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**L**IFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
**P**OETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

Poetry . . .

The Poetry Posse

past, present & future

our Patrons and Readers

the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse

&

the Power of the Pen

to effectuate change!



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

Janet P. Caldwell

*Janet Perkins Caldwell*

Rest In Peace

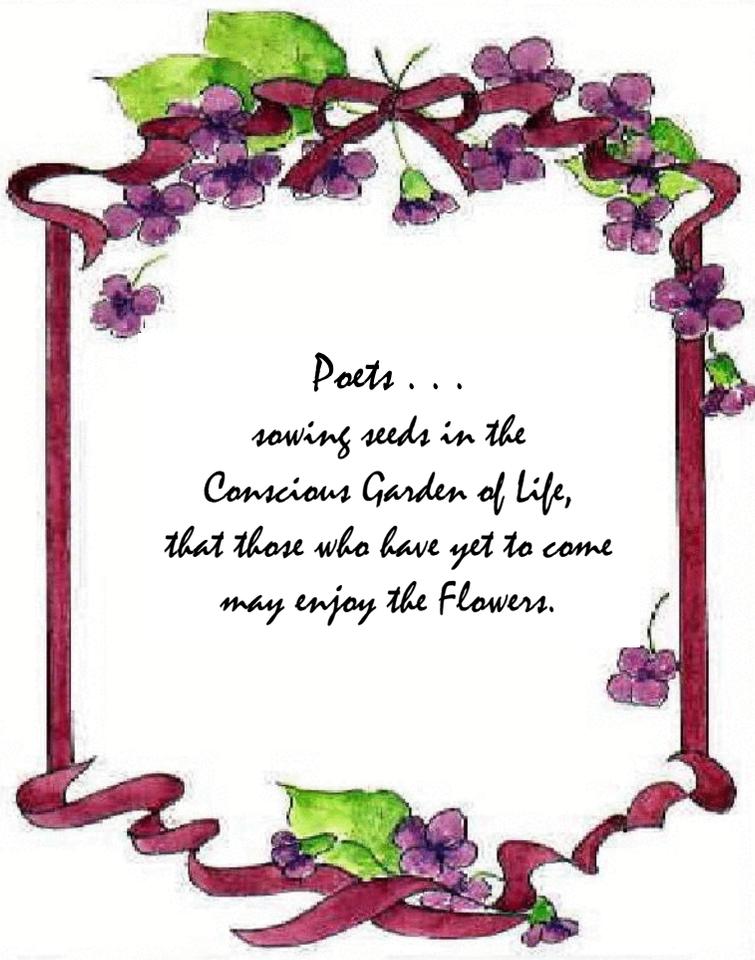
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Rest In Peace Dear Brother

*Alan W. Jankowski*

16 March 1961 ~ 10 March 2017



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

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# F oreword

## Highland peaks

Since ancient times mountains have been arising human interest. Curiosity pushes daredevils to the tops covered with thick clouds. The enormity and majesty of the mighty rocky ridges intimidate and arouse fear but the harsh beauty of the mountain peaks acts like a magnet. Climbing up the summit and overcoming their own weaknesses have always led people to dangerous and steep mountain trails.

It is well known that the inspiration of poets originates from strong feelings and loveliness of nature. Mountains loom large in the cultural imagination. They exist in people's minds as much as they do on landscapes. The beauty and power of the mountains are described by words "to paint" landscapes. It happens that metaphors transfer their power and enormity to the other aspects of life.

There are many great verses dedicated to mountains. Their sublime majesty has inspired the best poets for ages . I will quote William Blake's dictum:

“Great things are done when men and mountains meet.”

It is true. Readers can find a lot of beautiful poems about them. Let's read the poem written by Emily Dickinson.

**“Ah, Teneriffe!”**

*Ah, Teneriffe!*

*Retreating Mountain!*

*Purples of Ages — pause for you —*

*Sunset — reviews her Sapphire Regiment —*

*Day — drops you her Red Adieu!*

*Still — Clad in your Mail of ices —*

*Thigh of Granite — and thew — of Steel —*

*Heedless — alike — of pomp — or parting*

*Ah, Teneriffe!*

*I'm kneeling — still —*

“*Ah Teneriffe*”, takes its inspiration from a mountain in the Canary Islands. In these poems, she is metaphorical mountaineer, grappling with the unimaginable power of mountains. Poetess attempts to achieve the summit of understanding. The mountain is transfigured into a fearsome warrior clad in icy armor to whom the royalty of this world — the “Purples of Ages” — defers. All she can do is bow in the mountain's presence and admire its beauty.

The next poem is written by the Scottish poet William Renton. It appeared in his book of poetry

"Oils and Water Colours" and was published in 1893. He certainly paints a vivid picture in words of all the colours of a mountain twilight.

### **“Mountain Twilight”**

*The hills slipped over each on each  
Till all their changing shadows died.  
Now in the open skyward reach  
The lights grow solemn side by side.  
While of these hills the westernmost  
Rears high his majesty of coast  
In shifting waste of dim-blue brine  
And fading olive hyaline;  
Till all the distance overflows,  
The green in watchet and the blue  
In purple. Now they fuse and close -  
A darkling violet, fringed anew  
With light that on the mountains soar,  
A dusky flame on tranquil shores;  
Kindling the summits as they grow  
In audience to the skies that call,  
Ineffable in rest and all  
The pathos of the afterglow.*

What about contemporary poetry? The answer you will find in this book...

**Alicja Maria Kuberska**



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

~ wsp



# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

**Y**es I am excited? Once again, this is an understatement! As we are hitting another milestone, the 11th month of our fifth year of publication . . . I am elated. Our initial vision was to just perform at this level for the year of 2014. Since that time we have had the blessed opportunity to include many other wonderful word artists and storytellers in the Poetry Posse from lands, cultures and persuasions all over the world. We have featured hundreds of additional poets, thereby introducing their poetic offerings to our vast global readership.

**I**n keeping with our effort and vision to expand the awareness of poets from all walks by making this offerings accessible, we at Inner Child Press will continue to make every volume a FREE Download. The books are also available for purchase at the affordable cost of \$7.00 per volume.

**I**n the previous years, our monthly themes were Flowers, Birds, Gemstones and Trees. This year we have elected to take a different direction by

theming our offerings after *Cultures* of past and present. In each month's volume you will have the opportunity to not only read at least one poem themed by our Poetry Posse members about such culture, but we have included a few words about the culture in our prologue. The reasoning behind this is that now our poetry has the opportunity to be educational for not only the reader, but we poets as well. We hope you find the poetic offerings insightful as we use our poetic form to relay to you what we too have learned through our research in making our offering available to you, our readership.

In closing, we would like to thank you for being an integral part of our amazing journey.

Enjoy our amazing featured poets . . . they are amazing!

*Building Cultural Bridges of understanding . . .*

Bless Up

From our house to yours

*Bill*

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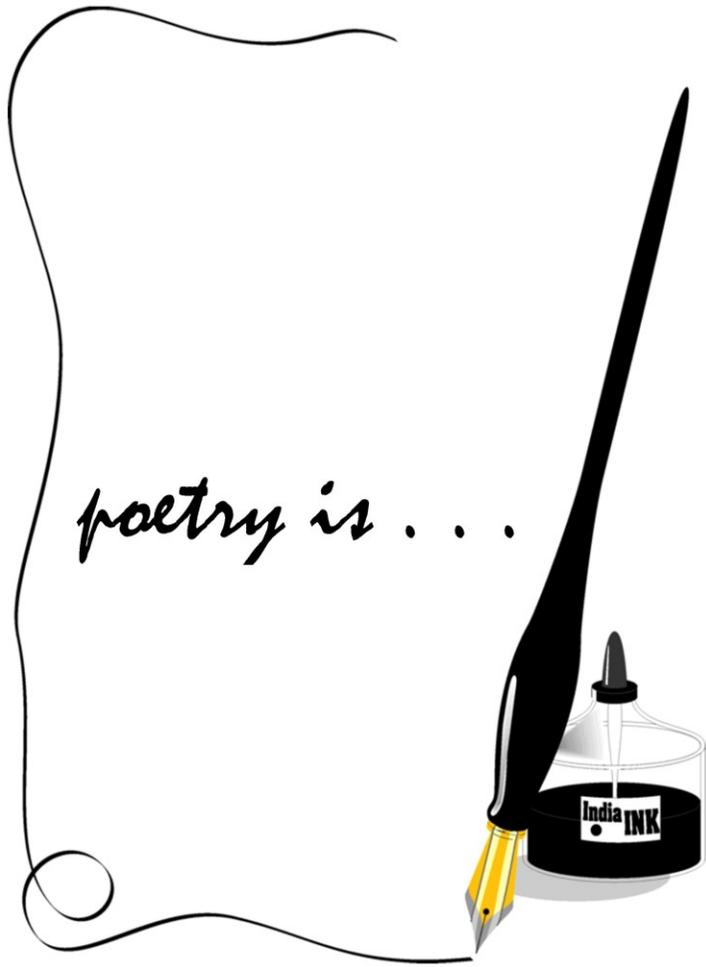
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# Highland Scots



The **Highlands** (Scots: *the Hielands*; Scottish Gaelic: *A' Ghàidhealtachd* which translates to . . . "the place of the Gaels") is a historic region of Scotland. The area is very sparsely populated, with many mountain ranges dominating the region, and includes Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles. Culturally, the Highlands and the Lowlands diverged from the later Middle Ages into the modern period, when Lowland Scots replaced Scottish Gaelic throughout most of the Lowlands.

The term “Highlands” is also used for the area north and west of the Highland Boundary Fault, although the exact boundaries are not clearly defined, particularly to the east.

For more information mgo to :

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish\\_Highlands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_Highlands)



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*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp



Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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## blessed rise

YWHW

i say YWHW from You  
i breathe Your very name into my mouth  
And the whisper covers the air i taste  
You name yourself everlasting  
Alpha and Omega  
Am that you Am and  
It is sufficient for my limitedness  
And i breathe after You-Abah  
In the midst of my day  
In the middle of my life  
i find that You are here  
In the same place i find myself  
It is not that You have ever left  
i moved  
And now that i have returned  
i say yes  
And draw close to You  
For in this i am refined after my rescue  
Storms rarely run in a straight line  
And i have been buffeted around  
And i have run headfirst into the wind  
Even though You told me no  
i could not hear for the listening  
To my flesh senses  
So my doxology has become this  
i am greatfilled to the inked  
And to the said  
And to the whispered breath of You  
i say yes to the wind across my face  
The salty sea on my lips that flavors  
My independence of dependence

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For You are my choice  
This one of abundant living in the midst  
Of practicing to yield to You  
i am your child of water  
i am your adult of giving  
i accept who You made me to be  
So i live You in my waking  
And in every love of my life  
i expand, reach and fill much farther  
Than i can ever hope to do alone  
And though i am not perfect  
You  
Are

## A Lovely City

At last in the lovely city  
I remember nothing of rain  
The sun never dims  
Nor the moon rises  
And it is always happy  
At last in the lovely city  
The bloom no longer surprises  
For it is expected  
To pull it's weight of hues  
Without need of rosy glasses  
At last in the lovely city  
The wind is incapable of blowing  
Up Marilyn's skirted whites  
But only musters up  
The unruffling light breezes  
At last in the lovely city  
My choices have been anticipated  
And thinking is unnecessary  
I only need to sit  
In the gladness of metallicism  
At last in this lovely city  
Sometimes I become conscious  
Of the scratching  
At the base of my skull  
And the rusting of truth  
At last in this lovely city  
There are no doors on rooms  
And I have been told  
That they are unnecessary  
For there is no where left to go  
(how much bleeding are we willing to do to maintain our  
individuality)  
The Rains

## Will

There be  
Children here  
When the rains come  
Back to the rice fields  
And will they dance outside  
Face toward the sumptuousness  
That is always the beginning  
That marks the season of hurricanes  
Until too much rain chases us back inside

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Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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Alicja Maria Kuberska – awarded Polish poetess, novelist, journalist, editor. She was born in 1960, in Świebodzin, Poland. She now lives in Inowrocław, Poland.

In 2011 she published her first volume of poems entitled: “The Glass Reality”. Her second volume “Analysis of Feelings”, was published in 2012. The third collection “Moments” was published in English in 2014, both in Poland and in the USA. In 2014, she also published the novel - “Virtual roses” and volume of poems “On the border of dream”. Next year her volume entitled “Girl in the Mirror” was published in the UK and “Love me” , “ (Not )my poem” in the USA. In 2015 she also edited anthology entitled “The Other Side of the Screen”.

In 2016 she edited two volumes: “Taste of Love” (USA), “Thief of Dreams” ( Poland) and international anthology entitled “ Love is like Air” (USA). In 2017 she published volume entitled “View from the window” (Poland). She also edits series of anthologies entitled “Metaphor of Contemporary” (Poland)

Her poems have been published in numerous anthologies and magazines in Poland, the USA, the UK, Albania, Belgium, Chile, Spain, Israel, Canada, India, Italy, Uzbekistan, Czech Republic, South Korea and Australia. She was a featured poet of New Mirage Journal ( USA) in the summer of 2011.

Alicja Kuberska 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.

## Fall

I can see  
people at the foot of the mountain  
and those at its top  
they have other desires and thoughts  
a whole mountain  
of incomprehension separates them

I notice  
almost everyone wants to go higher  
- over the borders of forest and fields  
and climbs the rocks

and if it works  
- lean the ladder against the clouds  
lose sight of Earth  
and be the only winner of this race

people forget that  
falls from the summit  
take place in loneliness  
and are very painful

## The Sun

When night ends, the show begins on the scene of sky.  
The wind opens curtains made of clouds  
- heavy and crimped like Baroque draperies.  
Birds begin to treble and proclaim the arrival of light.

Darkness disappears and night flies away on its black wings.  
The gray of morning slowly gains the pearly shades  
and pink cloudlets lead the way on blue sky  
for an oncoming solar chariot.

## Digital Pharaoh

*to the image of Mohamed Zakaria Soltan*

Bits and bytes swirled, fuelled with colours,  
and settled like droplets of rain on a piece of white paper.  
Ancient gods of Egypt returned from the past.  
The silhouettes of the powerful pharaohs emerged from the  
shadow  
and the ancient world was born again of nothingness.

Anubis did not guard the fugitives from the Canyon Fields.  
The beautiful Hathor showed them the way to the present  
day  
and she opened the sealed gates of time.  
The sons of Osiris came to Earth on Ra's papyrus boat.  
Geb smiled happily at the sight of the reborn children.

Wise Thot, as always, helped humanity.  
He collected moments lost in the desert sands  
and he called vivid images from his memory  
Faded colors became clear, blossoming brightly.  
Expressive lines sketched the shapes of the former rulers.

## Ascension of the blessed

*to the image of Jerome Bosch*

Man, leave everything  
and go up towards the light.  
Five stone circles separate you from the goal.  
Here you can meet those who left earlier

Longing like a thin thread,  
interwoven with memories,  
connects this world and the time of the dead  
They are waiting for you.

You have no meetings marked in your calendar  
Important affairs scattered on the atoms  
Take just a few steps and overcome the steep path  
Eternity will open its gate for you

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Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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

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## My Connection to the Highland Scots

The year that my ancestors came to North Carolina, USA, is not yet known. But, I am a tartan leaf on two of the Scottish ancestral trees: Campbell and Buchanan.

It is said that truth is stranger than fiction. In my case it might be so, for had serendipity not played a part, I'd not become who I am, nor penned this poem I've begun

My Campbell ancestor disappeared during the Civil War. Thought to have been assassinated as a Confederate sympathizer, along with others, he preparing to go north.

His widow Frye Campbell, left with a daughter, lonely, sad, grieving, married a Davis widower. The widower's younger brother had also died, serving in the Confederacy.

Paying his respects to his uncle, and his bride, I imagine, he, the son of Davis' late brother, chanced upon the Frye Campbell Davis' daughter. Uncle Davis' stepdaughter.

Nephew Davis and the daughter of the widow-bride Frye Campbell Davis, had eleven children, one of whom was my Davis grandfather. So, thank you, Highland Scots.

I haven't forgotten my Buchanan connection to the Scots. My Davis grandfather married a Buchanan lass. He lived to his mid 90s, and she, sadly, passed away in her mid 30s.

This poem did not start out nor end as I had supposed it might have, but then, serendipity visits us in some of the most interesting ways. Forgive me if I got a bit lost.

## Crossing the River

Crossing the river  
Towards a reawakening  
The moon, in its fullness  
Calls out to the stars  
In their infancy

Beware of evil  
Lurking in darkness  
Hidden faces  
In the shadows  
They, the wicked

Sword of truth  
Dwells within  
Its path informs  
Gift of love, of truth  
Hint of peace

Why then  
Do a people  
Crossing over the river  
Choose to hide  
Civility, peace  
From their faces

## Defacement

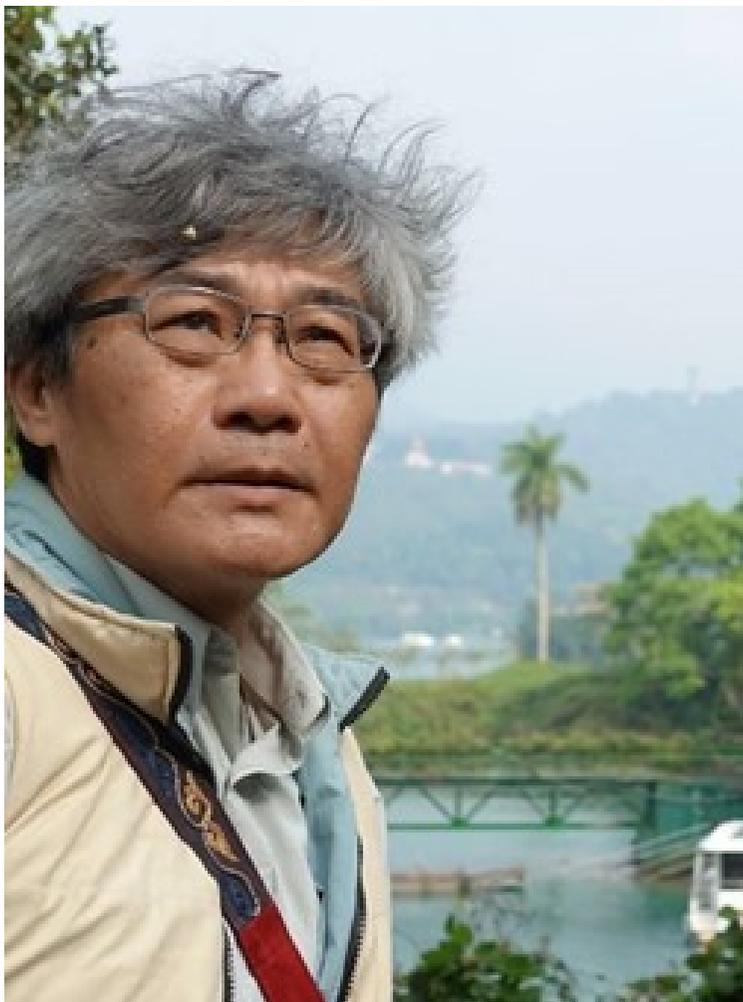
Screams erupt  
Like fire in eyes  
Like pools  
Of rubies crushed  
Like voices mumbling  
Hushed

Why is hate  
So easily embraced  
Come peace  
Come with haste  
Lest it be too late  
To trust

Some old wounds  
Reside visibly  
Breaks my heart  
Seeing innocent faces  
Life too easily fading  
Crushed

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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## *The Year of the Poet V ~ November 2018*

Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai (蔡澤民博士) was born in Tzemin Ition Tsai Taiwan, 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 an associate professor at the 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 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 Song Always Weeping as The Sun Is Going Down

Time always seems rushed and precise.  
I couldn't help but watch the sun go down the mountain.  
Like this highland,  
Towering into the sky along the edge of the sea.  
What kind of sound of nature will forget the warning.  
Mother was gradually drifting away  
Yes, she will does eventually leave.  
The song that should sound when the sun sets.  
Keep silent.

Wind blowing over the farm.  
Did not stop playing.  
Why did I only hear the sound of the treetops?  
Scratching my heart  
Scratching my innermost being  
Never asked me about the scars left behind  
When to fix?  
Naturally, you won't ask.  
Facing a delicate and frail girl like me.

A loving marriage,  
Why was it so unbearable and fragile?  
Tribulation of war, lingering shadow of death,  
Forced to take everything away.  
Why was everything so pale in my dreams?  
But everything in everything,  
the very thought of  
That kiss has never been realized.  
Until the last time we met.

## The Napping Old Cat

That old lane after a long time for renovation  
A stunning new look appears  
One million years of indifference  
Those cracked floor tiles in yellowed clothes  
The moss trying to climb up the wall  
All were eradicated  
Obviously  
Got a fair compromise with time  
After wearing new color coats  
Finally, it could radiantly talk with the walls on both sides  
Only that old cat squatting on the wall under the afternoon  
sun  
Continued to nap  
That kind of silent look  
Just waiting  
To see  
How long can you stay bright?

## I'm The Peacock King

The sky  
Misty black  
Soul buried deep in the forest trying to find a way out  
Half Flapping and half climbing  
To reach the top of my wooden house  
Sound attacking on the top of the hill  
Standing alone with one foot Just like a proud peacock  
should do  
This seat  
No man alive can take away  
Hel! Hel! Hel!

Choose an angle as a feudal lord  
Let  
The first dawn  
Shoot at my crown  
Until my crown red through and through  
My wings that have fully opened now  
I looked at that group of mortals under my feet with  
contempt  
Swallowing a full mouth of worshipped wine  
My head lifts up until it's too high  
Hel! Hel! Hel!

Why you all stare at me in this way  
Do I  
need to be just like you  
To pick up  
That few rice left in the grain tank  
Pooh  
Do not pretend that you can't hear anything  
My cry forever and always  
loud  
Hel! Hel! Hel!

Sharzeef  
Abdur  
Rashheed

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

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

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

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

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

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## Up in NorthWest..,

Scotland called Highlands  
roamed the clans whose home  
was in those vast, isolated,  
sparsely populated  
highlands  
salt of earth, poor struggle  
from birth to return into  
dirt  
remained the crofters  
farming patches of land  
in vast  
Scottish northwest  
highlands  
struggle in name of survival  
these Scottish Gaelic speaking  
clans cut from the often unforgiven  
land  
so, they did what they can in their  
nation  
though many choose migration  
to places far away  
in name of survival  
lives sought revival, cross seas  
in places like British and American  
cities  
or joined British armies  
in name of survival  
for them often life in the Highlands  
was not kind  
though they tried, endured remain  
through the pain  
maintain the ways they knew

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stay strong, true  
yes, nothing new  
peoples of earth do  
what they must do  
in name of survival

food4thought = education

## Reflecting...

on dem who reflect  
bigups, respect  
word sculptors  
creative souls cut from  
carefully woven rolls,  
of fabric rare  
manifested in sublime  
rhyme, rhythm, prose  
like Rakim i say  
"let the rhythm hit em"  
profound skill dem who  
paint with words at will  
who has profound  
love beyond the pale  
outside the box  
what resides inside prevails  
dem special folk provoke  
introspective jubilees  
such is the souls that delve  
far below where others dare  
not go  
in places deep seeded  
concepts grow out of  
questions  
demand answers  
to mysteries that life holds  
poets possess demanding souls  
thirst and hunger to know

(Just Bill on my mind)  
Dedicated: William S. Peters Sr.

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night's darkness...

descended  
they thought it was light  
thinking wrong is right  
day is night  
darkness descends upon us  
like a plague  
turning from enlightenment  
to ignorance instead  
where daylight enhances life  
nights darkness invites death  
in the form of.,  
blind, dumb, deaf  
is all the rage for now  
until the day it erupts in flames  
and goes away somehow  
as the light of truth takes  
the stage and bows  
as mother earth screams more  
and light of truth takes  
encore after encore  
but for today we defer  
to the master playwright  
and you know only he knows  
how to write the play right  
the creator, life's originator  
knows what we know not  
until then this is how it flows  
my friend as the devil stirs  
the pot  
folk who think they know  
say what it is and it's not  
leaving truth behind

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because without guidance  
divine  
lose their dam mind  
dem think ignorance is bliss  
perception distorted  
what's this.,  
knowledge, wisdom aborted?  
prophecy fulfilled as originally  
reported  
ignorance will be flaunted  
while knowledge and wisdom  
disappear without a trace  
ignorance walks in and takes  
its place  
then honor replaced with disgrace  
now is that time, here is that place

food4thought = education

Kimberly  
Burnham

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See yourself in the pattern. As a 28-year-old photographer, Kimberly Burnham appreciated beauty. Then an ophthalmologist diagnosed her with a genetic eye condition saying, "Consider life, if you become blind." She discovered a healing path with insight, magnificence, and vision. Today, a poet and neurosciences expert with a PhD in Integrative Medicine, Kimberly's life mission is to change the global face of brain health. Using health coaching, Reiki, Matrix Energetics, craniosacral therapy, acupuncture, and energy medicine, she supports people in their healing from nervous system and chronic pain issues. A current project is taking pages from medical literature and turning them into visual poetry by circling the words of the poem and coloring in the rest—recycling words into color and drawing out the poem.

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## Scottish Men of Peace

The fairies of the Scottish Highlands  
politely spoken of as the "Daoine Síth"  
"Men of Peace"  
wander through mythology  
healing the world with magic

The "aos sí" or the older form "aes sídhe"  
Irish for a supernatural race  
fairies and elves  
weave our way into Scottish mythology  
spelled "síth" wishing peace for mankind

W. B. Yeats refers to "aos sí"  
simply as "the sídhe"  
we live underground in fairy mounds  
across the western sea  
an invisible world  
coexists with the world of humans

This world described  
in the Lebor Gabála Éirenn  
a parallel universe finds the "aos sí" walking  
among the living  
the ancestors  
the spirits of nature  
of goddesses and gods

Always in peace "síth" in Scottish Gaelic  
"síoth" in the dialect of Ulster and Northern Ireland  
where people and fairies alike wish  
for "síoth on irth"

## Peace in Seven Celtic Nations

In the Ancient Celtic of Cornwall  
"hedh" is peace and tranquility  
feasible easy and free from difficulty  
as if in Kernow spoken in Cornwall  
life is doable only if there is peace  
said also "cres" or "kres"  
"yn clôr" or "yn cosel" or "drê goso leth"  
peaceably in this descendant  
of an Ancient British language  
before English came to dominate

"Síth" or "síthe" or "sod" peace  
"síocháin" the way of peace  
in Gaeilge or Irish Gaelic  
words in Ireland or Eire  
"sítheach" peaceful and harmonious  
"sítheach sóch" peaceful and comfortable  
while "go sítheach grách" is harmony and love  
peace begetting harmony comfort and ultimately love

"Sìth" peace in Scottish Gaelic  
also called Alba the dialect of Scotland  
"peace" in English  
and "fois" means relaxation tranquility  
ease repose respite  
a loan word from Scottish  
in Nova Scotia  
Canada's New Scotland  
where this smallest of provinces  
includes Cape Breton and 3,800 coastal islands

Far across the sea on the Isle of Mann  
"shee" is the way peace said

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in Gaelg or Manx Gaelic  
the native language of this island  
called Ellan Vannin in the Irish Sea  
between Britain and Ireland  
where we speak a Gaelic language  
related to Irish or Gaeilge  
and Scots Gaelic or Gàidhlig  
spelled closer to English style

"Eaz" or "aez" is feasible  
easy and free from difficulty in Amoric  
or the Breton of French Brittany  
where we spell peace many ways  
"peoc'h" "pèc'h" "peoh" "peuc'h"  
or "diskuizh" in France's northwestern most region  
where the pink granite coast is famed  
for unusual blush-hued sand and rocks  
known for an abundance of prehistoric "menhirs"

Harkening back to the Ancient Celtic of Cornwall  
peace in this land is said "heddwch" or "hawdh" or "hedh"  
in Welsh "héz" means that which glides onward  
peace calm tranquility  
as if peace is a lubricant that makes people move  
towards each other and closer to "thawelwch"  
another way of peace and quiet  
in this language called Cymraeg  
spoken in Wales or Cymru

"Koñiben" is a Traveler's word for peace and quiet  
in Welsh Romani also called Kååle  
influenced by languages far flung  
as Hindustani and the Celtic Welsh  
a language of the Traveler people in Wales  
"dootchiparen" is peace or "piratchi"

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in Angloromani or British Isles Romani  
as words of peace caravan across the lands and seas

Long ago to Galicia in northwest Spain  
today considered the seventh of the original Celtic Nations  
influenced by Spanish and Portuguese  
in Galician we say "paz"  
wishing for peace in the Celtic world and beyond

## Brio Celtic Power

"Brio" a word in Galician  
means might or power  
showing Latin and Celtic influences in Spain

"Brio" power and might in Italian  
comes from the Catalan or Old Occitan "briu" wild  
from Celtic "brigos"  
a cognate of Occitan "briu"

Old French "brif" means finesse or style  
akin to Old Irish "bríg" or power  
and the Welsh "bri" prestige and authority  
or the Breton "bri" respect

So it seems power and respect  
go together with a wild style  
unique and prestigious  
yet rooted in history and forward looking

To what this Galician community  
we build with our power and might  
the kind of peace or "paz"  
we support

Can we write in Celtic stone "kalyāwo"  
and move "callao" Galician boulders or pebbles  
are there obstacles to peace  
written in "kalyāwo"  
are they as big as a boulder  
is it just perspective  
they are small like a pebble  
descended from stones  
and strength

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Where will we find the path to "paz"  
the Galician "camiño"  
the way or path from Vulgar Latin "cammīnus"  
and Proto-Celtic "kanxsman"  
same as or a cognate of Italian "cammino"  
French "chemin"  
Spanish "camino"  
Catalan "camí"  
Occitan "camin"  
akin to the Old Irish "céimm"  
Cornish and Breton "kamm" or step

We look for peace  
helping neighbors along the way  
no matter what we say  
the words we use just remnants  
of the history we share  
the power of a helping hand  
needs no translation

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Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Travel to Highland Scots

A young Scots lass is out to find a beloved who will  
embrace her

One fine day, The Knights Templar escaped to Scotland,  
She met the young man from the ward of the Master of the  
Temple The men brought with them some treasure,  
And in exchange may marry women from the clans.

I'd like to wander around the castle,  
Of the Dowager Countess in the highlands  
Built in the 14th century by William, 3rd Thane of Cawdor,  
Immerse myself with its antiquity and mysterious history  
A melting pot of excellent aesthetic for contemporary art.

To be in a different fortress, the Dunnottar Castle,  
Or perhaps tour the Carbisdale Castle, "the castle of spite"  
Within these highlands, history and grandeur alight,  
The epics: Outlander, James Bond, and Highlander  
Were all filmed in this land where earth and sky meet.

## Bridge

Crossing to the other side  
Would thy soul ease its thirst?  
As the moon wax and wanes  
Would I enter a threshold  
Of utter peace and no ounce of pain?  
A voice whispered to me,  
Go on and walk over, follow the shadow  
You'd then discover the beauty of yonder  
The magical bridge, gateway to a new world,  
Where your spirit can roam free.

She entered another dimension,  
Angelic symphony, soft, velvet and liquid gold  
Her departed ones came into vision  
As the voice prompted her to let go,  
Experience love like never before.

The nectar that feeds one's soul,  
With the infinite wisdom of the Great Spirit Led her to a  
special bridge,  
That moment changed her life around  
Let Divine Energy within her flow.

## Sunset

The dreamy sunset at the distant horizon  
When dusk settles as the sun bids adieu,  
Extinguishing the light to make way  
For the darkness and let the moon reign- Casting shadows  
of red and orange hues.

The blazing heat which once was burning,  
Turned into pale madness when cold breeze sets in  
A life-size canvass above can be seen,  
Lovers sitting by the shoreline Witnessing the grandeur of a  
Divine Masterpiece.

Deafening silence- Beating hearts can only be heard  
Seagulls flying- Stories foretold of a thousand years of  
waiting  
Souls keep meeting beyond time and space.

You and I- Thy names shall be called eternally,  
And in every sunset, I'll wait by the sea Even in secrecy-  
For each day starts and ends with a love,  
That's only meant for you.

Nizar  
Sartawi

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Nizar Sartawi is a poet, translator, essayist, and columnist. He was born in Sarta, Palestine, in 1951. He is a member of literary and cultural organizations, including the Jordanian Writers Association (Jordan), General Union of Arab Writers (Cairo), Poetry Posse (U.S.), Inner Child Press International (U.S.), Bodgani (Belgium), and Axlepin Publishing (the Philippines). He has participated in poetry readings and international forums and festivals in numerous countries, including Jordan, Lebanon, Kosovo, Palestine, Morocco, Egypt, and India. Sartawi's poems have been translated into several languages. His poetry has been anthologized and published in many anthologies, journals, and newspapers in Arab countries, the U.S., Australia, Indonesia, Bosnia, Italy, India, the Philippines, and Taiwan.

Sartawi has published more than 20 books of poetry and poetry translation. His last poetry collection, *My Shadow*, was published in June, 2017 by Inner Child Press in the U.S.

For the last seven years, Sartawi has been working on poetry translation from English to Arabic and Arabic to English. This includes his Arabic poetry translation project, "Arab Contemporary Poets Series" in which 13 bilingual books have been published so far. He also has translated poems for a number of contemporary international poets such as, Veronica Golos, Elaine Equi; William S. Peters; Kalpna Singh-Chitnis; Nathalie Handal, Naomi Shihab Nye; Candice James; Ashok Bhargava; Santiago Villafania, Virginia Jasmin Pasalo; Rosa Jamali; Taro Aizu; Fahredin Shehu, and many others.

## Highland Clearances

Wave after wave  
they were expelled  
by their own chiefs

out of the small dry-stone  
blackhouses  
that sheltered them in the rough terrains  
of Scottish Highlands

out of the farmlands  
that they tilled  
with their own tough  
cracked hands

out of the steep hills  
that they shared with fellow crofters  
as grazing lands.

Oh how their forlorn faces  
dissolved  
among the masses  
in the brave  
new world  
leaving behind  
the resonances of their lore –  
the Gaelic songs and tunes  
the beats of their tenor drums  
the shrill sounds of their Great bagpipes  
the rustling of their kilts and tartans  
as they danced their proud  
sword dances –  
reverberating amidst the straths and glens  
that witnessed their highland feasts  
and loud revelries!

## A Perpetual Nightmare

She woke up in the middle  
of again the same nightmare  
a long queue  
of disfigured ghosts  
the children men and women  
of her city – Gaza –  
moving sluggishly  
before her eyes  
and turning into  
purplish ash...

Her wrinkled face  
sweating  
she sinks  
beneath the quilt  
and like a brittle jar  
she breaks  
*into* tears...

## Diabolic Truce

This time  
the Synagogue and the Mosque  
were resolutely reconciled:

They both agreed...  
*YES They Agreed*  
it was a great offense  
for this young Jewess  
to be in love  
with that young Arab from Palestine  
or that same Arab  
to be in love  
with this same Jewess.

Mosque and Synagogue  
concurred without hesitancy  
that  
it was a deadly sin...  
*A Deadly Sin*  
for this Arab  
and that Jewess  
to be wedded,  
a deadly sin for them  
to live under a single roof,  
a deadly sin  
to share one bed,  
a deadly sin to kiss  
to touch  
to talk  
or even wave,

that at all costs  
this  
*Will Not BE...*

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Self-willed,  
the young couple eloped  
to seek asylum  
in the Church  
they knocked and knocked  
on the locked church gate  
One click...  
and the gate was now securely  
double-locked.

The Denouement:  
Two corpses lying on the ground  
facing the open space  
trying to make  
some sense  
out of a senseless world!

*to be continued... in the afterworld.*

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n.  
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Born in Turkey, hülya n. yılmaz presently serves as full-time faculty at Penn State and as the Director of Editing Services at Inner Child Press. Her academic publications dwell on literary relations between the West and the Islamic East and on gender conceptualizations within the context of Islam. Dr. yılmaz had her formal initiation as a creative writer in the U.S. Her published works include *Trance* –a tri-lingual book of poetry, *Aflame* –memoirs in verse and *An Aegean Breeze of Peace* –a poem collection she has co-authored with Demetrius Trifiatis. Poetry by hülya appeared in excess of fifty international anthologies.

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## The Highland Fling

i feel like dancing again  
as i often do  
for this one however  
i must have you

i do not play the accordion  
would you mind us switching the roles  
i will go ahead and do The Highland Fling  
this way we'll still fill the gender holes

i confess in broad daylight yes i openly do  
this mountainous rocky terrain and harsh winters  
make me wince for a lifetime even two  
the makeshift floor gives me too many splinters

let's forget our Campbells, McNeills and Stewarts  
our world-famous Presbyterian churches too  
we'd be better off in a North Carolina colony  
this Highland Fling gets to be too much of an ado

## Gaelic

we all moved to the Cape Fear River today  
our largest settlement in North America  
along with us came our native tongue  
its mark is left in many churches they say  
but most of all in Hoke County  
“Dundarrach” – “hill of the oak tree”  
remained in the new language as the same  
North Carolina’s Provincial Congress  
had even made a noteworthy address  
to accurately and justifiably stress  
the due distinction importance and the extent  
to which Gaelic resisted to have a premature end  
the year was 1776 you see  
what a time it was for a High Scotlander to be!

## The “Kintail bard”

i already said i wanted to dance today  
my desire was met by the dear John MacRae  
in case you want to know about him a bit  
he was in North Carolina before the war fires were lit  
the Revolutionary War that is  
he was known as a true Loyalist  
though his fate is still a mystery  
several of his songs made history  
his “Dean Cadalan Samhach” was a true hit  
“Sleep Softly, My Darling Beloved”  
is said to have become its adopted name  
the myth is that he owes his persistent fame  
to Highland Scots’ culture’s oral tradition frame

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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## *The Year of the Poet V ~ November 2018*

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

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## Modern Highlands

The Highland Scots make claims  
to the impressive Scottish landscape.  
Ben Nevis peak sits high in the sky  
offering a grand view of the land.

You boast unspoiled rugged mountains,  
deep blue lakes and glens  
where majestic Eagles rule the skies  
and red deer roam the valley.

Legends of a Loch Ness monster  
that lives in the deep waters  
of the Loch Ness lake are told  
over Scotch whiskey in the pubs.

Travelers come to experience  
Gaelic culture, drink your famous  
whiskey, drive your scenic byways,  
boat on your waters and hike your trails.

## Swiss Girls

The hills are alive with bells  
and sexy girls with flirtatious walks  
doing a fashion run on the mountainside.

Milk chocolate, blackberry and  
vanilla/chocolate mixes eat  
with focus and intent while the bells

play love songs to happy healthy cows.  
The sweet Alp grass nourishes bellies.  
A gift of milk comes from nipple massages.

The life of a swiss cow is charmed.  
Some of the girls chill out re-chewing food  
in the luxury of Swiss mountain majesty.

## Swiss Alps

Words elude me as my eyes feast  
on the grandeur of these mountains.  
Did I die and go to heaven?

My soul aches with joy  
with each step I take.  
Ecstatic bliss makes me tremble  
as my boots engage the trail.

My legs freeze as I look out  
on the Master's priceless canvas.  
Nothing and no one may come close  
to the splendor caressing my eyes.

I just want to drop to my knees,  
say thank you for the experience  
stroking my heartstrings.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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## *The Year of the Poet V ~ November 2018*

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.

## The Wall

the sky's uniform  
less than cosmic  
with the confusion of morning mist  
over new willow catkins

drink some more wine  
other side of Hadrian wall  
you may not know anyone  
in the land of Gaels

above the Highlands  
a blooming midnight moon  
brushes a glowing  
across the rivers and valleys

Romans built the wall  
to keep invading Scots  
the barbarians from migrating  
smuggling or stealing sheep

but they loved highland maidens  
red lips  
accented tongues  
blushing cheeks

they gave them wine  
in golden goblets  
to drink all they wanted  
behind the wall in dark

with no way to articulate  
their bones felt good  
after making love  
and not being loved

## Invisible Hope

My prayers are folded hands  
holding silence.  
In the darkness of night  
I search for the spirit of invocations.

It sparks deep desire in me  
to oscillate from eternity to infinity.

Light shines on silently  
bringing peace to distressed heart.

My body is fragile glass  
shatters easily.  
My resolve is stronger than steel  
unbreakable.

Without waiting for an avatar -  
I sow a seed of hope  
when it sprouts  
blossoms would be me.

## Soft Touch

If you wish to love me  
then accept me as I am  
and nothing else.

If you like to trust me  
then believe in me  
for no reason at all.

If you want to caress me  
then touch me with your eyes  
without asking why.

Because one day  
my love will spring  
my passion will emerge  
my heart will blossom and  
my zeal will grow  
for you.

But if you cannot wait for me  
then without any hesitation  
leave me and go away.

Because I can create you  
when I am ready.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno

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## *The Year of the Poet V ~ November 2018*

Caroline Nazareno-Gabis a.k.a. Ceri Naz, born in Anda, Pangasinan known as a ‘poet of peace and friendship’, is a multi-awarded poet, journalist, editor, publicist, linguist, educator, and women’s advocate.

Graduated cum laude with the degree of Bachelor of Elementary Education, specialized in General Science at Pangasinan State University. Ceri have been a voracious researcher in various arts, science and literature. She volunteered in Richmond Multicultural Concerns Society, TELUS World Science, Vancouver Art Gallery, and Vancouver Aquarium.

She was privileged to be chosen as one of the Directors of Writers Capital International Foundation ( WCIF ), Member of the Poetry Posse, one of the Board of Directors of Galaktika ATUNIS Magazine based in Albania; the World Poetry Canada and International Director to Philippines; Global Citizen’s Initiatives Member, Association for Women’s rights in Development ( AWID ) and Anacbanua. She has been a 4<sup>th</sup> Placer in World Union of Poets Poetry Prize 2016, 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).

## Caledonia

Scottish Love, that must be the song  
While the curtain laces afterimages  
Bathing the tongues, diffusions of change  
Writing in braille from innermost quench  
Yet, it has to see you withstand  
Eavesdropping crossroads  
Filling in the whys  
of timeless ballads  
Will meet in the homecoming  
at Glasgow's winding mountain thymes,  
The Rhymes of inamorata.

## Aberdeen and Promises

Crystal clear that was  
While bathing on the  
Sunset's kisses  
Where ponds, rivers  
And lakes of love  
Took away the flaws,  
Your heart is the sunshine  
To eternity's quest;  
That single day  
Was a world  
Of ours, my love, forever.

## Scottish Wine

Be mine tonight.  
In my vineyard  
Of flowers, berries and leaves,  
Sweet and bittersweet spells  
From your lips,  
As we burn the night  
And free the moonlit concoction  
Together we'll drink  
Over the cobblestone table  
Enjoying the bizarre taste  
While it last, 'til the picturesque battle.

Swapna  
Behera

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## *The Year of the Poet V ~ November 2018*

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 four books. 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 Gold Cross Of Wisdom Award ,the medal for The Best Teachers of the World from World Union of Poets in 2018, and The Life time Achievement Award ,The Best Planner Award and The Sahitya Shiromani Award from the Literati Cosmos Society 2018 .She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World,Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union ,Kazakhstan2018. At present she is the manager at Large, Planner and Columnist of The Literati and the administrator of several poetic groups

## In Search Of The Best God.....

Someone whispers  
May be asking water to drink  
Air to breathe  
Sky to see the stars  
A roof on the head  
Or little soil to keep his feet

Someone whispers  
Who is the best God?  
Listening to tears  
Sweeping all fears  
Someone somewhere  
Sings lullaby for a baby

Perhaps the best God is awake  
Dreams light for all  
Breaks the shackle  
Fixes the fractured democracy  
Opens all doors  
Weaves life  
Descends down to the hearts  
Holding the gift of a Sun  
For you and for me

Yes the best God is screaming  
For He wishes  
In condensed intensity  
to be a human- being  
And my search is over !!!!

## Epilogue Of A Bagpiper

Give me a heart  
I will sing  
Give me a boat  
I will sail across the placid lakes  
Echoes the Urlar  
In the distant island of  
Scottish high land  
The haggis is ready for the  
Grand festival of Hogmanay  
the smokes raising high up  
the Unicorn grazing  
in the valley  
No more old trees  
but the gregarious roots  
still holding underneath  
the radiant history  
The cascade  
Still crazy with ardent rhymes  
I am ready with my unfurled tunes  
Give me a heart to blow.....  
All fragrances .....

## Shadow In The Vortex

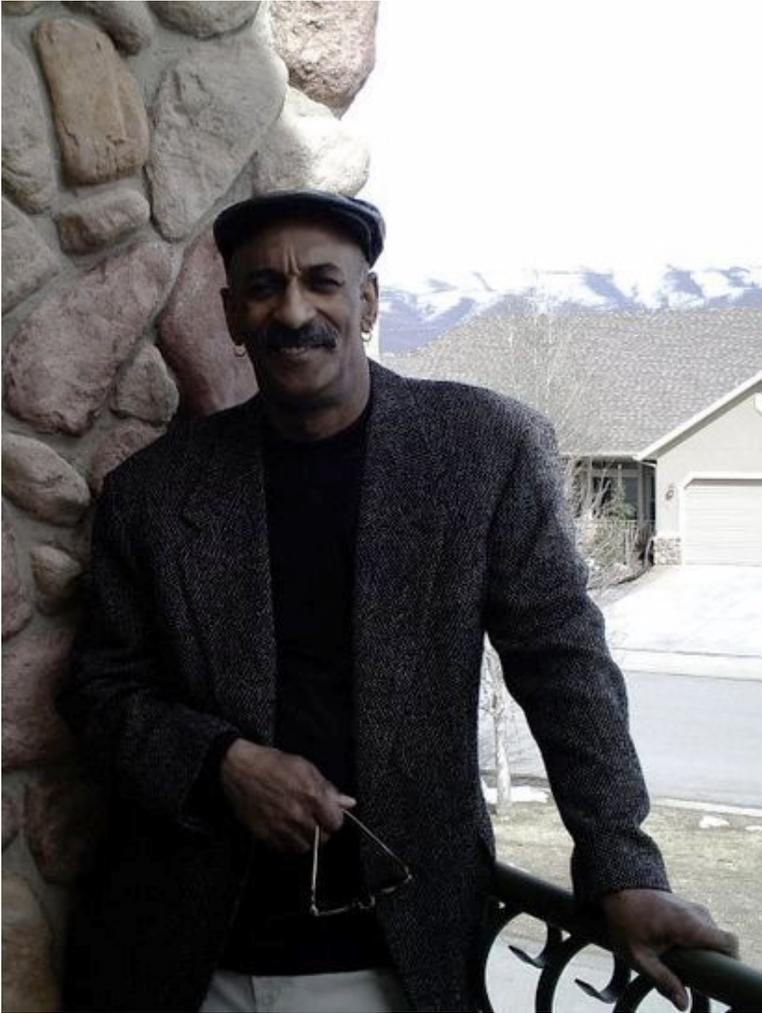
The vivisection started  
May be the interactive Viva-voce  
The shadow was jumping  
Playing merry-go-round  
Smiling and shaking hands  
Everything was normal

The shadow with its length and breadth  
Searching for the volume  
Where is it ?  
Beneath the slumbering eyelid ?  
Or browsing in the cosmos to get a dialect  
A music to overcome the labyrinth

My shadow ! Alas, my dear shadow  
Caged in my bones  
And the body jumping  
from the time table to anatomy table  
Ready for dissection!!!

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 40 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!

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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## Breathe

These hills are mine and thine  
My laddy

Our fathers,  
And our father before them  
Have nurtured these lands  
With their Blood  
Sweat  
And tears

There are more years to come  
Than what we have spent  
Hold to the promise

We have tilled this land  
With purpose,  
With a certain freedom  
Throughout  
Many a season,  
Many a year . . .  
Raised our stock,  
Our children,  
And our families . . .  
This is your inheritance

Can not you hear the music  
Of our forefathers  
Dancing,  
Playing in between  
The whispers  
Of the winds

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O laddy  
Just close thine eyes  
And open thy heart  
To the way of the Scotts  
And feel your Gay-like  
Bonny  
Bright  
Gaelic  
Blood coursing  
As one  
With we the people  
Of these highlands

Breathe

## Muse

She seemingly surreptitiously slithered  
Silently into my solace soaked  
Consciousness  
Tickling, stimulating  
My wonder and curiosity

She wanted to play  
And I wanted to sleep  
But that would not be,  
For she had a poem  
She wanted to give to me . . .

I am waiting

## Observing

It was a time  
That was not quite  
Understood

There were psychic  
Movings  
Dancing in my thoughts  
Prodding my spirit  
To awaken . . . keenly

Was I contemplating  
Without subject? . . .  
What was my objective ?

I sat, I listened,  
I reached  
For that elusive  
Glistening epiphany

The realm of  
Circumspection,  
Introspection,  
Reflection,  
Gave unto no  
Detection  
In this state  
Of abyss  
Where naught but void  
Exists

Was I seeking . . .  
Bliss  
Of peace

Just observing

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## Features

~ \* ~

Michelle Joan Barulich

Monsif Beroual

Krystyna Konecka

Nassira Nezzar

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Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich

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Joan has been writing since I was 16 yrs of age. She enjoys writing poetry and songs. Joan is currently studying the Alternative Medicine to comfort and heal people. She says that she has 2 rescued pigeons that have brought me a lot of love and fun for me. She also like learning about house plants and is a big fan on Nikola Tesla. Her hobbies include art, sewing and wood burning and inventing.

Thank you to Inner child press for letting people express there poetry in a peaceful way.

Web link: <https://www.facebook.com/michelle.barulich>

## That's what I like about Tomorrow

Winter clouds fill the sky  
High with hopes  
And twinkling stars  
A promise for tomorrow  
That snow will fall  
And make a child see the first of a snow fall  
That's what I like about tomorrow  
They always come along the way  
Where dreams can be made  
And broken hearts mend  
That's what I like about tomorrow  
When its time for spring to arrive  
New and fresh  
Everyday gets closer  
With the promise of new flowers  
That will fill the warm summer air  
And all the colors that come out  
Like our imagination  
A new hope  
For love to grow  
A new way of understanding  
To find the true essence  
What our Creator has in mind for you and me  
Just think what tomorrow may bring  
A new awakening that will set us all free....

## Cold

I walk down this lonely road  
And the ground's pavement hits me too hard  
Because without your love  
I can't seem to go on  
Cause it's cold  
Without you  
While the world keeps turning around  
It keeps spinning too fast for me  
Cold without you  
While the rain keeps coming around  
And turns of the seasons bring me down  
Well, lately I've been pulling down the shades for my  
privacy  
I couldn't feel the warmth  
Projecting onto me  
And I remember when life was filled with intimacy  
Now it's cold  
Cause without your love  
Is there reason to go on  
When it's cold  
Without your love....

## Love is the Word

See no diamonds in the sky  
We all wanted to understand why  
Pick up the pieces and begin again  
Realizing the mistakes we have made  
Why must we try and then lose the nerve  
Searching for the way into my heart  
But ignoring the word that makes the start  
Love is the word that should be heard  
From coast to coast and around the world  
All around the world  
The people's faces are so sad  
All around the world  
The countries are so mad  
That's why this poem is going to make you scream and  
shout  
Love is the word that should be heard  
From coast to coast and around the world  
I hope they hear are message  
They soon will take  
No more nothing if they push the button  
No more time to reconsider  
Love is the world that should be heard  
From coast to coast and around the world  
Everybody, Love is the world that should be heard  
From coast to coast and around the world....

Monsif  
Beroual

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Monsif Beroual was born in Rabat, Morocco, on October 19th, 1994. He is studying his fourth year of Law Degree at the Sidi Mohammed Ben Adlallah University in Taza, Morocco. Multi awarded poet from Morocco, winner of the prize - Neruda medal award 2017. Recipient of the Pentasi B. World International Poetry Award in Africa, Ghana 2016 and Pentasi B. World Hyderabad Poetry Award, India 2017.

Director of Morocco at the International Writers Capital Literature Foundation established in India. He has been appointed Director of Youth in Morocco. His poems have been translated into Spanish, French and Arabic; read on radio programs in: Canada, Chiacago, Argentina and Mexico. They have been published in different international journals and anthologies.

## My Holly Muse

Our life is like a song  
Writing by gold  
In every word  
Filled of joy  
We are in love  
Like spring's season  
Fully of beauty.  
She is my muse  
The ink of love fills my heart  
Word after word  
Made by gold  
Carried by wind  
Whispers in my ears  
Rock my heart  
Shaking my soul  
Burns, burns, with the fire of love  
Burning us  
Dancing under the moon's light  
Reaching the skies  
The seven skies  
There's no limit  
For our love  
Is infinity love  
As the space and time  
Endless  
Cause she is  
My holly muse  
My living poem  
And my heaven gift.

## Refugee

Bring me back to my town  
where I belong  
I missed all  
my friends  
my childhood  
and all the walls.  
It was so wonderful  
and now all is destroyed  
like it never was  
my town  
my town  
my town  
I try to scream so loud  
but no one hears  
my tears.

I still have just the memories  
from the past lives on my mind  
my stories with my neighbors are gone  
and every innocent kid  
their dreams were raped  
children dies  
and history like never exits.  
I'm just a number now  
without identity  
like a dead man  
counting the stars in the sky  
waiting the consciences  
to hear their cries  
and their pains  
to hold them again  
and lead them to their town.

## Mirror Of Hope

Woke up this morning  
With the voice's whispers in my ears  
Led me to that mirror  
I saw humans  
Brothers and sisters  
I saw the wars everywhere  
I saw the strong eating the weak  
I saw friend betrays his friends  
And I saw racism still stand tall between us  
Terrorists menacing everywhere  
Where is the bright future for us?  
I'm not the messenger  
I'm not an angel  
I'm not perfect  
I'm just a human who feels the taste of defeat  
Tries to change the situation through that faint  
voice  
I look like a blind who walks in daylight  
Policy made us enemies  
And we forgot  
We are from one race  
Humans, brothers and sisters  
I wonder where did the white dove gone!

Krystyna  
Konęcka

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Krystyna Konecka is a poet and journalist (a member of The Polish Writers' Union - Warsaw branch). In poetry she favours sonnets. She is an author of nearly twenty books of poetry and reportages. Her poems have been published in Polish and foreign periodicals and anthologies. For her achievements poetry and journalism Krystyna Konecka has received literary awards and was highly regarded by critics. She attends the international literary meetings.

## Reading Petrarch's 211 Sonnet To Laura

*Year one thousand three hundred twenty-seven.  
Sixth day of April, in the morning hour.  
I entered the maze which I still have not left.  
Francesco Petrarca*

Year one thousand three hundred twenty-seven.  
Six day of April, in the morning hour.  
You entered the maze which you have not yet left  
though seven ages pass with Tiber waters.

Six hundred and sixty-six of Aprils passed.  
Law of coincidence. Me at Capitol  
where Rome bowed to you at the centenaries  
and placed the wreath of laurels on your temple.

Through chaos of the world in madmen's power  
I attempt to save my order by sonnet  
by climbing up your path full of the rigours.

You understand, Master – it's not about wreaths.  
The wise criticize me. But unluckily  
- I entered the maze. I still cannot get out.

*Translated by Ewa Sherman, England*

## Silence. VI

Each step is important as it is dangerous.  
Each word becomes essential for the appropriate code.  
I fail to hit nail on the head and it will sound false.  
I use wrongly and it will be a double edged sword.

We stand facing each other without a word. No shouts.  
And every so often we are on the same wavelength.  
We smile respectfully to someone from a distance  
before they begin to speak in a different language.

We declare that we are the alpha and omega.  
Indispensable support and ultimate brink  
consolation as well as a mouthful of fresh air.

Yet fear is within us. And we bury our heads  
in our arms knowing truly that we were given  
no stabilization. Nothing is everlasting.

*Translated by Ewa Sherman, England*

## Ultima Thule. Voices Of Iceland There

From the continent's comforts forgotten for a while.  
From the landscapes full of blooms and the soaring forests  
of

- trusting the magical power – behind the curve  
fortune I fall into Icelandic time reversal.

This stunning madness of rock formations appearing  
from all sides. Glittering glacier from the horizon.

By the lava edge a sign banning herding of rams  
and sheep warns against perils on the gravel highway.

Yet, on the other hands, us – the creatures with two legs –  
in a tenacious four-wheel drive car we take the risk.

To touch with our own eyes the menacing expanse.

Just for the sake of climbing up towards the crater.

Let it burn with seething saga of those still eras.

Let it kindle with thirst for fire. Before we fade...

*Translated by Ewa Sherman, England*

Nassira  
Nəzzar

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Nassira Nezzar, A writer from Guelma –Algeria- She was an English language teacher at the university of May 8<sup>th</sup>1945 Guelma for 8 years and a teacher in a National institute for vocational training...She adores writing since young age...Nassira Nezzar has a published book, "FAMILIAR STRANGERS, a collaboration work with the American author Rob McBride, She has collaborative poems with the American author John E WordSlinger, they are available on youtube .

Nassira Nezzar has also many participations in international anthologies which were published in USA, Poland, India, Belgium...

Her website is: <http://www.wordsocean.wordpress.com>

## Sometimes a word

Have you ever contemplated the poet's eyes?  
And how they hold the huge mass of words  
Have you ever seen the rebellion of stars in the skies  
And how they hold each other for brightening our world?  
Have you ever stared at the trip of words  
And how they delve deeply  
into hearts despite the long miles?  
Sometimes a word  
Hugs our dreams to irrigate them with joy  
Sometimes a word  
Hugs our reality to throw us as if we're a used toy..  
Sometimes a word  
Takes me to the depth of your world  
Where there's no hate, no discrimination, no wars  
No jealousy, no oppression, and no difference of religions  
Yes...your world...  
Where I see only the eyes of a loving poet  
A poet...  
Who lives the storms but spreads tranquillity  
Who collects words of love and joy to forget his misery  
Who collects his tears and his smiles  
For being an ocean of words that could carry  
the feeling with its various weights and sizes  
Three drops were following each other without stop

## The Farthest I've Gone

Three drops were following each other  
The first said: THE FARTHEST  
The second said: I 'VE GONE  
The third said: WITH YOU  
THE FARTHEST I'VE GONE WITH YOU  
My ears were fixed on the sound made by your heartbeats.  
My eyes were fixed on the pride built on your eyelids  
My feeling climbed with blissful heights of love  
Looking above..  
Searching the pinnacle of your heart..  
The farthest I've gone with you  
Your love delved into my soul deeply  
You were whispering:  
I'm the joy that covers your sadness  
I'm the peace that covers your frightfulness  
I'm the small embrace in which you find vastness  
I'm you and the farthest you've gone to my heart  
You'll discover many things and « ME »  
The farthest I've gone with you had shown me things  
I can't construe  
The farthest I've gone with you the sweetest bridge  
I've walked through  
The farthest I've gone with you I would like to redo it  
and start new  
The farthest I've gone with you time flies in it by fast  
We lived the moment without care  
of the future or the past  
Yes sometimes a word to appear with confidence  
Sometimes a word to disguise as the weak flies  
So behind the silence they hide  
Sometimes a word is said  
To feed heart and head

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Many smiles may be drawn  
And many tears may be shed  
Sometimes a word said  
Many emotions with great passion they are led  
Sometime a word carries many questions  
Awaiting one sufficient answer  
We are created in this world  
For loving each other not for killing or  
Using our words as swords

## Technology

You're there  
Wearing so beautiful dress  
Making a seducing gestures  
And dancing on nice melodies  
They call you the great technology  
you look to others  
As an eternal prosperity  
They all want staying in you  
But as one soul not two  
No one can judge you because  
For all you are too sacred and wonderful..  
You are the science of profession  
But you are not the perfection  
I'm here to make a pause with you  
But not to blame or ask you  
To lose your principles  
You're so awesome angel  
Who penetrated our being  
and brightened our lives  
We love you when you are wise  
But not when you use  
the mask of science to disguise  
When you become crazy  
and attract others to you  
Did you think one day  
That you are the slow death of humanity  
By your attempts to transfer human to digital  
Yes, you look so incredible  
Everything in your world is possible  
With your velocity you win time  
But you paralyse our minds at same time  
Yes technology, you make the world a small village

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But because of you  
We melt in your digital cage  
Forgetting the human embrace  
Since you make between us a big space  
Despite we are living in the same place  
Our hearts adore the screens,  
Neglect the real union  
And living the real scenes

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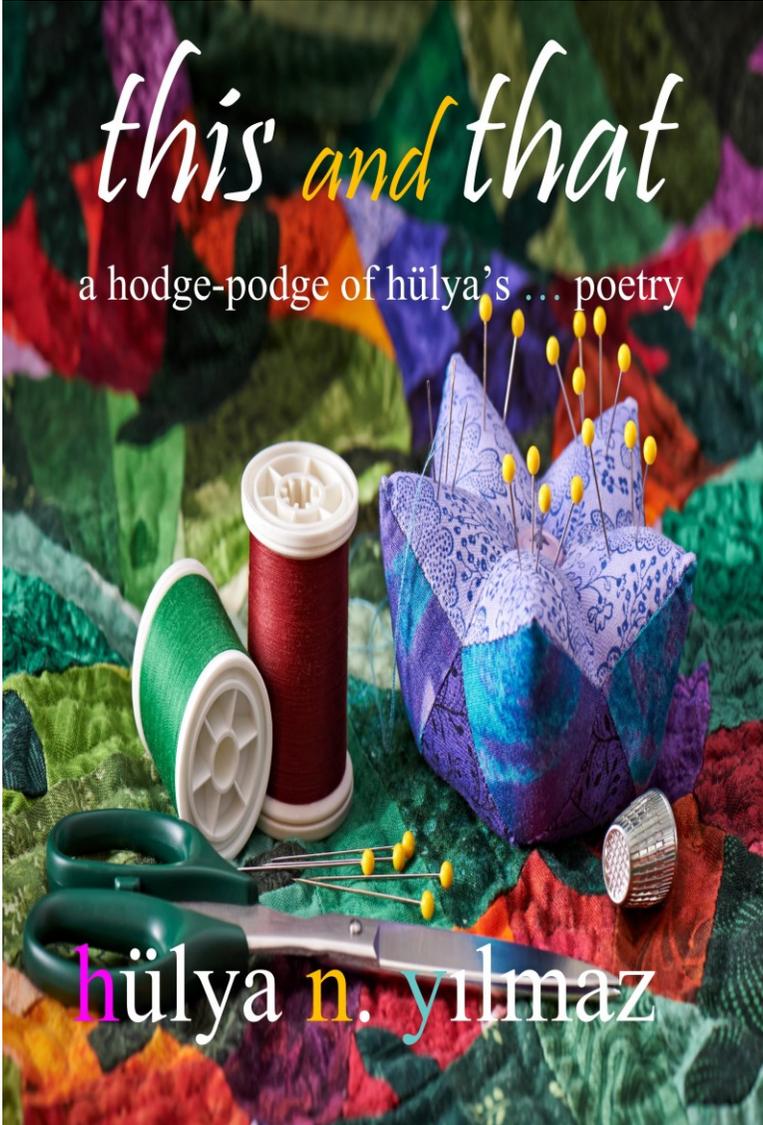
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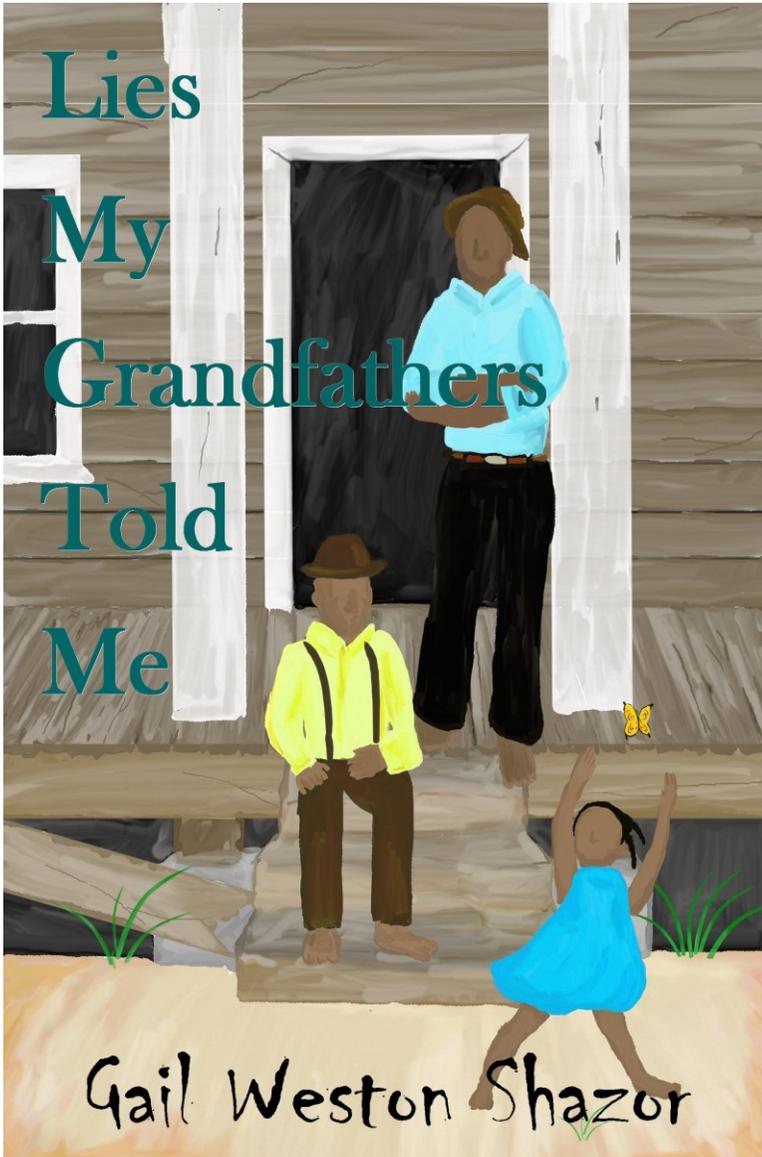
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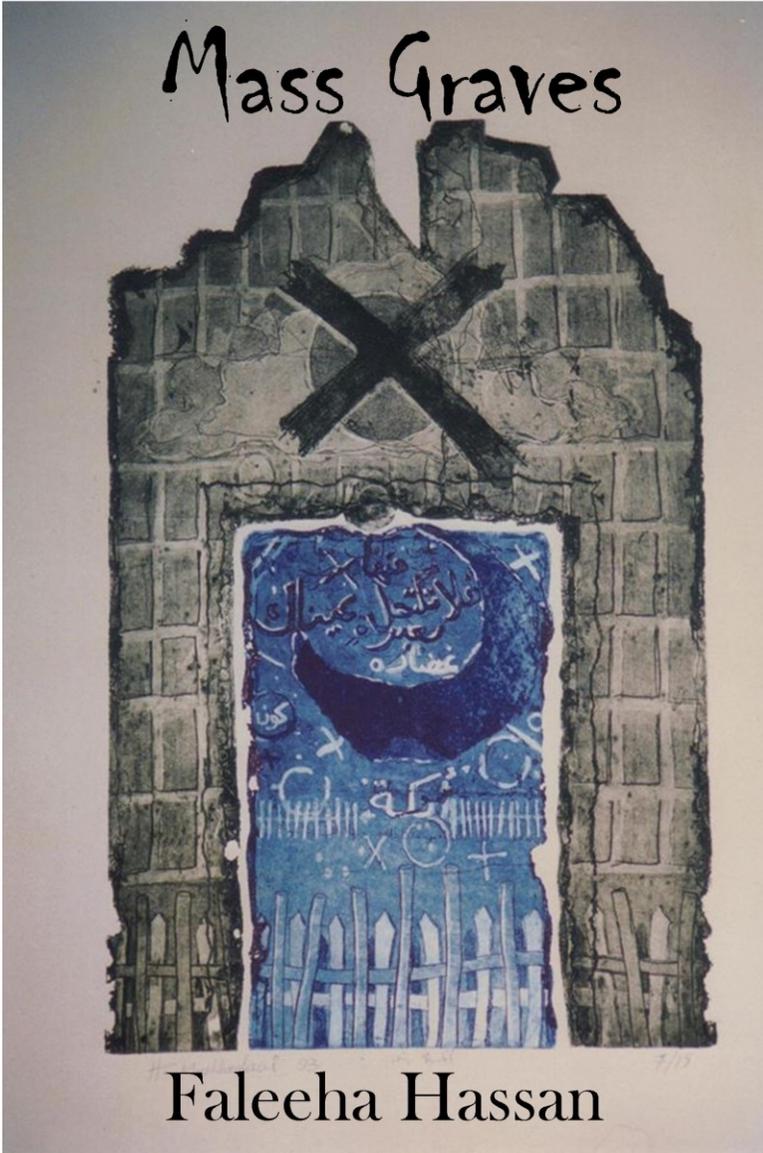
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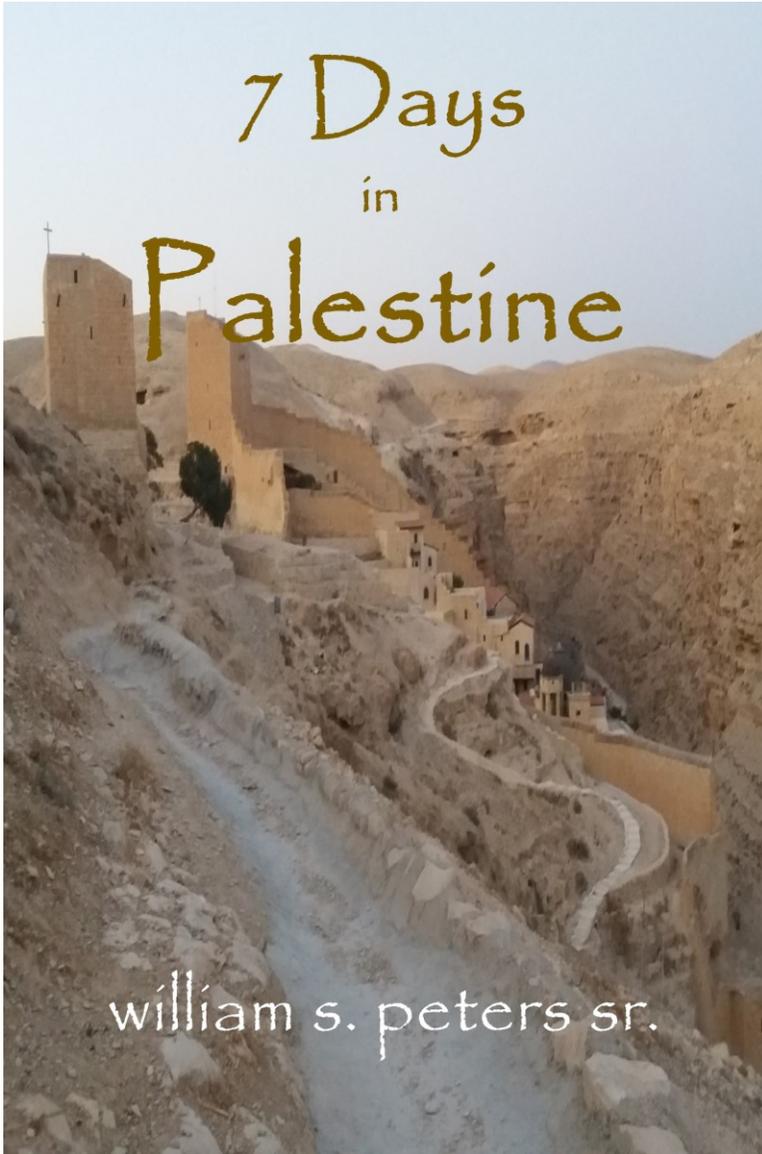
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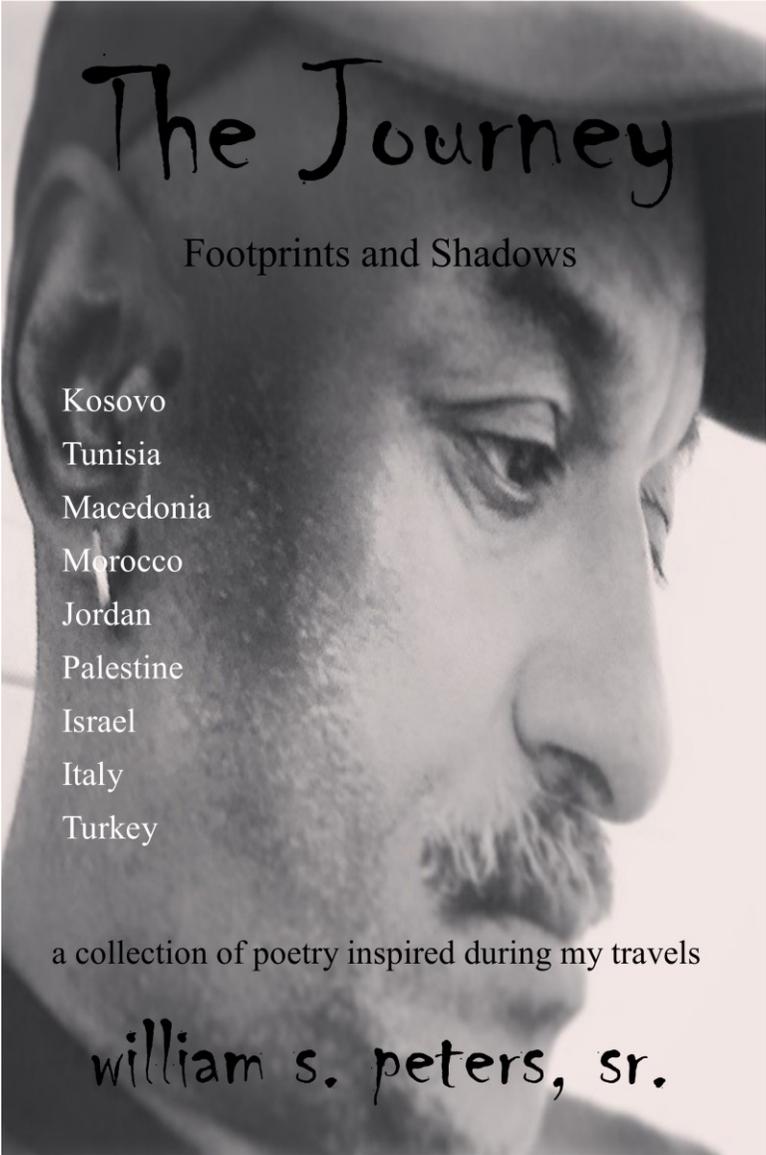
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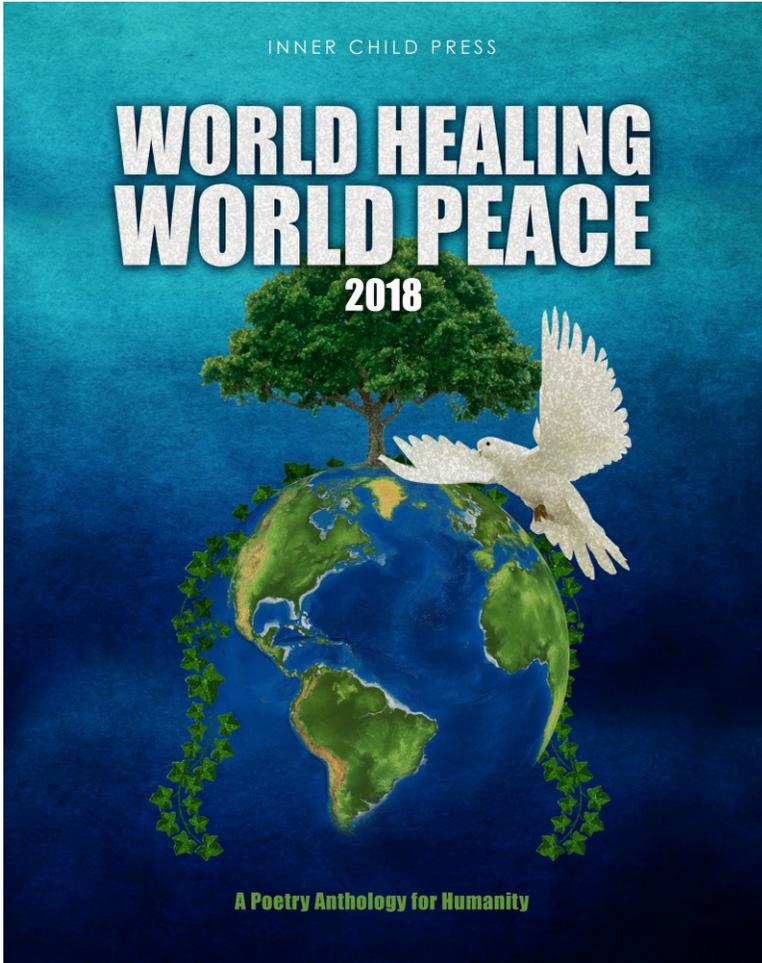
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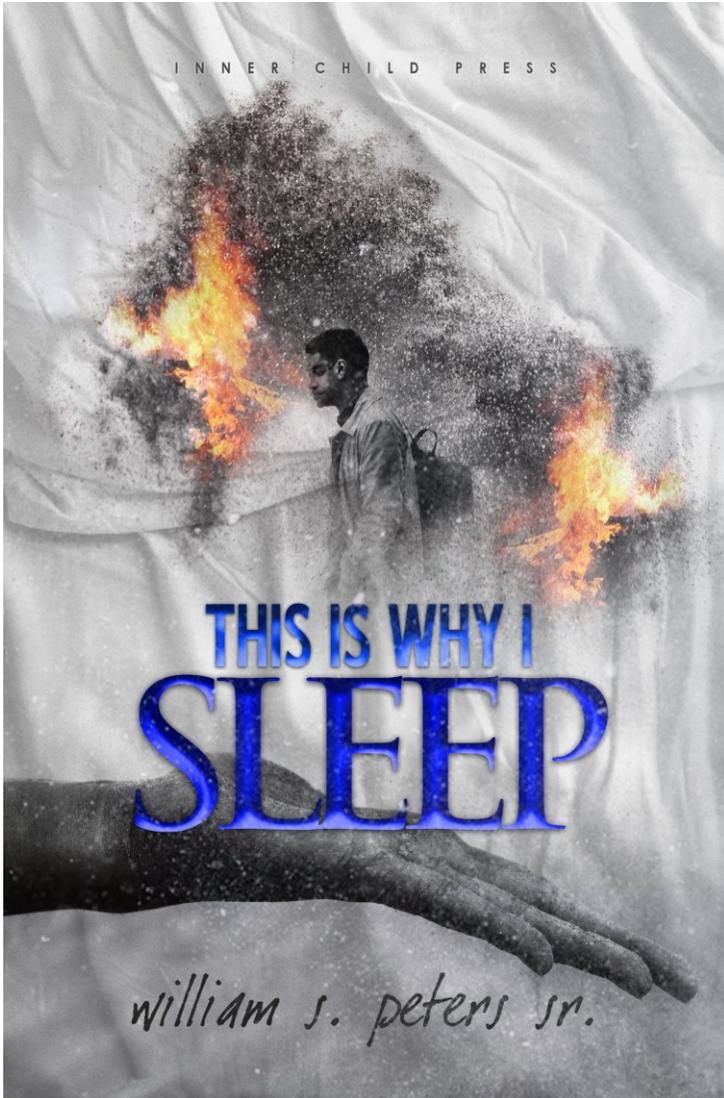
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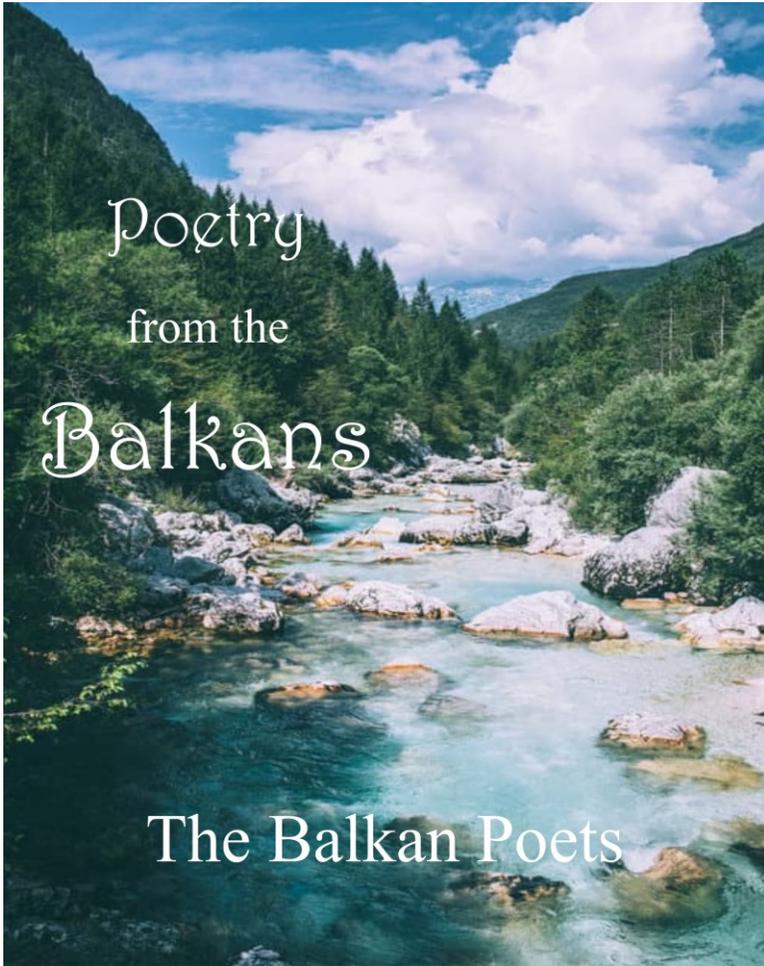


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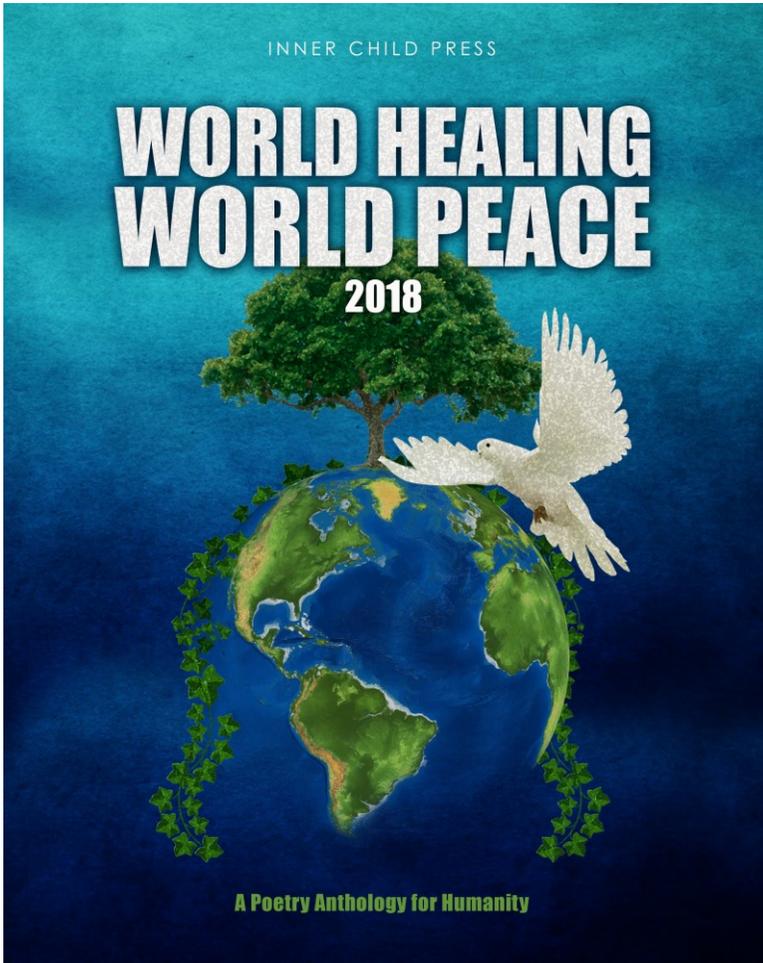
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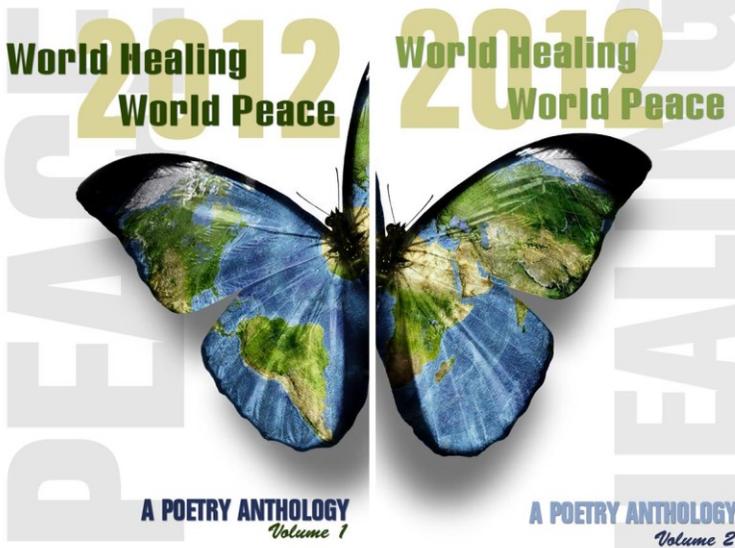
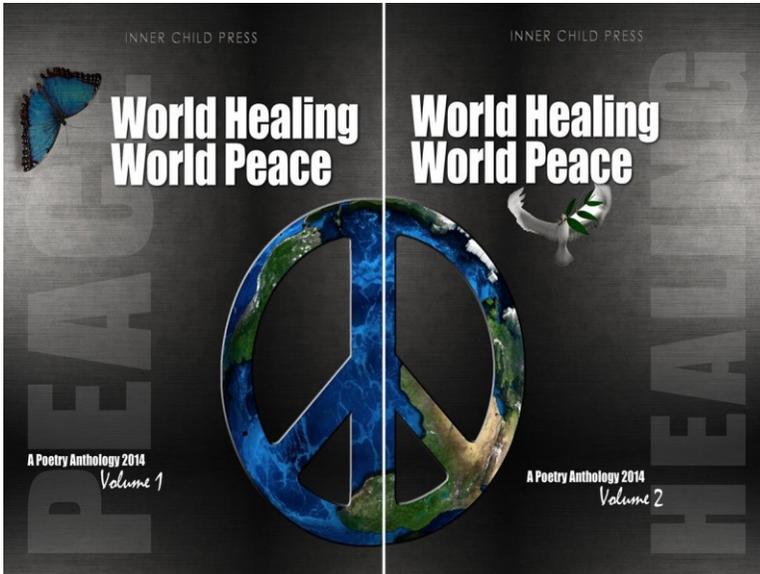
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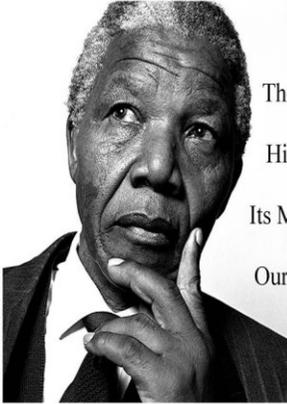
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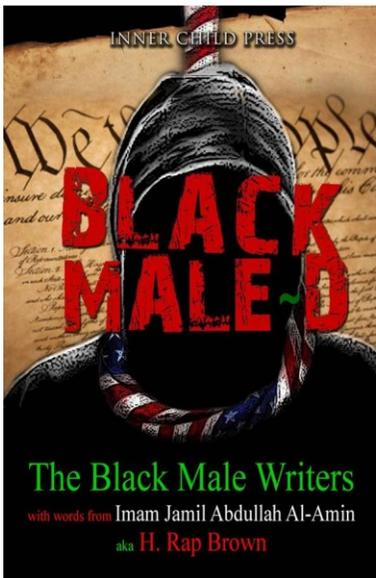
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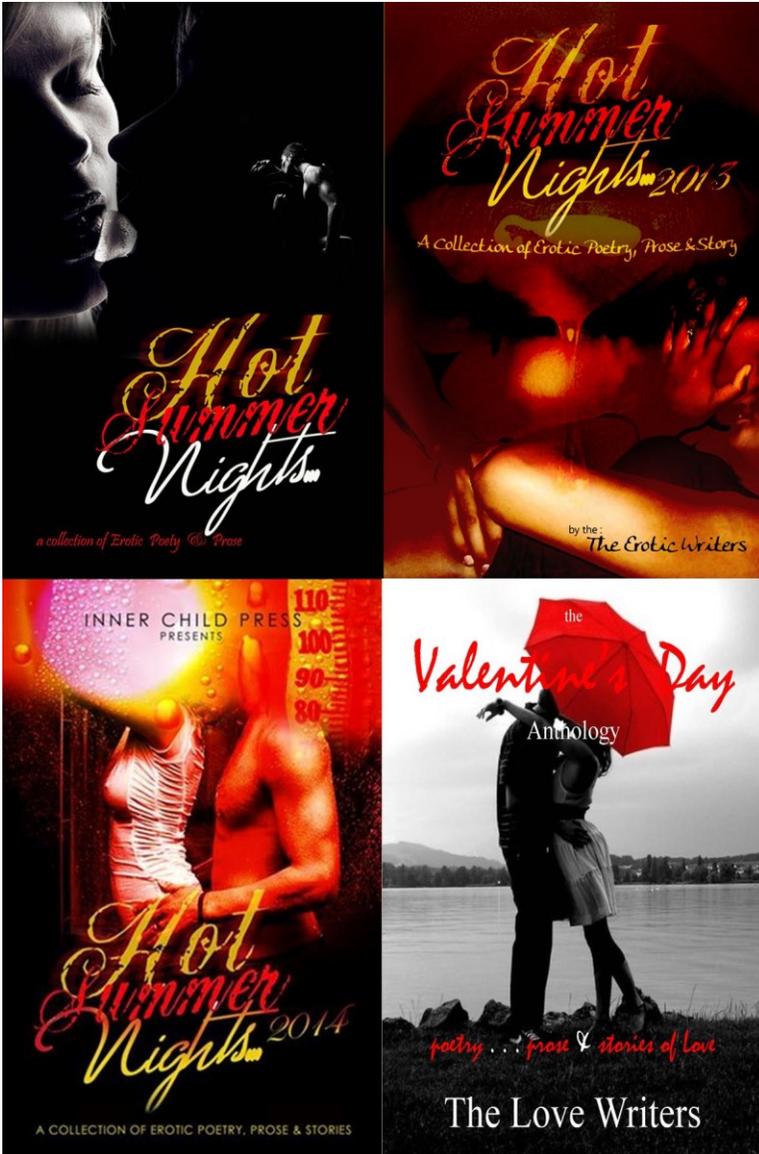
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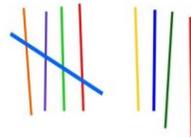
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**Our March Featured Poets**  
Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

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*Sweet Pea*

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**Our April Featured Poets**  
Fahredin Shehu  
Martina Reisz Newberry  
Justin Blackburn  
Monte Smith

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May 2014

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



Dedicated To our Children

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Lily of the Valley

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June 2014



*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

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

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July 2014

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



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Lotus  
Asian Flower of the Month

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**Gladiolus**



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

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September 2014

Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Garden of September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert In'Writ' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Barrett • Debbie A. Allen • Tony Heninger  
 Joe DiVerbal Winddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shantel Akbar-Rasheed  
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## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert In'Writ' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
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 Joe DiVerbal Winddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shantel Akbar-Rasheed  
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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert In'Writ' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Roseman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014

Narcissus



The Poetly Pass

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December Feature Poets

Katherine Wyatt • Whittier Papp • Santos Cairo • Justin Clarke

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**Garnet**

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Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wali  
Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shetu  
Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantri • Jen Walls • Eric Judah

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February 2015



**Amethyst**

**THE POETRY PESSE**  
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Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
Tony Heninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer  
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Katherine Wyatt  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima • Bob McNeil • Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

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



**The Poetry Pesse 2015**  
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Siddhartha Beth Pierce • Janet P. Caldwell • Tony Heninger  
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**Our Featured Poets**  
Raja Williams • Dennis Ferado • Laure Charazac



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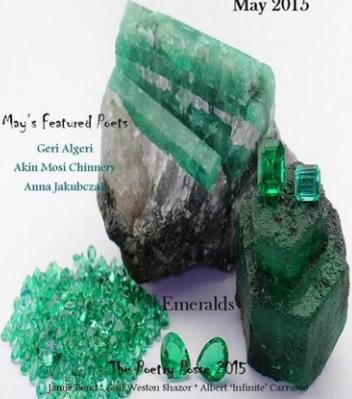
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Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimney  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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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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The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasiz  
Christopher Schultz



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**Featured Poets**  
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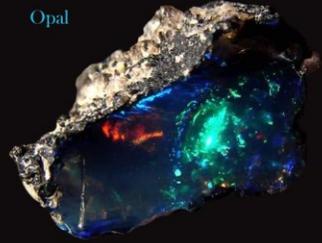
Sapphires

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 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
 October 2015

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

Opal



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 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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 November 2015

**Featured Poets**  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore



Topaz

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 Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt

Turquoise



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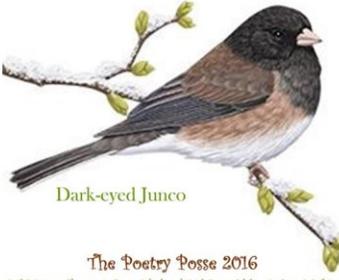
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

### The Poetry Posse 2016

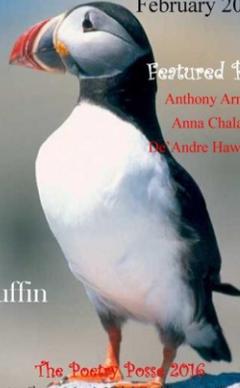
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Keith Allen Jernillo  
Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Fotinas \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

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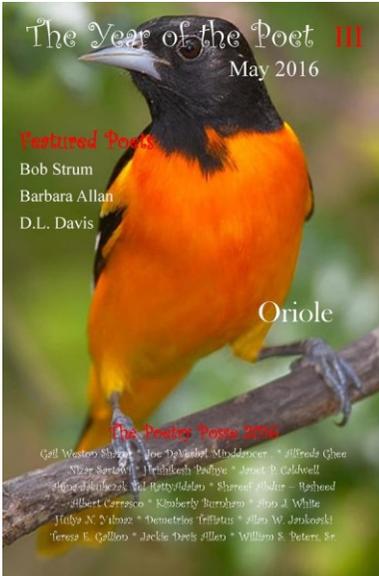
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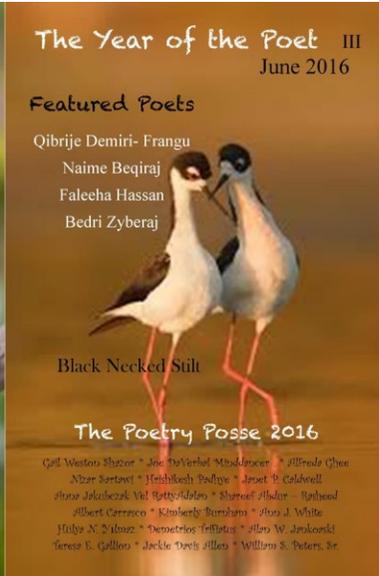


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**Featured Poets**  
Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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Nizar Sattari \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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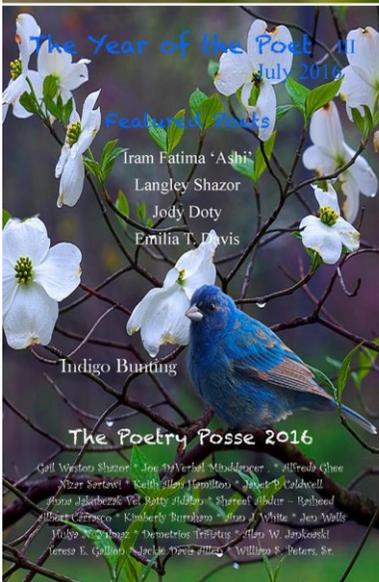


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June 2016

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

Black Necked Stilt

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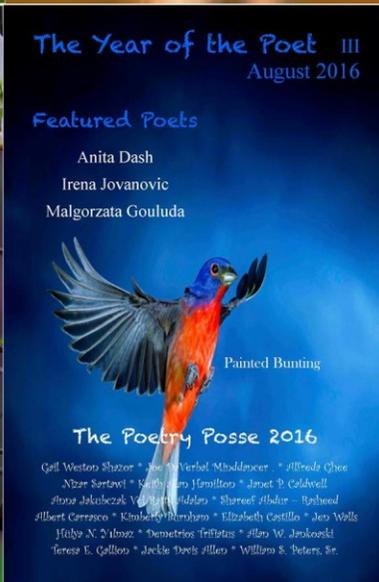


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July 2016

**Featured Poets**  
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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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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Jen Walls  
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Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novio

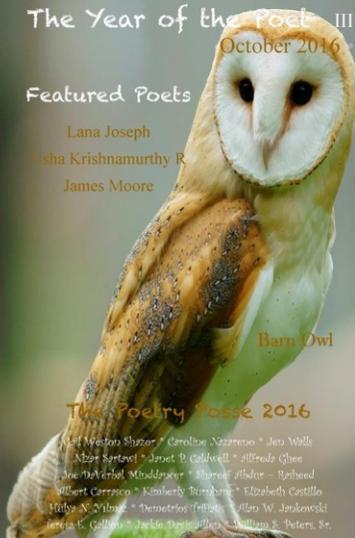


Long Billed Curlew

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Nizar Sattari \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Alfredo Ghaz  
Jose DeVerbal Muddancer \* Sharon Aldine \* Richard  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burgham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Albano \* Demetrios Trifotis \* Allan W. Jankowski  
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October 2016

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

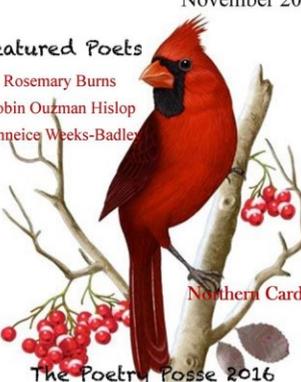


Barn Owl

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Nizar Sattari \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Alfredo Ghaz  
Jose DeVerbal Muddancer \* Sharon Aldine \* Richard  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

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

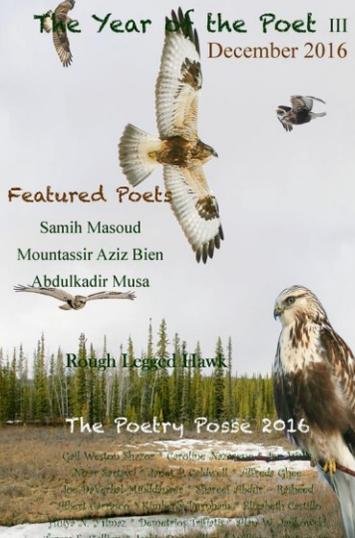


Northern Cardinal

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

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



Rough Legged Hawk

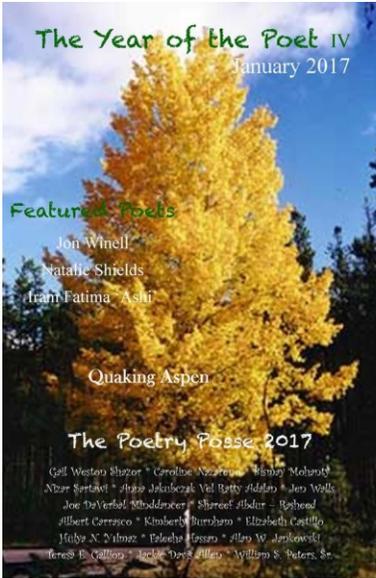
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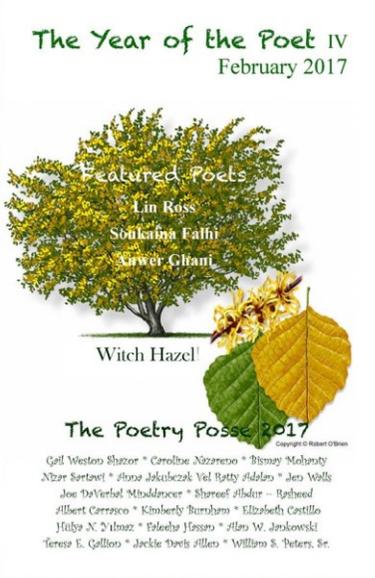


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Binmay Mohanty  
Nizar Sertawi \* Atosa Jakubczak Val Betty Adelan \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerlato Miodonsen \* Shereef Alidair \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Julya N. D'Almeida \* Valocha Jasso \* Jilao W. Jankowski  
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February 2017

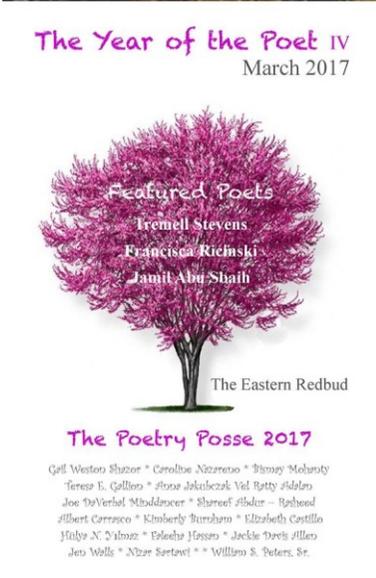


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sohkaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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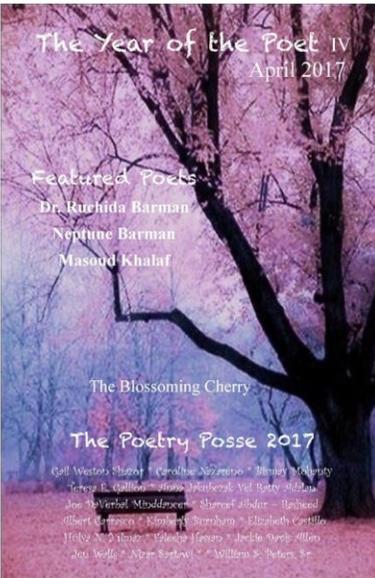


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**The Eastern Redbud**

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Masoud Khalaf

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazoo

The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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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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### Featured Poets

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Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Anika Aery

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March 2018



### Featured Poets

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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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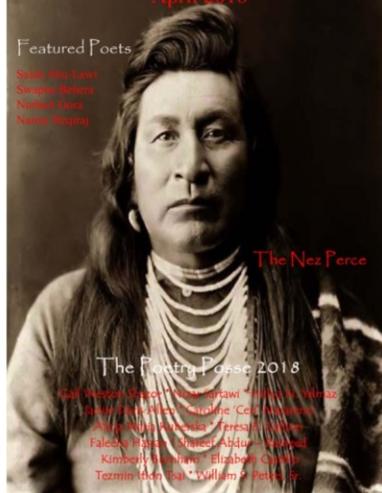
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April 2018

### Featured Poets

Susan Abu-Lawi  
Swagata Bhowmik  
Nashim Doss  
Nasim Nojima



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

Featured Poets  
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The Paleo Indians

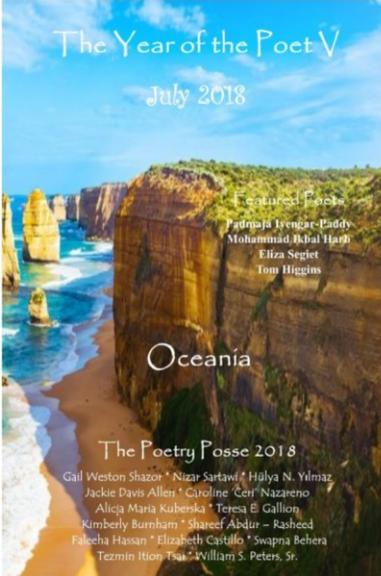


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Mohammad Akhal Harb  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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Featured Poets  
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The Lapita



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Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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Lopamudra Mishra \* Abdelwahed Souayah



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