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the Power of the Pen
can effectuate change!

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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Foreword

Climate Change and 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 1st 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

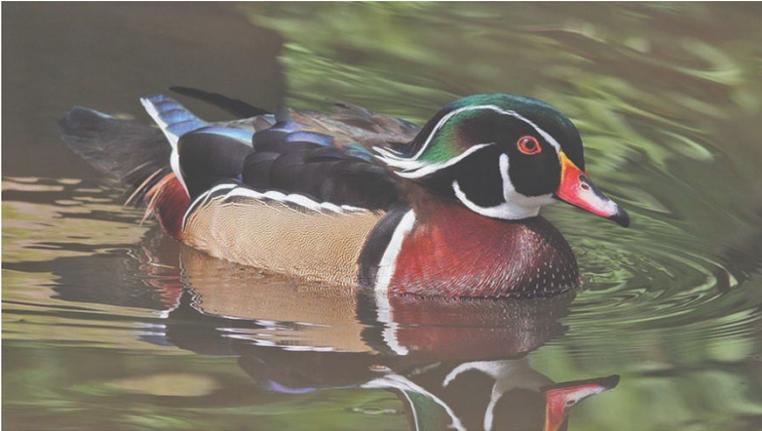


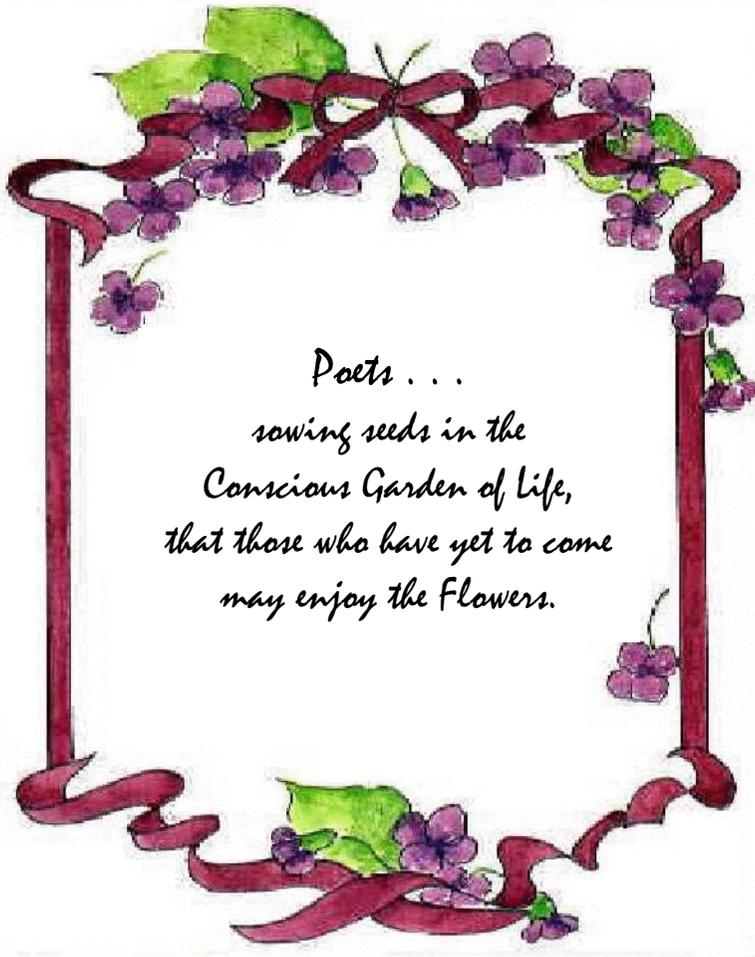
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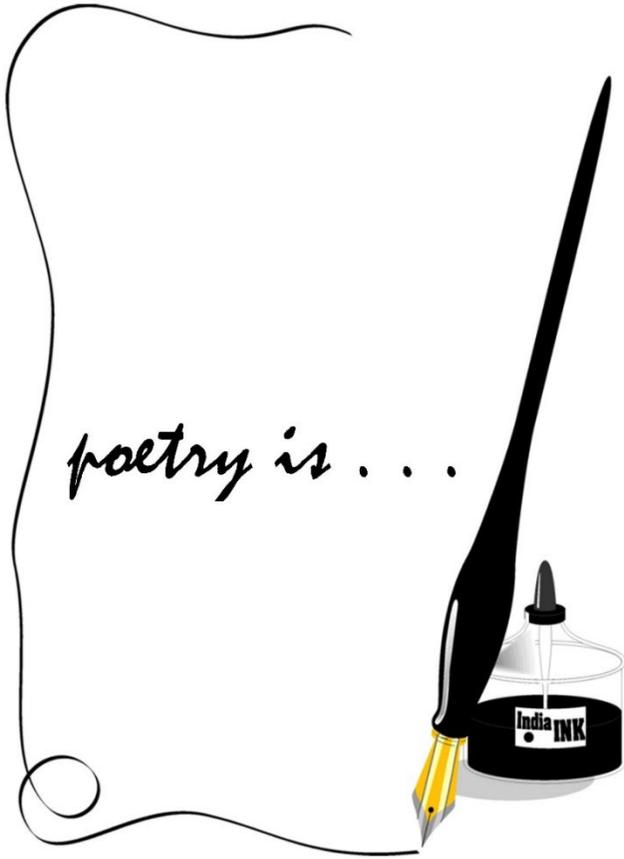




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp

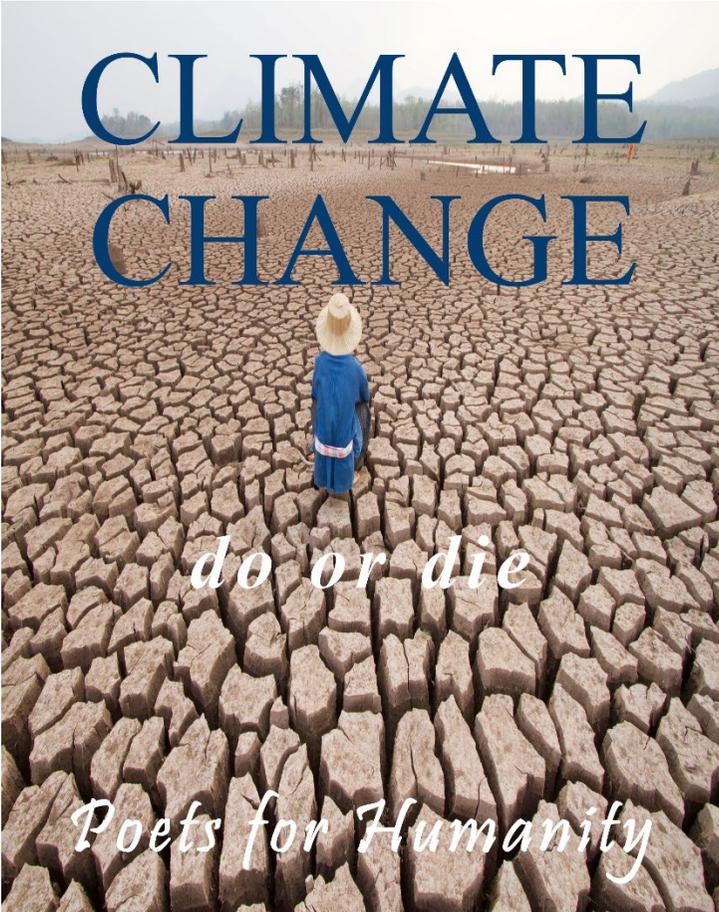




Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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

Author of . . .

"An Overstanding of an Imperfect Love"
&
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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

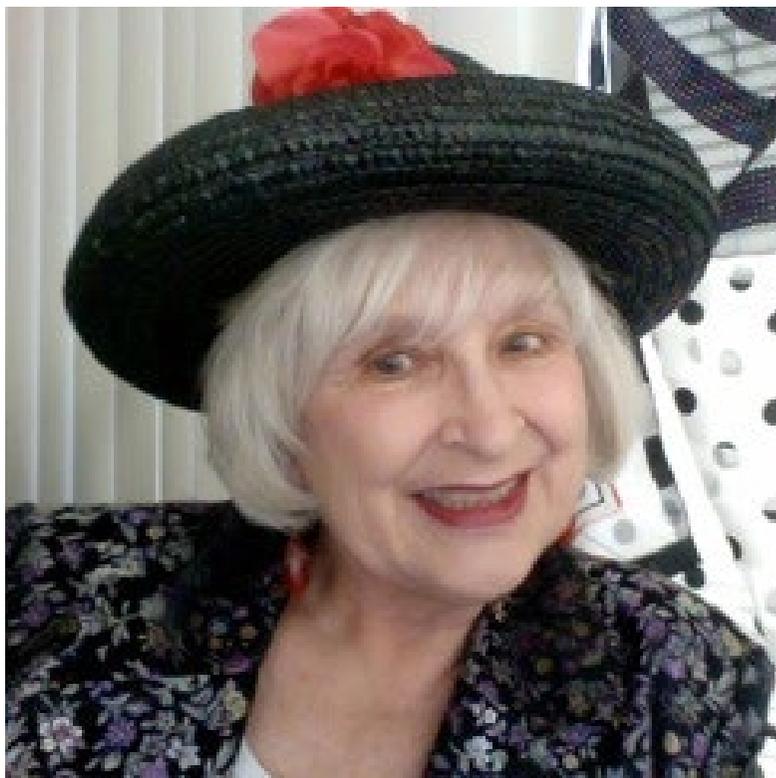
I would have liked to rise higher and run away.

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

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

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*.

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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

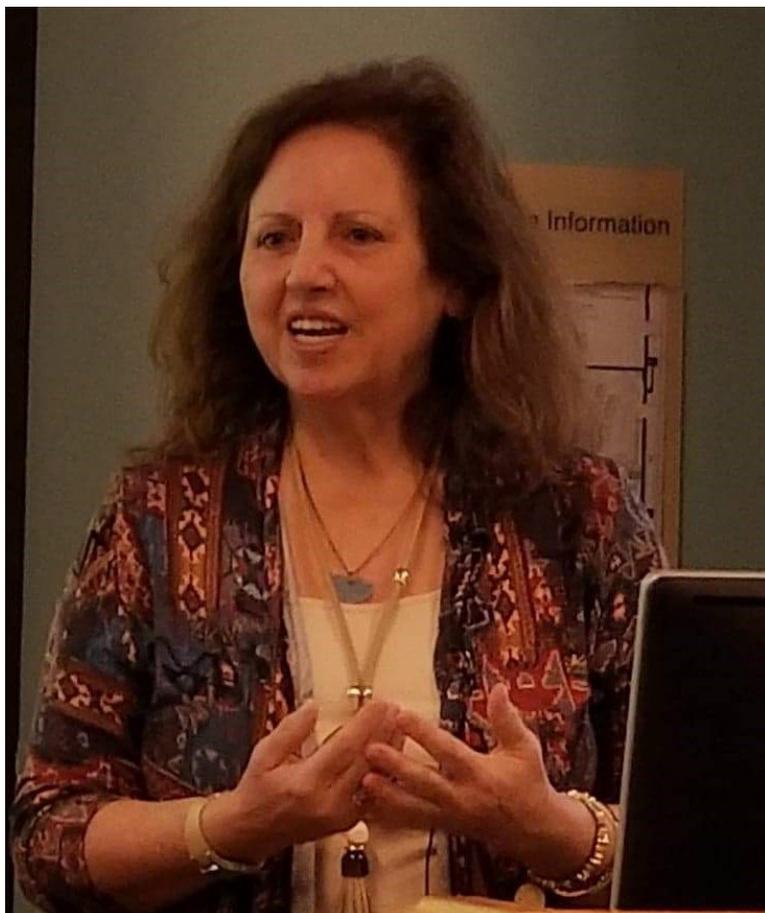
Then the rains came via climate change
The soil won't drain because it's saturated
I wonder how long before maturation.

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.

hülya
n.
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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.

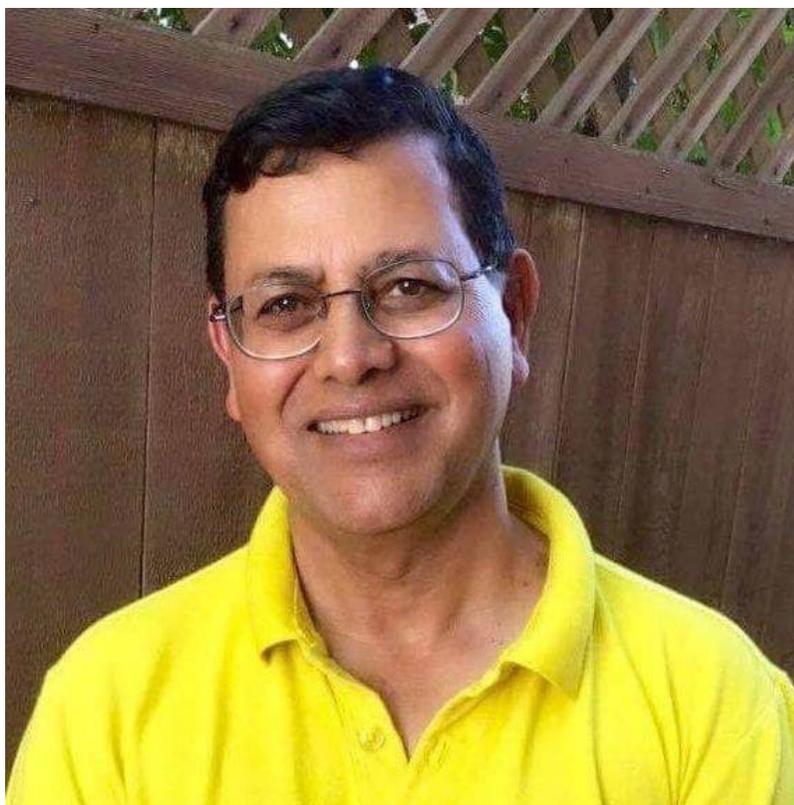
Not afraid to be held by this torrent of love
rubbing ecstasy on my face
coming from a gentle breeze
only a thought of you may bring.

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
Gabis

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

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

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

Links to her works:

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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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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
Sęgięt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

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

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

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

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

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.

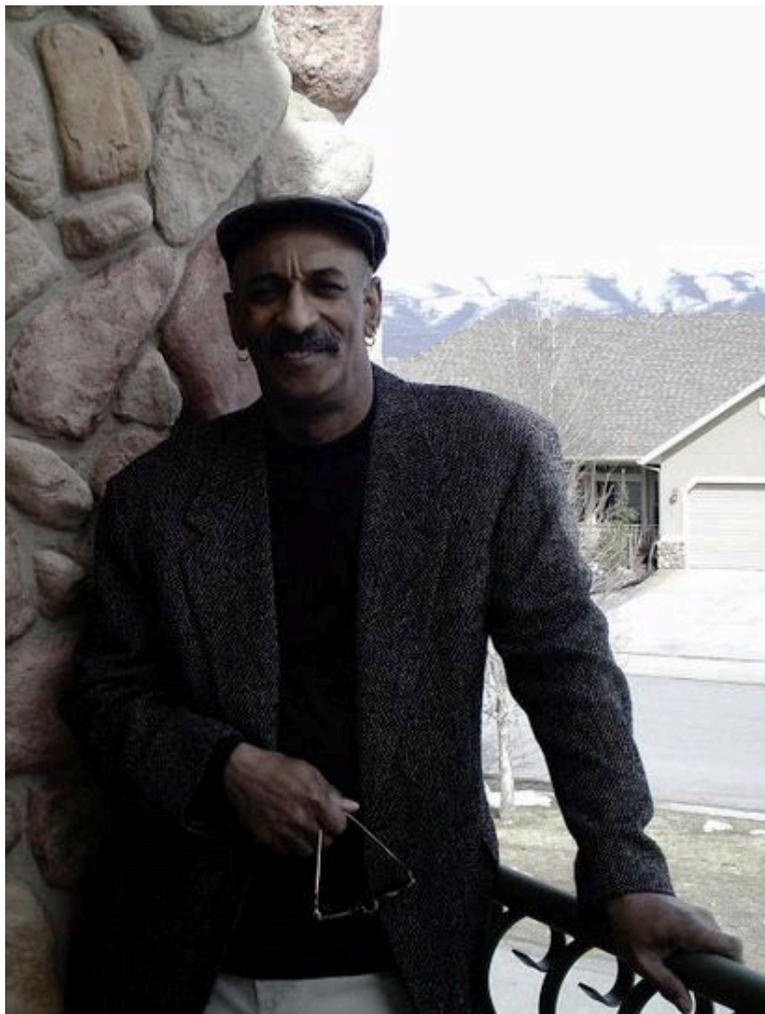
How was he to say,
he found a journey of dreams?
How was he to decide
for departure,
when there's a void in the wallet?

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.
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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?

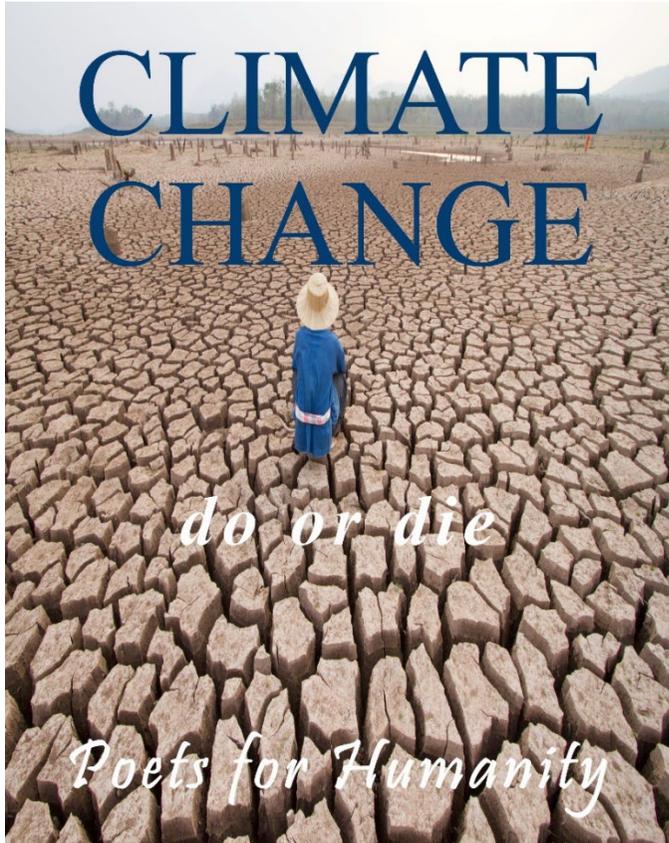
Either way
He felt a 'way'
Must be found,
Or he would be
Forever lost
In a swamp

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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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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 andyes, 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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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
e 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?

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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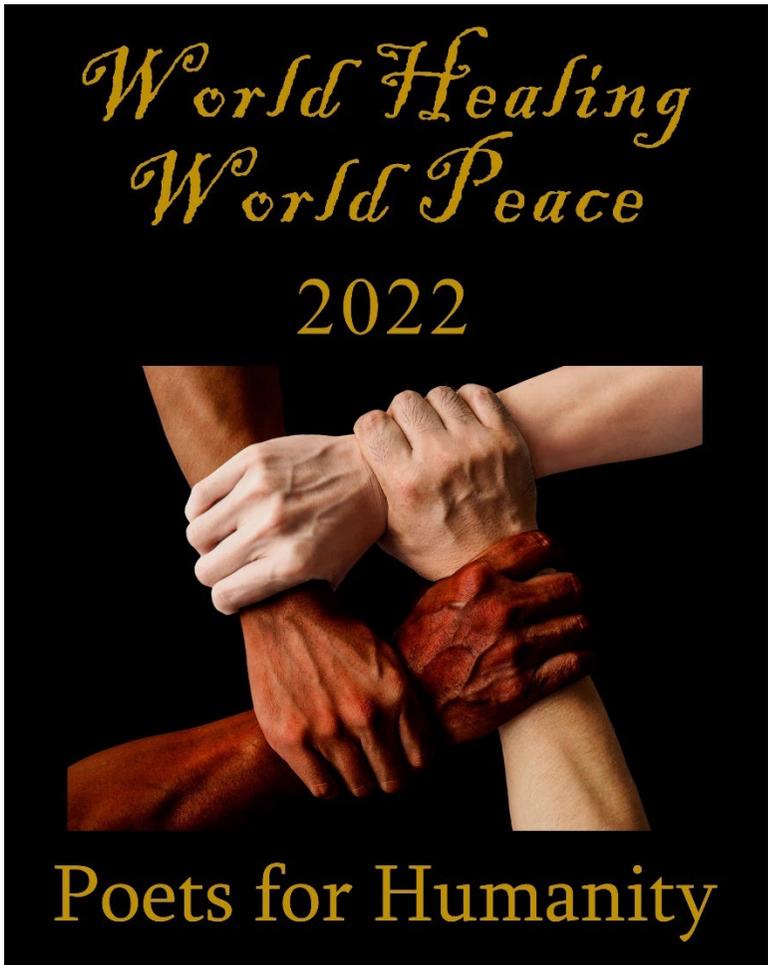
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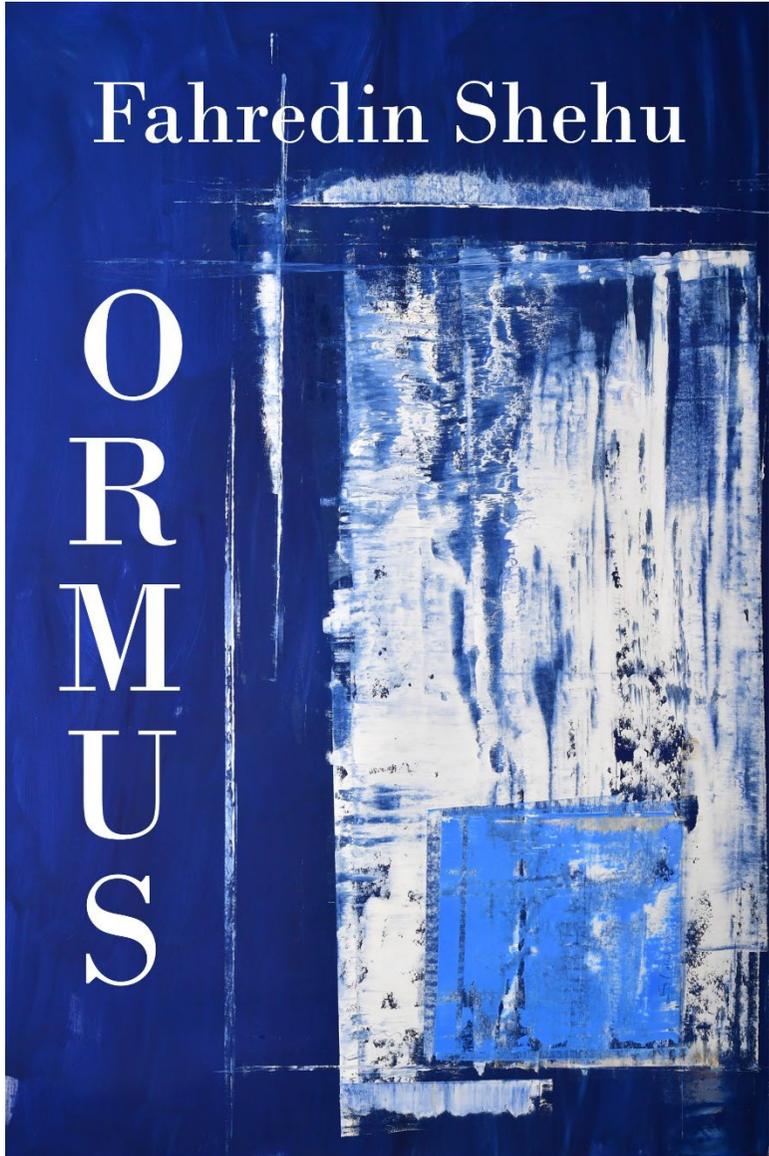
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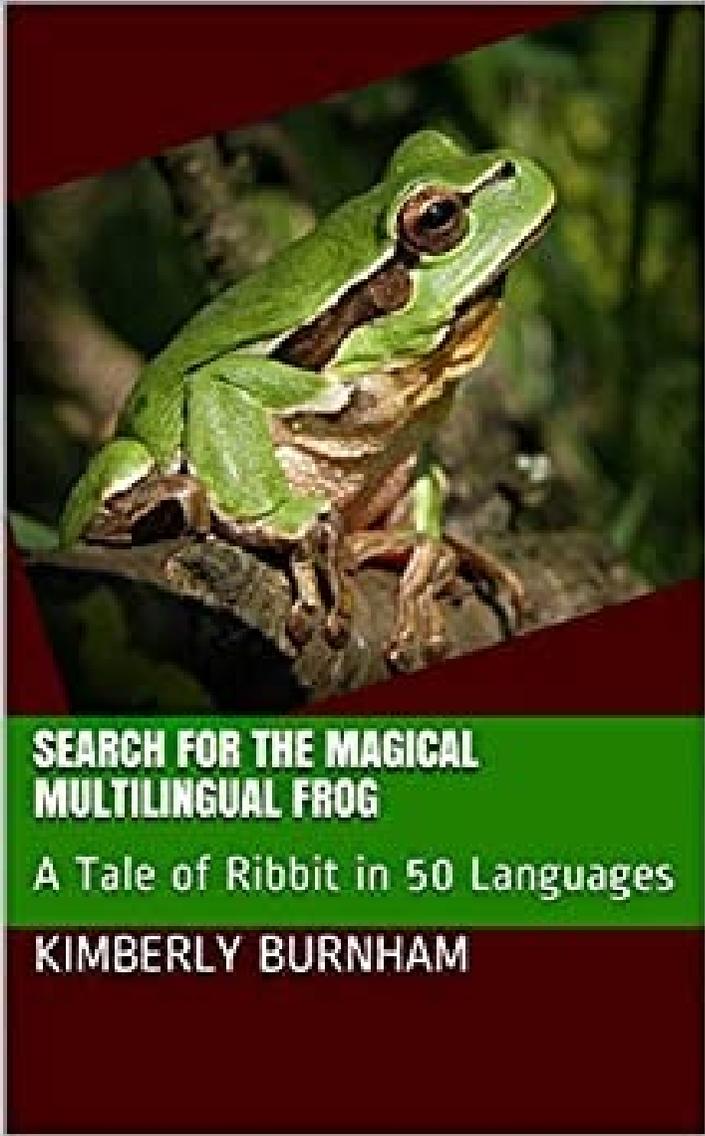


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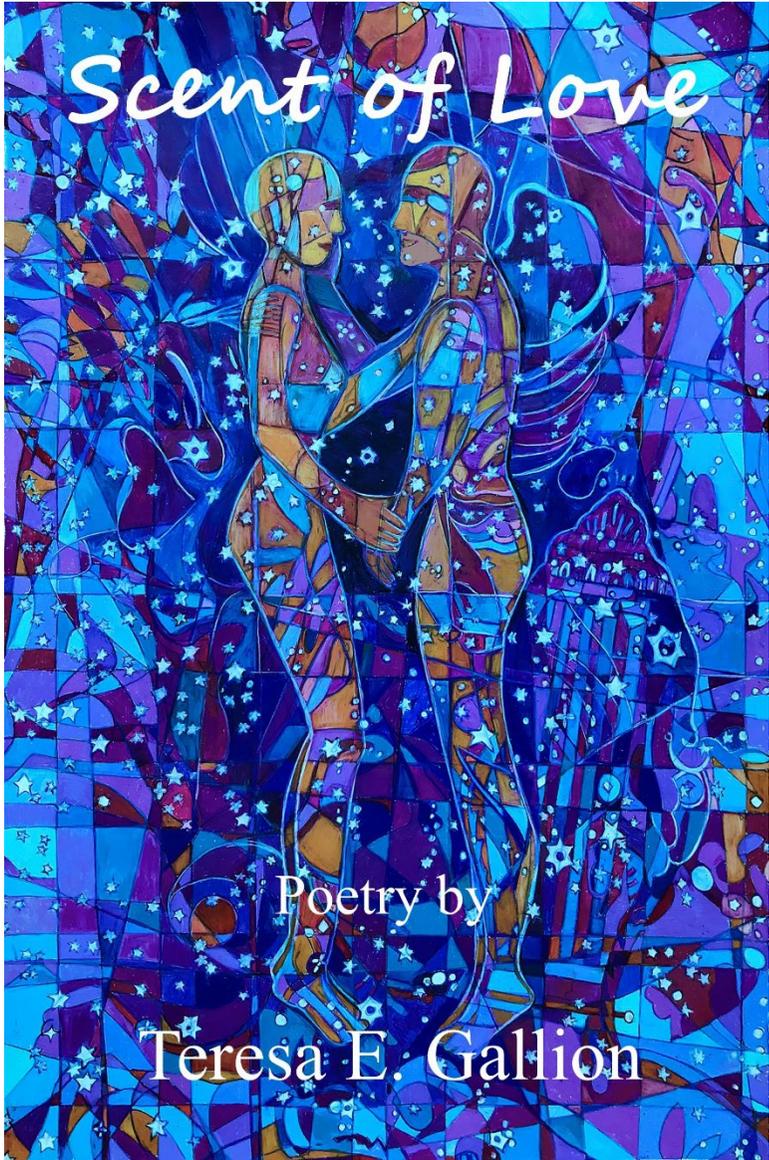
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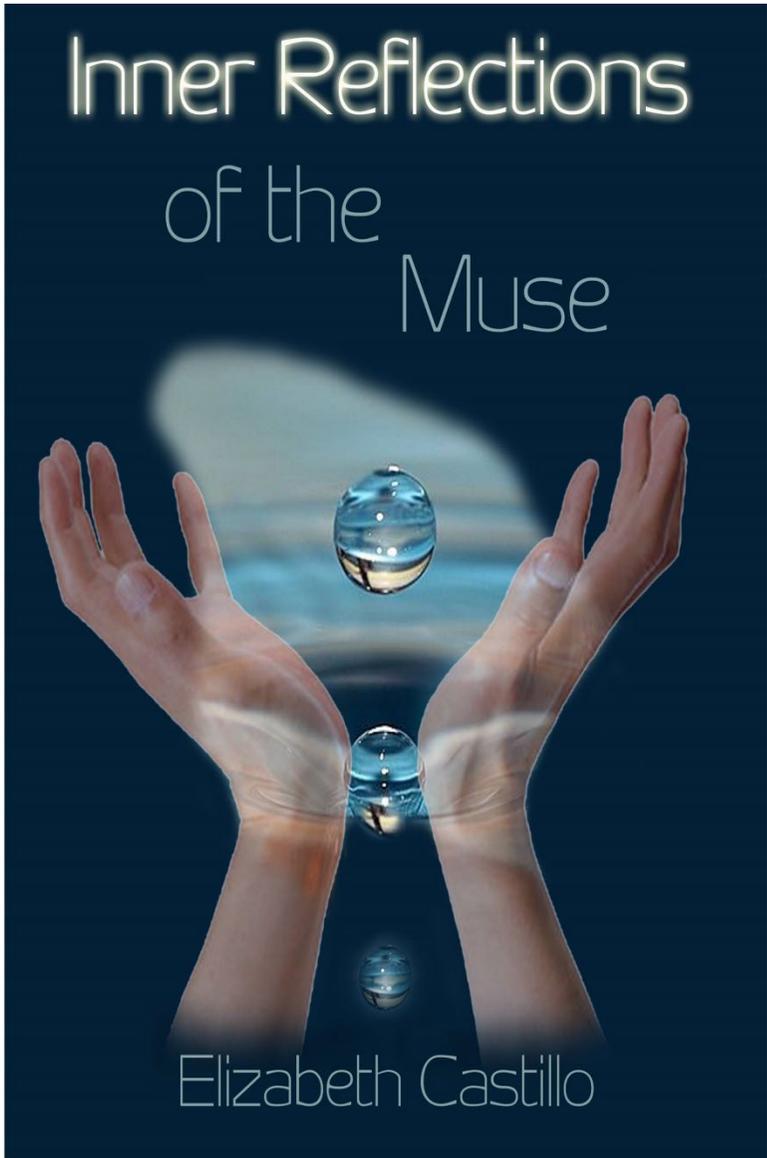
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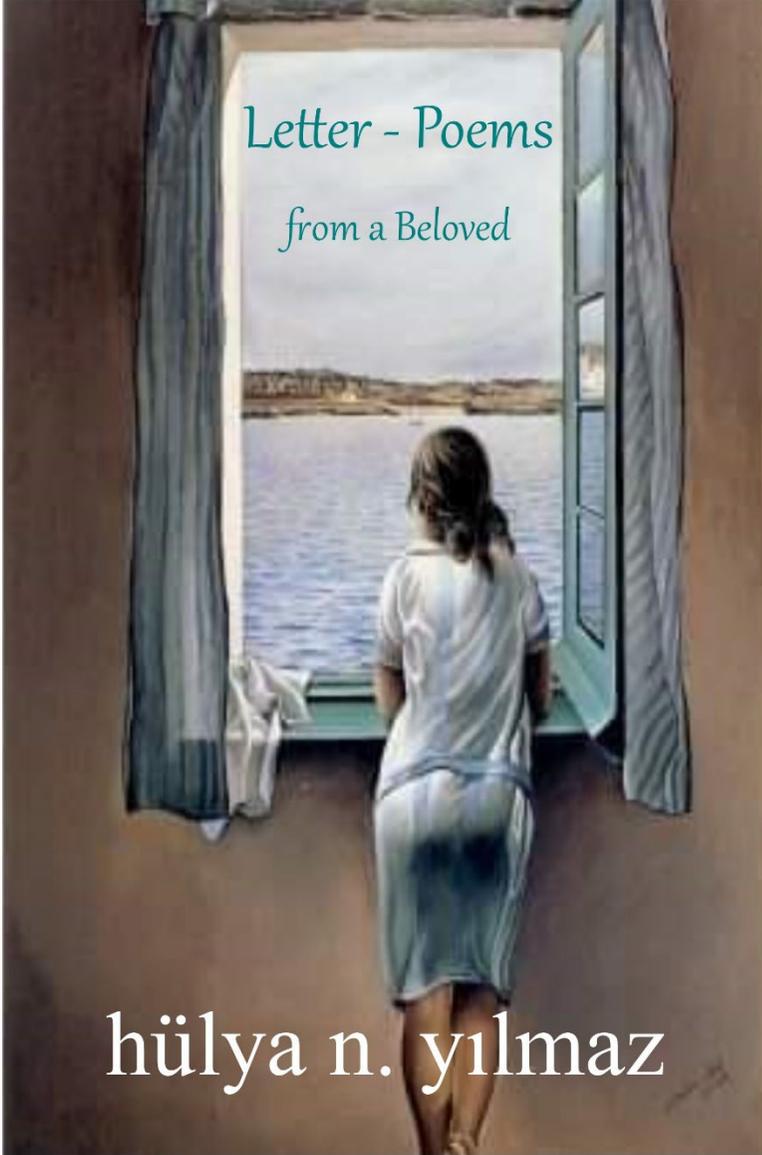
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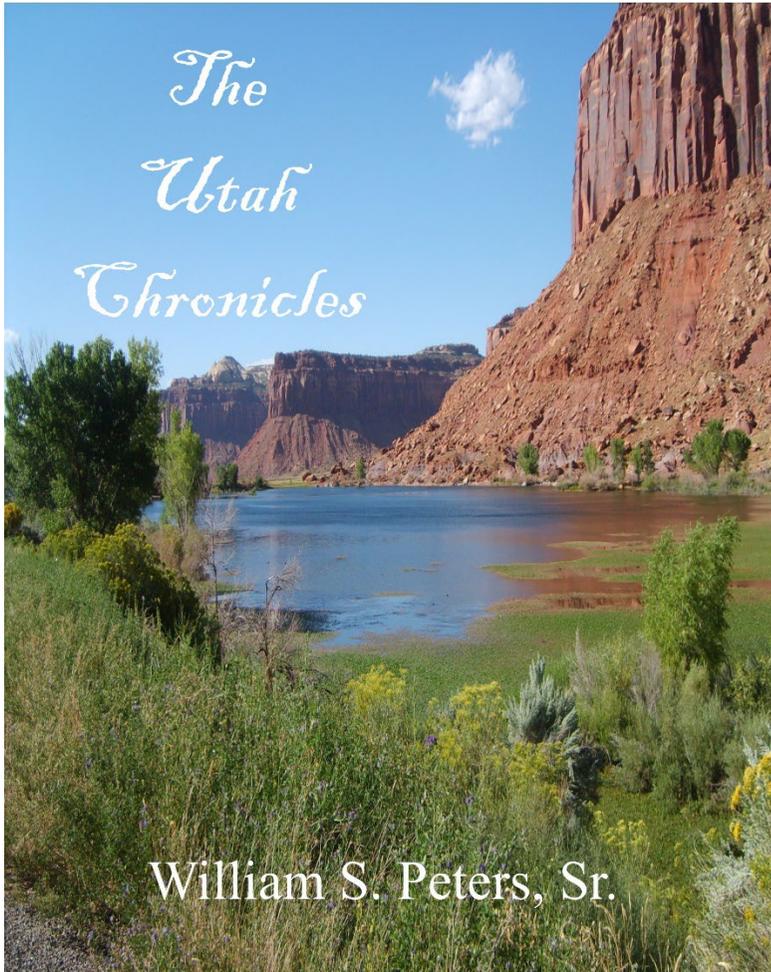
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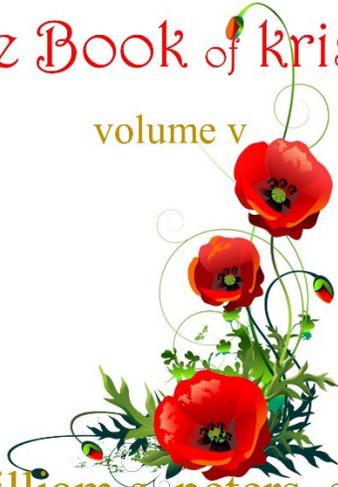
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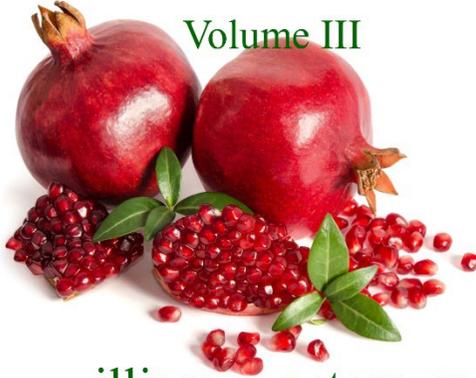
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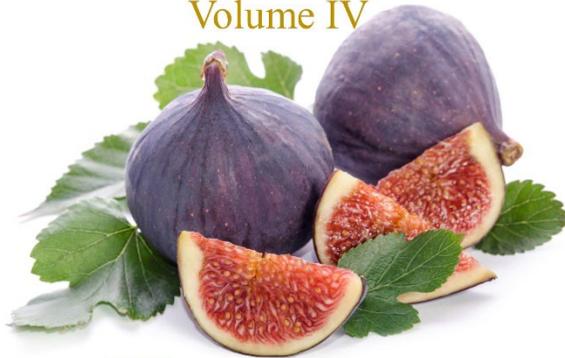
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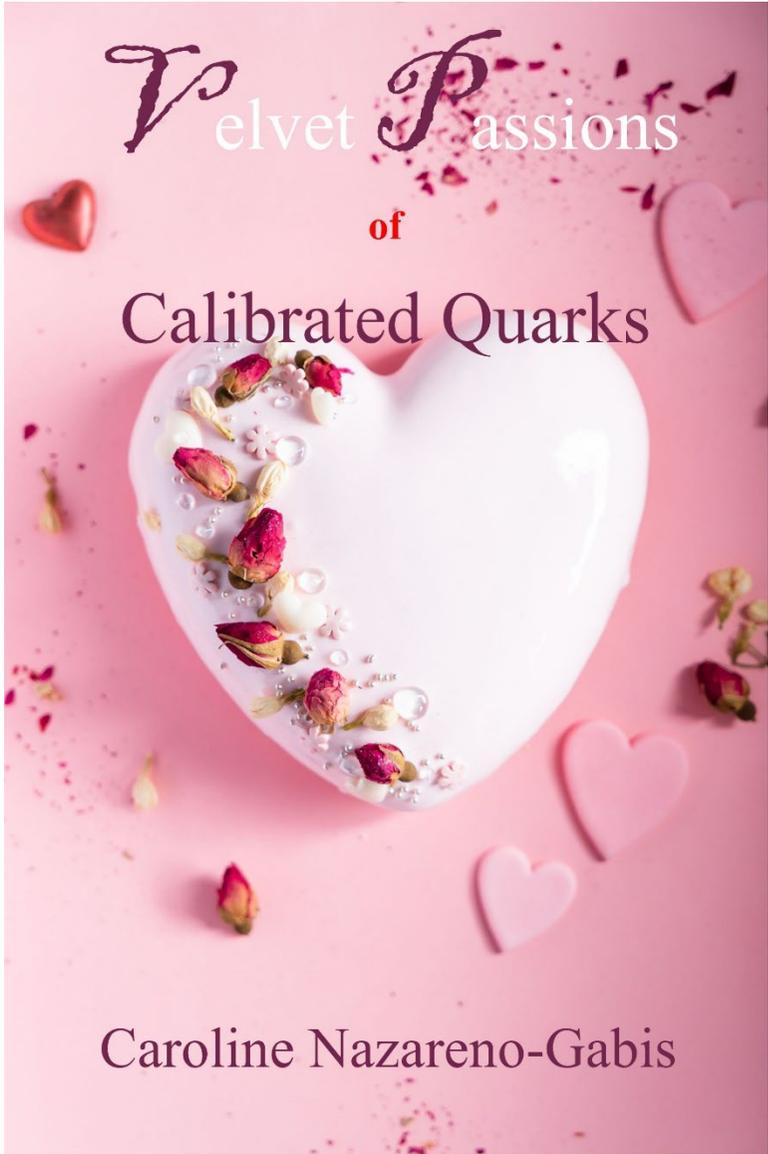


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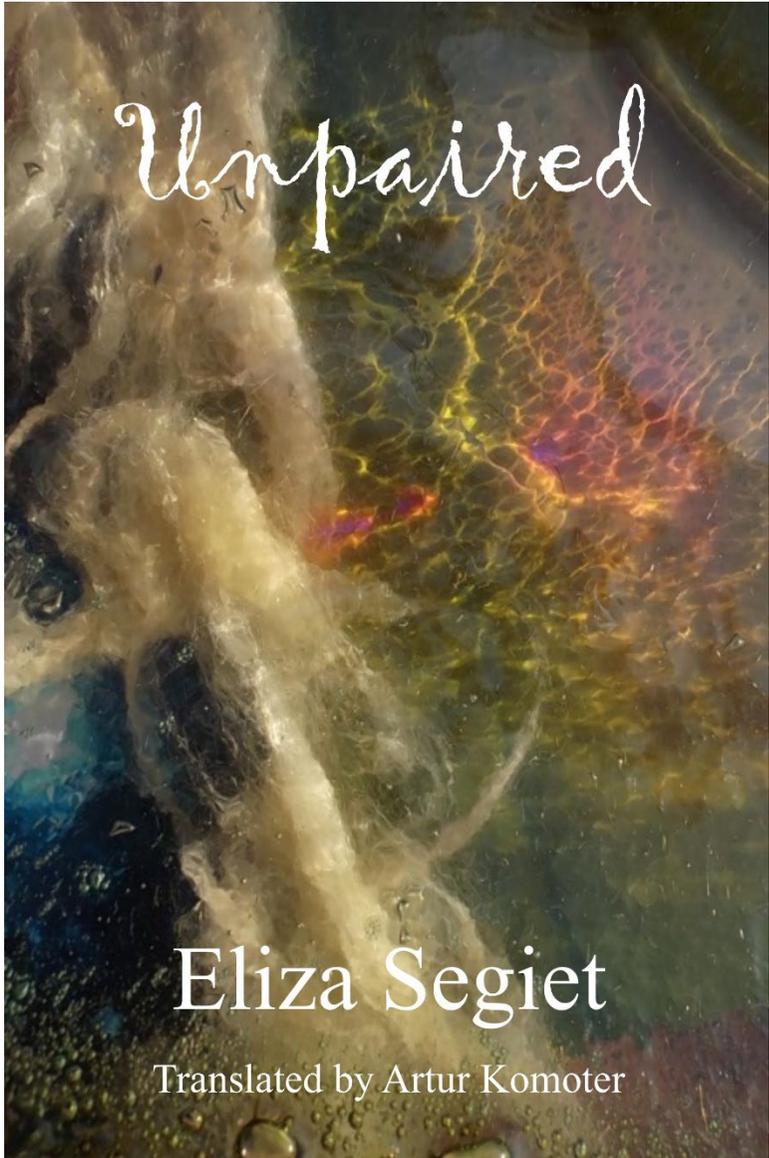
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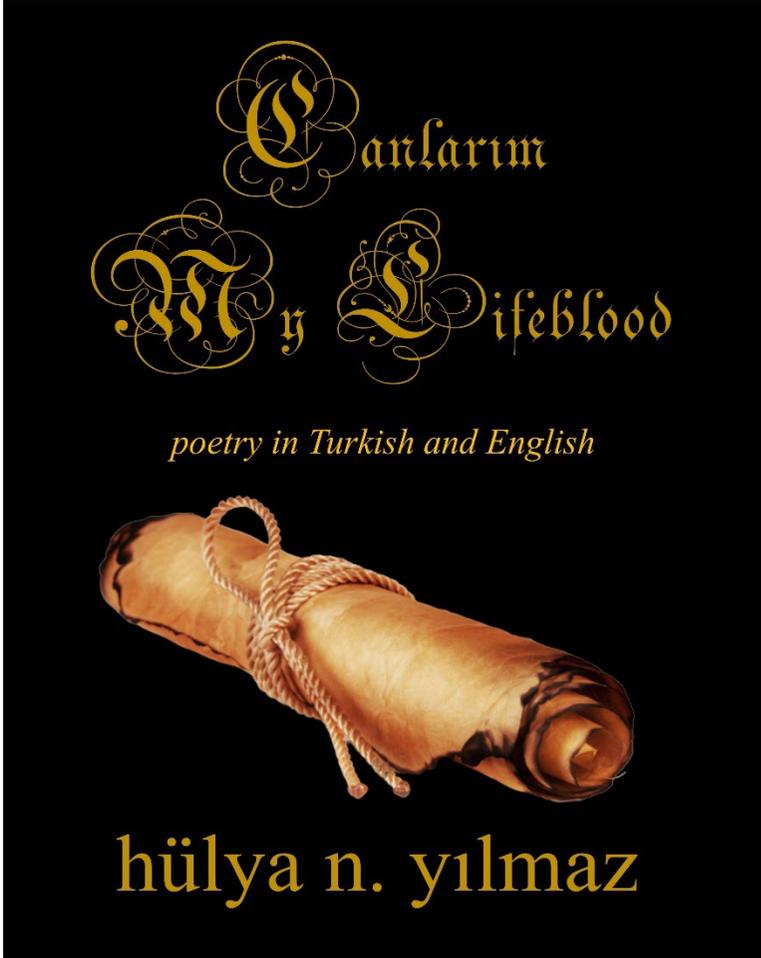
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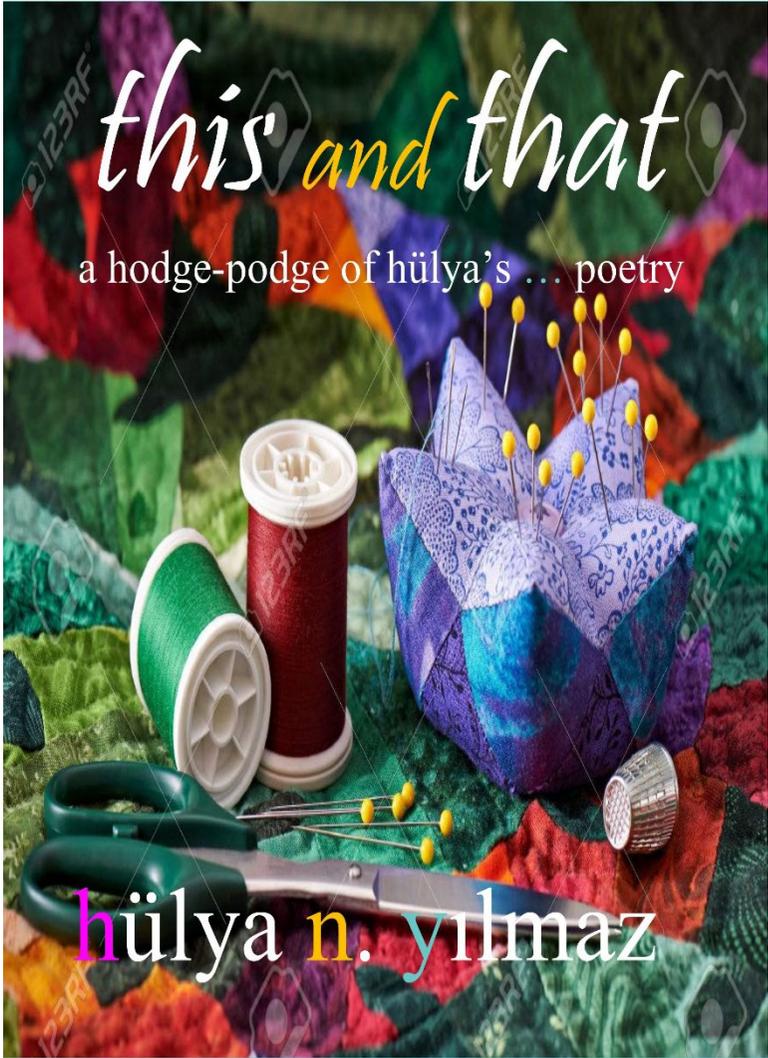


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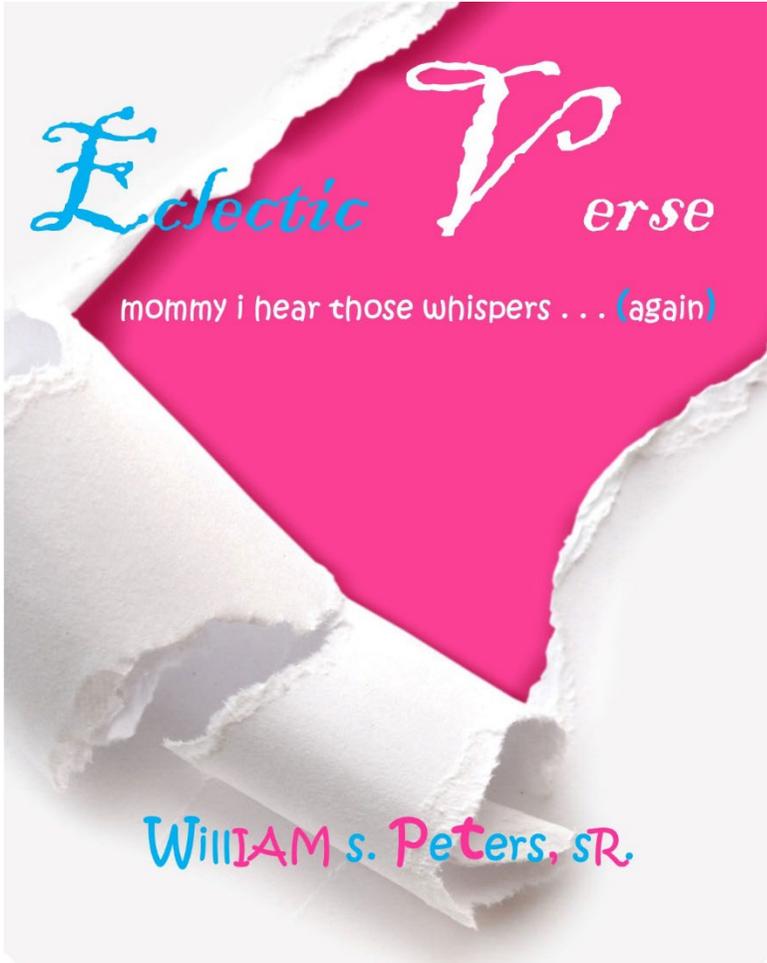
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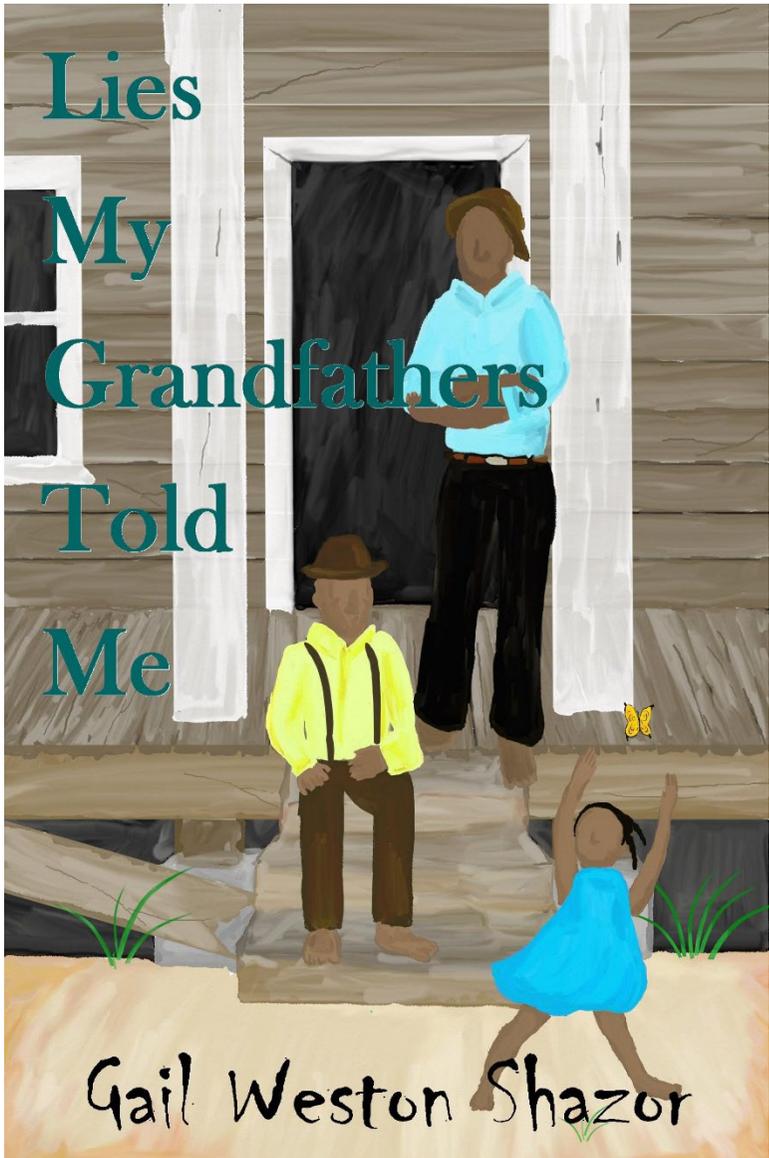
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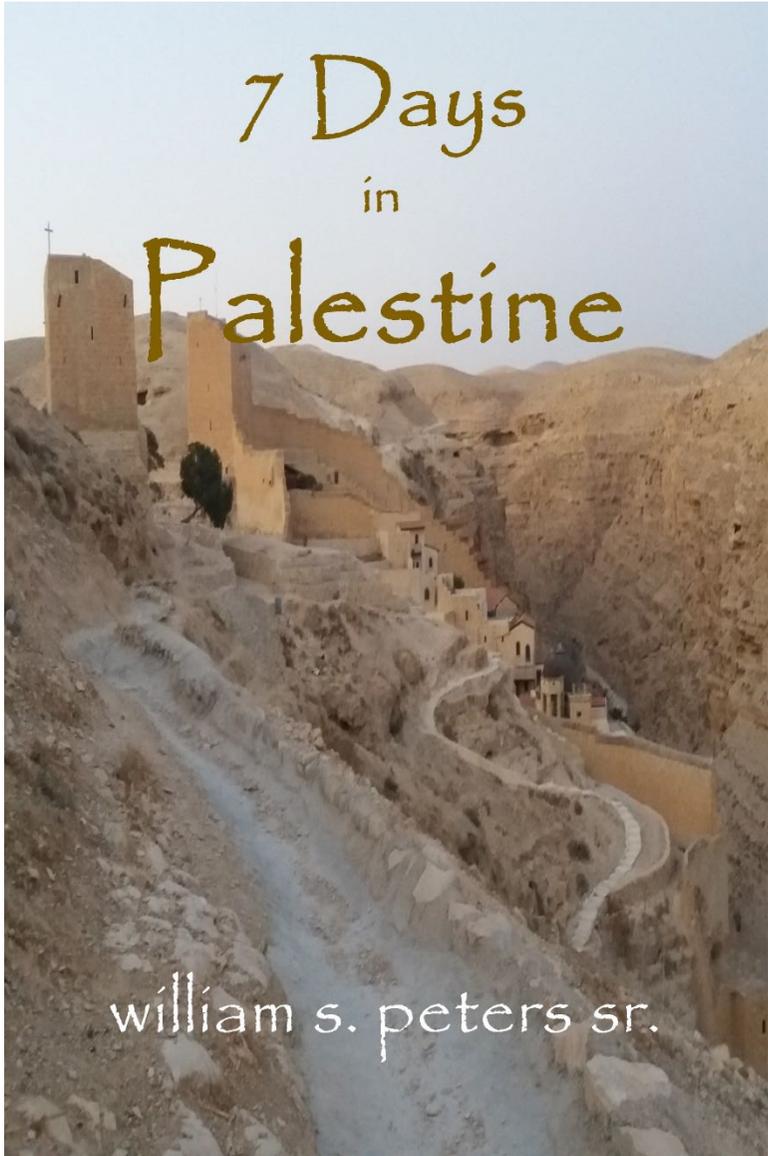
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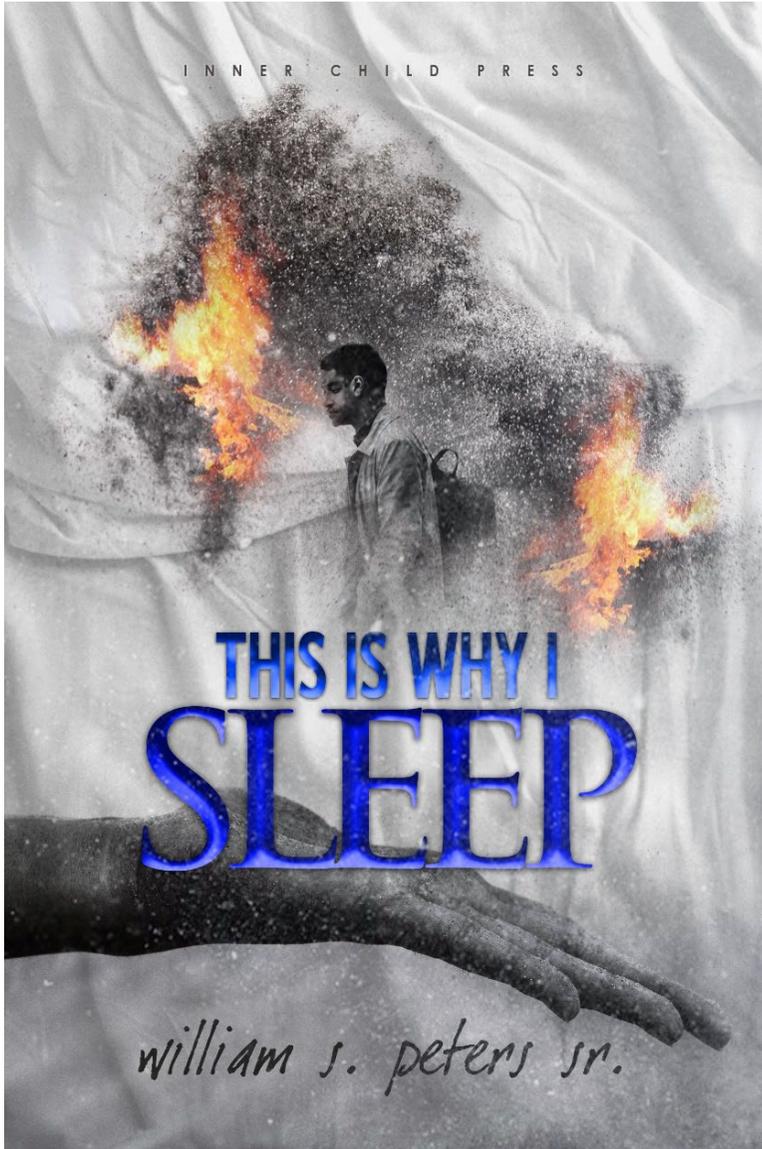
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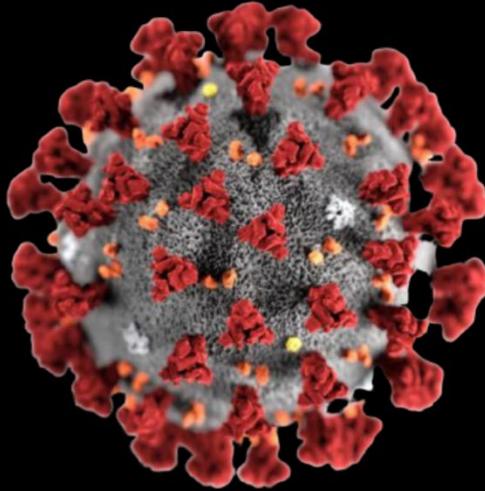
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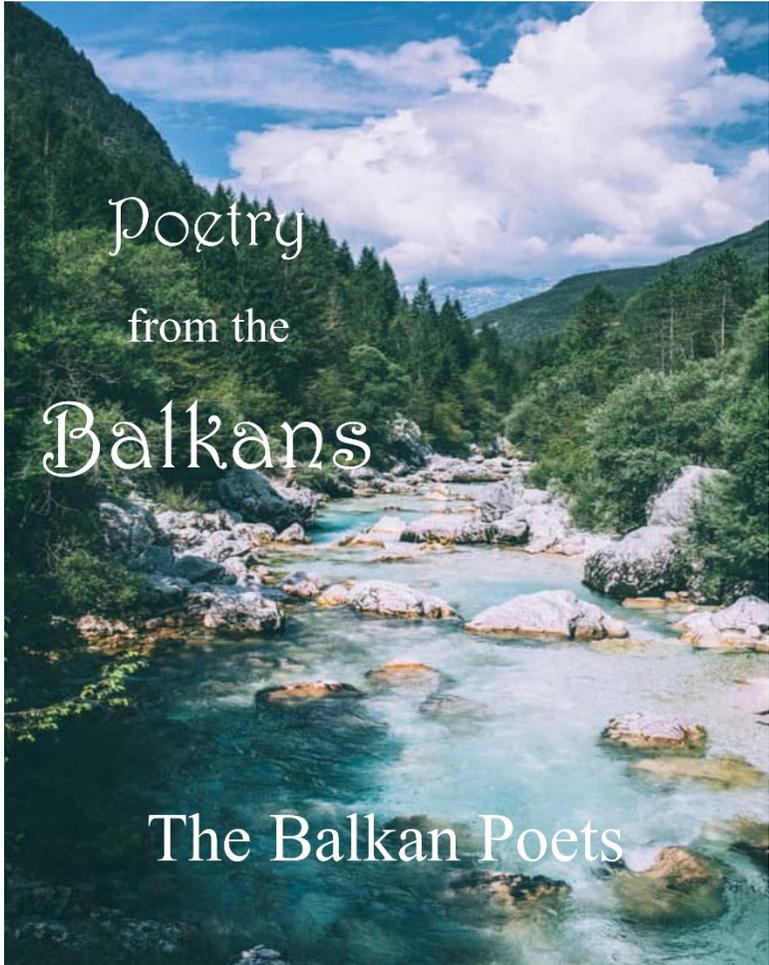


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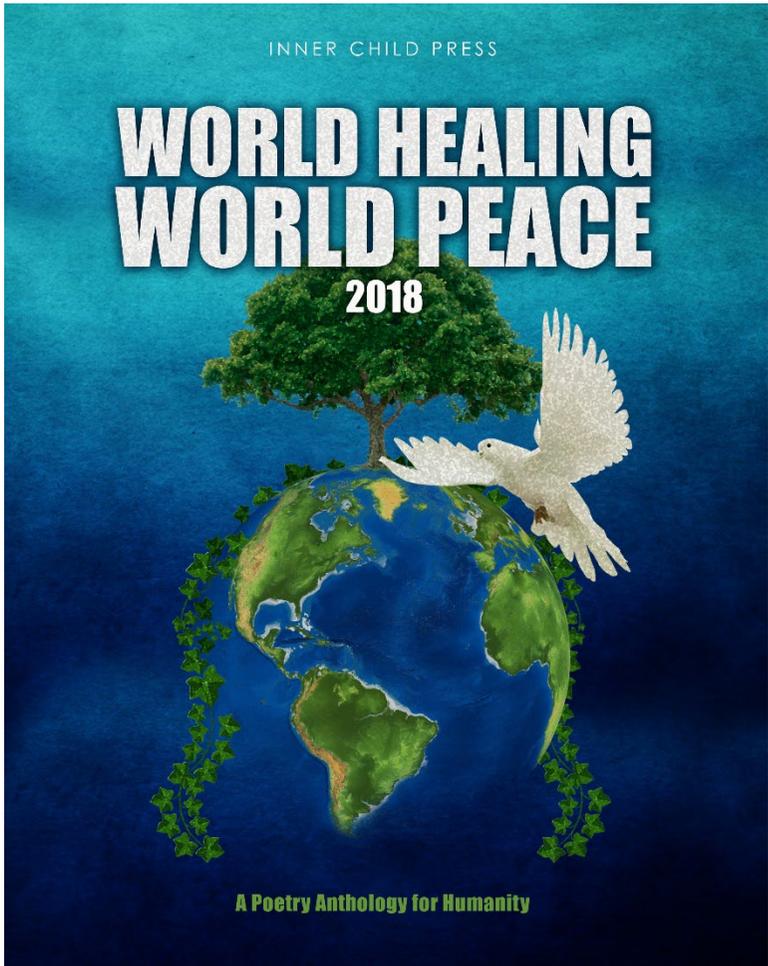
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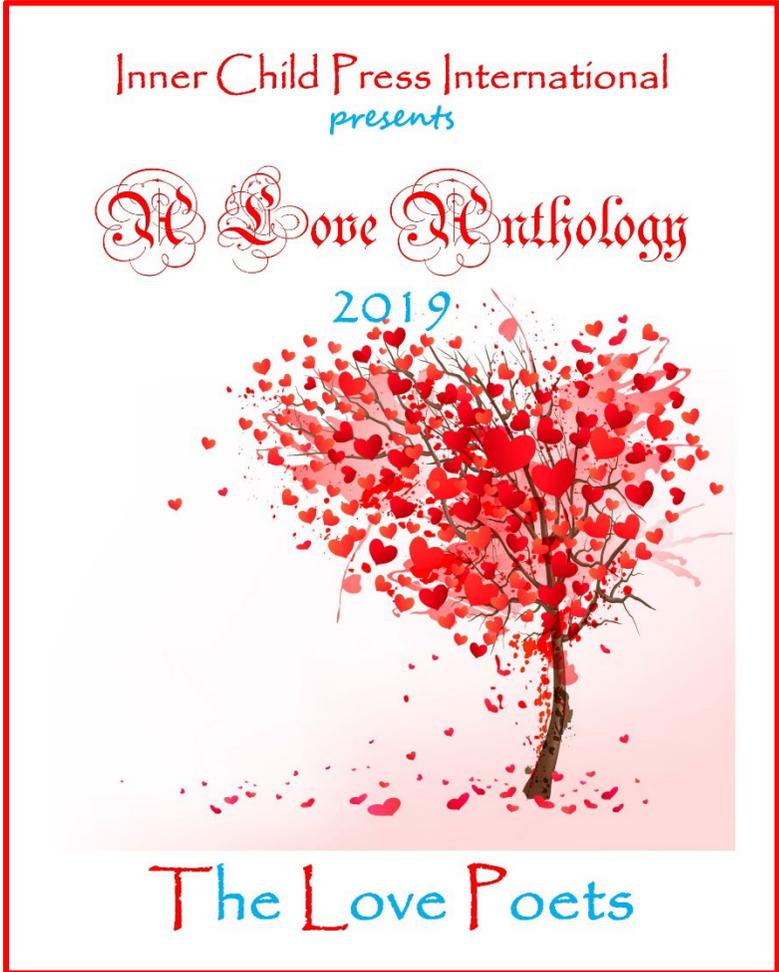
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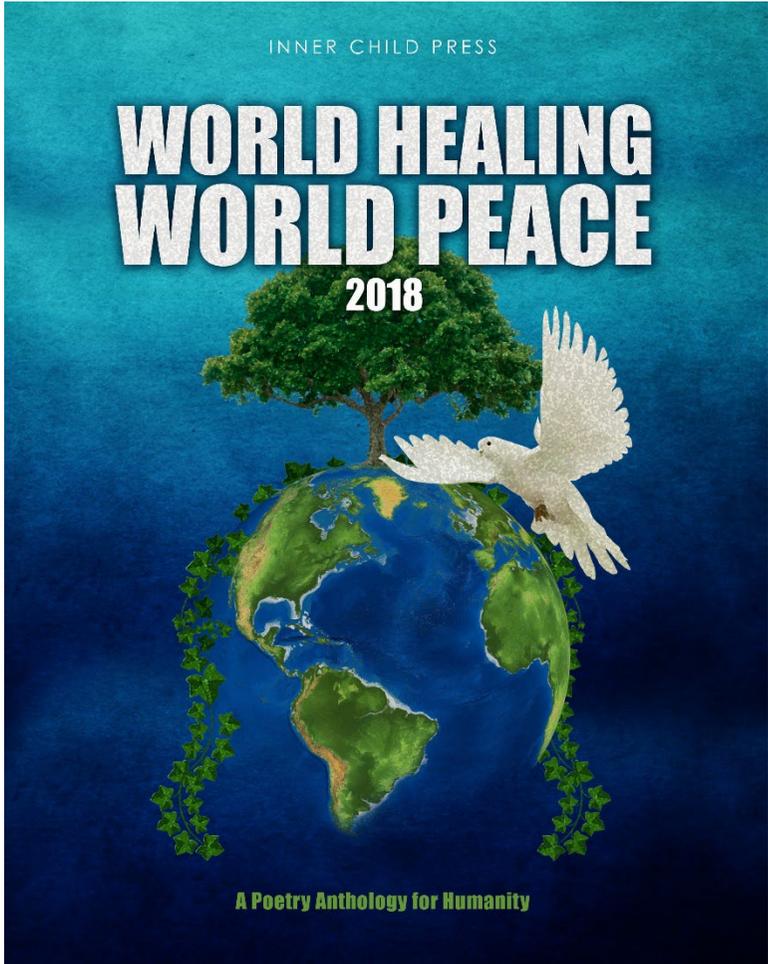
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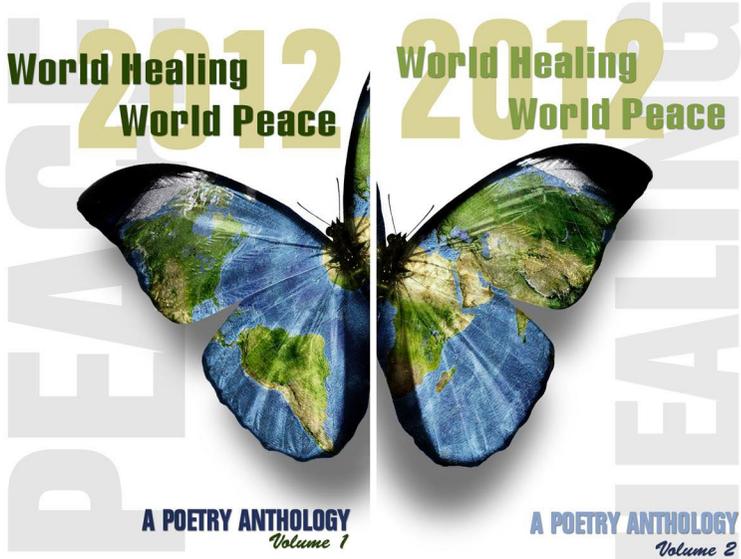
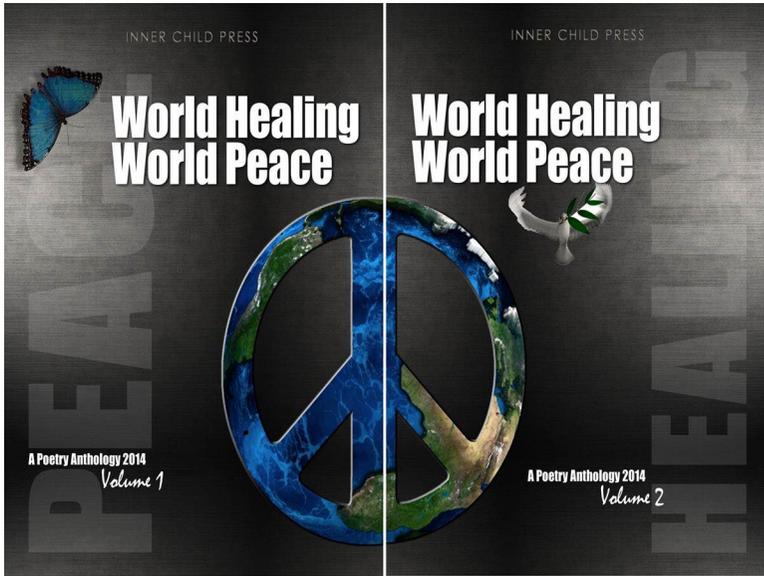
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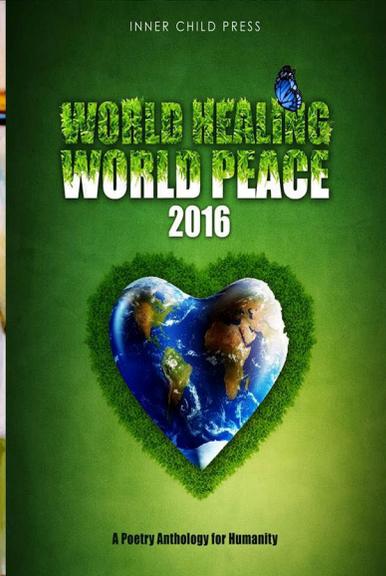
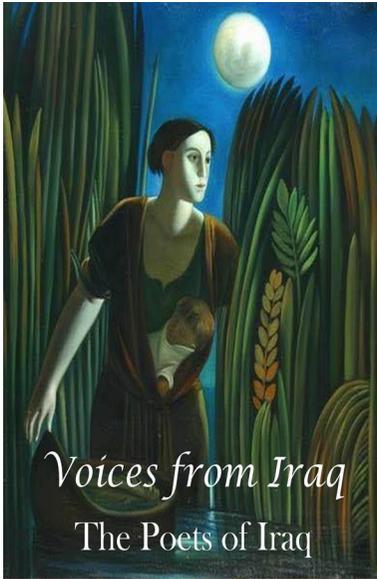
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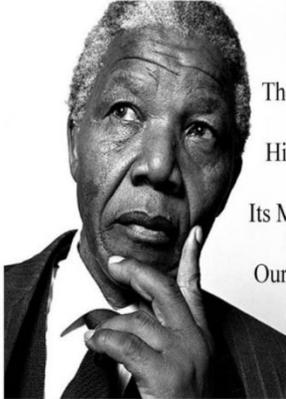
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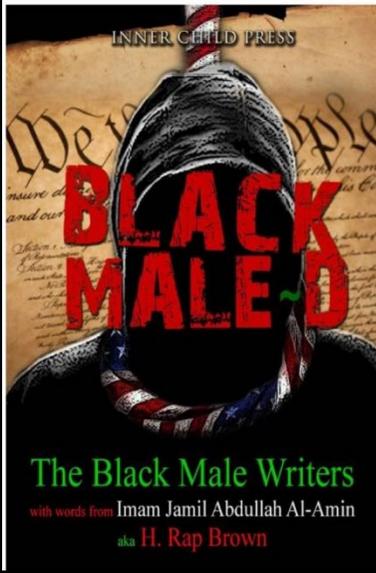
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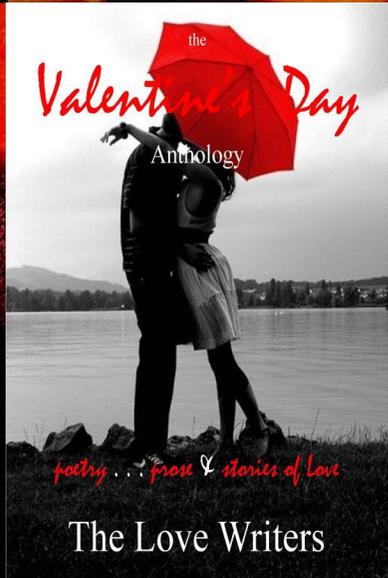
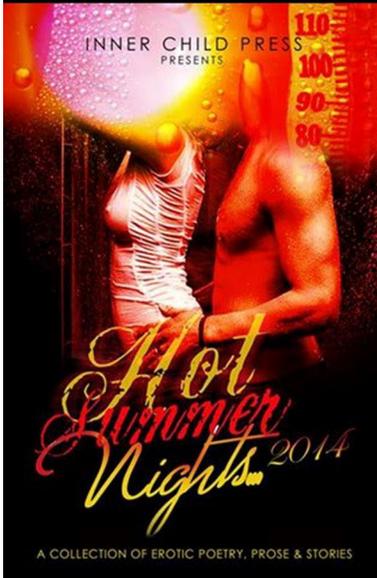
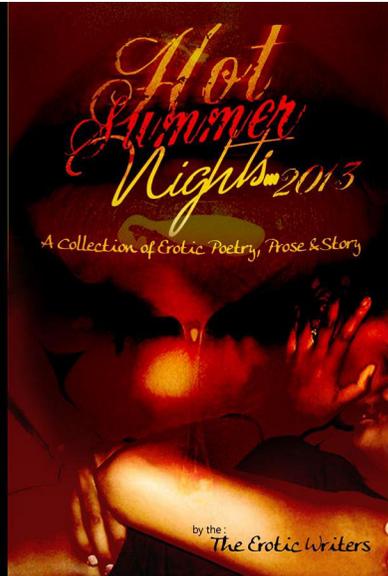
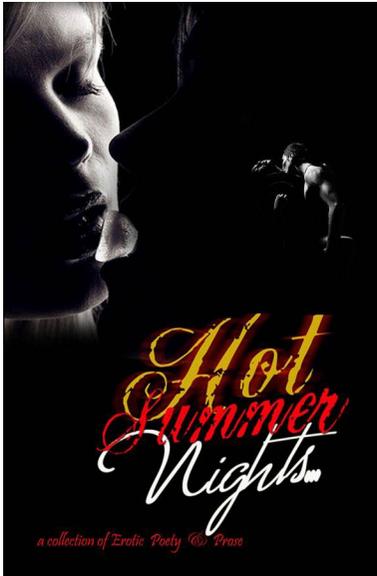
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Lotus
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Gladiolus

August Feature Poets
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Red Poppy



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Chrysanthemum



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Narcissus

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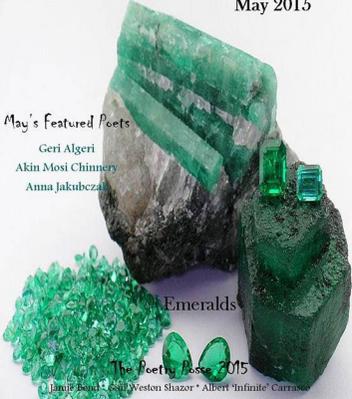
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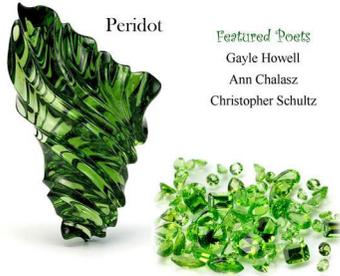
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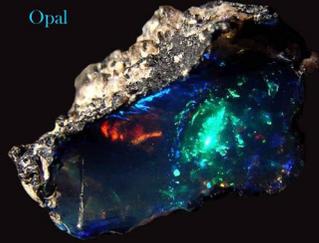
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Opal



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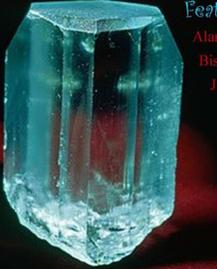
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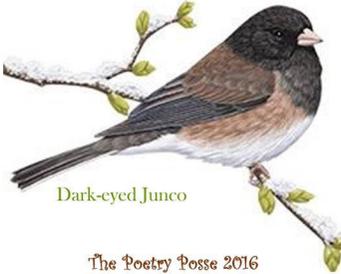
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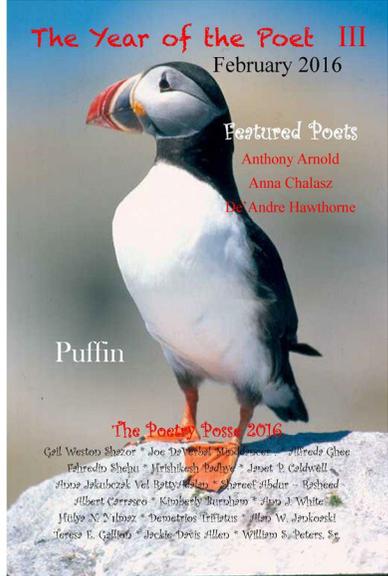
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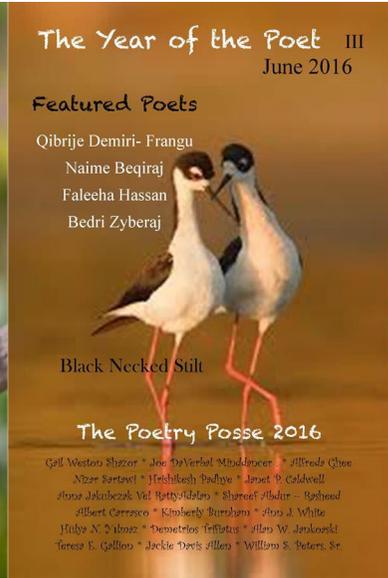


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Featured Poets
Bob Strum
Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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June 2016

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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu
Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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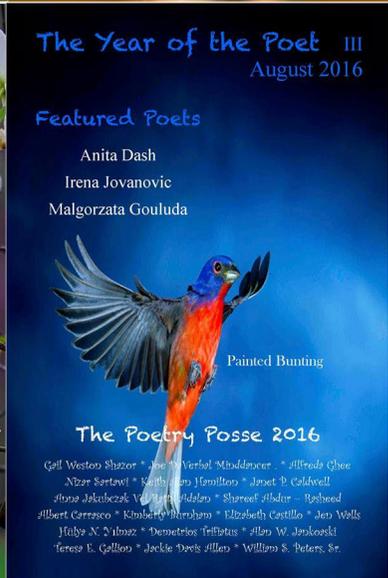


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July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

Featured Poets
Anita Dash
Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Abhijit Sen
Eunice Barbara C. Novia

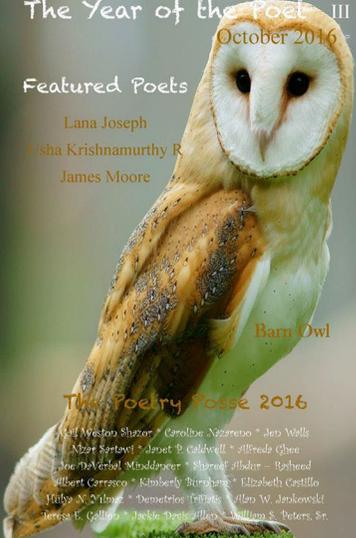


Long Billed Curlew

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October 2016

Featured Poets
Lana Joseph
Tisha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore

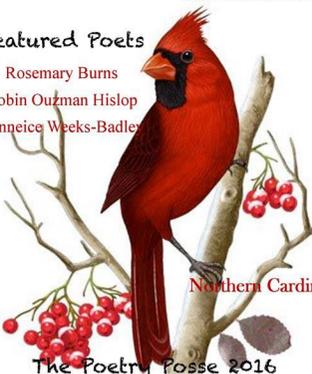


Barn Owl

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November 2016

Featured Poets
Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badler

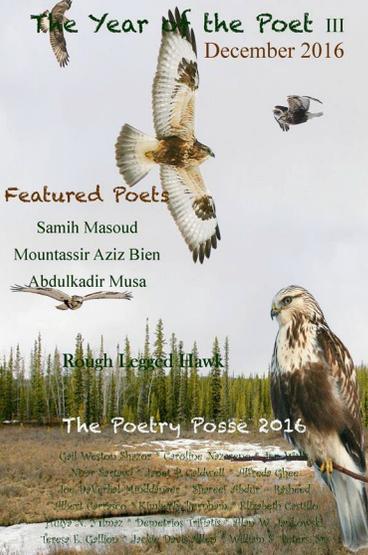


Northern Cardinal

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Featured Poets
Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

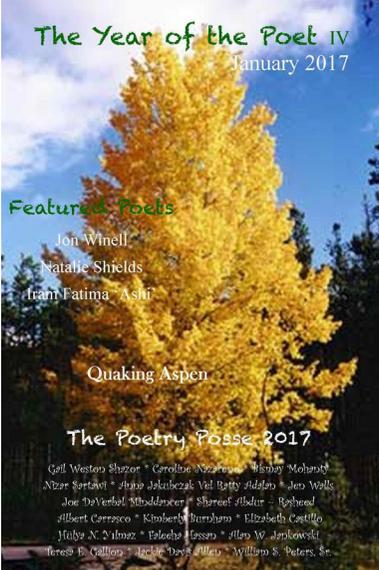
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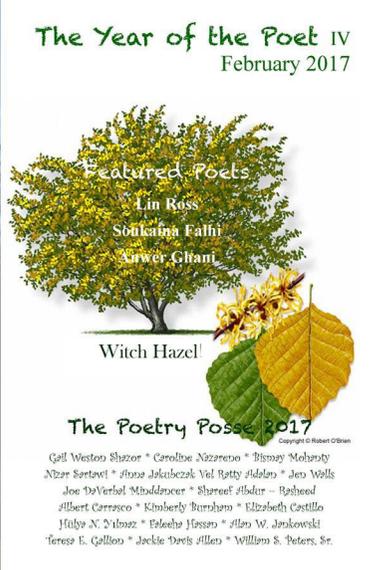


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Jon Winell
Natale Shields
Fran Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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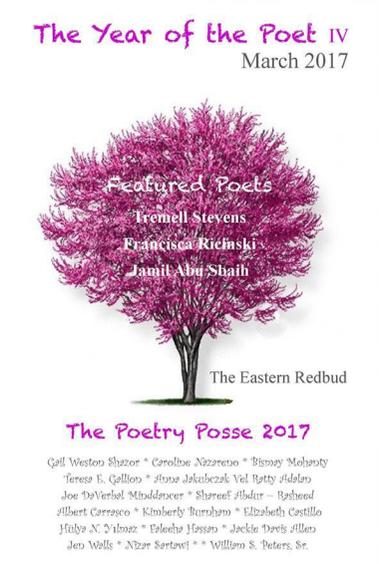


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Lin Ross
Sankama Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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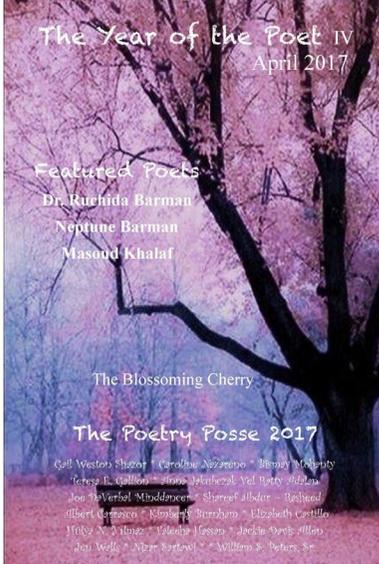


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Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaikh

The Eastern Redbud

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Dr. Ruchida Barman
Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

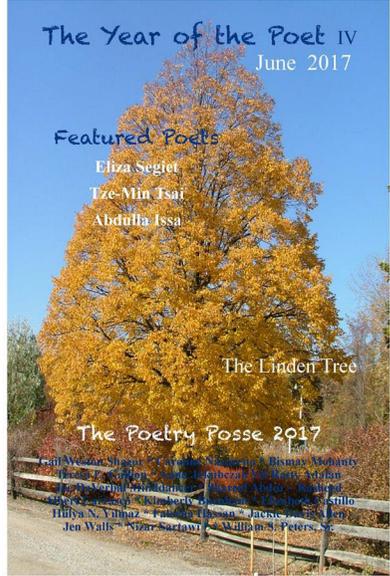
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Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibana Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree



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Ameer Nassir
Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Featured Poets

Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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Featured Poets

Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram
Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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March 2018



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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman

Dominican Republic
Haiti
Puerto Rico

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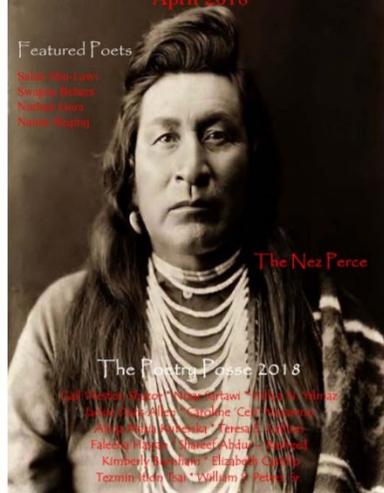
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April 2018

Featured Poets

Suzuki, Shizuko
Suzanne Belack
Nathan Lion
Nancy Wang



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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

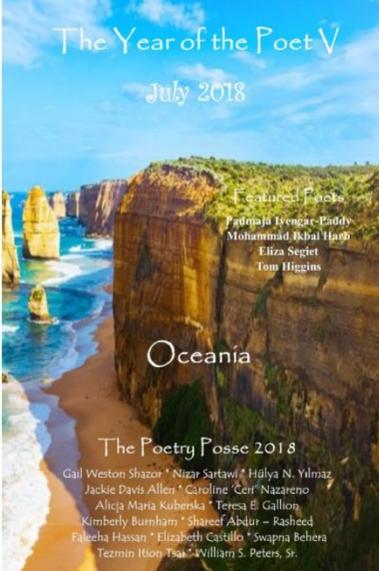


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Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akhal Hany
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania

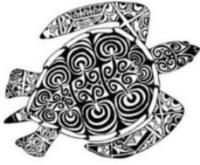


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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swarn

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October 2018

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



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November 2018

Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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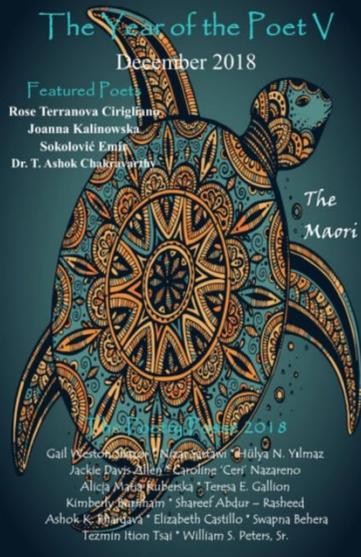
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December 2018

Featured Poets

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



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Indigenous North Americans

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

Dream Catcher

The Poetry Fosse 2019

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February 2019

Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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March 2019

Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

The Poetry Fosse 2019

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April 2019

Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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June 2019

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



Arctic
Circumpolar

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July 2019

Featured Poets

Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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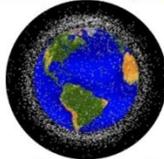
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