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**L**IFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
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# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

## Climate Change and Birds

Birds have an amazing ability to evoke moods, landscapes and seasons. A loon's call conjures up a wilderness lake. A V-shaped flock of honking geese signals the end of summer. On a freezing January day, when the leafless woods seem mineralized with the cold, the distant tapping of a woodpecker reminds that life continues even in the dead of winter. Birds enrich our experience of nature through their colors, songs and flight patterns. The beauty of bird song and flight provides incomparable aesthetic value. Birds play prominent roles in art, culture, religion and poetry. They are also an important source of inspiration and spirituality.

Birds are an essential part of the natural system. They are essential as pollinators and for seed dispersal of many plants. Birds also feed on a variety of insects, rodents, and other small animals, naturally keeping those populations in check and ensuring a proper balance in their ecosystem.

Climate breakdown is playing havoc with bird population in the forests, rural and urban areas

according to scientists specializing in the studies of environmental challenges because climate change does a lot more than just heat up our planet. It causes more hurricanes, floods, heat waves, droughts, fires and even cold spells.

Every bird species has its own unique set of environmental tolerances—requirements in terms of seasonal temperatures, patterns of precipitation, nesting and feeding areas, timing of breeding and so on. They have a very precise combination of habitat requirements that may not be met in a changing climate.

There is an urgent need to have a plan to encounter current climate changes to help birds survive. Scientists warn us to curb greenhouse gas emissions (Carbon dioxide, Nitrogen oxides, Ozone, Methane etc.) to hold the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees. If we don't act now, "we will be locking into a change, a trajectory, that will have profound consequences for the species and ecosystems we so deeply care about and strive to protect."

Ashok K. Bhargava

President, Writers International Network, Canada

# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, making our way onward through the ‘New Year’ of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#101) represents the 5th month of our ninth year of monthly publication. Amazing how much effort has been given by all the poets, to include the various members of *The Poetry Posse* and all the wonderful featured poets from all over our world. For myself, it has been and continues to be a great honor to be a part of this wonderful cooperative effort.

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

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

We are now in the stages of completing another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which was published April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Additionally, to be released this month of May 2022 is yet another anthology focusing on ‘global consciousness’ . . . “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”. Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the cause(s) of a better world / planet, a better humanity for us all.

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

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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“Believe in the power of your own voice. The more noise you make, the more accountability you demand from your leaders, the more our world will change for the better.”

~ Al Gore, Former US Vice President



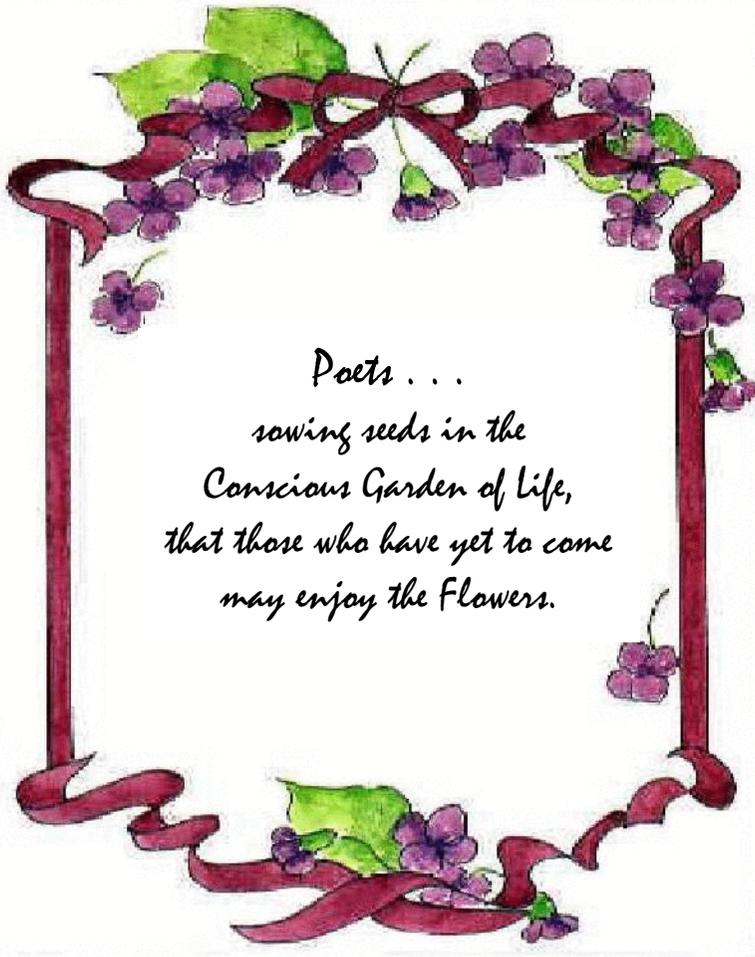
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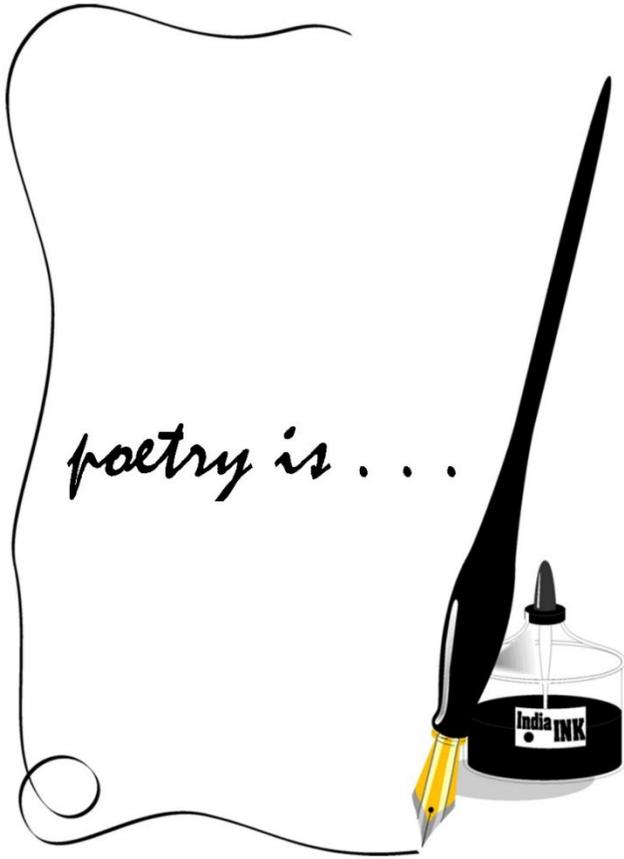




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp

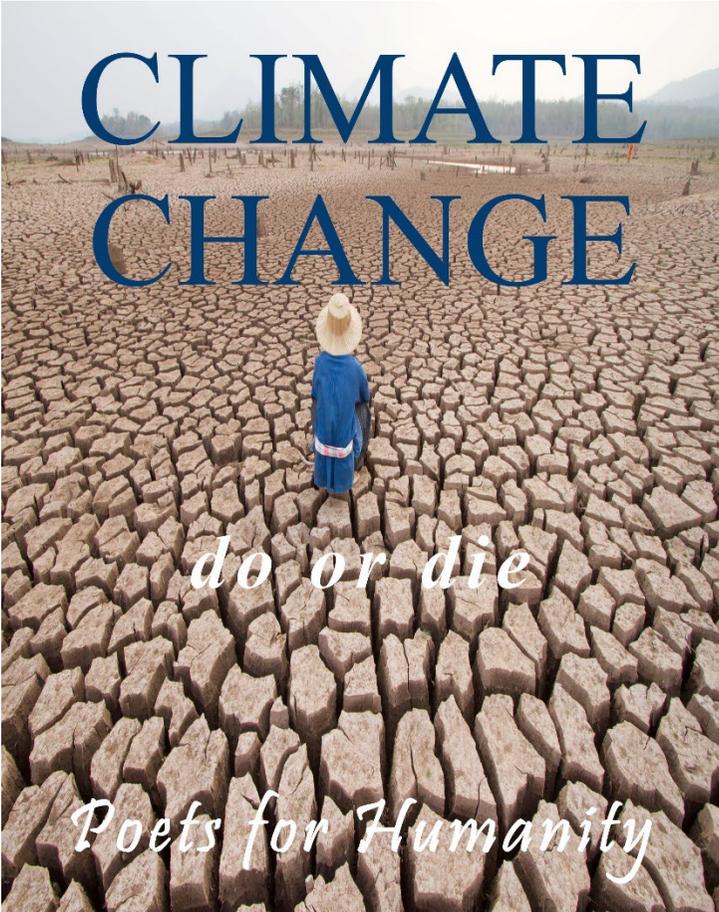




*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

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Weston  
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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&  
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Free (nonet)

Birds

Fly high

Blocking sun

By spreading wings

I throw up my hands

Just in case they can see

Or even can feel my joy

At the journeys they take us on

In my soaring imagination

## Rock Star

I took a rock outside today  
Holding it in my hand, my palm  
It wasn't very big and so did not prevent  
My sitting and rising from my customary  
Outpost on the rooftop  
The rock is comforting in my hand  
Smooth and cold and most of all steady  
I took it from its customary  
Place on a bowl in my bedroom window

It is always wet here in the mornings  
A tropical versioning dew  
In other places, some may think  
It has rained throughout the night  
But it is always cleansing like this  
I never catch this moisturizing in motion  
Before it blankets my rooftop

Water and rock surrounds me now  
In a visible, touchable, viable, real way  
This life is far from secluded  
For how could I have been found  
If not for being in this extravagant place  
Where fullness breathes silently  
Today I will write your name  
Upon this rock I hold in my hand  
You have been given a word  
As much action as identity  
As much rock as water  
I will place it back in the bowl in my window  
To await your return

## Jungled

Today my ink is green  
Spilling over my fingertips  
In waves of salty citrine  
I want to capture it in  
Wide body jelly jars  
To keep in my window box  
For how could I ever remember  
The taste of right now  
Unless I can open one  
Next month and savor  
The smell of newness  
The tangy lime flavor not yet ripe  
I would paint a picture  
If I could, so you see it too  
Wide swaths of rays across my sky  
Glass against white stone  
Shells cradling heat  
Keeping the morning warm  
For my hands to find  
Before my eyes are even open  
I thought to send you one  
These newly minted memories  
Instead, I think I will  
Swallow them whole  
And breathe it through paper  
In emerald dragon fire  
For a slow island burn

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

## Birds

God - a perfect painter and musician,  
revived the colorful spots  
made of feathers and notes.  
He delighted the world with  
the craftsmanship of creation.

A winged orchestra  
greet each dawn loudly,  
It unexpectedly sings arias  
during the day  
and in the darkness of the night  
it hums trills of love

How sad would the Earth be without birds?  
Would the sky fall silent in gloomy silence  
and only the wind  
would move the branches of the trees?

## Coat

I wear a body like a cloak,  
Patience, humility, years.  
It's that time - it tore and I darned the holes.

My coat shrinks and disappears  
With passing days,  
Until one day it scatters and  
So it is with all the coats.

And me? And what about me?  
Perhaps they will hatch from the coat cocoon  
And I will turn into a cricket.  
It's a difficult metamorphosis,  
The most difficult in life.

This is the price of immortality  
Without the gift of eternal youth

## Duty

I am trapped in the labyrinth of many duties.

My life like sign- posts

Predict the words

- You must
- You should
- You are not allowed
- It is your duty

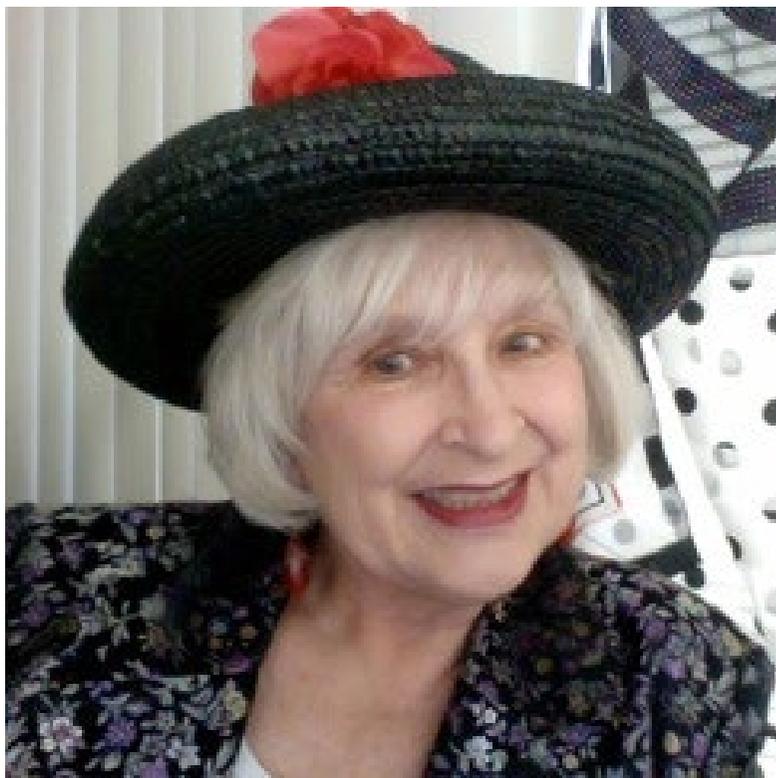
I would have liked to rise higher and run away.

I know now, that the only thing I must do is to die.

Nothing more

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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## Springtime Sorrow

My little friend,  
To where have you flown?  
Your nest is empty;  
It looks ever so blue, so forlorn.  
No longer is its future  
A dream beneath your breast.

There is no life,  
Nothing left but an deafening silence;  
No sight of fluttering wings.  
No sunny dawn erupting  
That offers an alternative,  
Optimistic narrative.

Alas, all is mystery.  
Neither the rain, cold, wind or snow  
Are able to give understanding  
To the precarious plight,  
That transpired in the nest.  
The one that once promised life.

Only the abandoned nest remains,  
The little blue mother  
Has not returned  
To her victimized home.  
Whatever happened,  
She was grievously wronged.

## On Guard

An intruder of the human kind,  
I attempt to slyly spy  
upon the one who sits protectively  
upon the little nest;  
she cranes her instinctive and inquisitive head,  
looks my way, and, just as quickly,  
lowers her head.  
Does she think to distract me  
from what she's about,  
she who has sat on the nest all the morning long?  
I have no spymaster's tools;  
my squinting eyes seek, but little can follow  
as she makes a sudden and quick escape.  
A grayed streak of blue, tinged  
with breast of red, I now see;  
she's sitting on a branch  
high up in the cherry tree.  
A more brightly hued bird  
of blue zooms by, and as he sits  
he chatters and sings an insistent song  
Is that her mate?  
As persistent as the mother-to-be, is for me  
to avoid her nest, so, too am I anxious  
not to be found out  
as I strive to take a different path  
each day as I make my way.  
Quiet as I am, her motherly eyes anticipate  
each and every move I make.  
Does she think that I, like a slithering snake  
might seize her eggs and then,  
leave her alone to mourn  
the loss within her nest?

## Red

Putting on airs!  
That's what she's doing.

Ain't no need  
to be acting that a'way.  
Highfaluting,  
Wearing that Red Dress,  
To a funeral! No less!

Humid, hot summer air  
Deep enough to drown in.

The wake, in its 2nd night,  
You never saw such hugging,  
Dabbing eyes,  
and shaking hands.

Friends, neighbors, curiosity seekers  
Family of course, the stage set,

Ranging from coveralls,  
and aprons  
Some Sunday best.  
And, that blasted,  
disrespectful Red Dress!

Lordy, mercy! Preacher Issac,  
His fleshy face, flushed, red,

Dripping in sweat, leans over  
and whispers to an elder.  
Soon the mourning wails are merging  
With the noisy sputtering window fan.  
And the awful sound of blowing noses.

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Just look at that proud Red Dress!  
O, mercy me! Can you believe she's laughing!

Well maybe not exactly,  
But did you see that smile on her face?  
Not fitting behavior, but then I guess  
She'll get what she's coming to, in the end.  
Wait a gosh-darn minute...she's coming my way...

Don't see why she wants to sit by me!

Out of politeness, I scoot over,  
Making room for her. And that Red Dress!

Now, she's wrapping her arms around me,  
Giving me a bear-hug,  
Acting like we're best friends!  
Making a show, she is!  
Well, family is family,

Can't figure out what she's up to!

Besides, everyone's looking at me  
And my flushed face,

Wondering how  
Or if I'll respond.  
She says how delighted she is,  
Just to see me!  
Says, the very sight

Of me lights up her spirits!

O, Dear God! Maybe that's why she smiled?  
So uncharitable of me, judging. Without knowing.

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She's whispering, now  
The reason behind that rude smile...  
Explaining, despite,  
All the weeping, wailing, remembering  
The last time, we three had been together.

Reliving the fun we'd had.

Confessing, now, I am,  
Repenting. Praying to Almighty God.

Begging forgiveness,  
Even as I'm confidentially  
Thinking,  
I wish I had a dress  
Just like the one she's wearing!

I'd wear that Red Dress every chance I got.

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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

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

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

## The Crows No Longer Spread Their Wings

That Crows in the Wulai Mountain  
No longer spread wings  
Not because they are not black enough  
Nor the wings under the sunshine are not strong enough  
No longer can easily show off again that naturally wild  
In the past  
Flip the seeds, attached to the planting season  
Standing on a cow's back  
Chasing the insects driven out by the plows  
But now  
Man-made pollution keeps drifting into the atmosphere  
Eventually, the walnut trees no longer bear the walnuts  
This unsustainable bleak autumn  
How to reserve for the cold winter  
The atmosphere is also not strong enough to absorb the heat  
of the sun  
Too many variables are affecting the sky  
Given the forgotten walnut buried in the back mountain last  
year  
Lost chance of germination  
The distant view that grows into a big tree is like nothing  
When we were forced to give up flying in the countryside  
The discarded fruit in the park  
The residue in the rubbish  
All into the mouth to become delicious food  
Rich feathers still cover the body  
No longer far away from the lair  
We are so contented  
No longer fully spread the wings  
No longer fly high

## Dragon World

The night is fading  
With the sound of firecrackers  
The dragon is still  
Dancing in front of the streets  
They say the year from now on  
Late autumn deep night  
Village boy playing the flute  
Sound into the cloud  
The shop has turned off the lights  
Where am I going tonight?  
Scripture is opened  
My heart floated and panic  
Sound into the ears  
Muyu knock on my floating heart  
Look against the Buddha's eyes  
His spine stands upright  
On a small old wooden bench  
Under the sunlight  
Hands are all jagged with veins  
Wrinkles are twisted and deep

## When The Lonely Moon Shines Through The Window

But not bow her head tonight  
The gap between the clouds  
The bride's first of the helpless night  
There is more fear than sadness  
The winds are coming  
The flapping sound of mixed wings  
The caged bird screamed out  
That's not from my double wings  
That's not from my companions  
The sun lost his prestige half a day ago  
Hide in a shady corner  
Cat on the tin house  
Your tongue is not dry enough  
To lick your fragile soul wet  
Sunken eye socket  
Around the gaming table  
Greedy eyes bloodshot  
Secretly calculating each passerby's compassion

Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd

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

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

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

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

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echo

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hello  
hello  
hello  
listen  
can you hear them  
playing their masterpiece  
north, south, west, east  
beautiful creation  
birds so many  
varieties plenty  
all over our earth  
sourcing high in the sky  
flying, gliding over,  
floating on  
rivers, lakes, ponds  
not just delight for eyesight  
they're essential to life  
helping to balance,  
regulate ecosystems  
doing many things  
like spreading seeds  
control waste  
help to maintain vital  
natural environments  
essential to our existence  
so why ruin their work  
destroy the only home  
all inhabitants of our planet  
share  
must care to remain here

## why dem?

-----  
balled up in fetus,  
in doorway  
go to the movies to sleep  
under bridges,  
in subway tunnels,  
sewer subterranean dwellers  
go to Rikers to eat  
who weeps for them  
folk disconnected, ignored,  
disrespected  
couldn't play the game  
no face no name  
in the land of democracy while  
the band 'Aristocracy' plays their  
hit 'Hypocrisy' now #1 on the charts  
thanks to lovers of the art  
of deception  
who make an art form of greed  
it became the norm,  
agreed upon  
to spawn Capitalism's Capital  
for wealthy lords of the deal  
while the masses  
forlorn for real  
for too long  
kneel at the alter  
of the well heeled  
just to get along to scrape something  
together for the next meal  
dem got another hit song  
climbing the charts, this week to #1  
hit sensation of the nation,  
'I got mine now you can go and get yours'  
ho hum

## under the gun

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doors closed  
sun never rose  
broken legs can't run  
can't speak with no  
tongue  
when all you ever had  
is pile of dung  
anything better seems  
like fun  
everything's relative  
so they say  
based on what you  
relate to day after day  
did or not  
impact the right spot  
did or did not  
hit proverbial jackpot  
or was it cards marked  
fix on  
call it con  
mental, spiritual attack  
can impact souls  
snatched in the process  
called death  
being processed  
called test  
questions asked  
slave in grave  
who is your lord?  
what is your deed  
or belief  
your prophet?

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lose or profit  
fail or pass  
how you answered  
questions asked  
then raised  
judgement day  
taken back  
check the facts  
concerning all deeds  
you stacked  
to be blessed or cursed  
sins committed when living  
doomed or forgiven  
only by mercy undeserved  
regardless stature in life

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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>

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

## Attrition Nature Plans

Mallard ducks hatch a dozen  
ducklings  
two may survive  
nature plans for this  
attrition

But what of planning  
in climate change

Ducks, a mother and a father  
replaced  
young ducklings feeding themselves  
as they reach water  
first must be taught  
what is edible

But what of teaching  
in climate change

Baby ducklings depend  
on mother for warmth  
at night  
where they are  
easily chilled

But what of warming or cooling  
in climate change

## Warmth

I complain about the price of gas  
electricity for warmth  
it's cold here in winter

I think of those in war torn countries  
who have no homes or cars  
or gas or power or food

I ponder birds displaced  
by climate change  
forced to expend more energy

Keeping warm  
finding food  
staying alive  
and I see how lucky  
I am

## Helping Birds

I have a voice to speak  
on behalf of birds to ask  
questions and demand accountability

What am I doing?  
find solutions

I have hands to plant  
native seedlings surrounding  
a water filled birdbath

What am I doing?  
grow organic

I have resources  
to choose renewable energy  
reduce my carbon footprint  
enjoy the beauty

What am I doing?  
recycling and bicycling

Elizabeth  
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## Tree of Life

In the beginning, Eden was created  
Beaming with greeneries, green meadows  
Abundant with life-giving trees  
Giving sustenance to all beings.

But man was tempted and went astray,  
His ambitious mind forgot he was the Protector of Earth  
Of these Trees of Life poisoned by toxic gases,  
Of years of neglect, leaving barren lands to dry.

Climate changes, weather disturbances come and go,  
The Tree of Life cannot take it anymore  
Preserve trees, preserve life.

## Beneath Our Beautiful Silences

In the calmness and serenity of this dark night  
I reminisce my past life when my soul met yours  
you are my mirror, as I can see myself in YOU in many  
ways  
but for this moment in time, only a deafening silence  
connects us...  
only our eyes speak to each other in a way nobody can ever  
decipher...  
beneath our beautiful silences, there is "Oneness" achieved,  
one Universe created...among a billion stars that shine  
above...  
we belong to the same vast galaxy, I am a Warrior Princess  
of my own kingdom  
while you are a Knight wandering this ocean of elusive  
dreams...  
we are both searching for each other with lives isolated by  
different barriers  
my Soul Mate whom God destined me to be with... find  
me beneath the quietness of our worlds...  
Destiny must not be far behind us as it now calls our names  
echoing the four corners of the Earth  
Fate will lead you to the path where our souls will meet  
again my eternal Twin Flame...  
Enigmatic madness will envelope our worlds when our  
eyes meet once more  
In this lifetime and of times passed when we have searched  
and meet each other for thousands of years time and  
again...  
There is such utter beauty brought about by this golden  
silence between us  
For it helps us realize if we are meant to be together and  
not to ever be separated again...

## Immortal Love

a love that transcends  
time and place,  
a soul meeting her twin flame  
in her recurrent abstract dreams  
a love that defies laws  
immortal love,  
one that is extra-ordinary  
a love that takes her far into the heavens.

changing faces,  
in every century, every decade that passes  
but it's still YOU my heart beats for  
mystic love,  
through fragments in space  
illuminated by a strange force  
I keep on seeing you  
in every place that I go to.

centuries passed,  
memories elapsed  
still this heart aches

dying to be with you once more,  
serendipity playing a game on us  
for this love always leads me to just YOU.

immortal love,  
my soul intertwined to just ONE  
I have been reincarnated a thousand times,  
but through all the changing seasons and lives  
my spirit keeps on searching for only YOU.

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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## Mallard Swing

Peacock wings shown bright in the spring-water  
He drops in by may winds to blow a kiss to your daughter  
All that squawking by shadows they're gawking  
Never-mind that bird's and bee's line this year's climate is  
warmer

I warned you, I've worn you  
Man-made blinds for the decoy of your kind  
Metal shards behind mimicking cries  
A good old hound with wooden porch ties  
Your wall mounting made a lovely display

Liver from a quiver ink from a quill  
Duck tails and duck bills and we duck bills  
Death and taxes for April, we don't hate you  
We wait for you to cross the road  
We wait for you to flee from cold.

It hasn't been that cold lately  
The temperature of the world has changed greatly  
As your water boils from toxic spoils  
I'll remember you were so regal and stately

Geese don't play "Duck duck goose"  
The east will stay the rise  
Pre-harm days lived footloose  
The west will always catch the sunset  
Peacock feathers for your "Lady fair" in her eyes

Wake on the lake, shake a tailfeather  
There's no telling how long you'll sail in  
As a Mallard lands once more  
Knowing things are no better

## Blue And Yellow

I've seen the dreams of red, black, and green go unfulfilled  
I've seen the flags of many go ignored until it's beneficial  
Until it's been official it's nothing but a protest  
Some profess they care about what's going on over there  
But is it a saving face project?

Saying grace but never making space in your soul yet  
You've been told yet you hold on to see who goes first  
War is worth absolutely nothing  
We abhor it yet explore the possibilities  
The news exploit the atrocities

Lapel pins aplenty the welfare of many  
Slogans of more hope and nothing if any thing  
How can I help? What more can be done?  
Go fund me, defund the very source of some peace  
We run to the ones with a flowery speech

We're vlogging, we're blogging  
Whose space do you login?  
Make the case for your jargon  
The rhetoric of far-men be it left or right  
The death toll rises in the dead of night

The time is now to come to the aid of your country  
The aid of the people, Eh! Maybe one day  
For now, we wait looking for carnage  
Never caring what we state, or what the harm is  
It's alarming how some are swarming to the fray  
May the Blue and Yellow find peace one day

## Seeds Or Seedlings

My garden is a quest at best  
I planted a seed once then moved out west  
It grew but got stepped on  
By the time I got home it was dead

I wanted red in my salad  
I had my shaker of salt  
I didn't remove weeds from my garden  
It's not my fault

I need a shovel and a pick  
I need a fence and some sticks, or stakes?  
I need to rake and face the right direction  
I need to face these rows to catch the sun's reflection

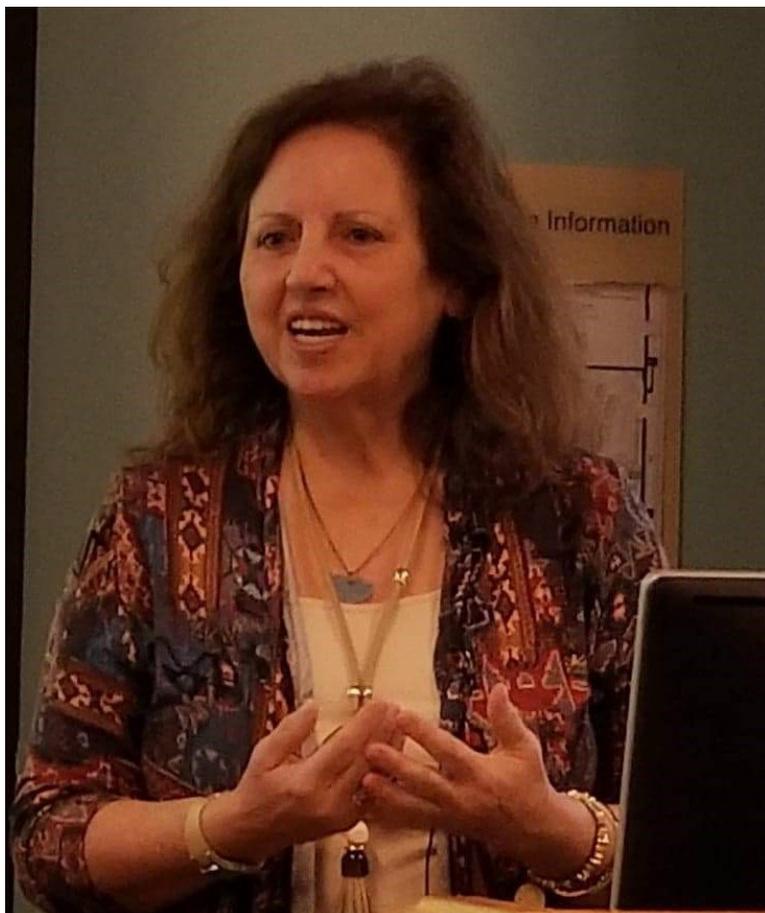
Then the rains came via climate change  
The soil won't drain because it's saturated  
I wonder how long before maturation.

Is it cheaper to grow your own?  
No inflation if it's homegrown  
No vegetation because the lands gone  
Tis the season but it won't be long

Almanacs and you-tubers  
I need some facts to grow tubers  
If I set back and review this  
Man! Where's cat at, screw this.

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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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## flush the toilet, please!

having left our backyard birds behind,  
my longing for their knocks on our door  
grows each day that passes me by:  
“The feeders are empty. Fill them, please!”

the tunes of their chirping and  
the gentle breeze from their wings’ flutter  
were quite the experience for all seasons

we still get to see wild birds,  
and often enough,  
hear their chitter chatter  
our car is at their service here, after all  
a stopover, a dumping platform  
for their bathroom needs . . .

i, for one, would not change a thing

although  
    bird poop  
        does  
            look  
                pretty bad  
                    on . . .  
                        Molten Lava

## Picturesque? Yes! But for How Long?

Beautifying a lake shore,  
a duck of stunning colors  
sways back and forth in elegance.

The water is not completely polluted yet.

Will this pure delight of a bird  
face the fate of its sea counterparts,  
to be covered in oil spills;  
or to be tangled in refuse,  
frivolously dumped into its habitat?

The water is not completely polluted . . .

yet

**no survival!**

eradicating

Earth's ovaries steadily

cancerous cells live

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>**

## The Departure

I kissed the beak of the last emerald duck  
leaving the shore of the lake.

It was unable to survive  
in mankind's polluted waters.

It was headed for the rainbow cloud  
to seek safe haven on another plane.  
Earth no longer served with compassion.  
Good stewardship drowned at sea.

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The Sonoran Desert speaks to my heart.  
The cholla invite me for a stroll.  
I feel like chasing rabbits.  
They all strut in cuteness like you  
on this warm winter day.  
Tempt the soul with peacefulness.

I cannot run anymore.  
The seventies have slowed my stride.  
But I can walk with reverence  
folded in a strong sense of grace.  
It gives me strength to carry my storm.

I cannot complain.  
For here I am in the desert  
singing praise songs to the sand.  
I am so blessed.  
I shout at the blue sky  
a mantra of thanksgiving  
for the blessing of you.

Spiritual Masseur

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The vocabulary of Spirit massages the Soul.  
Complete surrender rides on the wind.  
I reach out and Spirit takes my hand.  
I am helpless in this moment.

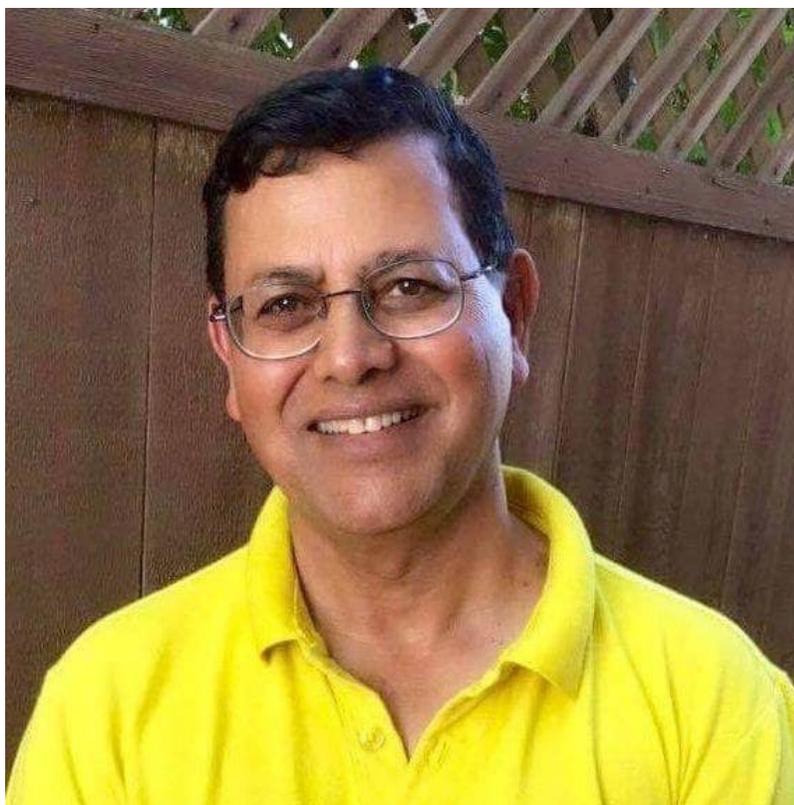
Not afraid to be held by this torrent of love  
rubbing ecstasy on my face  
coming from a gentle breeze  
only a thought of you may bring.

I curl into your light body.  
Your fire sets me ablaze.  
I burn in the light  
as I hug a Joshua Tree.

That essence becomes you.  
The moon light dances for us.  
You hold tight to me through that tree.  
My smile floats toward heaven.

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.

## An Amazing Frolic

*Behold the fowls: for they sow not, neither do they reap, yet heavenly father feeds them.*

*~ Mathew 6:26*

Rhythmic bobbing heads  
Loud whistles  
A spectacular show of natural selection

Happy-go-lucky  
Mallards swim around  
Like watercolors on a canvas

Behold  
We instigate ship wrecks  
Toxic spills

Oil-soaked wings  
Powerless to fly  
Cries of helplessness

How did we become oblivious  
Pretending it's not our doing and  
We have nothing to lose except profits

## Admissions

Some species of fungi glow  
In perpetual darkness of deep seas

Firefly squids, jellyfish light up in a bluish swirl  
and gradually dissipate as if they dissolved

Lightness of Being  
Underwater glow  
Fleeting across a field

Enigmatic organisms generate light  
Fending off predators, luring prey  
Attracting mates  
fight, flight with light

Lucifer, Satan  
"bringer of light"  
Before his fall from heaven

Watching glowing sea-life is hypnotic  
The water intermingles with the sky  
Paddling through the stars

Poisoning the sea and sky  
Will the birds and marine life endure  
We have become Satan

## Splitting Isn't Easy

I have taken what is mine  
I have given you what is yours

I have taken back my kisses writing verses on your lips  
I have taken back my embraces firing your imagination  
I have taken with me your desire to have me in your arms  
To arise from nothingness to furtive sacredness  
To mesmerize the splitting of a seed into a sprout

I can't offer you what I don't possess  
Even if you ask for more  
You said you desire to get drenched and dance  
Underneath the monsoon rains and  
Sing with the thundering clouds

No I don't want to ...  
Because music flows the winds and  
I am capable of any tune

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
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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)

[apwriters.org/author/ceri\\_naz/](http://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/)

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

## Just When I Thought Birds are Next To Love

Dove, bird of love they say  
White, pure and sacred mirror  
Of true love,  
Just like when I thought,  
You made me whole when  
You filled up the missing puzzles  
In my life on earth.

Peacock, my spirit animal,  
You fanned my sight to believe  
That people should re-grow and rejuvenate  
A masterpiece of royalty, respect, honor, and integrity  
Just when I thought, you are adored with the deities  
Because your love never fails,  
Just like the sun meets his queen earth  
Whether on the north pole or south pole  
Thriving in beauty, passion and love  
Sans the irritating smog and pollution.

Phoenix, I know your mythical power  
You are reborn, risen from the ashes  
You are immortal, known to all ages  
Just when I thought, your infinite wings  
Can save the humankind and the environment  
From the global warming and climate change  
With high hopes, like birds, we can live so freely  
Bring more lives to fly  
Just when the earth breathe love.

## CAROLINE

Coeur de Ceri, heart of mine

Allegiant, passion through compassion

Romanticizing poetry, arts and literature

Offers optimistic freedom in opalescent colors

Lively charm who learns multicultural; lover of wisdom

Initiates women and human empowerment

Nineteen-eighty- daughter of Aurora, goddess of dawn

Essentially yours, April born diamond.

## For Better Or For Best

Mother Earth,  
you amplify  
the whispers  
of graceful spirit,  
suddenly creates  
harmonious lyrical  
touches to my heart,  
when the seeds on the ground  
want to grow with your care,  
yields like in a maternal womb  
that shares happiness from roots to the fruits,  
you caress the sand,  
the soil, the waterfalls  
the streams, the oceans  
where our ships of life  
sail for better of for best.

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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trapped .....

in the hot zone  
trapped I am  
a migratory bird  
I lost my nest  
the icebergs are melting  
sea level is rising  
there is a change  
in fire regimes  
I am pregnant  
where is my nest  
to lay eggs

Hey ;dear all  
my breeding time is earlier  
there is either flood or desert  
global warming changes  
vegetation or land use  
give me a new territory  
insects are decreasing  
I need more energy for thermos regulation  
my habitat is lost  
motherhood is divine  
I too have my own rights  
to be a mother  
to sustain  
I too have the rights for food  
I need a little space to lay my eggs  
to hatch them peacefully  
to feed my babies  
when I never disturb you  
why at all you disturb my lifestyle  
this is an appeal

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I am trapped  
make me free  
my babies need strong wings  
the sky is the universal zone  
don't ever spoil the free zone  
you will be trapped  
I need little space  
I am a bird trapped  
your invisible ego  
will never allow  
me to sustain  
I am a mama bird  
trapped in your so called cage  
without food struggling to exist....

## travelling

a caravan travelling  
towards the setting sun  
carries your almirah, wardrobe, your wallet  
all in the whirlpool of the time zone  
who is your master?

who will wipe tears in the graveyard?  
rose petals are scattered  
you can never ask google to give you  
mother's palms are so soothing  
as the soft as the feather  
as strong as a mountain

your lunatic glossy dreams so mysterious  
the shadow of a clock runs faster  
open the valves of your heart  
each blood cell is the  
permutation and combination  
of millions of neurons  
stop your own agendas  
follow mother Nature  
reduce your carbon foot prints  
lot of carcasses entering your nerves  
don't ever weave broken springs  
each butterfly carries  
the metamorphosis  
feel the journey  
feel love

## the last goodbye of a Bohemian

in the corner bench  
of a remote platform  
spreads he  
the canvas  
till the last train arrives  
the sick dog barks  
under the cement bench  
he paints on the canvas  
rectangular or circular  
ebullient to reflect the rainbow  
in the morning here  
the kids were running  
the girl with long plaits  
humming while skipping  
local vendors were talking aloud  
the muscles are in sync with his vision  
colours drizzling  
the last picture that he wishes to finish  
his lungs are whistling  
as if a local engine rumbling on the track  
his breathing up and down  
the dog looks at his wrinkled face  
both silent yet understand the language  
a hiccup of blood on the canvas  
the climax is yet to be complete  
the radiant red blood is prominent  
as prominent as the Sun itself  
a million-dollar painting  
lying in the platform  
a man, a dog, a canvas....  
in the morning came the station master  
a white bed sheet was covered on his body  
the bench is named as Bohemian bench  
the train whistles in the remote station

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

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## Birds

When I spread my wings I can fly away,  
Where I travel changes day by day.  
I used to be free to roam as I choose.  
Today a branch of a tree or a mountain peak could be my  
destination,  
But tomorrow I might not have those options due to climate  
change  
and using more energy for thermoregulation.  
Some of us are used to heat as others are used to cold,  
The changing of temperature is causing migration in  
different directions  
to find the feel of normalcy in other locations.  
The air is our layer,  
If we could, we'll fly to the moon and nest in a crater,  
Instead of being forced to travel here and there when we  
was free to roam in a place where we called home...  
It's just not fair.

## Waterfalls

Have you guys ever saw a waterfall in the hood? No? I  
Have.  
Many times.  
And no it's not an illusion.  
I've seen it fall like niagara.  
You might ask me where?  
I'll say at many gatherings.  
Different places,  
Same cause.  
Then I get that confused look like if I'm delusional.

the females that were close got running mascara, the  
gentlemen got soaked collars, sleeves were used as  
handkerchiefs to wipe away dripping water from the nostrils  
to lips, a thick mist. Children were horrified, every time they  
got wet they would ask why continuously, waterfalls in the  
hood the kids are really not interested in seeing. But  
everyone here is soaked Take me! I wanna see the waterfalls  
if your not delusional. I say are you sure? They say yes, I say  
ok. sad to say someone in some hood is killed everyday, it's  
fate, so I take them to a wake/funeral so they can see the  
ghetto has waterfalls! Just look at their eyes

## No sunshine

Aint no sunshine when their gone  
Hasn't been any sunshine since they've went away  
Its not warm when their away  
Ain't no sunshine when their gone  
They been gone too long its been years since they went  
away  
I don't wonder, I know where they've gone  
With the lord they had to stay  
Ain't no sunshine since they've gone, my house hasn't been  
a home since they've went away  
I know I know I know I know I know  
We should of left them streets alone, since we didn't aint no  
sun shine since there gone  
I pray to the lord I see them one day  
To tell them I found a better way!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

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

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

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

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

## The gen of desire

On the weekend map  
they mark  
yet another undesired point  
– because it's trashed.  
They seek tranquility  
there, where they shouldn't.  
They will break the harmony  
of the winged,  
the swimming and the crawling,  
who don't expect thorns,  
set by someone,  
to whom attributed is  
the ability to differentiate  
beauty from ugliness,  
who is poisoned by the gene of desire.  
– *Everything for me.*  
*My earth,*  
*my water,*  
*my air,*  
*my me, I!*

After all it's worth to leave  
space to live for the fellow terrestrials,  
who for centuries  
have the same need:  
– clear water,  
– air,  
– food.

Let's not cripple the future!

*Translated by Ula de B.*

## Existence

*To Editor Kinga Mlynarska*

Glimmer of a falling star  
aroused his imagination.  
Suddenly he grasped,  
that he needs something different.  
He wants a gift. A will to survive.  
Not to live as  
caked with reaches,  
but as a common human.  
Such, who in  
the kingdom of existence  
could  
delight in a stone,  
to see,  
that close by the world is happening,  
and in it world bustles.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

## Appetite for life

Every sunless afternoon  
thumped in him with a flashback,  
still reminding that joy,  
which he had to hide from the world.

Can one silence the truth with an eclipse?

Infatuation,  
which wasn't a fairy tale.  
Real,  
almost within a hand's reach,  
only missing a courage, decision,  
and something else.

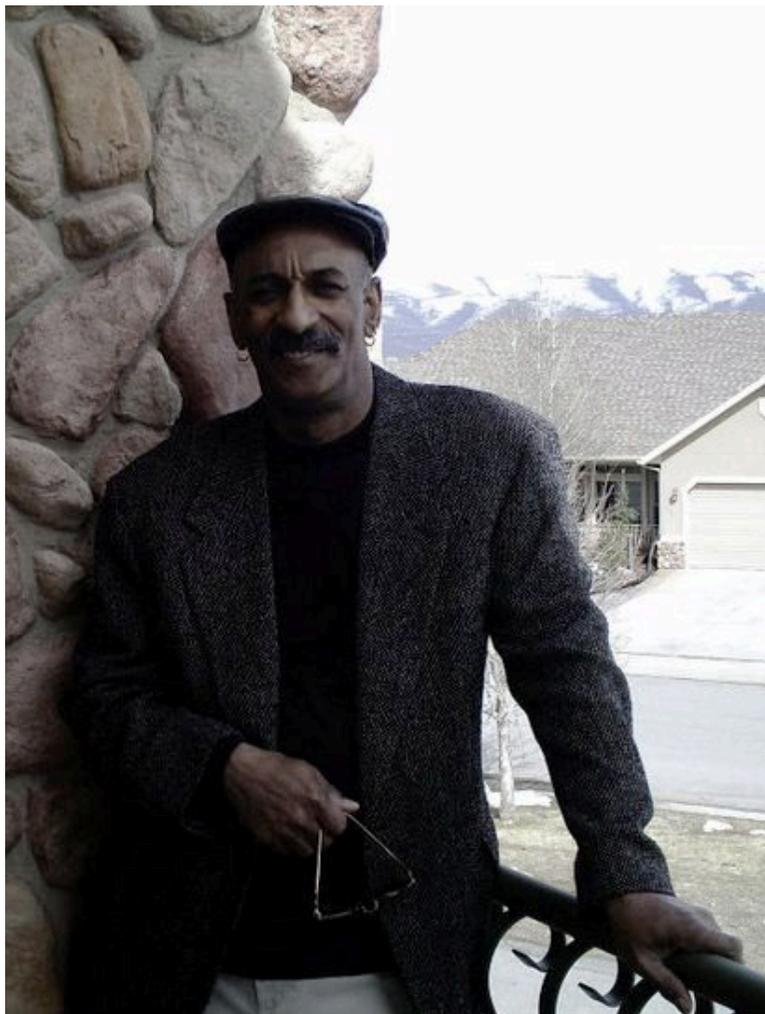
How was he to say,  
he found a journey of dreams?  
How was he to decide  
for departure,  
when there's a void in the wallet?

He understood though that  
in the sun, the rain,  
the cloudy or the sunny day,  
one has to work,  
for the appetite for life  
to cease being just that.

*Translated by Ula de B.*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## Clip My Wings

You may as well . . .

You are destroying my home,  
Poisoning my waters  
Killing my friends,  
You may as well  
Clip my wings  
So that I can not fly  
Anymore . . .  
Just like you

## The Way

He was filled with simple thoughts.  
All complexities were discarded  
With an urgent necessity  
For they made life far  
Too cumbersome and confusing  
To negotiate ... at times.

He was an admirer  
Of straight paths,  
Direct paths  
With simple instructions,  
Less turns  
And minimal roadblocks ....  
But that is not the way  
Life works, is it?

When he first fell in love,  
There was a pure-ness and innocence  
That enraptured his heart  
And filled his expectations  
With mirth and joy.

Unfortunately, in time  
He would once again be faced  
With conflicting convolutions  
That were not necessarily necessary  
But prevailed just the same.

The same could be said, spoken  
About every relationship  
He has ever experienced

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Throughout his life,  
Be it family, friends  
Or strangers ...

.....

There were layers of  
Pretentiousness, posturing,  
Willfulness, opinion, ego,  
Stubbornness,  
And deceits  
Which often snuck by  
The unassuming eye  
.... why?

.....

What did this ever add  
Unto the measure of life? ...  
A cubit .... of what I may ask.

.....

'The Way' can be daunting,  
Indeed,  
But how does one begin  
To minimize  
The internal struggles  
For reconciliation?  
How does one vanquish  
The obstacles of obscurity  
To come,  
The ones in the 'Now',  
And the weight of those  
That lie dormant  
In the past,  
Patiently awaiting a feeble excuse  
To raise up,  
Be activated  
To give cause of troublesome ways

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In 'The Now'  
And the ones  
Of times to not yet manifest?

.....

Are there solutions  
To be found,  
If so,  
Can perspective alone  
Abate the beast  
Standing at the gate  
Waiting, waiting  
And salivating  
Anticipating  
Its next meal?

Polar bears love seal for meals,  
As does life  
Eat away the once  
Untainted innocence,  
For life and it's ways  
Too are carnivorous,  
And that my friend is ...  
'The Way'

## Beyond it all

He employed his silly senseless sophistries  
In an attempt to validate his point  
To himself  
And others  
Who would dare listen

Some would claim him delusional,  
Some profound,  
While others would say  
He was just plain mad

Was his reason borne  
Of foundationless imaginings  
Laced with malleable convictions  
And whimsical knowing  
That had no substance,  
Or was he but a ghost  
Of a shadow  
Seeking a light  
To confirm his worthiness  
To exist in this world  
That wrestles with each of his  
Kaleidoscopic moments  
In his search of truth?

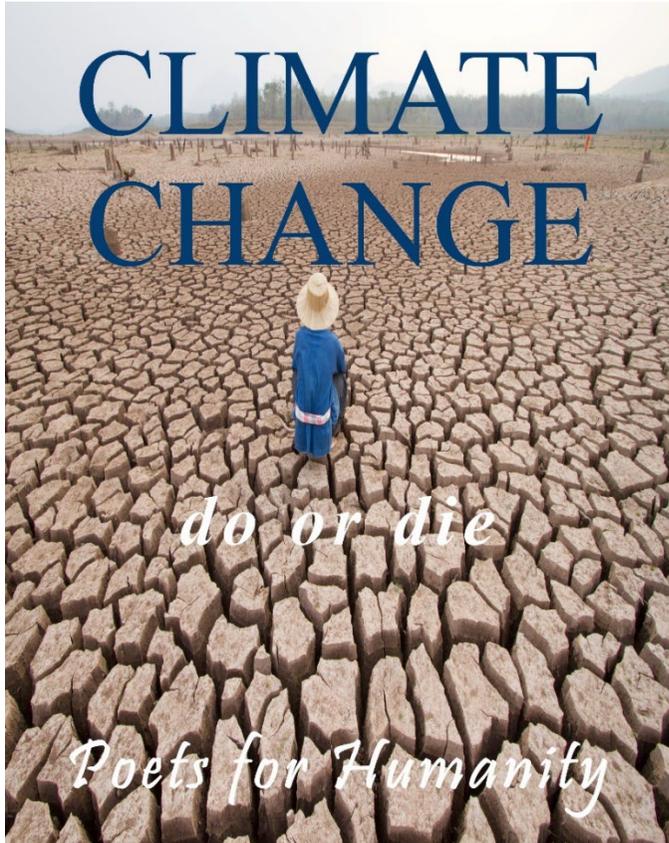
Either way  
He felt a 'way'  
Must be found,  
Or he would be  
Forever lost  
In a swamp

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Of silly subterfuge  
Where reasonless rhetoric  
Rules the day

There was something,  
Yes something,  
And he could sense its presence  
Yes, there was something  
Beyond it all.

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Ndaba  
Sibanda



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Sibanda is a Bulawayo-born poet, novelist and nonfiction writer who has authored twenty-six published books of various genres and persuasions and coauthored more than 100 published books. Some of Ndaba's works are found or forthcoming in Page & Spine, Piker Press, SCARLET LEAF REVIEW, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, the Pangolin Review, Kalahari Review, Botsotso, The Ofi Press Magazine, Hawaii Pacific Review, Deltona Howl, The song is, JONAH magazine, Saraba Magazine, Poetry Potion, Saraba Magazine, The Borfski Press, East Coast Literary Review and Whispering Prairie Press. Sibanda has received the following nominations: the national arts merit awards (NAMA), the Mary Ballard Poetry Chapbook Prize, the Best of the Net Prose and the Pushcart Prize.

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## When Dread Deserted

In a wee kingdom,

a sense of freedom

danced, distended and developed,

forsaking a furious fear that had enveloped.

## A Day In The Life Of A Birdologist

Ever wondered what it's really like to be a bird?  
What do birds get up to in their day- to- day lives?  
How do they spend their free time, if ever they have such time? Flying, chirping, loving, laying... I hear you murmur. Questions. Do all birds have feathers? Yes. Do all birds fly? I am told a man once said that all birds fly, and including "a specific type of birds that makes a sound similar to that of an old car failing to start". That particular group, though, not a murder of crows, looked murderous because it simply didn't take kindly to such an affront. Maybe humans should learn how to talk and co-exist with birds and be polite and careful. I repeat, that was not a murder of crows. I heard that a weight of penguins growled, honked and peeped in a murderous fashion. Poor innocent birds! That cluster cried: We swim. Not fly. Don't lie! Get your facts right. Oh, as if that weren't enough unease for him, a rather rude rookery of ostriches, emus, and kiwis was also up in arms. Talk of having a bad day. Birds are beautiful. That riotous raft gave him a rhetorical question. Did you see us fly high? Don't lie!

How I wish I could invite all kinds of birds on this attractive earth to share their many & various experiences & give us the incredible inside scoop! Because birds are beautiful. I can hear the ostriches making an impassioned plea to all persons on this earth: Birds shouldn't be provoked. For instance, we ostriches, have powerful, long legs that can cover 10 to 16 feet in a single step. Our legs can also be useful

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and intimidating weapons. Our kicks can kill  
a human or a potential predator like a lion.  
Forewarned is forearmed. Let`s live in harmony.

During one of my nature walks, guess what happened?  
Your guess is as good as mine. I saw lots of lovely trees,  
insects, birds and animals. In a fruitful forest in Plumtree,  
I bumped into a soul who had an expensive-looking  
camera.

That soul claimed to be a birdwatcher and a birdologist.  
What? A birdologist? Possibly a university researcher?  
Two little adjectives. Two little S`s. I visualized them.  
Sophisticated and studious. That`s great for the future.  
I imagined. I soliloquized. I exclaimed. That soul said:  
No, far from it. I`m just a simple observer who appreciates  
& respects birds; my happy heart is rapt, reinforced  
and reinvigorated by merely seeing ,sensing, serving,  
hearing and hanging out with them. It`s transcendent.  
I experience heaven on earth, the musicality and vitality  
of the wild, the sanctity of life, the filmic majesty of nature,  
the power and proximity of love, the perfection of creation  
exposed in glory when birds are snoozing, chirping,  
chatting,  
loving, laughing, napping, nuzzling, hopping, helping  
feasting, flying, fooling, meeting and ....yes, mating.  
The birdologist advised me: If you seek full and expert  
knowledge on why birds have great wings but hollow  
bones, warm blood, an astonishing respiratory system ,  
a huge, strong heart; or to gain insight into their behavior,  
physiology, and conservation and habitats, then perhaps  
you should consider making a date with an ornithologist.  
Courtesy saw me applaud, thank & bid the birdologist.

## Poets And Their Planet

The avid reader wanted to read,  
Perhaps to read between the lines  
She had various unrequited questions  
Are they aliens? Where do they come from?  
Where do they get their graceful language from?

As she read and read between the lines she concluded  
That the profoundest emotions they excavate from within  
On a given subject or area or their experiences and visions  
Are their magic and engine that propel them to another  
planet  
Whose words can move mountains, whose waters flow  
with flair

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Mohanty



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## A Look At Life-157

Love in motion

Love in motion is life.  
If you want to live,  
love yourself and others.  
Without the latter,  
the former is so incomplete

Love at rest is death  
You die the day  
you fail to love yourself.  
You succumb  
the day you fail to reciprocate  
and love your surrounding

The vast universe,  
the ever-expanding universe  
stands on bonding.  
It rests on love and mutual attraction  
without which it will collapse in minutes  
like a house of cards

Love is life  
For love, you are here  
Love gives birth  
Love nourishes  
Love  
sustains  
For love life is so beautiful  
in  
this beautiful earth

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## A Look At Life- 162

Life wasted

Wasted past  
Uneventful present  
Future in the dark  
With trembling mind and body,  
my legs once again in the abyss.  
Once more I am on my ashes  
witnessing life in the ashtray

The moment never came  
I deceived myself all along  
Time flew away  
With it flew away the urge  
For which I come again and again

I accomplished nothing  
except for relationships,  
self, power and recognition,  
that faded like the fading colours of life.  
Time consumed everything I thought my own  
except for my regrets,  
one more opportunity went in begging

Time consumed the best part of life  
My childhood and youth  
In return, it gave me nothing  
but an ounce of external glitter  
Which is so heavy on my shoulder,  
something I can not live with,  
something I can not carry to the other side

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## A Look At Life-161

Life

Life is both  
smile and tears,  
happiness and sorrow,  
hope and despair,  
virtue and vices  
but not a solitary asylum in a no man's land  
to be silently crused and endured

Life is both  
meeting and parting,  
love and separation,  
involvement and alienation,  
agony and ecstasy,  
accomplishment and failure.  
Be with it, its ebb and tide  
before it fades into nothing

Life is poetry  
if you know how to compose it.  
Life is a lyric if you know how to sing it  
Life is a paradise if you have the eyes to see it  
Life is the voice of the nightingale  
if you have the ears to listen it.  
If you run away from it  
it becomes prosaic.  
The more you unfold its pages,  
the more you feel frustrated.  
Be a passionate lover,  
life may leave you and  
you may land yourself in a dry desert  
devoid of beauty and fragrance.

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The biggest tragedy is not dying  
but dying while still alive.  
Live with love and passion  
feelings and emotion,  
zeal and aspiration.  
Have your moments,  
good and bad.  
Enjoy and endure.  
Despite of all its uncertainties  
life is so beautiful, so fascinating  
a god's dream  
to be lived and relished  
till the last beat

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## Trade

I trade

in stray, obscure thoughts  
broken sentences and nascent images  
that strive to keep afloat

in the crowded concourse of vessels  
plying the waterways of the mind  
busy in the barter of banalities.

I trade

in spices from the east  
and wool from the west  
flavours and warmth from around the world,

in arctic ice  
aromatic rice  
besides many other shades of artifice.

I flag off

my flotilla of crafts ferrying dreams  
which, like paper boats in monsoon puddles  
return with muddied prow

promising fresh voyages in their whiff  
of tar in far off lands  
in imagination's expanding horizons.

I engage in

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the commerce in affections  
on the high seas of traffic  
the trade winds buoying my sails

as my boats rove the waves  
weathering all storms, mutinies and piracies,  
to return with their merchandise of myths.

I trade in

history's broken wheels  
and the ghosts of lost revolutions  
that spill over the sides of Charon's boat

polluting the natural ecology  
of the soul's deep waters  
as they flow into the sea.

I smoulder

on the shores of enterprise  
wafting the smoke of propitiation  
in rites of endless ceremonies

and quietly burn  
like fragrant incense  
in the censer of the heart.

## Postal Address

I have no city to call my own  
No familiar streets with their signs and scents  
No arms flung open in a warm embrace.

No autumn trees dropping their sweet peace  
Nor winter skies a hesitant heat  
On youth's quarrel and arch armistice.

No strong brew in the teacup of succour  
That can dispel the tiredness  
Of aching joints and rancour.

There is no spot which I may claim  
As the sanctum of my subterfuges  
And sanctuary of childhood grudges

Where I traded secrets and trivial treasure  
Sailed paper boats and fragile hopes  
Or sucked on the sweet lozenge of leisure.

I have no house, no home  
No garden where I may roam  
With its picket fence marking my plot.

No postal address, no pincode  
Of peace in that ever so small a dot  
That is mine in the civic slot.

I have no place to stop by, or rest,  
No shady bench or friendly signpost  
On the unending highways of hope,

Only mothballed memories escaping  
From yesterday's dusty attic  
As I linger in the limbo of not belonging.

## Expiry Date

Peace comes with an expiry date  
which is not always visible  
on the packaging, the latter oft-times being deceptive,

though it's there, of course, somewhere  
in the treaty heralding it, perhaps a clause  
camouflaged in artful prose

or in the illegible handwriting  
on the card, amongst the flowers  
comprising the olive branch,

in the red sky of his flushed face  
auguring a storm while she pretends  
nothing is wrong, and the truce will hold

as no one truly knows  
how long it will last  
unable, as they are to locate the label

which guarantees that life is fit  
for consumption, or best lived  
before such and such a date.

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## The Canadian Winter

Winter chills me with its smoky breath,  
With its icy fingers and numb toes,  
Night begins to creep in early.  
In all the world  
There is nothing like the sound of falling snow,  
And beauty of a city adorned in a glistening white carpet.  
You want to live your ice-kissed dreams, but  
With an empty blue suitcase of smiles,  
How far can you go, when the blizzard wind blows?  
Yearning to bury myself away in warmth,  
I take refuge near the fire place,  
with soup , fried shrimps,  
and stories of life near the North Pole.  
Years past and those to come.  
Bring me sunshine in a cup of tea,  
With roses tinted red in summer's scent,  
Borrow the smell of earth from the first rain  
Smile away the melancholy of the coldest winter day.

## Lost Friends

I only remember their first names,  
I want to meet them, hug them once,  
Before the faces fade away from memory.

We lived, laughed,  
In a world of narrow benches,  
Black boards, school bags , tiffin boxes  
Played as if each day was the last day of life  
Drenched in sweat, rain, mud pools.  
All the people of my school days,  
Who could have known me,  
Where in the world are their addresses?

## A little girl

The frightened me,  
Often dreams of a little girl,  
I used to know.  
Brown haired, Blue eyed,  
Innocence dripping from her face,  
Never returned from school,  
Her school bus turned into a fireball,  
By someone who thought,  
Killing school kids,  
is the way to reach GOD!

The optimistic me,  
Likes to dream  
Going back in time  
Taking the little girl away, just before she got into the bus  
Telling her a story of her favorite princess,  
Chasing the wind with her hand in hand,  
Seeing her grow into a soulful being,  
Her whole life un-lived,  
Did you ever see her wander fearless in your dreams?

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our fallen soldiers of verse



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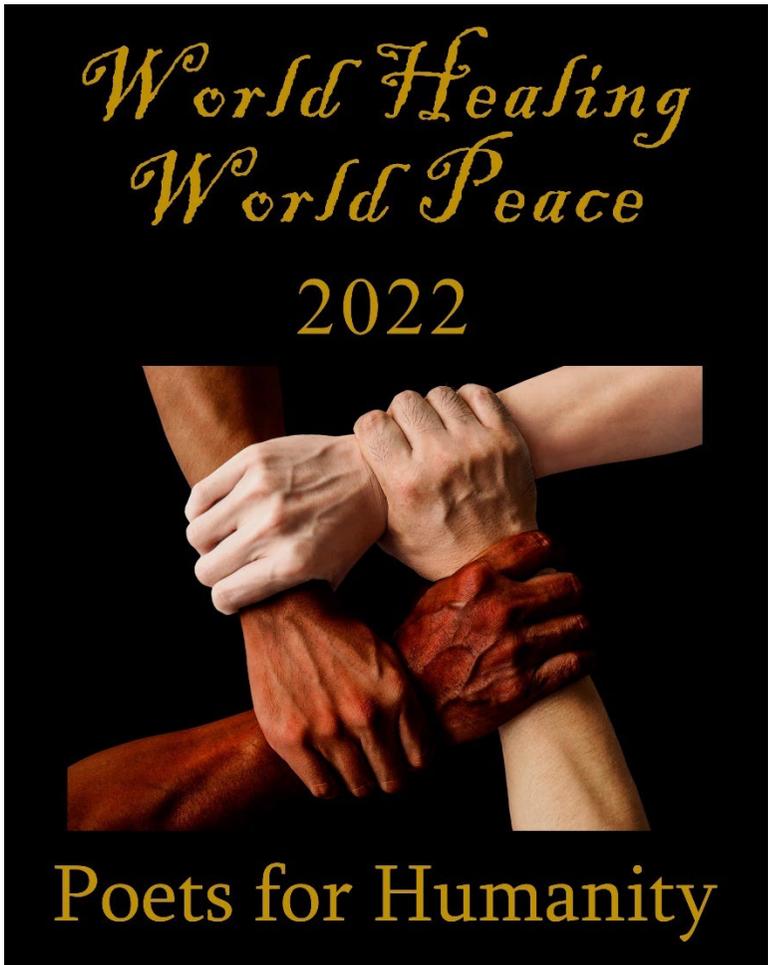
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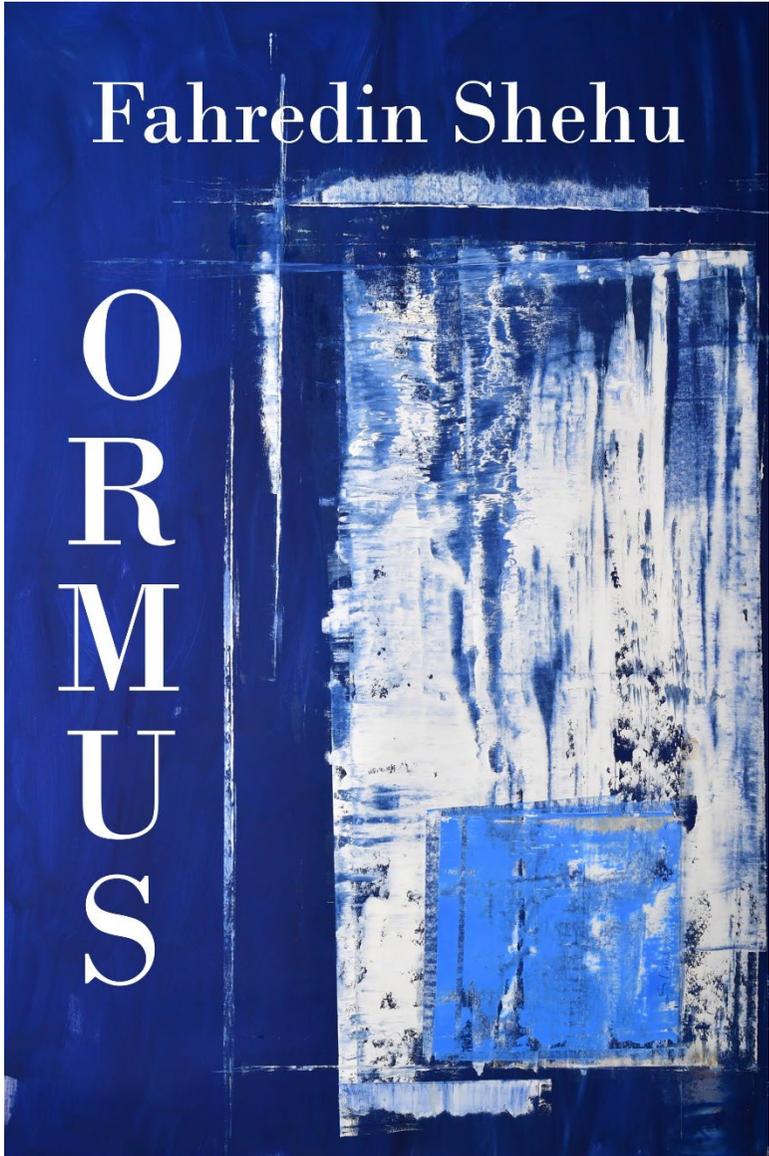
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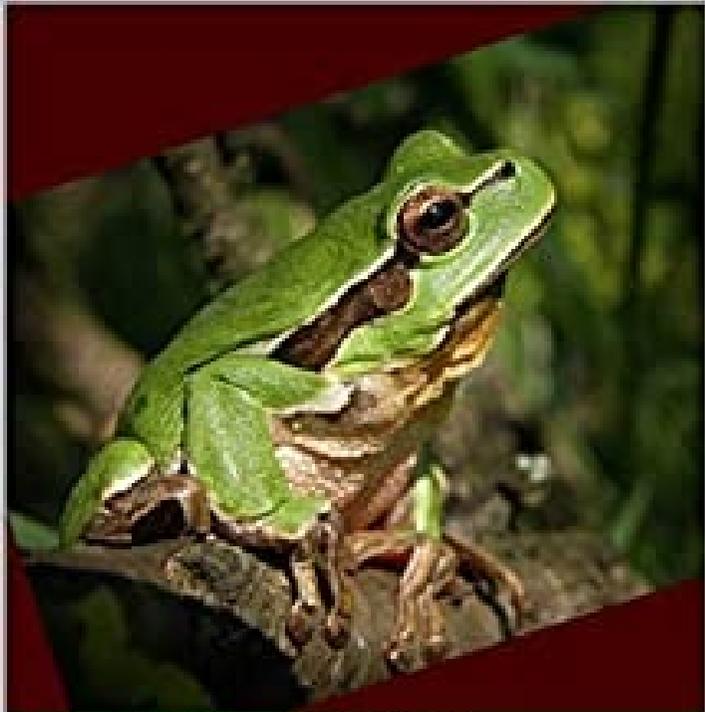


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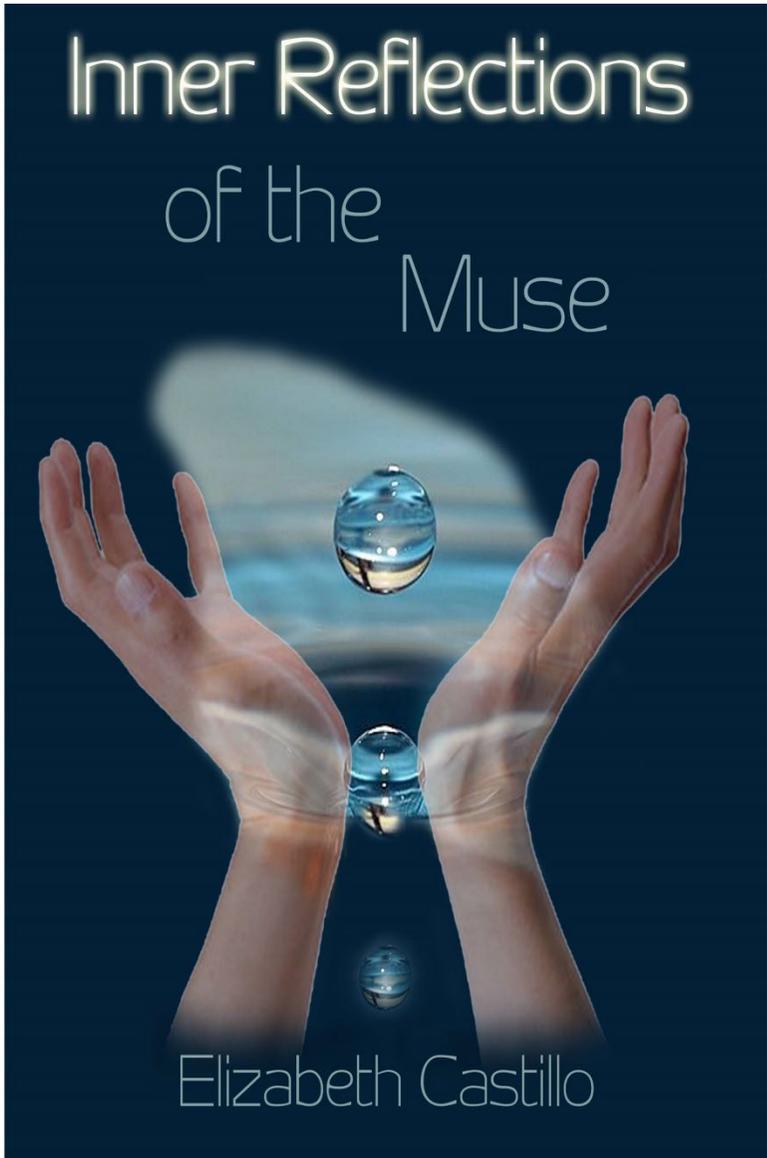
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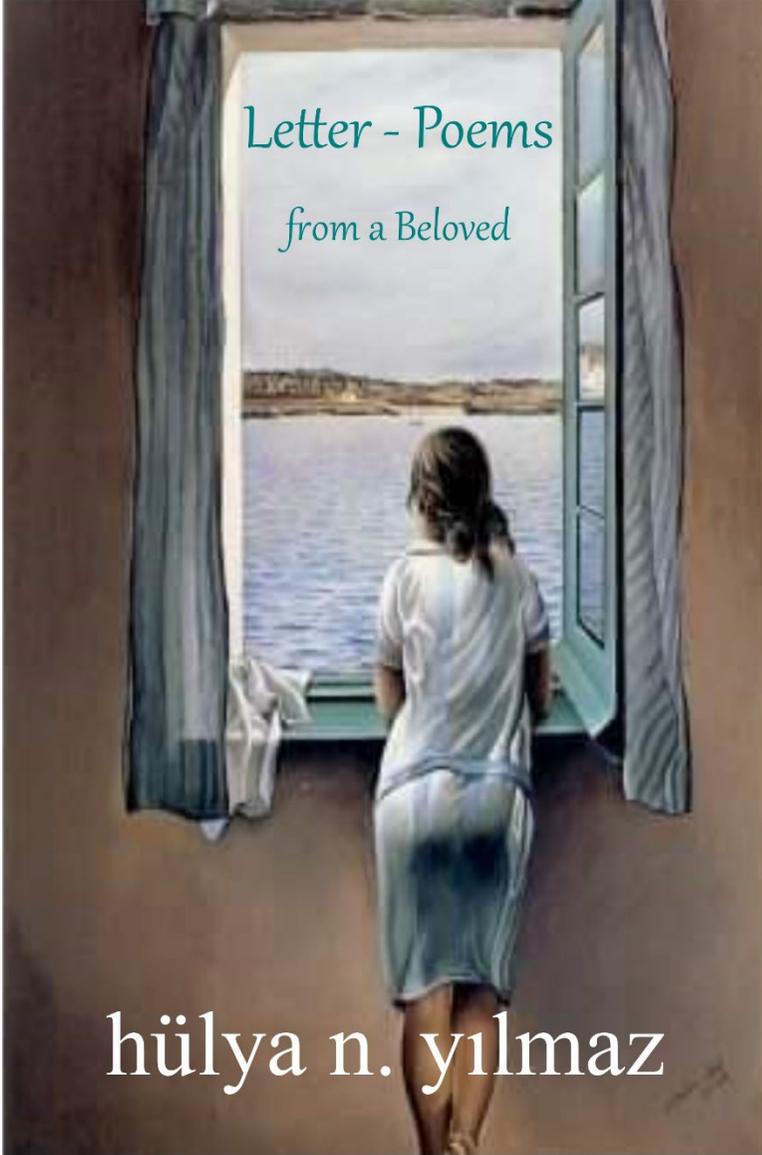
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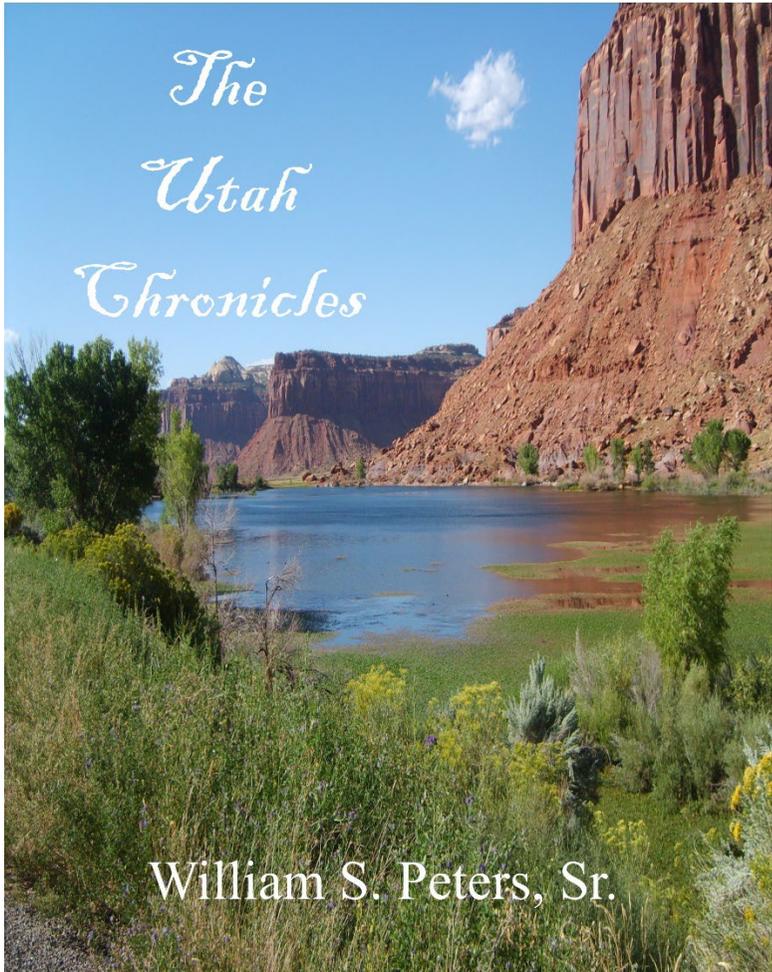
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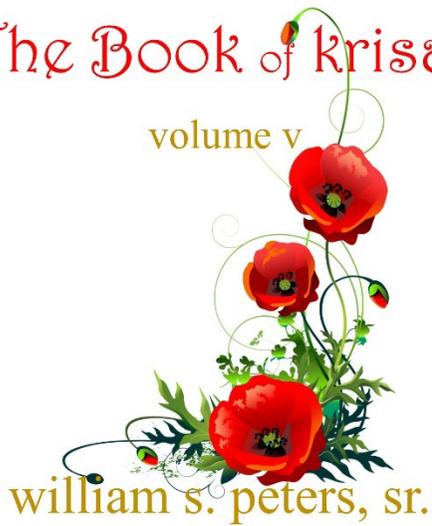
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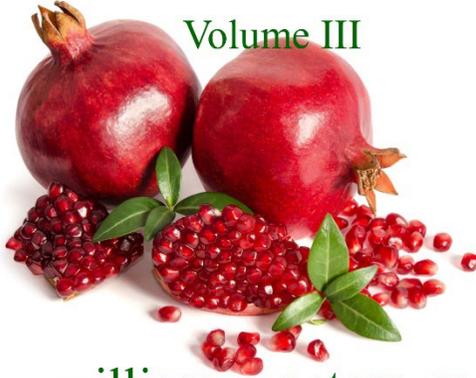
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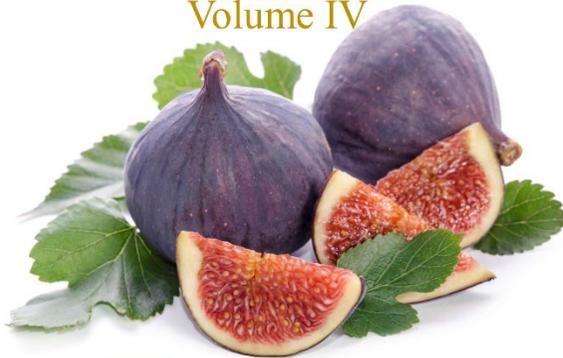
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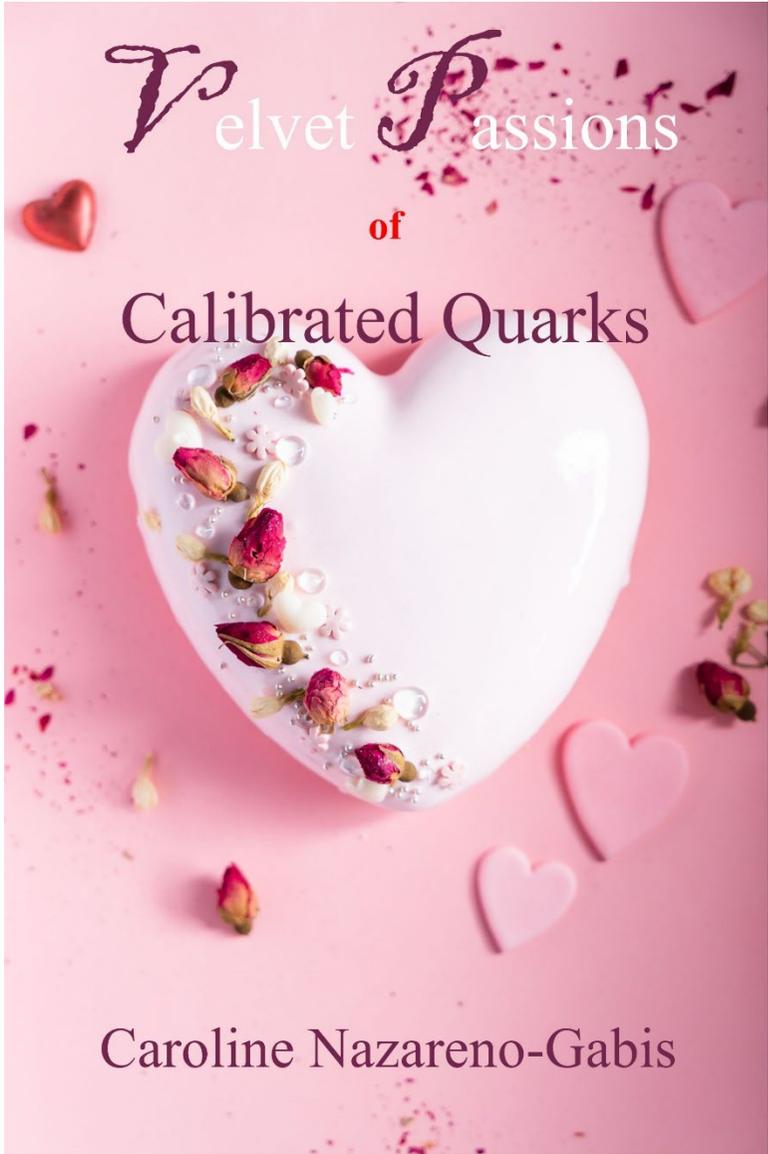


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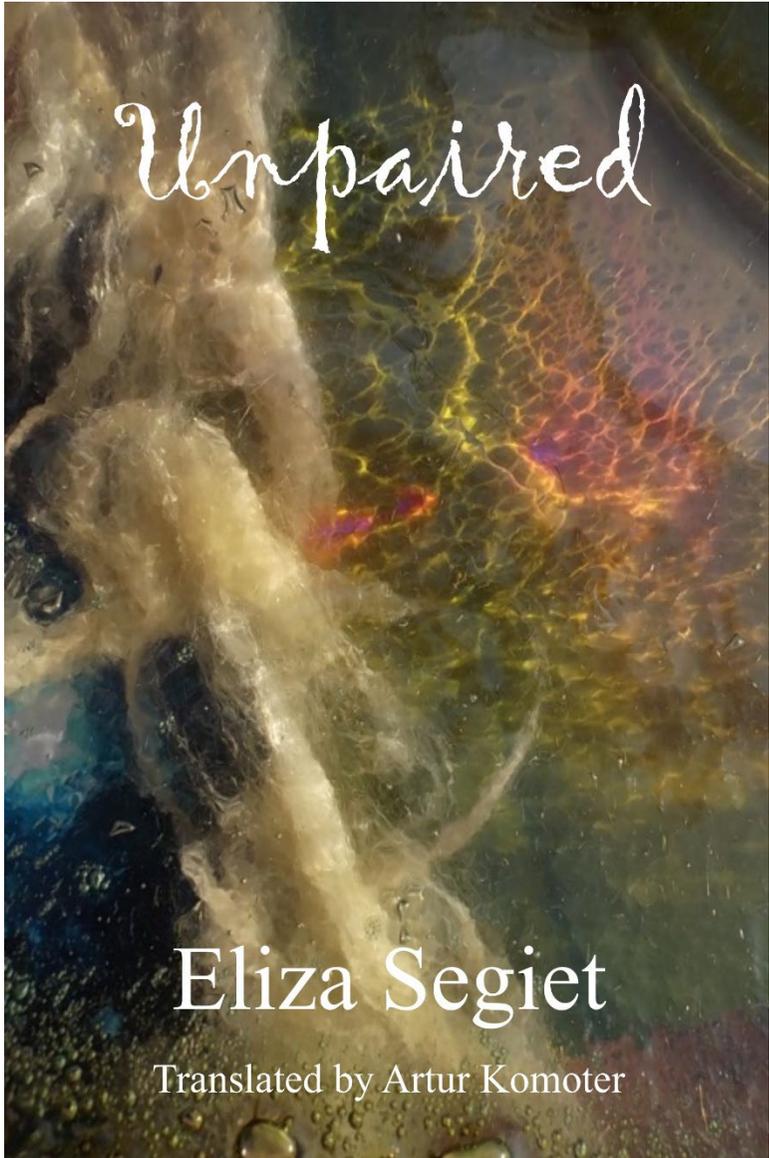
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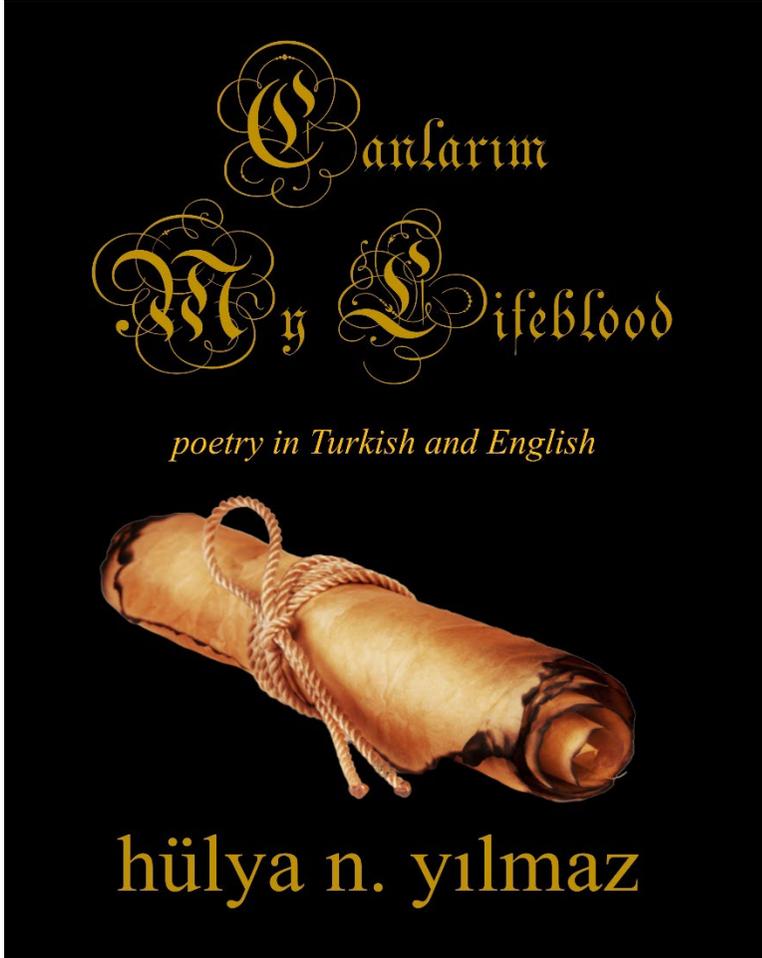
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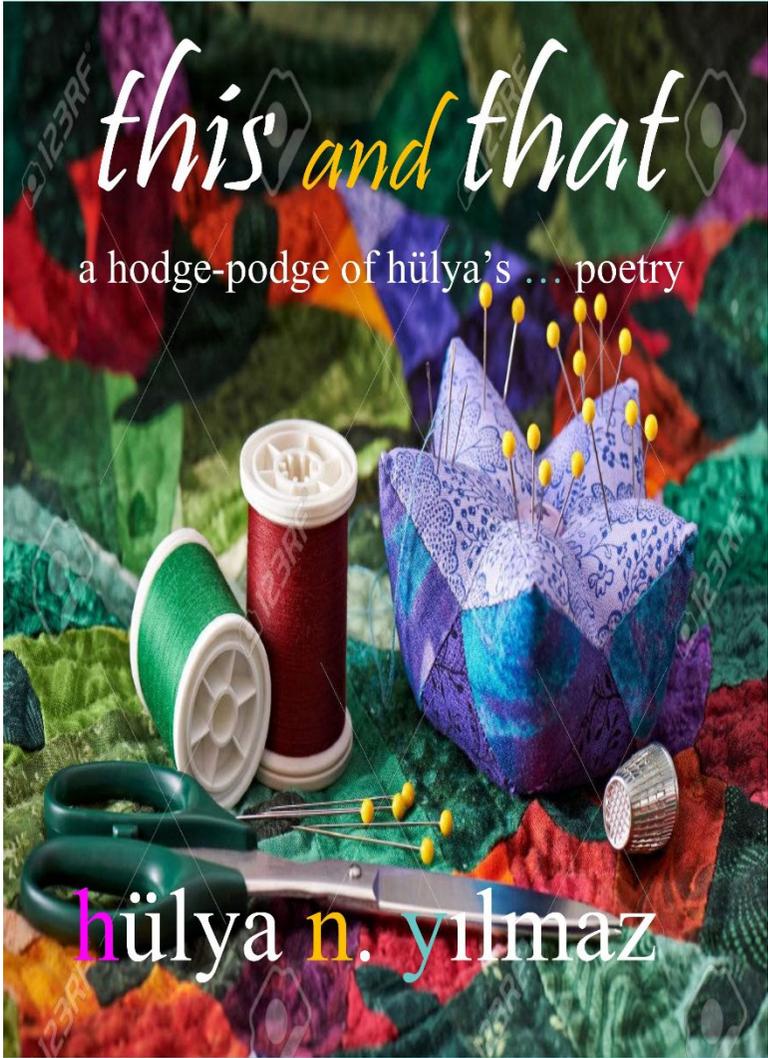


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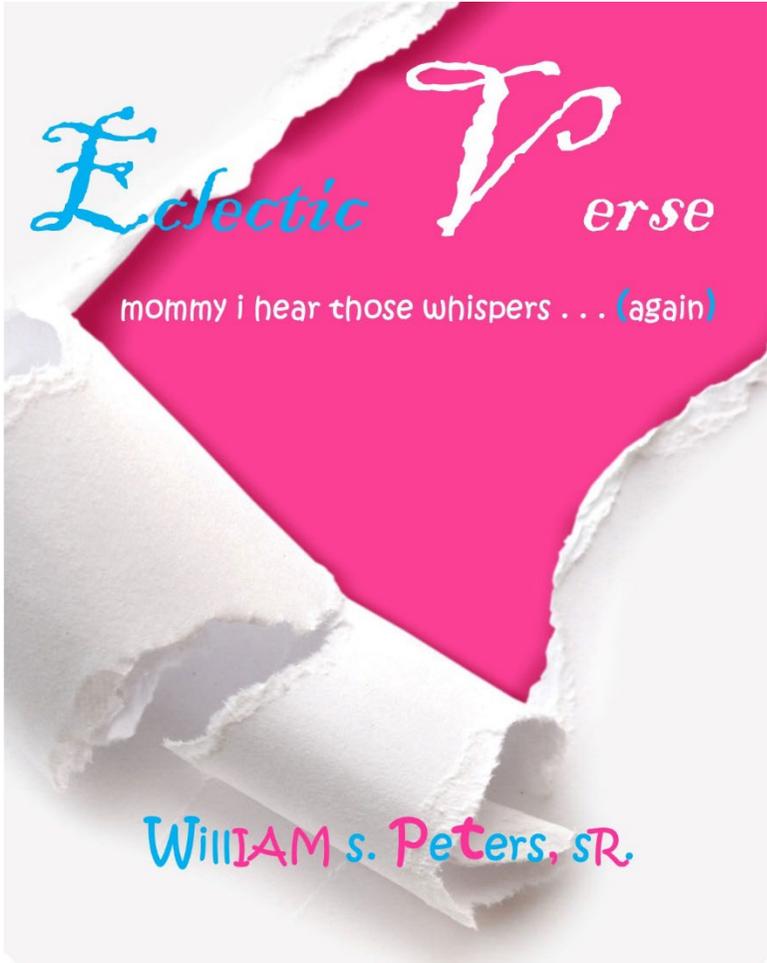
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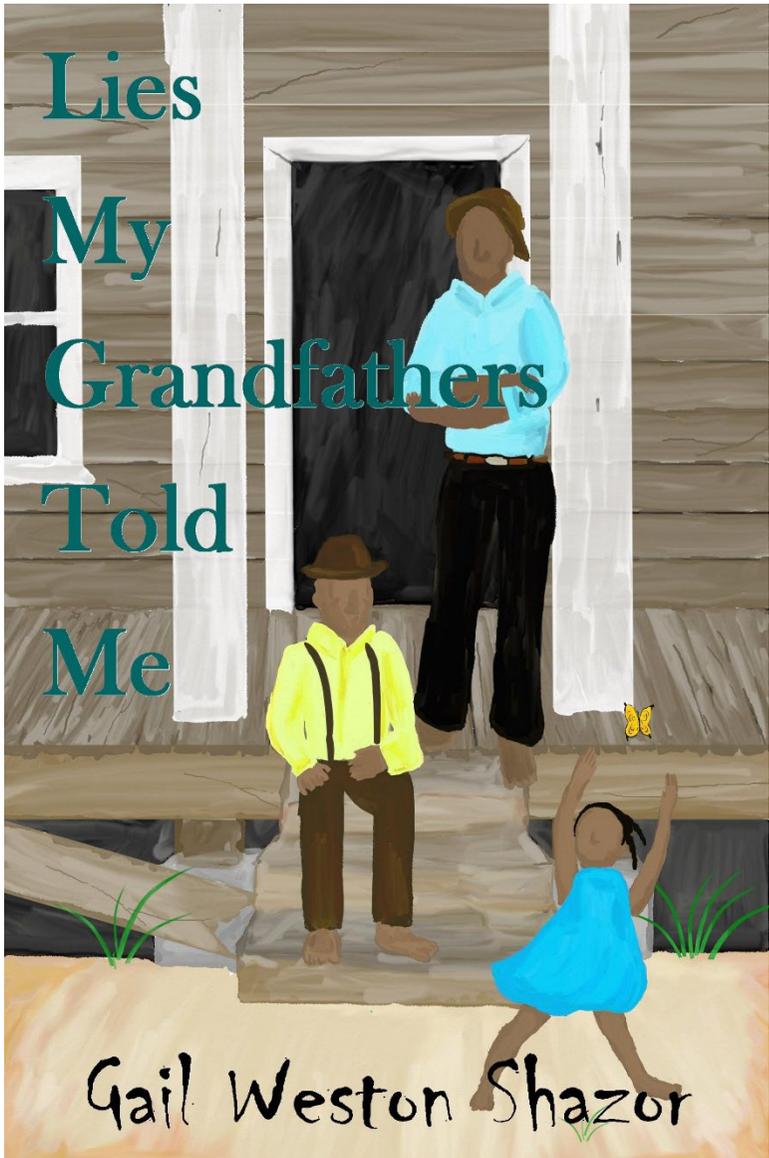
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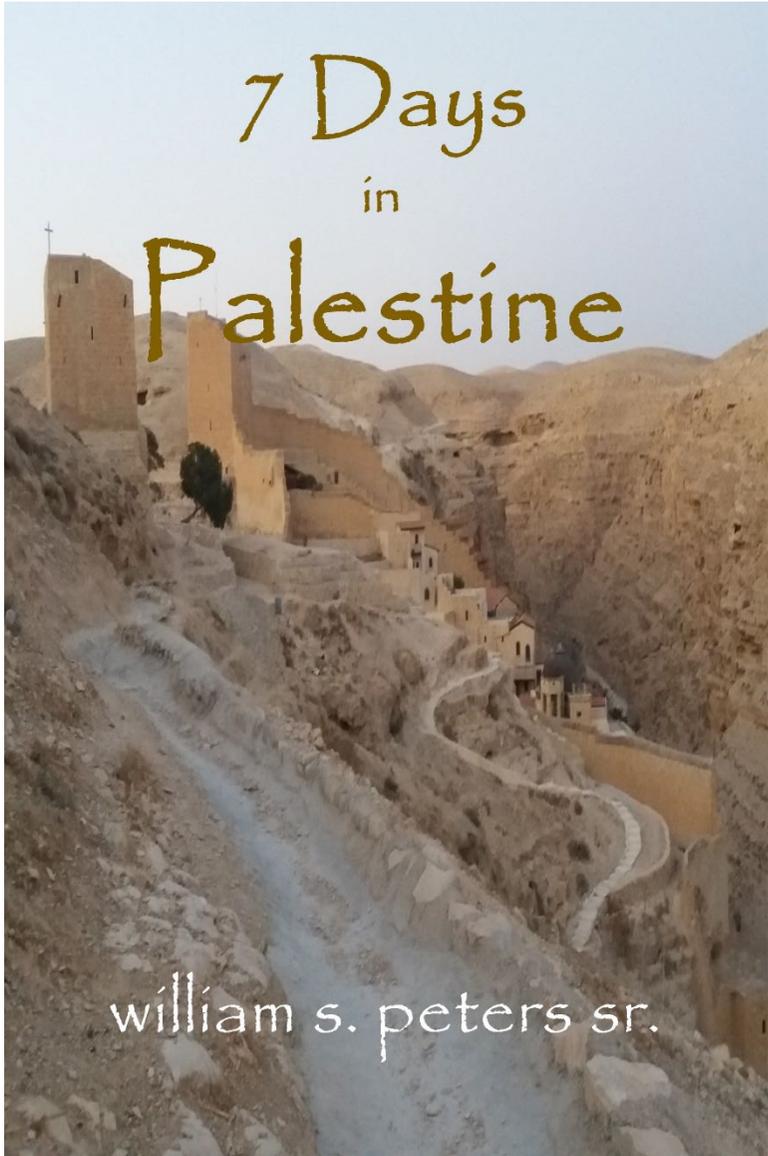
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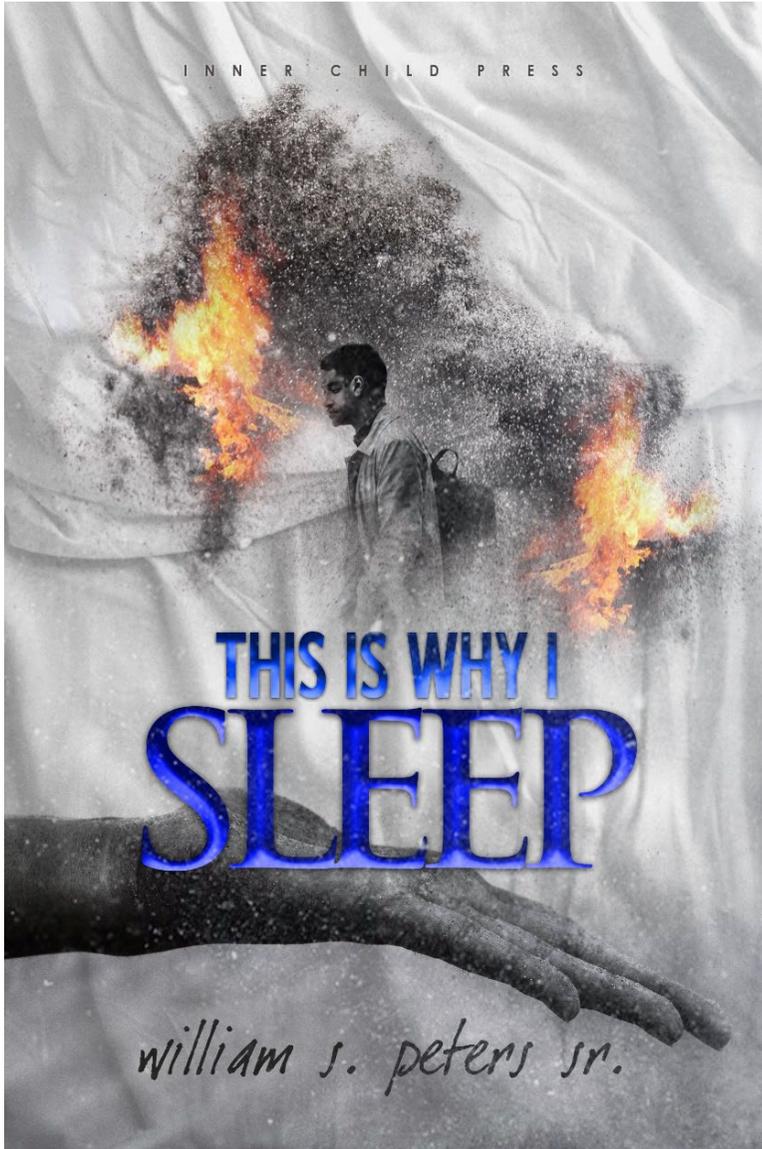
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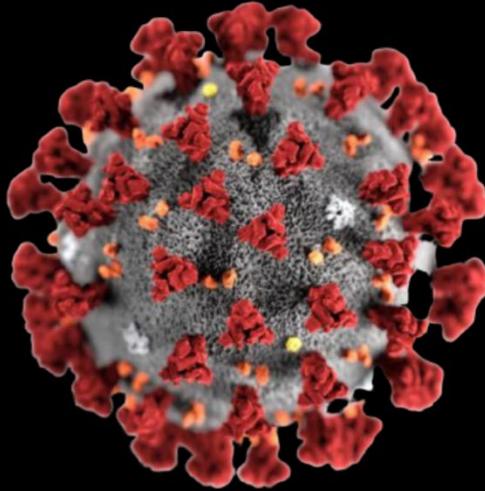
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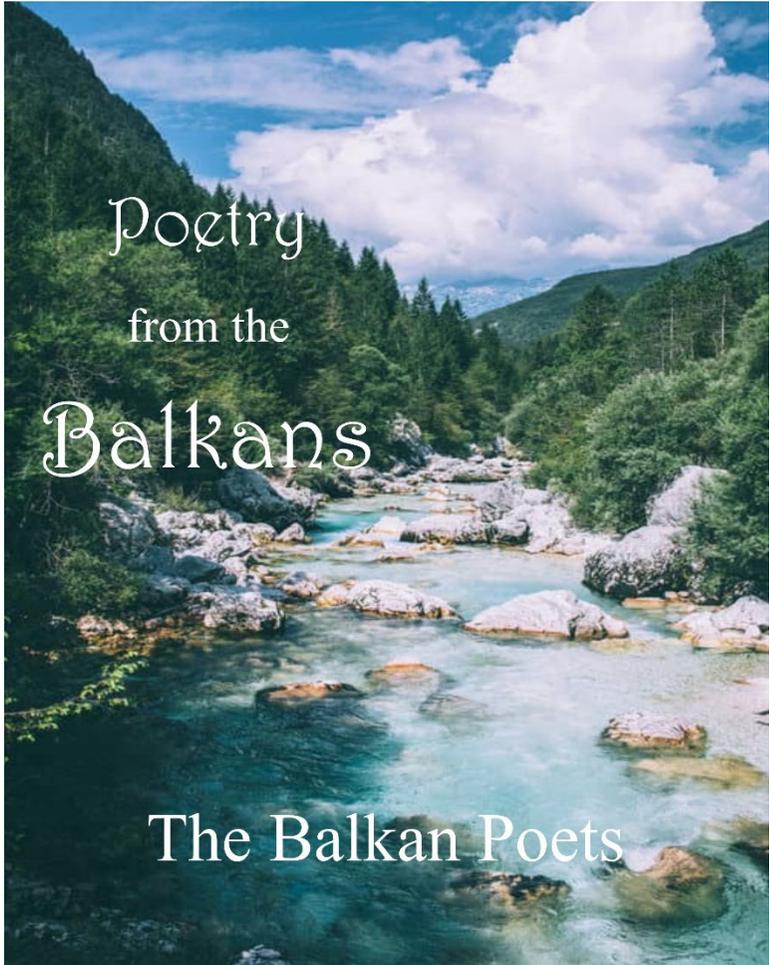


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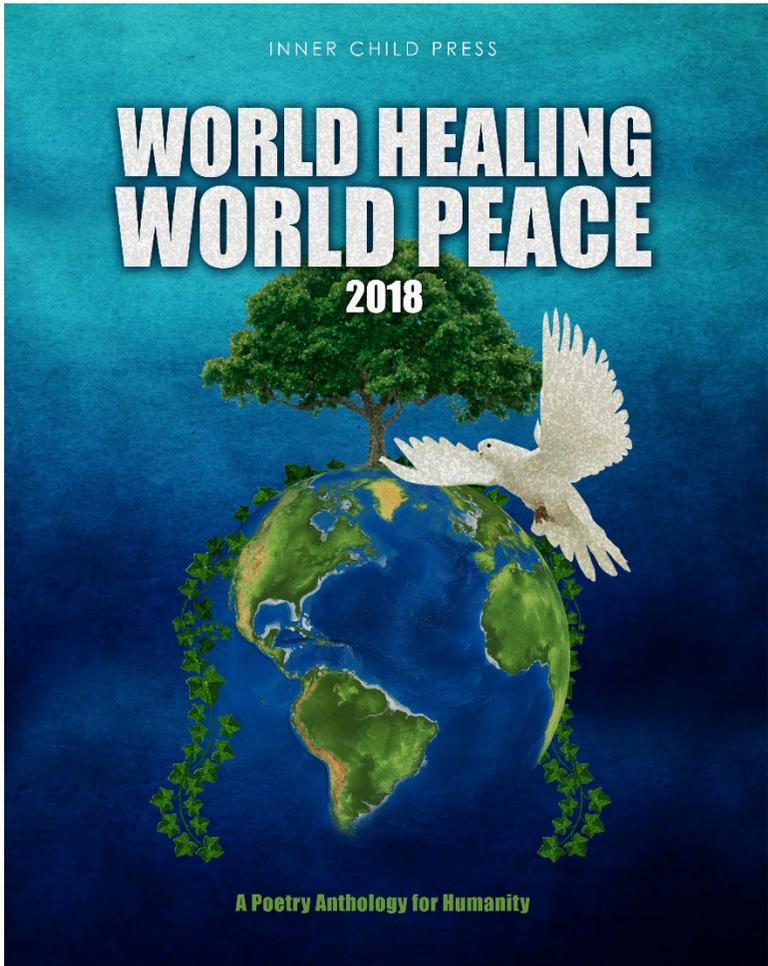
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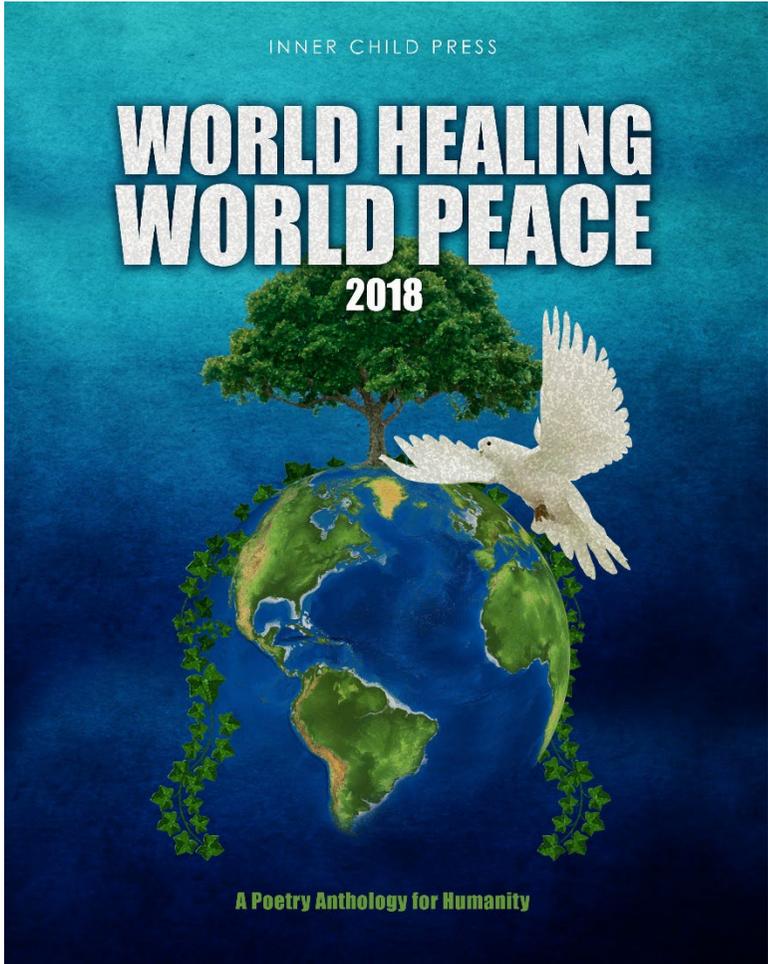
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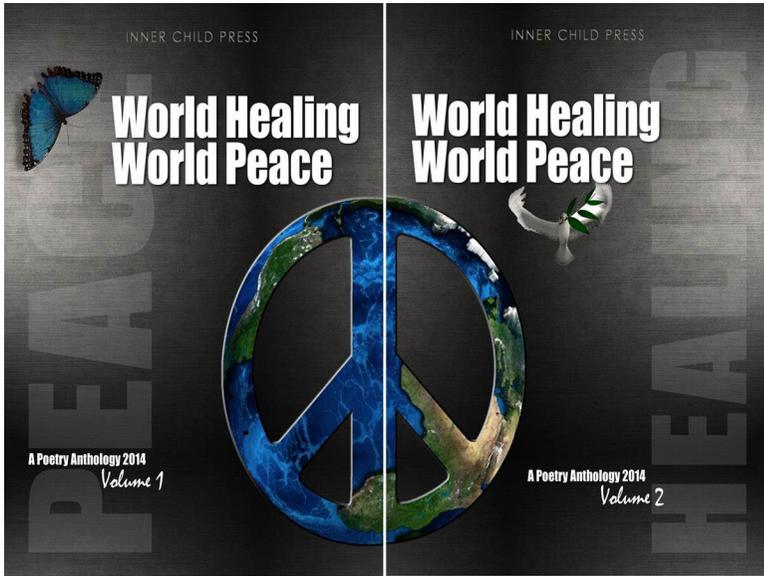
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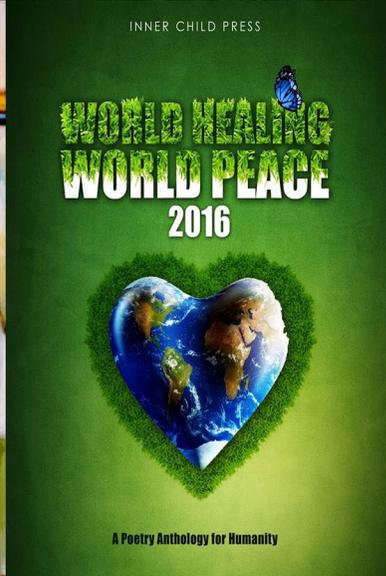
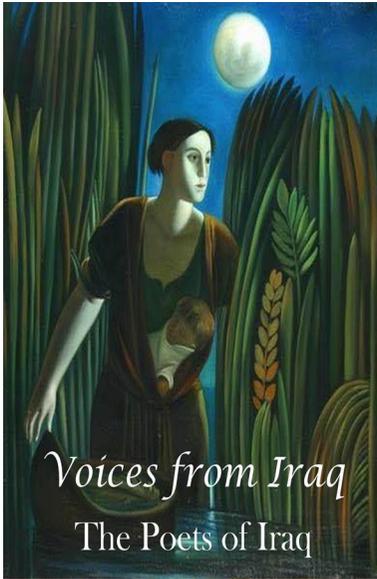
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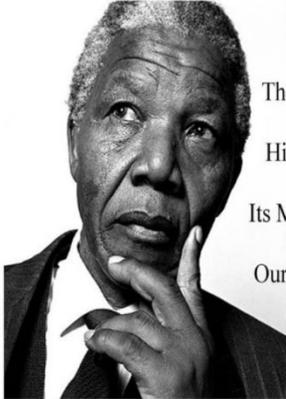
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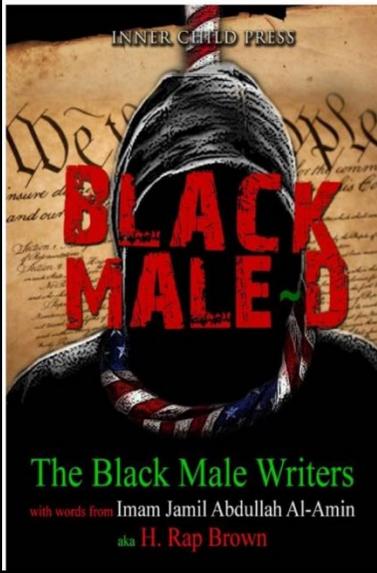
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FOR

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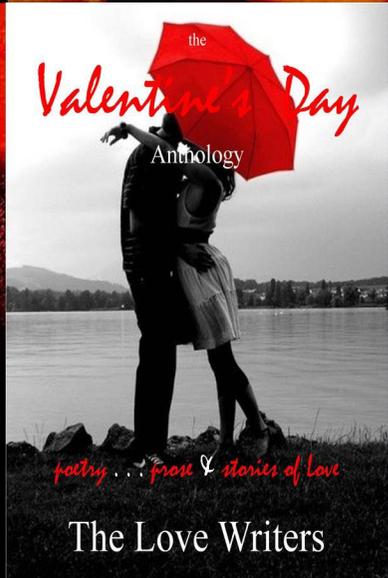
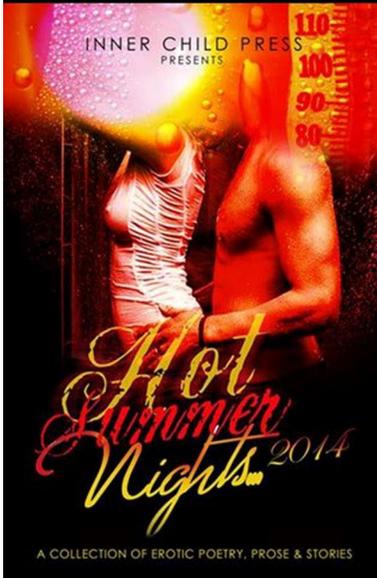
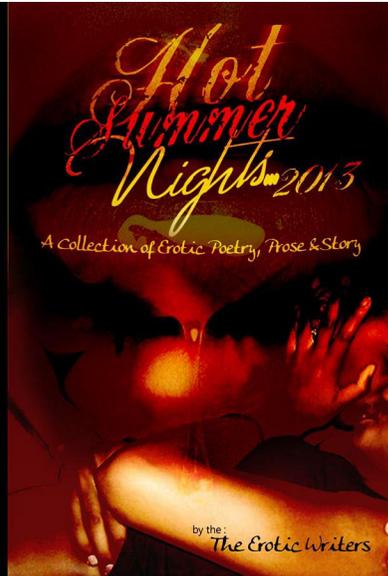
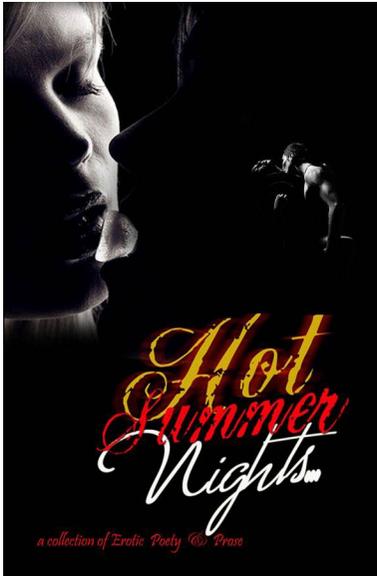
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violets

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March 2014



daffodil

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Sweet Pea

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*Lily of the Valley*

**Dedicated To our Children**

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June 2014

*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

*June's Featured Poets*  
Shantelle McLin  
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*July Feature Poets*  
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**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

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**Gladiolus**

*August Feature Poets*  
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Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Carnations of September Birth Day Flower

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October 2014

Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz \* RaJendra Padri \* Elizabeth Castillo

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November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Poets

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November Feature Poets

Jacelyn Roseman \* Jackie Allen \* James Moore \* Neville Hiate

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December 2014



Narcissus

The Poetly Poets

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**Garnet**

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

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



**Amethyst**

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

## The Year of the Poet II

March 2015

**Our Featured Poets**  
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**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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May 2015

May's Featured Poets  
Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimere  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

The Poetry Posse 2015  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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June 2015

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



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July 2015

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



### The Poetry Posse 2015

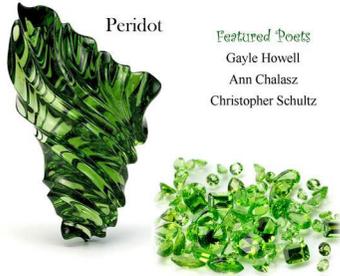
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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalaszc  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2015

### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Triffatis



Sapphires

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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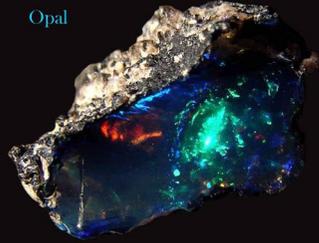
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October 2015

### Featured Poets

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

Opal



### The Poetry Posse 2015

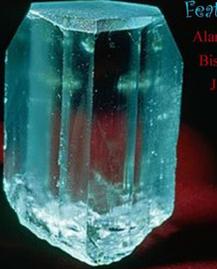
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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

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## The Year of the Poet II

December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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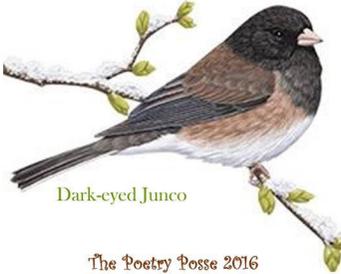
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### Featured Poets

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Dark-eyed Junco

### The Poetry Posse 2016

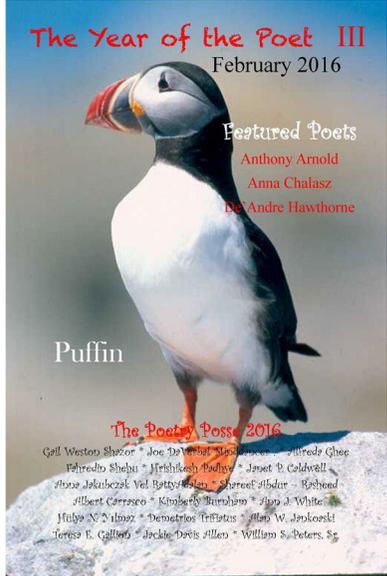
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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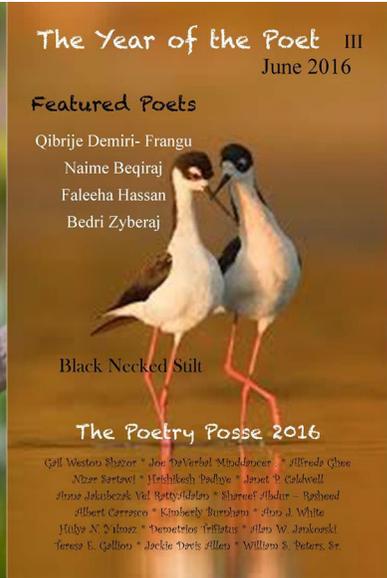


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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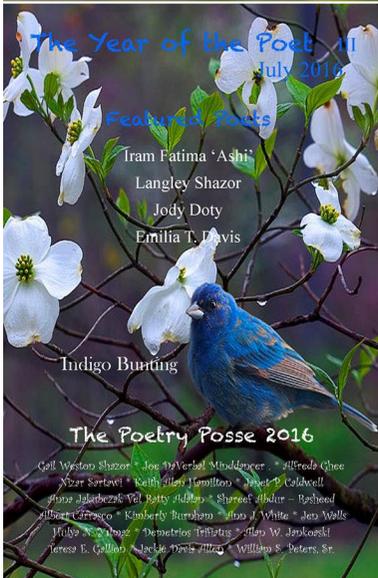


**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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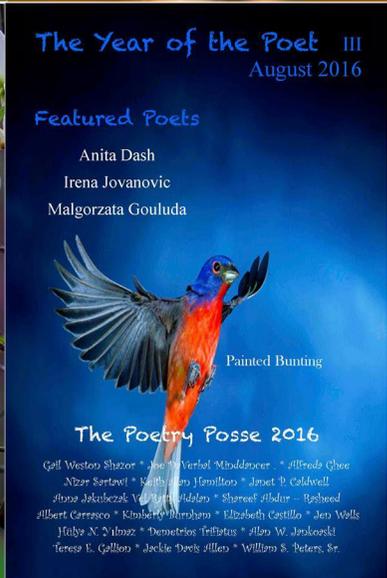


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

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September 2016

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novia



Long Billed Curlew

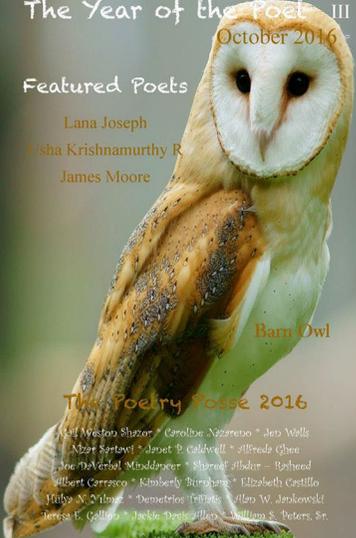
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Tisha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

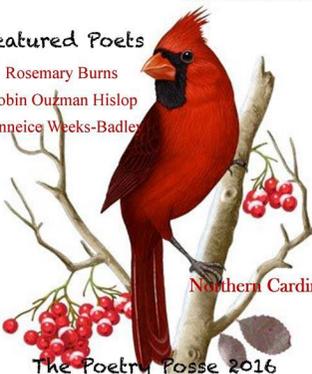
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

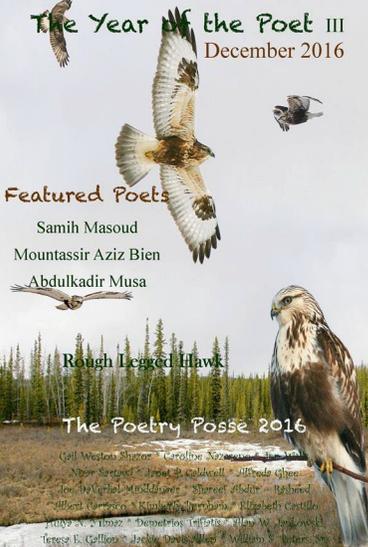
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

**The Poetry Posse 2016**

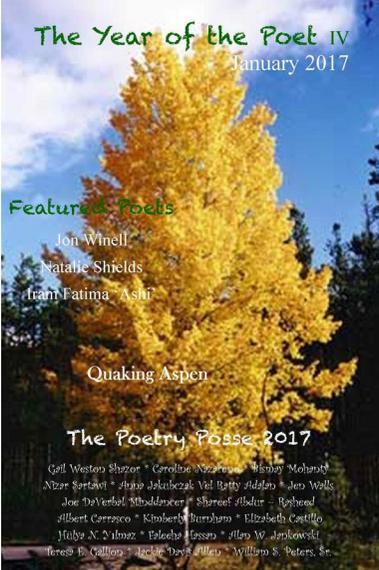
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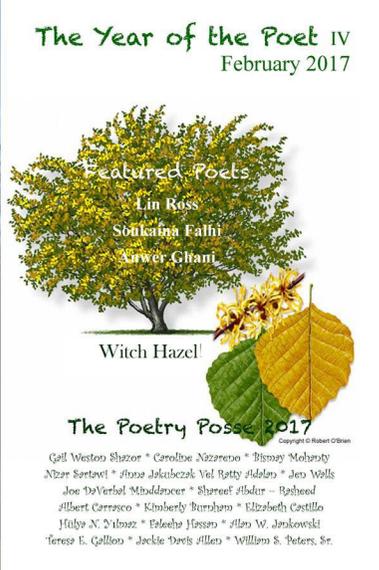


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Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burgham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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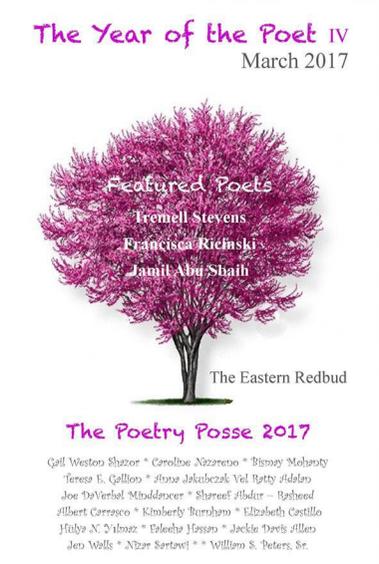


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Lin Ross  
Sankama Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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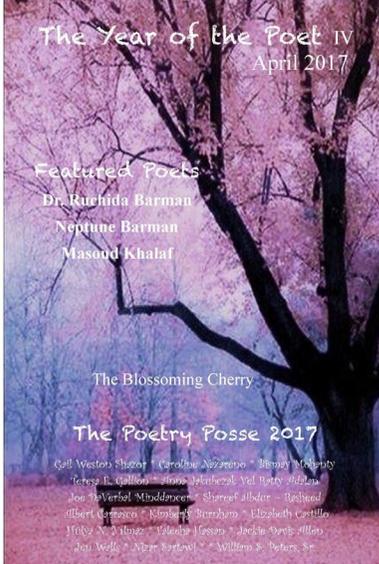


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Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaikh

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibana Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

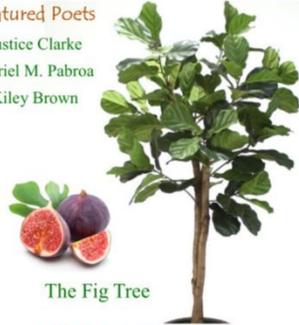
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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## The Year of the Poet V

January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

Dominican Republic  
Haiti  
Puerto Rico

### The Poetry Posse 2018

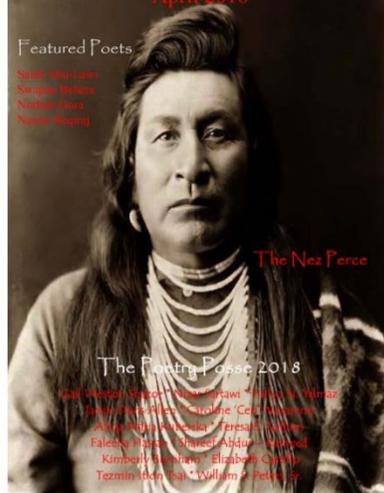
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Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzie Abu-Leneh  
Suzanne Belack  
Nathan Lion  
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

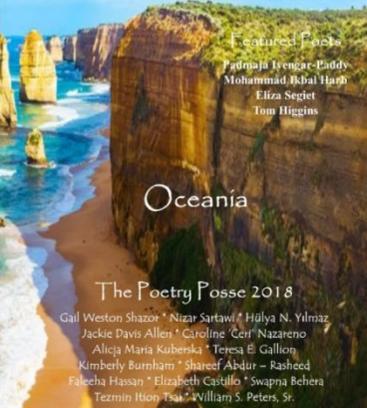


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July 2018

Featured Poets  
Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Akhal Hany  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

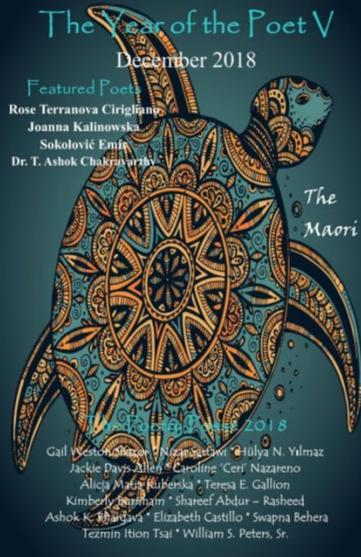
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe Paire \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

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

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

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Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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## The Year of the Poet VI

June 2019

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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## The Year of the Poet VI

July 2019

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

### The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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August 2019

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



Southwest Asia

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



**The Caucasus**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Simruti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleidar



**Northern Asia**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efthichia



**Oceania**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevka-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Lan Oyyalla

Goncalao Mabunda



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August 2021

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Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Kamal Dhungana  
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Heather Jansch



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Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

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November 2021

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Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



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Climate Change and Mountains



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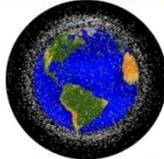
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Featured Global Poets

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Kennedy Ochieng \* Swayam Prashant

Climate Change and Space Debris



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