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LIFE  
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A LITTLE  
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# 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

The mountains have always held a soft place in my heart and mind, having grown up in the Cumberland Mountains of Appalachia.

This month, the theme of The Year of the Poet is Climate Change and the Mountains. The members of the Poetry Posse have composed at least one poem with the theme, inspired by either a hot air balloon flying high above majestic mountain peaks, or from the rocky mountains where sure footed goats make themselves at home. Or maybe, from the mountains that are nearest their own residences.

It behooves each of us to do what we can to preserve our environment, even the smallest effort can be magnified by everyone doing their best.

And, yes, climate change has become a political subject of debate. But there can be no debate in the need to do whatever we can to protect the beauty of the mountains that reside within the United States.

And, yet, some may say, that other countries are the biggest polluters. And, that may be true.

And, there may be other countries who may not be doing their best.

But the challenge is for everyone. And, it is for those of us who have heart and mind and the appreciation of what Mother Nature has endowed our beautiful world with to take up the challenge and do what we can, one step at a time, day by day.

Jackie Davis Allen  
Artist, Author

# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, embarking on the ‘New Year’ of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#98) represents our 2<sup>nd</sup> month of our ninth year of monthly publication. Amazing how much effort has been given by all the poets, to include the various members of *The Poetry Posse* and all the wonderful featured poets from all over our world. For myself, it has been and continues to be a great honor to be a part of this wonderful cooperative effort.

Last year, 2021 and the previous year of 2020 has been challenging for many of us throughout the year. We at *Inner Child Press International* were busy. We envisioned our role where the arts meet humanity to continue doing what we were good at... publishing. In 2020, we managed to not only produce and publish this series, *The Year of the Poet* each month, but we were also very proactive in the arena of human and social consciousness. We were able to produce several other anthologies to include: World Healing, World Peace 2020; CORONA . . . social distancing; The Heart of a Poet; W.A.R. . . we are revolution; Poetry, the Best of 2020. Going forward for 2022, we are seeking to

invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a ‘conscious humanity’.

We are now in the stages of completing another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which will be published April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Additionally, there is yet another call for submission for “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”. Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the cause(s) of a better world, a better humanity.

We, poets and writers do have something to say about it all, and we intend to do so in any and every way we can. So stay tuned . . .

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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“Keep close to Nature’s heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.” – **John Muir**



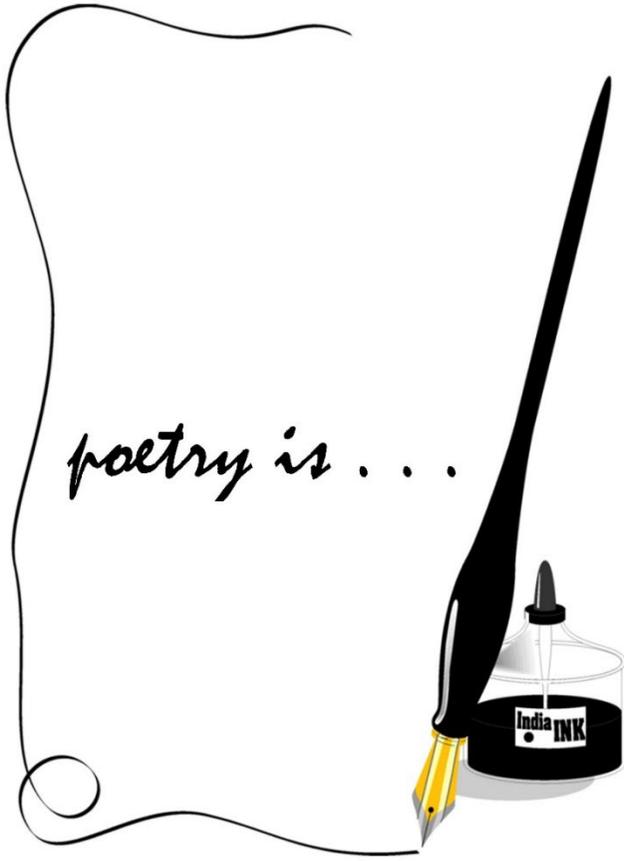
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp



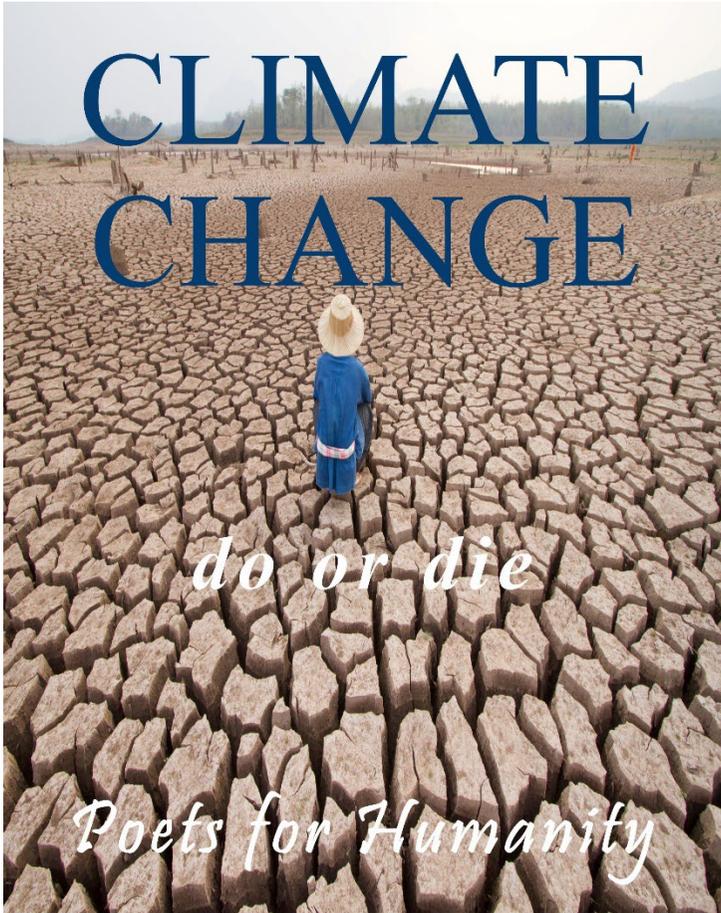


*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

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1 Poem

Picture of Poet

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

Author of . . .

"An Overstanding of an Imperfect Love"  
&  
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## Spirits

breeze blows gently  
breath responding to  
remaining giants  
cool of evening  
for waiting are we  
peaks crowd up  
unleashed and  
unrequited and  
unquenched  
towering glory  
mountains high  
Heaven, He did that  
Did we undo  
135:6 Psalms  
Pleasing  
Spirit  
Pleasing  
Psalms 135:6  
Undo we did  
That did He heaven  
High mountains  
Glory towering  
unquenched  
and unrequited  
and unleashed  
up crowd peaks  
we are waiting for  
evening of cool  
giants remaining  
to responding breath  
gently blows breeze

## Becoming a Stranger

*"God will send a stranger to do for you what your family won't"*

When did we become strangers?  
You, who have peopled my memories  
With stories of your yesteryears  
Woman to woman stories  
Of your first love  
And even of your last  
Mother to daughter stories  
Of working too hard  
And caring for other's babies  
When you worked too hard to care for your own  
Ancestor to child stories  
With graceful warnings about common people  
And how to build walls around your heart  
To lessen the pain to come  
I watched you lean back in your chair  
Eyes closed against today  
Feeling the strength ebb  
Speaking your truths  
While I cut your nails kneeling at your feet  
You allowed me to be much more  
More of what I had not been to you  
And I cared for comfort  
And fullness for your days  
But the secret was ours  
And we lived it to the end  
My service to you  
Can never be a disservice to me  
No matter the unkind words given  
Or the insistent absence from open grief  
On this plane

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We have both spoken our leaving words  
And I mourn you in the manner  
Given to me  
God prepared this path and  
Though it may be a broken road  
I reluctantly travel it  
In the solitude of a stranger

## The Behind Your Back Boogie Blues

the lights are blaring  
the glass prisms in my face  
i place my hands in front  
of the next happening  
the next electric song on the radio  
the screech of tires replay  
over and over in my mind  
and i wish i could say  
to every doctor and nurse  
i am sorry for your service  
there is nothing i can do in return  
for what you rightfully given me  
for all the wrong reasons  
i rinse the tears from my face  
or maybe you did that  
and all the glass fragments  
that paint my face in icicle lights  
i can't stop the memories  
of your friendship  
that bleed through our life  
in shrouded ghosts of childhood  
it is in this moment i should regret  
my tarnished greed  
at wanting what you have  
not giving anything up  
to have it save this  
my whole life  
when the machines have been  
disconnected, don't grieve for me  
although i once thought i was your friend  
i think the price was too high  
for moments of pleasure  
stolen  
i did love you til i couldn't  
stand not being you

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Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

## Abyss

Mountain peaks  
lost their white beauty  
and plunged into gray.

The known landscape is melting  
and sharp rock edges emerged.  
The glaciers have retreated  
and cold water flowed down  
into the valleys

Changes are gaining momentum  
and we drift like an ice cube in a drink.  
We pretend that nothing happened  
and we go deeper and deeper  
in the depths of our ignorance

## Longing

Dad, it's not time for a meeting yet.  
In between cups of coffee drunk alone  
a black sea spilled out.  
Memories like the wind destroy its surface.  
They go up and down to crash on the shore.

Do not worry about me - I know where to go.  
Look - a night is similar to death.  
Stars that went out long ago  
are still shining in the firmament

A silver ball illuminates the path.  
I'm going towards the light  
and I will get to the other side.

## Engineer

Papa, you built solid bridges  
that joined the banks of the rivers  
and shaky Inca footbridges  
- high above the precipice,  
between the peaks of human hearts.

Steel structures are still in service.  
They bear the burden of fighting  
against time, rust and passing away.

Brittle bridges hang on the ropes  
in our recollections  
- they swing on the memories  
and the laughing at old anecdotes.  
You are gone, those people too,  
but they are suspended in the eternity.

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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## Mountain Majesty

High above,  
almost touching the sky  
mountain peaks, so majestic  
that their beauty excites  
my blood pressure.

Heart pumping erratically,  
I attempt to express  
my appreciation, my awe.

And yet I will not deny  
my breath is nearly  
taken away  
as I either look up or down  
from on top of the world

As from a mountain goat's perspective  
or as from a seat on a hot air balloon, all that  
which I see is changing drastically.

It behooves me to inquire,  
confidentiality,  
are you concerned? Concerned enough  
to do even the smallest thing,  
to effect a change

in the viability, the protection  
of that which is still within  
your power?

## Darker than Night

Brakes shift, suddenly speeding, the night  
reveals more than the essence of truth:  
that she was inside a cage, and another held the key.

And within, she must continue to struggle  
to break down the barriers leading to freedom.

The dark night, filled with pleading  
screams, was now echoing in her ears.  
And bouncing off the mountains,  
the springs of eternal conquest...On a mattress,  
male against the weaker sex, and the blindness of night.

Like an ostrich who hides his head  
In the sand, four hid theirs, beneath the covers.  
And, like peas in a pod, the maid and the little ones,  
with inquiring eyes, and troubled ears,  
needed protection, kindness. Safety and attention.

The maid, the innocents,  
requiring a kind of light that shines not  
like the darkness of that incessantly long night.  
It was her duty to dig herself out  
of that cave, but how, and with what means?

Was the maid to abandon the little ones  
In favor of saving herself, her sanity?  
Though that is exactly what she decided to do.  
Despite the price, whatever that might prove to be.

Whispers of prayers, stories and supplication  
superimposed against the sexual scene. Reality,  
served in lieu of a physical screen. Fatigue entertained  
the maid and the little ones. Until sleep stole the night,  
which brought forth the morning light.

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Dawn arose. Daytime and nighttime attire  
the same. Remaining was determination's intent.  
Wrestling, too, with the cold hard truth:  
life, turned inside out,  
longing to get back off of nightmare's track.

As often a woman does, so too the maid found  
the morning's silence, with no hot  
or running water. Only stacks of dirty dishes.  
Similarly, beyond comprehension, were the circumstances  
of the young schoolgirl's hired-hands.

Increased by growing hunger, the maid's heart,  
mind, and intellect searched the physical scene  
for kindling. For the stove to breathe nourishment.  
Hands attempting to make breakfast preparations.  
Out of pretty much nothing.

She, the maid, God willing, would find a way  
to escape. Reminding herself, praying,  
realizing, that for those left behind, powerless, and  
tied up by the restraints of ignorance and poverty, their  
circumstances were not of her making.

Before the morning stirred, she opened courage's door,  
inhaled a breath of fresh air. Told herself she could do it.  
And, never looking back, she ran down the road. between  
the twin mountains.  
As fast as she could.

.

## Fancy the Concept

Crumbling shale, slate, in colors  
Like pastels in a box  
They slide down landing on the ground  
Me wondering from how they came  
To project out from the hill  
Where no grass or blossoms grow  
A puzzling mystery that invokes creativity  
As I select first one and then another  
Discovering that they serve as chalk  
For marks I make upon other rocks  
Nearby, see the dirt, the soil upturned  
To make the site upon which a house  
With sticks, was built; beneath, a little pot  
Uncovered; one made by the hands  
Of an ancient child, who with clay made  
The tiny object, its lid, upon which I saw  
But for a second, it crumbling like dry silk  
The dust and only the memory to be shared  
I cared so much for words, the ones I read  
The ones I with-held, the ones that waited  
Until the adults were finished  
With their conversation which by that time  
I'd forgotten whatever it was that I'd wanted to say  
So I suppose I saved them up for a special day  
Where now I regurgitate them from some  
Overflowing well into poems or pieces of prose  
The past filters through the screen  
Of the present and I see more clearly  
The film in slow motion is morphing  
Into the future into who it is that I have become  
No regrets, tears or second guessing  
My life has become the book

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Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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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.

## That Heroic Postures of the Mountains

I watch

The mountains are faintly in the clouds, and the hills are  
high and low stacked on top of each other

Worry about you

Your heart of conquering the wilderness is hard to  
administer tired horse, west wind, and snowdrift

White clouds do not sweep the green hills, light smoke  
covers the rugged valleys

Facing this endless loneliness

There were many flowers on the edge of the steps, but the  
peach stamens in front of the forest have turned red

Don't go wrong to the elegant fairy house stand in front of  
you

Between the crooked water and the cold spring, a little turn  
will direct to another path

A wood gate and a bamboo fence

Yellow birds are separated from the forest, only see the  
winter plums say goodbye to the night

Then keep quiet

I can't see the cloud sticking to the peak when raising my  
head, the mountain is open and the sky is clear

Return to the world without rushing, like hearing the sound  
of spring in the dream forest

With a cane, there is the setting sun on the way home

No, I don't feel the journey is far away

## Facing The Cold To Explore The Bold Cliffs

That big temple in the south of that town  
The pavilion is half open, and the cliff is arched against the  
back of the jade peak  
Relying on the fence, I was shocked to realize that the  
mountains are so dark and green  
But more than half of them are immersed in the clouds  
The sky is misty as water  
Looking out the window opposite, still owe a line of over  
the sky  
Like it most  
A very full moon, a little bright star  
The snow and frost that cannot be eliminated, creating  
This novelty  
I regret not bringing a wine bottle here  
Sit on this little step stone, drink up all the null of rest  
Looking back at the frightened evening wind, free the light  
of peace  
On the top of the forest, the star-like fluorescent light  
connects mountains and mountains  
But hope that my residual intoxication will not be stained  
with dust  
Flying sand gathers and disperses  
Force you to stay tonight  
Don't let the future acacia become a strangeness among  
passersby

## Walked Into The Late Autumn Alone

Autumn, is here

Hurriedly went deeper, taking advantage of the lake to sing  
the song of the water chestnut

Laughing at the shaking of the fishing boat, laughing at the  
fishing rods were raised but fall in vain

Never rested, let the wind extinguish the falling flowers

Shaking every willow branch that support the bank, the  
noise was like a group of shadows

The noise was like a group of shadows, was like a group of  
dust, was like a group of fantasies

Go with it

To scramble, the heroic dream of youth

Don't leave empty sighs, just like the sky in the past

Not to mention the shadows that have been churned by the  
sea waves, a small piece of dust

Respond to the regret for parting easily, enough to

Autumn, are you not leaving?

In that deeper cool place, the autumn changes a drizzle to  
drown out the night

The port followed the moon bridge, and the night birds  
sang in panic

Half-drunk stepping on flowers, falling flowers still contain  
the most bitter sorrow

The stars were supporting one million drunk red-lotus,  
reflections drifting

Reflection drifting, Looking backward drifting, Green  
drifting by water

That pavilion was fragrant and warm

Don't Stop, your young ambitions

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Silent shyness, you were not a withered lotus should not  
hide your green leaves  
Broke away the wine, threw the verse, picked up the  
piccolo and blew the west wind,  
A small syllable  
Would not be afraid of the haze indulged in the depths

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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 :

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## abandon

such indifference  
not much reverence  
beauty bestowed  
beauty stole  
undeserved kindness  
ignored  
as though the magnificence  
of snow capped mountains  
earths amazing pillars  
their majesty abhorred  
so over time  
especially recent  
abused gifts,  
mutilated it  
because it didn't fit  
in their greedy script  
to strip, rip, spit on it  
now the living things  
that roamed  
no longer have  
a home  
their sustenance gone  
greedy humans violated  
sacred loan  
as though it all meant  
nothing at all  
not only disgusting  
acts by those who  
carried them out  
shoe fits  
but the silent onlookers  
who never uttered a word  
all complicit

## Dust

settles and life's squashed  
demons ravished through  
human hearts  
instilling hate removing  
humanity lives ripped  
apart

fuses lit, carnage starts  
by men with missing  
body parts

dem got no hearts

how do you explain  
blowing babies apart?

what religion, affiliation  
are you apart?

where in your mind did  
you think it's smart

men with missing body parts

who got no hearts

are dead

driven by demons(Jinn) to bring  
innocent lives to an end

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whoever bled but the blood of  
martyrs better than the best  
as though pure mist  
spilled upon the ground  
bless the earth

rewarded rebirth in bliss  
awaits the shuhada (Martyrs)  
forever

blood of men without hearts  
missing body-parts

they will forever be ripped apart  
these fools become fuel  
to stoke the flames of hell  
their names are kept reservations  
made  
price they pay for being the devil's  
slave

## Remind

me to remember  
only he who exists  
forever  
thee only real friend  
only he who  
has no beginning no  
end  
only he who created me  
gave me all i need  
to succeed  
including knowledge of  
good and bad deeds  
like the hungry you feed  
rejecting lure of greed

remind  
me to remember  
all i have is only by his  
decree  
cun fia cun  
be and it is  
given by the only  
one who owns all there is  
including all life that  
ever lived  
breath, to function, to thrive  
all you need  
to stay alive  
remind  
me to remember the only  
one who gives and  
gives to everyone

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undeserving  
from what he owns  
hand out loans  
like life  
and when things  
run low  
only he (Allah) can  
replenish  
without any of his  
supply diminished  
remind me to  
remember

Kimberly  
Burnham

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

## Exuberant Life

Floating above the world I see  
peaks jabbing up  
through the clouds  
where mountain goats leap  
eating organic  
clean air fill robust lungs  
leaving behind  
only small hoof prints  
and fertilizer grows their next meal

## Plastic

Break away from the relentless stream  
pounding towards stores  
full of plastic

Break away from the waves of people  
creating more and more waste  
where we eat and sleep and live

Break away from the hate and intolerance  
growing inside a few hearts  
cleanse your heart with me in the wild

## Love of Land

Together we love the land  
near clear rivers and rippling lakes  
mountains tower above  
bicycle trails  
still with the sight of moose  
blue herons at dawn  
hand in hand  
we love this land together

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Over the Top

As I see you covered, snow-capped mountain,  
Mixed emotions bewilder me  
Much as I love to see snow  
Over the top,  
Wildlife and rivers disrupted  
See how climate change destroys nature.  
Oh, mountain high,  
See how they alter the creation God made  
Over the top,  
I see things will never be the same.

## The Hourglass

Each person is an hourglass,  
Time ticks and with each passing sand  
Jewels are filtered, leaving authentic ones,  
We create beautiful memories  
And at times we reminisce,  
Times of our lives long passed.  
We are our own timekeepers,  
With each sunrise  
We greet a brand new chapter,  
And with each sunset  
Hope is instilled in our hearts.  
Fully awakened we are not,  
If the hourglass is not yet empty  
Yet, there is no concept of past, present and future  
For everything else is happening in the NOW.

## Change

Look around you and see  
What enormous change it has been,  
This pandemic has brought to you and me  
The world's changed in the blink of an eye.  
Change is the only thing that is constant  
The next day you wake up in a different realm,  
Asking yourself was it just a dream  
For it was only yesterday  
That life was so simple then.

Joø  
Païrø

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

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## Old Goat

I remember stumbling in my youth  
Learning the pathways are not often clear  
Tradition is not always proof  
As I look down from my heaven  
I see the world change on the daily  
discerning nothing and rejecting fear

Does this planet not evolve with the rest of us?  
Depending on ones resolve,  
we pick and choose the best of us  
as for the rest of us old goats  
I'm speaking for myself of course  
I reminisce about my heyday and balance on this perch

Where are the rows of snow filled Decembers?  
The kids don't have that thick fur we did  
They're faster and stronger, but the harm here  
It's too warm here, there is no norm here  
We're all deformed here, the storms near

I'm thinking Sherry Lewis & Lambchop  
We all go back the good old days  
Especially when our times up  
The game has been changed to project the innocents  
Mountain Men are going to ruin this environment  
They're spouting things that make no sense  
And we follow it.

Greatest of all time!  
What status is all mine?  
Does anyone want to buy a fur coat?  
Snowcaps never were that good at the movies  
Juju fruit never moved me  
Does any body care about an old goat?

## Up, Up and Away

All through the peaks and valleys I wonder  
Where is that higher ground  
Is there a germ-free level of atmosphere?  
Explorer, adventurer, colonizer, finders-keepers?  
Seekers of the truth or another place to pollute  
Study the world and do nothing  
Cost effective objectives never cleared the air

A picture of a hot air balloon,  
festooned with color the world is a beautiful sight  
what lies beneath the erosion, the crumbling?  
Coastal waters are rising, where is that higher ground  
There's gold in them there hills  
So much un-exploited resources, break-out the tools  
So many jumbled thoughts I can't see the beauty of it

Silent serenity as I soar with fowl wings  
Icarus overthought the process  
Man, never understood what flying means  
Tychicus "Dear Brother" and the profits  
Misspelled dispels what prophets mean  
It's beautiful up here,  
along with thoughts, maybe a crew

is the last grasp  
or the last gasp of a choking earth make it better?  
It's not as cold as it used to be  
Microscopic enemy's and there's an issue with tissue  
Paper or flesh, who blows their nose on a sleeve?  
I float pass mountains on a breeze.

## Open Packages

Collections of past smiles and tension  
I struggle with what color to choose  
Pink, red, yellow, about three shades of blue  
Black and gold combinations a few variations of white  
I dig the metallics, I'm working on shading, blending  
Mottling I think they call it?

I want to capture nature at its finest  
Before it ends up in a lion's nest  
I've dreamt of wood paneled dens  
Bar stools made by men  
Wrought iron frames sparkle at the grinder  
Notebook binders covered in rivet detail

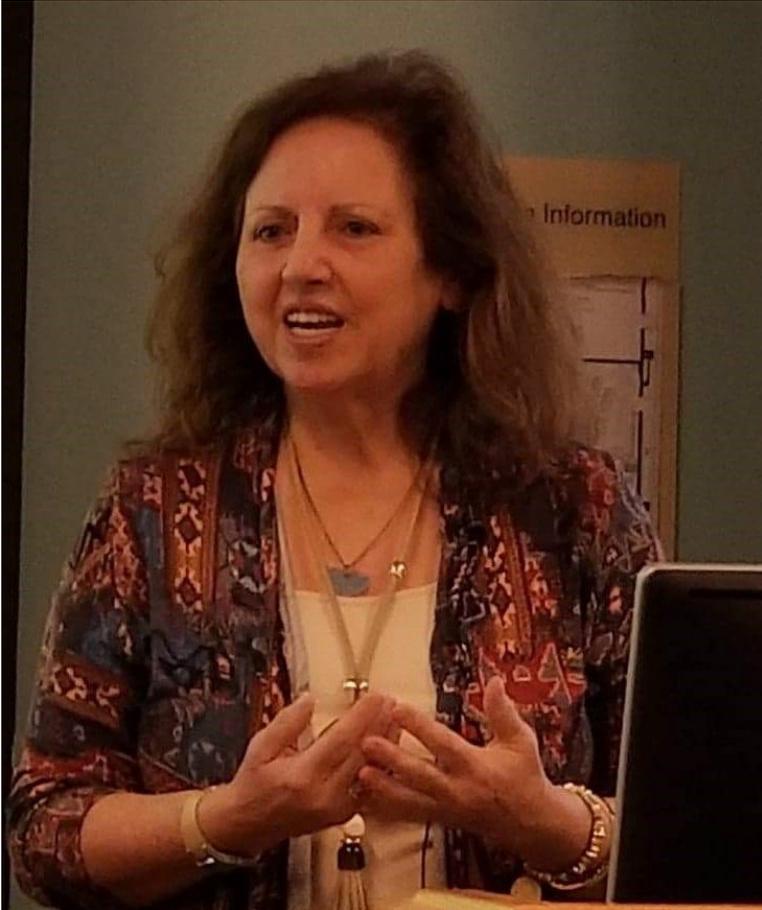
Rattle can me a tune of loose marbles  
brush strokes can become tongue-tied  
mosaic's created by accidents  
I love the sound of breaking glass  
Boxes from my past and I had to laugh  
I'm not alone with packages where clothing should be

I am alone when it comes to old photograph albums  
Recollection comes from a detail brush  
I'm learning to paint rust, and E-bay my sins away  
Three sets of duplicate quests and I've conquered none  
Giving away is not a waste because you can take it with U.  
Man, I dislike doing that, using letters instead of spelling

Wasting treasures instead of selling  
What's inside the box? I've looked through it several times  
My door is locked in fear of broken visions  
I had my art from the hands of unruly children  
Sell three, buy four, it's a vicious cycle  
And cardboard flames ignite the fireplace

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what, if anything . . .

would we see  
through the eyes of a mountain goat?

do we have the capacity  
to take in the gravity of the high lands' sorrow?

we think that we do  
furthermore, we arrogantly claim so

at or above 13,000 feet,  
those large mammals secure their protection  
from their predators quite effectively

what, if any, are our odds of survival  
when it comes to our self-generated predicaments  
which are not at all short of being aplenty?

let's say, we choose to heed John Muir's advice . . .  
to which destroyed nature do we "keep close";  
in what ruined part of it do we cleanse our spirit?

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**in the naked woods**

they called me in dreams

the silence was eerie there

each tree shed a tear

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## do you hear their howling?

forced entrants to death

life expectancies cut short

forests seek solace

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>**

## Receding Glaciers

Most of the planet is asleep,  
does not hear the cry  
of the good Stewarts of Mother Earth  
sounding the alarms of change  
to deaf ears and stiff bodies.

The day of reckoning is coming  
to kiss the next generation  
that sleeps long and hard  
just like their ancestors.

Homo Sapiens are greedy, destructive and selfish.  
They walk with closed eyes as the fur babies  
lose glacier ground and wander loss  
on the hard earth of the arctic winter.

## Opening Morning

Morning breaks across her face.  
Joyfulness rolls from her eyes  
in soft bubbles.

No words necessary.  
Her eyes tell the whole story  
of love blazing in the sunrise.

She breaks bread  
with the morning light  
massaging the shadows.

Words cannot convey  
the rapture running up her legs  
as she trembles in her chair.

Gripping her faithful companion  
filled with black liquid.  
No sugar, no cream.

## So You See

So the body is our temporary home  
to serve us on our journey.  
We must treat it well.

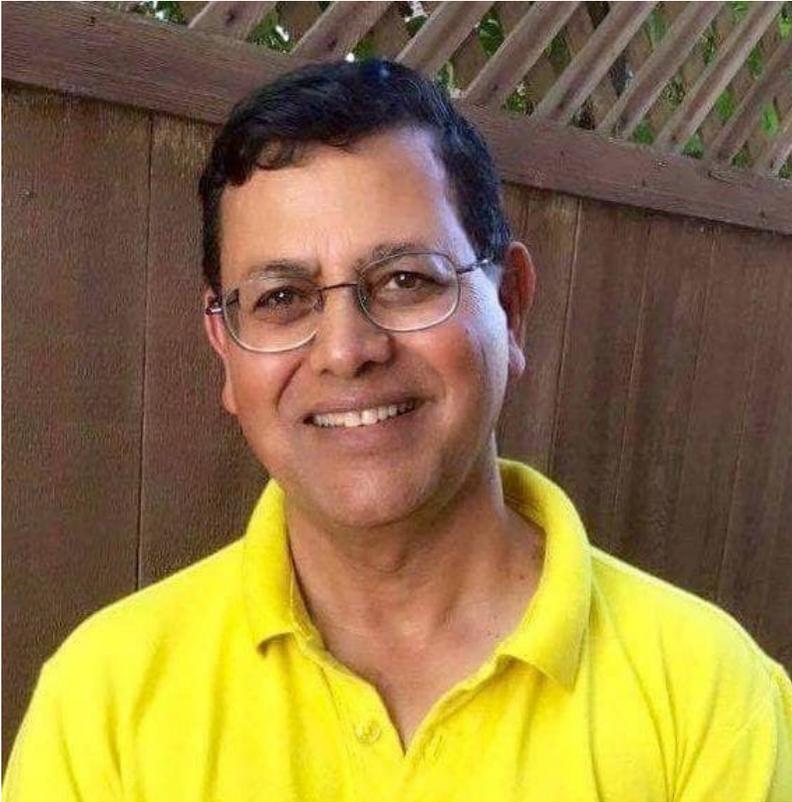
So too each pump of the heart.  
Our faithful assistant is a boost  
toward the light that will enfold us.

So too each element of the soul bathing  
in the fluid of everlasting life.  
Broken and regenerated over and over  
until its purpose is fully realized.

So the Beloved speaks to us  
in harmonic rhythms  
that rub joy on the face  
on the road back home to God.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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Ashok Bhargava is a poet, writer, community activist, public speaker, management consultant and a keen photographer. Based in Vancouver, he has published several collections of his poems: *Riding the Tide*, *Mirror of Dreams*, *A Kernel of Truth*, *Skipping Stones*, *Half Open Door* and *Lost in the Morning Calm*. His poetry has been published in various literary magazines and anthologies.

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

## Mountains

There is more unseen than the seen  
here time stretches for eons  
the dazzling heights scary.

Snow veils retrieving rapidly  
the limestone barrens  
will be everywhere before too long.

Goats lurch on the rutted tracks  
like haloed promises  
of hollow words.

The unfamiliar voids  
hurtling everywhere  
against the global warming.

Melting glaciers  
reveal uncertainty  
of survival.

It's not about the goats  
but their desire for  
a better future that matters.

## Hot Air Balloon

I am green,  
in the rainbow of colors.

I am swaying in the sky  
I am mate of snow-covered peaks.

I am the soul of sky  
I am heart of mother earth  
I am the flow of winds.

I'm the hot air  
that makes balloon  
rise to skies.

I am an image of God  
I am heaven on earth.  
I am multicolored.

I see and I show  
what humans have done  
to destroy themselves.

## Remember

you and me  
on a long and winding road  
of a hilly city.

Quietly, uttering no words  
naïve and carefree  
hand in hand we walk  
counting electricity poles.

When tired to move  
even a single step  
you would say  
just one more pole.

Today  
all alone  
I have returned to our past  
the road.

The poles look at me  
inquisitively  
as if asking about  
your whereabouts.

Dead tired from walking  
I exert to the next pole  
Thinking  
You were a fast walker.

Perhaps  
you are waiting  
for me  
at the next pole.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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Caroline ‘Ceri Naz’ Nazareno-Gabis, author of *Velvet Passions of Calibrated Quarks*, World Poetry Canada International Director to Philippines is known as a ‘poet of peace and friendship’, a multi-awarded poet, editor, journalist, speaker, linguist, educator, peace and women’s advocate. She believes that learning other’s language and culture is a doorway to wisdom.

Among her poetic belts include PANORAMA YOUTH LITERARY AWARDS 2020, 7<sup>th</sup> Prize Winner in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada “Amazing Poet 2015”, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), the sair-gazeteci or Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

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

Links to her works:

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

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

## The Planter's Prayer

Dear Mother Earth give us a heart to plant trees  
Soon, these trees will give us food, shade and shelter  
That we may protect them from typhoons,  
When the climate change seem to bother,  
May we plant more and give the seeds hope to yield,  
From all natural and man-made disasters.  
When we fail to remember, how wonderful your gifts are  
Give us rain to soak the roots that thirst,  
Give us sunlight to give food to their leaves,  
Give us dewdrops to remind us  
We should care all things that live  
Let us be movers to the young and old,  
That when the harvest is all ready  
We'll bend down knees to pray  
May we share the banquet of nature.

## Abundance

Fly freely behind the mountains  
The summit seeks courageous caretakers  
The passion to last, like the misty kisses  
Over the green leaves and branches,

Build dreams over the mountains  
The biodiversity graces the earth,  
The treks we wish to conquer,  
In your breast, I loved to ponder.

Live in abundance in the heart of the mountains  
Fresh greens, and all that fills the being,  
The bounty we put on our tables  
We share forward the grains of kindness.

## Immanence

i am a breakdown  
of filaments  
from the coast  
of continuity,  
i am a vestige  
of glimmers  
from the impulses  
of creation  
in the multiverse,

I am the void, the space, the time  
in the cosmological expansion,  
I am the vacuum of infinity.  
I am nothing in the massive hole  
Of eclipses and murky galaxies,  
I, myself, me is an elusive  
Dot in universe's womb,  
Reminds me the tinge of ankh,  
I become Love, the most impeccable locution  
The sacred oomph in the vastness,  
I become Light, in synchronicity like diamond eyes.

I wander in the firth  
As I transcend from the pulsating waves,  
the raging storms, the howling winds  
To the ocean of ethos,  
Because I live in the waters,  
In the rocks, in the roots and in Monera's trap

Look at me here-now, reflection says  
I can be yesterday in your future,  
Your future's now and all time's word

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You will find me everywhere,  
A neutrino travelling in a planck time  
Will come back again, to be with you  
In ageless name.

i am the emptiness  
from the breathing  
earth,  
water,  
air,  
fire,  
of life.

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Swapna  
Behera

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## here a fire there a fire

have you seen  
the tears of a mountain?  
dear all  
listen to its sobbing  
before it dies

once upon a time  
there was a mountain here  
animals, birds, flowers, deer  
singing the melody  
glaciers knock on; melt  
tree species change the range  
migrate because of severe droughts

once upon a time  
there was a village here  
the colours of all seasons here missing now  
no basket makers, no drum beaters  
all have migrated

trees are stressed for global warming  
species become vulnerable  
warmer temperature killed the trees  
increased forest fire,  
carbon emission  
make every species vulnerable  
insects, fungi, bacteria, viruses  
heat waves, rising sea level  
disturb bio diversity, ecosystem

once upon a time  
the Mother Nature was smiling  
but now  
here a fire there a fire .....!!!

## motion vs revolution

who is painting that sunset?  
a scalpel, an uncoiled breathing;  
a God who is an invisible parable  
time is a great puppeteer  
how does a celebration matter?  
the epiphanic delight  
who writes the incantatory texts?  
the naked grass surrenders to the horizon  
to write an eternal script in the vital language

beyond every mountain there is a poem  
the stream sings  
the love birds sing  
the youth share the ecstasy  
does the paradise ever speak?  
only the inner self speaks  
because it is the paramount king of  
the intonations, the connotations and the metaphor  
you sit with the television on  
your vision tallies with your personal stress  
the kid waits on the sofa to listen to you  
a new song is a revolution  
create your own evolution  
the tea pot is empty  
assemble your own immunisation system  
detoxify your slate; your derogatory

either you choose a motion or a revolution  
for your stoppage is just ahead a station  
speak a new language with densities  
to reach  
desolate children  
where are you ...?

## a dustbin reflects

a dustbin reflects  
there may be a torn shirt,  
use and throw puppet or a toy  
may be the faded gown of the granny  
an unused mat  
a plastic chair smallest of its kind  
thrown away salads of the last night  
as the couple had a heavy argument  
a dustbin reflects how much you waste

the moaning, groaning of  
plastics, wood, bamboo, cloth speak volumes  
if at all you can hear their domicile voice  
recycle, reuse and regenerate dear

don't ever disturb the strata of the planet

live and let others live  
someone cries inside  
the dustbin  
reflects your lust!!

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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### Infinite Poetry

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## Mountains

I'm natural beauty.

trees, bushes, and rivers accent my foundation,  
so many mammals live off its water and vegetation.

My peak freezes because its so high,

with the proper equipment and endurance,  
you can climb me,

look down and see flight patterns of hawks and eagles as  
they fly by.

Or you can look down at clouds as if you're on top of the  
sky.

Both visions will leave you two times breathless.

One is due to the beautiful view of nature,  
and the other is because the higher you go the air gets  
thinner.

When storms come my caves work as shelter,  
when night falls and the wind howls,  
it also works as a nocturnal speaker.

I have pointy tops,

cliffs with hundreds of feet drops,

and plateaus to look down yonder to where visions stops.

I am a wonder... made of rock

## Aqua

Take a trip to the deepest ocean, look down, that's the depth of my intellect, not even with sonar will you ping the never explored floor, subs with divers clothes on will get crushed by the force of my wisdom before they understand. The abyss I spit will drown the mentally counterfeit. I got that sub mariner flow, I'm the black hole in the Bermuda triangle, leaving human vessels wrecked. some just don't understand the psi of my third eye. My mind is the light that conquers the leviathan, that's why at rest two eyes closed, I can still scan the horizon, I got the prose of Poseidon to quench the thirsty minds of 85% of Homo sapiens , instead of killing my lyrical tsunamis awaken dead bodies.

## Word Play

When I write its the roar from a leo,  
I'm a lion in this wilderness of wilder beast,  
I am king of this land,  
I'm a lyrical tarzan,  
ill constrict a boa,  
death spiral with ali's and crocks to own a pair of gators,  
teach chimpanzee's to speak, like "me amy",  
my mind is symbolic and brolic like an elephant and its  
memory,  
my vocal is colossal like woolly mammoth fossils,  
I dig deep like an archaeologist,  
to bury antagonist with my word play,  
supercalofragilisticexpilidocious linguistics tap people on  
the head like newtons law of physics,  
things in motion tend to stay in motion,  
so after I spit ten minutes later there's still a commotion,  
dude on the right ask dude on the left " did u hear what he  
said?  
Dude says yeah I'm blind not deaf, he paints pictures in my  
head, conjunctionfunctionwhatsyourdisfunction,  
mines is that I'm so hot, I burn myself, spontaneous  
combustion, I need a fire extinguisher cause I flame on  
often

Eliza  
Sęgięt

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Her poems *Questions* and *Sea of Mists* won the title of the International Publication of the Year 2017 and 2018 in Spillwords Press.

For her volume of *Magnetic People* she won a literary award of a *Golden Rose* named after Jaroslaw Zielinski (Poland 2019 r.). Her poem *The Sea of Mists* was chosen as one of the best one hundred poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada.

In Poet's Yearbook, as the author of *Sea of Mists*, she was awarded with the prestigious Elite Writer's Status Award as one of the best poets of 2019 (July 2019).

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

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

Laureate International Award PARAGON OF HOPE (Canada, 2020).

Obtained certificate of appreciation from *Gujarat Sahitya Academy* and *Motivational Strips* for literary excellence par with global standards (2020).

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

Author's works can be found in anthologies, separate books and literary magazines worldwide.

## Gondola

To circle in place,  
where you can't stand up next to,  
to absorb can *now* be celebrated.  
It's beauty for the lazy.

Waters wrinkled with wind,  
peaks halfway covered with snow  
viewed from up above,  
lure haunting impressions in.  
When the expected  
delight becomes factualized,  
understanding comes in.  
From up above, from a gondola,  
over which a balloon towers,  
can't be seen  
the traces of thoughtlessness.  
With each meter of the way back,  
arriving closer becomes  
the realization of the defeat.  
Fields of plastic spread out  
– nourishment for dying nature.  
Only an awoken human,  
with endearment and care  
– can stop the earth's demise.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

## Taint

White collar  
emboldens who carries it  
humbles a gray man.

Unfortunately,  
whiteness won't reverse filth of reality.

When a word slithers out,  
which one should be ashamed of,  
it'd be proper to say:  
*I'm sorry.*

Perhaps maybe then the gruff will recover  
– albeit scarred already –  
but the old face.

Cannot be measured out,  
weight of blunders, separated from self  
be covered by silence!

Even those stiffening,  
one day  
will be reborn with stigma from the past

they can wreck the tomorrow.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

## Delusion

With force out of reach to birds  
the biting force of violence  
dimmed the birth of brightness,  
to once again  
lead into murk of the day.

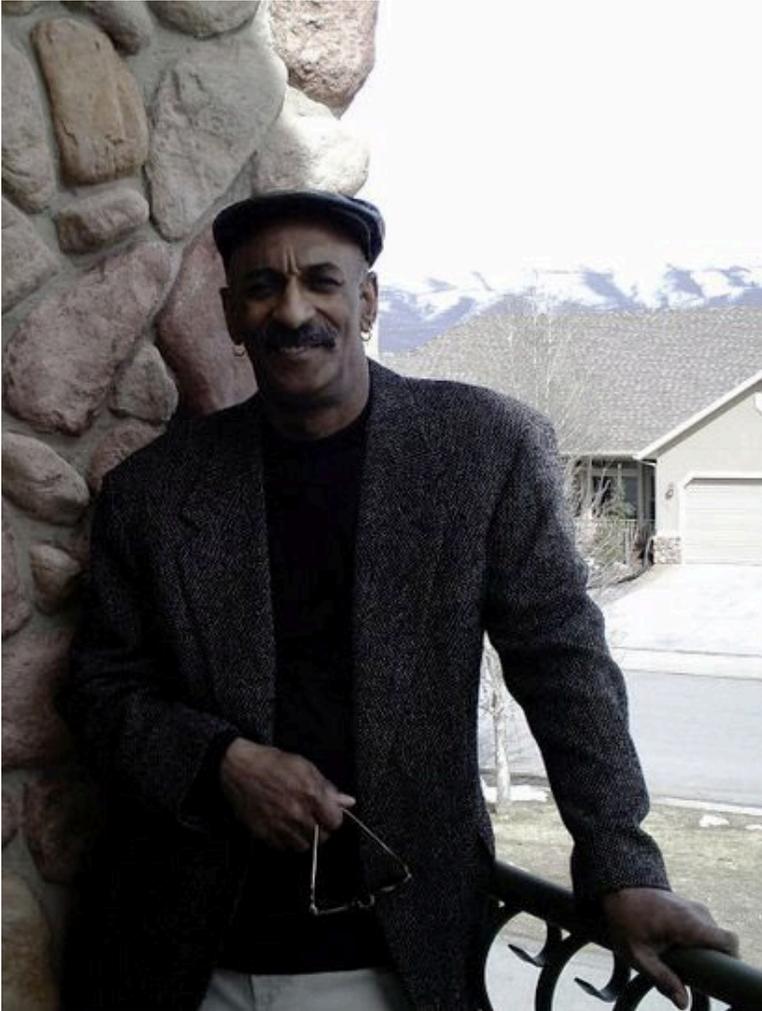
Saddened with such a moment,  
with unknown power,  
at times they rise up from the fall,  
which did not evince their smallness,  
but those,  
who humiliated them mentally.

Woken from delusions of kindness,  
without sneer,  
with a playful glance  
they build the nests of reason,  
so, like the winged,  
they could hide from being devoured.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## For those to come

Upon the mountain top  
There I stood  
Looking over the realm  
Of my belonging

I needed no hope . . .  
Everything I need  
Was before me

Clean air,  
Majestic vistas  
And the embrace of life  
Unadulterated

Leave this for me  
For my soul is of need  
To know that there is a place  
For those to come

## Footpaths

As I travel through the wilderness  
Traverse the mountains  
And the valleys  
I contemplate my footsteps . . .  
Past . . . present and future,  
And . . .  
I realize that naught  
Is pristine, untouched  
Nor innocent

My naivete led me to believe  
That i have and am doing  
Something unique,  
But I dear save  
That the authenticity  
Is that of mine own . . . alone  
In but thought

Many have gone this way before,  
And many shall yet do so,  
But the pathways  
Are overgrown  
With little sign  
Of previous presence  
For the dull-witted  
And sleeping ones

Who knows the destination?  
I know that the time will come  
Where this vessel will tire,  
Then retire  
To become a watcher  
Along the footpaths

## Reaching

Enigmas dancing in the shadows,  
Ghosts haunting my consciousness  
Threatening to manifest  
Into my everyday reality

Where is the courage i need  
To confront my weaker self  
That acquiesces  
To the dust of substance

I stand erect  
Looking over my shoulder  
Fearing a repeat performance  
Of past failures ...  
I have yet to understand  
The embrace  
That tells me they  
Are but lessons,  
One of integral meaning  
That will add significance  
And latent fortitude  
To the pathway before me

.....  
Yes, like you,  
Like we,  
I too fear  
My greater self

All my life  
I have been reaching,  
Reaching for that golden ring  
That anchors dreams to rainbows,  
Rainbows to chests of treasure.

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Am I but just another  
Myopic wannabe?

To know thyself  
I do not know  
But I do strive ...  
Perhaps vainly  
To observe and learn  
Of my ways, habits  
And proclivities,  
However my propensity  
To stumble reveals  
My two left persuaded feet ....  
Why can I not at least  
Get it 1/2 right?

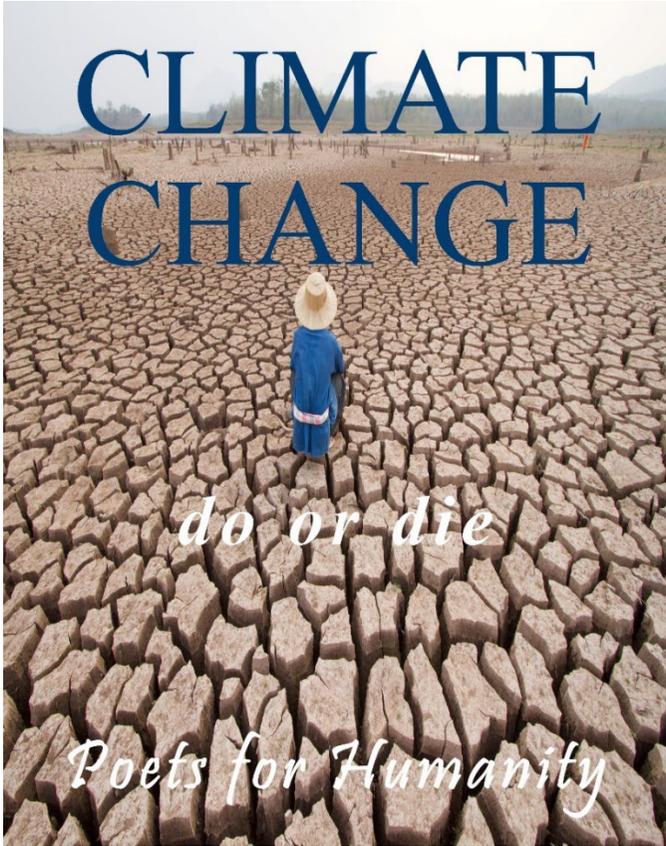
Some would say I  
Should focus on balance  
And clarity  
But I am blinded by  
The inebriating concoction of  
Delusion and hope ...  
Oh the fool I am,  
As I have always been,  
For I believe ....

.....  
So look in the window of my soul,  
Steal or sneak a peak,  
And hopefully you will see  
Your own reflection  
Standing alongside of me ...  
Reaching

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If it comes to temptations  
Everything has already been said, read and learned,  
Repeated and memorized...

I'd rather meet a stranger –  
And allow him to flick through my pages  
One by one.  
I can foresee  
The wide-open eyes of excitement,  
The lips of surprise...

I'd also like to meet  
My mirrored self somewhere –  
And talk to it, rediscover each other.

This time I won't ask the children  
Who the woman opposite me is.  
They had answered "mummy" then, still holding my hands  
tightly.  
This time we will reveal truths  
Which we simply cannot hide any longer.  
We will untie both fishes, held together in a zodiac type  
And let them go –  
Let them grow up like destinies –  
One of them real  
The other one – just possible.  
...While the enormous catfish hunt pigeons,  
Which bathe in the river.  
How could I have foreseen  
That the catfish's luck would have grown so big  
As to turn it into a monster.

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My fishes are  
Rather salmons, hurrying to the spring,  
Where they would spawn  
And die beautifully (if one could die beautifully):  
First – the destiny which has come true,  
Then the one which could have made me rich  
If only I had chosen it –  
But it was so incomprehensible and threatening  
How could I be sure it wouldn't attack the pigeons...?

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You pass by an angel  
And unnoticeably everything changes.  
You change the way you read mythology  
The same way Uranus changes its axis of revolving –  
From Gaea's son and husband he turns into  
Father of gods, titans and  
Hundred-handers.

The hands of the clock turn both clockwise and  
anticlockwise...

Deciphering the universe  
Is connected neither to that particular reality  
Nor to human rituals...

You open the depths of Heaven  
And dive into the spirit.

You realize you've already been there...

## Revision of the Magic

I revise  
The fairy tales  
Which have made my life bearable,  
They have pulled me out of despair as if out of a well  
Drank from me  
Quenched their thirst with advice:  
If you read fairy tales, you dream fairy tales,  
If you dream fairy tales, you live in a fairy tale.

Young children  
Wrote wisdoms to frighten me,  
They soothed me with scary lullabies  
They didn't touch me if I wasn't afraid,  
They waited for me to take out some goodness from my  
pockets  
In a thief-like manner,  
Caress their cups of talents,  
And wipe any drops of justice  
From the tips of their lips.  
I have been an animal tamer for a long time,  
While the beast inside me snoozed, grew up and snarled.  
One day it ate me,  
Because it felt neglected.  
It found out I was obsessed with other abysses of anger,  
Bent under other lives not edited.

I am doing poetic crosswords now,  
Rearranging, correcting, illustrating alien feelings,  
Presenting titles – memorable and significant ones.  
However, they just cross me out  
Hurrying upwards, not even turning back.  
They rob me just because I like it.  
If I am endless, there is still what to take from me.

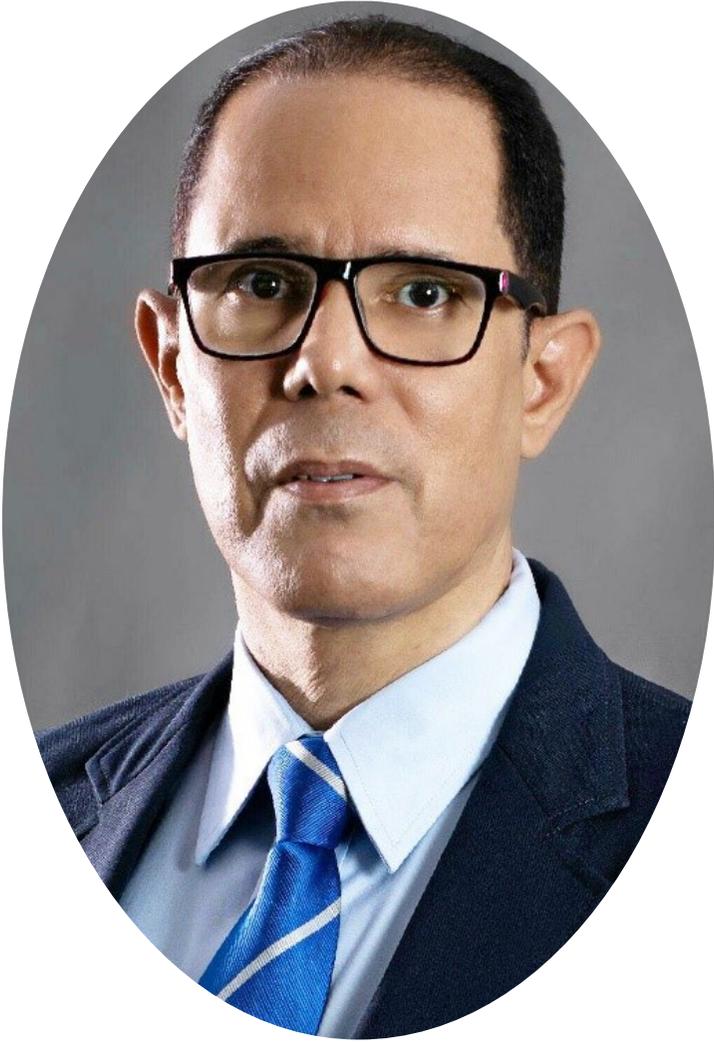
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If I believe that is the way it is – I'll be safe.

I am counting down  
And descending the other slope now  
Back to the same.  
Anticipating is always greater than arrival.

Ramón  
de Jesús  
Núñez Duval

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Ramón de Jesús Núñez Duval

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## Cambio Climático

Al borde de desastres está la tierra,  
maltratada por manos con violencia,  
se nos cae a pedazos la biósfera  
y firmamos con muerte la sentencia.

Masacramos con crueldad nuestro planeta  
y vienen terremotos de intensas escalas,  
matando sin piedad a seres vivos,  
corriendo ríos de angustias en el alma.

Tornados que destruyen todo a su paso,  
dejan sin hogares familias indigentes,  
arrasando con ira fuertemente  
se apodera el espanto al mirar lo que viene.

El calentamiento global afecta de todos modos,  
nuestra capa de ozono cambia de forma irreversible,  
provocando cambios en el clima que son terribles,  
asesinando a un mundo que es para todos.

Los tsunamis se llevan naciones enteras,  
sembrando el dolor con derrumbes costeros,  
generando catástrofes en poblados y sierras,  
el cambio climático extinguirá nuestra tierra.

## ¡TODO PASARÁ!

Camina por el Gólgota a paso lento la humanidad  
llevando pesares que ya no puede cargar,  
mujeres llorando, clamando el perdón,  
de un mundo que muere por falta de amor.

Desastres ocurren extinguiendo seres vivos,  
el sentir por el prójimo tomó otro destino,  
hemos sido crueles al no hacer lo debido,  
por desobediencia el dolor nos ha vencido.

No todo está perdido, aún puedes cambiar  
y entregarte en los brazos de la paz,  
darle la mano a la eterna misericordia,  
que a vuelo de águila resurgirá.

El universo renacerá con su grandeza,  
la naturaleza purificará su aureola  
y voces de esperanza se levantarán,  
gritando fuertemente: ¡Todo pasará!

## VOLVAMOS A RENACER

Somos el aliento de la paz  
tatuado en las alas del ruiseñor  
jugueteando en la melodía del aire,  
que con aroma despierta la humanidad.

Hagamos de la vida, manantial de luz,  
dibujemos en pentagrama de colores  
el alma sublime de esencia y virtud  
donde la grandeza es de corazones.

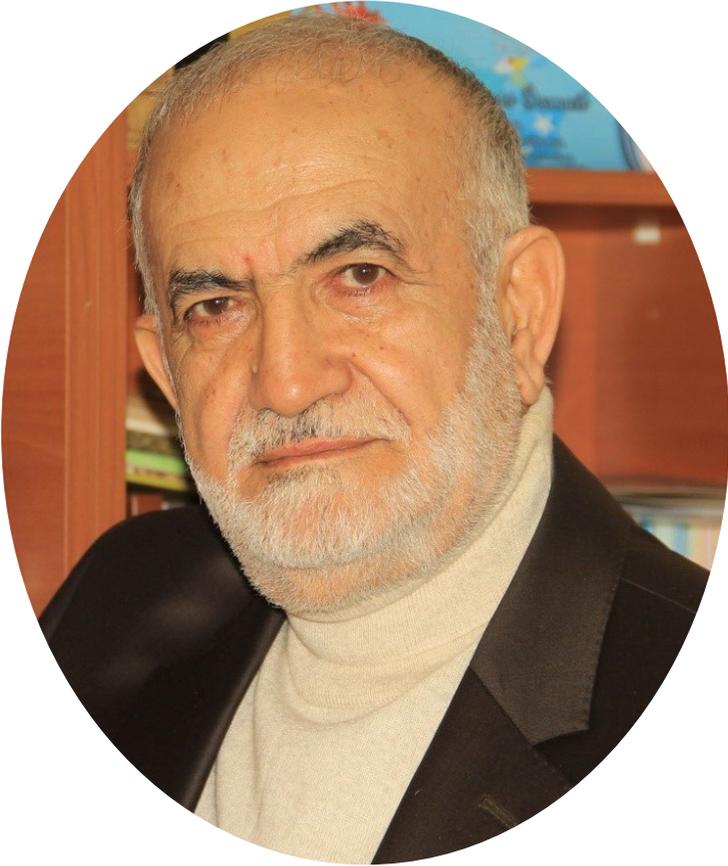
Moléculas de lluvia, esparciendo amor  
en bellos trigales que besan el sol,  
no entiendo porqué no es posible  
que luchemos todos por un mundo mejor.

Nos abriga el alba porque existe Dios,  
las palomas vuelan presagiando fe  
en que un día el planeta protegido esté  
y el género humano vuelva a renacer.

Mammad  
Ismayil

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## God Knows

(Tanrı biler)

Where does it get its sweetness  
    how can the honey know?  
If you can,  
    go and ask,  
The bee knows.  
Where did you sleep in the night  
    you know  
Where will you wake up in the morning  
The God knows.

## Sacred Destiny

*For the memory of my mother Gülzar*  
(Biz dörd nefer idik)

We were four  
A spotted sheep  
A wild apple  
My mother and me  
In the memory of future life  
They were sent to the Earth  
My mother was the bridal dress of the beauty  
The apple was the sprout of the forests  
I was the babyhood of the humanity  
When you have a time, just squeeze me  
And see who I am?!  
    I am a mother pie,  
Apple juice, sheep milk.

## Owl (Bayguş)

The bird of spirit  
The bird of dream  
It has voice but can't be seen  
Where can we see it then?  
How can I explain astonishment of its eyes?  
An owl –the bird of night, the king of birds,  
My life in the strange land was exhausted long ago, owl.

In the middle of the night one bird is moaning here,  
It is moaning as an owl without rest whole year.

It can't be climbed up, it can't be walked along  
...The slop tires down wayfarers, that's all.  
This bird is moaning from morning till night  
Where has this bird pain? Is everything right?  
Without batting eyes I was like a bird of night  
I had been worn out by the slop of life...  
My heart does not stop, my eyes do not sleep  
My life had passed in owlish weep

O bird, that has Joseph's cut off-rope in voice  
The bird that has curtain from Sun on eyes...  
I know, unhappiness causes you to weep;  
Let your misfortune come to me, bird in grief...

Either it is unlucky or has forebodings...  
The owl is the goggled-eye of the fate  
The ruin of time, the ruin of place  
The world itself is the owl-it is evident...

Tarana  
Turan  
Rahimli

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## The Picture of the Silence

The birds remained hanging in the water  
And the fishes in the water,  
Early in the morning  
Horizon passed away here.  
The trees have become dry  
Bending their top  
In the place  
Where the wind drove them out.  
An autumn flower blossomed,  
The slopes have become touched.  
The clouds are hanging heavily  
Towards the earth.  
The color of the silent water in the sea  
Has become turbid.  
The surface of the sun is gloomy  
The shoulders of the soil are tired.  
The life is in its eternal silence  
With its dumb scenes.  
I wonder how the world seems oddly  
In its coffin made of glass.

## To be a Child in the Arms of God

It would be better if one turns to a bee,  
And settle on the flowers of the world.  
When your lips tremble because of happiness,  
You won't be able to find a word.

Let your breath become dry  
Because of the excitement.  
When you forget the earth and the sky,  
Let the great God protect you.

It would be better if you are splashed like stars,  
Then to be gathered together for to be the sun.  
It would be better only for a day  
To be a child in the arms of God.

## Life is a Fast Train

My God, who is driving me out?  
Who is making me breathless?  
Who is hurrying the life?  
Who is hurrying inside of me?

The years are fast train,  
The month is over as it begins.  
The weeks shove each other,  
The days are lost in hurry.

The nights and daytime  
As if fights against me.  
I am competing with a second,  
The hours escape out of my hands.

The moments soak into the memory.  
Everything turns and become past.  
The days break in a hurry,  
The days are over in a hurry.

I don't know when time passes  
Because of number of works.  
The time that I didn't dear to spend myself  
Is pulled off me by the time.

Today turns to yesterday all of a sudden  
I am going embracing the next day.  
I don't live my own life,  
I only fly above it.

*Translator: Sevil Gulten*

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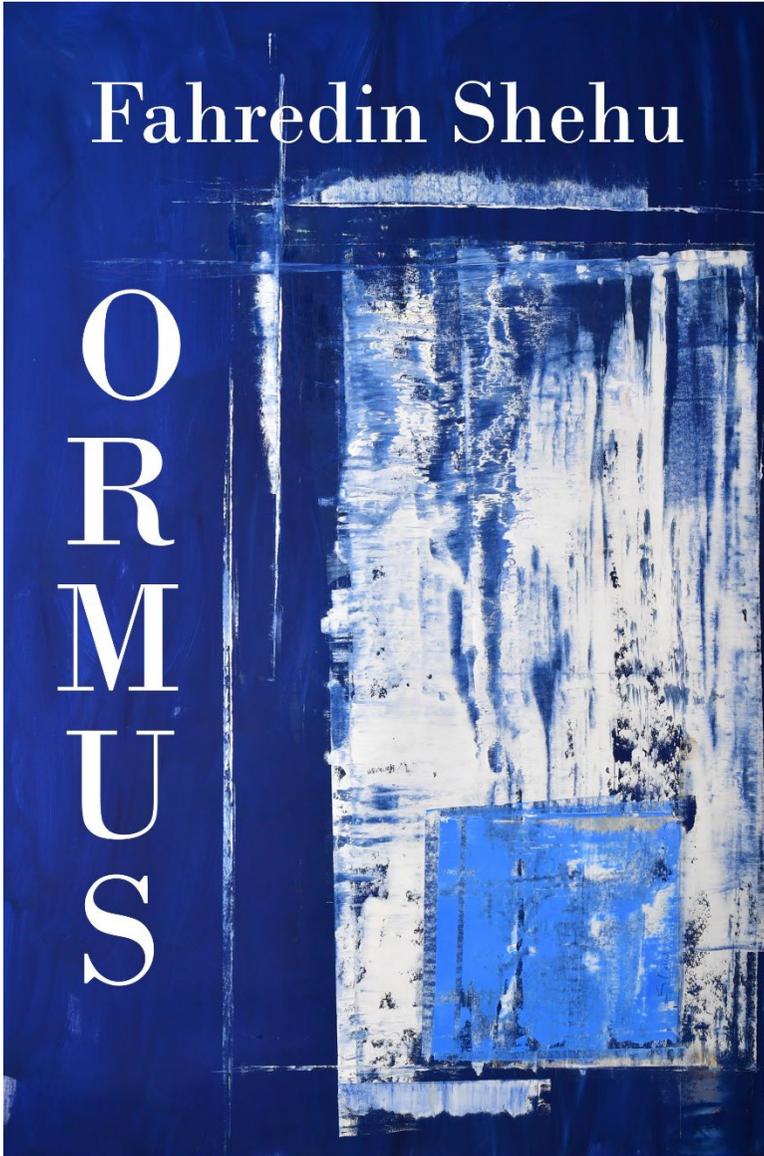
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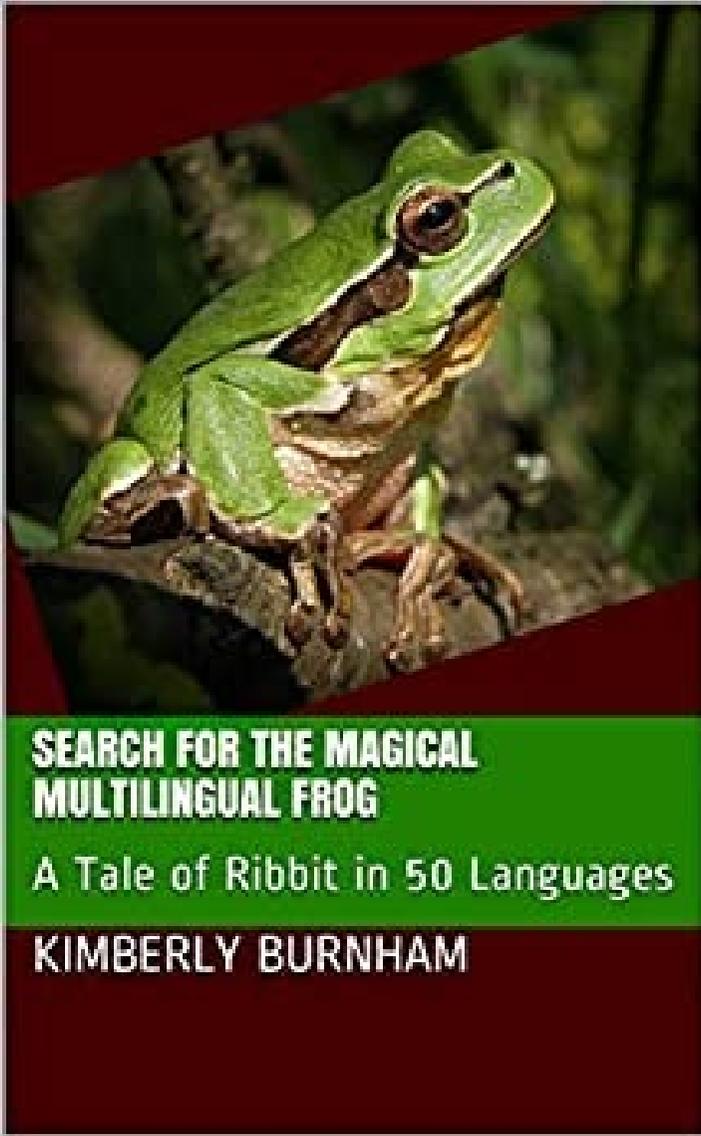


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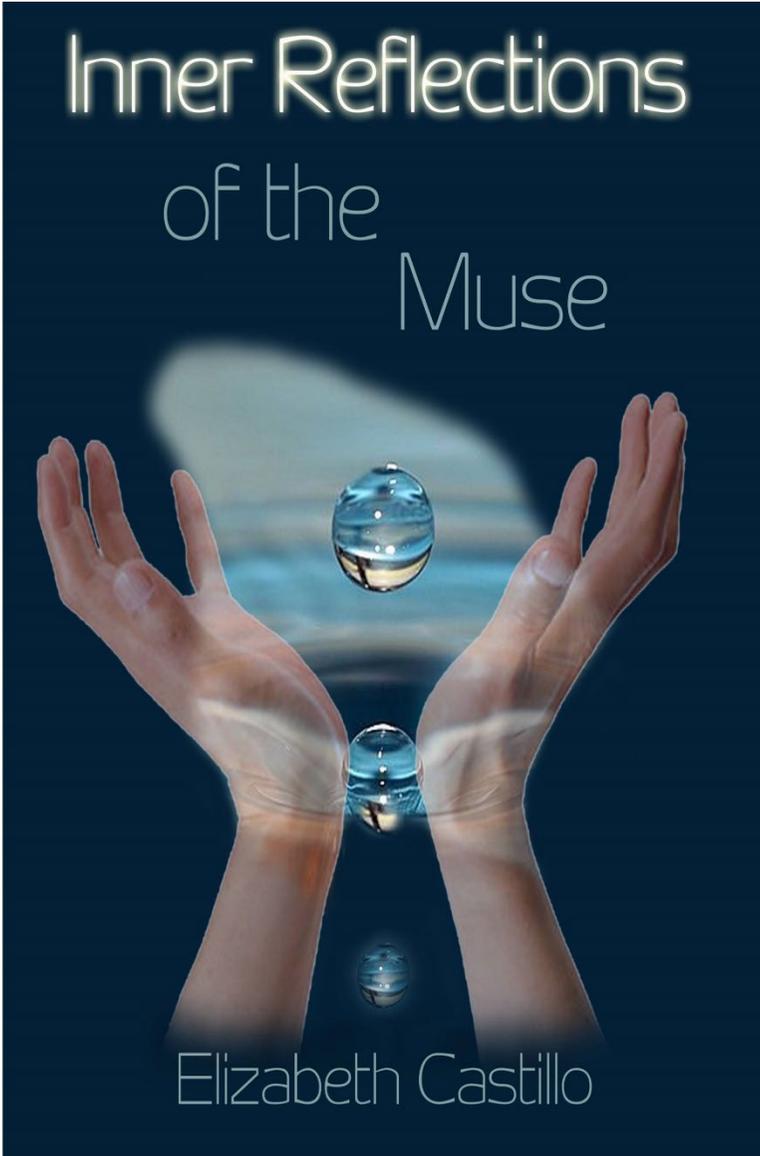
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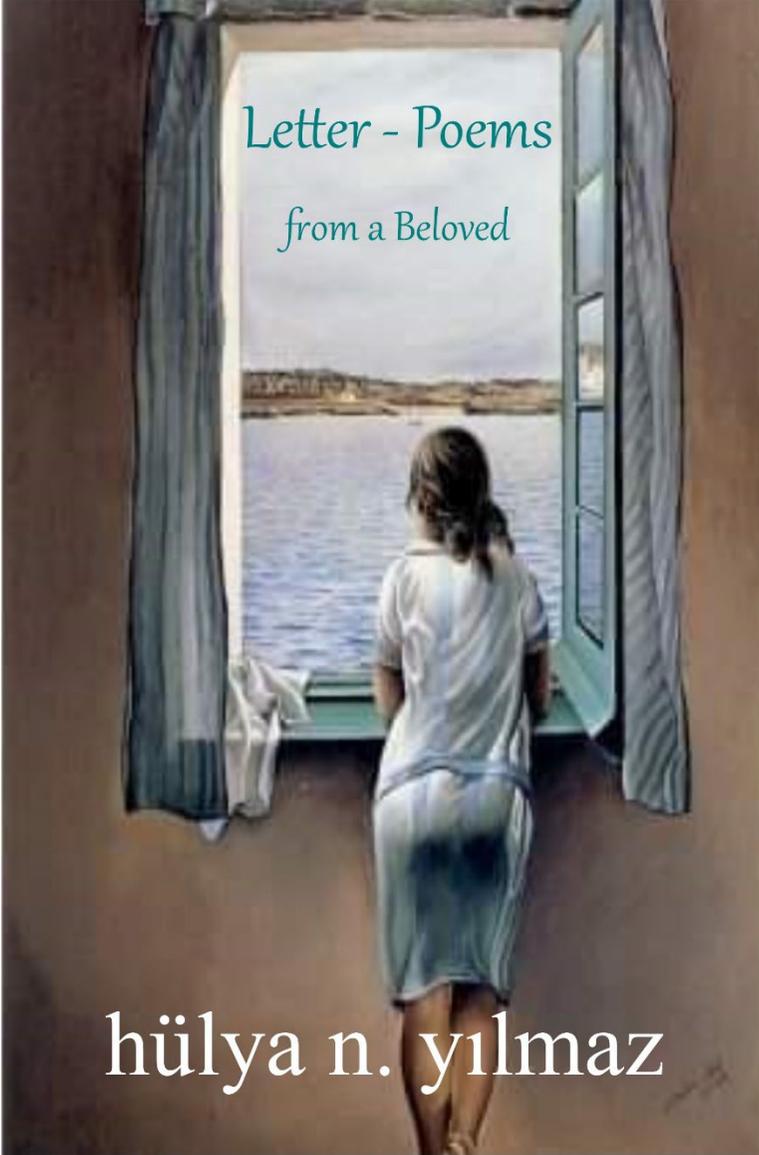
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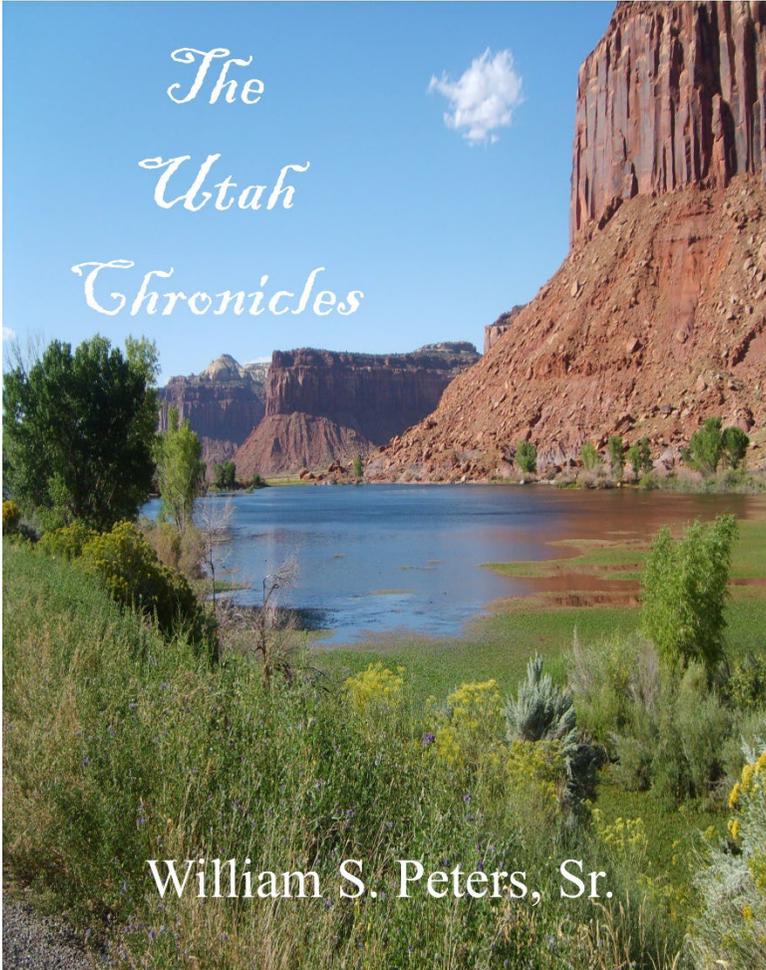
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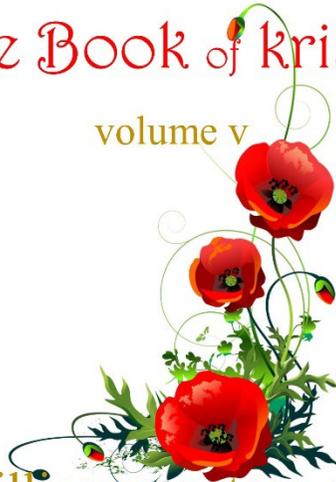
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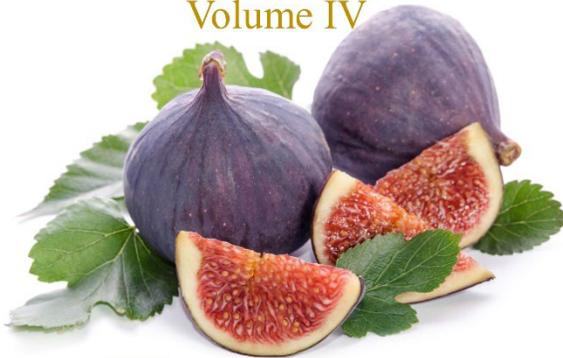
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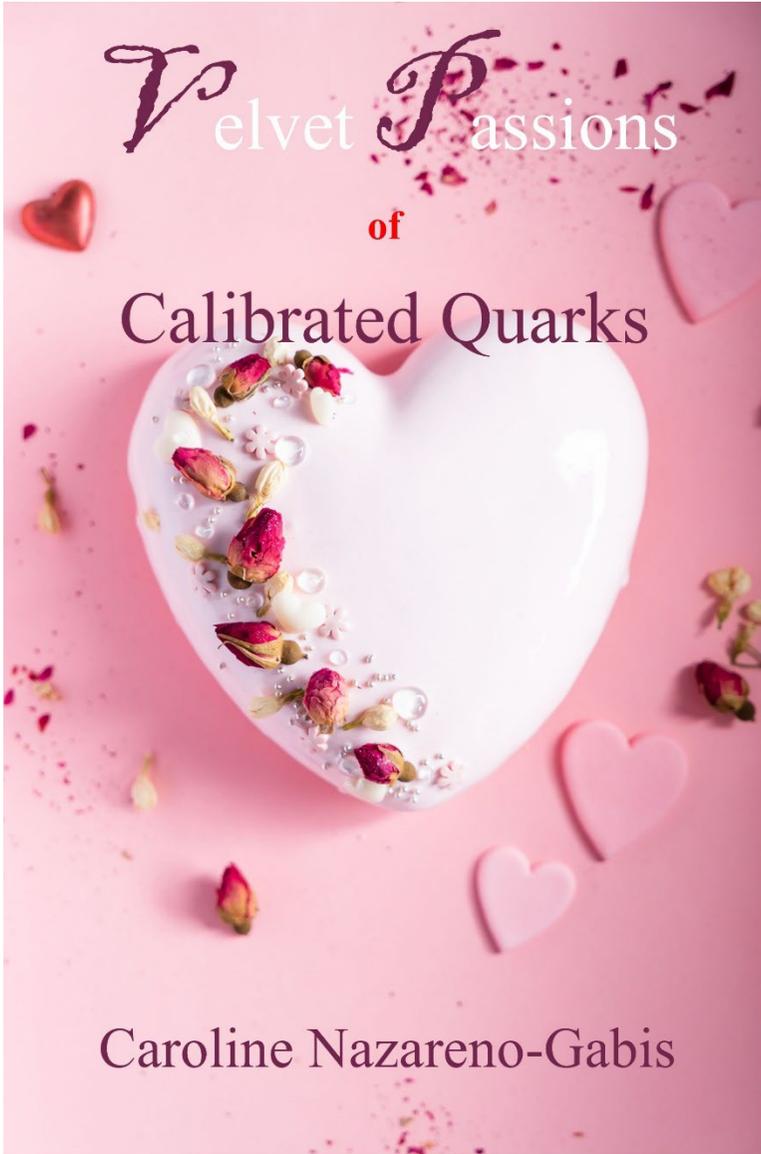


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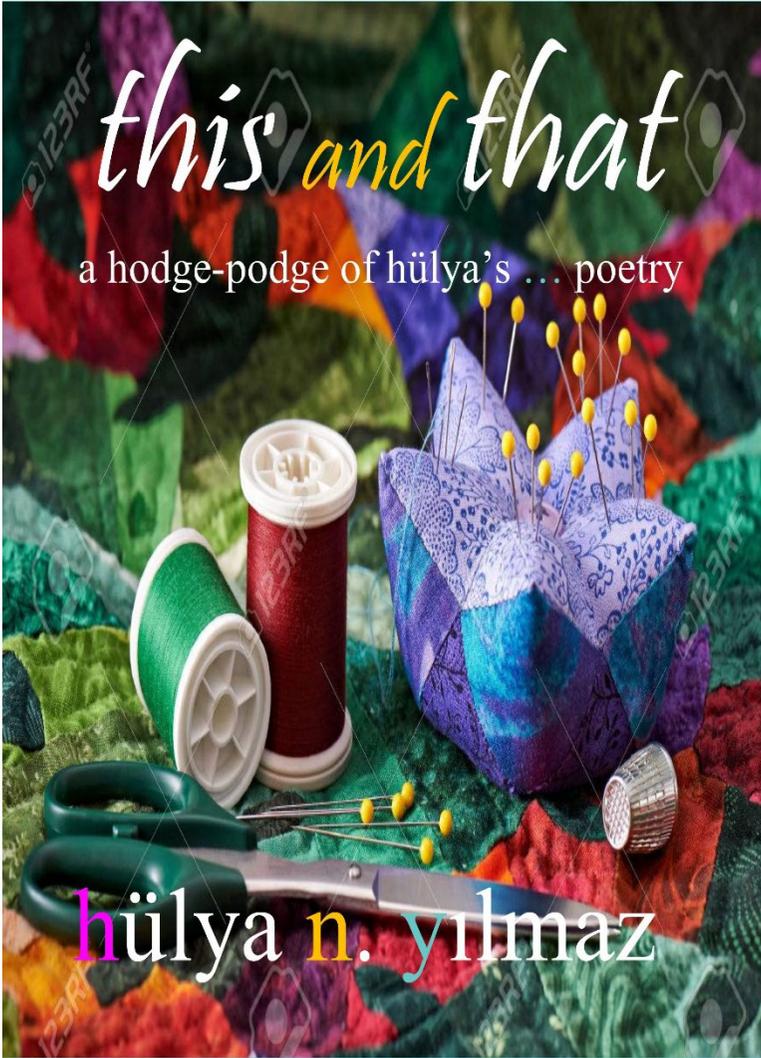
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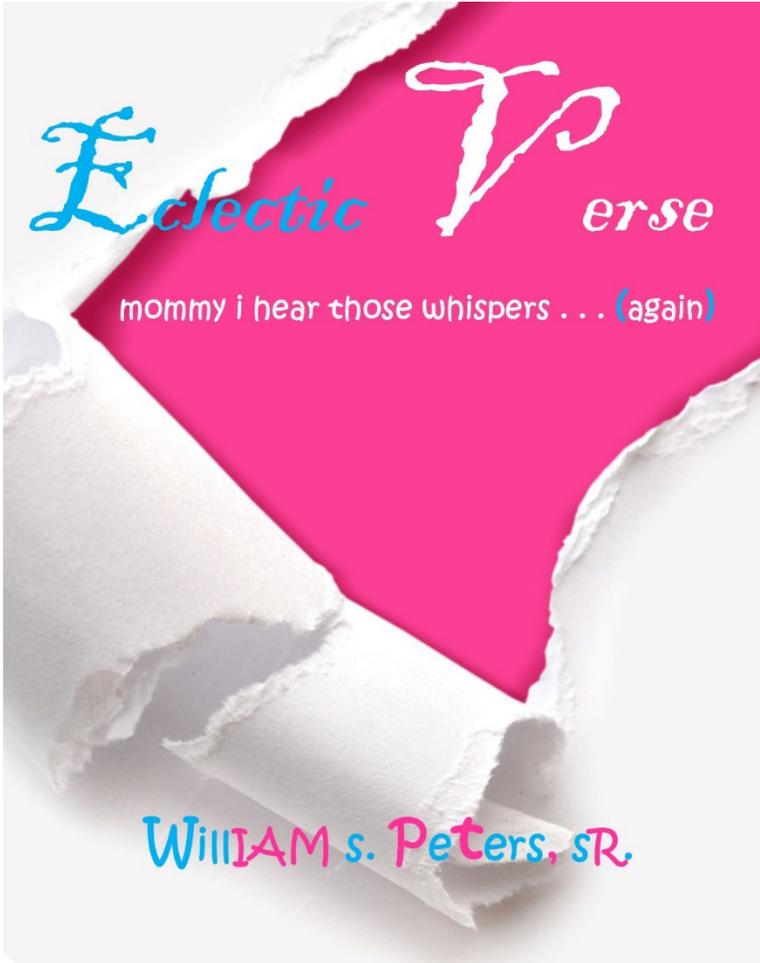
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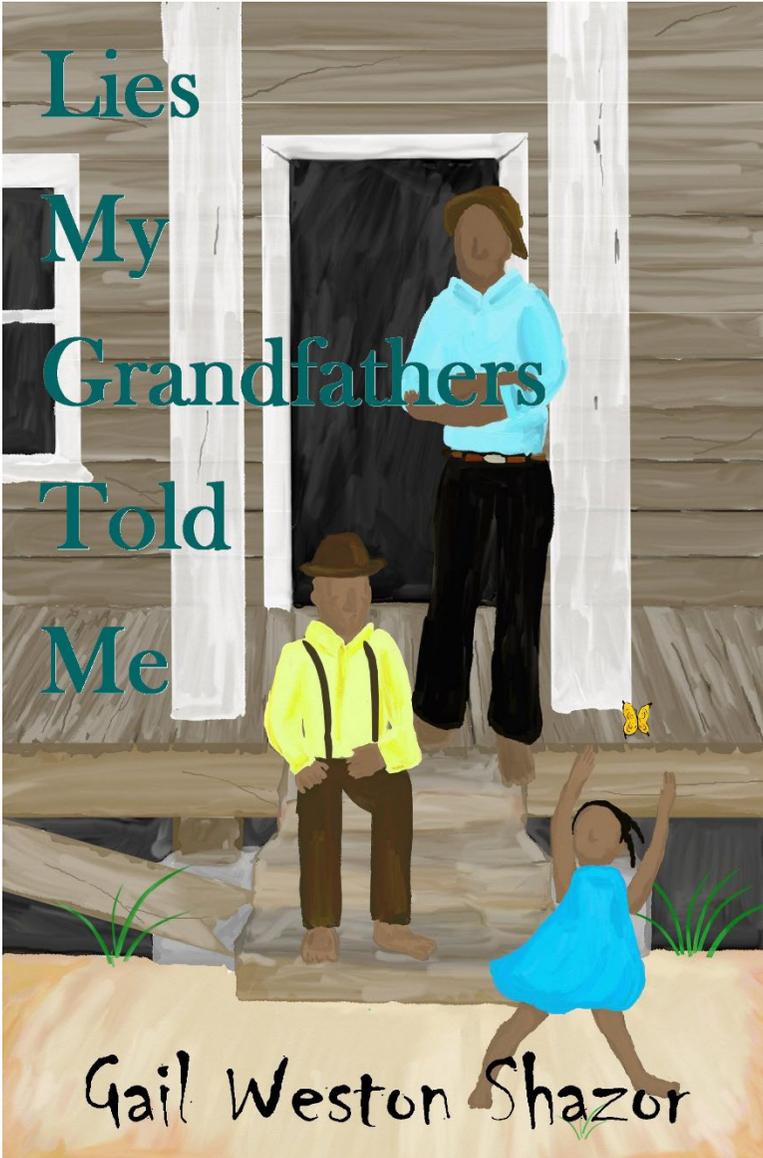
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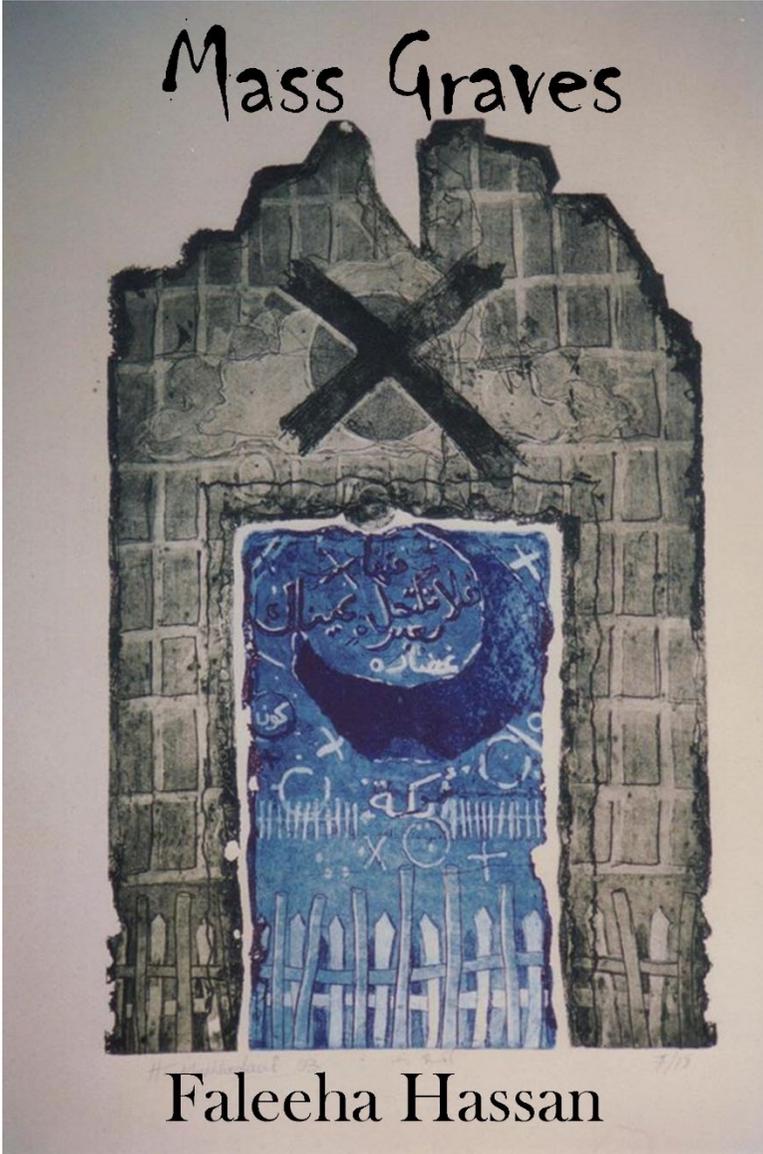


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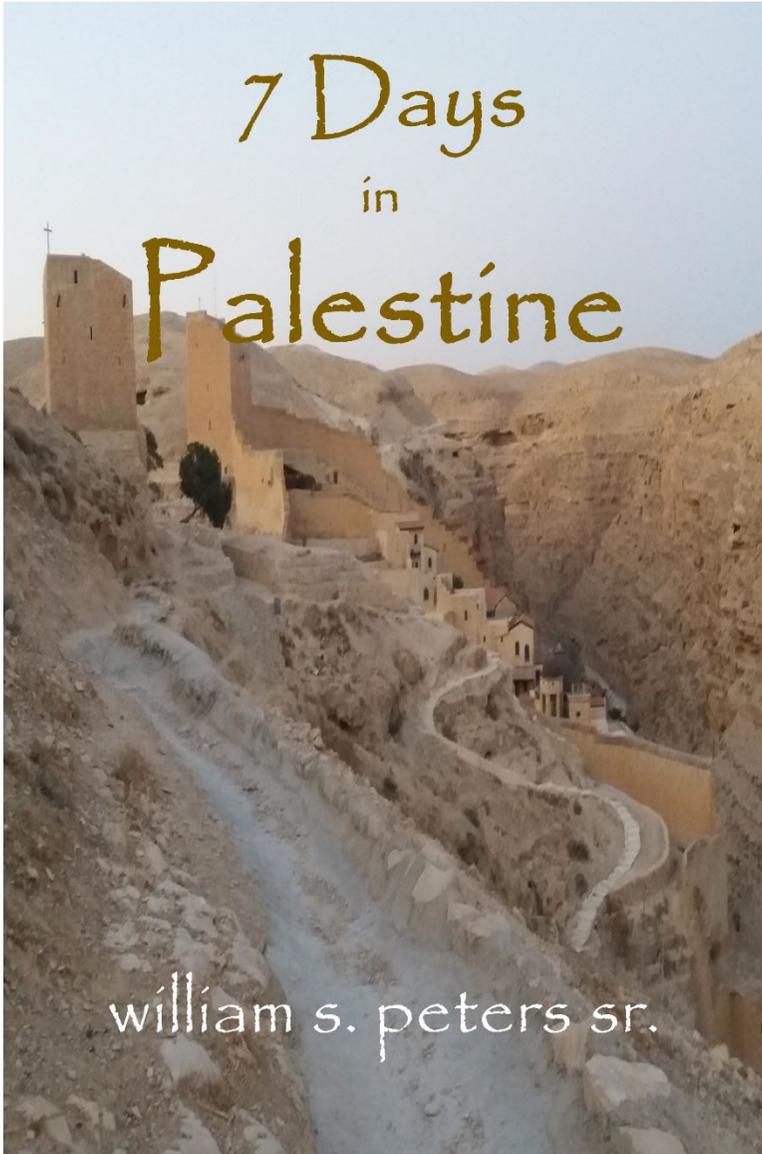
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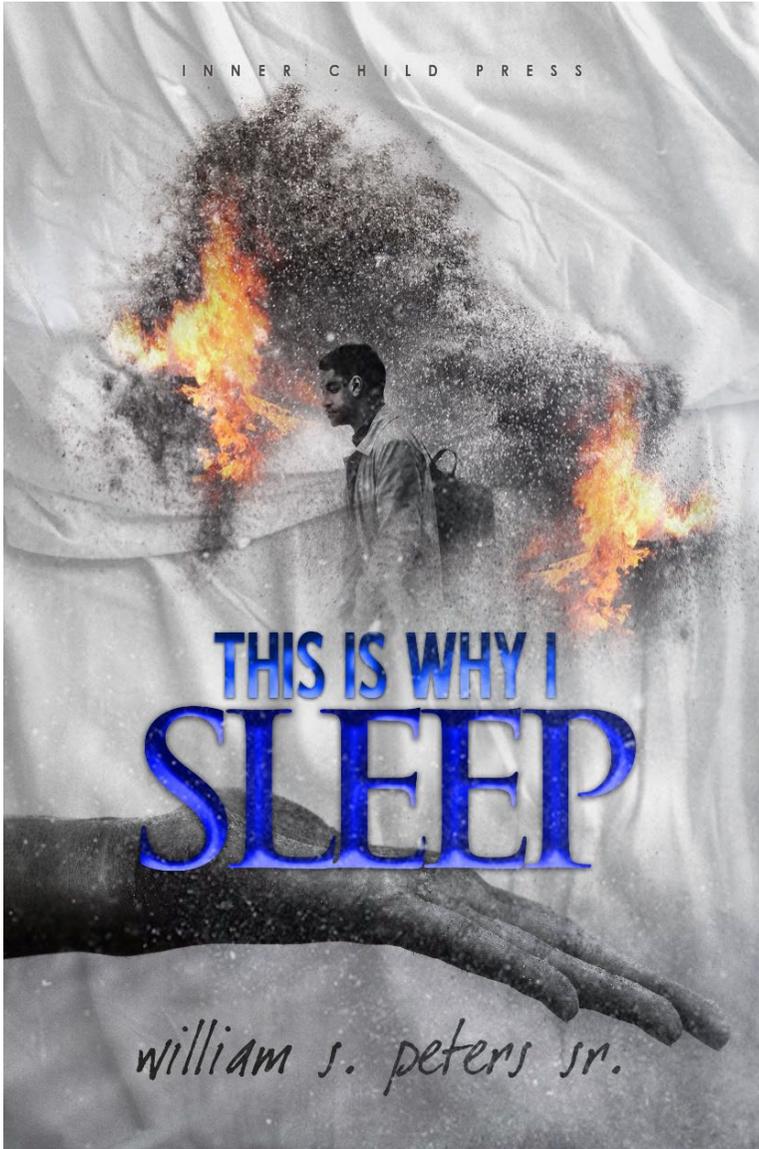
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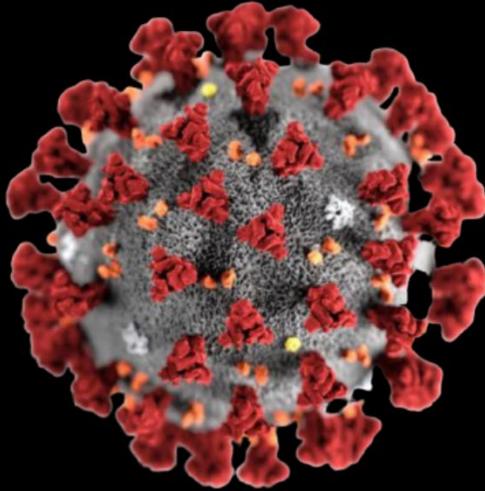
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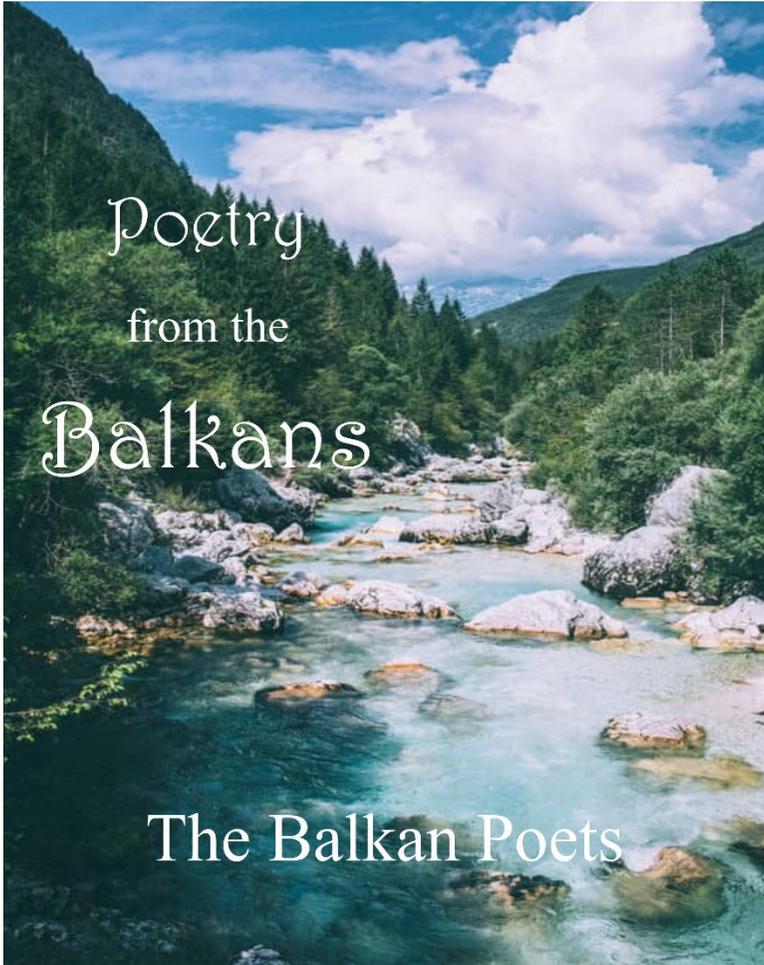
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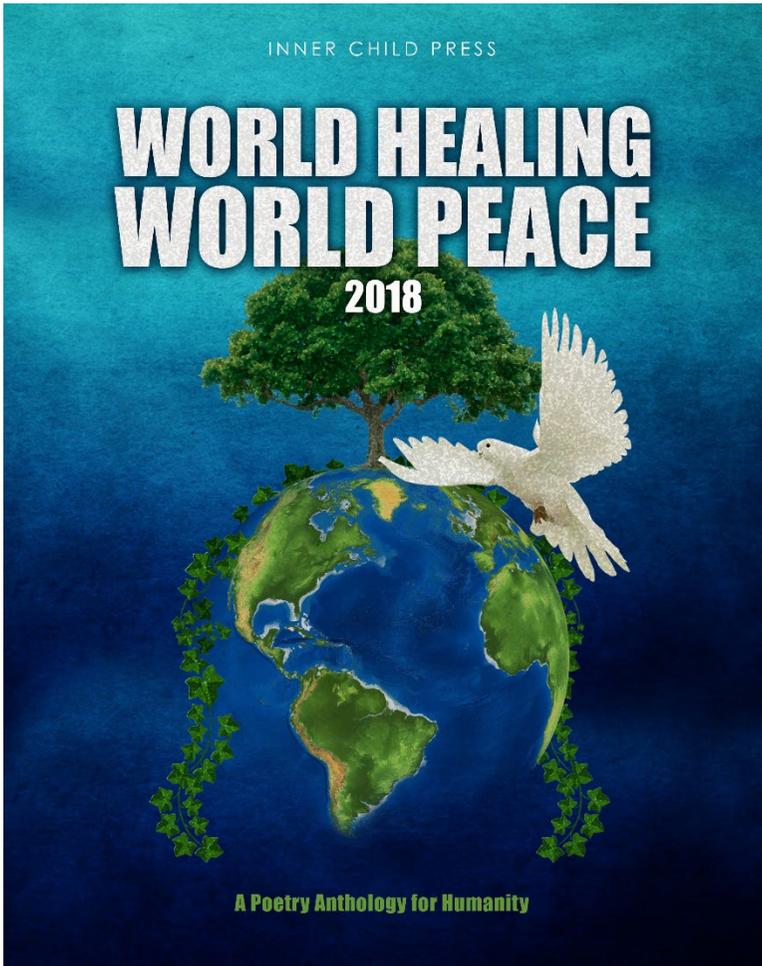
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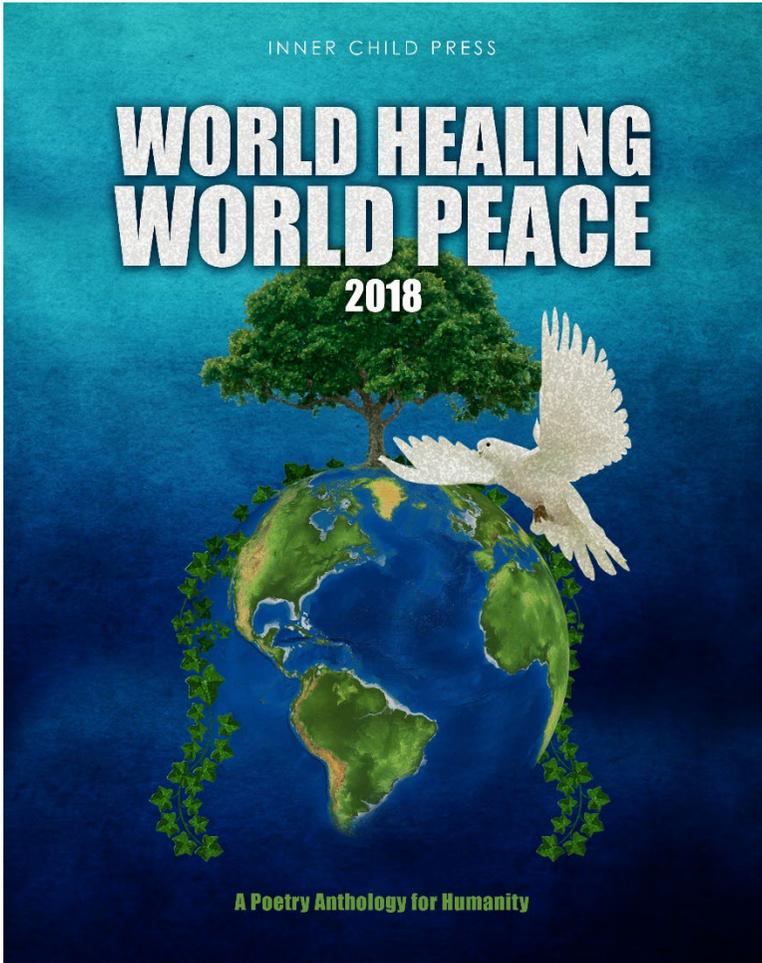


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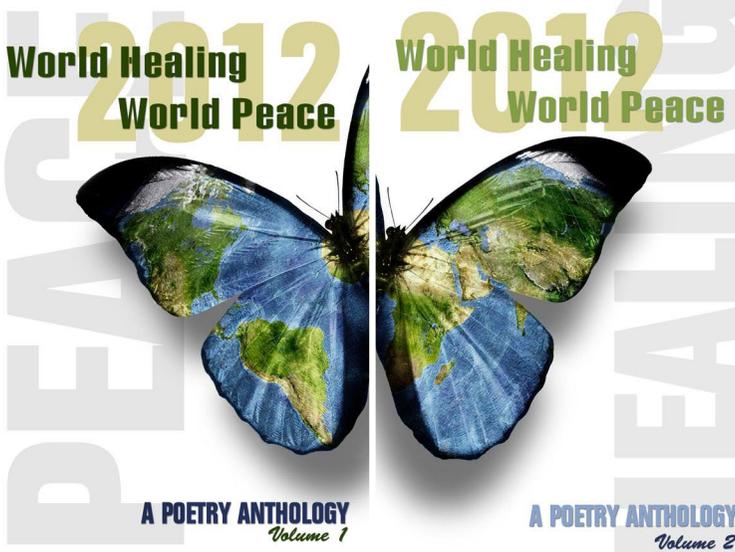
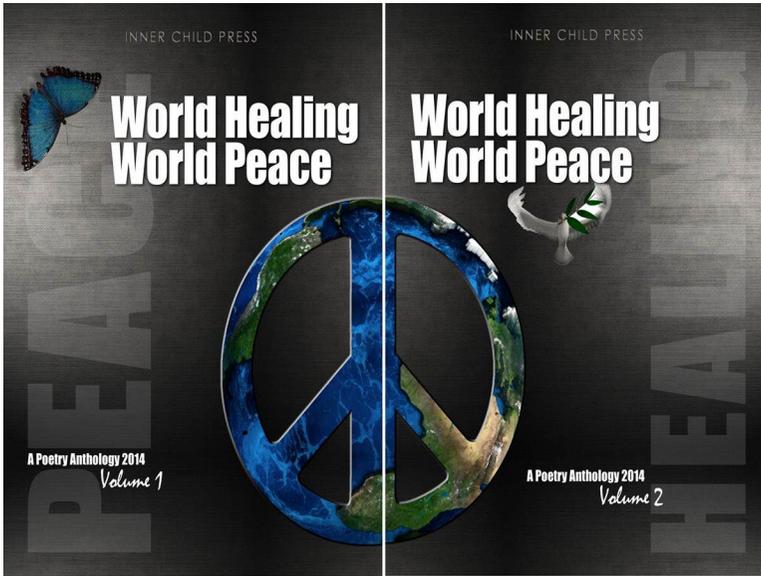
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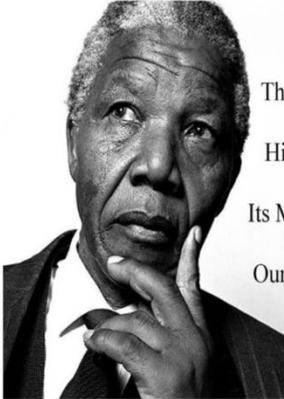
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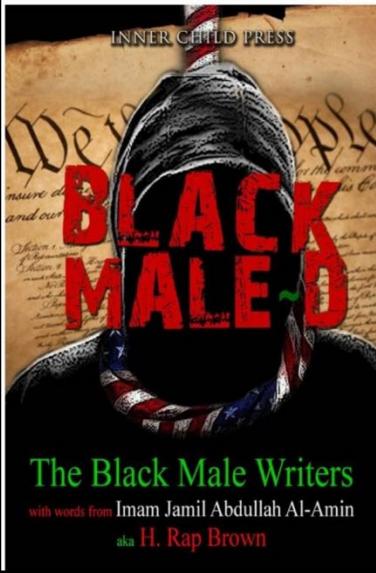
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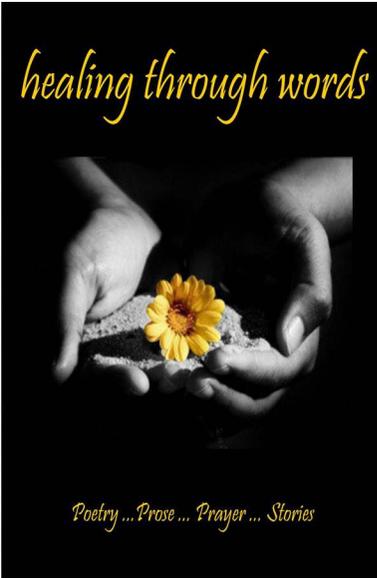
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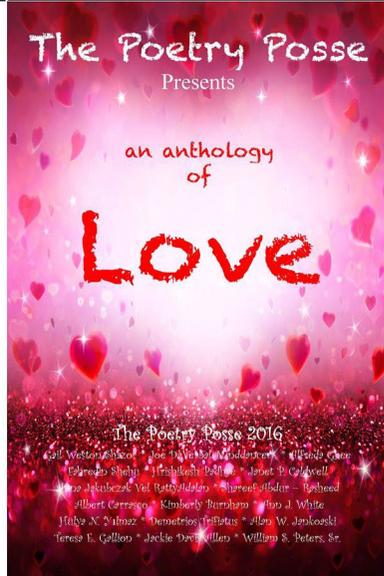
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### Our January Feature

Terri L. Johnson

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violets

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### Our February Features

Teresa E. Gallion & Robert Gibson

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March 2014

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### Our March Featured Poets

Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

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### Our April Featured Poets

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*May's Featured Poets*  
ReeCee  
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**The Poetry Posse**  
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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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*July Feature Poets*  
Christiana A. V. Williams  
Dr. John R. Strum  
Kolaja Olanrewaju Freedom



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**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**



*August Feature Poets*  
Ann White \* Rosalind Cherry \* Sheila Jenkins

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September Feature Poets

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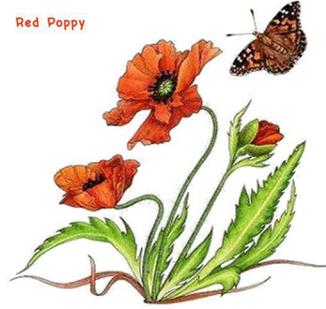
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Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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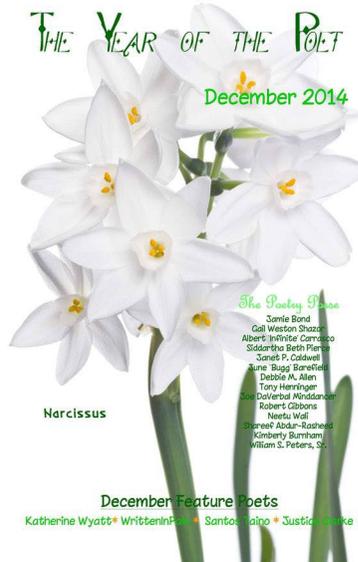
November Feature Poets

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**January Feature Poets**  
 Bismay Mohantri \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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February 2015



**Amethyst**

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 Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

**Our Featured Poets**  
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**Bloodstone**



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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

**Our Featured Poets**  
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**Diamonds**

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Akin Mosi Chimere  
Anna Jakubczak



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June 2015

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



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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015  
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Featured Poets  
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Christopher Schultz



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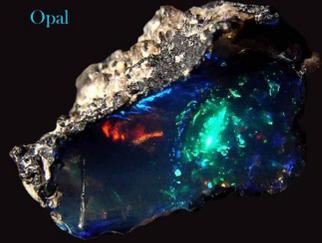
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## The Year of the Poet II

October 2015

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

Opal



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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

Featured Poets  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore



Topaz

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December 2015

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



Turquoise

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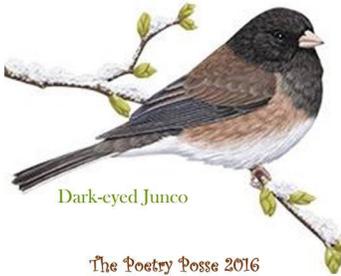
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

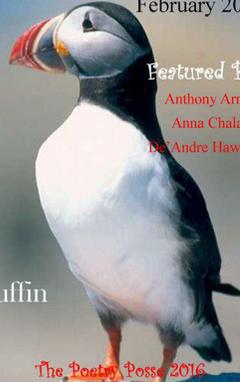
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Kathi Allen Hamilton  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

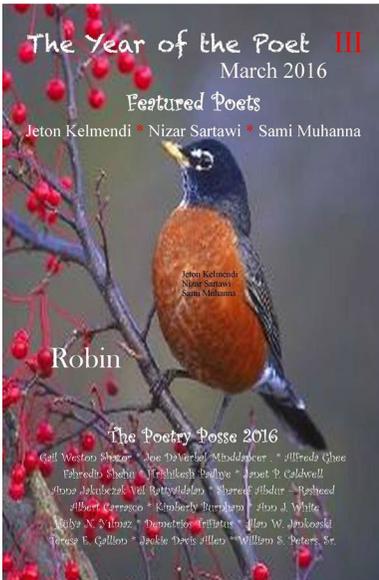
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

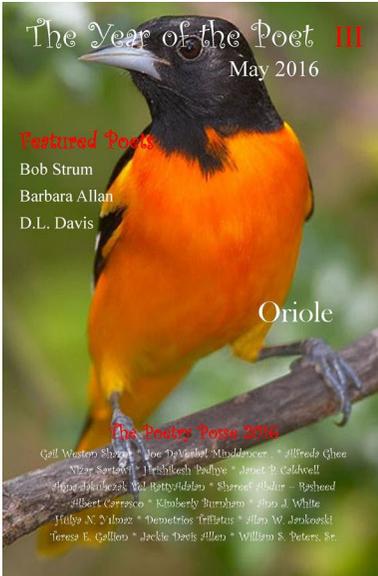
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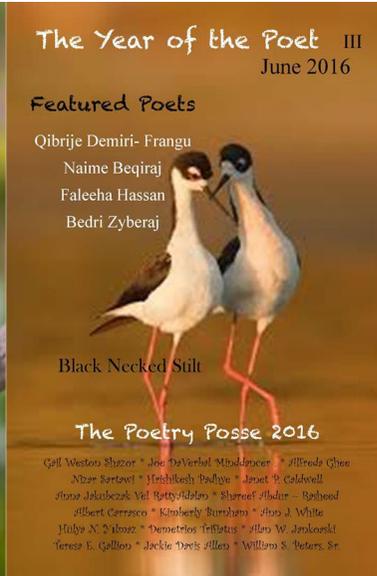


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May 2016

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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

**Oriole**

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

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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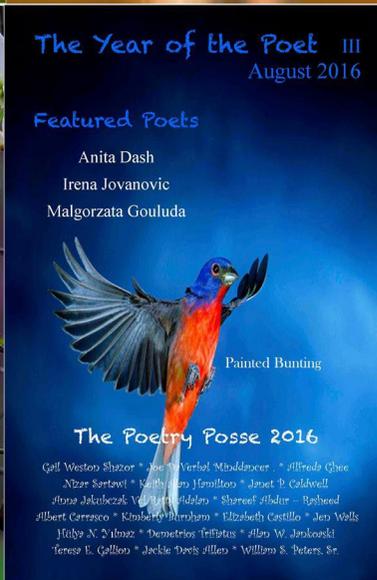


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

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September 2016

**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novilla



Long Billed Curlew

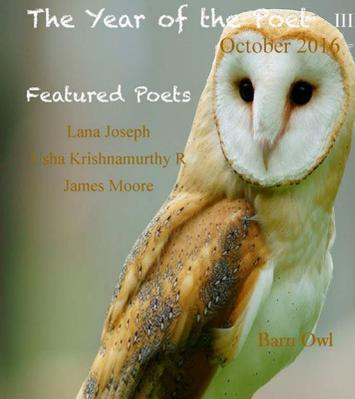
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October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Tisha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

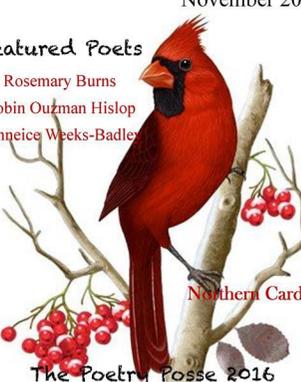
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

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

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

**The Poetry Posse 2016**

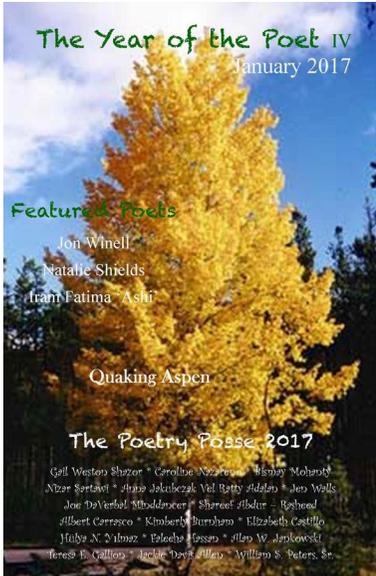
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January 2017

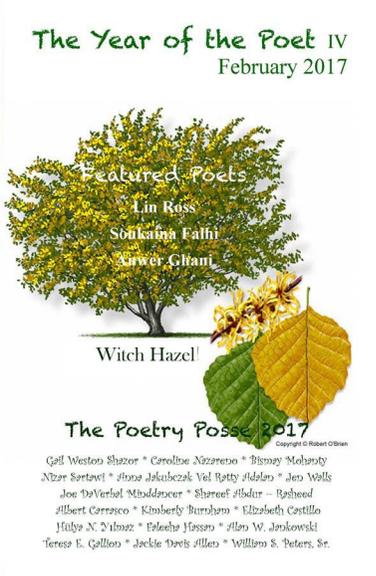


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Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

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February 2017

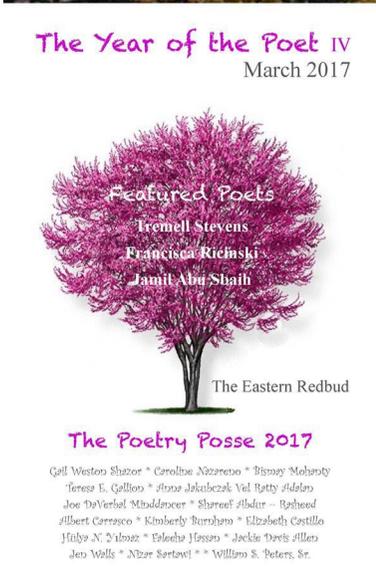


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sankhina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017

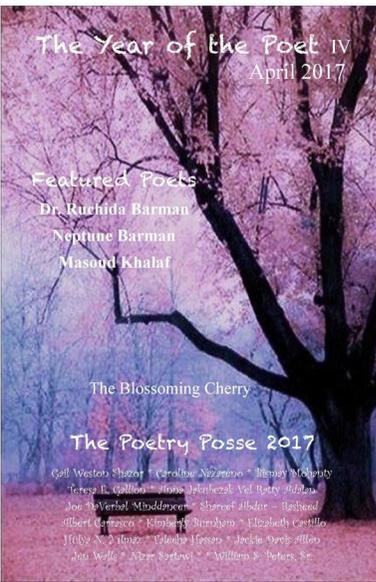


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

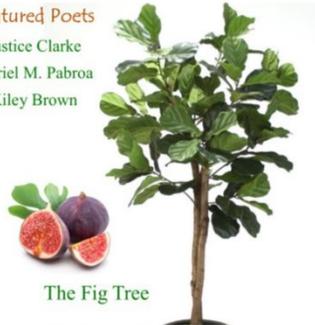
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### 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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## 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

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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

### The Poetry Posse 2018

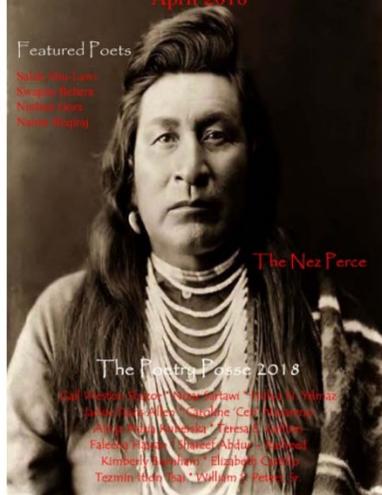
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Leneh  
Swagata Bhabha  
Nathan Dean  
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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May 2018

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

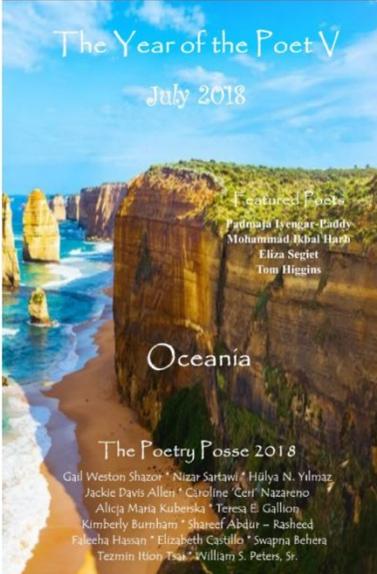


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July 2018

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

Oceania



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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

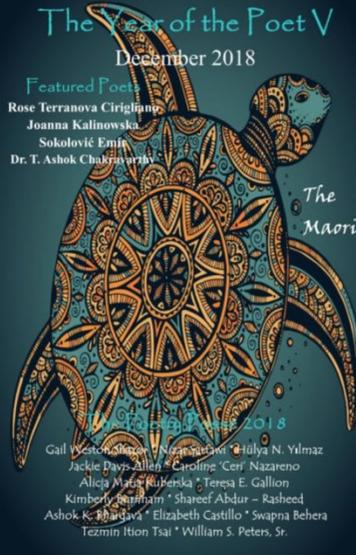
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



The  
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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 May 2019

**Featured Poets**  
 Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
 Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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

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



Southwest Asia

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September 2019

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



**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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

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



**The Mile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Ohindu Ganga  
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efthimia



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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Jackie Davis Allen • Caroline Nazareno • Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska • Teresa E. Gallion • Joe Paine  
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October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



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

Diego Rivera



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

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrasticly Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevka-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osohwa \* Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrasticly Speaking

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrasticly Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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