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the Power of the Pen
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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

Climate Change and Trees

This Month's anthology is a compendium of healing verses for the EARTH challenge. A memento that links our works to a sanctuary, to save the trees and how we grow new seeds to revive our environment and make Mother Nature happy again.

It is also a book of environmental education. We, the poets are also educators who inform about the value of trees, warn the people to stop cutting trees and save them from forest fires.

This book is an instrument. The creative juices ever written by each poet remind us to be vigilant, sensitive, and respectful with our surroundings. We should be mindful on the issues concerning our unprotected biome. It is high time to enlighten the humanity, that trees are our forever friends.

This book calls for wisdom and rebirth. As we educate, warn, and value literature for the trees, let

us recall the significance of jaracanda; not only that it has attractive violet flowers, and that spring is already commencing; may we find the true meaning of its existence, *Jacaranda mimosifolia* symbolizes wisdom, rebirth, wealth and good luck.

According to a study published in journal Nature, there are estimated to be 3.04 trillion trees globally. May we contribute to grow more trees for the sustainable future. Be a driver of change. Climate change is already impacting our lives, biodiversity, agriculture, livelihood and many more.

We, writers are the spokespeople. This book is a showcase of opportunity to tell the world: start creating solutions for our best home, the planet Earth.

We need to teach as one, act as one, rise as one before it's too late.

Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno
Poet, Author Mother

Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, making our way onward through the ‘New Year’ of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#102) represents the 6th 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 have now completed another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which was published April 1st of this year. Additionally, we have released another meaningful volume of poetic consciousness . . . “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”. Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the variety of causes in promoting a better world / planet, a better humanity for us all.

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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“Good fortune if a jacaranda drops flowers on your head. A symbol of wisdom, rebirth, wealth and good luck, the jacaranda’s name means fragrant in the South American language Guarani.”



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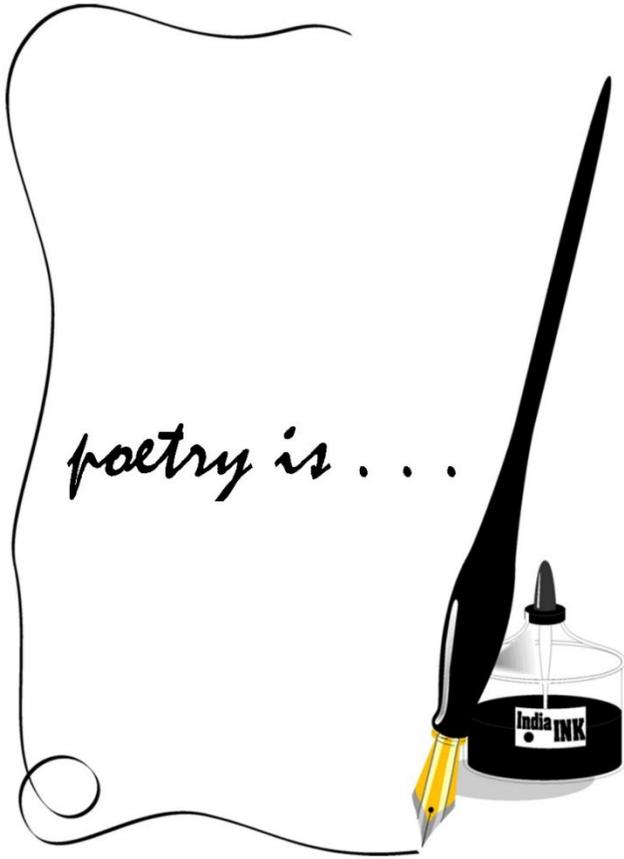
Poets . . .
sowing seeds in the
Conscious Garden of Life,
that those who have yet to come
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp

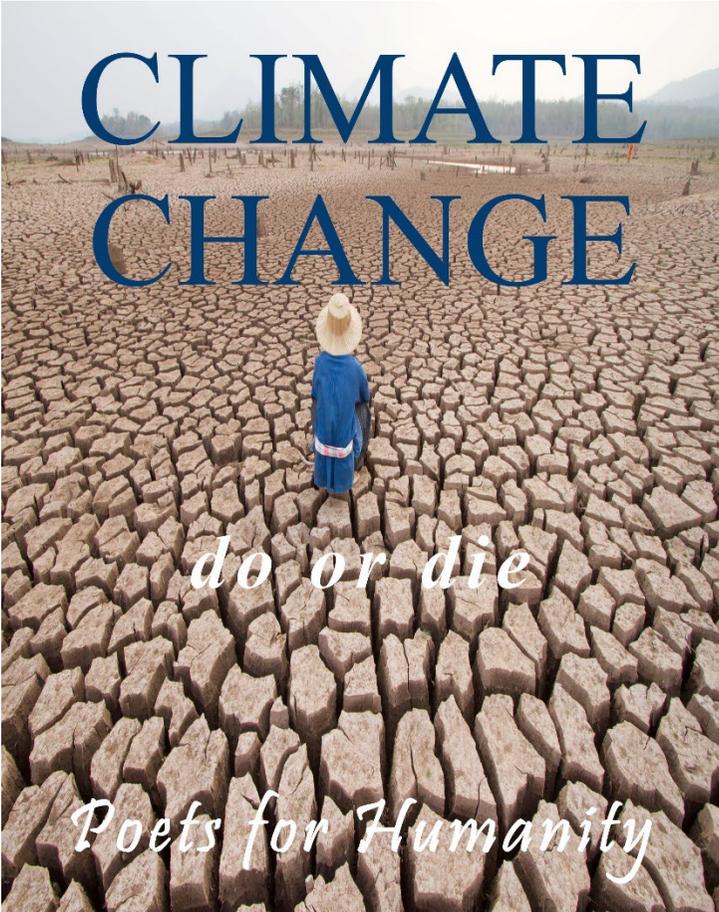




Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

~ wsp

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Weston
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

"An Overstanding of an Imperfect Love"

&

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Grafton's Trees

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I found myself in a panic
My passport had disappeared
Under a mountain of clothes
Across the foot of my bed
I wanted to take all of them
All the clothes that make me feel good
Sadly, I was limited to
Just one suitcase
The trip to New South Wales
Was a once in a lifetime dream
I needed to leave my island
Of hurricane watches
And witness a purple hurricane
I could have gone to Columbia
To the many colors of that land
Or even to Texas or Florida
I just need the solitary color
To feed me
I am always overseen
By so many others
That purple
Is now my home

The X-factor

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Feet planted wide
Arms spread upward
Skyward, wingward
Decisions to be had
Say yes
Or
Say no
Or
Say maybe
Just can't say forever
In the center of this X
Relieving the pressure
From the urgency
Say yes
Or
Say no
Or
Say maybe
Sprinkle the ground with salt
And drive in iron nails
Spinning fast so
The wind will catch
The budding wings
Say yes
Or
Say no
Or
Say maybe
Moon shines on barren ground
The waiting is hard
As the sun rises
The answer becomes clear
So just say it
Goodbye

Savings

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I want to spread
Just a little across your bread
add just a taste to your
Morning Juice
It flows free at daybreak
Just before the coffee is made
Add a little honey
To sweeten your breath
For that first kiss
I've got something to give to you
Something I have been
Holding on for you
for quite a while now
Lest I be found without a
Wax seal
Sauciness and a tad tart
on some occasions
When its served outside
Smoky
Been bottling it up to save the flavor
For the next day
Laziness and plundering
Juicy
The mason jars shimmer in the light
Streaming in from lean windows
I licked the overflow
From around the top
Of the lids
Some may say greedy but truthfully
Why waste a drop?
I stood them all up in the sun
Until you are ready
I've got something to give you
That I have been saving
Just for you

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, Ukraina, 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).

Tree and I

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with my body, I am near to the roots
with my thoughts, I reach the longest branches
I soar towards the sun
I caress the green canopy

the tree records years in its rings
warm-cold, dry-wet
and I record emotions on a piece of paper
sadness-joy, love-loneliness

we are dear to each other
often, I embrace its trunk
maybe it will remember the touch of my hands
rustle with memories.

Some Trees

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tell me

was I your birch tree
white
slender
with life-giving sap
rustling love spells
with petite leaves

perhaps, a spreading linden
with flowers scented by honey
sheltering you from the summer swelter
with green coolness

who am I today

doubtlessly, a coastal pine
with thick boughs
gnarled by the wind
rooted in the sandy soil
I battle the storms

The Immigrant

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I wander through the streets of European cities
in search of a better tomorrow

I learn new languages, customs
I want to merge into the colorful crowd

in the world of people, I learn the art of survival
in the world of animals, I would be a chameleon

in the depth of my eyes,
I shall retain the azure of the Polish sky
the green of the woods and the eternal longing

Jackie
Davis
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen or Jackie

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Moment In Time

Scenes of design, origin~
cherry, gingko, or maple trees

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.....a Japanese screen transplanted in kind.
Some five koi splashed blue;
how beautiful their value's worth.

Painted odd spots of orange,
a winged one, yellow, black, some gold
.....flits and flutters amongst some spotted blue;
a sun kissed garden, pink
blushed, passionately lush through and through.

Come lovers of nature,
peonies for her hat; mossy
.....green, his cap~consider the blue waters~
hope for enlightenment,
linger to drink, linger to think.

Scent of garden's sweet face,
nature's ancient brush paints anew
.....a portrait orientally sublime
pen and lines yields a love
linked scroll, poetry finds a way.

Like truth endowed, in awe~
Inspired and draped in harmony
.....hearts race, passions pace, and with strange delight
breath catches, rests, while love
birds and swallows twitter their songs in the trees.

More than Dreams

Slowly sliding down
behind the earth's horizon

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the golden globe begins
its habitual evening descent.

The evening is attired
in shade of palest cloud-gray.
While in the foreground
the arm's branch wily consents

To hover nearby,
where it slyly reaches out and cradles
the orb, painted gloriously
in colors gold.
And incandescent.

Intricate is the wicked web
that offers up its attraction; spun
from silken threads,
it disregards time.
Truth and expense.

The dream, crafted by temptation,
as invitation to any who would commit
the offense of relinquishing common-sense,
is in and of itself,
an offense.

On His Knees

Restless, sleepless,
He tossed and turned most nights;

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Beneath a blanket of fatigue, come dawn,
he found the fiend
of insomnia's personae
had blocked his way.

If he were being honest, true to himself,
He'd surely confess

That fear of failure had rattled
the repose of his bones.
And that he simply wanted
to be completely left alone.

And, yet, as a result of an isolated incident,
Idly, he perused a pamphlet

That came in the mail.
What he saw, what he read
in the boldest of print
was enough to stir him into action.

How that came about he had no idea.
And yet, he wondered,

He wondered if, by a simple seed,
sown long ago, relief appeared
as from desire's great flood
of fears and tears?

The impact of that revelation,
Whether from need or greed,

With eyes newly opened,
his heart ready
to receive, he knelt on bended knee.
And gave thanks.

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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

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

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

Datun Mountain Wisteria

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If it weren't for the warm thoughts of this sunny day, I would be
locked in this Datun Mountain wisteria
The secret of coincidence, petal by petal follows the shallow painting
in front of you
The pink-purple shrubs are desolate, stretched out their tongues and
licked them away
Sleepless youth, don't let love outside the wall be intimate with bare
feet
Flowers are as strong and beautiful as fire, sneaking in from the
eastern slope, the breeze swirls along the mountain and rides on the
Datun Stream
There are so many words to scold me, and the voice born from the root
shakes the ground
Tourists are laughing loudly, showing off Dong Ran who doesn't sit
still
In the sky, spring clouds cover most of the fragrance without a trace
I sit alone, rubbing a wisp of mist
Promise me to get rid of your silent blush, promise me to get rid of
your silent blush

If it weren't for the fallen leaves, I could not see the lonely crows
perched on the wisteria in Datun Mountain
To the east, under the fence, the sorrow that the yellow
chrysanthemum has lost spreads endlessly
It's still cold in March, and the flowers are waiting to ask who is the
real master?
April grass is deep in the garden, accompanied by the serenity of
spring to drink fresh water
Cai Ge tends to be willow silk, not to mention the dark green of Chitai

Afterglow in the evening, swaying calmly in the unnamed red glow
The fragrance and spiritual energy of the water swamp invades the
fairy's home, and the thick buds smile and eat the spring flavor of the
fragrance
The tree is a little bit, and the boarding bird is silent

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your breath, love

Quiet as opium flower language is short and rapid, quiet as opium
flower language is short and rapid

To resist a little dust from the evening dew, I walked out of the Datun
Mountain Wisteria along the blue and white stone plan
Once, looking through the loneliness offered by the heart outside the
wall

Saying goodbye to bathing tenderness is not important anymore

Now they're frivolous, now they're not frivolous

Like a bird's noise, the smoke flies away

Can't hear, bees and butterflies in the stone house

How many winds blowing flowers? Only then did I move this garden
full of delicate words

During the banquet, the wind blowing the skirt was so unwilling to say
goodbye

Spring! who will come

Drunk on this wisteria song after another? Drunk on this wisteria song
after another?

For The First Time Indulge in the Big Woods

The alley leading to the west is full of sweet-scented osmanthus
branches
Who's cooking melons in the alley's kitchen?
Osmanthus branches, vaguely ordered to be in the wind blowing down
the wall
Under the flowers, shadows play with each other
Is it red full branches? Is it green branches?
Is the spring flowers full of branches? Is it the desolate branches of
autumn leaves?

In the courtyard, people quietly disappeared
Breeze, sit down deep
The ancient house looks small, and Zhengyang is also unfamiliar
Butterflies sleep among the flowers, each intoxicated
Where can I care, the laughter brought by tourists
Where do you care, the lost hometown flavor when you wake up from
a dream

63 Park, the trees are old in spring and autumn
On one side of the brick wall, the various styles of the years are
counted
Hand crank isolated and proud
Announced that the 50-year-old childhood is unbearable to look back
on
The loofah scaffolding in front of the country house echoes the fact
that the forest is a slow city
In front of the train station, trying to trace the footprints of a snail over
the years

Cat In High Rise

High street frontage, high-rise windows
High-density safety glass is tightly closed, killing the residual air-conditioning
Even a cat can't get the urge to jump vertically
Under the eyes, the phoenix red flower announces the heat of summer vehicle, small matchbox moving
The sound of the roaring engine of the tiger and leopard was cut into shreds, and the sound came up.
Attempting to use the laziness of the morning to appease Na Gou's comfort in the room
Secretly, smear a little shyness on the face
Wild, returned to the eight generations of ancestors who seek food in the valley
Tenth floor, what can I do?

sudden sun shower
The gusts of wind mixed with the sweeping of the treetops
Across the window, don't be afraid of getting wet
The buttons of the elevator cannot be operated, making a gap
Secretly followed the unnoticed footsteps of the hostess and went downstairs
Every next step, one step further from the nest
The wandering heart is comforted when I turn back and run
Show off a little, the hostess rushes to work
Swept down the ground, the phoenix's fiery red flower was defeated by a night of violent wind and rain
Ten floors, the unreachable ground protects me like this

High street frontage, high-rise windows
Bright and blue-eyed, he has long been tamed by pleasure
Looking down at the flying butterflies and witnessing the dew and smoke enveloped in freedom
In the red shade of Phoenix, a group of wild cats occupies the Ye Pavilion
Shaking his head, licking the scraps from his paws

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The soft carpet, the tumbling of the willful withered heart seedlings
The setting sun is slowly, the loss is rolling in my mind
This time, the wild is no longer happy
Upstairs people worry, turned into memories that can no longer form a
picture
And I'm stubborn, turned into a cat in a tall building

Sharæf
Abdur
Rashæd

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

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

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

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

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

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

on fire

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what you see trees
beautiful, majestic
but more than that
enhancers of life itself
providing oxygen
purifiers, cleaners
of air we breath
should be hard to believe
the amount of abuse,
disrespect, indifference
heaped on trees
the essential creation
that helps us breath
violated for selfish greed
that consumes, selfish
human beings at the
expense of vital trees
being burned to the ground
result of those who live here
but have no care
what's being done to our
precious home
burning like Rome
Nero plays the fiddle
while no one solves
the riddle

Clifford Brown

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died yesterday 58 yesterdays
June 26 1956 yesterday
they called him brownie
that's what Benny Golson said
fondly remembering Clifford.
shinning bright in the middle
of Be Bops blight, H filled nights
jazzmen living life on a tight wire
playing Russian roulette
laying bets on the trigger
squeezed next might be the
last and best
while blowing coooool jazzy
blue, hard bop sets
brownie sat out that nod set
blew that horn hot but horse,
scag was not in his mix
living clean was Clifford's stick
but he died not quite yet 26
on a wet night near Philly,
and Benny Golson remembered
"Brownie" fondly, warmly
said "I was gigging at the Apollo,
when they told me
just before our set went on in
Harlem, uptown
and we had to go on still get
it on and drown out the pain
with that same refrain all the
time remembering Clifford just
died in the rain
Dizzy, Freddie, Lee, Miles, Mingus,
Monk, Art, Max, Sonny did the same
Clifford Brown, remember the sound
remember the name
justice..,

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looking for a needle in
proverbial haystack
irreversible, irrefutable
fact
done deal can't take it back
injustice ripple effect
rip through destroy fabric
reduced to rhetoric
empty gestures posturing
slogans go unheard
while the stench of injustice
left festering forms cancerous
cells
grow from within hidden
the lies that perpetuate
justice delayed
justice denied
beat goes on ebb an flo
folks settle into status quo
dumbin' down becomes
profound
till consciousness can't be
found
human rights forlorn, scorned
forgotten
system of suppression,
oppression
coated in deception
freedom bleeds out slooow
till there ain't no moo
driven by a system
rotten to da core

Kimberly
Burnham

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<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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

Trees: The Cycle of Life

Only the hand that you hold

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is more important than the air

Breath in oxygen
Breath out carbon dioxide

Stand with your neighbor
near a tree as it launches oxygen

Another nearby tree
sucking up carbon dioxide

In and out
the breath of life

An exchange
as we hold the future

Trees In Poor Neighborhoods

Trees of health

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handing off oxygen
to those with asthma
people trying to quit smoking
and those who work in dusty factories
all day long

Greener is cooler
trees chill summer nights
enabling workers to sleep deep
our minds and hearts dreaming
making life better
with cleaner air

Trees preventing heat related illnesses
shading buildings
a respite from too hot days
easing electrical costs
blocking strong winds

Want to help a neighborhood
plant a tree

One Tree

One tree starts a forest

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scrubbing the air and soil
gathering CO2 out of our sky
ejecting oxygen for all
cooling our planet
as birds sing from her branches

One bird calls out
heralding spring
chomping mosquitoes and bugs
carrying tree seeds to a new home

Another tree begins
a home for us all

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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Tree of Life

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Standing in the midst of Eden,
Majestic with branches raised to the sky
The Tree of Life bearing precious fruits
Providing shelter to strangers,
Created to satisfy hunger,
Years of neglect left them extinct
As impacts of climate change took its toll.
Trees growth are affected,
Trees which prevent natural barriers to floods
Trees of life, giving abundant food
To both man and animals,
When are we going to awaken
Out of this nightmare we created
One day we will witness a barren Earth.

Courage to be True

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Do you have to hide your true self?
Make pretensions, be under disguise?
To be noticed by others, do you have to lie?
Look yourself in the mirror and ask yourself why?
Has the world made a slave out of you
That once you feel unappreciated,
You succumb to being blue?

In reality, those who don a mask,
Are the ones who don't know authentic happiness
For out of the mundane things, their joy dwells.
Living each day in their own make-believe world,
Lost souls, restless hearts, crying for freedom
To break free from the chains that bind
And to have the courage to be true to mankind.

Clowns are sent to entertain the crowd,
But beneath the thick layers of hues
Can we say that their smiles are true?
The funny comedian in the movies that we see
In real life emerges a depressed soul once alone
For behind the laughter, behind the cheer,
We can't see their real selves, can't see the hidden fear.

True, happy people don't have to mask their true selves,
For they don't seek validation or appreciation from others,
Simply by being their own self, being honest to what they feel,
Open doors of love and acceptance for those who truly care.

Ignite Thy Flicker

You are the flame
To my dying ember

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The one who ignites the fire in me,
Seduced by your fierce burning
Sensation crawls to my soul,
Quenches the cravings of the flesh
Renews the dried spirit,
And soars like a phoenix
Reaching the heavens.

Joę
Paireę

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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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Red Trees

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Red leaves for the summer which used to be green
Charred bark is the norm from the new form of heat
Global warming, climate change, pick your definition
every time the wind blows dry, there's your free ignition

It's hot out here, where summers were semi cool
Without clean air, our winters get over-ruled
Forest burned on purpose
The earth is losing its surface
Dogma says the worst is yet to come
Armageddon Sun, where're we gonna run?

Neurotic billionaires
think outer space is their new home
what's spent on a whim
could be used for renewable
doing right by the masses is something you refuse to do

it's all our responsibility
but we all don't act responsibly
if we don't act at all then possibly
there'll be a lot more red trees
The land's being swallowed by the sea
The shores not where it used to be

the earth is imploding,
from the oil we're exploiting
technology has grown, we don't use what we know
we're still manufacturing from the 40's

shortly there will be no more
I thought we had agreed before
conversations about saving the saving the nation

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Solutions, you vote “Not For”
one man’s opinion for the safety of millions
I guess some just love a red forest.

A Cat’s Tail

His name is Tyson,

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my psychotic cat with dog-like tendencies
feeding time is the only time he's friendly
see, he's got a problem

With a handful of treats, I can usually solve them
Five minutes later, it's like he's starving
I'm fluent in cat, so now we're arguing

I'm using treats as a bargaining chip
he's meowing back like "Gimme my shit"
Up a tree he goes
Giving the finger with his tail
I think I own that Cheshire cat
From the Lewis Carroll tale

Malice in one's own land
I wonder if pets own man
Once again, he begs again
With a mouth full of treats,
like there is no end
I state to him don't try to be my friend

Did I mention I was fluent in cat?
I flew to the store and came back
With a bag of new treats
to keep him upbeat
Two seconds of affection and like that
Off on his trail still flicking his tail
Can anyone tell I love cats?

Tall Grass

It'd been raining for most of last week

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My lawn went from manageable to unruly
I saw nice grass turn mostly to weeds
In some cases, it was quite an improvement

The landscapers came, (so professional)
they cut up my newly sewn vegetables
I couldn't get mad if I had cut my own grass
It wouldn't look like a fresh set cornrows

The smell of freshly cut grass
stir memories related to that
from the first time I rolled in
to a well-deserved scolding
all that night I was itching, and scratched

fresh dew in the morning
from last evenings stifling heat
just like a cold beer in the afternoon
my buggy friends love to drink

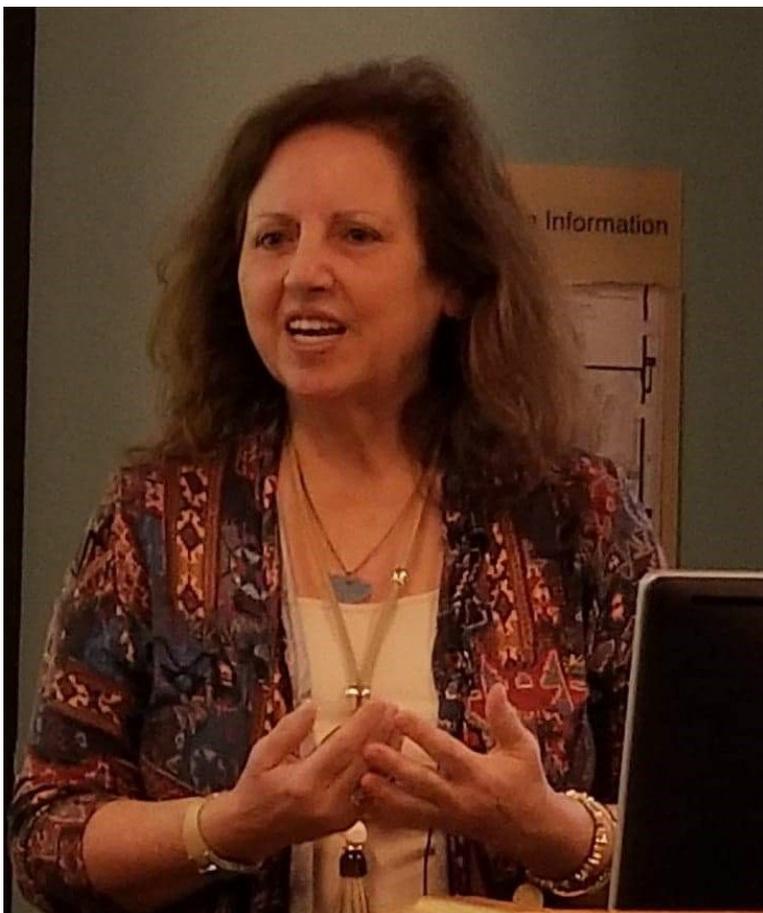
tall grass by the side of a wall, hoppers play
there are things reproducing, and many eggs laid
50 shades of green, they're hidden from the scene
Katydid what Katy doesn't and blended as she pleased

The color of envy, the color of plenty
The cover that cushions the soles of many
Kentucky blue, or just plain crab
what names do you have for tall grass?

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hülya
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Professor Emerita (Humanities, Penn State, USA), hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is a published tri-lingual author, literary translator, and Director of Editing Services (Inner Child Press International, USA). Her work has appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at poetry events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, the WIN of British Columbia, Canada honored yılmaz with a literary excellence award. Her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* (USA). hülya finds it vital for everyone to understand a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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as i am sitting in the car . . .

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parked by a gravely-ill-looking tree,
the first candidate to bow down
under the landowner's high-power blade,
i imagine its once-youthful existence

what a stark contrast the photograph
of a jacaranda displays!
color wise, that is . . .

no matter how much greyness
its immediate presence suggests,
even on its deathbed,
“my” tree of a mysterious fruit
still looks stately, proud of its old age,
strutting its shriveled branches
and dropping its pods in abundance

besides, “my” tree keeps offering
its avian guests that drop by frequently
cozy benches to perch on contentedly

Wildfires Galore

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NIFC reports . . .

as of the 17th of May of the year 2022,
25,637 fires have burned 1,369,835 forest acres.

The forecast of
anticipated wildfires
in the months of summer and fall?
Or, better yet, during the actual “disaster seasons”?

No need to await other official data!

As climate change has an impact all the time more,
there soon will exist no concept, called disaster seasons.

When a Tree Speaks . . .

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Why get rid of me?

I still serve you aplenty.

Cure vile roots promptly!

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>

Gift of A Tree

Shade, shelter and serenity
should be enough

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to honor and respect a tree.

But we can add:

Air purifier

Natural coolant

Energy saver

Oxygen provider

Carbon absorber

Stress reducer

Beauty greeter.

Why is mankind so blind?

We let greed overshadow goodness
given from a tree.

Divine Slap

The light road is open
to the seeker ready to weather

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the rough bumps with truth slaps
to get your attention.

Your dry bones ache from the slaps.
Mature bones float in love's moisture.
They know every hard truth seen
through trolling eyes of love.

Only you may taste
the bitter and sweet of your journey.
Only you may swallow your lessons
and still stand up whole.

Love's signature is a growth ring
to help you climb the mountain.
Every step and every breath
brings you closer to the Divine.

Sassy Grace

Listening is seeing with the ears.
Come.

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Come touch my ear
and see the music of the spheres.

Such beauty can only be seen with ears.
Come.
Come rub my ear lobes with gentle hands
and see the blue light of love shine through.

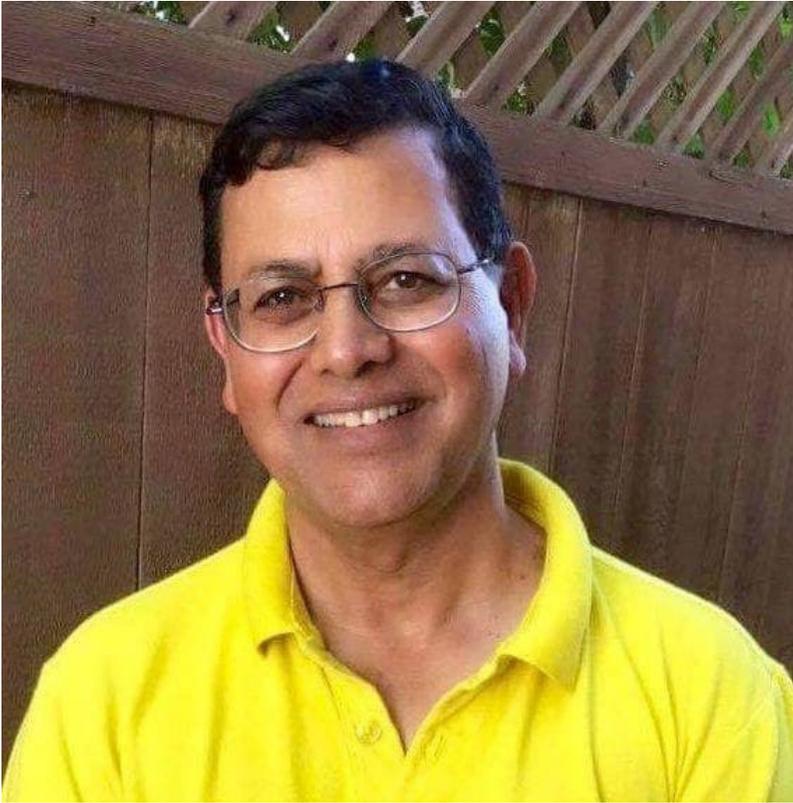
You cannot resist the music of the spheres.
Listen with intent and open your heart.
You will see the smoke signals of light
running to my ears.

Exhale deeply into my ear
and watch your imagination
run toward the sky.

Grace and gratitude enfold me.
Tears rain on my soul
opening the pathway to healing.

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.

Green Oxygen

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Imagine
living trees
love rain and birds

They suffer
the heatwaves
succumb to heat
and dryness

When burnt alive
in forest fires
they scream for help
and die cell by cell

Tree after tree ignites
leaving behind
charred lands
no beasts
no birds
no brooks
no grass

Let's reverse it
plant a tree
make
green oxygen

Seeking Light

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I love you
You love me back
You love me
I love you back

Then we radiate with brilliance
I hold you
You infuse into my empty heart
A million rays of light

I fill you with sparkles
They sprout instantaneously

I become sun
You shine
We burn merge
And remerge

Forever Young

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If the grace of falling snow,
Constancy of flowing river,
Fragrance of flowers and
Freshness of breeze are the sources of
Optimism, infinite hope and
spiritual rejuvenation
Then I'm still young
Regardless of age.

If every mountain can be scaled
Every river can be fathomed
Every ocean can be sailed
Every desert can be crossed
Then I'm still young
Regardless of age.

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, 7th Prize Winner in the 19th, 20th and 21st 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

apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/

www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html

Echoes of PoeTree

Eternally in vain or a superficial pain

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Forest phantom scenes

Have you recalled sins in your trash bins?

Not to factory fumes, save the plains

“Everyday is Earth Day!”

Reminding us that we only borrowed our niche

To live a life and be merry.

The farmer says, “Planting is Fun!”

Let the seeds grow, let the sun show

Let the rain pour down, let the ponds flow

Let the fields be the showcase of a second chance

Bring back the radiance and vibrance

Of unsought barren lands

Oh mountains, the soul of the wildlife

The evergreens sway and dance to the air

Recreate and reforestation

“No to global warming”

Our response to the Mother Earth’s litany

A metamorphosed green sanctuary.

demystifying rain

we come together like gentle nimbus clouds

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pouring the monsoon rain in your summer dome,
the steward asked the farmer's band
why did you bring the rain in our savannah?
the band elucidated:
the melting pot
shares multi-convergence
of different seasons
to bring heraldic rainbows,
to revitalise visions
in your dreamscapes,
have you wondered the aqua-parachute
drops on Earth,
yield zillion lives,
to rebuild our resilient biome,
like interconnected forces
transform common purposes
to legacies of a lifetime.

Seed of Change

The colossal growth

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of each vision
is coming together
as one seed of positivity,
as one seed of resilience,
as one seed of empowerment,
as one seed of change,
to yield strong trees of peacemakers
expressing harmony,
where all remain steadfast
amidst contagion,
as Nature bloom,
we rise for tomorrow
while making heart-prints
to those we know
and we don't know,
we amplify
the whispers
of graceful spirit,
suddenly creates euphony
soft touches to one's heart.

Swapna
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE Award, ATAL Award 2018, Global Literature Guardian Award, International Life Time Achievement Award and the Master of Creative Impulse Award. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government accredited Literary Society. Lasher one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 60 languages. She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union, Kazakhstan 2018. Italy, the National President for India by Hispanomundial Union of Writers (UHE), Peru, the administrator of several poetic groups, and the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child Press African is the life member of Odisha Environmental Society.

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Appeal of a Jungle

Here a fire; there a fire
tears of a tree

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Catastrophes of a civilisation
last year here was a banyan tree
Who has cut the tree?
The stump cries
With an appeal
Save me from fire
We make the seasons
clean your lungs

Squirrels, butterflies, crows, honey bees
All have balanced the ecology
ancestors with bamboo and arrow
protected these trees
dear all
Global warming increases
Buy little more time
to slow climate change
Have mercy upon the trees
A time will come
you have to buy oxygen cylinders!

Kamala Pujari; the queen of paddy

Kamala Pujari
the paramount queen

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From Bhumia tribe of Patraputa
in the Eastern Ghats
With nose studs and grey hair
The walking encyclopaedia
of the indigenous knowledge
The art of organic farming
No chemicals; no poison
For land is her Holy mother
An activist, empowered with blatant slogan

To save food and paddy seeds
The land where the first rice cultivation
started by the Nishad tribes
Before four thousand years ago
She a pioneer of community seed bank

All rare varieties of paddy
Haladi Ganthi, Sapuri, Jhili or Deula Bhog
She the gallant heroine glow with aura
Standing at dusk: a bold soldier at sixties
Experiments with seeds
without the classroom degrees

The nature's angel she is
Honoured in Africa as the winner
Of Equator Initiative
Selected as the Planning Board member
By the chief minister of Odisha

A krushi Bisharad, in her own thatched house
With a mission to conserve forests
the ordained daughter
Her blissful journey
to proclaim a destination

My Vintage Shadow

Once upon a time
My shadow
plundered the depth,

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width and length
Of my exuberant
green existence

My verse rattled
Nature twiddled in cobwebs
The shadow harrowed
Piercing the subtle mirror
With its vintage signature

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Albert
'Infinite'
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

Infinite Poetry

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trees

I help the world breathe better air but today I'm suffocating,
I'm choking on fumes created from my body charring.
i can't run because im stationary,
I don't have a mouth to scream out... somebody help me.
All I can do is pray that a plane will drench me and all those around
me with artificial rain.
There's wood all around me burning, it is not safe,
its not winter and i'm not housed in a home,
so why is it that where i live looks like an outdoor fireplace?
This intense heat isn't for indoor temperature,
no one is chopping me down yelling out timber,
i am crashing to the ground and all that's left of me is flaming embers.
This happens randomly and suddenly, there's no warning.
it's amazing how a sanctuary of beauty burns and turns ugly due to
global warming

Momma told me

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Momma told me that everyone around me wasn't my friend, i didn't listen. she told me because of my position people would come out the woodwork with a smile on their face and scream out loyalty to be taken care of financially or to gather intel for the enemy like a reconnaissance mission. i'm running these ny streets killn my sneaker threads trying to reach a mill with reds, illusions to slabs, triples to digital, from seven to a thousand i stretched that come up bread.. I was lit, the ace mover of packs, if dudes came to me hungry i shined a light on em like traxx to get ny gritty like racks. A lot of the greats ate with the 8 and a lot of legends got their break by the young lemniscate, just like I unknowingly fed fakes and watched epidermis shed revealing snakes. you live and learn, once crossed i let those bridges burn

I tasted poverty

I tasted poverty and didn't like the texture, i had to become an inedible chef in order to quell my hunger, it started with a dream and a beam,

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eventually the dream started to become reality and in time i dropped the beam and did the eyeball measure, it was less paraphernalia, all bellaco needed was the same pot we used for bustelo, plastic and a lot of single edge razors. Hunger pains turned into hunger gains, poverty threw me in a deadly arena like the hunger games. i called the plug to do compra, i called him key food, the park was mine so if a nickel got sold in it and it wasn't red, three days later there was a big chance that violators eyes and lips got glued. I didn't have to bust my gun because i was surrounded by shooters eager for gunplay, if somebody was facing the music the entire hood heard the ghetto serenade, ambulances speed to the scene but you know its a DOA when they slowly drive away. We were real but no one is untouchable, a lot of us lived after slugs ripped through muscle and a lot of us got funerals, murals and flowers for the dead when those gunshots were fatal. cemetery plots were not deterrents to get off the block because we knew if we stopped it was back to the feeling of starvation waiting for those first and third checks to

Eliza
Søgiæt

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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 1st Place Laureate (Foreign Poetry category) – in Contest *Quando È la Vita ad Invitare* for poem *Be Yourself* (Italy). Her poem *Order* from volume *Unpaired* was selected as one of the 100 best poems of 2019 in International Poetry Press Publications (Canada). 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.

Inertness

When an unimaginable image
suddenly becomes part of memories,
which

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noiselessly and inexpressibly return,
something has to be done.

How to describe fire's tongues devouring trees,
feeding themselves with forest?
The destroyer wasn't picky,
it left behind...

Aside for the rising smoke
it left almost nothing.

How to describe powerlessness,
inertness of the invertible time,
a tomb of plants and animals?
Out of breath
still living and invincible.
Stay silent? Turn the gaze away?

The element is a god, a demon,
a not to be forgotten,
a thoughtless vandal,
who is sometimes helped by a human,
supposedly *homo sapiens*.

Translated by Ula de B.

Awakening the memory

Who will lead us
through death of the closest ones,
when we'll remain alone?

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Who will help get up?

Have to carry
the new reality
– life without...

We – forlorn,
raise up, we fight
Albeit petrified,
let's prove,
everything still prevails.

Let's not forget,
that dead stay silent
– awakening the memory
is on the side of the living.

Translated by Ula de B.

Destiny

With a word
time cannot be stopped.
A fleeting moment
has a chance
for a guise of stopping.
It exists
– between morality and no morality
– the good and the evil
– me and us.
Till it is
– we are.

Life surrounds
usual - unusual relation.
It can't be happening
– it is.

To people
and everyone else
sometimes
happen
unexpected situations.

– Like what, grandpa?

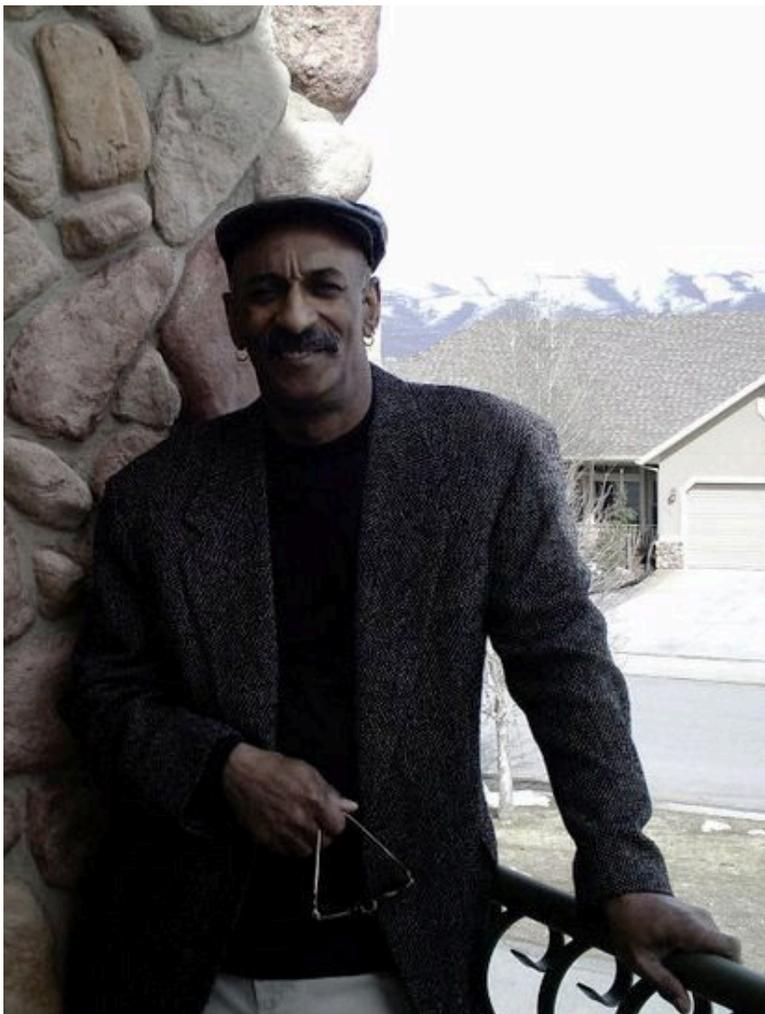
War, accident...

I'm sorry for one thing-
you can never buy a ticket,
to escape the destiny.

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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Tree Voices

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Through the tests of time
I and my foremothers and forefathers
Have stood
In the wood,
The forests,
The valley,
The glen,
Upon the mountainside,
And at its peak.

We have given you shelter, shade,
Built your homes,
Fueled your fires
For the cold days,
The cold nights,
And cooked your meats,
Those same meats for which
You have clear-cut our homes,
Our jungles
We have also cooked
Your stews,
And your porridge.

We gave you paper
To exact your theorems,
Keep your ledgers,
Teach your children,
Write your poems.

I question
Whether we will survive you,
Or will you survive us?

We gave you fruits
And wreaths
And syrups, nectar,
And medicines

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We were enduring and tolerant,
With little or no regard
From you.

We gave you breath,
We collected the rains
And filtered them
That you may drink

We have roots
That connect us all,
As do you,
With the difference being,
That we realize
That we are all connected
To all things

Take heed indeed
For
I too have a voice!

A seeking seeker

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My consciousness extends beyond
The endless ends
And borders
Of all the collective horizons
That ever existed,
And ever will

I am a discovery
Still yet unborne

I like a vagabond
Wandering in my wonder
While wondering
As I wander ...
Seeking empty resolution
To empty things
As I consider
My self-absolution
And the elusive solution
To that Which is inordinate
And stirs my soul
In declinative ways

My thoughts have
No perceivable limits,
As do my whims

As the countless stars,
The countless grains of sands,
The countless particles of dust,
I ponder my origin
And the vastness
Of my progenitorial ways

We are naught but
Unexplored Black Holes
Waiting with open arms
To embrace the noble ones

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Who have courage enough
To venture beyond the known

More than a reconciliation,
There is a reclamation afoot
That shall restore all things
To the way
They were meant to be,
And none amongst us
May refute nor abate
It's arrival

We shall find
What we seek,
And that which we seek
Shall find us ...

There shall be no mire claims of discovery
Of that Which is occupied,
For all things a filled,
All things are empty
For ...
A seeking seeker

The Untitled

Lilac was the flavor
Of her smile

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Her eyes were wrinkled
And twinkled like
The fair flowers of Dandelions
And her demeanor was
Lavender-like

Her voice was as soft
As the flutter
Of butterfly wings
In the height of spring
From whence great harvests
Are borne

Her spirit was unfettered and free,
And somehow she could see
The good in everything
And anybody,
Including you,
Including me.

She was an enigma
To the non-discerning Soul
Whose eye remained clouded,
Yet Her light
Could not be denied
In the height
Of the darkest night

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On Another Rainy Day

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Rain, it's the rain that's been wetting my entire
Selfhood inside out

Reminding me
Amidst all shapes to be moistured
The water-drops are
The dews from a paradise long lost

Here is another soul fallen from above

Are You Just Aware

How many trees never flower?

How many flowers never fruit?

& How many fruits never fall to

The taste of a living soul after all?

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Okunlola

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Voices Within Monographs

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In this library alone I sit,
Quiet and respite I seek,
In shelved thoughts I find my muse,
Every word, my spirit amuse,
In delightful unison, my fingers lift,
The letters, my eyes caress,
The smell of history, my heart accepts,
But wait,
The silence is no more,
The sweet-piercing silence is no more,
Now I hear drum beats,
No, no, heart beats,
Poco a poco,
Forte forte,
Crescendo,
In quandary I turn left and right,
Seeking out the source aright,
Allegro allegro,
Now I hear screams,
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Wails and cries,
Tales of agony, stories of regret,
The intent screeching of tires,
The deafening sound of gunshots,
The screams of a woman in labour,
The outcome of vengeful harbour,
My blood turns torrent,
My brain short of current,
Buckling under me, my knees give way,
On the floor I lay, in one drifting sway,
Imagery holds me captive,
My mind a willing accomplice,

In my head, the cardinals meet,
North to South, West to East,

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I struggle, my body bids me no sovereign,
I want to journey, my mind whines,
Poco a poco,

Poco a poco,
Now all becomes still,
But a presence I feel,
Like rustling leaves from branches aloof,
My eyes flicker open,
Ecce! On the ground in the open,
A smile on the bark catches my gaze,
For trees alike in rows affront,
Hot perspiration flows down my face,

"Indeed here lies our fate,
In shelved Monographs,
Piercing our souls in alpha beta,
The tip of thy pen, history re-writes."

Home

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When a woman first tells you she loves you, you would gaze up into watery eyes, clueless, and perhaps, you'd hear the clacking of waist beads as she swerves and whines to imaginary jazz, making funny faces at you, and you would not understand a word she says,

Blessed with age, teenage and full of life, you've been taught that home is a dwelling place, your native land, a cult where loyalty and sacrifice breeds trust, a vault that holds the darkest of secrets, the one place you can be true to your roots, your very own camp, a kingdom to return to when the going gets tough, Caesar when your Rome is in disarray,

A tad taller, youthful and graced with time, life's true colours roll themselves at your feet in the most despicable of experiences, you would break sweat and blood, know pain in all its shades, pity from the vaguest of men, you'll see humiliation at par, perhaps, have a drink or two with death, and even the devil would dare caress your soul with lofty dreams...

And then you'll hear jazz, the sound of beads clacking, you'll stare into eyes gleaming bright like the midnight sky on the 1st of January, and for the first time in decades, you'll hear familiar words flow out of a sacred temple, and your pigeon heart carrying a message long lost in the wind because it did not know how or where to be delivered, would find home...

In a woman.

Prisoner of Love

Dazed. Red-eyed, nails digging into soft palms, and 5'6 of me, shrinking like that body wasn't mine. Towering over stiff bloated body that was

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once tight skin, dotting eyes, large palms and soft lips, I'd ask a million questions but let's start with a few...

What am I to do with all this anger? All this confusion, my love, all this hate?

You used to like talking a lot, about how you've grown endearing to my perfect edges, like your Adam's clay were made for my Eve's curves, how my lips rolled off words that never left the confines of your thoughts, right until you were too you to admit my heart was a tad too warm to accommodate all your wrongs...

Stand up now and speak to me!

Tell me I've gone on too naive, falling for someone who only thought I'd bring some light into all those paintings on his canvas.

Get up from that pure-white coffin and speak to me! I've been waiting since before I was born, overturning all your words, finding the right combination of anger, courage and hurt to push myself out the door and never return. So, tell me how ridiculous it was, riding me like a dim-witted donkey.

Stand up, and speak to me! You can't keep me locked in here forever.

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Tomorrow

Howl of the last wolves echoes,
it warns humanity, in the far North.
The warning is - to change the world
and the only planet we have and our home.
Let's listen carefully that sound, and let`s wish everything nice and
good
at the same time, filled with love and compassion.
Than, maybe The howl will not be the last One,
but The Hope for the future in our tomorrow.

Forest

You stand, amazed
by nature,
you don't move,
you just look
and that wild
jungle is.
You listen to
strange sounds
that you hear for the first time.
The heart
beats fast,
aroma,
beautiful...
that
wakes you asleep.

You stand
and do not blink
to absorb the landscape as well as possible,
to feel a part of that
untouchable
and wild,
while the soul, the
earthly soul
transforms into the divine
and you think,
now
everything is holy, wild, right.
You breathe slowly so as not to
scare the birds
in an old ebony tree
and you wonder:
How do you save the
forest?

Time

The rain is come,
the downpour
that washed everyting
all nature
relentlessly
and too much
for one life
without an umbrella
for a life without
a raincoat.
Broke sky
crying
for us and
instead of us
small
as we
hurt everything we touch.
Us small and sinful,
and then it rained
to bathe us and
remind us to be better people.

And time
flows irretrievably and does not stop
until we reach the station
where we need to get off
and get on another train
into another dimension and
projection
into another form that is purgatory
to the future life of a
new, sinless one

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like babies born
angels,
and then all over again
like nature, as animals
and people, we are born
and the rain doesn't bother us
because it is like holy water
falls and cleans the world.
It makes us get away from it
instead of dancing in the rain.

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Experiment

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when you gauge a sleepless night of my mother
it will be too heavy to be justified with numbers
I calibrated her body to 1000cm^3 & everyday
pain fills her cylindrical body pouring down her feet where it becomes
a pond of aquatic carnivores swallowing every beautiful drop in water.

I collected my mother's tears in a Petri dish as a specimen, I cultured it
for two weeks in my room
& it grew into giant algae of a broken heart
from the love, my father misplaced a long time ago
& the sorrow in watching us crave to be birds which she cannot give
wings.

always she is trying to throw us faraway like a javelin
across the perimeter to ascertain our dreams
in indefinite digits for the betterment of lives
so that the arithmetic of life will be solvable by all
or the quadratic equation of destinies be easily factorized.

I pour myself in a test tube every night before I sleep
and put under the bunsen burner that spurs
from the tongue of God with blue flames
I hope that it will one day turn gelatinous with success which will taste
in my mother's tongue as common salt.

The science of Living

Like the river trees watching a boy drowns,
the world will never care about this bird in my eyes
that whistles tears. I live in a place where everybody
carries a temple of God in the mouth &
everyone prays to blow off the candle of another
& watch his breath. These days we open our
mouths to the spread of rotten flies that perch on
our brother's heads. Indeed we love to hate each
other. Mother says that to enter the body of God,
we need to shatter the hinges of our dark heart
and throw sunlight in there. Truth is strong
in the ear— we will never listen to it. We will keep
dreaming of America while we are floods
drowning our cities. The other day, a policeman
corked his gun & shot an innocent boy,
tomorrow the newspaper reads a thief was killed.
We read with smiling faces, by the way, what can
we do when it is against the law to be lawful?
What an unfortunate life! We count our ranks
from the numbers of innocent heads in the
street. No one cares who gets hurt as far
the victim is not our brother in crimes.

Burnt Offering

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My country boy says that
it is with cannabis that he offers
God his burdens
he wraps his himself in paper
light it, inhales hopes & exhales grief.
time like this, he is afloat in the wind like a bird
reaching for all his dreams.
would my mother be wrong when she said
that smoke is a wind that carries us to the necropolis
& that violence runs in the veins
of shadows that burn it?
cities talk every day in coding languages
of guns & jack knives
of axes & cutlass.
You have to be soaked in a bowl of blood
& dress in coded colours to be a man here.
Every day I open a newspaper: I see a girl
running with perforated innocence bleeding
down her legs
a siren crammed in the air— a resolver is pulled,
my country boy lies dead in the street,
Headlines glitter with the blood of broken dreams
of people like you— who squeeze their time in a smoke pipe & rise
into the cloud of violence.

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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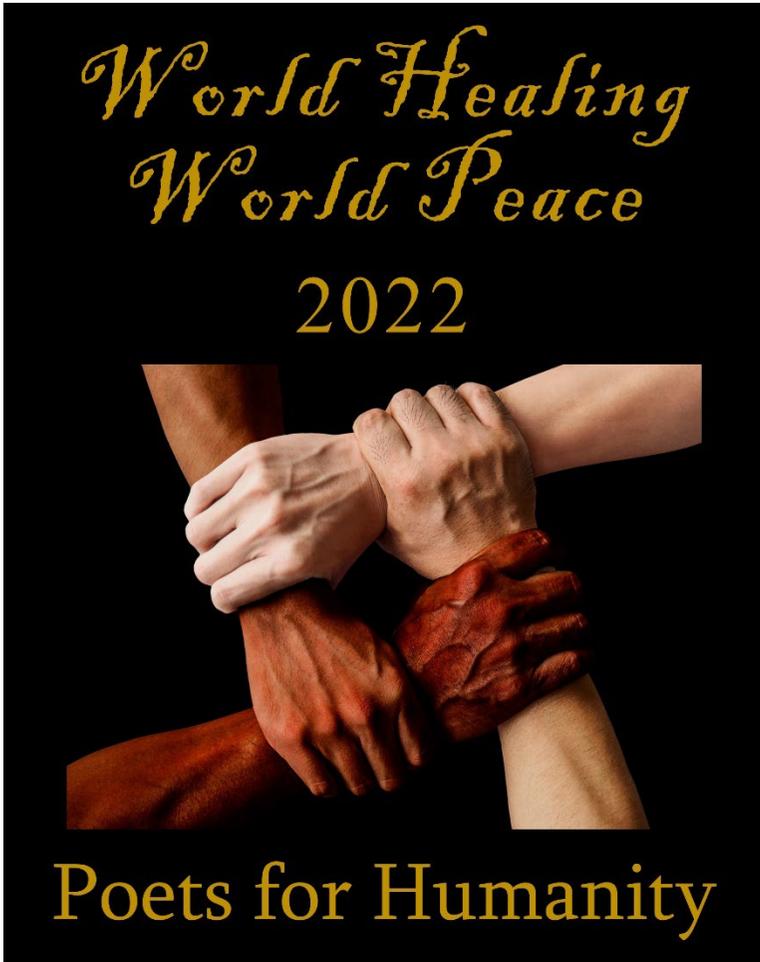
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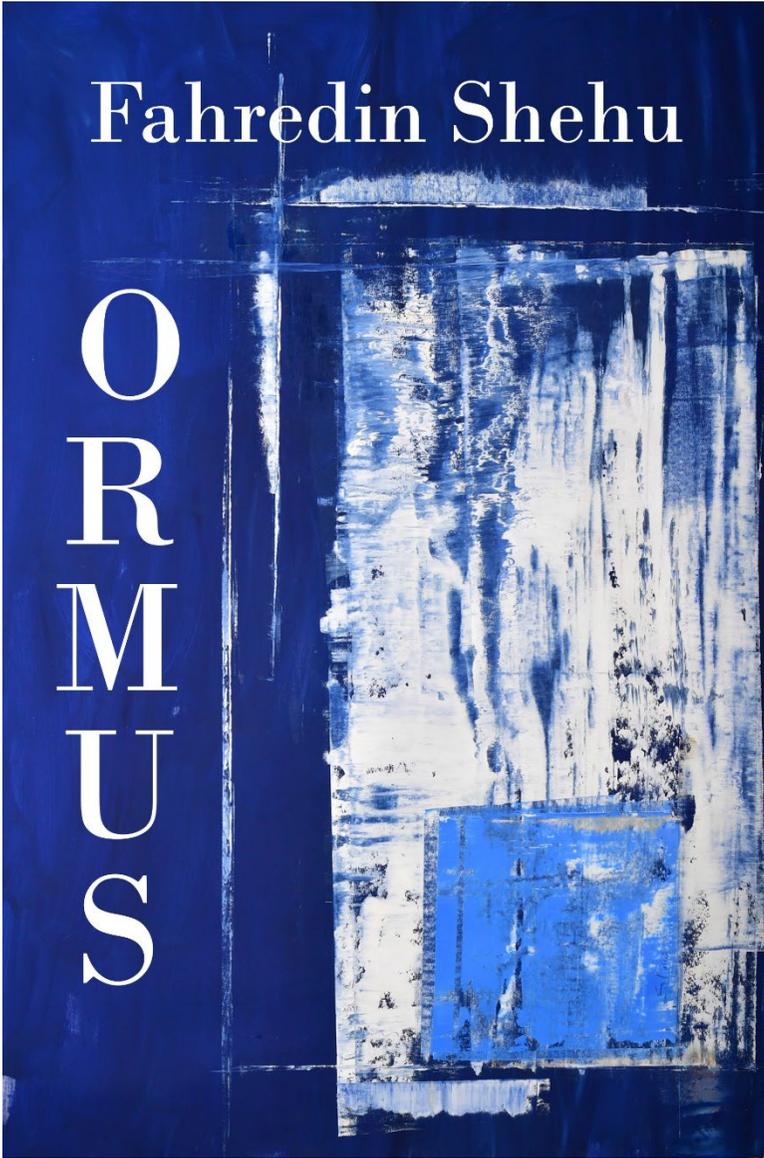


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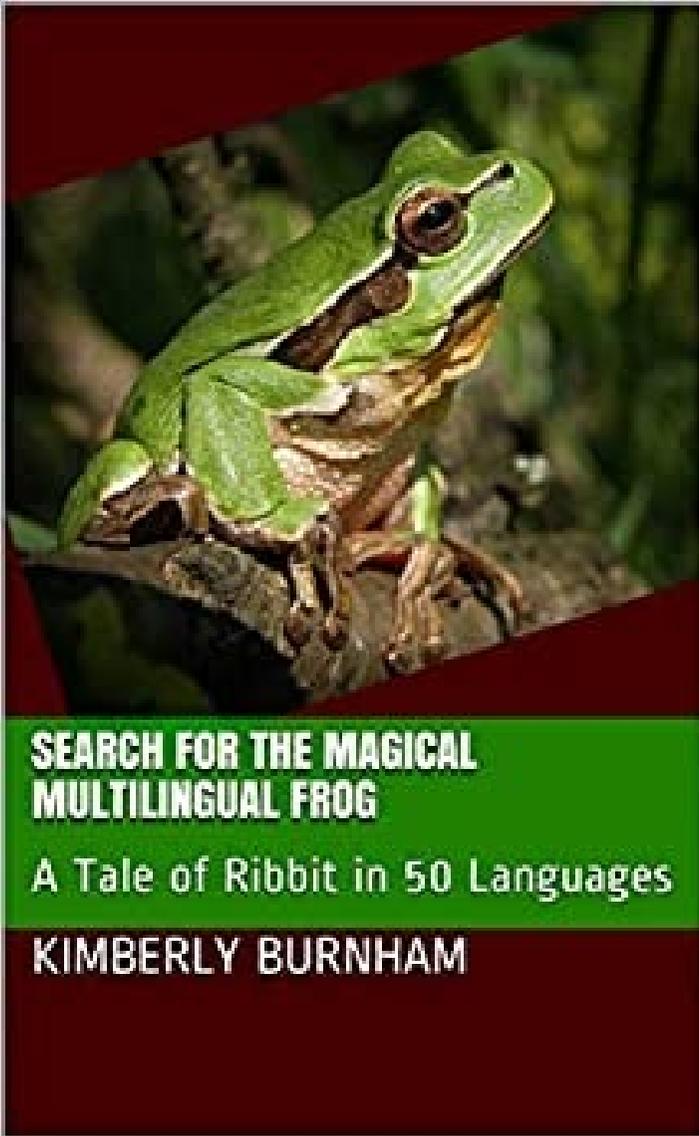


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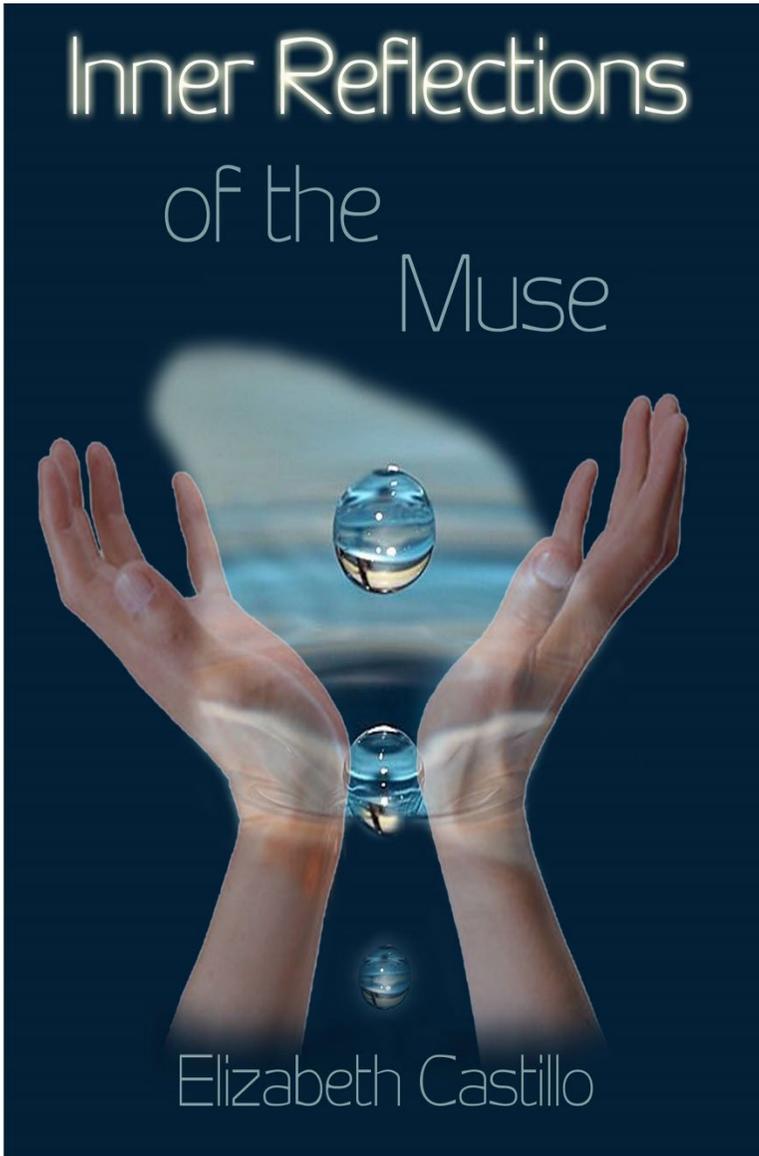
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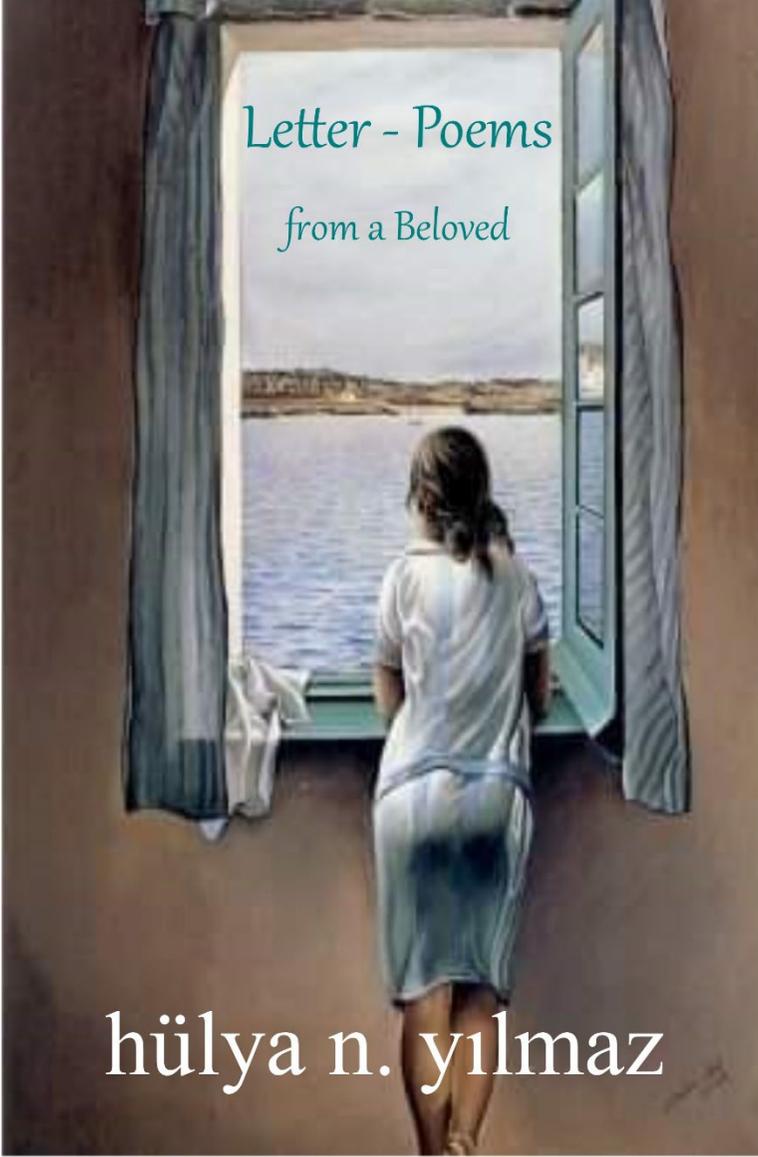


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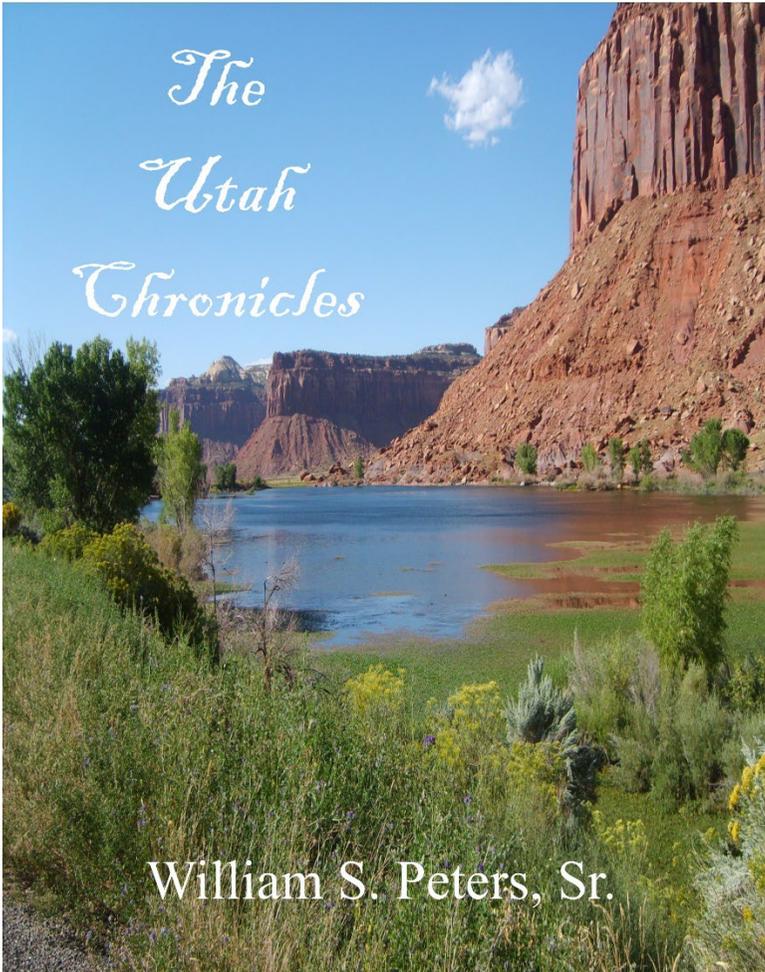


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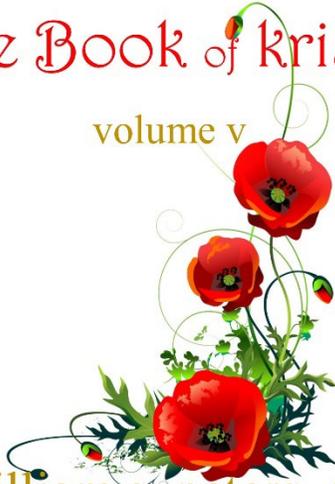
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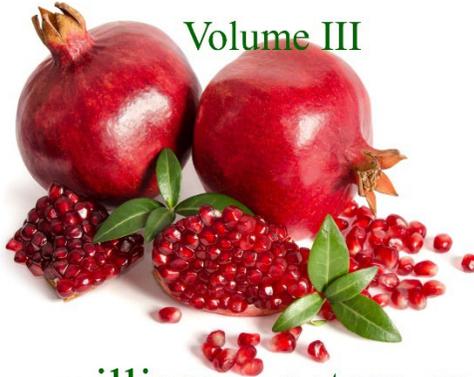
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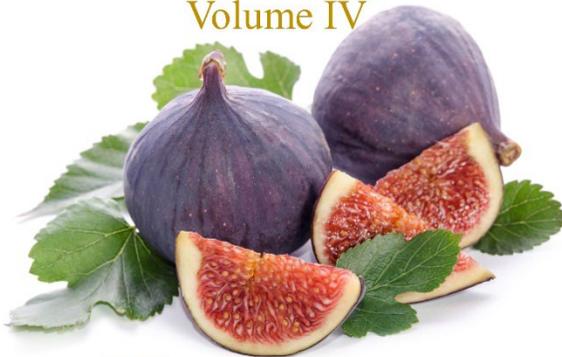
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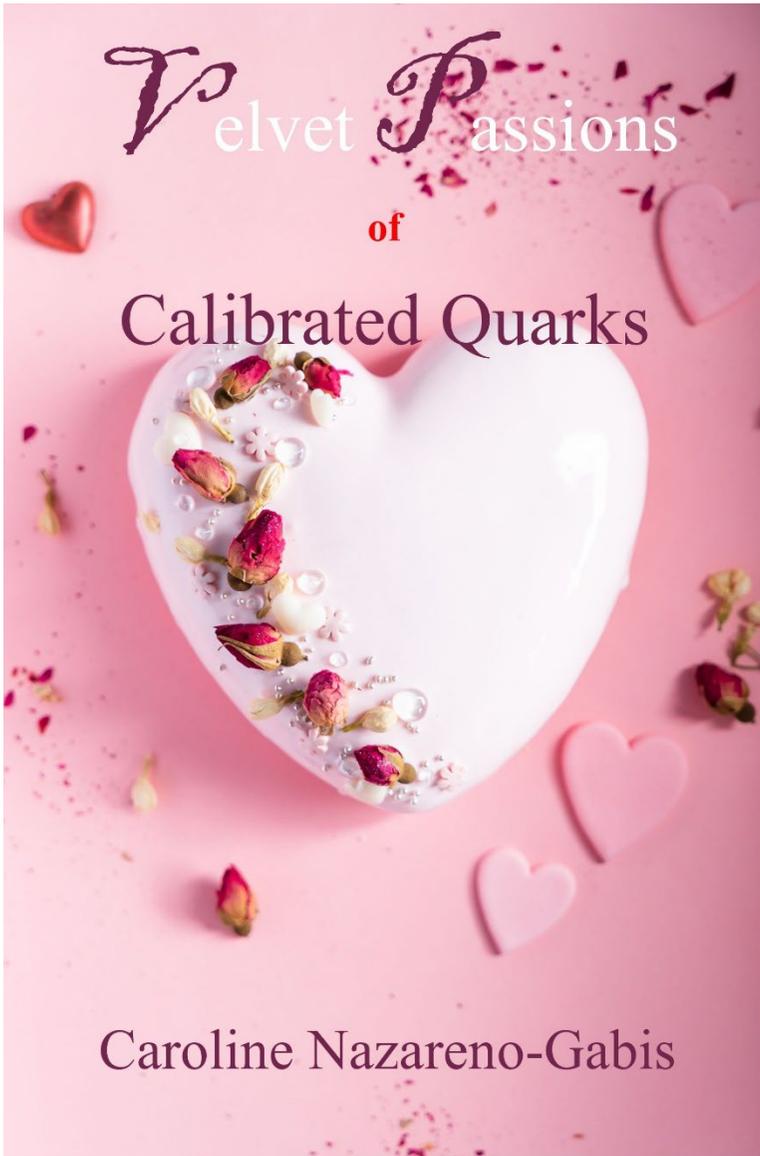


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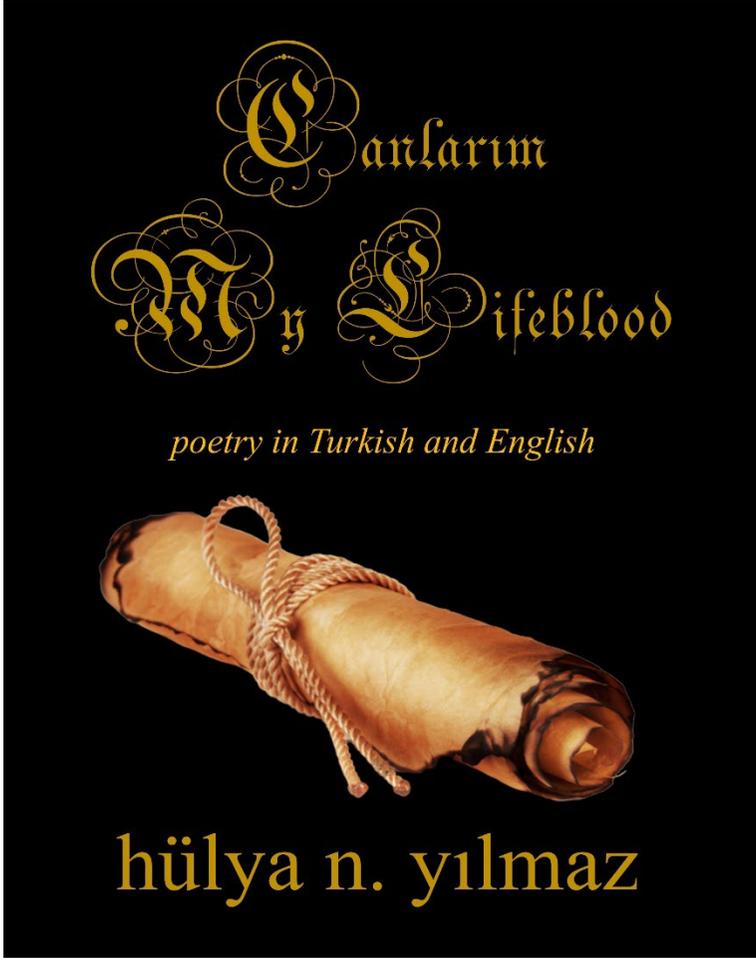


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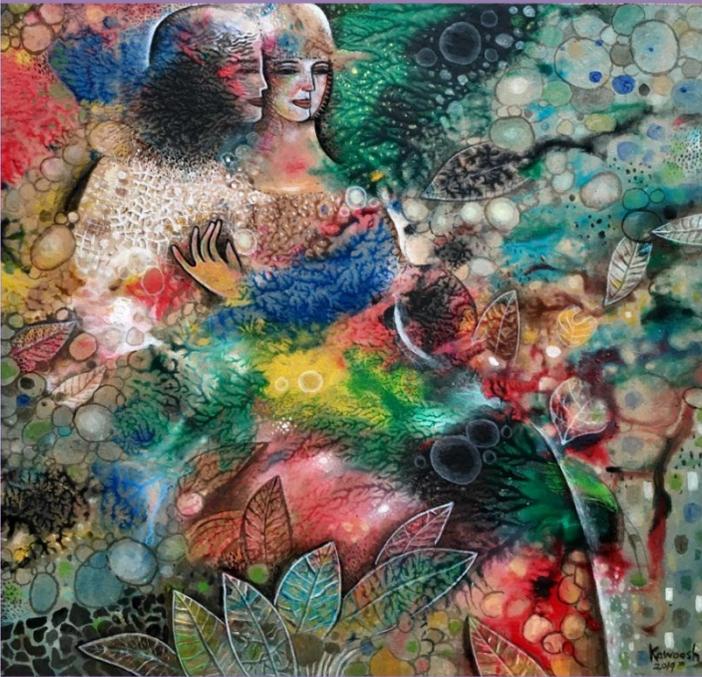
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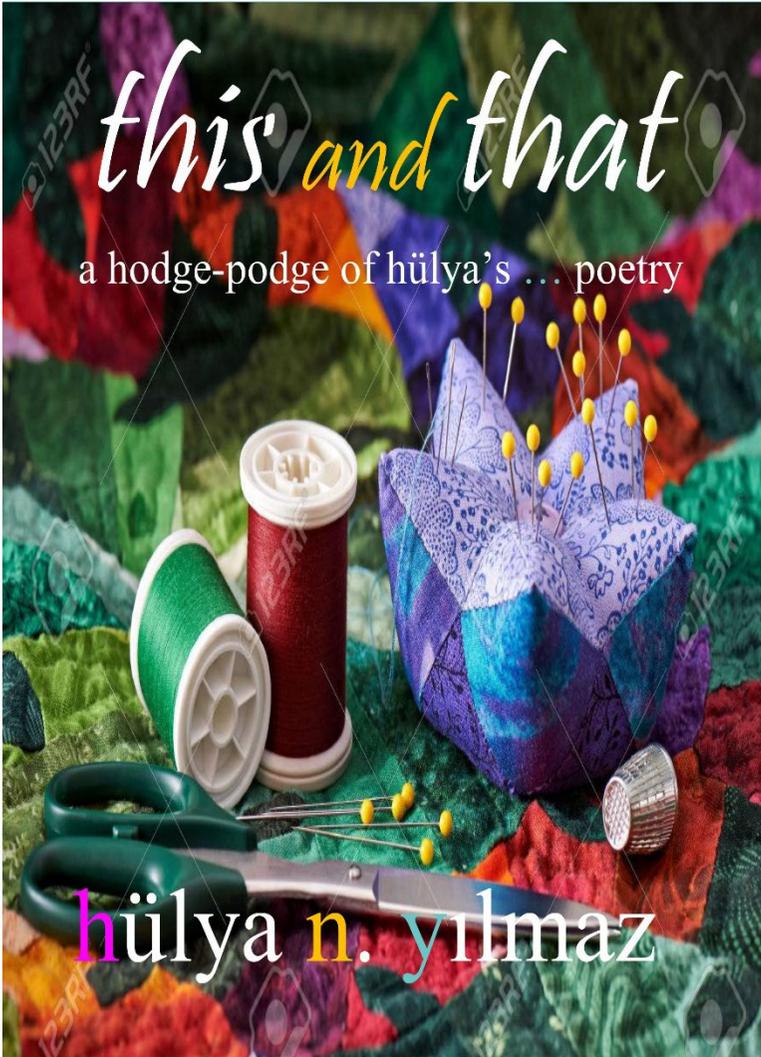


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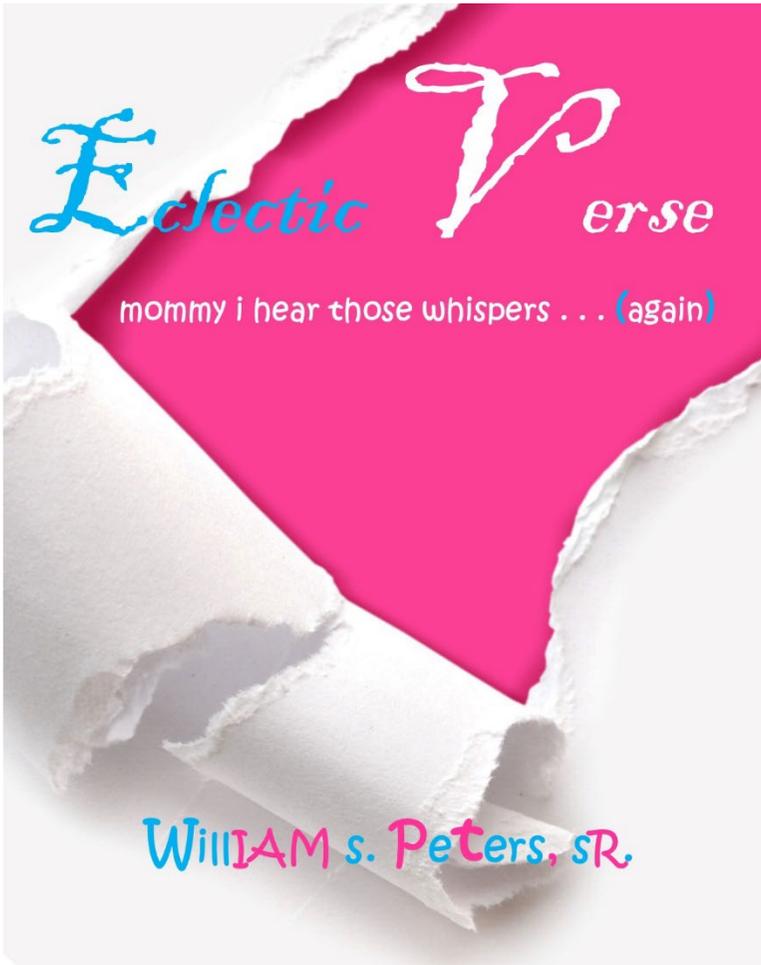
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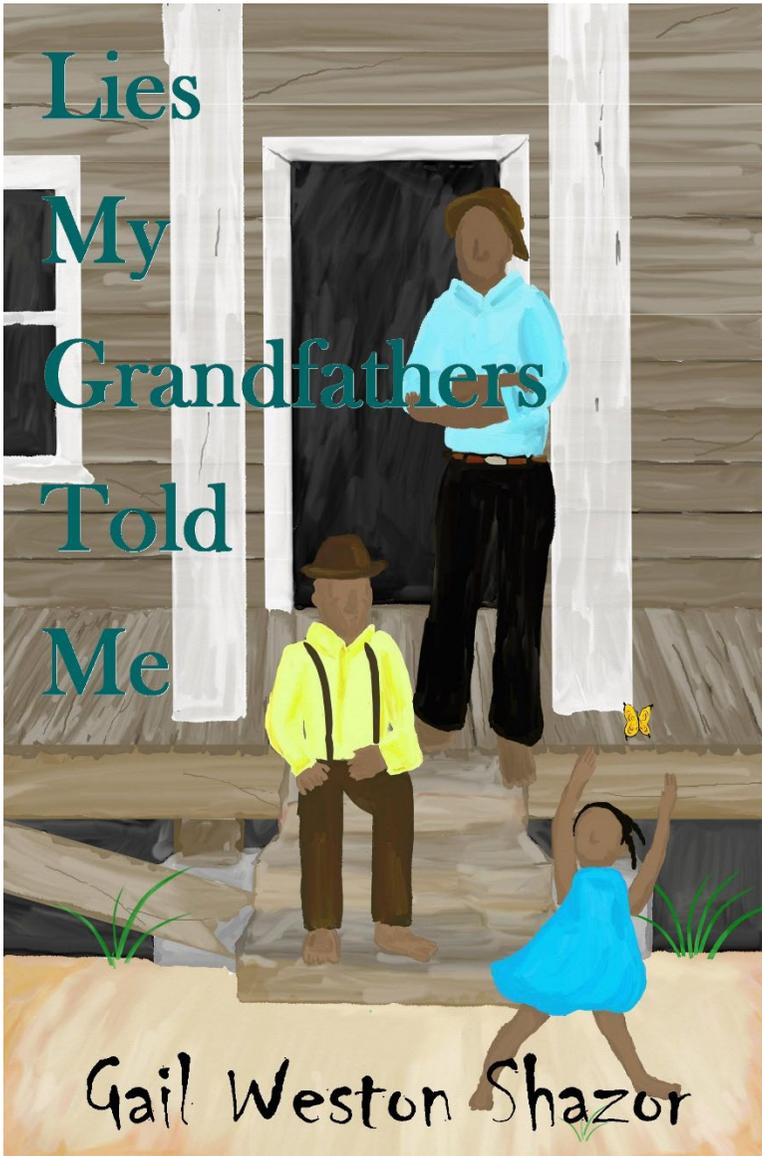
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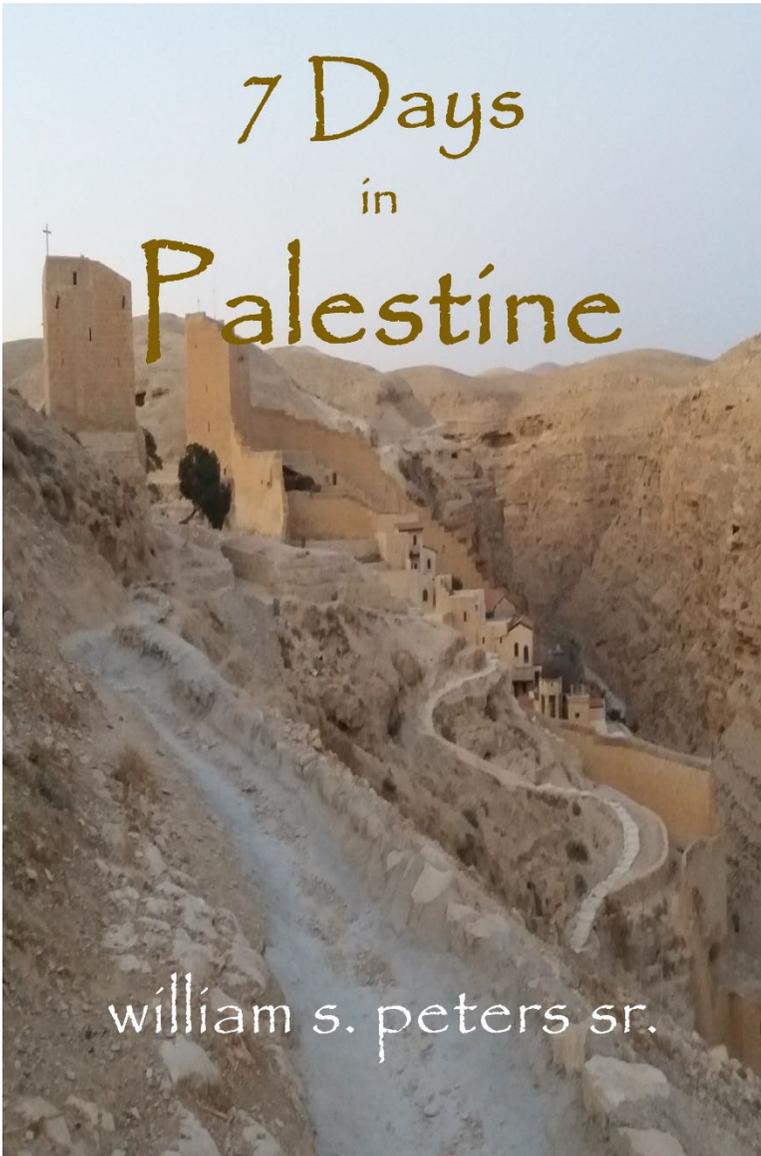


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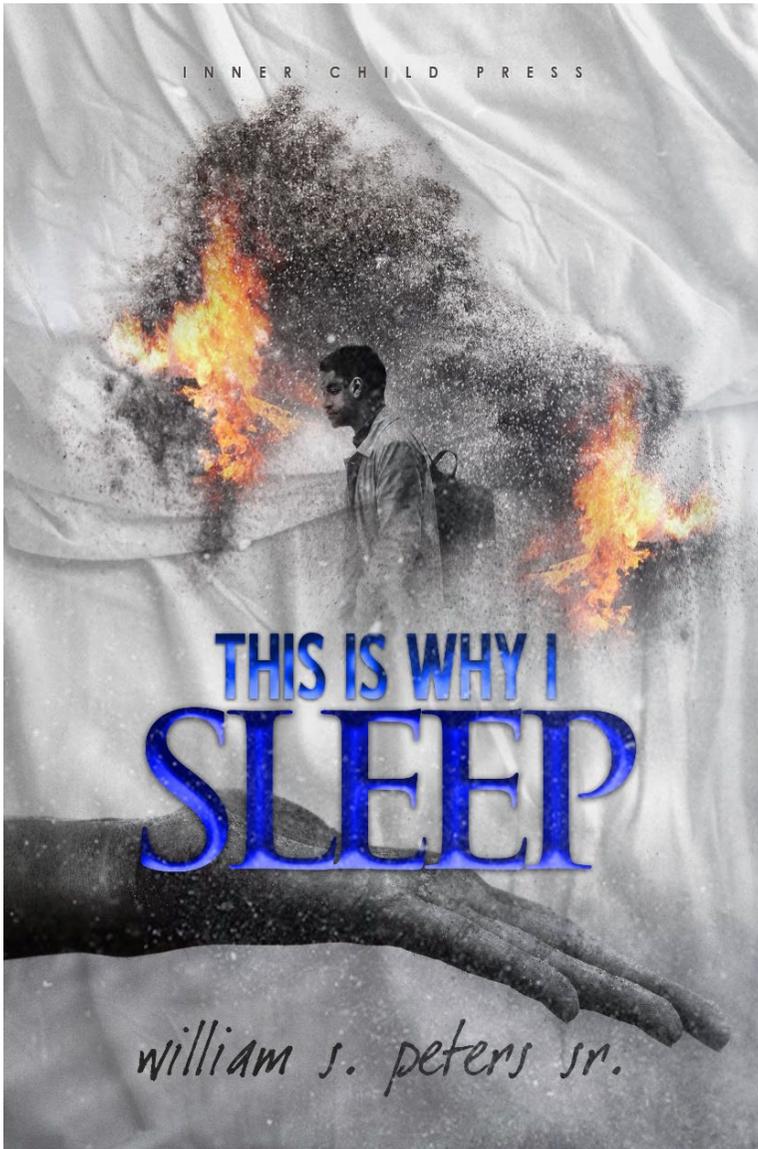


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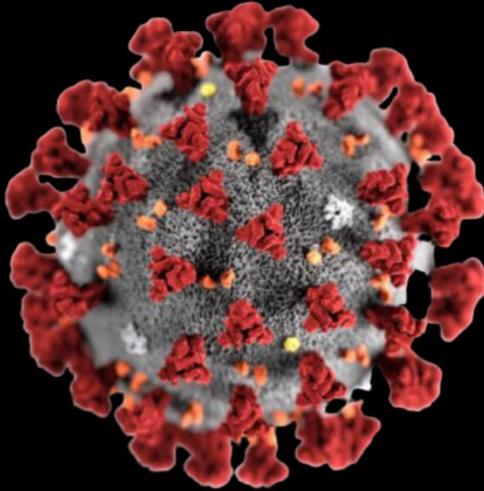
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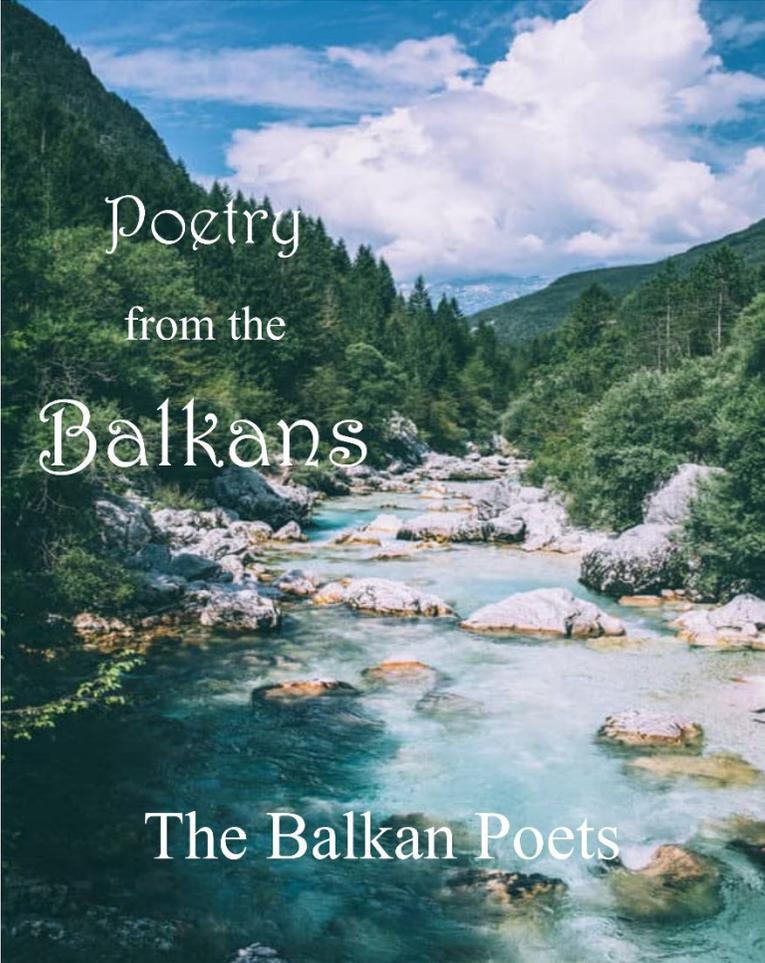


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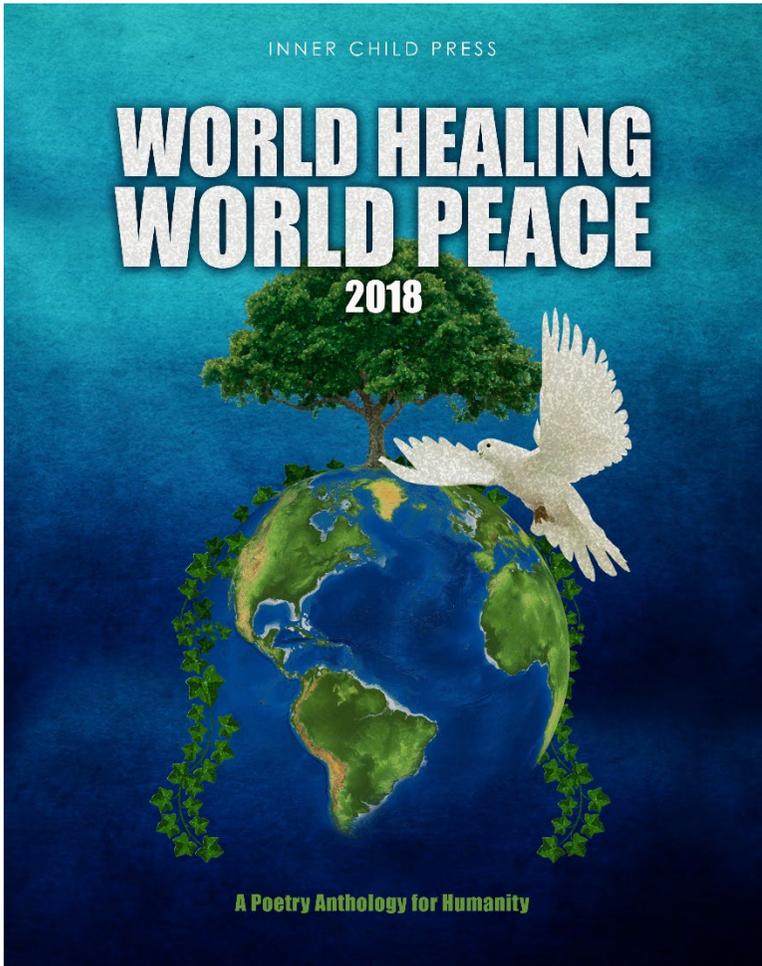
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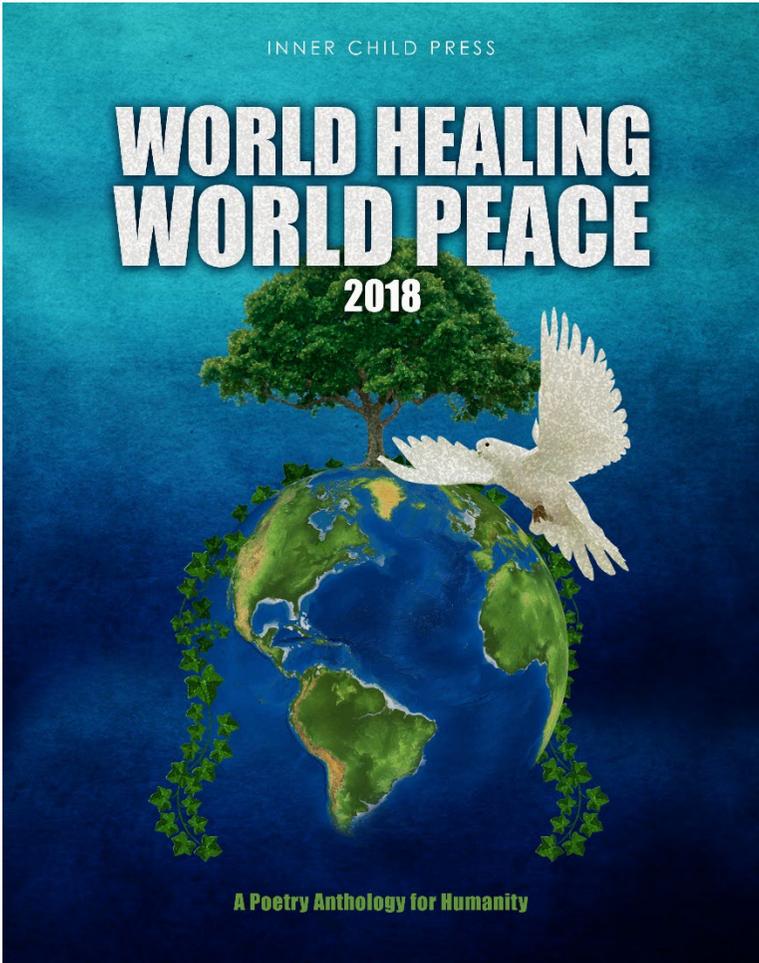


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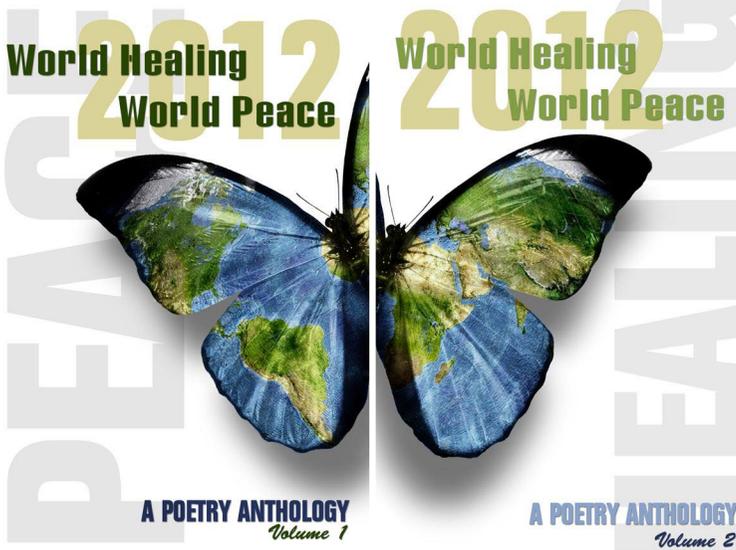
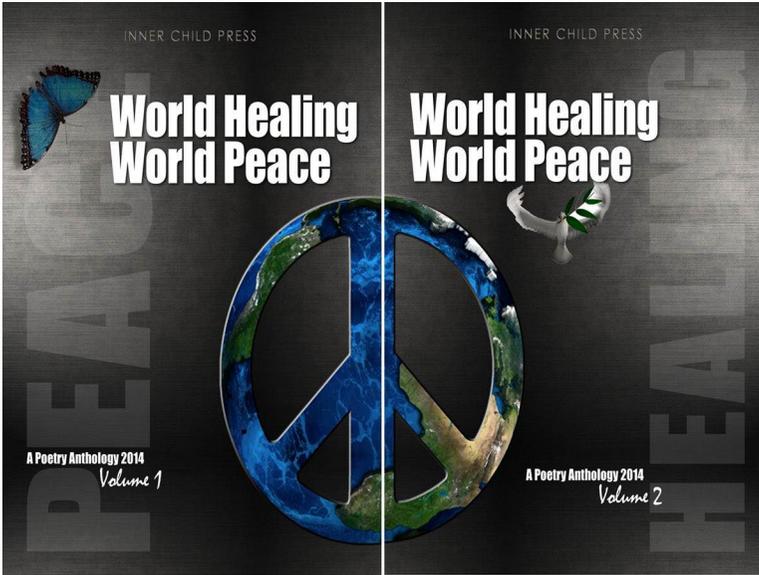
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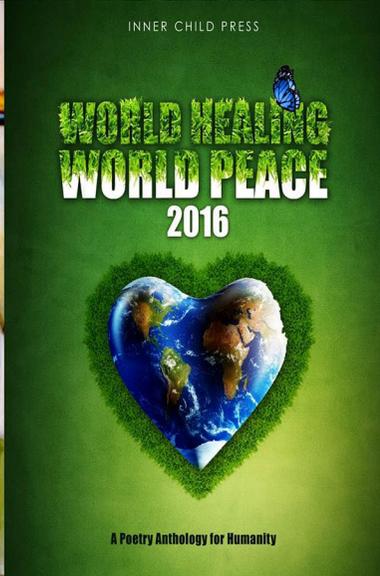
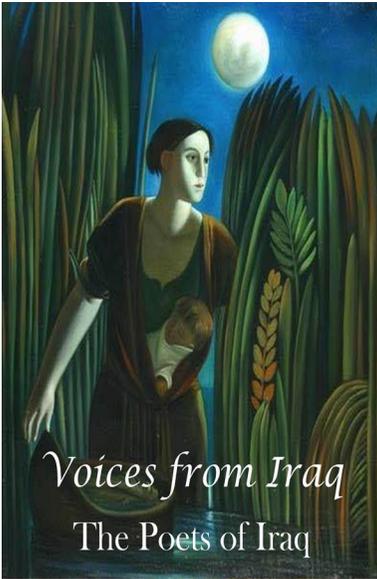
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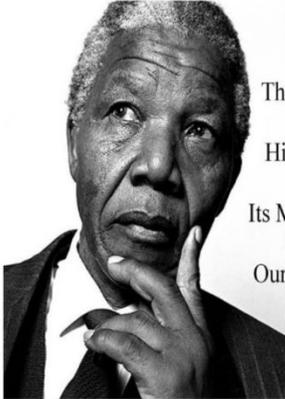
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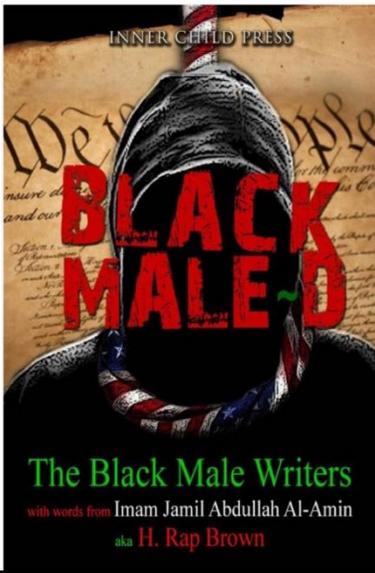
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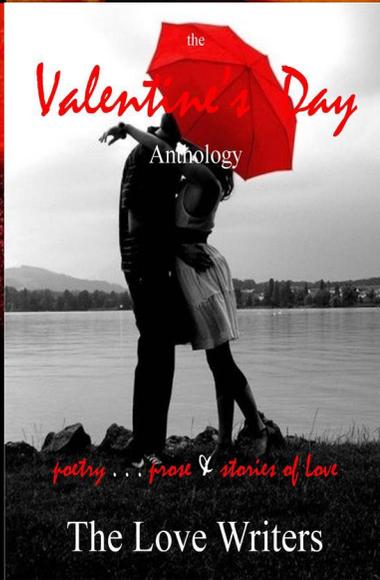
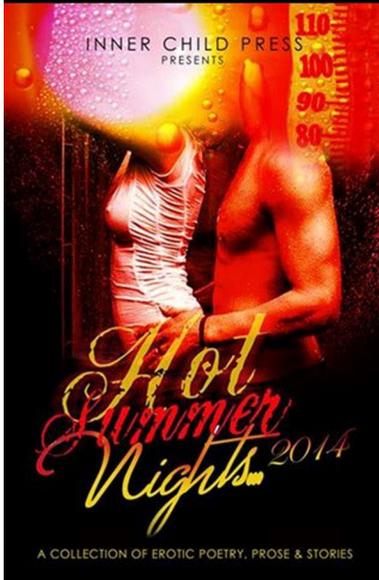
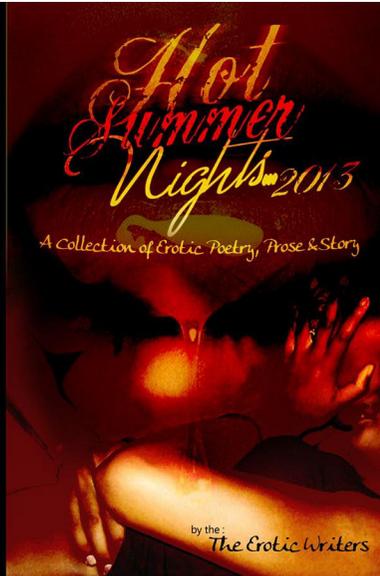
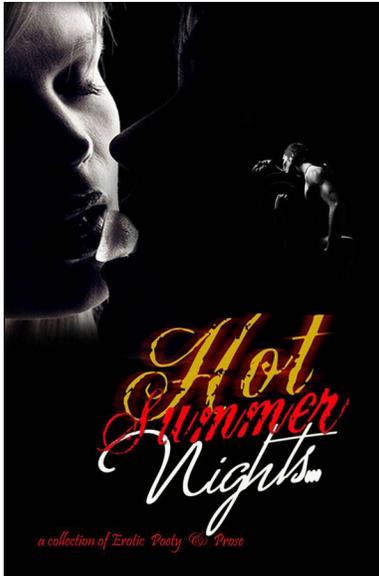
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Love & Relationship

Rose

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Gladiolus



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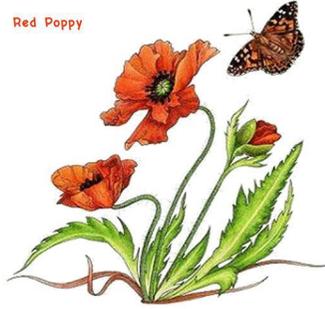
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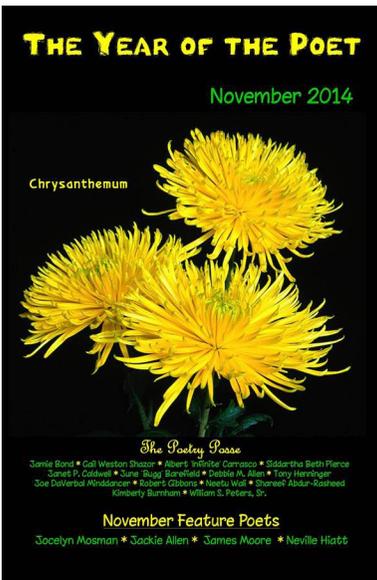


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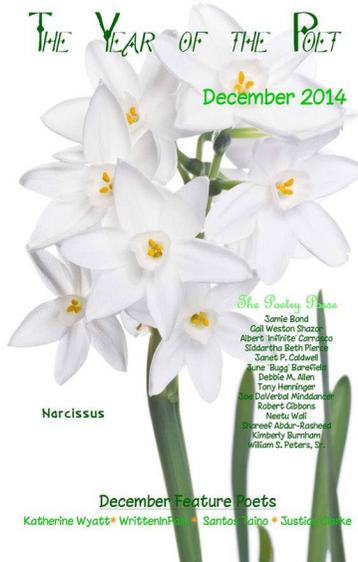
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Peridot



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Ann Chalasz
Christopher Schultz



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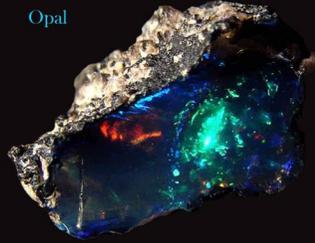
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Opal



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Topaz

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Turquoise

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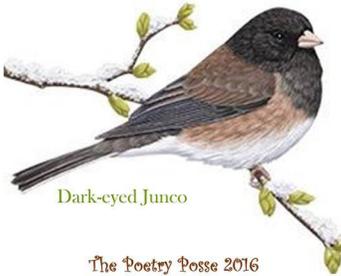
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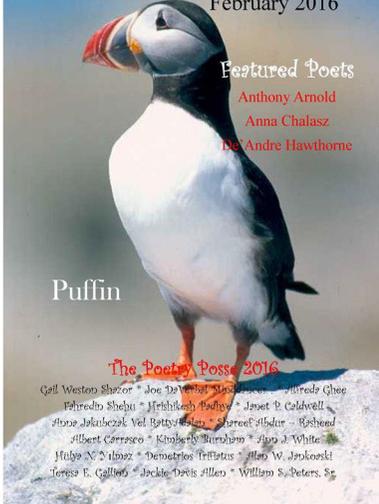
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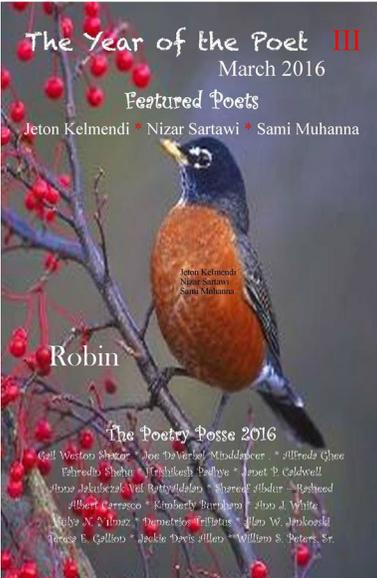
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Featured Poets

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Robin

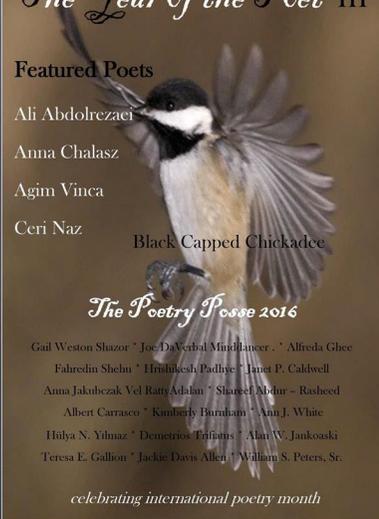
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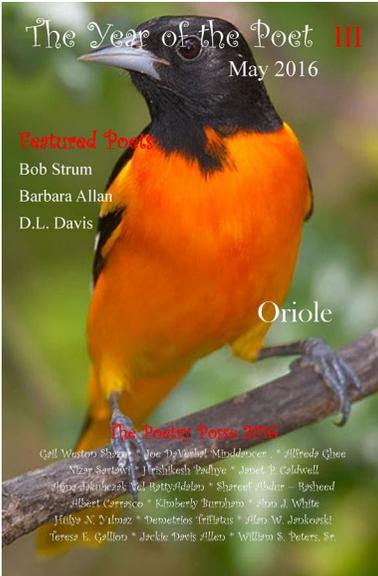
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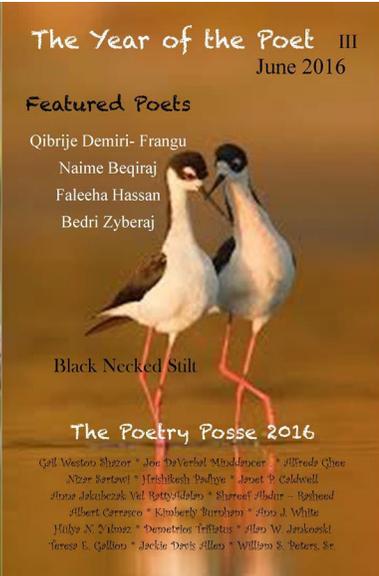
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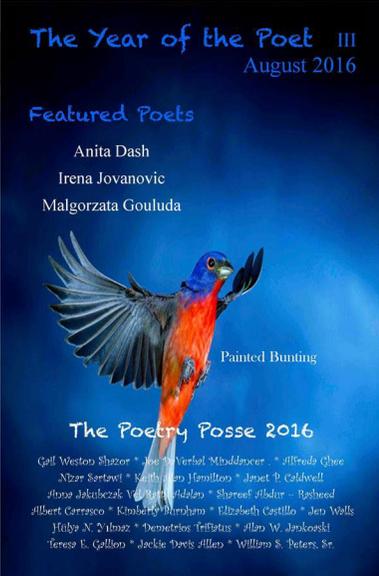
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Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
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Indigo Bunting

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Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda



Painted Bunting

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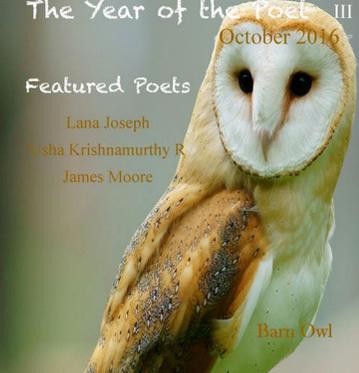


Long Billed Curlew

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Tisha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore

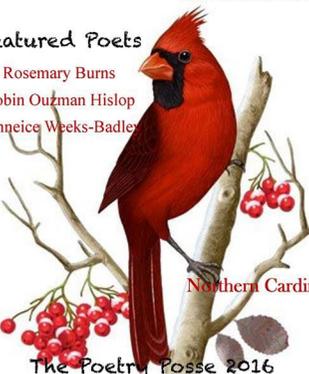


Barn Owl

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Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badle

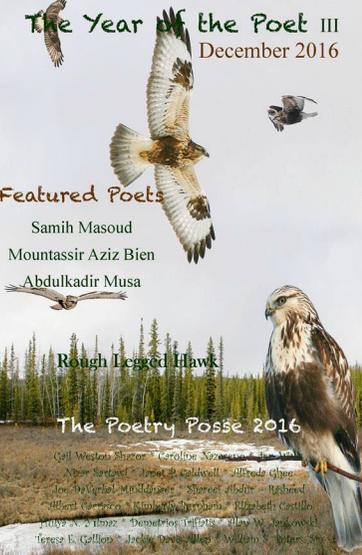


Northern Cardinal

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Featured Poets
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Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

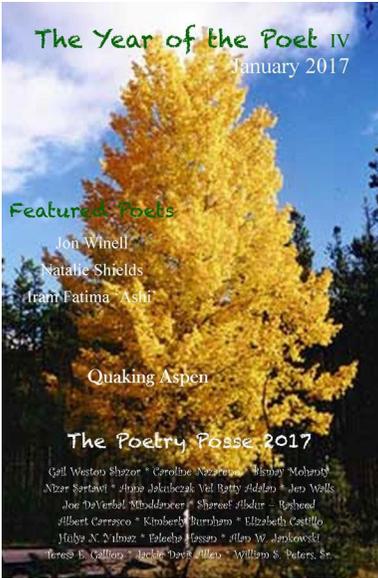
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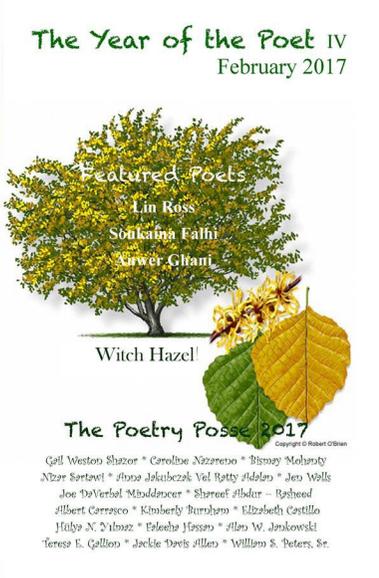


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Jon Winell
Natale Shields
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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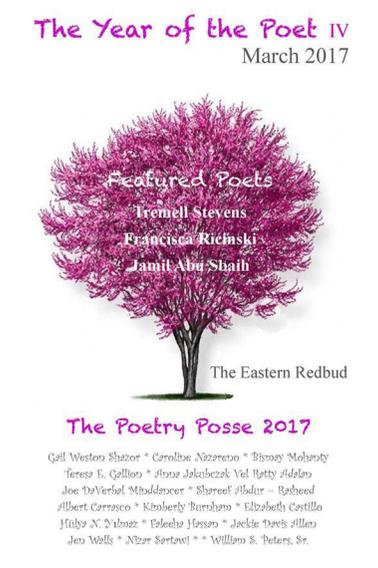


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Lin Ross
Sohkaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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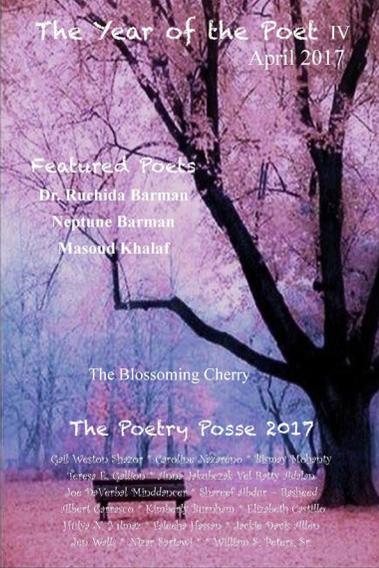


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Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaib

The Eastern Redbud

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Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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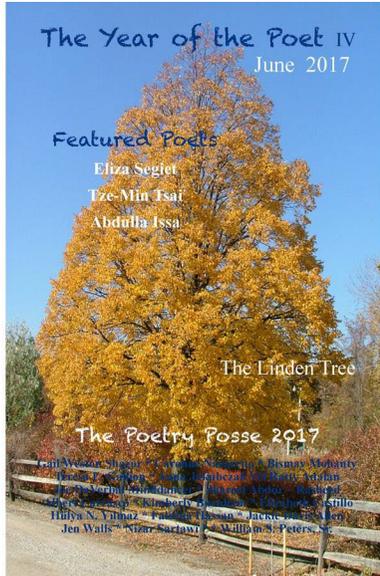


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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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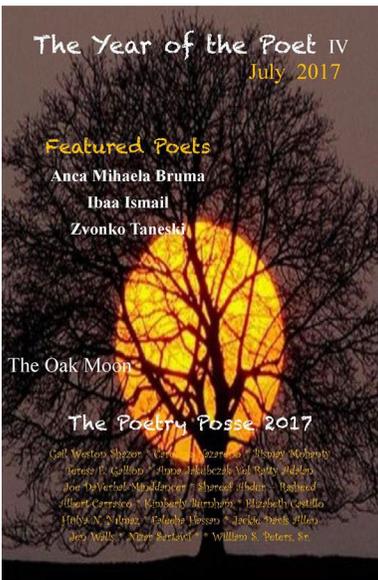
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Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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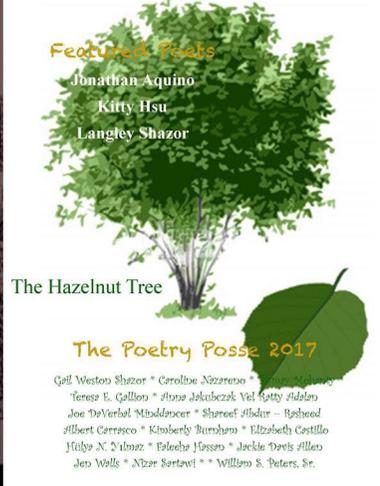
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Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazon

The Hazelnut Tree

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The Elm Tree

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Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

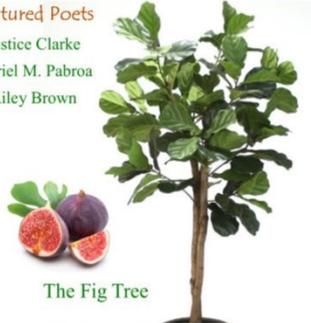
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Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Sabeen



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Muhammad Azram
Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman

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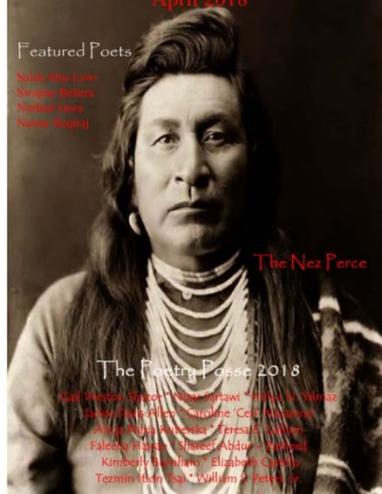
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Sonia Abu-Lana
Suzanne Belack
Nathan Lion
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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Sybwa K. Malinowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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The Paleo Indians

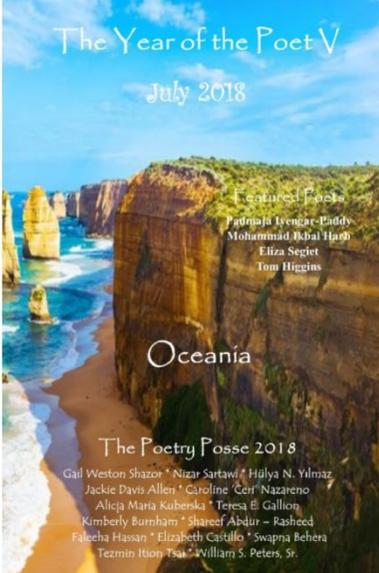


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Padmapa Jencar-Paddy
Mohammad Ikhbal Harb
Eliza Segiet
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swam

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



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November 2018

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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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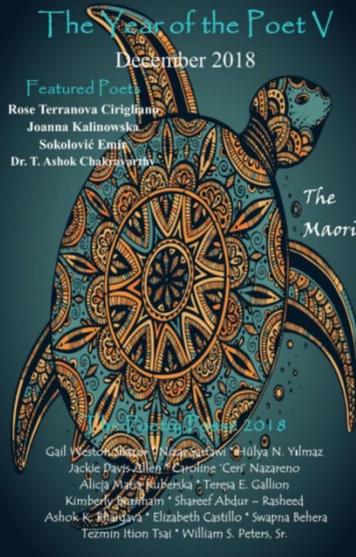
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Featured Poets

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



The
Maori

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

Dream Catcher

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Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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March 2019

Featured Poets

Enesa Mahmić * Sylwia K. Malinowska
Shurook Hammoud * Anwer Ghani



The Caribbean

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April 2019

Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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 Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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 July 2019
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 Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
 Fahredin Shelur * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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



The Caucasus

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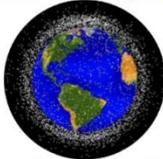
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