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LIFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
POETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

The month of May this year marks for the book in your hands a commemoration of an art piece by Diego Rivera. “I paint what I see” is a statement attributed to this phenomenal visual artist. The context from which this assertion originates concerns artistic integrity as Rivera had viewed it. In our interpretations of the focal mural, we had no other option but to compose poems that depend on how we (want to) see his creative work. Had he lived today, would he have approved our varying observations of the one and the same fresco? Most probably, yes. For this monthly publication’s contributors have, as in all past times, embraced the principle of “integrity” with high respect. While none of us could answer the rhetorical question above, each of us have committed ourselves into doing extensive research on the life and work of this prominent Mexican painter.

The field of art historiography recognizes Diego Rivera as a revolutionary painter. His frescoes have been and continue to be celebrated as the birth of a mural movement in Mexican and international art. Having started his art studies at the age of ten, a multitude of opportunities accompanied Rivera. His 15-year long stay in Europe – primarily in Paris, a prevalent destination point for young European and American artists and writers, exposed him to

various art movements, including Cubism which

Pablo Picasso was leading. After he welcomed the realistic and post-impressionistic art styles, his paintings began to attract a growing attention outside Paris. His preference during that time to use simple forms and large areas of vibrant colors had made a significant impact in- as well as outside widely noted art circles. Following his life in Europe, Rivera painted murals throughout Mexico and in a considerable part of the US. Thanks to his extensive and innovative work between 1922 and 1953, the concept of public art was rediscovered.

The reinvented public art which materialized in the hands of Diego Rivera in the 20<sup>th</sup> century is here to guide us in our era along the poems composed in his art's honor. As we approach one mural by this ground breaking painter, we would like to invite you to hold dear the story behind it. Not unlike his other paintings, Rivera has engraved a story also on this fresco, a story reflective of his life and work at large. His own words in *My Art, My Life* attest to this fact:

As an artist, I have always tried to be faithful to my vision of life, and I have frequently been in conflict with those who wanted me to paint not what I saw but what they wished me to see.

We hope that you will enjoy today's poetic journey on the international platform of *The Year of the Poet* through this artist's mural of our designation. In our creative treatment of the selected painting, we have "tried to be faithful" to the painter's "vision of life" as reflected in the quote above. May we not belong among those people with whom Diego Rivera was in conflict when his view of his own art was concerned.

hülya n. yılmaz [sic]

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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



# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are, beginning our eighth year of monthly publication of *The Year of the Poet*. 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, 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. 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, we are seeking to invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a ‘conscious 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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*PS*

Do Not forget about the World Healing, World  
Peace Poetry initiative for 2022. Mark your  
calendars. Submissions will be opening . . .  
**September 1st 2021**

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# Diego Rivera

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In 1922, Diego Rivera started a series of 124 frescoes for the Secretariat of Public Education in Mexico City. It took him six years to complete the project. A founding member of the Revolutionary Union of Technical Workers, Painters and Sculptors, Diego Rivera's art dealt with Mexican society and Mexico's 1910 Revolution. Rivera developed his own style based on large, simplified figures and bold colors with an Aztec influence.

“As an artist I have always tried to be faithful to my vision of life, and I have frequently been in conflict with those who wanted me to paint not what I saw



but what they wished me to see.” ~Diego Rivera, My Art, My Life



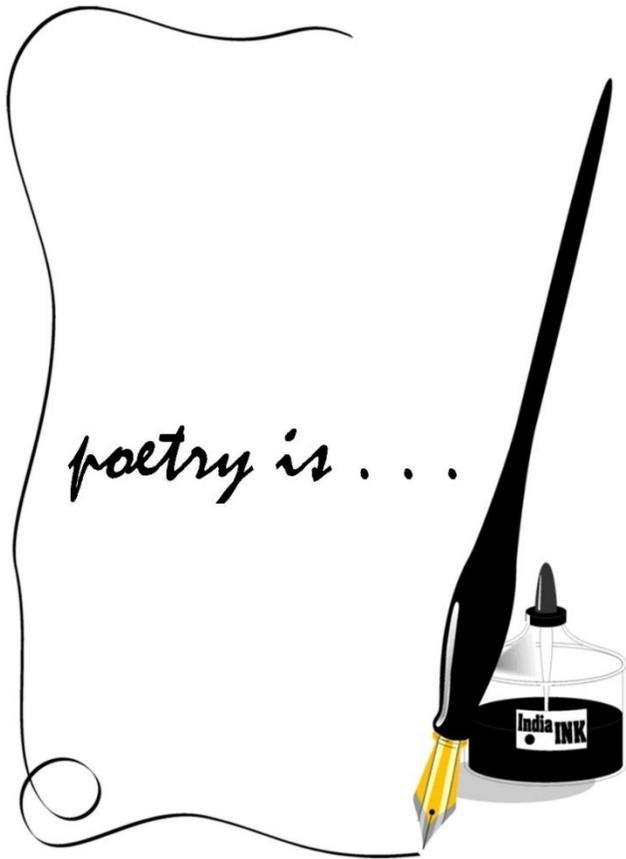
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Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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## Diego, my dear Diego

You visioned the revolution  
In artful brushstrokes  
Pulling the pigment of pain  
From peasants  
Grains groaning against  
A free sky  
Greens and oranges and wheat  
Grown not for the masses  
But the masters  
Acoustically driven by lyrics  
In burnt yellows  
Diego, Frida's Diego  
With a lust for everything  
And everyone  
We know the story  
Immortalized on film  
Committed to memories  
And even in death  
You are one with the call to equality

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A Senryu  
A Haiku  
A Nonet  
A Couplet  
And a dream  
Greying dreams transmute  
Old memories into dust  
Across still water  
Drums always will beat  
Requiring attention  
Of a calling sound  
The  
Movement  
Make cadence  
Of the notes  
Gathered on the wind  
The breath of whispering  
And the black soil of the earth  
The offering of new rainfalls  
Until it is now in completion  
I threw the jagged edges of the broken pieces  
Into the rising sun

## At the Crossroads

*Palindrome*

Heart wynd crossroads  
Tall grows the wall  
Voice and mind says  
Yet and  
Knows no edges  
Misunderstanding not  
Kisses stolen  
Skin to skin want  
Light of dawn  
SLEEPING  
Dawn of light  
Want skin to skin  
Stolen kisses  
Not misunderstanding  
Edges no knows  
And yet  
Says mind and voice  
And the wall grows tall  
Crossroads wynd heart

Alicja  
Maria  
Kubørska

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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).

## My art is my life

*For Diego Rivera*

Everyone has a different vision of life.

He saw things  
which people could not see  
- other colors and shapes  
emerged from his imagination,  
Aztec patterns returned  
and dream figures appeared.  
Color took on boldness  
to spread out like a bright glow  
on a blue background.

Being an artist means  
that you should be true to yourself  
and paint what you see,  
not what the public wants to see.

The world is a great illusion.

## The matches

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

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

## A stranger

It seems to me,  
I know her from somewhere.  
The familiar eyes look at me.  
A smile lights up her face.

She holds a diploma in hand  
And believes that she can easily  
Change a man and the world.  
Naive girl.

Young mother  
Matured with love.  
Secrets of the night were to be  
The happiness of days.

Power suited business woman  
Sells her soul for pennies  
And is screwed by corporations.  
One day she will wake up.

Time is merciful  
It steals moments from memory  
Leaving only small fragments  
And whispers of her behind

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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caution

behind  
mind's eye  
a caution exists

on screen  
of introspection  
blinks boldly, a light

there, wherein, exists  
a cautionary white light  
of reality's vision

## breathe

breathe,  
acknowledge life;  
live life passionately,  
exuberantly

see the flowers  
in all of their beauty,  
the flowers  
are perfuming the air

branches of grace  
are reaching out;  
be one, welcome  
one and all

like songbirds,  
let us embrace life, love;  
despite different songs,  
no matter the tune

be happy,  
sing songs of joy  
breathe in the moment  
live in the moment

## Blue

Blue against blue,  
The lofty ridge tops kiss the sky.  
Fluffy white clouds descend,

Into the equalizing fog.

Obscured, the mountains  
Yet still beautiful,  
Once sun bestows its revealing rays.

Time immortal, always there,  
These mountains, I've come to know.  
Beloved, discovered

By natives and nature.

Each echoes the refrain  
Of God's wonderful creation.  
Renewed by seasons' change,

Ancient and mountainous,  
They rise up ever so high.  
Still they are same. Yet different.

Intimate memories linger;

Enhancing views remain,  
Whether from Trillium fields  
Or awesome overlooks.

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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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.

## Mural Story

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Sunday afternoon

It's as sunny as an atheist's dream

God no longer wants to exist in simple forms and simple  
forms and large patches of vivid colors

However, that Post-Impressionism can't get rid of  
Cannibal activities in the so-called

The taste of the brain brought all the listener were deeply  
moved

No one minds

This suspicious claim under a well-planned lie

When man evolves a civilization higher than the  
mechanized

But still primitive one he has now

For then

Man will have thrown off all of his superstitions and  
irrational taboos

Murals

Only painted on the high wall at the end of the street

Tells the story of inner silence

Tierra Fecundada

Fertile Land depicts

The revolutionary struggles of Mexico's peasant and  
working classes

Hammer and sickle

That woman with an ear of corn

In the corn field, bodies lie down and fertilize

A sunflower

Glorifies those who died for an ideal

And are reborn, transfigured, into the fertile cornfield of the  
nation

## Jade Butterfly

Pieces of water be cut in the air, cleverly dressed up the  
winter scenery, illuminating the lake  
Gradually the flower balls turn into catkins, and the elm  
pods fly around  
Scattered silver wine glasses, chasing horses from time to  
time  
White ribbons are tight, fluttering with the carriages one by  
one  
All over the curtain corner  
Icy bamboo chopsticks grow out in the cold, like pearls  
under light dissection

Should we drink a sip of wine and sing softly?  
The felt hanging around the red tent which adorns the  
golden furnace allows for ancestor worship like a wild  
beast  
Turning to face the tall building, drunkenly chanting that  
thank-you speech for mother's birthday  
Time has stopped, the sound of bamboo is like a rocky  
thick valley  
Overwhelming everything, including the moving shadows  
of birds following the river  
Endless hesitation lies in my heart  
The singing in the distance is like an exhausted gem, so  
similar to that ode I made

## Snow Remains As Tidbits

The smoke that fills the entire mountain forest  
In Spring, it still doesn't want to return home  
Snow flies up to the sun  
In consort two or three together  
Wickers, don't go against  
The will of Heaven  
The reflections of the embankment are blowing on the  
water  
It seems ever more difficult to leave

Although the snow covered the mountains and plains  
The tidbits are still unwilling to let go of their beauty  
The giant sun has no more taboos to break  
Have to enjoy together with its bustling  
Born as an emperor  
But in the soldiers' camp

Sharzeef  
Abdur  
Rashheed

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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>

## Diego

Renowned artist (B:1889 D:1957)

born: Mexico

artistic talent appeared early

groomed, trained, traveled

Madrid, Paris development

metamorphosis

traveled through phases

constitute layers humans indulgents

certainly, socio-political realities

captured Diego's expression

after going through phases of

artistic travel settled on humanity

good, bad, ugly, beauty in diversity

Diego expressed these in his themes

depiction, people toiling in the fields

gathering harvest

people backbone of industrial growth

their struggles, celebrations of life

familia! heart of humanity

expressed through strokes

dispel yokes of dismissal

indifference, ignorance, elitist leanings

classes, clashing, well-endowed abundance

vs deprivation, curse of lands

tribes, nations

Marxist adherence even Leon Trotsky and

wife in exile lived with Rivera, Mexico City

himself, comrades like Che Guevara stood

out as symbols of rage against corrupted,

nations engaged in persecution, exploitation

it's peoples denied self-expression, free thought

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Rivera's work included shining light on western industrialization on backs of the people the essential backbone inspiration FDR's WPA program world renown muralist, example consisting of 27 panels Detroit Industry murals depict ascent Ford Motor Company featuring working class men and women social/political makeup Mexico the people, from elite wealthy to working class Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park all walks but not without conflict, abuse, neglect depiction: decorated skeleton in the middle of very diverse cross-section so much to cover, Diego's works his amazing influence as an artist with profound conscious speaking through his art addressing the human story, good, bad, ugly

## Blessed be...

the peace makers dem vibe on all humanities tribes  
" \*Bani Adam(aws)\*\* " all have to answer the same call  
to serve, give, help, assist, relieve, release, rescue, feed,  
clothe, shelter who need love, yearn to be human  
blessed be the humble slaves of the one true merciful  
master, who fashioned us all said " be " and we were  
and are through undeserved mercy all that are, all who  
ever was received and continues to receive mercy  
yet do we reflect, better yet do we respect the sanctity  
of life, your own and all others who possess the same  
loan?

do we know the blessings bestowed on the kind hearted?  
who reach out to the displaced, fragmented, vilified,  
shunned, cast away reduced to invisible, non-existent  
by those blinded by the bling in the world of fake things  
who they compete to be kings and queens?  
love ' n ' mercy is the real thing, priceless!  
though many fail to overstand, perceptions flawed  
dem remain in awe of superficial, empty, void of substance  
this being the glitter that blinds many amongst us  
blinded by the fake light of darkness that which is a,  
mirage that takes souls away  
and the peace loving pray for the earth to be at peace  
one day and strive while they're alive to make it that way  
day by day give of that which they received as a loan  
one never owed, one never owned dem gave back and  
received immeasurably bounties one would find it hard  
to believe that by giving you receive so that your cup  
overflows as does your worth as a human being grows ' n '  
grows, this the humble, compassionate, caring peace lovers  
know

food4thought = education

## Miraculous

miracles abound  
are you looking around,  
what have you found?  
just take a look around  
to sky, to ground  
stop listen to the sound  
it's life all around  
what is it you're looking  
for?  
shiny things that go  
ching a ching  
or spiritual things that  
sooth your very being?  
remove nightmares  
with sweet dreams  
stop the screams  
listen to birds sing  
yes, life's a short fling  
why you indulge in wrong  
things  
dem drain life from your being  
nothing but strife shows up  
on the screen  
cut that part out of the play  
replace with lines that say  
"do righteousness everyday "  
be patient, pray  
listen to the cries of the hungry  
say that could be me  
feed dem plenty true  
your plate will stay full

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give and you receive  
joy instead of grief  
yes, listen to the sound  
so that your feet stay firmly  
planted on the ground

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Kimberly  
Burnham

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A brain health expert with a PhD in Integrative Medicine, Kimberly Burnham has lived in tropical Colombia; in Belgium during the Vietnam War; in Japan teaching businessmen English; in diverse international Toronto, Canada; and several places in the US. Now, she's in Spokane, WA with her wife, Elizabeth, two sets of twins (age 11 & 14) and three dogs. Her recent book, *Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind, a Daily Brain Health Program* includes the word for peace in hundreds of languages. Her poetry weaves through 80+ volumes of *The Year of the Poet*, *Inspired by Gandhi*, *Women Building the World*, and *A Woman's Place in the Dictionary*. She is currently working on several ekphrastic writing projects. One is a novel, *Art Thief Cracks Healing Code for Parkinson's Disease* and the other is non-fiction, *Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets*.

<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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## Seeing Art

Each piece a vision  
of the artist created  
in a certain medium  
paint, oil, water,  
ink, ceramic, wood  
on a particular surface  
canvas, paper, earth  
each choice influences what I see  
in sweat, blood and energy  
how I feel about the art  
reflected in  
manifested from  
the life of the artist

## What I See

I worry about what I see  
in the faces of those around me  
how I feel when I see  
suffering, poverty, hunger  
a need to start a revolution

Try to describe what I see  
with solutions  
ways I perceive  
make the world better

I can't change what I see  
but I can change what I do  
with my vision  
I can change what my children will see  
in the distant future  
beyond me

## The Art of Each Revolution

The wheel turns  
turning birth to childhood  
hoody-clad teens grow  
grown adults still learning  
learn so much before death

Death stalking the art of each revolution  
revolving around the sun the earth  
on earth to learn and give birth create!  
creates a better place and love  
love life until joy bursts  
a burst of energy turning the wheel  
wheels at the heart of each evolution

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## No Façade

I am more than conventional  
Not to be dictated by anyone  
My ideas are precious, not imitations,  
If there are phantoms lurking  
In a society that keeps on changing,  
My art will depict what my eyes really see  
I'll let the ghosts and skeletons out  
No façade can block the naked truth.

## Ambedo

There's something lyrical about  
The way you entered my life,  
Simply poetic, you are like  
The mystic verses weaved by my muse  
Vividly, I remember you in my dreams,  
As a lonely boy by the waterfalls  
Reflecting on the essence of the  
Ebb and flow of life.  
Innuendos-  
There is Oneness in our beautiful coincidences  
For long after you've crossed The Great Beyond,  
Your golden heart still lingers-  
Like a beautiful disaster, a dramatic tragedy,  
Daydreaming amid the bareness of trees  
Leaves have fallen when dawn came.  
Our souls crossed paths in the innocence of youth  
One summer day our Lights collided  
Years passed we have gotten older  
Then destiny made a way for us to meet once more,  
The fondness for solitude we share  
The worlds we explored only we can understand.  
December dawned while you were away,  
The emptiness brought me into the abyss  
Searching for my Twin Flame  
And one September morn, you chased the Light,  
My walls collapsed, uncertainty lingered  
Grief have stolen the smile on my face  
Your loss catapulted me into the Ambedo.

## The Supernova in the Night Sky

People come into our lives to hold up a mirror,  
A reflection of who we truly are  
Illuminating the beauty that already resides in us  
Some can be iconic sparks of enlightenment,  
To help us sing back the lost melody in our hearts  
When mere words have gone mad and the rhythm drums a  
different beat.

There are simply those who amplify the light,  
And reflect where it originated from- the Source  
The angel in the night who rescues us from the darkness,  
Teaching us to love ourselves once more,  
And to bring out the Empathic Soul in us.  
The magical moment when you open yourself up to  
connect the Cosmic Dots,  
When the alchemical marriage of the Divine Feminine and  
the Sacred Masculine takes place  
And this paves the way for you to embrace your Higher  
Self- a destined conduit to the stars,  
The supernova in the night sky where you witness a  
crusade of fireflies with wings emitting Pure Light,  
This is when the Legend of a New World takes its daring,  
mystic flight!

Joø  
Pairø

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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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## It's A Diego Rivera

What a day for a stroll.  
I'd love to show you off to the world.  
Look at us with neighbors and family.  
Jealousy seen through lips that curl.

It's a day for festivities and you're a shy one.  
There are lovely balloons I think I'll buy one.  
let bygones be bygones,  
let's not take notice of the frowns.

Here come the clowns and hoopla  
Carnival people who'll dupe y'all  
The colors of life are in bloom.  
The intricacies of a mural drawn to mirror you.

Can't you see you're beautiful,  
Why don't you smile, while fruitful!  
I'm just thrilled to be with such company.  
I think it may rain today!

I think I may paint today, green and yellow leaves.  
Purple stoic trees, they way you stand by me.  
the way an artist sees the world.  
Rose colored lens can never match the soul's eye.

## Sell It Off

How often have I sold a precious memento?  
Years of collections given up for the taxman.  
One airplane could cost billions, but we front the debt.

One plane could explain the disparity gained.  
They take from Peter to pay Paul.  
The effects from either and they'll fall.

Sell the years of tears shed, all that metal and all.  
You're meddling with all who sacrificed for the call.  
Public school funding, housing for the homeless.

Why do we need new tanks?  
We have enough for war times three.  
How about a little medicine for free?

How many remember no lock on your door.  
If you starve the people, you rob the people.  
None of whom truly voted for war.

Sell it off, those war machines.  
Sell it off so this debt will be clean.  
Your credit score is running mean.

Sell the war back, those antique rifles.  
Invest in the populous, you know the lives that matter.  
Shattered dreams over war machines.

Take stock in the people you've used as stock!  
Look back at the aftermath of wars inherent evil.  
Sell back the pain, know what I mean.

## A Day In Spring

I talked with love today.  
I didn't talk by speaking, I thought by thinking.  
It's a beautiful day, no matter what I'd say.  
It's a beautiful day and rain is in the forecast.

Rains become at long last, nothing to fear.  
Speak when spoken too, leaves feelings of solitude.  
I'll greet the bee when all I see is honey.  
I'll flee the sting and laughter during my scurry.

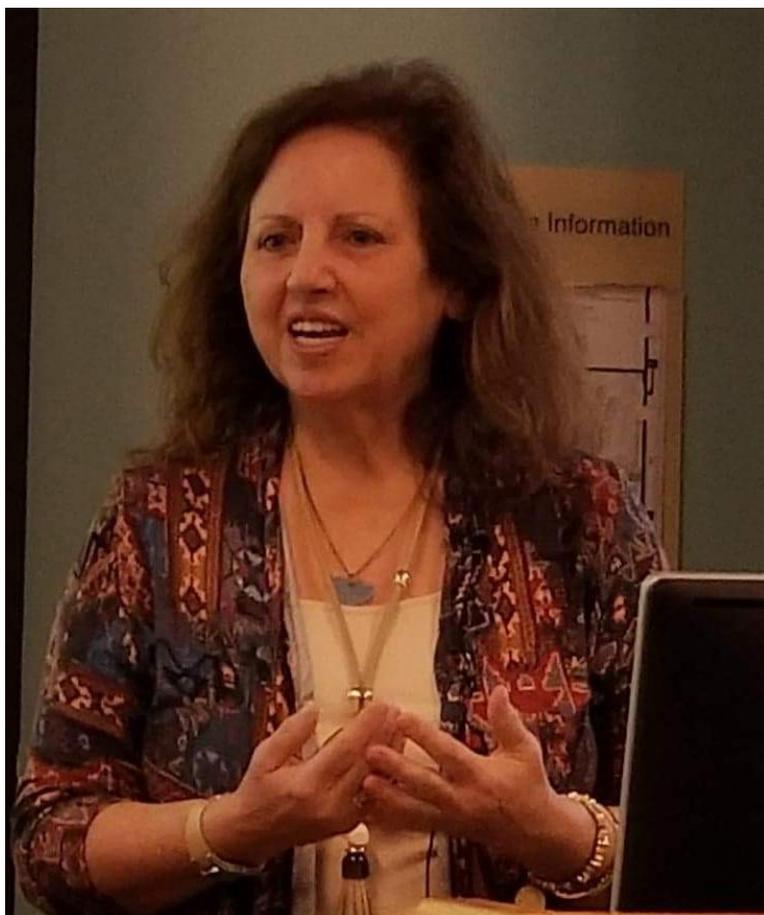
Pavement cracks hold life so dear.  
They hold an image, but I don't have my camera.  
I don't have the grammar sometimes to express my view.  
Every passing minute, there's a growth spurt.

And this squirrel has no idea what I'm saying.  
What I'm saying is that spring is a living thing.  
Much like winter who's trembled lips just because.  
You'll wear a sweater well, just because.

But spring in its own *raison d'être*  
Gives me reason to speak to its leaves.  
I've tasted its breeze though some may sneeze.  
I told her; I'll be back tomorrow with a snapshot in voice.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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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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## “God is dead”

when Nietzsche revealed the motives rooted in  
traditional Western religion, morality, and philosophy  
in the 19<sup>th</sup> century,  
he secured himself a timeless prominence  
as one of Europe’s most influential intellectuals

the secularism of the Enlightenment era  
is said to have enabled  
this half-blind, seriously ill and pained thinker  
his famed enquiry during his late years  
his scrutiny of the concept of God, that is

in his latest masterpieces,  
among which *The Antichrist* stands out,  
the philosopher attacks the “slave morality”  
of Western Christianity and its “apathy”

Nietzsche’s objection to institutionalized religions  
marks his journey into an interrogation of the forbidden

with his invitation to his readers  
to contemplate on the death of God,  
to imagine the experience of despair over that death,  
thus, to give a chance to a new meaning of life . . .  
this 19<sup>th</sup> century philosopher seems to have reached  
beyond the boundaries of the country of his birth

could Diego Rivera have possibly been influenced  
by his contemporaneous counterpart  
in the making of his mural  
*Dreams of a Sunday in the Alameda?*

“God does not exist”

picture an eminent mural by Diego Rivera, please  
*Dreams of a Sunday in the Alameda*, for instance,  
with a sign in the hands of Don Ignacio Ramírez:  
“God does not exist”

a public furor ensues  
the artist is asked to remove the inscription  
he refuses to abide by such demands

the painting goes into a 9-year-long prison  
Rivera finally agrees to eliminate  
the controversial phrase  
but first, he avows his atheist stance  
and attests his views on religions:  
“a form of collective neurosis”

## art and its viewers

artistic integrity in painting . . .  
as in, “I paint what I see”,  
per Rivera’s own words

gets violated as a creative presentation

as long as we, the observers,  
see not what an artist sees  
but rather what we want them to see

in sum: what we see

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>***

## Dark Chaos

The dark shadows of his soul  
follow him into the circus  
of his ego.

Finely dressed, he stands  
in front of the crowd  
as if he is important.

His darkness dressed in white  
is a skeleton that  
overshadows his joy.

His unhappiness is hard  
to hide when you look  
deeply into his shocked eyes.

## Leak in Feelings

The eruption of time  
bleeds on the sidewalk.  
You beat a rigid heart  
back into its cave.  
Fear of being hurt  
is a slow walk  
to the dust you will become.

The geese do an air ritual  
across an exotic blue blanket.  
The pigeon that adores you  
paces on the mesa  
holding tight to hope,  
squeezing the juice of denial,  
licking it off your bones.

You feel nothing in the moment,  
but healing is coming.  
The black theater of night  
sweats with the moisture of pain released,  
opens the possibility for love  
to enter your scarred domain.

## Catch Up

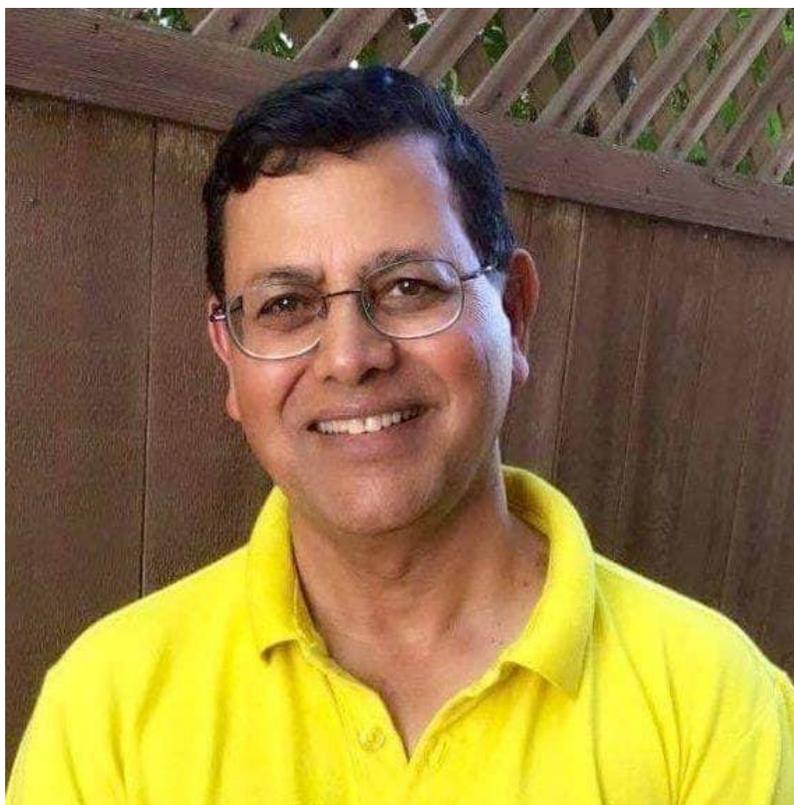
My blood has traveled  
four thousand years  
across many lifetimes  
to get to this tree  
that knows my true heart.

I walk boldly into its branches,  
hug the trunk as if we were  
old lovers meeting after  
a thousand years break.

I can hear the whispers  
in my head, hello friend,  
so nice to feel your presence.  
It has been a rough four thousand.  
I missed your loving hugs.  
Sit next to me. Let's talk.  
We have a lot of catch up to do.

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.

## To Diego Rivera

I wander around  
With earth beneath my feet and  
Sky in my hands.

I want to touch your paintings  
Blooming with folks and machines  
Showering petals from the ceiling.

My novice heart afraid not to  
Offend archangels  
By praising your works.

I immerse myself  
In your paints  
To become you, your painting.

## Don't Regret and Don't Forget

Today is a colorful day,  
blossoms bend like an arch  
in the perfumed fresh wind.

Silky sun-rays are warm,  
the birds fly around  
with melodies of delight.

I step into crystal clear water  
that has absorbed  
ashes and bones of my ancestors.

It makes me realize  
that I will reap eternity here  
when it will absorb my ashes too.

I see distant things  
as if they were close and  
take a distanced view of close things.

Truth must be seen as  
what it is,  
not what I want it to be.

## Fluid Poetry

Poetry can be  
shaped,  
curved,  
bent and  
formed  
to flow  
freely.

A poet can  
differ,  
disrupt and  
break from  
paradigms  
written  
before him  
to show  
his / her  
individuality,  
originality and  
creativity  
better than  
a cookie cutter.

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 th 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)

## Ikigai

What is life these days?  
Isolated and quarantined.  
Where is life as to the moment  
Having no time to repent.  
Which way you'll going to take?  
When all roads seem so bleak and weary,  
What does your heart beat?  
When everything seem to fleet  
Why will you stay late  
Overtime, in hurry of things  
You own a life to bear,  
How will you create a self-care pledge  
When you have stolen all the time  
To love and be loved  
To care and be cared of.  
That you never know,  
Selfless vs. selfishness,  
There is one thing my heart desires  
Seeing everything in place  
As we smile heartily together  
Living un-imprisoned  
From worldly splendour.

## Mother Earth

you amplify  
the whispers  
of graceful spirit,  
suddenly creates  
harmonious lyrical  
touches to my heart...

you penetrate beingness  
as you caress all creatures  
to live the fullest  
because you breathe life,  
gifting us  
the wonders of nature.

you are the summit  
waving flags of biodiversity,  
the greeneries filled canopy of hope  
fresh wealth of centuries  
grow the seeds you want to harvest  
graces for a lifetime.

## My Summer Rain

Summers are born many days and nights  
Scourging heat, that brought pain and sweat  
Drenching, draining mind's well  
As it cries numbness.

Where's the cold breeze from the veranda  
Where's the roving droplets to the rocking chair  
Have you ever touched the mist  
As you blow your nose,  
And wipe the heavenly dews  
From your eyes,  
When you miss the rain,  
And shared cold shower  
When we're still together.

Will you be the same  
Story of our last petrichor,  
In a summer rain?

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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## all art a propaganda

large figure  
simple lines  
rich colours  
with Aztec influence  
stories of workers  
miners ,labourers ,farmers  
profound effect  
frescoes ,cubism  
and later post impressionism  
unique style of light and shadow  
art is such profound universal language  
art is weapon  
“what I saw is not important  
what they used me to see is talent”  
mural movements of Diego Rivera  
revolutionary union of technical workers,  
painters who sing the visions of life  
the celebration of Cinco de Mayo  
art speaks, assimilates ,  
liberates and raises voice  
lines and curves  
march forward .....

## the limited version

limited rice  
tears of the mother  
unlimited love in the family

limited oxygen  
tears of the patient  
unlimited bodies on the pyres

limited money  
tears of the migrants  
unlimited blisters on the highways

limited water in the rivers  
tears of the nation  
unlimited agendas of the seminars

limited alphabets to express love  
tears of passion  
unlimited commitments to do or die

limited versions converge  
to desolate or isolate  
in every time zone  
mingle or jingle  
for life is a limited version  
but if can live for others ;  
we shine  
the unlimited you and me .....

## the arid layers

within the ceramic bowl  
a heart, a red hibiscus  
couple of radiant moments  
do you remember ;  
that green coconut with two straws  
please ,pause a while  
as I wait for the  
dew drops

the leaves are still green  
busy in thematic struggle  
each morning I crack the layers  
i manage my way  
for the lyrical harvests  
the lost key is hanging  
i can see the palace  
each room ,the courtyard  
molecules of musing  
in the layers of time and space  
the ink drops are divine blood  
it can convert any  
arid layer to a flower garden  
so dear ,just wait  
no worries .....

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

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

## Diego Rivera

Diego Rivera was an artist, a Mexican born painter. He saw life in color.

Diego was influenced by post impressionist like Paul Cezanne, Gaugin and Van Gogh.

He came from a middle class family, so he wanted his art to be bought by everyone equally, not just the wealthy.

Mr. rivera traveled abroad and studied the works of those before him,

in Spain, he drew with a cubist stlye for a while,

but that came to an end when he got inspiration to return to his native land to paintings of realism.

Murals became is passion.

He showed the life and times along with the struggle of his people.

Diego Rivera grew up idolizing artist all around the world, in due time, people all over the world admired and idolized him.

From Mexico to Spain and all the way to New York he painted his visions,

the M.O.M.A gave him an opportunity for a one man exhibition.

## The antidote

All channels are interrupted by the breaking news world wide... Anchors are ecstatic, some are bawling, happy tears are falling. They did it! they did it! People are celebrating all over, life as we know has changed. Everyone is praising these men and women for their hard work that led to this discovery. We love you!! Thank you!! You're amazing!! They know, they'll have to answer a lot of questions from television and radio interviews. They're prepared. When will we see the test subjects?... There's a few with us today. How does it work?... If they're still in the hospital, it's a simple injection, if they're at their final destination we'll have to excavate skeletons drill tiny holes in bones, fill them with the medication to regrow flesh until they look exactly as they did before death. When does it go on the market?... Immediately. How much will it cost?... The first time it's free but in order to keep production, anytime after they'll be a fee. Prices will differ depending on families budgets, financing will be available. Do you guys think you can supply the definite demand?... Yes. They'll be factories throughout the continents that will be open twenty four hours a day to produce and store the death reversal antidote.

## Ghetto kids

Nights were blue the days were dark,  
from dusk till dawn I was the ghetto teen in the park,  
I was at rock bottom, so I sold rock to get out of rock bottoms  
problems,

Our rent was 250, we could never pay on time, So we copped  
250's, quarter keys Gathered up all the young brave hearts,  
And did hand to hand of cooked grams like a mime, we  
climbed the charts,

Blam blam blam blam blam, eddie ralphy edgar orlando  
bunca, those five shots five names represent a small portion  
of the dead brave hearts of mine,

Us ghetto kids were bought up in hells kitchen, A picture, a  
few candles, we mourned in front of make shift murals,  
while we continued pitching 5 or 10 dollar fixings, The  
same reason, why their in six foot ditches, staring up at the  
eternal ceiling, Us ghetto kids were deemed expendable,  
organ donors, future vegetables for what went on in our  
housing vestibule.

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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Eliza Segiet: Master's Degree in Philosophy, completed postgraduate studies in Cultural Knowledge, Philosophy, Arts and Literature at Jagiellonian University. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The NWNW - Union of Writers of the World.

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.

## The essence

*In the memory of Diego Rivera*

Mexican La Cantina  
it's not soaked with just the will,  
for memory to smolder.  
To survive  
after getting to the other side  
– that's the aim.  
The essence of existence is time  
to live after living  
– the fire of survival.

*Translated Ula de B.*

## Piercing

Among people, pierce  
unrecognizable shadows,  
but sometime in the light  
they will cease to be just them.  
It may turn out  
that we are  
part of the resurrected world.

Mourned long ago  
are among us.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Involuntarily

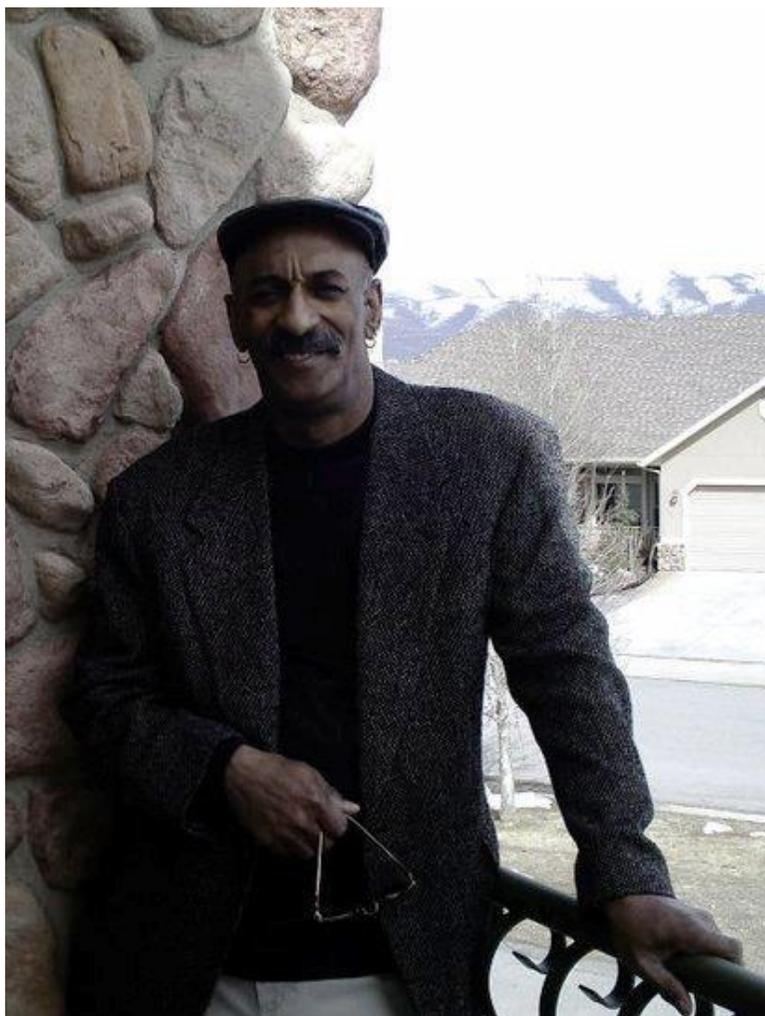
When we are  
anointed with life,  
marked by destiny,  
we wonder  
why  
the same Demiurge  
gives us life and death?  
Why  
do we have to  
agree on destiny?

Often –  
involuntarily.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

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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## Diego

Diego María de la Concepción Juan Nepomuceno  
Estanislao de la Rivera y Barrientos Acosta y Rodríguez

They had more names for me,  
But I would rather not repeat them.

My non Frisco Frescos  
Started a movement  
That disturbed many

I fathered many . . .  
Within the art  
And without . . .  
It was all life for me . . .

I was one  
Who just needed  
To try different embraces,  
Even in the women I loved

Frida was the most notable  
And we exploded  
Until the day she died . . .  
Our volcanic partnership in  
Love and art  
Spawned yet  
Another turning  
Of history's page

Read about me

My name is Diego . . .  
Diego María de la Concepción Juan Nepomuceno  
Estanislao de la Rivera y Barrientos Acosta y Rodríguez

## The Plantation Blues

I dun caught me a case  
Of those Plantation Blues

You see,  
Every once in a while  
We Colored Folks,  
Or as I like to put it ...  
Hued-Mans  
Wake Up,  
I swear we still  
On the Plantation  
Yas suh...

We still being hunted,  
Killed,  
And sometimes hung,  
But if you ain't dead yet,  
Know that many  
Of dem dere other folks  
Wish you were!

75 years ago  
I be waking up  
As a Negro,  
Then we was Colored Folk,  
Some still called us Niggers  
.....  
But now ...  
I am Black,  
I am an African American....  
Some times,  
Even I has troubles

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Understanding who I am,  
Especially in the eyes  
Of dem otha folks . . .  
And sum of dem  
Still call us Niggahs

I aintz pickin'  
Yo cotton no-mo . . .  
Maybe that's why youz mad  
At me,  
At us,  
At yo-self.

Seems to me,  
We ain't neva gonna be free.  
Shit, FREE is just a word they sold  
To us.  
Told to us  
That we could begin to think  
We wuz ....

.....  
Just ask all dem dere  
Brothas and Sistahs  
Behind the barbed wire  
Adorned in orange jumpsuits ....  
Iz dey free? . . .  
Have dey ever been?

Yeah, we free to die,  
Free to entertain,  
Doin' the 'Step and Fetchit' 2 step,  
Coonin' our way thru  
The BB . . . Bias Bullshit . . .  
Yeah, we be free.  
Free to shut-up, keep quiet  
And remain subservient

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I even saw a couple of the ignorant ones  
Suggesting ...  
Slavery should be brought back ...  
Well, I may not be free  
In many ways,  
But I ain't neva gonna be put  
In nobody's chains,  
Especially doze mental ones

I am so damn tired of  
Being lied on,  
Demonized,  
Dehumanized,  
Deceived,  
Exploited,  
And used  
For target practice

Yeah I think I be comin' down  
With a case of  
Dem dere Plantation Blues,

If dis is this a dream,  
Should I wake up,  
If I do,  
It def'nly will become  
Someone else's nightmare

The Plantation Blues

## Moving on . . .

He walked hungrily.  
Through the fields  
Seeking . . .  
Seeking what,  
He did not know . . .  
In particular,  
He just knew  
That it existed . . .  
Something  
That was calling loudly  
To his soul

He walked hungrily.  
Through the fields

And some times he ran

Moving On . . .

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Featured Poets

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Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Jaydeep Sarangi

Rose Zerguine

Bismay Mohanty

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Paramita  
Mukherjee  
Mullick

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Dr. Paramita Mukherjee Mullick is a scientist transformed into a well-loved poet. She has six books and her poems have been widely published in India and abroad. A few of her poems have been translated into 39 languages. Paramita has been blessed with numerous awards like the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore award, Poetess of Elegance 2019 award and many more. She started and is the President of the Mumbai Chapter of the Intercultural Poetry and Performance Library where she promotes fusion of poetry with other performing arts. She also promotes indigenous poetry, peace poetry and multilingual poetry. She received the Gold Rose from MS Productions, Buenos Aires for promoting literature and culture. She is an editor as well, edited an international journal previously and is editing for a publishing house at present. She lives in Mumbai, India with her husband and daughter.

## The Search for Completeness

The new mother looks at the smile of her child.  
Her heart fills with joy.  
The new human fills her heart.  
A happiness more than any jazzy toy.

A mother and wife, looks after her family.  
Feeds them and lovingly them nourish.  
Selfless, compassionate and kind.  
Her happiness to see her children and husband flourish.

A father and a husband, toils the whole day.  
To make the family prosperous and comfortable.  
Only others in his mind when working hard.  
Bringing his family members in the forefront and making  
them able.

The giving of oneself to another.  
An emotion which is all above.  
The search for completeness ends with this emotion.  
It is the definition less, fathomless love.

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The yellow leaves on the branch became yellow and fell off.

Green new leaves sprouted on the branch again.

A brief shower of rain quenched the thirst of the earth.

The sweet-smelling earth heaved a sigh of relief.

The kingfisher fled by, here it was and then lost from sight.

Its dazzling colours lingering in my eyes.

Suddenly the melodious music from the flute player on the street.

Arouses my senses and I get immersed in that music.

Such is the magic of impermanence.

The short spell enchants us.

A brief encounter with a stranger,

May lead to a beautiful friendship.

These moments are to be cherished and preserved.

Time for such beautiful moments to be reserved.

From Darkness to Light

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From darkness to light  
I walk on and on.  
The road clears in front of me.  
I open my eyes and YOU I see.

From ignorance to knowledge  
I walk on and on.  
The knots open, the path clears.  
YOU make me walk with my dears.

From hatred to forgiveness  
I walk on and on.  
Sadness gives way to happiness in the journey.  
I look inside and see YOU in me.

Jaydeep  
Sarangi

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Jaydeep Sarangi is a widely anthologized and reviewed bilingual poet with eight collections in English latest being *Heart Raining the Light* (2020) released in Rome. Sarangi has read his poems in different shores of the globe. His later readings were at Flinders University, University of Western Australia, University of South Australia, University of Wollongong, Perth Poetry Club (Australia), University of Udine (Italy) and University of Rezesow (Poland). Sarangi is on the editorial boards of different journals featuring poetry and articles on poetry like *Mascara Literary Review*, *Transnational Literature*, (Australia), *Teesta*, *WEC* (India). Among his recent awards, the Setu Award of Excellence for 2019 (Petersburg, USA). He is a professor of English and principal at New Alipore College, Kolkata.. E mail: jaydeepsarangi@gmail.com

## Social Distancing

a spam  
a troll  
swear words flare up.  
My bones are  
sleeping in a tent,  
selfie embracing ideas.  
Life is just flaming  
here, and beyond.  
beyond contacts,  
Fast fading and sharing  
The face is no face.  
Mobile screen is a romantic halo.  
The Moon makes no one lunatic.  
  
All virtual. All for a passing stint.

## Happy Days

A blue lid, frayed at its edges,  
used excessively, day and night.  
It only yearns for what it has lost  
in the company of distance and days.

Let us press hard, and all shall see  
Glory of our happy Deity.  
After this spell of rain.

## My Sweet Home Town

There is peace after a homely noise  
my mother sleeps safe after the evening chants.

The earth watches  
I take the pigeons out every day.

Every pain has a remedy  
with men and women rising.

Fair green Mistress  
I bear a rooted grief.

I speak with your words.  
I peel out juice of happiness.

Rosę  
Zęrguinę

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WARDA ZERGUINE Is born in Guelma (east of ALGERIA)

She is a writer, researcher in the popular oral tradition and Journalist (member of union algerian journalists), also she was a former senior executive in "ALGERIENNE DES EAUX".WARDA ZERGUINE has published 03 works, a book entitled : "ALANKOUD" on folk proverbs and popular puzzles, "IIIUMINATIONS" about the revolutionary folk songs in Guelma region and "JAWAHAR" a second part of the folk proverbs and popular puzzles.

She Participated in many festivals in algeria – tunisia – jordan .

And participated in different international anthologies : mesopotamia cultural center belgrade –serbia- on 2018 , 2019 and 2020 , collection of universal poetry "jasmine and love collars" in tunisia.

She wrote and recited different poems in different languages : arrabic , english and french.

She is a member of algerian artists.

## Love at the time of the siege

At the crossroads of climb  
Be my lover  
O wave that carried me  
Tide is no longer scary  
And no longer in the doll fountain  
Except your love  
Pull me chest swing to you  
From you picked up my wedding  
I flirt with staying  
O you who drowned me  
Do you wipe off my maps?  
Or pick me up from exile gazelle  
For my seasons I love you  
he said to equal text  
Its depreciable text  
I love you he said  
Do not migrate except to my blood  
You are my mirror to see me  
I comb your pillow and sleep  
Almighty says that I do not stay alone  
I fear my estrangement from me  
You be my compass to reach you  
My love, you are the Transfiguration  
If I have a love disk in my left  
My love, you are a Lust for the character  
If I have the texts of love with my right  
I love you to be the beginning  
And I love you to be the end

## DECISION

I'm not from you  
You are not from me  
You are not of my bread and my provision  
You are not a specter of my nostalgia  
You are not an extension creek  
You're not the crazy melody  
You are not a glimmer of my heart  
You are not the whisper of my eyelids  
And you are not the flow of observer  
I'm looking at you .. Maybe  
And maybe..  
My call is calling me  
My country is not your country  
And my sky is not your sky  
My refusal is a spiritual mystery  
And beyond your imagination  
And my ambition ..  
From my passion  
Explodes stubborn rock  
So build ..  
Ruin  
What is impossible to build  
You are not mine  
When you said  
Let's go ..  
We manage  
Our high star  
Let him draw our path  
Give him gifts  
Maybe he is satisfied  
I'm not from you  
When you call ..

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In humility and supplication  
Keep an eye on delayed bereavement  
And honorable dignities  
Hey..  
Hold on  
The will of the universe  
Is an action ..  
Determination  
Refusal..  
And heaven's decision  
You who are not of me..  
Do not say..  
Luck wants.

## Tales

They told me in my boyhood..  
About a lot..  
About evil spirits  
ghosts..  
and Goblins..  
I became the one who loved the stories..  
a long time ago..  
I take every opportunity  
I race time to know..  
What I don't know..  
But I know  
That my fear  
From the praises of the story..  
And here we grow  
And These stories never grew  
On my growing fear..  
a long time ago..  
We are not from Him  
Yesterday we wanted fear..  
We did not hide  
From the stories of robbery  
And then we became like those stories.  
And any stories..?  
We have turned to everything  
How to share bread  
And a cup of milk  
The important..  
The ceiling of the tale brings us together  
And boy's hymns..  
The important..  
Everything is shared..  
The joy of the little child

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Painful heart pain  
Everything is shared  
We fear for our stories..  
And our ogres..  
Goblins  
a long time ago..  
all beautiful turned down  
toughing we would build beautifully..  
So we woke up on stories..  
There are no trust goblins..  
And no ghosts  
The bread is no longer a melody..  
Even if it is not shared  
I don't know my way  
I may be from not.

Bismay  
Mohanty

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Bismay is an IT professional from India who is currently also pursuing a degree in English. He has published two poetry books till now and is working on his short story collection. He loves cycling, have bibliophile friends and plays PC games in his spare time. Having a keen interest in literature, he also helps his juniors achieve their writing potentials by guiding with whatever available resources.

He first got published in YOTP back in January 2015 when he was in high school. After finishing his degree, he now aims to make the best use of his skills and is under constant learning for the same. Naturally, Bismay feels 'The Power of the Subconscious Mind' by Joseph Murphy as his guardian angel book, which he believes to have miraculously brought many improvisations to his way of writing.

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## A decade ago

Not long back, one day  
She stood at the balcony.  
Her brother's friend had come to meet him  
The boy on cycle looked at her blank  
As if never seen a girl before  
Or never someone so beautiful  
Did she match his imagination?  
Of fictional characters  
In books and movies.

She smiled at him  
And kept smiling back each time  
When she knew that he came daily  
Just to see her in the evening  
From the same balcony-road distance  
Properly maintained;  
No, the era wasn't that of the pandemic  
When people stood at distance  
And wore masks,  
Love was always a virus though.

She recalls today on the same balcony  
When the friends are no more there  
Who claimed 'You deserve better!'  
Seeing his curly hair and skeletal body,  
And various aspects that were not proper.  
He no longer comes to see her  
After standing there for hours  
Through winters and all summer,  
Heavy rain not to forget at all;  
She never made any effort.

In the twenty first century,  
When parents disown children  
If they aren't born as intended,

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He denies to learn it right away  
That stories in real don't resemble  
Those they show in books and movies,  
Who will want to relate to a tragedy?  
Even when the same exists and we all live it  
It would have been different, if decades ago  
Had society taken AK Ramanujan seriously.

A few decades later again  
Now he wanders lonely as a ghost,  
She stands still at the balcony for hours,  
Kin of either family are now long gone,  
Now they both think in their despondency  
If all their lives were a life, trying to figure  
Why do we glorify hatred with bullets and bomb?  
And find love all the more explicit  
Nevertheless, his funeral passed the same road  
Where her grey hair flew and landed on him.

## Friends of formalities

Hello you Sir!  
That you are cutting off calls  
For you don't want to quaver  
Rather show not to anyone  
That times can be tougher  
Why care for it an image after all?  
Oh! Are you a motivational speaker?  
Doesn't matter any if you hide anyway  
Sure, let distress give you tremor  
Cry, sleep, lose appetite, love insomnia  
This schedule can go on forever  
Otherwise, you could talk you know?  
But with whom? That question is a fever  
Try and trust once, not again will you  
When the interest or ability to solve is mere  
Still let's be in touch, after all you can die  
Without my "Happy Birthday Dear"!

## Turn Around

Left the music player back at home  
Today I wanted to listen to myself  
Showed myself the moon at its brightest white  
There is much beauty in the endless streetlights  
Extending their ways up to infinity  
Honking buses have tired passengers returning home  
Excited children on bikes and cars in opposite direction  
Such visual along with the pleasant air that flew  
A scooter passes by and I gaze  
A girl as she turns around  
To look me in the eye  
And recall hauntings of the past  
With all love and prayers to Almighty  
No sooner did the pleasant atmosphere go  
And became the nature a dark realm of ghosts  
Shrieking about the nights where there were cries  
Ruminating upon an idea of the value  
Of people who do not remain at hard times  
Let feelings pass like the bad old days  
Time would come and both will eventually forget  
The mere existence of each other  
And it was all fine till this evening  
Hallucinating one epitaphs on the sidewalk  
Adoring “dead in love” over it  
Withdrawing from the great idea  
I turned back to walk my way home.

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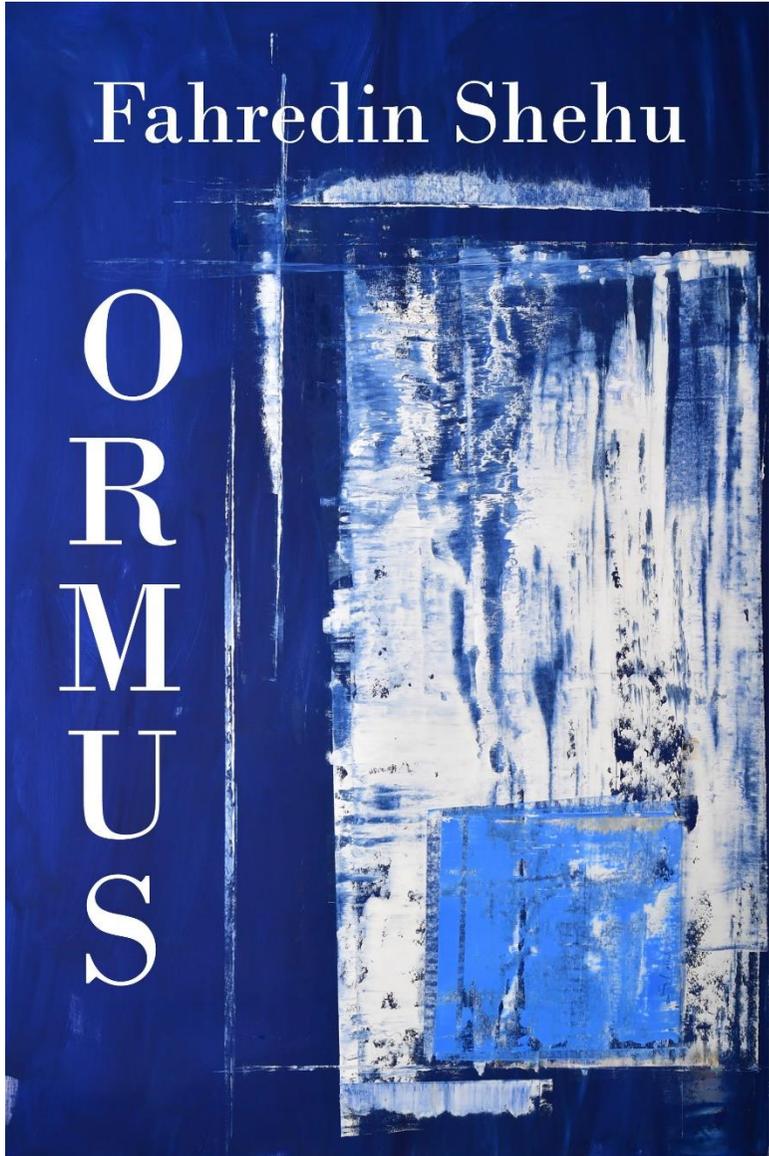
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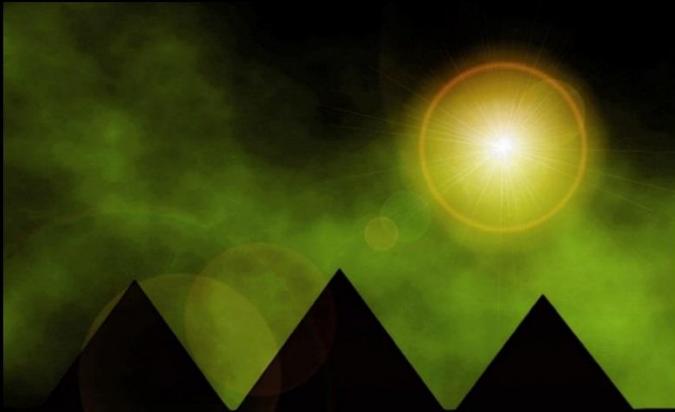
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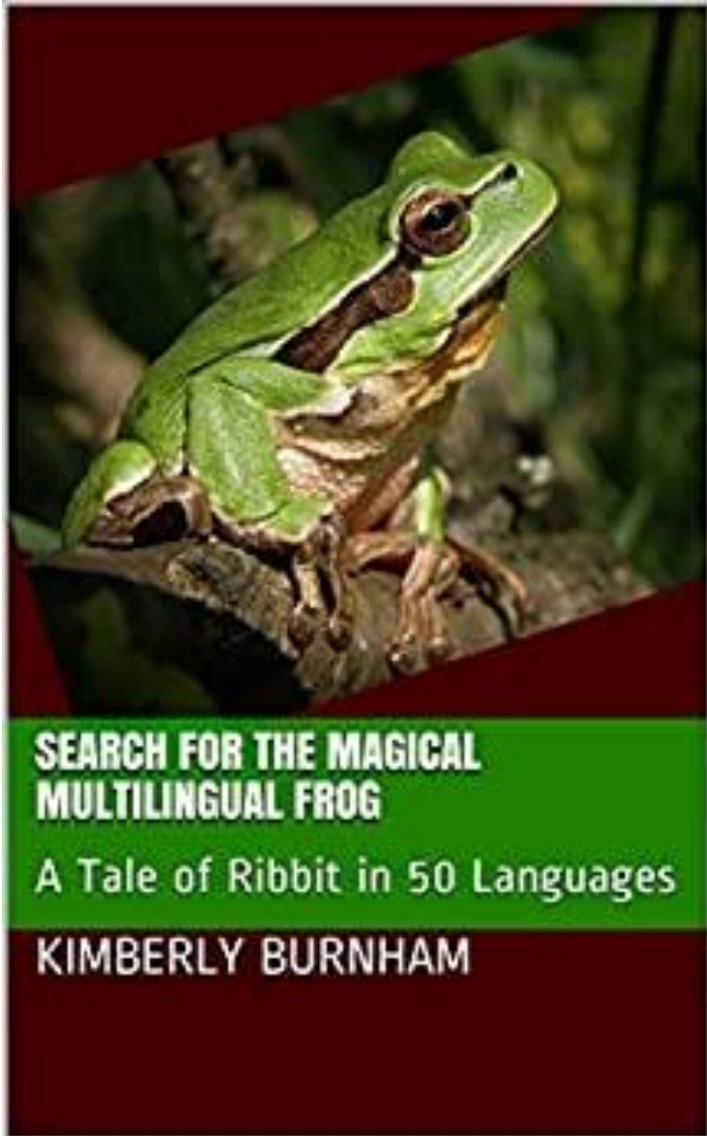


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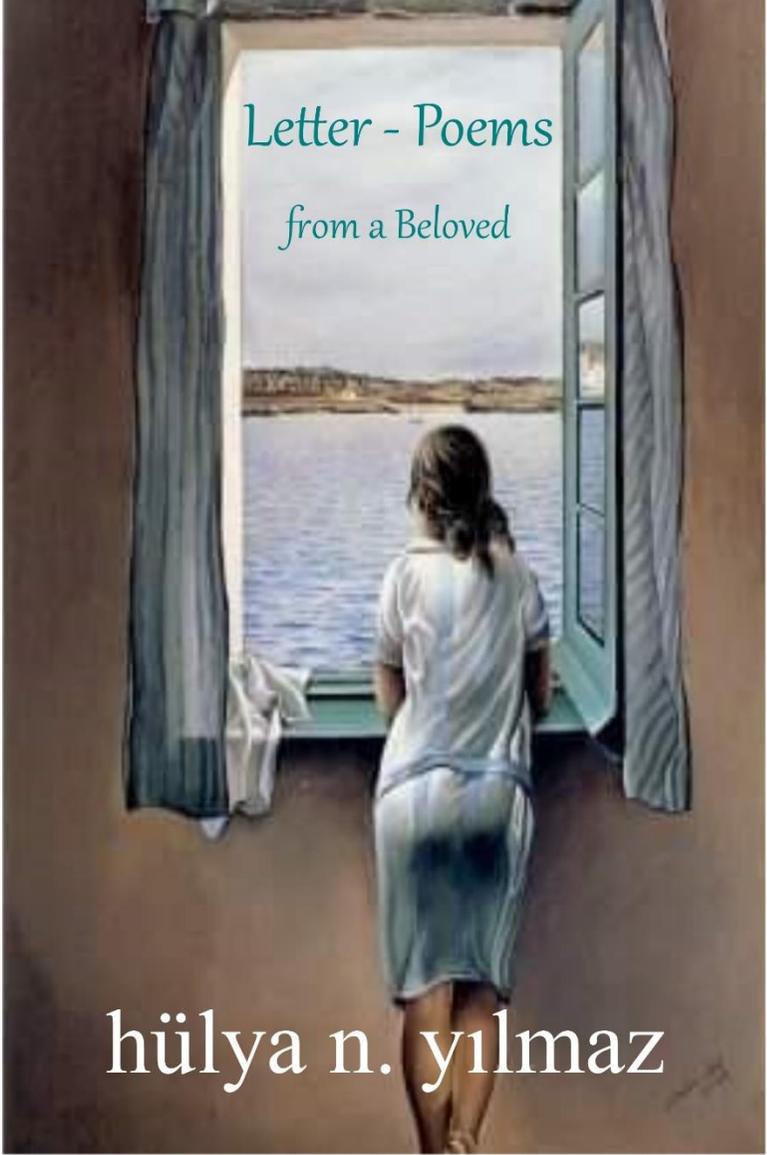
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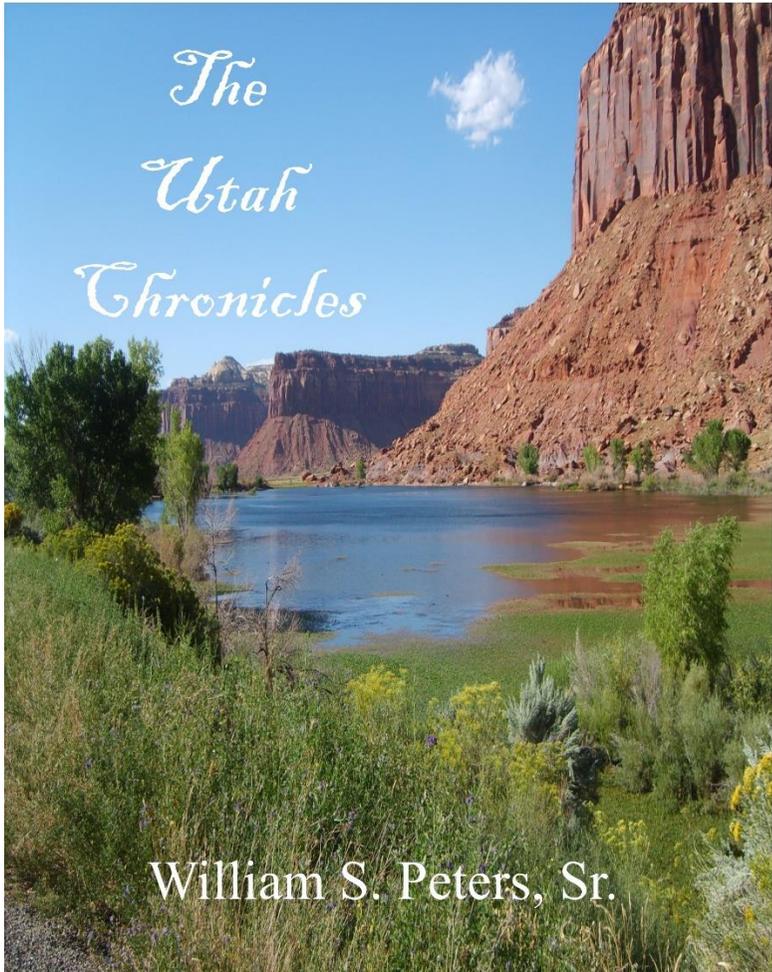
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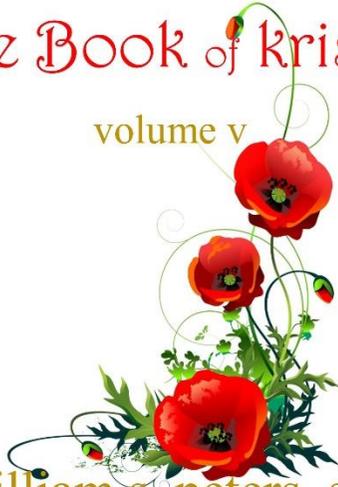
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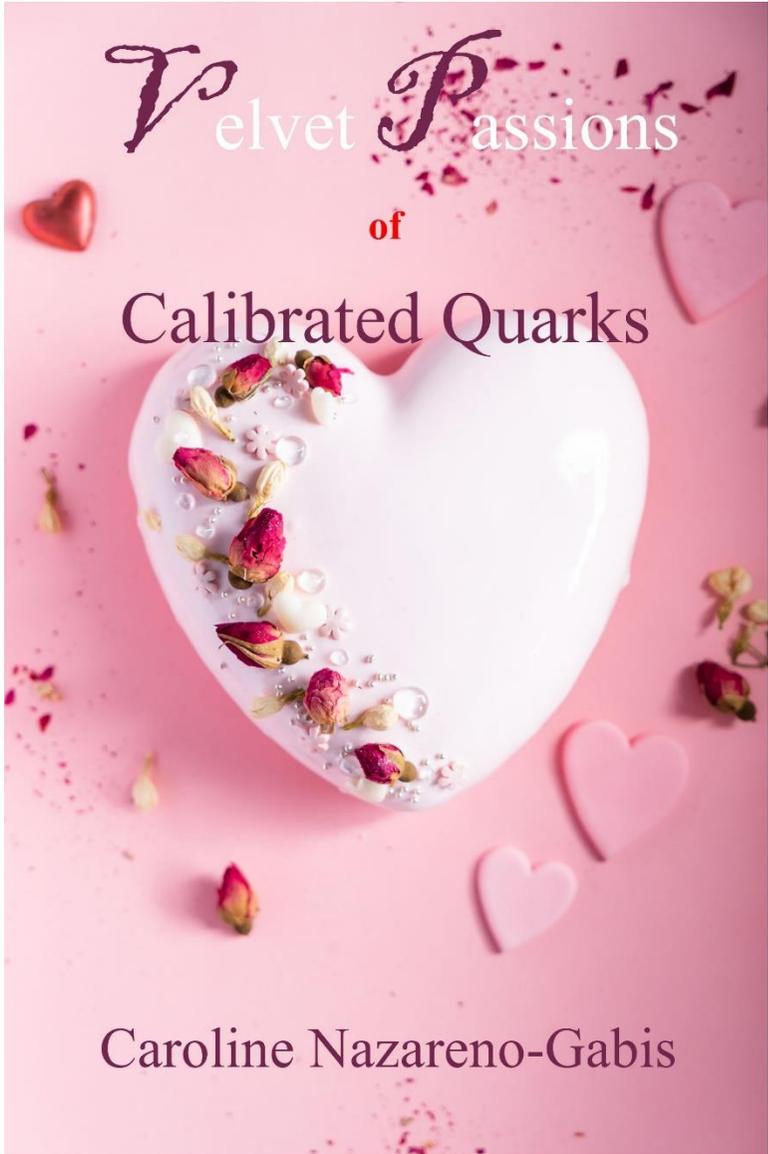


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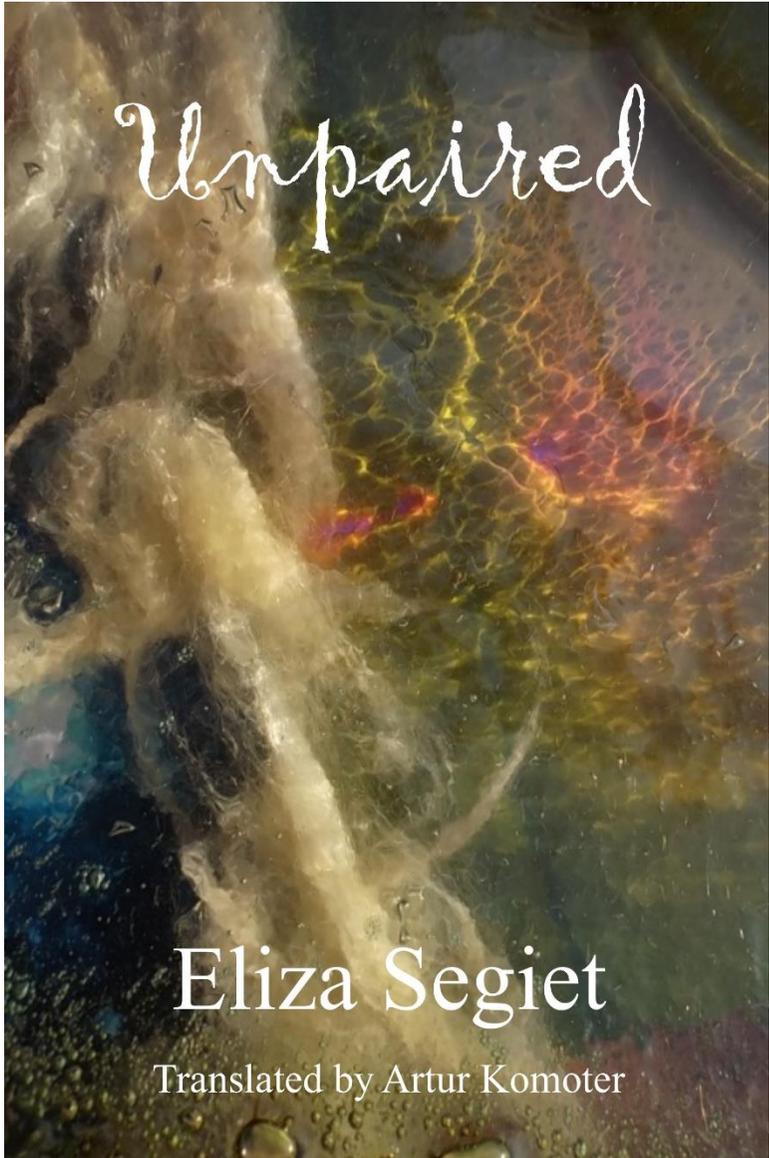
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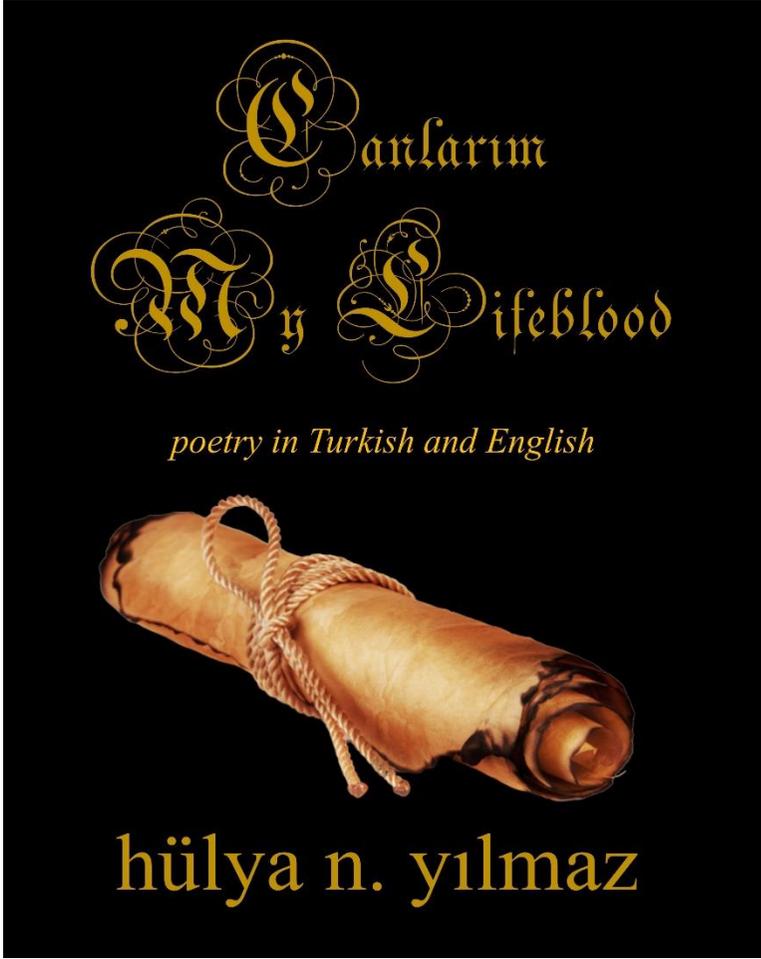
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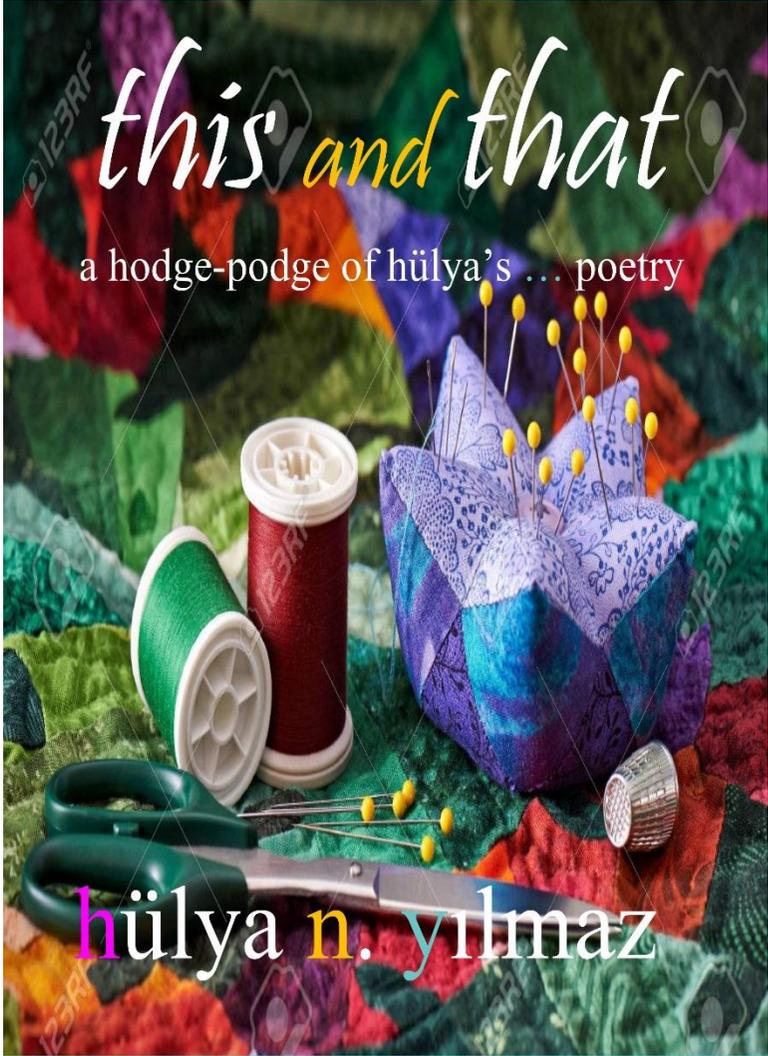
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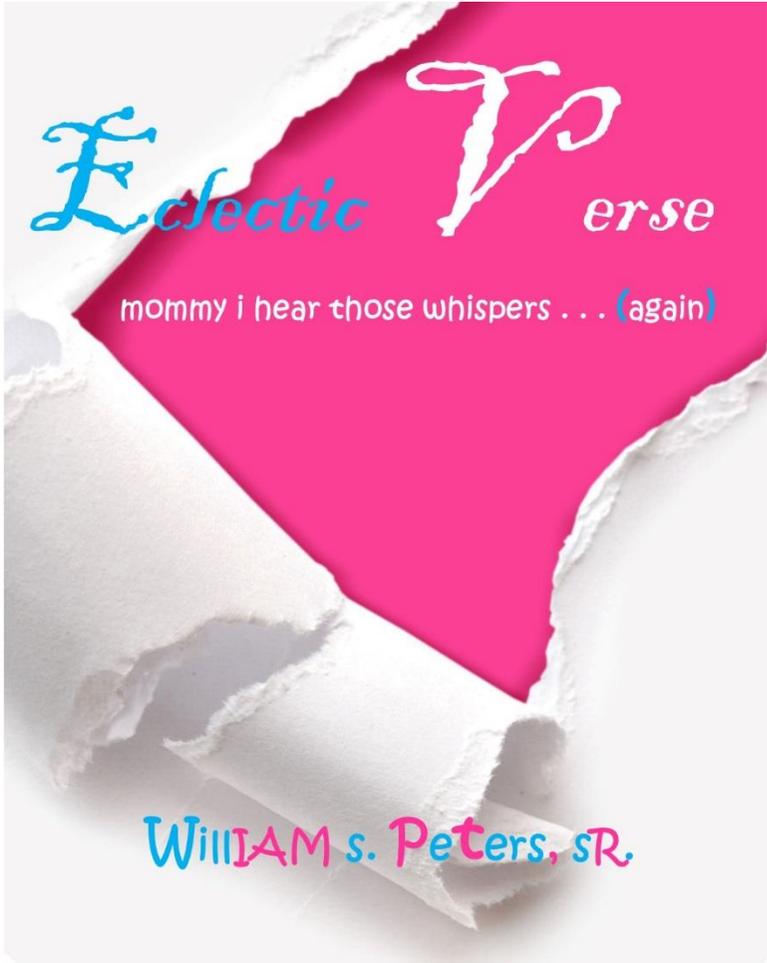
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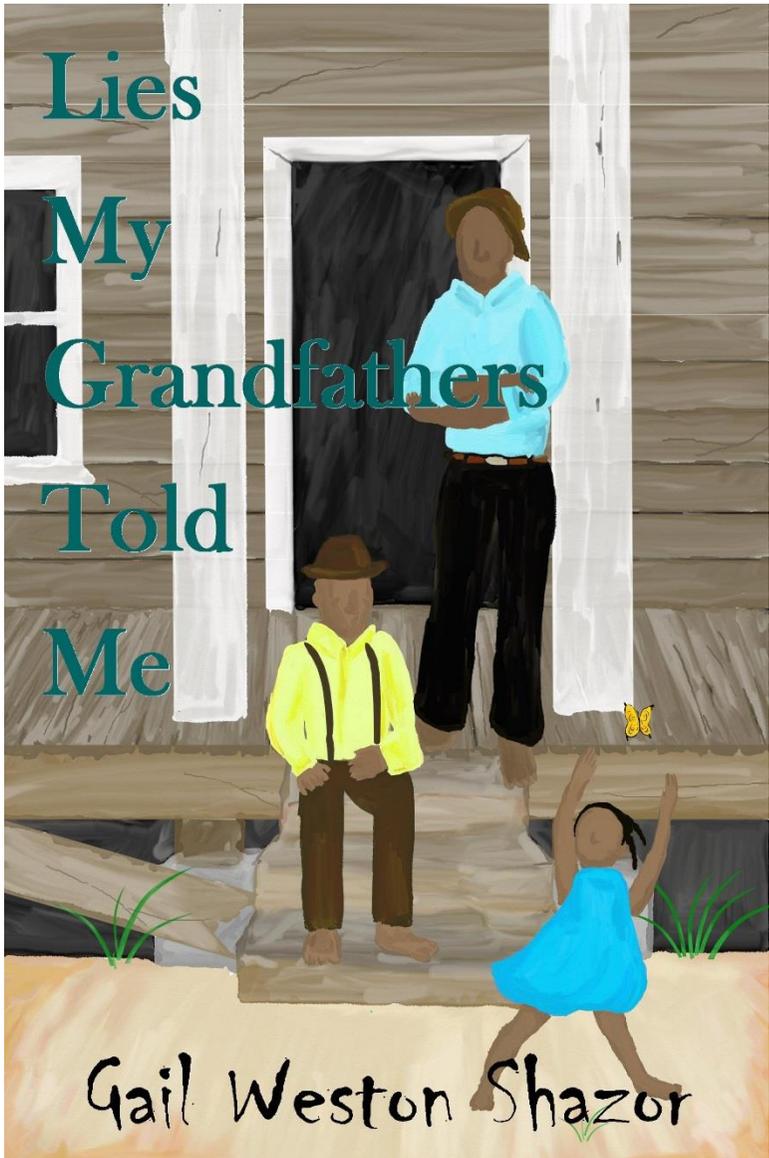
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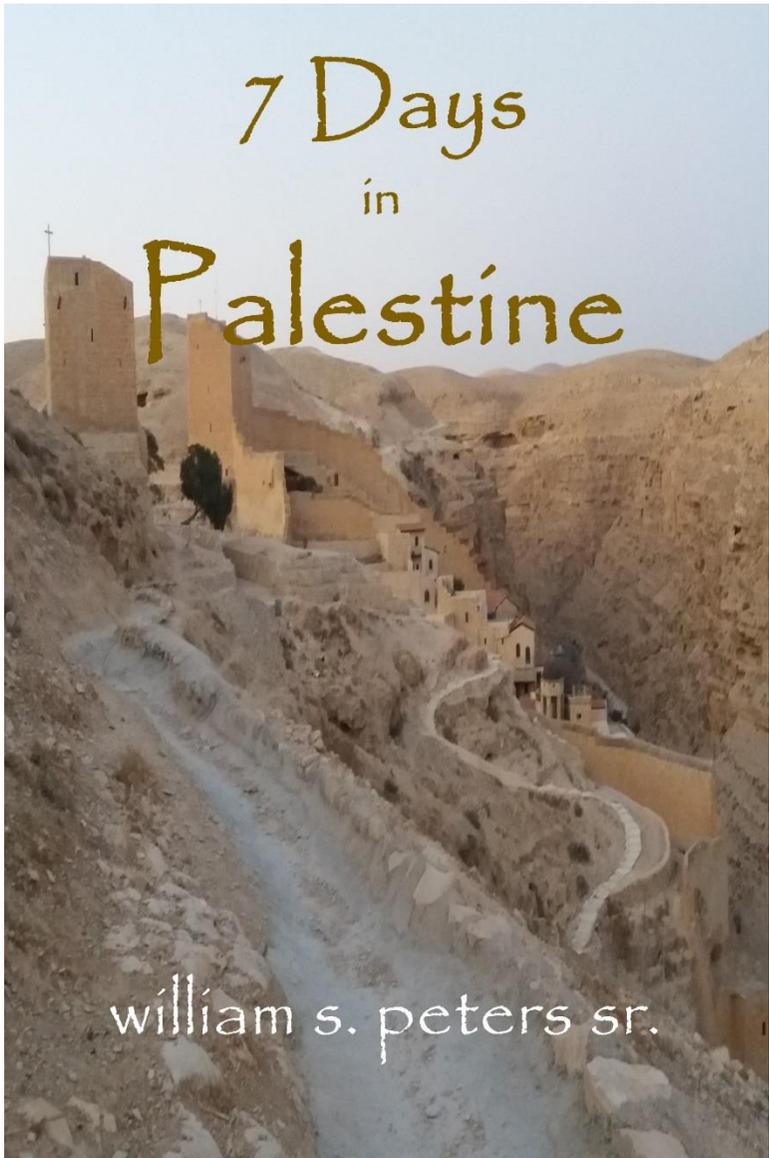
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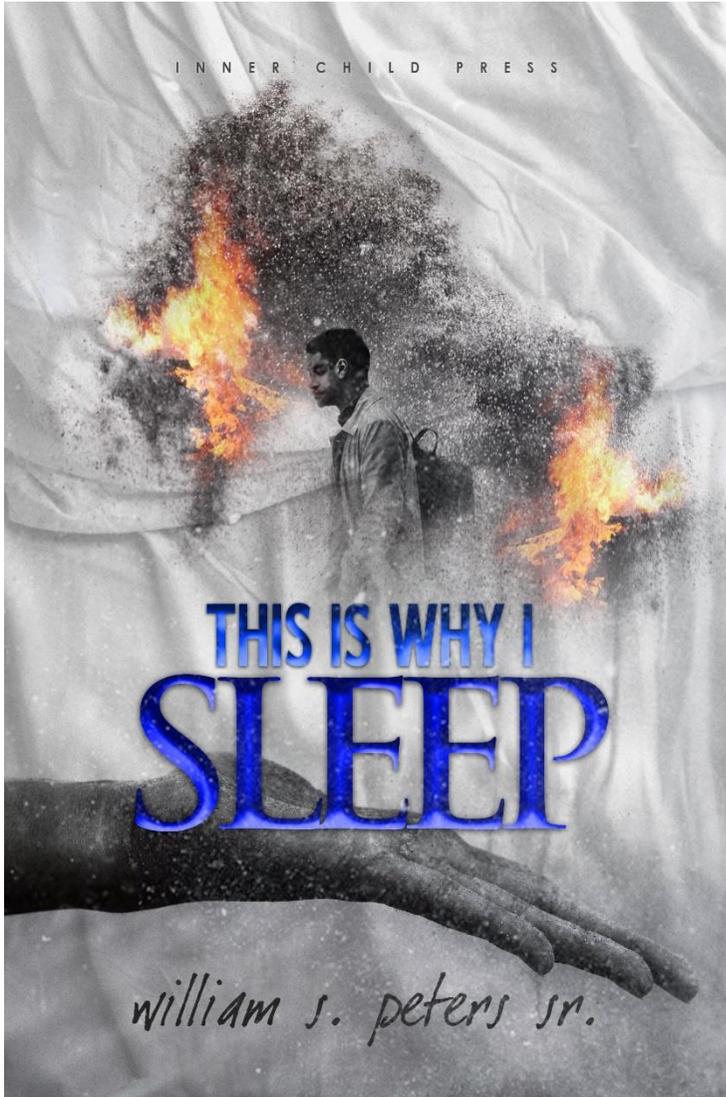
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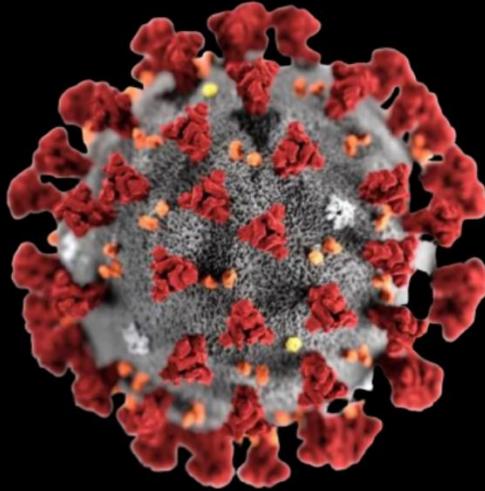
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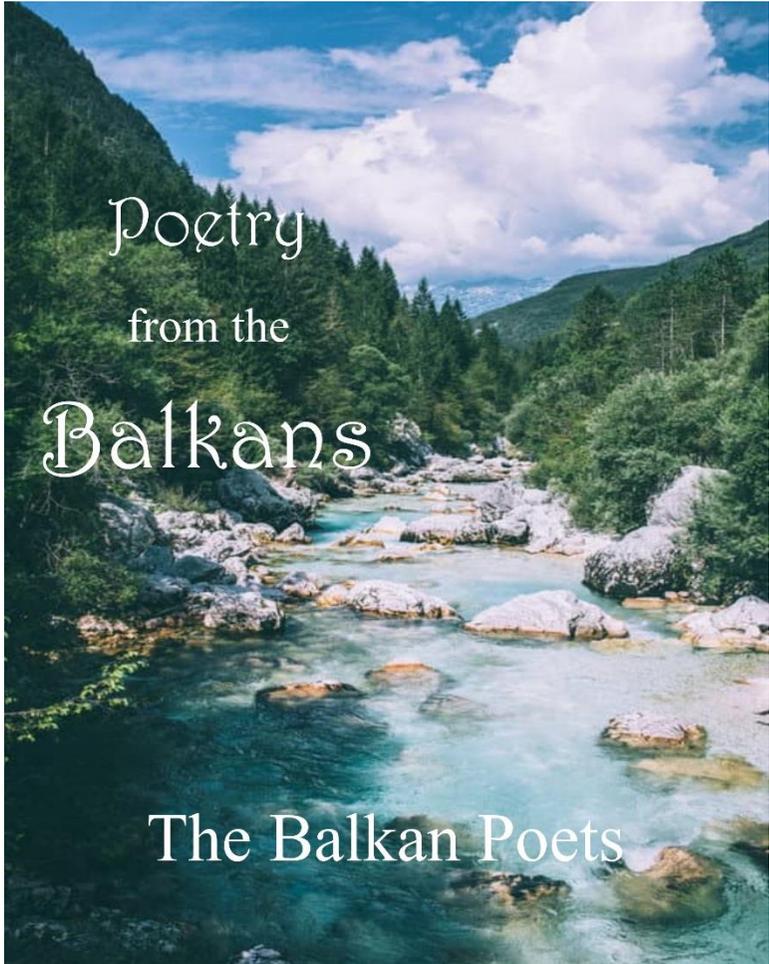


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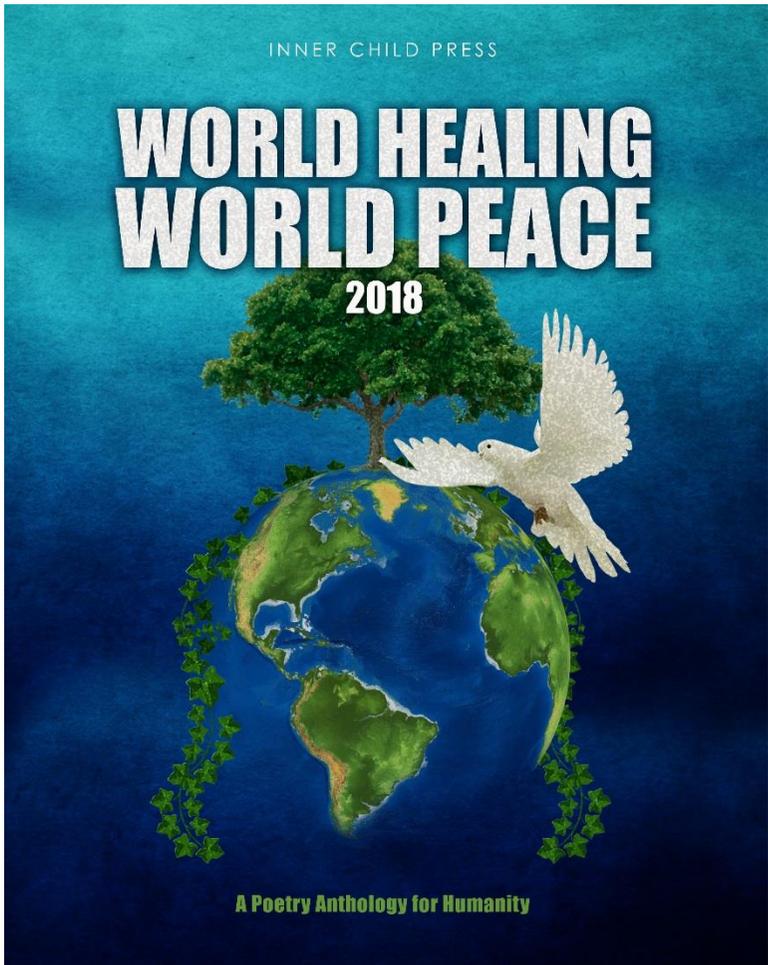
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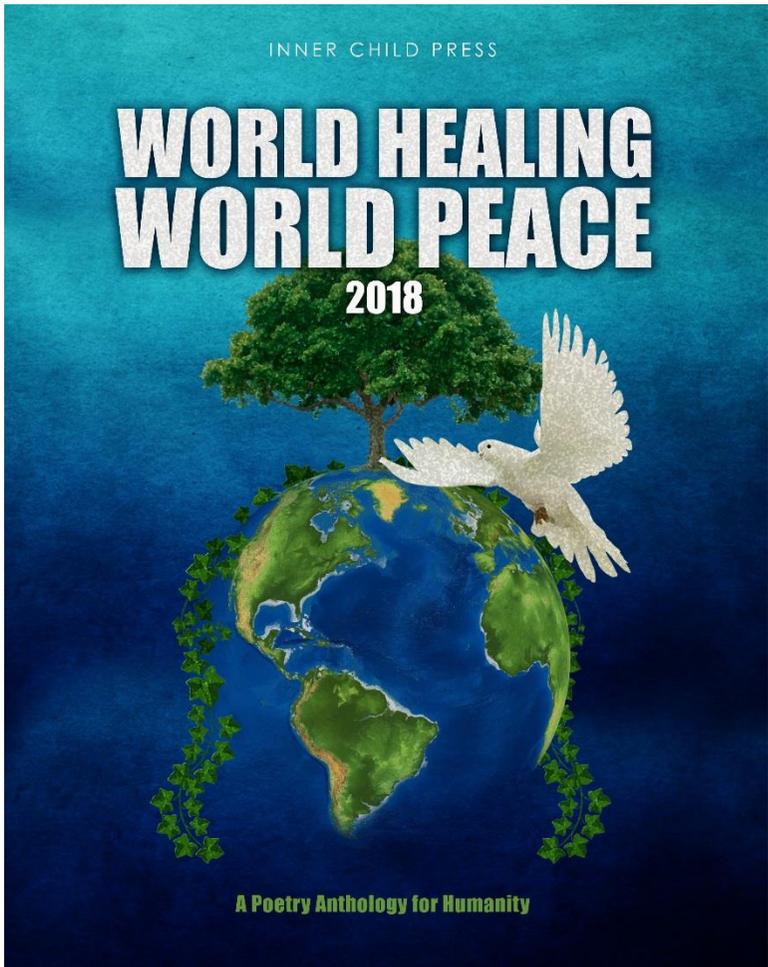


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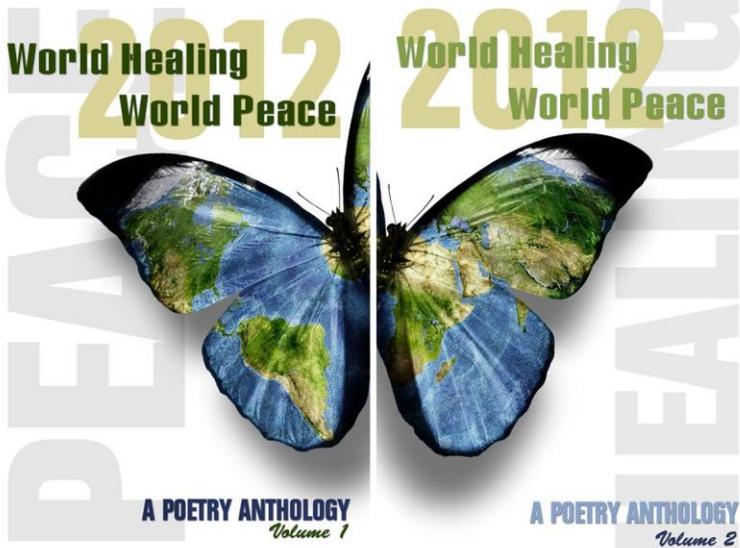
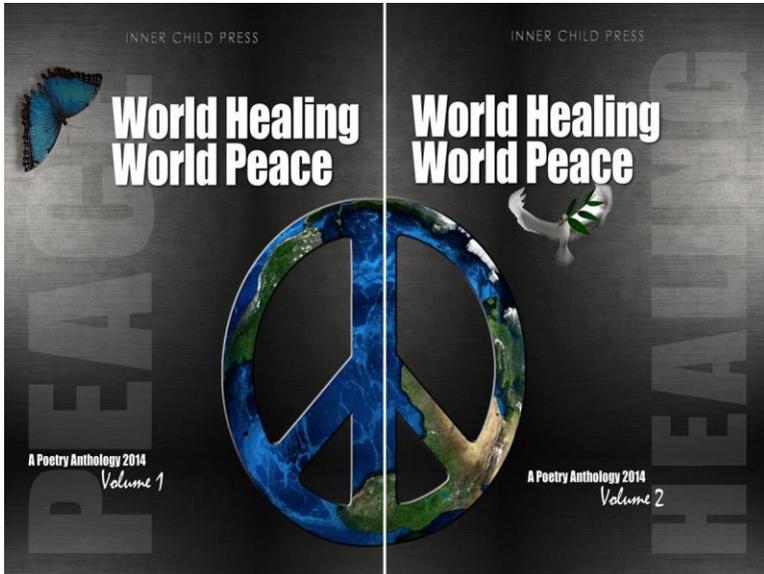
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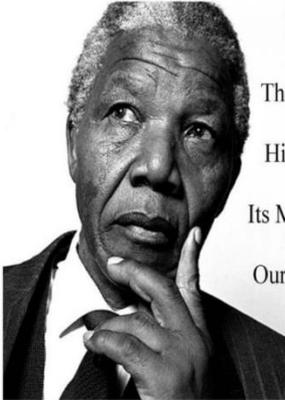
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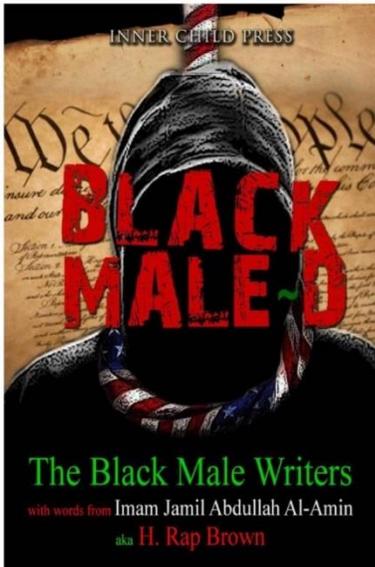
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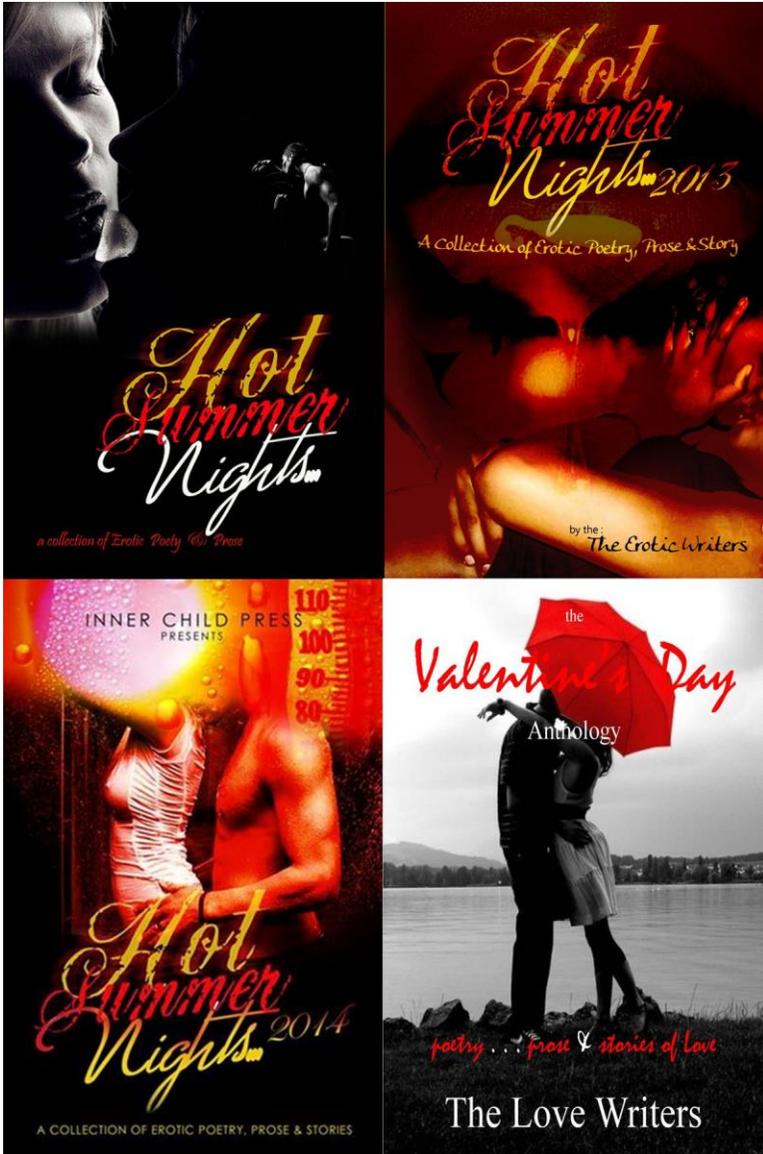


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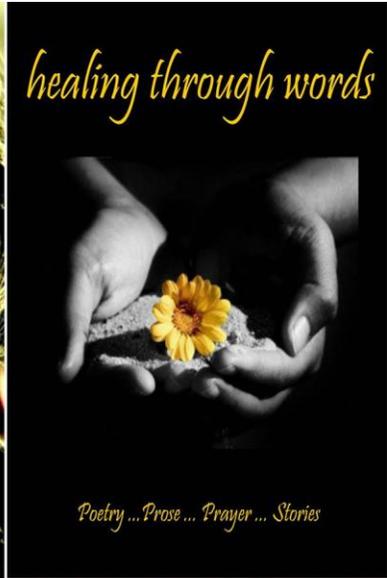
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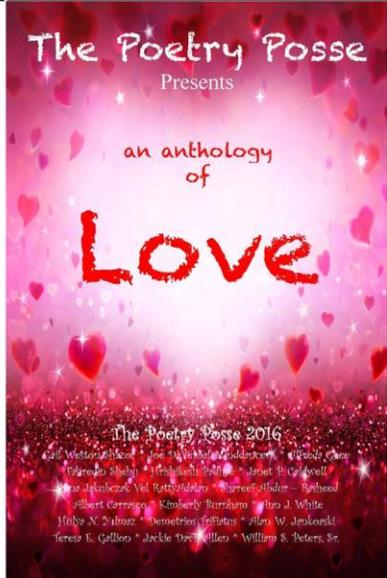
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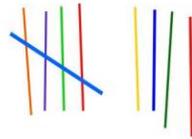
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Carnation

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
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### Our January Feature

Terri L. Johnson

## the Year of the Poet

February 2014



violets

### The Poetry Posse

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### Our February Features

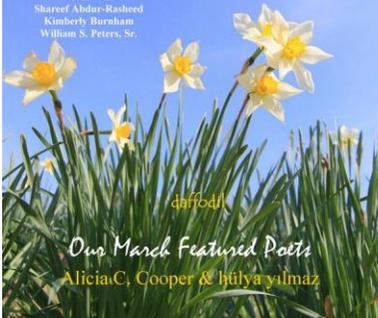
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## the Year of the Poet

March 2014

### The Poetry Posse

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daffodil

### Our March Featured Poets

Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

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April 2014

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### Our April Featured Poets

Fahredin Shahu  
Martina Reisz Newberry  
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May 2014

*May's Featured Poets*  
ReeCee  
Joski the Poet  
Shannon Stanton



*Dedicated To our Children*

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*Lily of the Valley*

**the Year of the Poet**  
June 2014



*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

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

**The Poetry Posse**  
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July 2014

*July Feature Poets*  
Christiana A. V. Williams  
Dr. John R. Strum  
Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert Tofthite Carrasco  
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**Lotus**  
*Asian Flower of the Month*

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**

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**August Feature Poets**  
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September 2014

Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Charm of September-Birdseye Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

### The Poetly Poase

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert In'White Carrasco • Siddantha Beth Pierce  
Saret P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonnell • Debbie A. Allen • Tony Henninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



### The Poetly Poase

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Joe DeVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



### The Poetly Poase

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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Massman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hight

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014



Narcissus

### The Poetly Poase

Jamie Bond  
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Albert In'White Carrasco  
Siddantha Beth Pierce  
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**Garnet**

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Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahradin Shehu  
Hulya N. Yilmaz  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohanté \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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February 2015

**Amethyst**



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Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
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Robert Gibbons  
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Fahradin Shehu  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

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



**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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April 2015

**Celebrating International Poetry Month**  
**Our Featured Poets**  
Raja Williams \* Dennis Ferado \* Laure Charazac



**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
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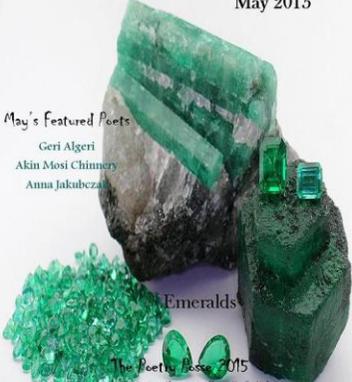
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Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimmy  
Anna Jakubczak

Emeralds

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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June's Featured Poets  
Anahit Arastamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



Pearl

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July 2015

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



Rubies

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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasiz  
Christopher Schultz



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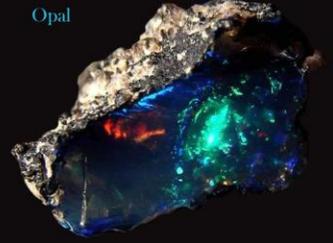
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 Featured Poets  
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Sapphires

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



Opal

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 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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 Featured Poets  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore



Topaz

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



Turquoise

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 Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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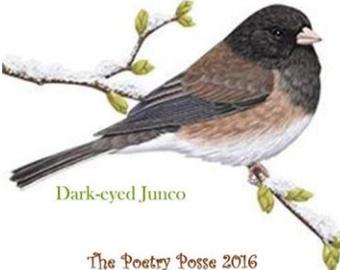
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### Featured Poets

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Dark-eyed Junco

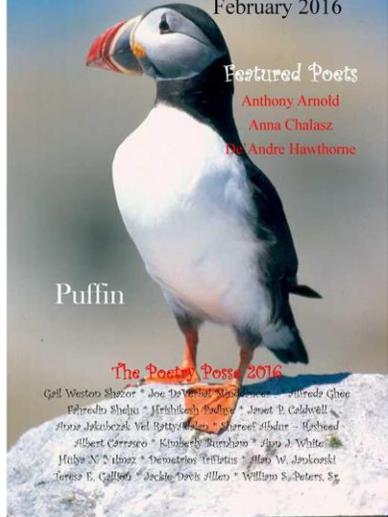
### The Poetry Posse 2016

Gail Weston Shazor \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Rattyvidalaz \* Anna J. White  
Fahreddin Shelhi \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Joe DaVerbal Mindbender \* Shereef Alhadi \* Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Keith Allen Jamilton  
Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Trifiliotis \* Allen W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

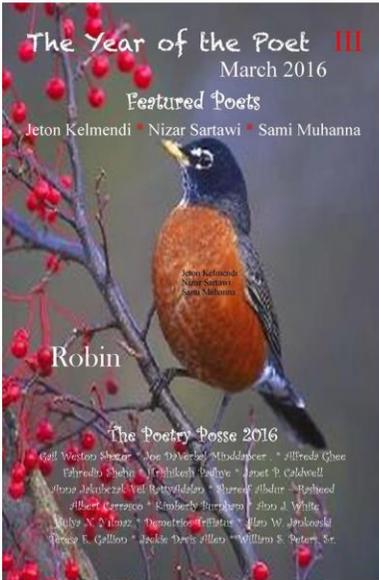
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

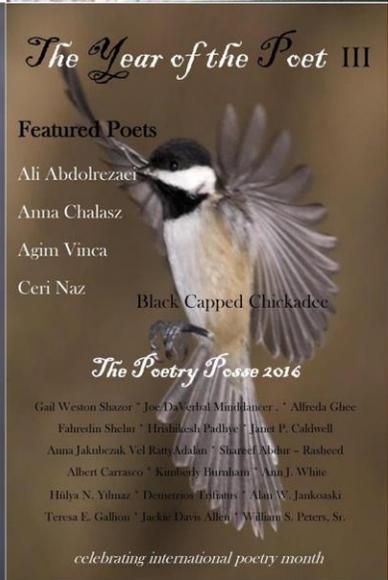
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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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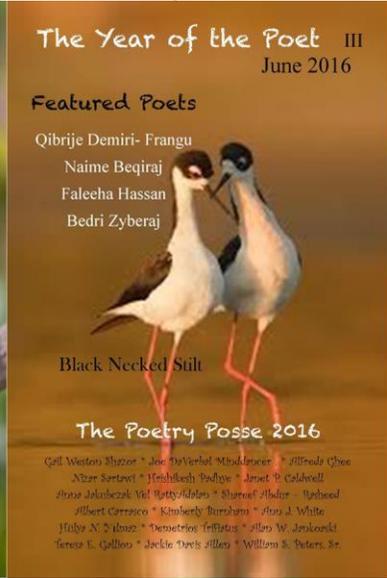
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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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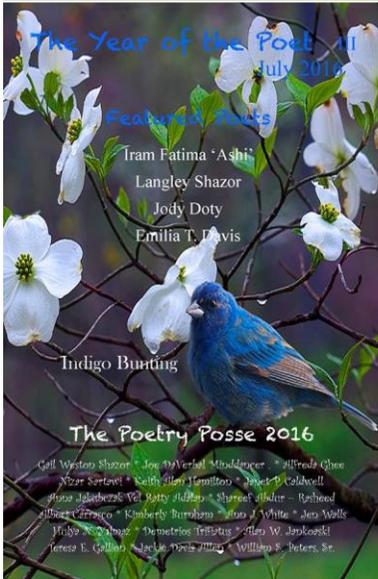
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Qibrje Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj



Black Necked Stilt

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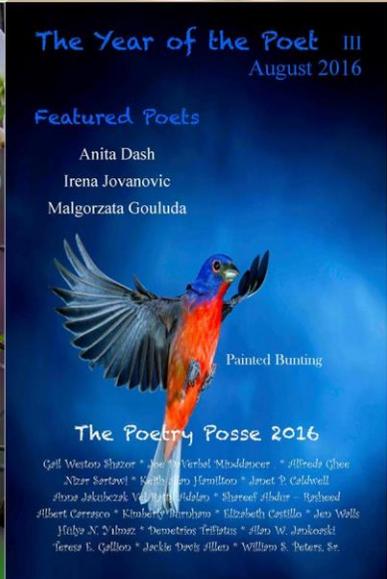
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Iram Fatima 'Ashii  
Langley Shazor  
Jody Doty  
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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



Painted Bunting

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Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novicio

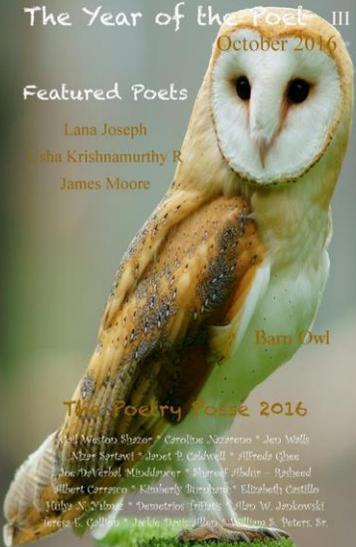


Long Billed Curle

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

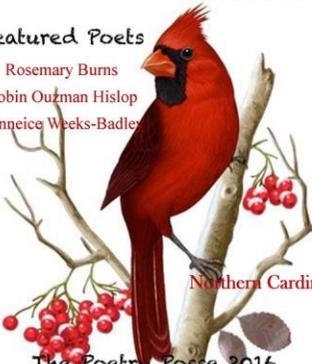


Barn Owl

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November 2016

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

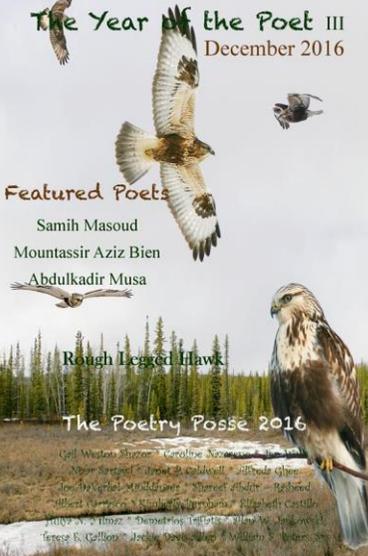


Northern Cardinal

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December 2016

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



Rough Legged Hawk

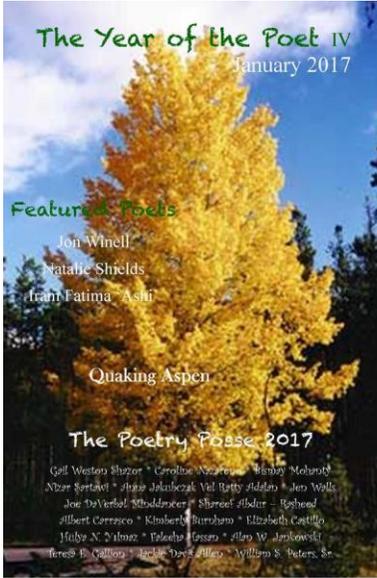
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Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Jean Fatima Asali

**Quaking Aspen**

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017



**Featured Poets**

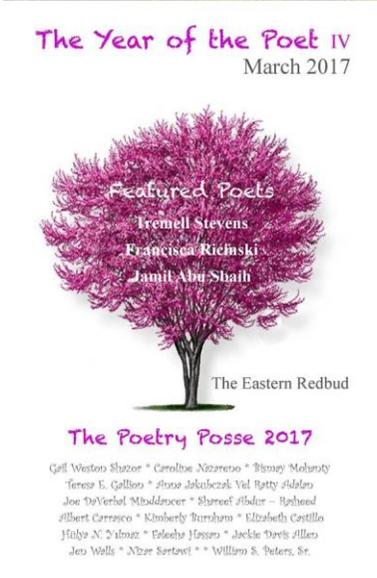
Lin Ross  
Sobkama Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017



**Featured Poets**

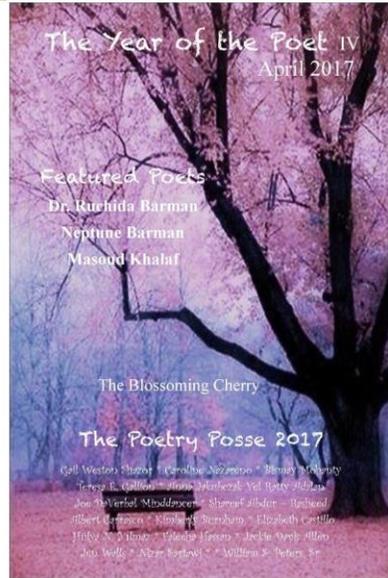
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricemski  
Jamil Abu Shalih

**The Eastern Redbud**

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April 2017



**Featured Poets**

Dr. Ruthida Barman  
Neptune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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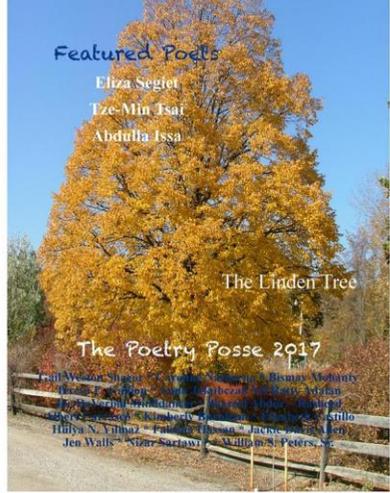
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Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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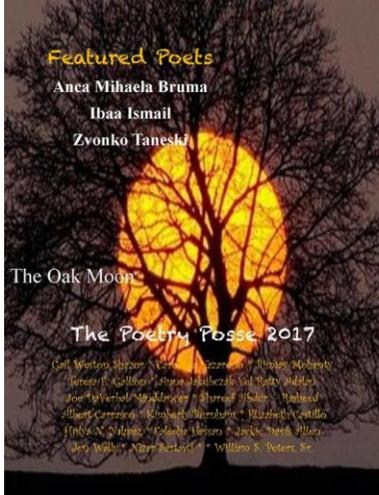
Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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### Featured Poets

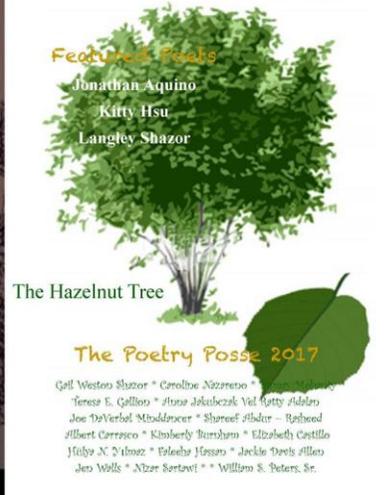
Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



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### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shaban



The Black Walnut Tree

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### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



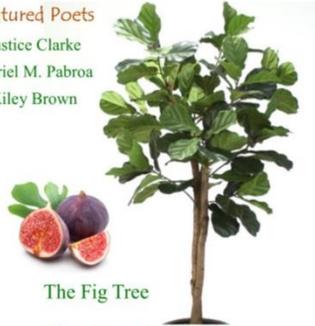
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### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazal  
Shazia Zaman



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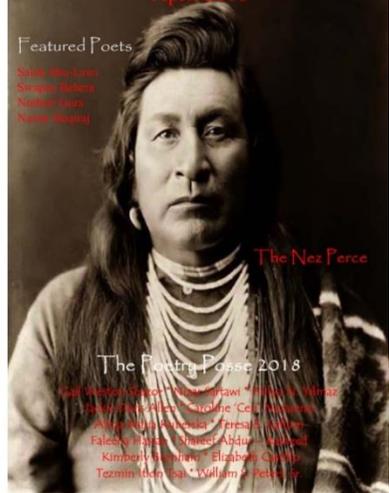
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April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzuki Akiyoshi  
Suzanne Belzoni  
Natalie Davis  
Natalie Wang



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindia Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

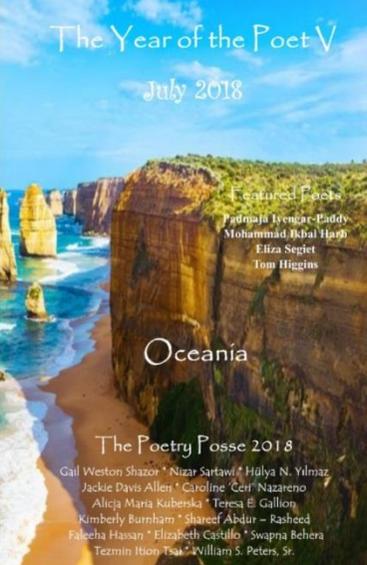


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July 2018

Featured Poets  
Padmaja Tyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Iqbal Harb  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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## The Aztecs & Incas



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Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

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

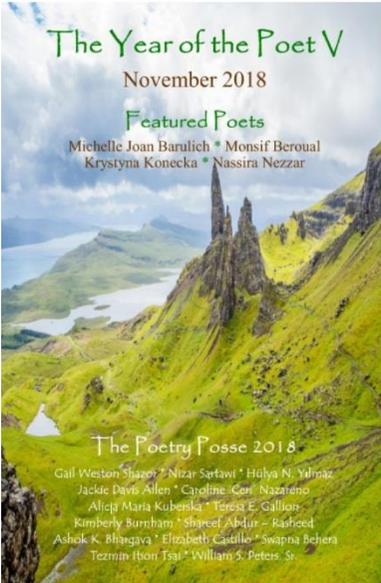


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Michelle Joan Barulich \* Monsif Beroual  
Krystyna Konecka \* Nassira Nezzar

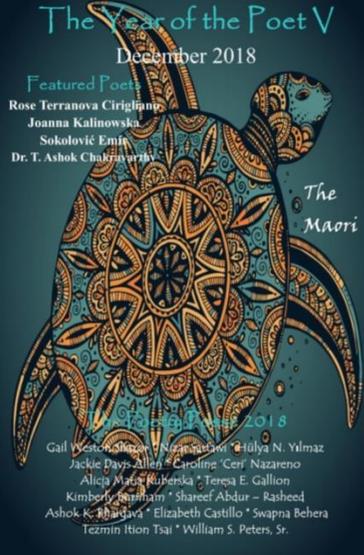


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Rose Terranova Cirigliano  
Joanna Kalinowska  
Sokolović Emir  
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



The  
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans

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

*Dream Catcher*

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Meso-America

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### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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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

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia      Djibouti  
 Somalia      Eritrea

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 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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### The Caucasus

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October 2019

### Featured Poets

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



### The Mile Valley

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Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Smeruti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



### Northern Asia

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December 2019

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Bahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeti Eshchita



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Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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Hannie Rouweler \* Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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April 2020

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Rohini Behera \* Mirecs Dan Duta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shooovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato \* Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

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Elhchi Kapardeli \* Metin Congiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

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Dr Pragna Suman \* Chinh Nguyen  
Srinivas Vasudev \* Ugwu Leonido Ifeanyi, Jr.

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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October 2020

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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November 2020

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Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Jamali • Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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December 2020

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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