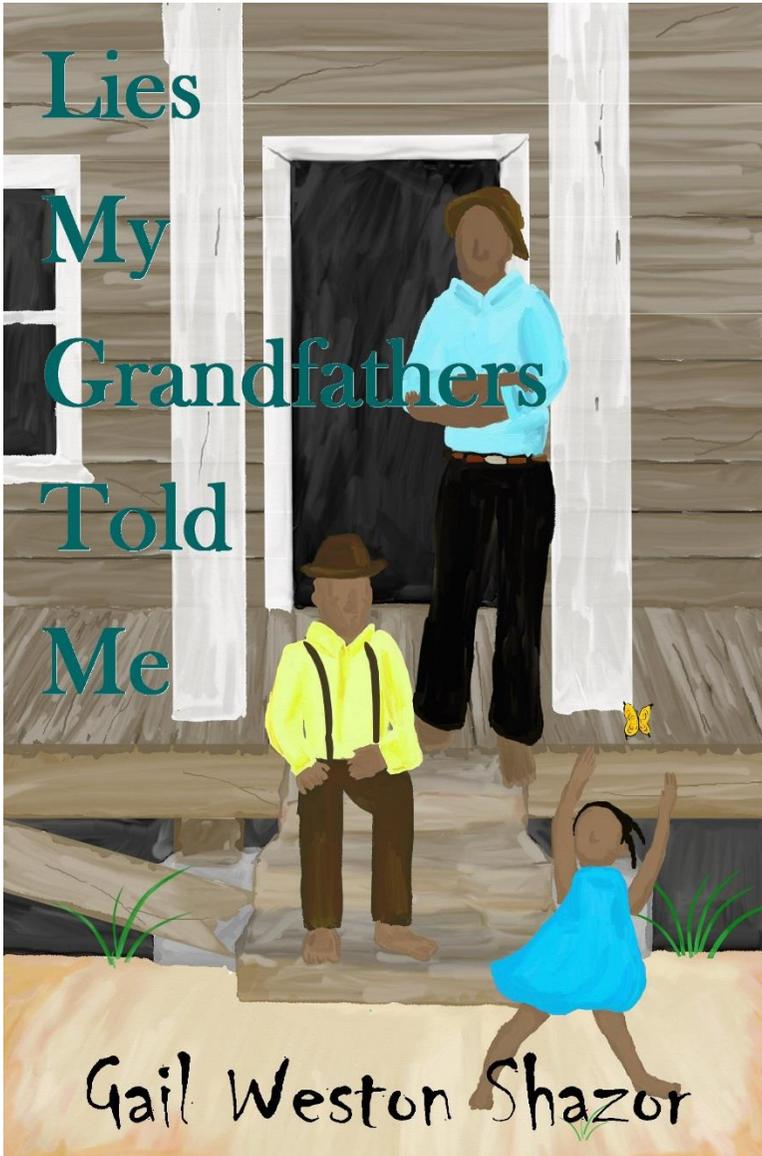
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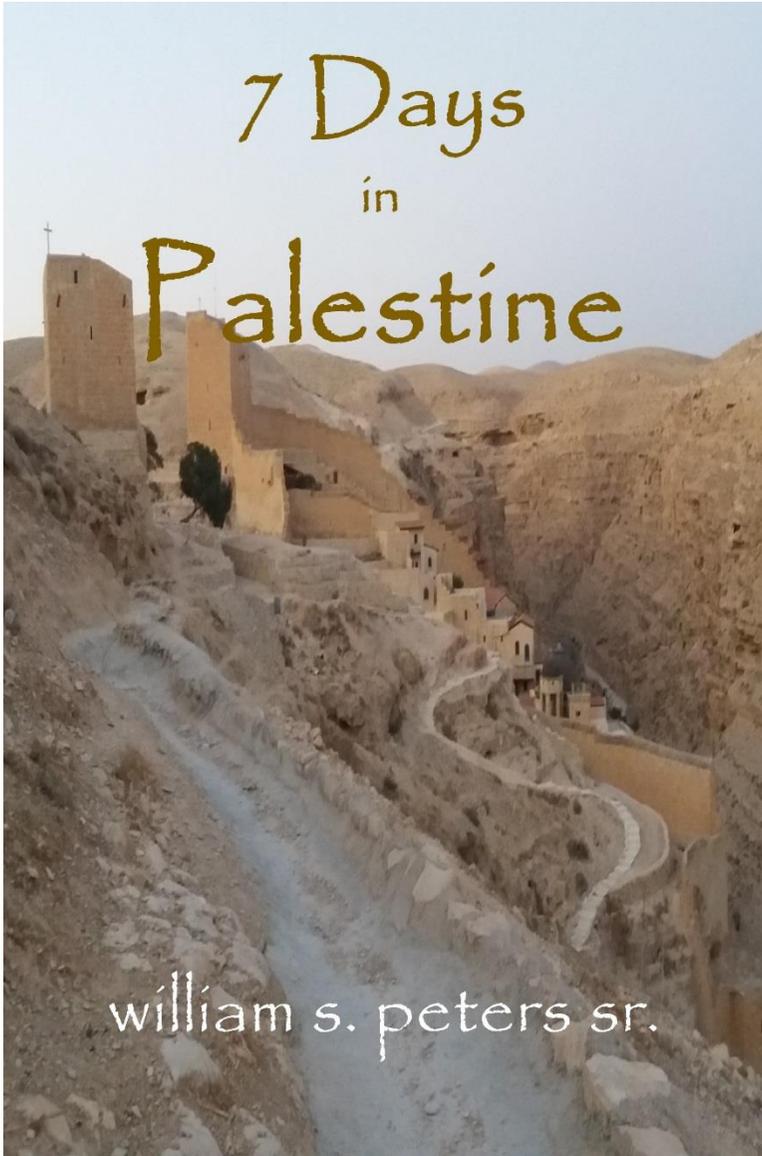
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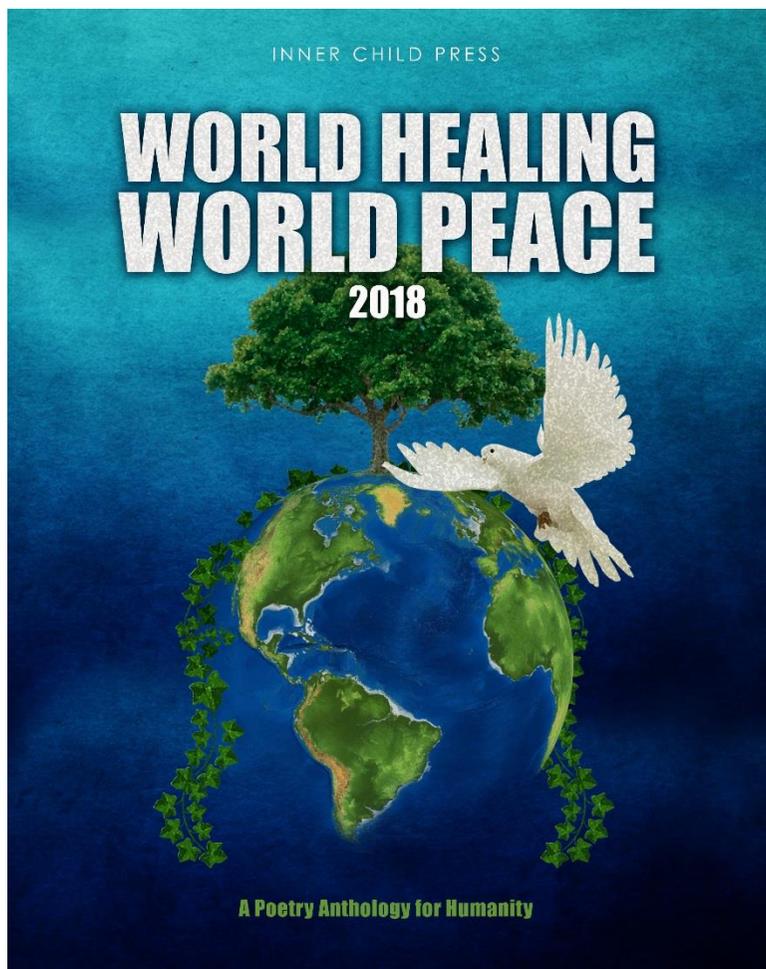
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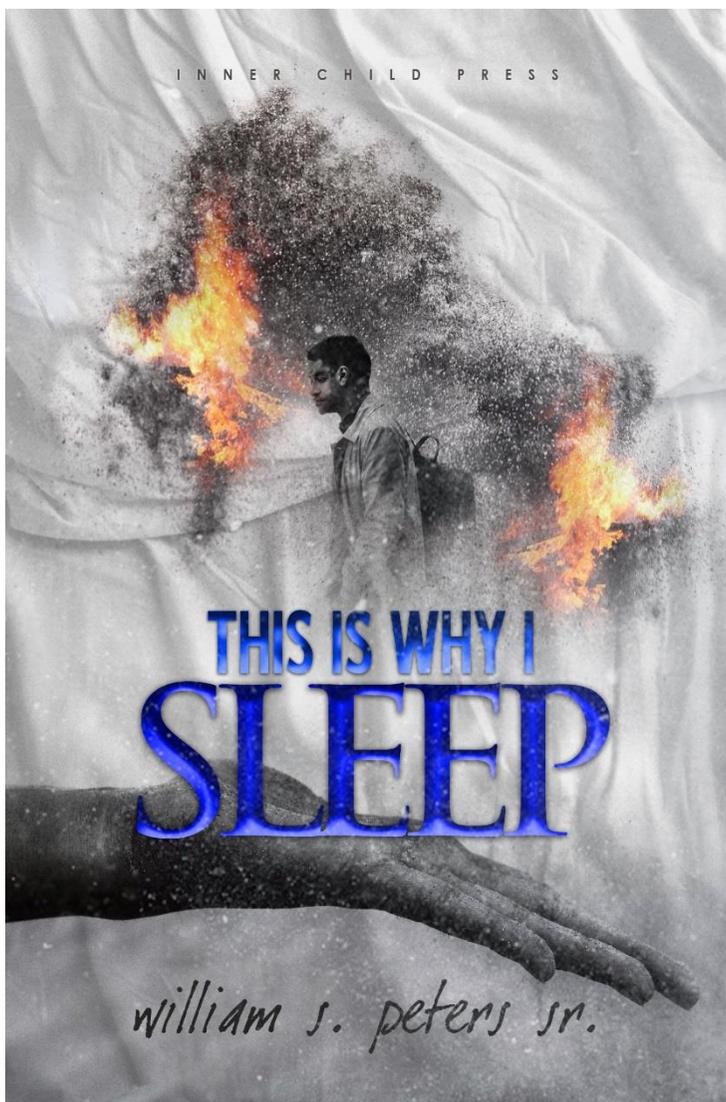
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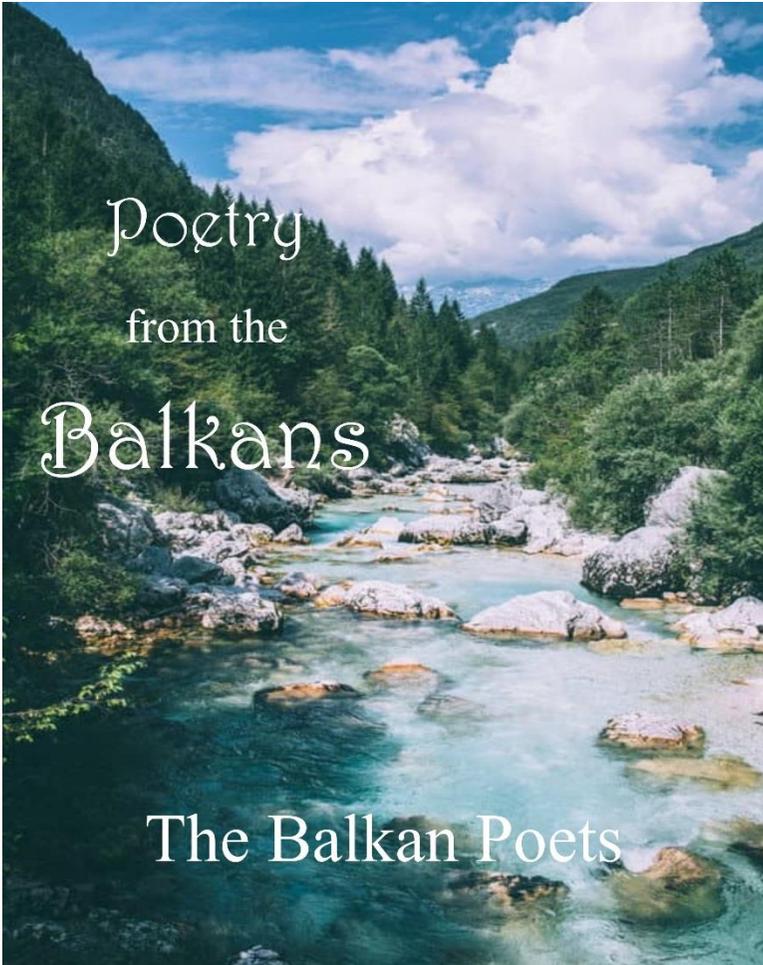
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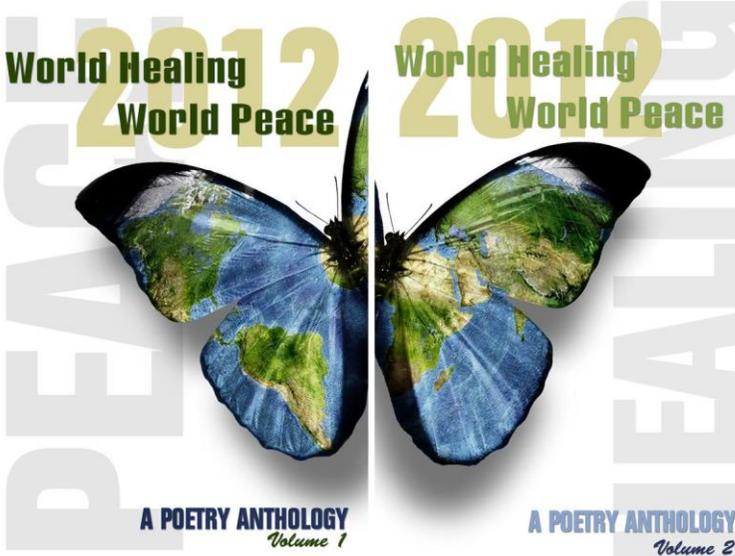
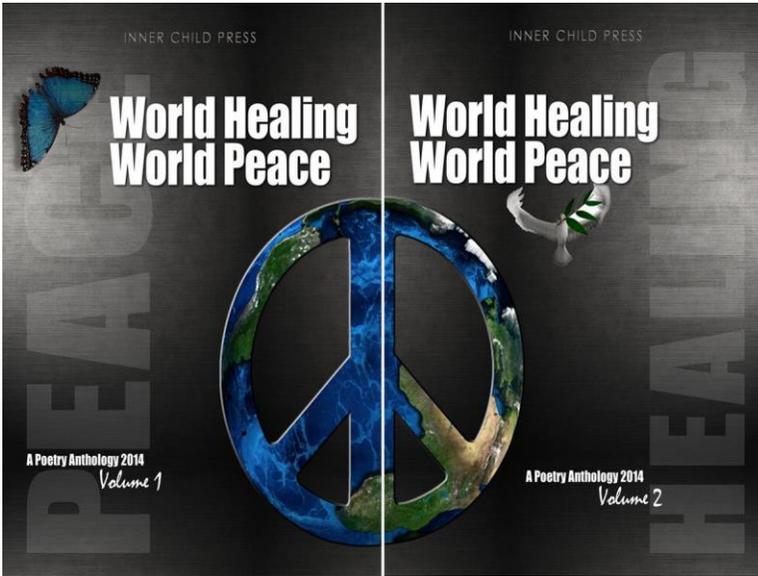
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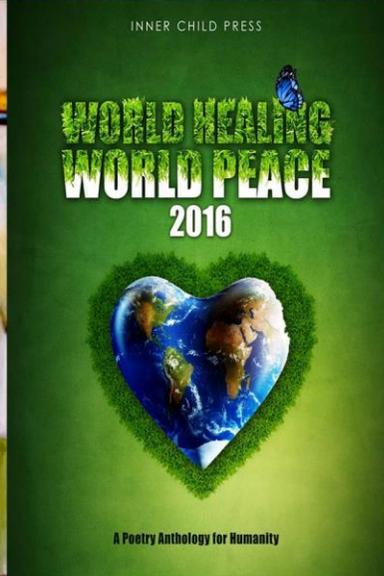
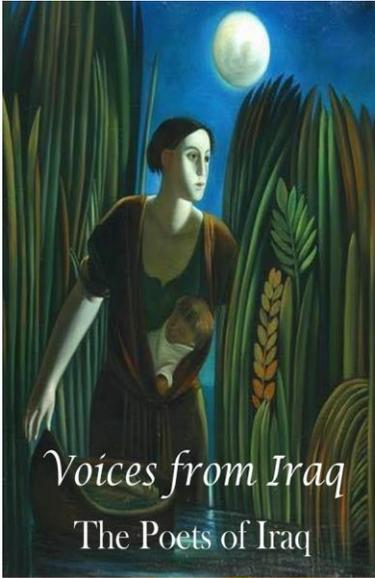
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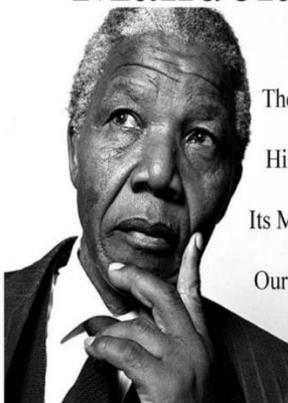
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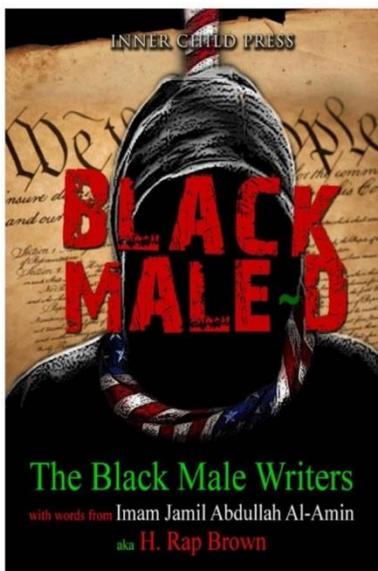
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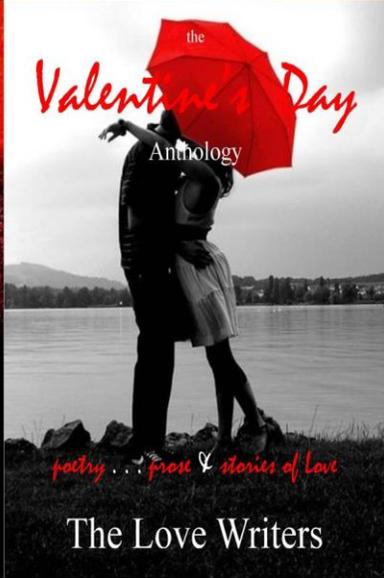
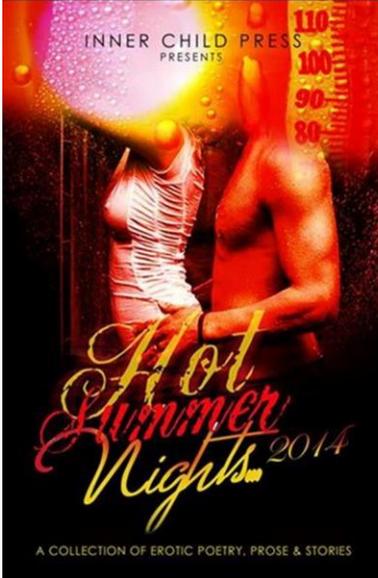
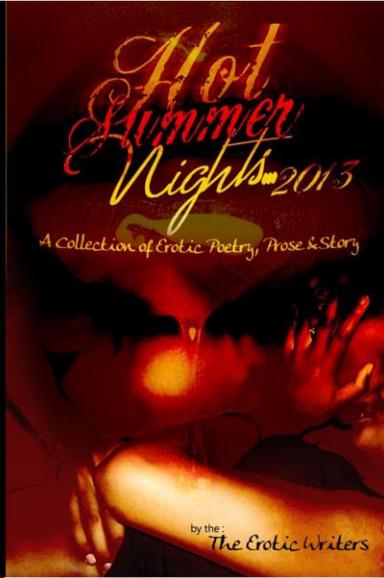
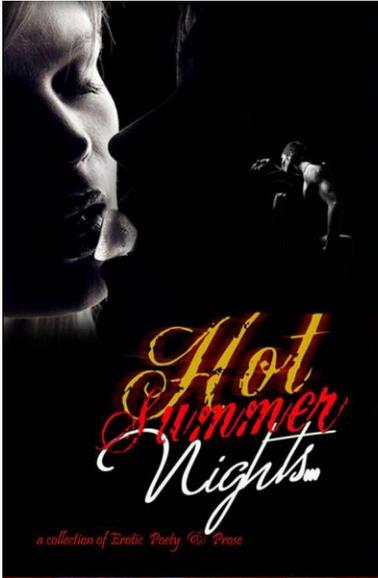
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### Our January Feature

Terri L. Johnson

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violets

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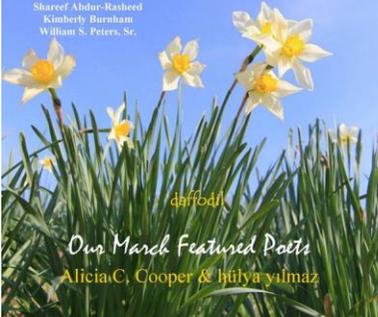
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### Our March Featured Poets

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Joski the Poet  
Shannon Stanton



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Lily of the Valley

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June 2014



*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

*June's Featured Poets*  
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Jacqueline D. E. Kennedy  
Abraham N. Benjamin

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Lotus  
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**Gladiolus**

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Wild Charm of September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

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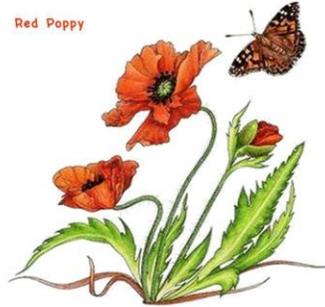
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Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

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Narcissus



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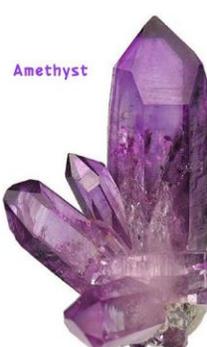
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**Amethyst**

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**Our Featured Poets**

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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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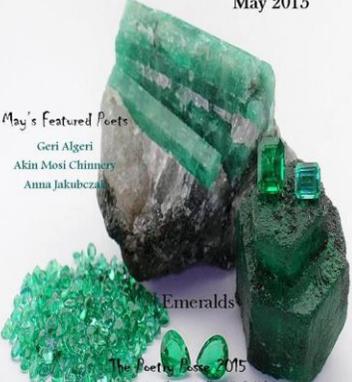
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Emeralds

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June 2015

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



Pearl

The Poetry Posse 2015

Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
 Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Hemminger  
 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015  
 Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
 Gayle Howell  
 Ann Chalasiz  
 Christopher Schultz



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



Sapphires

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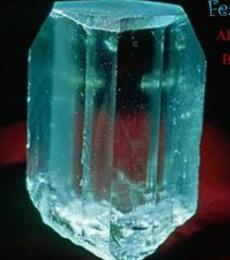
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 Monte Smith \* Laura J. Wolfe \* William Washington



Opal

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**The Year of the Poet II**  
 November 2015



Featured Poets  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore

Topaz

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 December 2015

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



Turquoise

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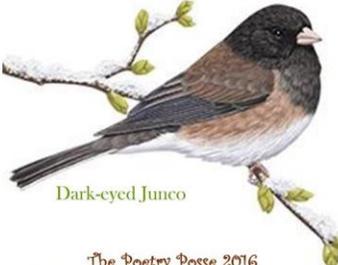
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January 2016

Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

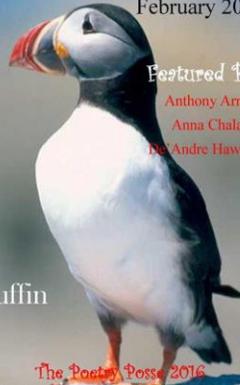
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The Year of the Poet III  
February 2016

Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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March 2016

Featured Poets  
Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

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Featured Poets  
Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

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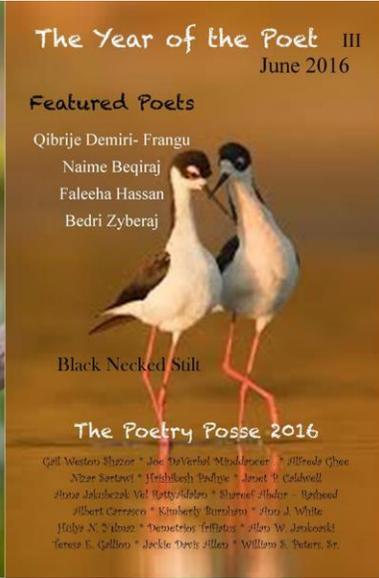
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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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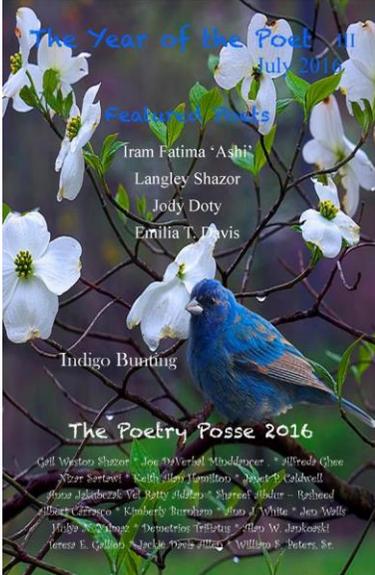
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Qibrje Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj



Black Necked Stilt

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July 2016



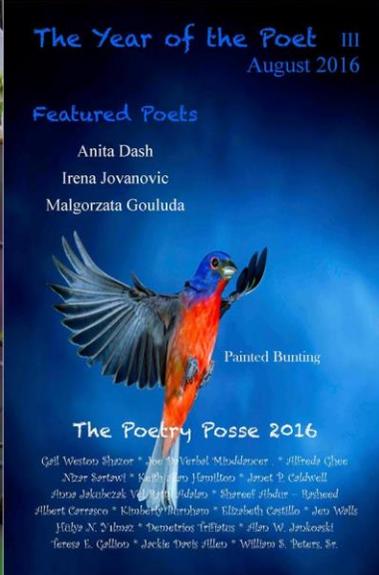
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Iram Fatima \* Ashii  
Langley Shazor  
Jody Doty  
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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



Painted Bunting

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novato



Long Billed Curle

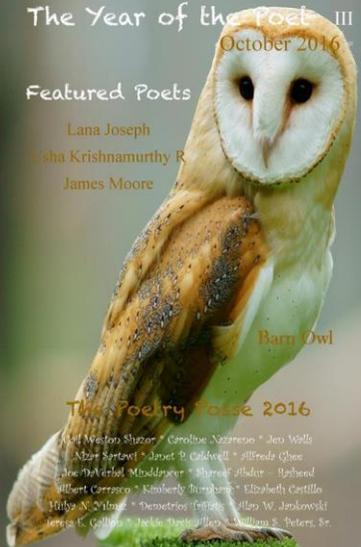
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October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Sha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

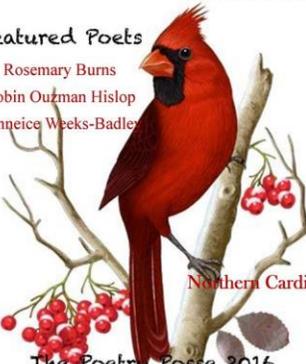
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November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

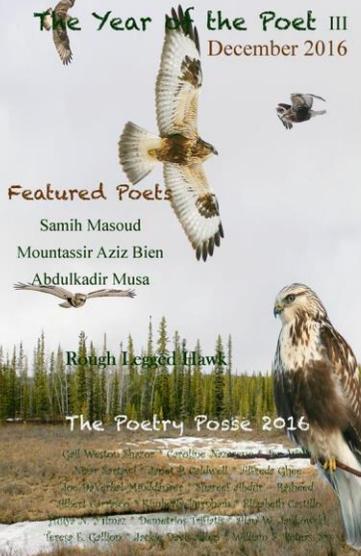
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December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

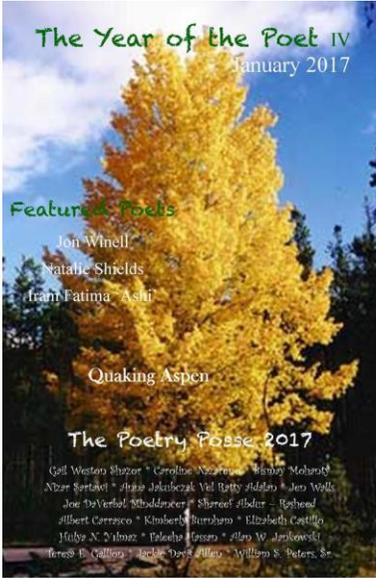
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January 2017



**Featured Poets**

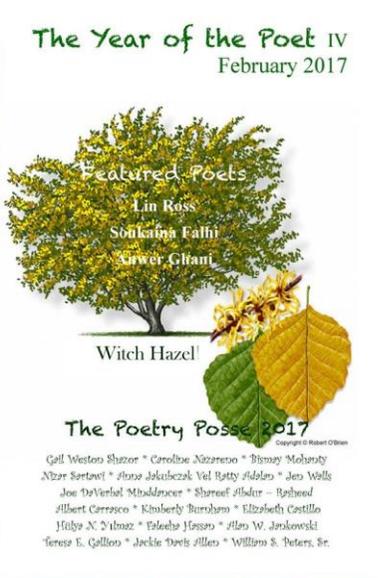
Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Ileana Fatima Asali

**Quaking Aspen**

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Nizar Sertawi \* Ahsan Jaleelczak Val Betty Adelan \* Jeni Wells  
Joe DeVerbal Mibaddence \* Shereef Alidair \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Z'Almaz \* Falecha Hassan \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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February 2017



**Featured Poets**

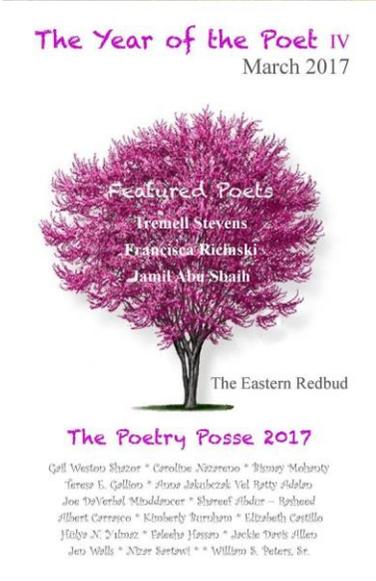
Lin Ross  
Sobkama Fathi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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



**Featured Poets**

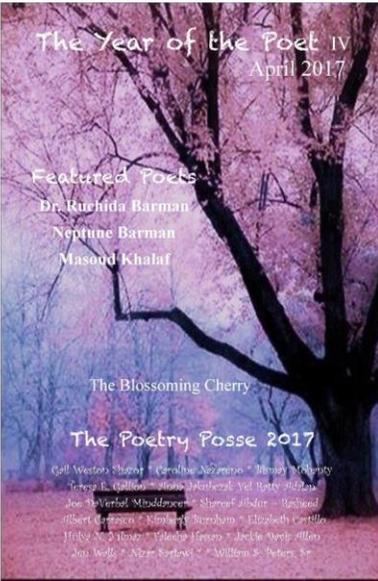
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abji Shalih

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



**Featured Poets**

Dr. Ruchida Barman  
Neptune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burrough \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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The Year of the Poet IV  
June 2017

Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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The Year of the Poet IV  
July 2017

Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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August 2017

Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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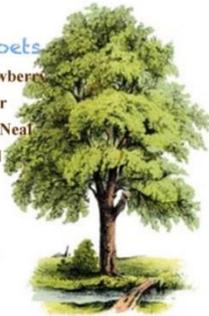
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The Year of the Poet IV  
September 2017

Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

The Year of the Poet IV  
October 2017

Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaem  
Sadeddin Shaban



The Black Walnut Tree

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November 2017

Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

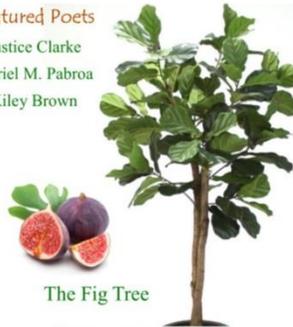
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December 2017

Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018

### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman



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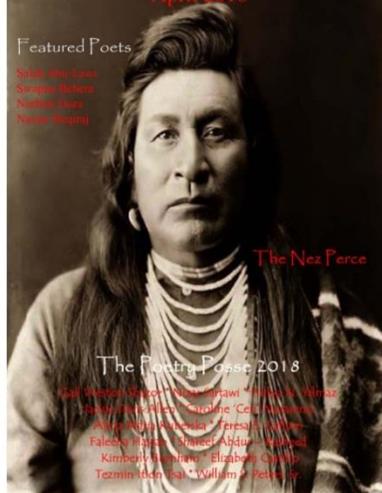
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Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzuki Akiyoshi  
Suzanne Belcher  
Nancy Davis  
Nancy Maynard



The Nez Perce

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

The Sumerians



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

The Paleo Indians

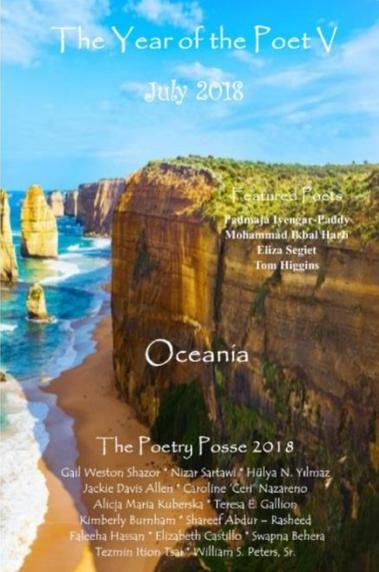


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Mohammad Iqbal Harbi  
Eliza Segiet  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

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



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November 2018

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



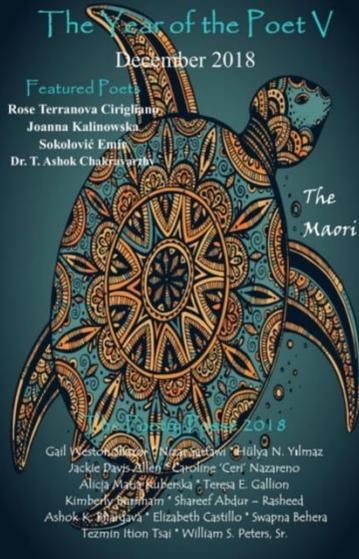
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Joanna Kalinowska  
Sokolović Emir  
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarti



The  
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans

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Dr. K. K. Mathew

*Dream Catcher*

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February 2019

### Featured Poets

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Aida G. Roque \* Jean-Jacques Fournier



Meso-America

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March 2019

### Featured Poets

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Shurouk Hammond \* Anwer Ghani



The Caribbean

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April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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June 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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July 2019

### Featured Poets

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

### The Horn of Africa



**Ethiopia**



**Djibouti**



**Somalia**



**Eritrea**

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August 2019

### Featured Poets

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



### Southwest Asia

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



The Caucasus

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October 2019

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Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Denisa Kondic  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



The Mile Valley

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November 2019

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



Northern Asia

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December 2019

Featured Poets  
Bahin Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Ethicia



Oceania

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