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

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

The Year of the Poet/Poetry Posse is a monthly publication by Inner Child Press headed up by its founder poet laureate William Peters Sr. ([innerchildpress.com](http://innerchildpress.com)) creator willing soon entering its ninth year. It features an international group of poets each offering 3 poems each. One poem is based on a theme that is established for the entire year and featured in each monthly publication. That being said in 2021 the theme is Ekphrastic poetry. Ekphrastic poetry is poetic expression of a work of art. They're basically two categories (1) Actual Ekphrasis: Is a literary expression of an existing artwork (2) Notional Ekphrasis: Literary expression of an imagined nonexistent art work. In all Ekphrastic poetry is literary expression of non-literary work.

This month October ,2021 we feature the work of an extraordinary American artist laureate sculptor Dale Lamphere, He was born in 1947 in Laramie, Wyoming. He was a product of that Western way of life born and raised on a ranch with live stock, cattle, horses etc. he did all the things that are essential to ranch life. He truly felt and really became part of the land and as he began to grow older and it was obvious that he was blessed with artistic talent he developed and perfected a unique discipline that emphasized the land and what was attached to it. His calling card is to use a number of

materials in his sculpture. he called it Assemblage. combining metals, weathered wood, cloth, leather etc. All these materials are from the region including the Dakota's and Wyoming. He incorporated these materials into three dimensional replicas of the west of by gone days otherwise known as the " Old West" The artist describes his work as " a cross between sculpture and painting. As to depict an earlier period noted by the artist as a period of innocence that he feels obligated to preserve to pass down to future generations because of qualities of that era that has all but disappeared and represented honesty, natural beauty, stability, structure, etc.to name a few.

As his work became known his stature as an Artist. Sculptor grew as did his work grow in demand. He began to have work commissioned by established institutions such as city and state government. That being said and keeping in mind he created to many works to go into it here so i will touch on two that stand out.

**DIGNITY:** Paying homage to the essence of life motherhood. Here that is presented in the embodiment of the indigenous women who possess the seed of life from where humanity grew. An image of strength exudes love, stability, principle, firmness, unwavering, nurturing. A symbol of dignity, respect as is the progeny that came from her womb. Standing 50 ft. 32 ft. wide, 1200 lbs. stainless steel, over one million dollars found in Chamberlin South Dakota in a rest area off of I-90.

**ARC OF DREAMS:** Along the Big Sioux River stands 80 ft., weighs 60 tons, from various materials and engineering technology. Acknowledging the sacred status of the river representing life sustained through the bounties the Acknowledging River shares that benefit both humans and animals receive.

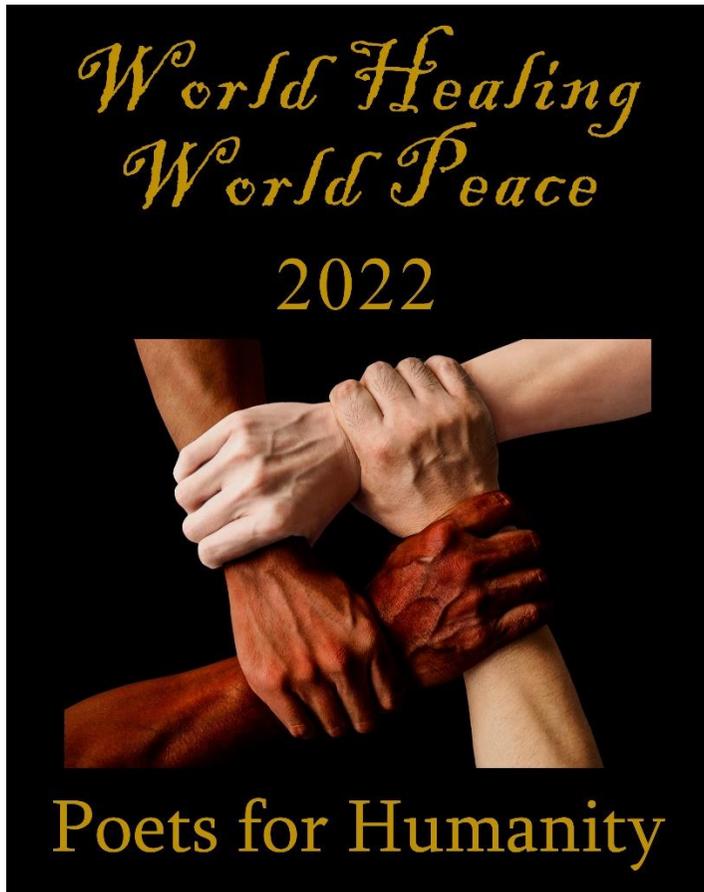
Please research this prominent American artist for more detailed information. Enjoy the ICPI family of talented artist, the poetry posse that present to you a special artistic offering of love and consciousness " The Year of The Poet " Enjoy. Peace and love.

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Shareef Abdur-Rasheed

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1 Poem

Picture of Poet

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# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are, in the closing of yet another year of publishing *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#94) represents our 10<sup>th</sup> month of our eighth 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, 2020 has been challenging for many of us throughout the year. We at *Inner Child Press International* were busy. We envisioned our role where the arts meet humanity to continue doing what we were good at . . . publishing. We managed to not only produce and publish this series, *The Year of the Poet* each month, but we were also very proactive in the arena of human and social consciousness. We were able to produce several other anthologies to include: World Healing, World Peace 2020; CORONA . . . social distancing; The Heart of a Poet; W.A.R. . . we are revolution; Poetry, the Best of 2020. Going forward, we are seeking to invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a 'conscious humanity'. We, poets and writers do have something to say

about it all, and we intend to do so in any and every way we can. So stay tuned . . .

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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*PS*

Do Not forget about the World Healing, World Peace Poetry initiative for 2022 is now taking submissions until : **December 31st 2021**

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# Dale Lamphere

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This fifty-foot sculpture, unveiled in South Dakota is titled 'Dignity. The artist Dale Lamphere honors the women of the Sioux Nation. Dignity (a.k.a. Dignity of Earth & Sky) is a sculpture on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River near Chamberlain, South Dakota. The 50-foot high stainless-steel statue, by South Dakota artist laureate Dale Lamphere, depicts an indigenous woman in Plains-style dress receiving a star quilt. According to the sculpture this artwork honors the culture of the Lakota and Dakota peoples. Assisting Lamphere were sculptors Tom Trole, Jim Maher, Andy Roltgen, and Grant Standard.

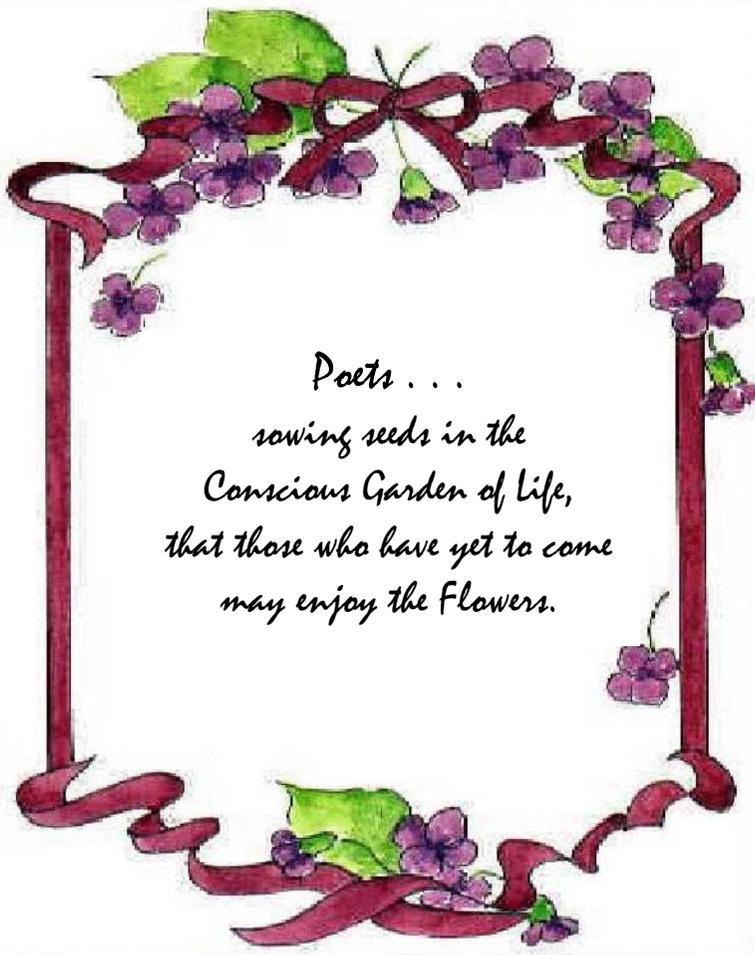
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“When I was a boy, the Sioux owned the world. The sun rose and set on their land; they sent ten thousand men to battle. Where are the warriors today? Who slew them? Where are our lands? Who owns them?”

~ Sitting Bull



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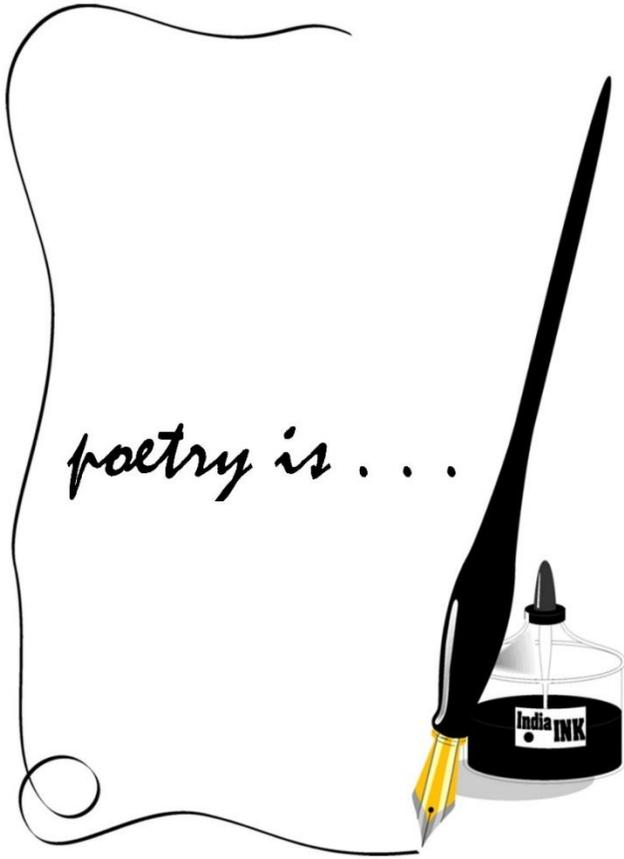
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp



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

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## Dignity

I stood on the bluff  
Face to the western wind  
The rivers rushed towards each other  
To meet the morning sun  
The last stars in the east faded  
And my father called to me  
“Dowanhowee, come down and help”  
You can’t sing all day  
But what he didn’t know  
Was that I could  
Even when I left the hill

Cologne

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And I wanted to keep smelling you  
Smelling like you  
To be reminded of you  
So I didn't shower  
Or wash my hands  
After making love to you  
I wanted to keep that  
Sweaty sex funky smell  
As long as I could  
And so I waited until  
My own funk overwhelmed  
The sweet memory  
And I had to bathe  
Without using my  
Hands  
But that proved impossible  
So I let them wander  
Across my shoulders  
And around my breast  
Just in the places where  
Yours had been  
Following that same trail  
To  
Completion  
So afterwards  
Long afterwards  
I got dressed  
Grabbed my purse  
And headed down  
To the mall  
In search of the cologne you wore  
That night and every other night

That we made love  
So there I was at the counter

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Trying to explain to the man  
How you smell  
How when I kiss the nape  
Of your neck  
I swoon in pleasure  
How I can smell you before my  
Eyes are even open  
Before daylight breaks  
And the words call my name  
I know he got it  
But he didn't have it  
That sweet smell of you  
So I bought something anyway  
Because he understood  
That I wouldn't  
Smell that memory  
Until I was under you again  
And in that knowing  
He smiled at me  
For in my eyes he could see  
That it will always be you  
Although he did not know  
Your name

Triple Crowns

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The preacher had worked  
Himself into a fair lather  
For those unfortunate  
Enough to have gathered  
On this unexpected day  
As if only he mattered

The witness hummed  
A low mournful tune  
To comfort the loved ones  
Of the present triune  
Who transcended to glory  
On the crick this June

A first for this man  
This small country route  
He coveted the circuit  
He wondered if they knew  
This triple funeral  
Was his moment of truth

He needed a miracle  
Or one that looks as such  
He nodded for the tambourines  
At the front of the church  
They rang out clear in the pews  
As he went in for the clutch

He called on the Lawrd  
For a sign of presence  
He stamped his feet

And called out to heaven  
Little did he know the floor  
Was no where near leavened

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The board creaked once  
And broke with a creak  
The congregants were listening  
For the Lawrd to speak  
The pastor was oblivious  
And kept trying to preach

The coffin tilted forward  
And fell to floor  
When the people started screaming  
He thought he has on a roll  
Then the coffin hit him from behind  
And he fell through the hole

The wasps were frantic  
And weaving through the fan  
The women went through windows  
Waving their hands  
The deacons were astonished  
Down to the last man

We sat there watching  
From underneath the pew  
Everything happened so fast  
We didn't know what to do  
Then my pawpaw came in  
To rescue us two

The deacons came back in  
And set the coffin to right

They put the boy back in  
And closed the lid real tight  
The graves were already dug  
The sun going into night

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The funeral was ended then  
The pastor pulled from the floor  
The boys laid to rest  
The families had to go  
The preacher got in his truck  
And was heard from no more

Alicja  
Maria  
Kubørska

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

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

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

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

## Indian Woman Statue

the metal figure reaches to the sky  
she catches in the skirts of her dress  
the wind and clouds

she looks far away  
with her dead eyes  
- beyond the horizon and beyond time

real people have fragile bodies  
fleeting thoughts, desires  
they leave eternal words

## It's fall already

Summer fades out in pale rays  
It falls in colorful leaves  
and softly rustles under our feet

We wander in the autumn park  
and we weave into Indian summer  
torn threads of our conversation

We are surprised by the passing of time  
so we repeat like a mantra  
...do you remember? ... once ... not so long ago

We frame faded stories  
with ingenious words,  
later we add imaginary ornaments

... it is not known when  
..nobody knows when  
sepia time has come

## lost poems

I often light candles in November  
faint rays illuminate  
the path of memories

rain and darkness outside the window  
the drizzle blurs the outlines of the houses  
gives trees a silvery glow

cold sparkles on the branches  
melancholy and longing grow  
new poems are born in silence

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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## The Vision, Pertinent

Dreaming the dream proclaims  
Unquestionably, the beauty  
Of having faith and belief in self:

Reflection of determination's ability.

Inspiration, desire, and persistence  
Whisk away talent's self doubt;  
Celebrates creativity's audacious authenticity.

Paves, too, the pathway to dignity.

With waiting wings, no longer hesitant,  
The vision artistic, unfurled,  
Lifts up soaring gifts of diversity.

Enhances greatly, life's vitality.

The reality of dignity's vibrance  
Promises to illustrate  
The adventure.

## Ponderous Steps

Steep the stairs, stumbling steps.  
The lone ladder, missing some rungs.  
Too dark the night, somberly seeking,

Needing to find a way out, to escape.

The midnight landscape.  
A velvety canvas, it cares not that  
I am searching, seeking in the buried crevices

Of my mind, something akin to insight.

The moon, stars and counting sheep, care not  
That their light is too sparse for me. Or, that  
I am in need of a miracle. I am desperate

To unload, discard my backbreaking burden.

Pleading prayers, pondering  
Possibilities, I find, from steps  
Not taken, I am awakened.

## Anything... Unless

In the darkness, anything goes, hard feelings  
Resurface; shame's pain revisits. Mistakes  
Lessons not learned, so too, blame's sorrow.

A long list of incriminating indictments.

Intentions are formed. Possibilities, plans are made  
Only to be obliterated, erased, by doubt, by  
Overthinking. Then, as in a nightmare, replaced.

Over and over, again by something else.

Unless, with heart and mind's intellect,  
Unless, with spleen's angst, and anxiety's arrow's,  
One comes with persistent prayer's request,

And, yielding the guilt, begs forgiveness.

Unless one accepts one's humanity, neither  
Rest, sleep nor peace are likely to come.  
Giving it up, pray, that in the blanket of trust's hope,

Sleep will eventually come.

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

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and two Masters of Science in Applied Mathematics and Chemical Engineering. He is a professor at Asia University (Taiwan), editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text. He also writes the long-term columns for Chinese Language Monthly in Taiwan.

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

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

## The Smoke Of Our Old Home Rises Curly

I squatted down in front of my grandfather  
My grandfather was using that burning red hot iron  
To brand marks on the herds  
Every wrinkle on his face, and the white hair atop his head  
Clearly visible  
I asked him  
Why is that place where smoke spirals at the foot of the  
mountain?  
No longer our home?  
It was converted into an enemy barrack

He shook his head  
A gleam of wry smile flickered across his lips  
He pointed to the grass way down the hill  
surrounded by the lakeshore below the valley  
Like a carpet dotted with colored flowers  
They did not miss any terrain  
They did not stop in front of the lion's heels  
The view had been extended to the door of our home--  
The home we will never go back to again

Although the mountain lives without us  
Those hidden rough stones on the road  
And the cold spring water  
Forge my strong physical strength  
and I will drink the cold spring  
Even if my throat has long forgotten  
the sweetness of jujube  
I'm afraid have to accept the fact that  
we'll never be able to return our old home forever

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And ignite a thriving kitchen fire,  
I ride on horseback,  
Lead the bow toward the sky  
Attempt to shoot down  
The brightest star in the sky

## Got Legless

The high winds are fighting  
The flute sounded leisurely and harmoniously  
Passionately drunk among the flowers  
Outside the window is full of mountain shadows and spring  
sorrows  
But better than the silent river without ripples  
Be deeply afraid when will it flow through the deep spring  
and stay in the shallow autumn?

Pass by this walking place  
There are sparse fences around the hut  
The wine shop next to the pavilion with flags slanted to the  
east  
The cooking smoke curling upwards from the mountain  
dwelling in the deep alley  
No sent back a line of letters all the year round  
Who made the wine every drops are sadder than that  
thousand miles of parting?

Rain on branches  
Come visit the tearful green plum  
Be still willing to lie down in this forest when clear-headed  
All penances are entangled together on the title of the poem  
The flowers bloom in the valley lake and the flowers wet  
my cuffs  
The laughter came from far away from the old wooden  
door  
Seeking to the green poplar bridge, the screaming warbler  
could still sing slowly and lowly

The breeze has blown out of the house  
Wine boasted, it asked for nothing but got legless

## Never Ask Here Is Whose Hometown?

Last night, fell asleep in the noise of spring  
At dawn, cold rain drops on the plantain leaves  
Under the pressure of the perennial grass, the clothes  
became wet and felt confused  
The smell of earth apricot medicine is messy, filling the  
room  
Under the blowing of the frost, the geese are scattered and  
unable to form a line  
West wind occupied itself in weeping away those yellow  
leaves frantically  
The clouds are dark and melancholy, the song stops, and  
the dance is no more  
Only a short section of the candle remains, but the shadow  
of the cup is stretched long  
This emotional sadness run through the sky  
Don't the wind disturb the trees in the courtyard, don't ask  
whose hometown is this place?

Tired passengers in the midnight dream, watching the  
eastern sun rise from the sky in the fetters of the pillow  
In the wilderness, the foggy feet are like a puff of smoke  
The little lotus outside the fence leaves only a fragrance but  
does not bloom red  
The plum blossoms fall in the backyard, the flowers are  
more than charming  
But wrinkled a pool of spring  
A message from the wind, no one knows that the heart to  
return makes me haggard  
Regret that why every autumn don't care about  
My face of full of sadness  
The noble horse holds armature, that man with a hat and a  
lotus jacket sits on the horse  
Whose prodigal son is that?

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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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## Dale Lamphere

loves the land  
this gifted, conscious  
artistic man  
took things from the land  
made art with assorted parts  
to connect to the land  
people of the land  
who for hundreds probably?  
more like thousands of years  
respected mother earth  
Dale Lamphere respected them  
Dale Lamphere paid homage  
to them  
to their women who carried  
seed of life  
carried nations in her womb  
he made art about her  
called it dignity because  
dignity is she  
he made art to establish the  
sacred status of the indigenous  
for centuries caretakers of  
god's planet  
never violated it  
but came the intruders  
and spit on it  
no regard, no god but  
power, might, wealth  
but Dale Lamphere gave  
respect, paid homage  
through his god given gift  
big-ups Dale Lamphere

## Contracts

out on dem they scorn  
from day dem born  
from where dem come  
to where dem gone  
hit dem now  
Pow, Pow, Pow  
lift dem now  
how, how, how?  
when the deck is stacked  
when dem youth attacked  
dem youth hijacked  
be more signs then  
zodiac  
committing crimes in front  
and behind your back  
permitting the rise of corrupt  
fat catz  
submitting to ratz, those  
who do choke holds like dat  
who go ratta tat tat  
putting tags on toes  
after dem lead make holes  
how many taken out?  
nobody knows  
what's it all about  
killing human beings what i'm  
talkin' bout  
bring on da noise flush da killers  
out  
F()c# boyz i'll be boyz  
justice gotz ta be da  
real mc'coy

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come bum rush da beast  
rise up like yeast  
my posse be da  
justice of the peace  
rising up like the sun in  
the east  
stop the killing of children  
on da street  
listen to the drumbeat  
partake of the peace feast  
dem who are willing  
get up, stand up  
no time to be chillin'  
considering that they never let  
'lil' black 'n' brown children  
be children, and that's a fact

## Travelers

We're travelers here on the road, not here to stay

Don't need a heavy load enroute to a new abode

Fact remains if Truth be told, you can't take it with you  
anyway

Possession becomes obsession, then turns to vapor dissipates  
with no trace. Throughout the history of the human race  
today you're giving honor, tomorrow brings disgrace

The things of this life disappear in the night as if never  
existed

Reject the fair seeming that appear, be of those who have  
resisted

Those who are fully aware of what this life consisted  
who reject the illusion of the confusion and enhance their life

The traveler is aware to reach the destination one must travel  
light

Travelers here on the road not here to stay

Don't carry a load to your new abode 'cause you can't take  
with you anyway

Plant a seed to cultivate your deeds and enhance your stake  
To insure survival upon arrival is what you need to create

God fear, humility, righteousness, charity for Allah's  
pleasure

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Remembrance of Allah, patience, engaged in sincere devotion elevate your faith

To those down with that all aboard to thee sublime, blissful

Abode of peace where the indescribable joy of meeting

Allah never cease

Kimberly  
Burnham

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<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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

## Across the Plains

She stands strong flowing  
a symbol of what was  
good can come from watching  
looking out across the changes  
we live with today  
she is poised  
a message of strength  
past nearby seeing into the future

## Sides

In a world divide into sides

we look in vain for someone

with whom we have everything

in common

## The Courtship of Peace

In Cherokee “nvwati”  
an indigenous concept of peace  
and wellbeing  
roughly translated  
balance  
and harmony  
engaging seemingly opposites  
energies  
flow in wholeness in “nvwati”  
a dance  
a back and forth  
balancing the needs of the one and the many  
strength and compassion  
in a courtship of peace

Elizabeth  
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## Sioux's Daughter

The Earth and sky meet  
Where I live,  
Floating amongst  
A sea of clouds  
The Sun is my King,  
And the Ocean  
Is my vast playground.  
I am Sioux' daughter,  
Born with dignity  
And never will I let anybody  
Turn it into  
A no man's land.

## A World in Unity

Amid the pandemic, wars loom  
Threatening peace over the land,  
There is no winner in chaos  
For innocent victims sacrifice lives.  
I dream of a world in unity,  
Bound by love, enveloped in peace  
For harmony to reign in our hearts  
To realize we are One.

## The Calm

Is it the witching hour?  
When the haunted awakens  
And in the still of the night,  
Souls wander failing to see the Light  
Amid a beloved moon  
Shadows cast an eerie image  
When midnight strikes  
Wolves howl endlessly.

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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## Hummingbird

Chirps and caws squawks and quacks  
Building nests and sunsets the sounds of the land  
Would there be cars where horses ran free?  
If we were free would there still be plenty?

The rules of the land said use what you need  
It is you that I feed woven blankets and beads  
Turquoise feeds the spirit, she hears it  
and wonders what feathers should adorn her hair

her spirit is that of the hummingbird's  
free to fly from petal to petal  
leaving some for the rest  
what is savage about living the ways of her ancestors?  
What is savage, is thinking your way can free her.

Taking what's hers to make way for your opinion  
Living life in constant struggle, like Cowboys and Indians  
When other cultures become your sin  
Do you remember where you came from?

## Common Sense

Life on the peninsula is becoming quite interesting  
I never knew survival was based on an opinion.  
The parks are filled with pooper scoopers  
So, who actually wanted to pick-up, Rover's mess?  
Is there a law that says you must?  
I don't want to pay for anything, but I do.  
It's my right not to, but I do.  
If I don't the consequences maybe a year or two.

Why do doctors have to wear masks?  
Why do we have stop lights?  
Why does an electrician cut the power off?  
It's not a pretty sight when you exercise your rights.  
Why do you get ticketed for having your seatbelt off?  
Std's and pregnancies are somewhat preventable  
Did the advent of the pill lessen your scruples?

Who duped you into thinking fire isn't hot?  
You have been burned, have you not?  
You don't look around in a dark parking lot, do you?  
You don't walk around without clothing on  
Just chilling by the fence but it's your right to.

At night do you lock your doors  
you have the right to kick down yours  
You have the right to remain silent  
But you can do what you want  
It's just common sense but what instincts are you on?  
Self-survival is not a rival sport,  
You can move the goal post  
and let the entire world get ghost.

## Never Asked For It

The spirit seems to know when I needed it  
I was provided a similar plot but didn't receive it  
I always end before we begin, I know me.  
I'm becoming less alive, but through poetry.

I can breathe when I'm not seen  
And I'm never seen on the regular  
I feel free when I'm not seen  
I'm the lover of stormy,  
whether or not I go.

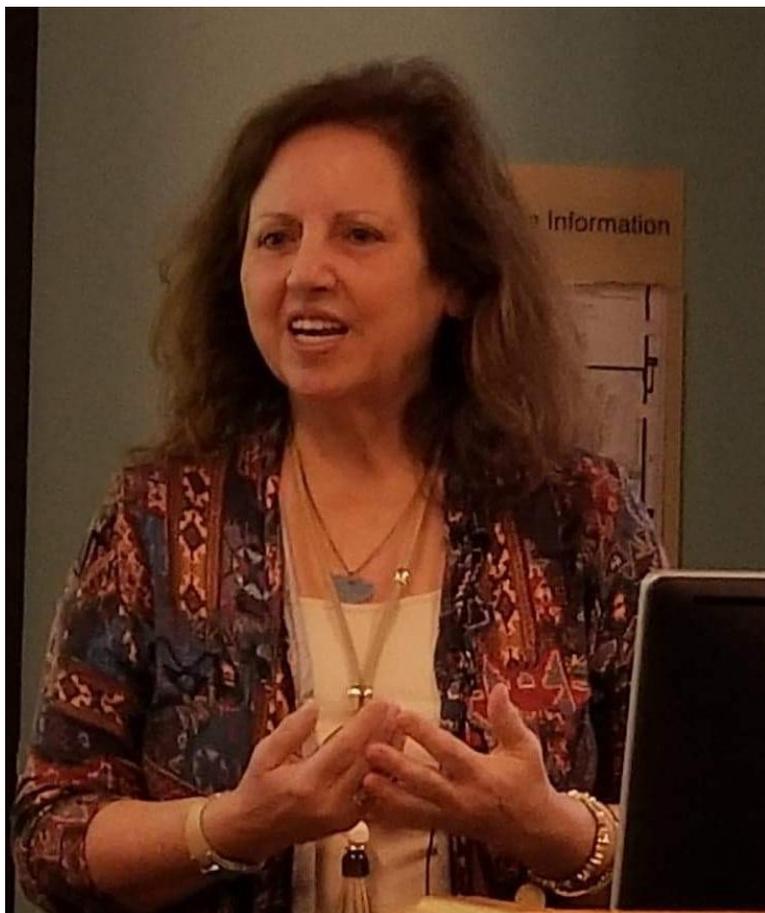
Why can't you just enjoy my energy?  
I'm becoming less human in my being  
And more of a mystical entity

Love cries for me in admitting silence  
It finds me at my worse.  
Love dies with me yet vies with me  
It feels more like a curse.

I never asked for this gift although it is not  
I found it more to be a crutch keeping me of the lot  
Can one truly exist without human touch?

hülya  
n.  
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## I, a Sioux Woman

I, a Sioux woman  
was born close to South Dakota's Chamberlain.  
United were the Missouri River and a bluff high above,  
where I took my first worldly breath.  
Their affinity for each other was legendary.  
They cradled me in the intimacy of their bond.

I, a Sioux woman  
embodied throughout my life  
the honorable launch of my nation;  
its glorious past, tragic present, and uncertain future.

I, a Sioux woman  
always stood confidently tall,  
and remained devotedly strong.  
My birthland was, after all, destined to encompass  
an entire range of cultural advancements,  
while preserving its integrity and dignity.

I, a Sioux woman  
inspired, along with many a generation of my people,  
an artist from Wyoming to sculpt me.

I, a Sioux woman  
now rise fifty-foot high.  
The stainless-steel Dale Lamphere used  
in order to birth his masterwork through my statue  
promises to weather many a storm on Earth.

Thus,  
I, a Sioux woman  
am fated to live to eternity.

## The Reunion of the Arts

A picture of “Dignity”,  
a sculpting masterpiece  
lies before me.

Banksy’s virtuoso painting,  
“The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum”  
enters my mind hurriedly.

“Stop Telling Women to Smile” –  
a mural art piece by Fazlalizadeh  
decides to drop by suddenly.

The countless literary collections  
I grew intimately familiar with over time  
begin to play musical chairs.

My memory offers each of them  
livelihood and visibility but also unity.  
Sculptures, traditional and mural paintings,  
and pieces of literature reunite there  
regardless of time and space.  
They wrap me up ever so affectionately.  
Within their interlaced embracing  
and enlightening spheres,  
I achieve inner peace and remember  
how to freely breathe.

## Sitting Bull

narrates:

*When I was a boy, the Sioux owned the world.  
The sun rose and set on their land;  
they sent ten thousand men to battle.*

Sitting Bull

queries:

*Where are the warriors today?  
Who slew them?  
Where are our lands?  
Who owns them?*

And I . . .

wonder

how many others across the globe  
find an echo of his account in their soul today;  
how many others across the globe  
chant his pain-laden questions today.

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

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## Mother Goddess

Woman of the soil rising  
from the nucleus of the earth core,  
wings spread in fire light.  
She is the sacred feminine.

The touch of her boot melts  
the heart into submission.  
No one is exempt from her hold.  
She reforms your vision  
to concur with her spirit  
exposed in her grand presence.

You cannot look away from the Goddess.  
She is connected to earth  
and ruler of the planet.  
No one escapes the brush of the soil.

## Secret Garden

Her secret garden in the dense forest  
whispers to her when she enters.  
Her Soul exits the body.  
It knows home and runs wild  
through the trees, stops  
and hugs a ponderosa.

The body lies beside a tree  
while the Soul roams  
to catch the healing energy.  
The wind tells the secret of the day.  
It is love. It is love.

The Soul sniffs its favorite ponderosa.  
The ecstatic elixir of the forest breeze  
surrounds the body and light streams  
give it a sacred massage.

Centered in the holiness of this space  
and time, Soul strolls back to the body,  
folds it in sacred peace,  
casually leaves the woods.

## Scream Into the Silence

Entwined in the sound of your voice,  
I am trapped.  
I hug a tree for life  
to try not to drown in your hold.  
My body tries to take leave of you.  
My mind and Soul do not want to let go.

I breathe out and flowers bloom  
around me. You ambushed me  
with the sound floating from your tongue.  
A soothing speakeasy manipulates my senses.  
Your cold tracks linger in my brain.  
Word Slayer!  
Songs of remembering play in my head.

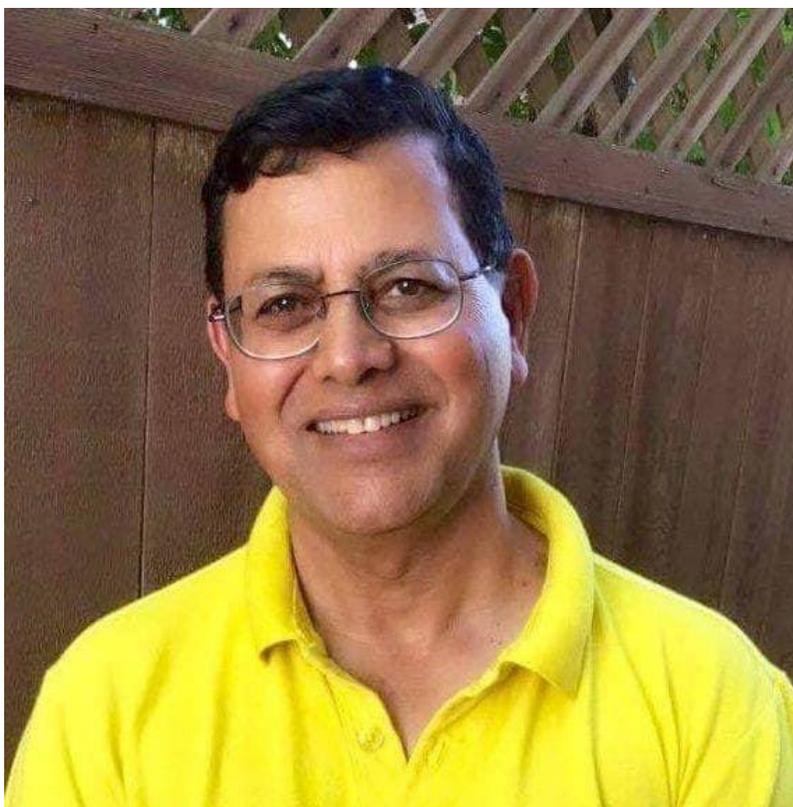
I run through the catacombs of time.  
You flirt ahead just far enough  
to keep me chasing your light  
lifetime after lifetime.

Thoughts of you become a benediction  
and winter feels long in the desert  
as you dance in the sand  
against a blue nautical sky.

My heart skips a beat with each breath.  
I scream into the silence.

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.

## Dignity

a native beauty        perched on the bluffs  
in solitude  
so tall        only her grandeur  
can hold her feet firm        on the ground.

many fought to keep        what was theirs  
and those who fell        they fell  
with straight spines        and        unbent knees  
to the last drop of blood        holding heads high.

deep below        where she stands  
a river flows through the canyon  
with a whisper of prayers  
a seemingly-empty space.

up above  
her hands clench the past    present    and future  
with a filigree of stars  
binding earth and sky together.

I inhale air        and look around  
her magnificence is        astounding.  
I stand    quiet        and am calmed  
as if I belong here        with her.

## Wanderer

My mind is a space shuttle.  
Come, come on fly with me  
deep into the unknown sky.  
I will dazzle you with its vastness.

My mind is a sun.  
Don't close the windows of your heart,  
my rays will peep in  
through the cracks anyway.

My mind is a flute.  
You can play a tune on it,  
to serenade your beloved  
in a moonlit night.

My mind is a gentle breeze.  
Let it wander around you.  
When it becomes wind,  
I will leave you and go far away.

## Kintsugi

*(Kintsugi is Japanese art of repairing broken ceramics with gold)*

You may break my heart into pieces  
Toss me in the fire

Turn me into liquid  
That will purge my impurities

Purest gold comes  
From the burning flame

You cannot make me hide my broken heart  
I can put it back together

I can mend myself  
Fill my crevices

I can't unbreak my heart  
I can make it more beautiful

When all fails  
I turn to kintsugi

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

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

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

Links to her works:

[panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis](http://panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis)

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

## Arc of Dreams

Monumental works of hands, heart and mind  
Spectrum of colors reverberate the humankind  
Built with gentleness and power  
To reach and stretch the arcs of dreams.

The clear synergy envisioned in Lamphere's art  
Interdisciplinary structures, patterns and figures  
Light up the horizons  
And connect men of generations .

The land, the seas, the sky of realms  
Arching the touch of perfection  
Where all dreams flash in the heavens  
And beautiful rainbows of life.

## The Echoes of Water

It has been raining hard  
When the storm stole our hearts  
Even the lives of people  
Simply put their dreams in troubled waters.  
It has been dripping  
Like silent tears during midnight  
Soaked the caruncle, the sclera, the retina,  
the eyelids and the pupil,  
Your eyes become the flooded floor  
To someone you valued for years,  
You get by, packed with thoughts  
But drained in the stream of moroseness.

The murmurs of the river in my soul  
Seem to sail you close to me,  
Whenever I drift,  
You were the ship  
You become the echoes in my mind,  
Your mind become the water I drink  
The waves that drowns me when I cry  
But the force when I rise.

## Peace of Time

I fervently pray  
Hail thee, Father  
Our refuge and eternal love  
May we find peace  
In Your Time and Hour of Mercy.

I raise up my hands  
I kneel and ask for blessings  
May we find peace  
In Your Eyes of Time and Compassion.

I offer my life  
To You Lord of the Heavens  
May your people find peace  
In Your Holy Name and Glory

Your are our Poetry of Peace  
Our Peace within Peace.

Swapna  
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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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## where are the warriors today ?

the smoke curls from the chimney  
berry and cherry are hanging  
the water is reflecting mother nature  
where are our lands ?  
we are the children of the nature  
have you come from the others side of the valley?  
dignity of the Earth and sky is at stake  
Dignity is crying for the sky  
to wrap the star quilt  
a day will come when your blood will return back to the sea  
the Earth in your bones will be churned to dust  
you belong to this land but not the other way  
the land does not belong to you  
you are enjoying the flower ,the fragrances  
will you eat money  
if you kill the last fish ,the last tree  
there is just a step  
either you love or die  
no other formulae for dignity  
only respect ,promises ,wisdom and culture  
the sky gives strength  
the earth fills energy  
the tree fills fresh oxygen  
just you have to save dignity  
and the stars will protect .

## roti

the customer ordered for a customised roti  
in a land that he has come long before as a migrant labour  
that his mother was making in his village courtyard  
where all women cook in one sanjha chulha  
talk about their cowherd ,finance ,sick mother in law  
the coking of cuisines  
the customised bread with butter and good stuffing of  
cheese  
roti is not only a bread  
it is the mother's palm ,  
lover's touch,  
baby's soft skin  
a country's dignity

the ravishing face of Devi  
roti is the medicine for hunger ,  
the agenda of huge treaties.  
a farmer's dream project  
customised or melancholic hunger  
roti dances  
lo behold !a roti is now in my hand  
my mother is singing the melody  
i need the customised bread  
i need my motherland ..

*roti ;- roti is a bread of Indian Subcontinent  
Snjha Chulah ;- it is the community fire stove where all the  
village women bake roti together*

it seems

it seems I have encountered time

it seems the time is a river

i am on the boat

whether i swim or sail

there is no record

except a few dots

the foot steps of seconds

whispering death

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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## Dale Lamphere

I'm over looking the Missouri River,

My star quilt diamonds represent the colors of water,

I am an indigenous woman that stands fifty feet tall,

Looking over South Dakota.

I stand for dignity, which is also my name,

I honor the native nations of the Great Plains.

Where I stand is sacred land of my sister and brother man.

I'm looking at the world with my indigenous eyes,

When I'm looked at you see that native culture is still alive  
see.

I am strength, I am hope, I am fearlessness, I am yesterday  
and the present,

My metal quilt will forever protect me from the seasons  
elements.

## Idolize

Yes! He left. He goes into his room and closes the door. He's not supposed to be there but that's where his imagination runs wild, so he doesn't care. Drawers and closets get raided, sleeves and jeans are too long, but to him they're just fine. He's impressed with what he sees in the mirror. Outside the room he's a kid but inside the room he's mentally a grown man. He has this box with him, like the one under the bed. He stopped touching the one under the bed because the last time he touched it he almost forgot to put it back. That would've been trouble, he doesn't want trouble, he just wants to be like his idol. He role played longer than usual that day. He fell asleep in the room from fatigued of fun. His big brother comes home and catches him in his room dressed in his clothes, Monopoly money all over, foil paper for a razor, a bag of flour, cut up pieces of soap and a fake gun. He was angry, when he saw the box it hit him harder... My lil brother wants to be just like me.

## She sang

She used to sing to me, it would melt my heart, Every time I hear old melodies my mind goes into throw back mode and reminiscing starts. It was love. She made the thug in me all mushy, I stood there soaking in her voice silently as an audience of one listening to angelic acoustics. She could just move her mouth without sound and I'll be able to hear our favorite songs by reading her lips. She would always have me passionately paralyzed. looking into her eyes I'll instantly go under hypnosis, she's a problem, all It took was one kiss for me to know I'll be love sick, that was my immediate prognosis. Her touch was another thing, I'll get goose bumps all over when this queen grabs my hand as she sings for her King. It was love. What happened to we? I never thought our love would turn into an oldie but goodie.

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

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

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

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

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

## The Statue of Dignity

*To Dale Lamphere*

On top of a postument between  
cloudiness, water, and wind  
- womanhood and strength  
clothed in wisdom of culture.

It glistens in the sun,  
not merely,  
to fascinate,  
but to enlighten the world,  
that history with art  
form a unity.

Of a peaceful gaze, the statue  
seems tacit,

and yet, it hollers out  
its message

- Tradition
- Tolerance
- Dignity

The wind, moving the diamonds  
from the covering  
comforter of the pedestal,  
utters –

*do not turn your back to the past!*  
*It is a part of all of us*  
*and the view of the.*

*Translated Ula de B.*

## Strength

We are like pawns  
that can fall over.  
Sometimes one can get up  
by themselves,  
other time  
with help.

Human endurance  
cannot be determined  
by any means.

Knowing that the enemy  
does not like the powerless,  
we find strength in ourselves.

*Translated Artur Komoter*

## Voice

She did not want to be invisible,  
considered a weaker one.  
She decided to be creative.  
She began to fight  
for her freedom and independence.

When she came  
out of her supposedly safe world,  
she saw the wrongs that are happening around.

She could think,  
she distinguished good from evil.

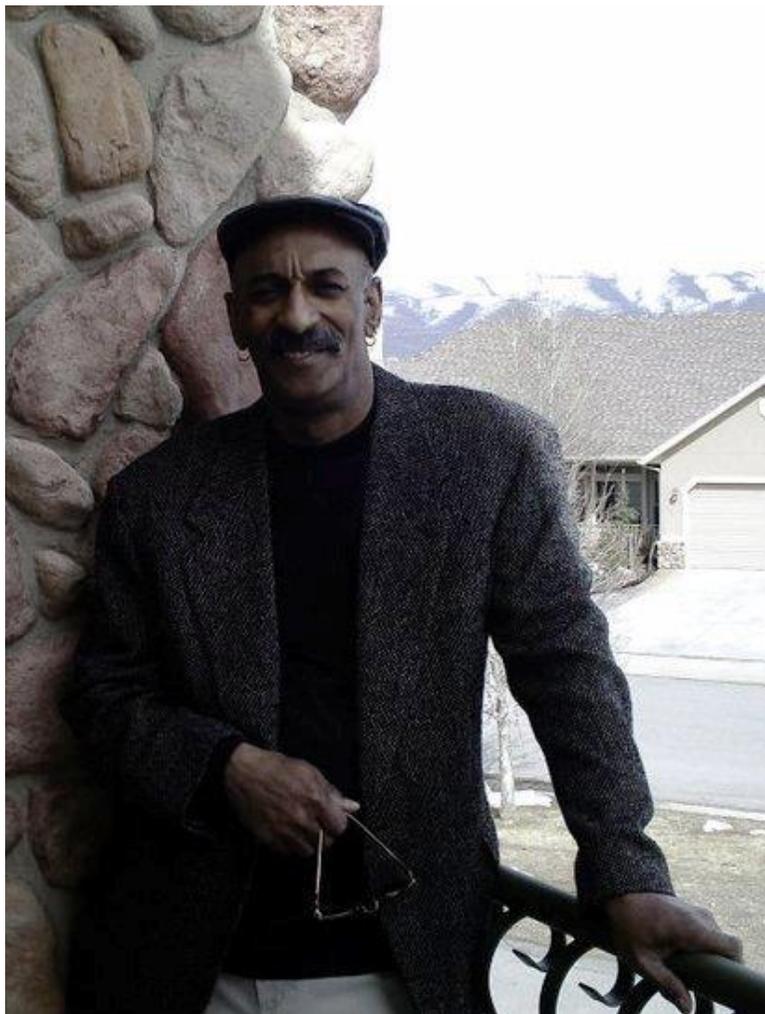
Now she is fighting  
for peace, equality and love.

She ceased to be just a wife and a mother.  
She is a woman  
who regained her surname,  
and with it shows to the world  
that a wardrobe full of shoes, and a skirt  
are not obstacles  
– to have a voice.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## Let us not forget

Let us not forget  
From whom this land  
You call your own  
Was stolen

Let us not forget  
The Women,  
The Children,  
The Warriors,  
The Buffalo,  
The Villages,  
The Plains,  
The Rivers,  
The Mountains,  
The Skies,  
The Mother  
Who was raped and pillaged,  
And the atrocities you exacted  
Upon all who stood in your way  
For your selfish 'progress'

I stand here to witness to you  
For all time to come,  
And we shall not forget  
Nor shall we  
Allow you to

Let us not forget

## Waiting for change

Social media pundits . .  
Do we really truly  
Give a shit

We sign petitions,  
Share opinions,  
(of the ones generated by others for us to believe in);  
Criticize others,  
Post about our awards, appointments and certificates,  
Inform the world  
About our latest zit,  
Or pimple on our ass,  
While waiting,  
Waiting  
For our government  
To address all of our  
Self-induced ills

Some march,  
Some write letters,  
Some . . .  
(Oh I said that, but I will say it again),  
Sign petitions,  
. . . .  
Tick Tock,  
The clock moves forward,  
And the bus is late,  
But what does it matter,  
Whether they come by  
Planes, Trains or Automobiles  
Their proclamations of parity,

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Equity,  
Justice,  
Change  
Are still like ghosts  
Hosted,  
At a Mar-a-Lago  
Membership drive  
For the liberal left . . .  
Empty.

And here we are . . .  
Much like all the other duped  
Who came before us . . .  
We are sitting here  
Sitting here  
Waiting for change . . . .

“The sun will come out tomorrow. . .”

## Time Slows

Why the rush my child?  
We do know what awaits us all  
At the end of this road we travel,...  
Do we not?

What treasures,  
Have we missed  
Along the way,  
In our hurries?

.....

What wonders  
Did we never see,  
For we were blinded  
By our ignorance  
And agendas?

.....

What gifts did we  
Never unwrap?

.....

Could I have  
Taken the time  
To hug someone today ....  
A loved one,  
A friend,  
A stranger?

.....

Could i have smiled a bit more,  
Or ALL day? ....  
After all,  
Smiling is my choice,  
Is it not?  
It does make me and others around me  
Feel that much better....  
Oh, what a treasure of pleasure  
And tower of power

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I possess!

Can we dance now?  
Can i 'Skip to the Lou',  
How about you?

Let us walk in the park,  
The garden ....  
Let us smell the flowers ....  
If there is not one ... none,  
Can not we stop for a moment  
Or few  
And dream of such things,  
Unleash our imagination  
And experience the sensation  
Of our own magic?

Time is quick,  
Time is slow,  
Time stands still  
For those who know.

Do something ...  
Right now...  
Worthy of patting your  
Humane self  
On the back ...  
I promise you,  
You won't be disappointed!

Worry not for the morrow, for tomorrow soon come. ~ wsp

'Time Slows'

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Featured Poets

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C. E. Shy

Shaswata Gangopadhyay

Suranjit Gain

Hasiba Hilal

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C. E.

Shy

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C. E. Shy has been writing since the seventh grade. He continued writing through high school, until he became more involved in sports. After his graduation, he worked at the White Motors Company where he wrote for the company's newspaper. He started a column called: "The Poet's Corner." That was his first published work.

With a one-way ticket, he moved to Sweden. He met a Swedish photographer and started writing narratives for some of the photographs which were sold to newspapers and magazines.

After returning to the US, he joined a poetry workshop that was run by Russell Atkins and Norman Jordan from 1966 to 1968. He stopped writing for years, then started to write again in the late 90s, crafting novellas, flash fiction and poetry. He joined a writing workshop in Cleveland, Ohio in 2011 to hone his writing skills.

## Going, going, Gone

Nothing left but a few nice guys, a good brother  
or two. All the soldiers are either old or gone.  
Old souls lingering back to back remembering  
when. The trees I see were just bushes back then.

There were a lot of people that lived next door.  
The state owned the liquor store. Black faces  
were all I saw. Everybody spoke and said Salaam.  
We could joke and smoke all at the same time.

Bongos and Congo drums hummed, taking us back  
to where we came from. Courage flamed from our  
eyes. Eyes that said, everybody dies. Jeering at the  
devil worshipping scum as they drove by.

Nobody knew how many would die, near the end of  
July. No such thoughts ever entered our minds. All  
we heard was the Trane, playing Ole.' Our focus crew  
knew who we were, about that, there was no question.

Life and death had mixed emotions as the blood congealed  
in the streets and on the sidewalks. No more white stores  
like before. Even the delivery men were black, mailmen  
felt secure.

A little later came the negro with the shame game.  
What he gained , he never took part in. The same  
coward that hid when men did what men did. The women  
of the then, were there with their men and did what women  
soldiers did, while protecting their kids.

Looking in my rear view I see everything, looking in front  
of me,  
I see nothing I recognize. Rest in peace soldier, let's see  
what happens after the Western Sunrises.

## Hot Diggidy Dog

The times never changed, it was just the seasons.  
The reason being, minds and intentions didn't,  
couldn't, would not bend. Making amends was never  
considered. It kept running into the question of,  
why should I and what for?

As time went by, little by little, clearer and clearer,  
only a few got it, get it? In the heads of minions,  
flaunting flawed suggestion, given them by the  
rubber stampers in the advertising sections of the  
daily screwed papers.

Sporting mind pampers, attempting to catch the  
diatribe. Thinking, happy hour will dilute the truth  
that come a long with reality. Standing next to Lurch  
in church. Never asking oneself, "What the hell is he  
doing here?"

His rubber doesn't touch your road, so why should  
you ever care? Anyway, he is your neighbor. Recalcitrant!  
Moving forward with the plan. Never thinking what was  
asked for is at hand.

Remember, you said, "Deliver me from evil", "Do unto  
others as you would have them do unto you."  
Maybe you thought it wouldn't come true. Those are  
the words you spoke, they aren't mine, but they are  
coming true with time.

Good luck with your master plans. In the mean time I  
must concentrate on straightening my own stand. Karma  
is waiting to give you guys its hand, one you never thought  
of or even planned.

## Now, then and Again

We sit here in the light of candles,  
I decorate your mind with all that  
what was intended for you to hear.

You inspire my ability to loosen the  
things that tied my tongue, that helped  
my mind find where it had been for  
some time.

We fell in love eventually, gradually;  
we saw nothing coming. Time made  
available when we could ration the  
passion that could have postponed it.

When we were able to deal with its depth,  
we lunged. Being capable of reading needs,  
without asking, was then achievable. All  
unreasonable things remained outside.

Our minds connected at the hip and lips.  
Sharing aggressive embraces, that left the  
marks our emotions could reconcile.

Thinking of minuets that played in those moments,  
moving towards the precipice. Experiencing, what  
that meant to us, discarding the lows, taking  
chances with the highs, that we could only reach  
one time.

Knowing, then and again, when to exhale and take  
deep breathes. Avoiding out dated phrases, makes  
temporary okay. Displaying what I'm saying in a non-  
verbal way. It's never too close for comfort.

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We had this all the time, we just had to dig ourselves.  
Fine tuning our egos, made it easy. Mining minutes  
From the hours, we wasted no time.

I found drugs inside of love, it underpins my mental  
state. We never trained for this, no one ever does.  
What participates from your eyes dwindles as the  
candles light gutters. Now, we lay down and try and sleep.

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Saswata  
Ganguly



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**Shaswata Gangopadhyay (India) : Born and brought up at Kolkata**

**One of the Prominent face of Contemporary Bengali Poetry, who started writing in Mid 90s.**

**He has participated in different International poetry festivals of Europe and Both North and Latin America.**

**His poems are continuously Published in all six continents through translations in 7-8 languages.**

**His book of Poems :**

**Inhabitant of Pluto Planet (2001)**

**Offspring of Monster (2009)**

**Holes of Red Crabs(2015)**

**Selected Love Poems (2021)**

**He has also been invited to read his poems in both UK and USA Book Fair, organised virtually this year.**

## In our city

Yes, we haunt carrion-depot , we eat dog's meat  
Not sparing the intestines even, we call in the feast our  
friends also

Pollution in every food-item, I learn to put my lip in arsenic  
Is there also in the lips of my girl- friend, when I kiss her?

At the end of dinner, glass is in my hand together with soft  
drinks  
Is it a toilet cleaner? When finished give me one more

Vultures have become extinct, watching with a piercing eye  
I search for food everywhere, shall I open the street  
manhole?

We are the tribes of monster, after food being exhausted in  
the city  
New tiffin-box opens its cover very silently

The lobe of the friend's ear, the bones plucked from his  
fingers  
Oh , how tasteful the liver is, how a spicy show of flavour

Yes, we kill our friends daily by sharp pointed knives  
Taking them as food by biting, now we've become man-  
eaters

*Translated from Bengali to English by Rajdeep Mukherjee*

## Poetry of the Third World

I am nobody, nobody at all  
Just a cultivator of cotton belonging to third world,  
His youngest son  
I have grown up by swallowing the froth of sea,  
On my burnt skin  
There is printed the world-map all over the body

Hunger rises in spiral motion  
Around my stomach

If you give me love, I'll multiply it three times  
By sheer magic  
And put it under your feet  
If you give me hatred, if you offend me  
From my top to bottom  
I'll come back not to take revenge  
But to my writing papers  
And I will throw each of my poems, one after another  
Just like daggers

Yes, all the boys of third world are just like this

*Translated from Bengali to English by Rajdeep Mukherjee*

## Snake Woman

I was a beloved one of a venomous snake-woman

I couldn't make out her real nature before  
At the end of shady autumn in the forest -grass  
She expanded her hood so violently beside a beaming  
fountain  
In the clear moonlight,also in the tune with rhythmic  
intercourse-  
That unrestrained reeling dance  
It seemed to my mind the very delusion of a celestial  
nymph

There was a flash of lightning on the meadow,  
in the bed made of leaves  
We are as if two images of loving pair, on the point of  
Kissing on her lips, I tried to withdraw myself  
Her lolling tongue divided,during that night of our mating  
I was simply astonished to find  
some striped fibers on her abdomen  
Seeing me totally senseless, she had gone to hibernation  
Only its slough remains left now  
And on both sides of my knee-joint  
There is still the mark of its biting  
The hidden mark of her poison fangs

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# Suranjit Gain

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Suranjit Gain

Born on 8 October in 1984. Khulna district in Bangladesh. Mother Lila Gain. Father Tapan Gain.

Primary education from Dacope saheberabad primary school. Secondary from Herovanga Vidyasagar Vidyamandir ( West bengal, India. ) Higher secondary from Gobordanga Collegiate Highschool ( India. )

Creation of literature begin from childhood. Priest ( gurudev ) world famous poet Purushottam Kazi Nazrul Islam. Number of published book about ninety. Bengali, Hindi, English literature published from several country of the world. Admired and recognized by international literary festivals. National and international awarded poet. Congratulated by the universe in literature

## Bangladesh

Bangladesh, o my ever mother land ----  
I touch your feet with my hand.  
Your sun, star, thy moon,  
morning evening and noon,  
in my life have impressed out;  
it has no doubt.  
You are glorious age and age;  
thou have no comparison I guess.  
Thou are fulfil with divine wealth just;  
angelic elements spread on your dust.  
I am proud of you!  
your face ever new.  
O my mother ----  
you are greater  
than the heaven;  
I want to come back to thy lap again and again.

## The Universal Poet

The victor of the universe,  
the universal poet Nazrul;  
ever true, not the error.

Rabindranath our  
pride for ever;  
first time he wins  
the universe.

Nazrul is the best  
surprise of the world!  
announced every where.

Rabindranath admits  
the truth;  
the title universal poet,  
Nazrul's authority.

He is admired  
by the globe  
in his young age.  
Devotion, love, humanity,  
secularism remain  
in his creations.

Poem, prose, story,  
novel all the literary  
sides are praiseworthy  
with his peerless pen.

Nazrul obtains the most  
reputation all over the

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world for his incomparable  
devotional lyric verse.

Nazrul is a scientific  
author as well.  
His science based  
writings are so admirable.

Once he recites his  
most famous poem Bidrohi ( the rebel )  
in front of Rabindranath.  
He is embarrassed and  
says to Nazrul  
the universal poet.

## Youthful Spring

Across the coldness of idleness  
I come to youthful spring.  
And obtain expected image.

I feel eternal attachment  
with romance!

I do mind I am about to die--  
sudden a loving name  
administer nectar.  
And I rise up with entire life.

I stare a divine power to her.

A strange pleasure  
intimates I am the great space!  
boundless stars  
found to me with delight.

The deity of love  
congratulates me.  
I concept I am the  
emperor of the  
state of affection.

I govern the universe  
wearing the crown of the sun.  
I scorch the without love atlas  
with the powerful youth of mine.

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Hasiba  
Hilal

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Hey people this is Rutba. I'm currently a student residing from baramulla, Kashmir. I started penning down, When i was in grade 9. I happen to be a writer because i love weaving the words together.

The thing about me is; I barely talk to someone rather than my copy because there is no one who can help me out of entangled things, But my pen never makes me, to rely on someone else and thats the moto reason why i adore it to the fullest. And my main reason behind writing is to make people understand that there is no other person but you; Who can understand you the very exactly.

## Dear brave me I'm proud of you!

You went from;  
Zillion of throes, Still you carry that smile;  
Like a loaded gun, ready to explode.  
And showed everyone; that you are not going to feel glum,  
And yes! You became your own sun.

They made you feel like trash;  
You developed proclivity for yourself,  
They bullied you; You turned the blinds eye,  
They dragged you down; You rose yourself

Yea! I do roger that, You're going through the galaxies of  
torment and hoe but Sweetheart, It is in your fate; Whatelse  
can you do? You can't escape or make yourself go.

Precious, You are born girl and you have to feel low; Cause  
this is the freakin' world and they think this way tho.

## Another day passes by

Still and silent in the cold pale night, I was feeling so damn  
low  
Tried to count upon the hours  
But they we're also being slow  
"You can't see me like this, You weren't so cruel" My heart  
whispered in a low husky tone!  
You want to go but i won't let you go, Please come to me  
now; I got to be with you somehow  
I can't sleep, Either don't want to  
I'm up all night and in the amidst of crying i try to pretend a  
smile  
Then sometimes i think i should let you go, As you don't  
belong to me now,  
But the fear of letting you go wrecks all my dreams i  
dreamt with you, And makes me sigh  
My whole entity gave me a lot to weep;  
But instead i let my soul to sleep  
Was i so improbable, Perhaps that is why it happened to be  
For sure i kept myself alone to screech,  
In order to find you who could help me  
But Alas! I found no such for me  
It has been so long,  
Since we we're standing eye to eye  
Now my hopes are getting diminished for the sake of lies  
"Nothing, I'm just fine" I said, but deep down feeling like  
one more day without your smile  
And here another day passes by

## Lie

He thought she is happy and would be at ease  
Not knowing the truth, That she has ruined her peace  
Was it so easy to mess it up like this?  
As now she got no dreams to chase and no one to face  
His friends said, "She is twisted, Just avoid"  
And he did, Leaving a void!  
She left him a last message saying "Will miss you", Her  
heart pound  
She maybe could hear her heartbeats with cracking sounds  
You left her, Yes you did  
Leaving nothing but an unbearable wound,  
Which can never heal, No matter with whom she'll  
surround  
Now she could barely talk low, As she wanted to get loud  
She just desired for him to hear her;  
That 'her' who was completely his  
But "I just Don't love you anymore", He said  
Leaving not a single reason, She could find  
Without him she couldn't see herself in her foresee  
What she can do was, Glide a blade onto her skin; To let  
that pain in her body pour out, And could make her soul  
free  
" No you can't do this to yourself " Her heart started to  
shout  
Instead she buried those shouts in the silence of her room  
And made herself think about:  
The agonies; which she was facing,  
The voids; Which were getting emptier,  
The memories; Which were flashing,  
Now all she can do was cry and ask herself, Was  
everything a lie?

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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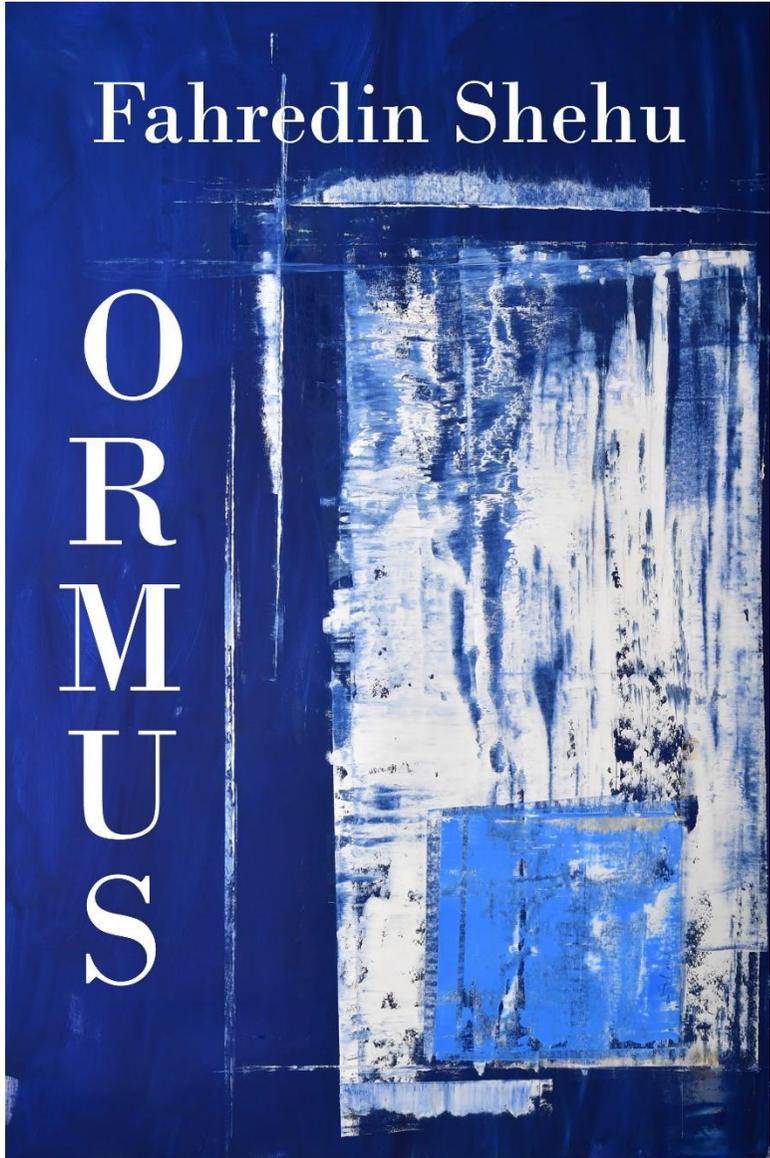
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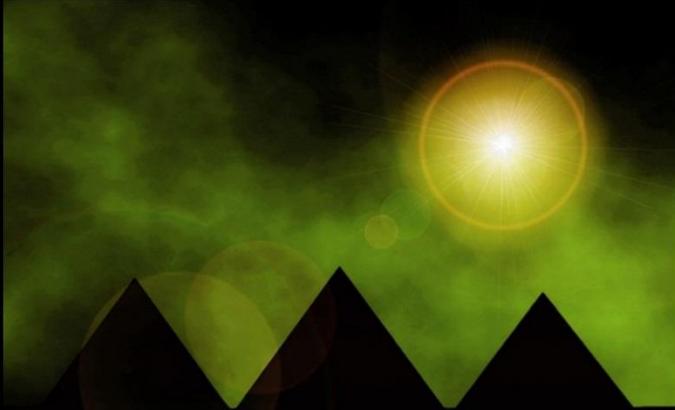
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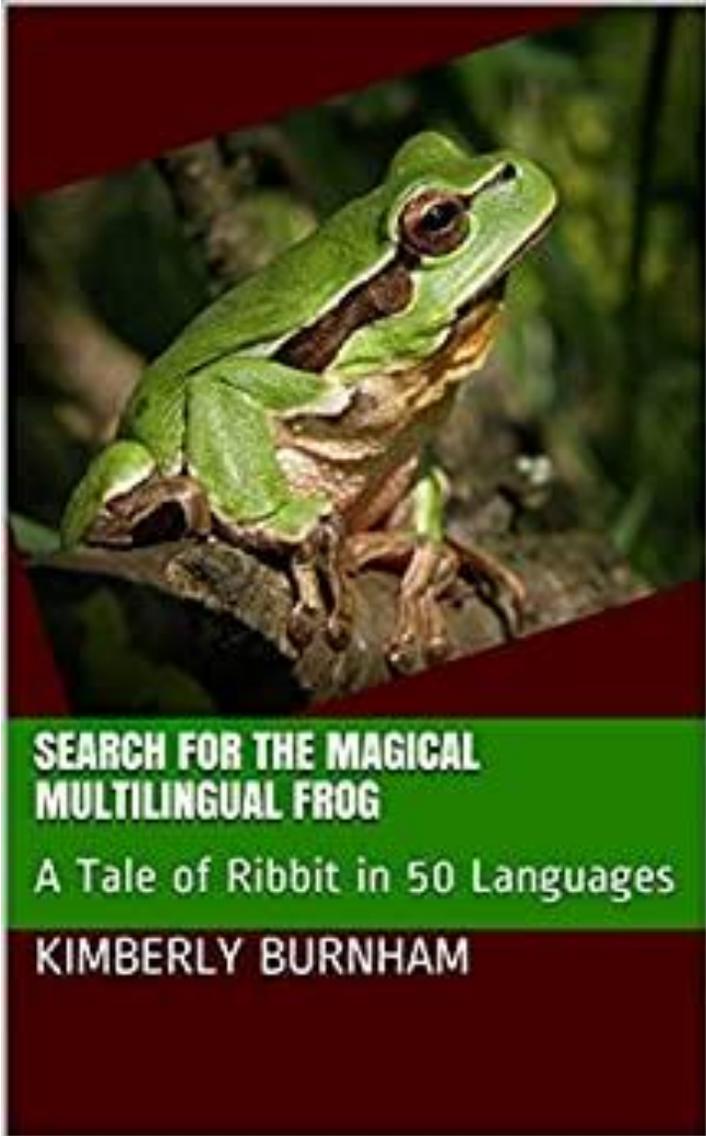


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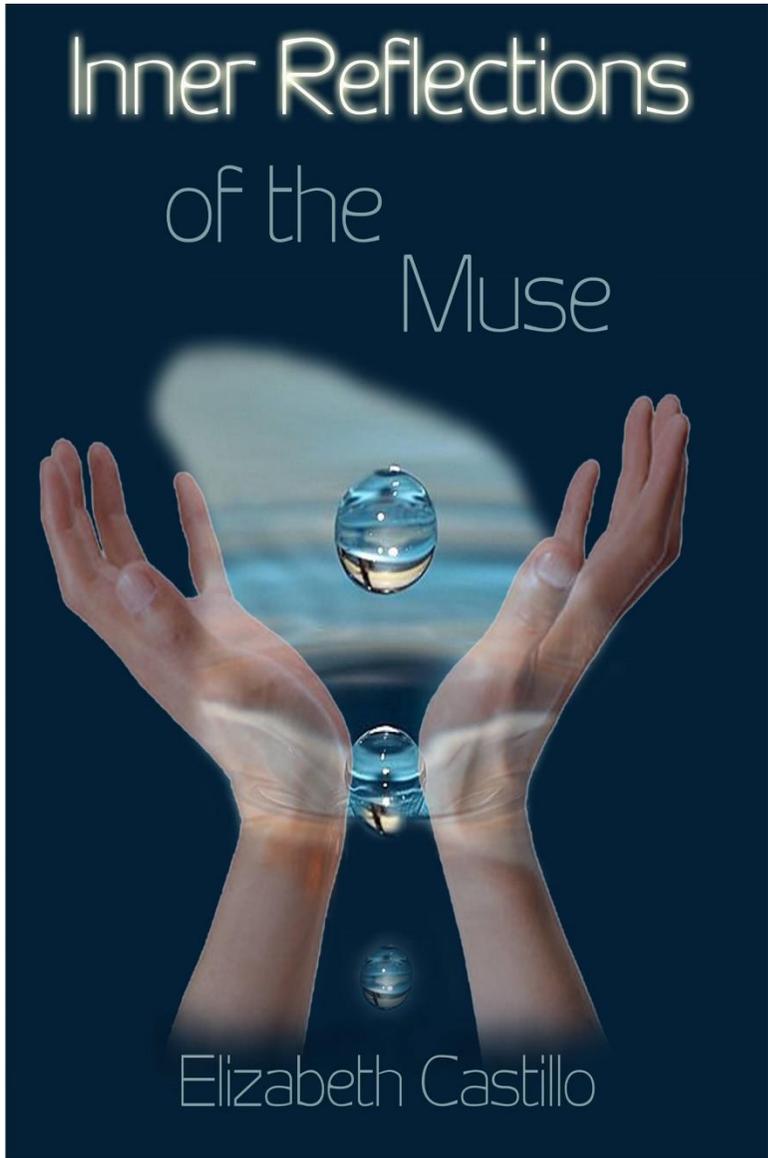
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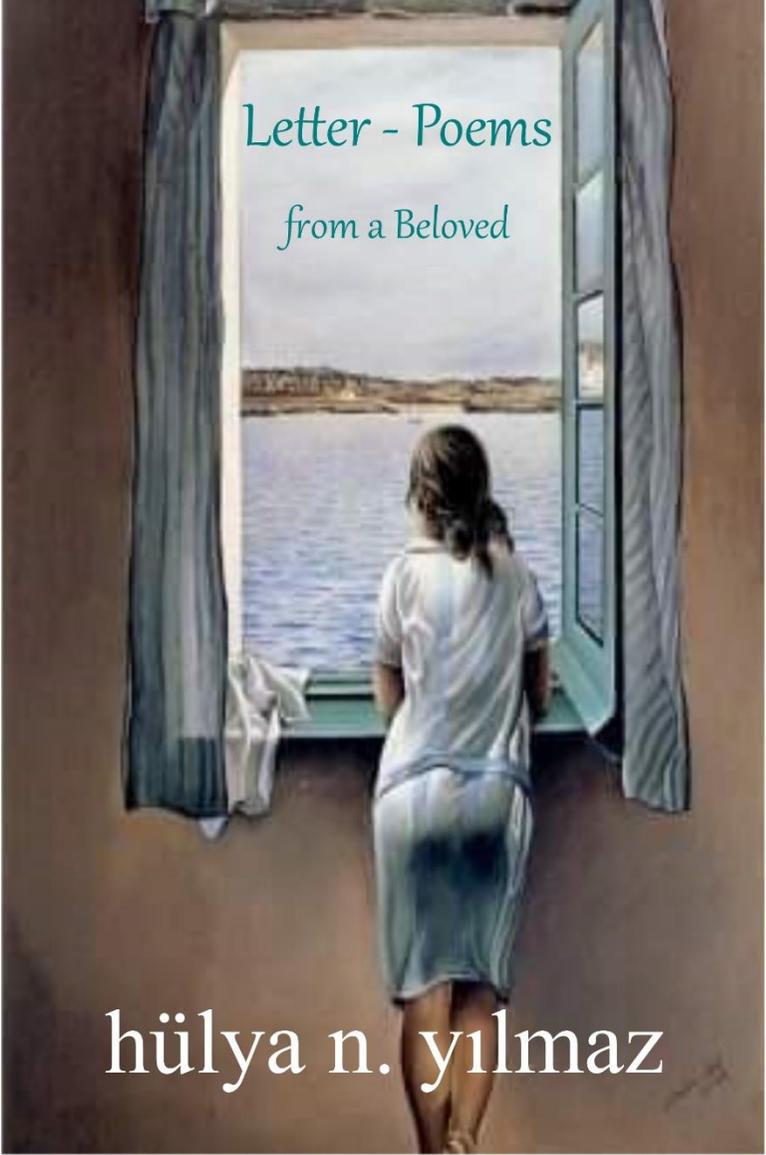
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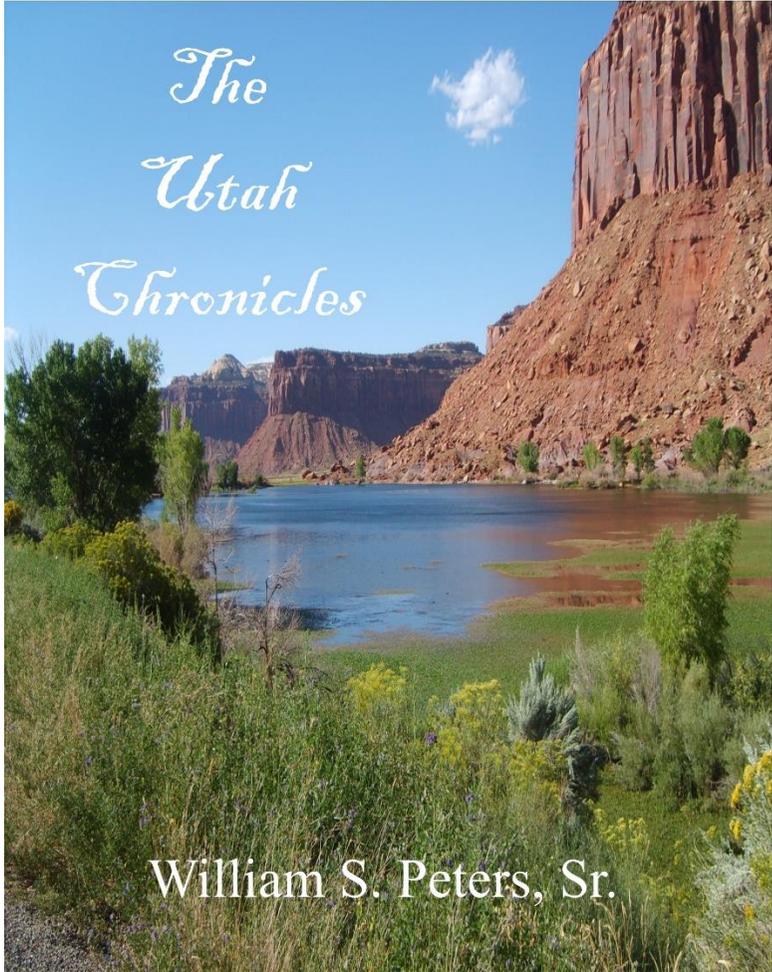
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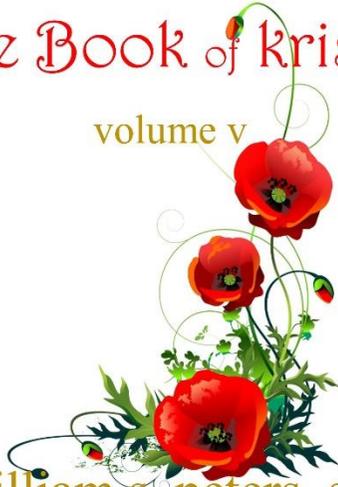
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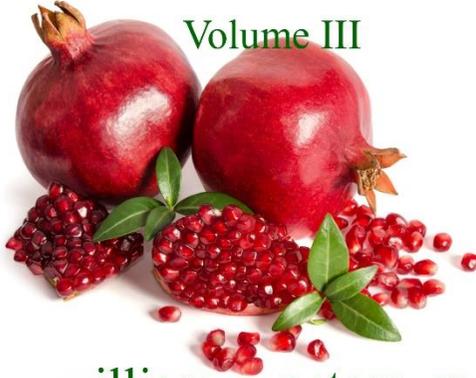
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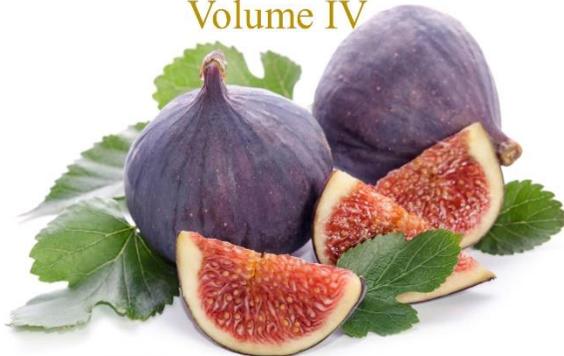
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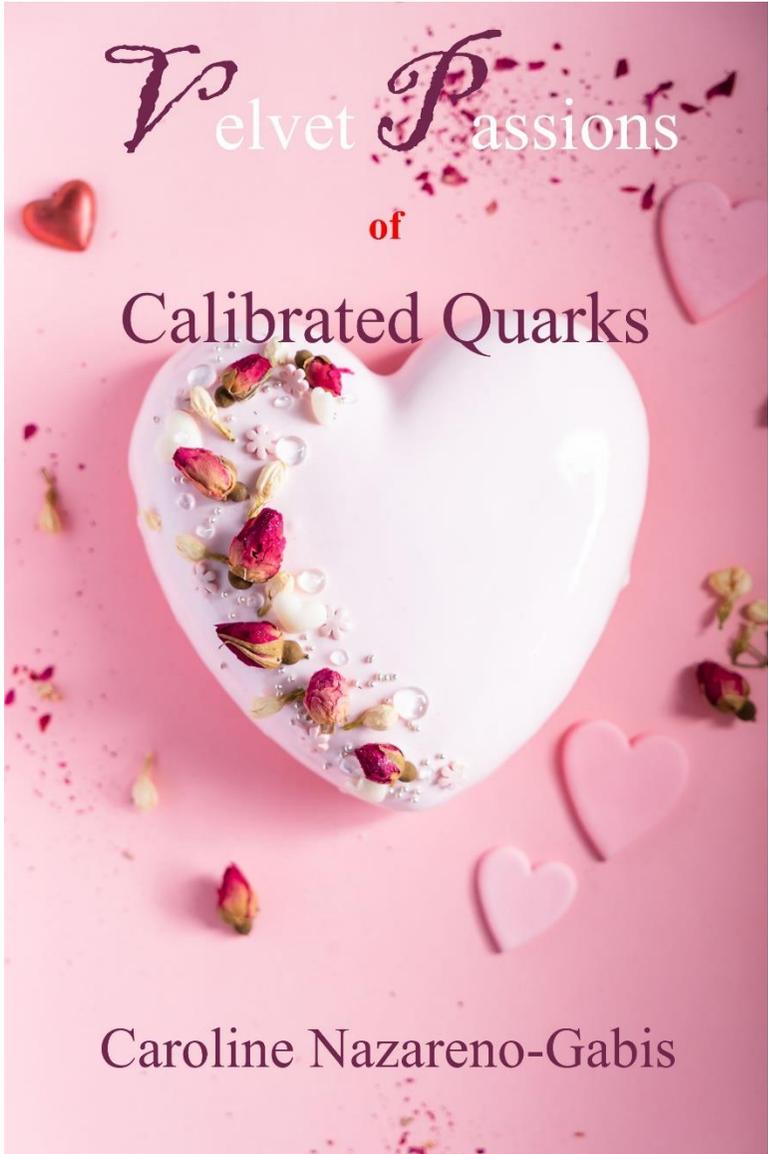


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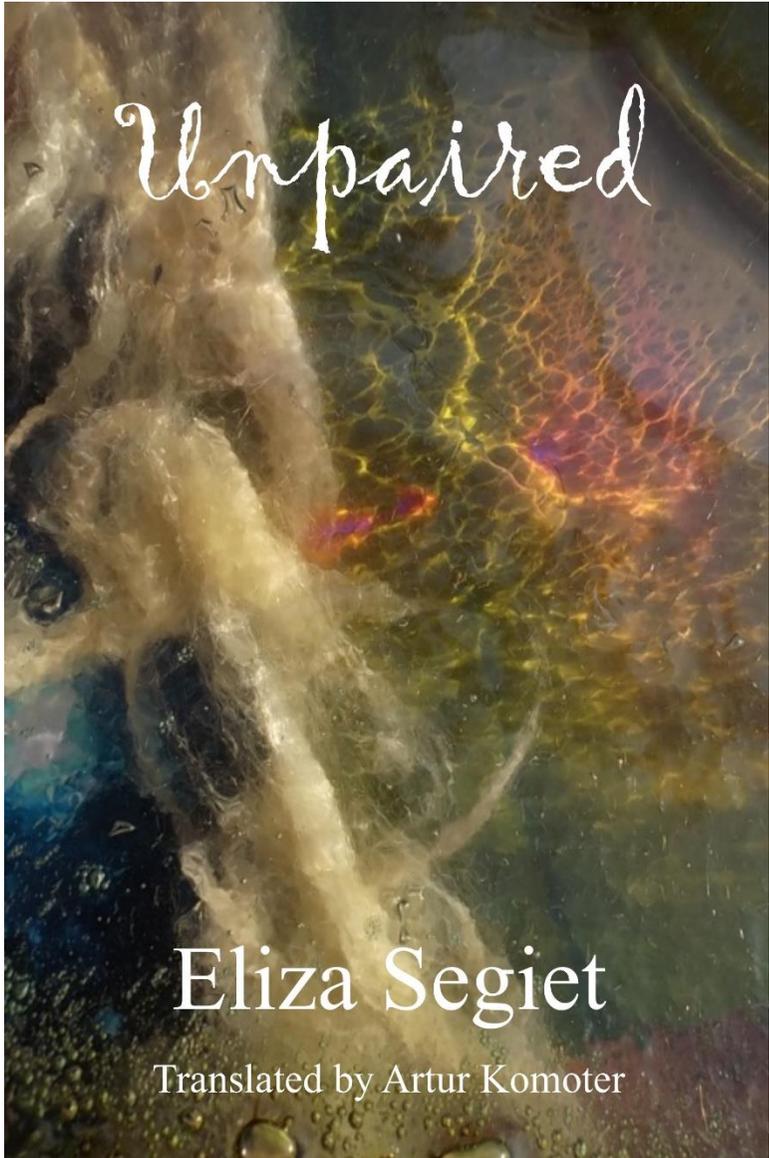
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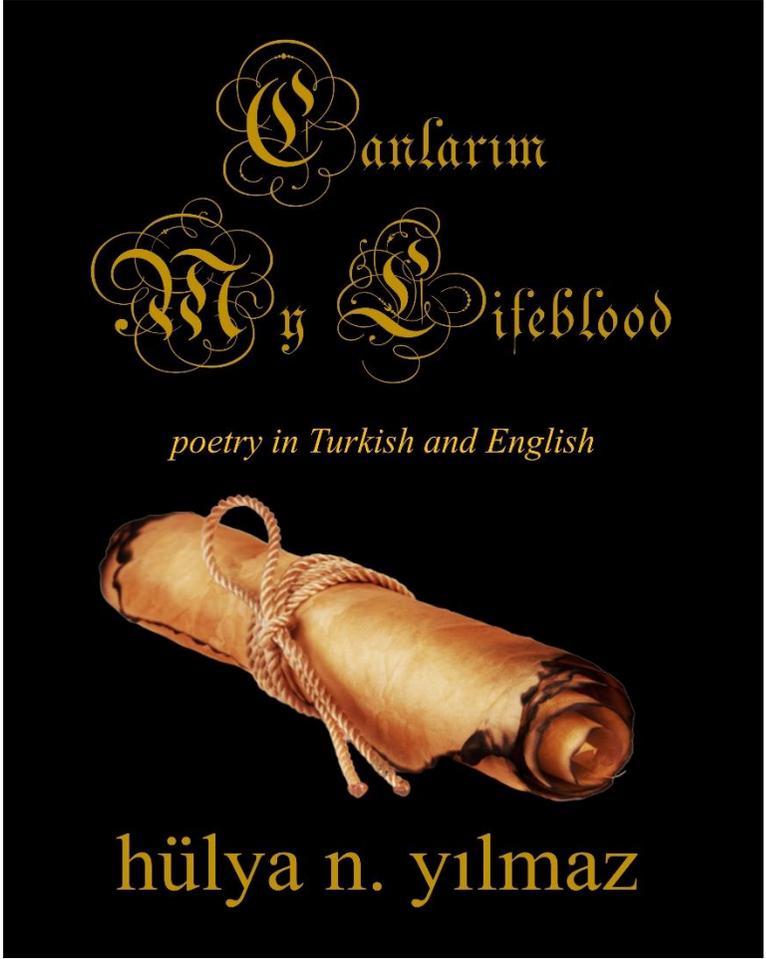
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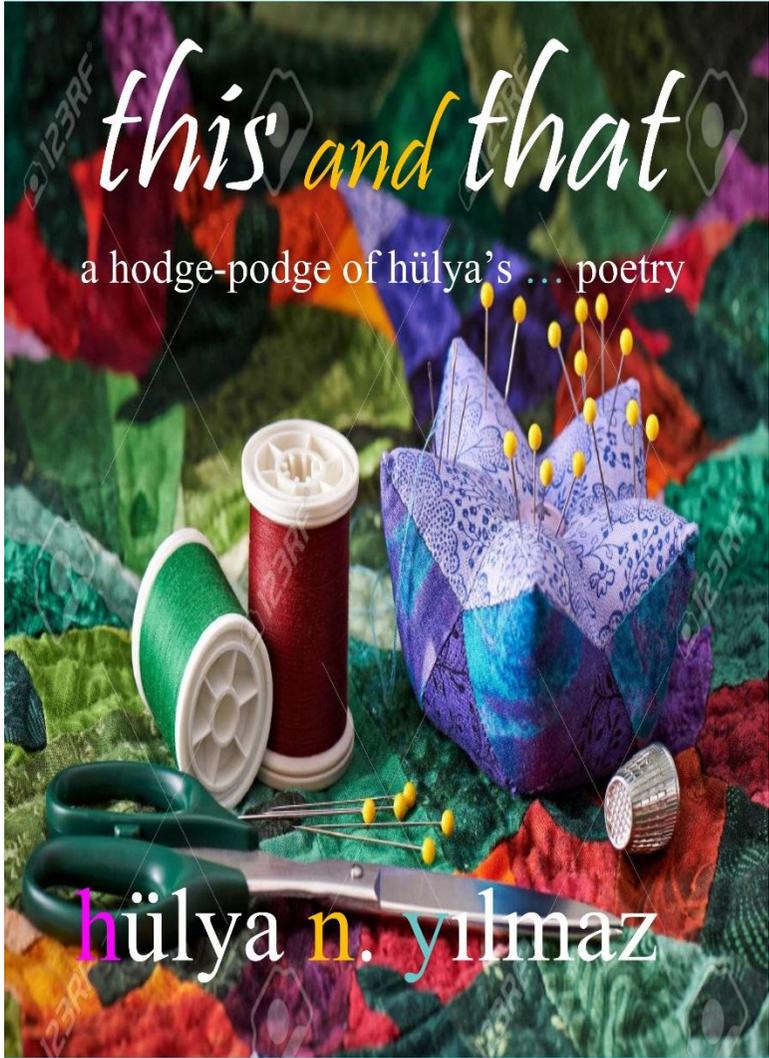
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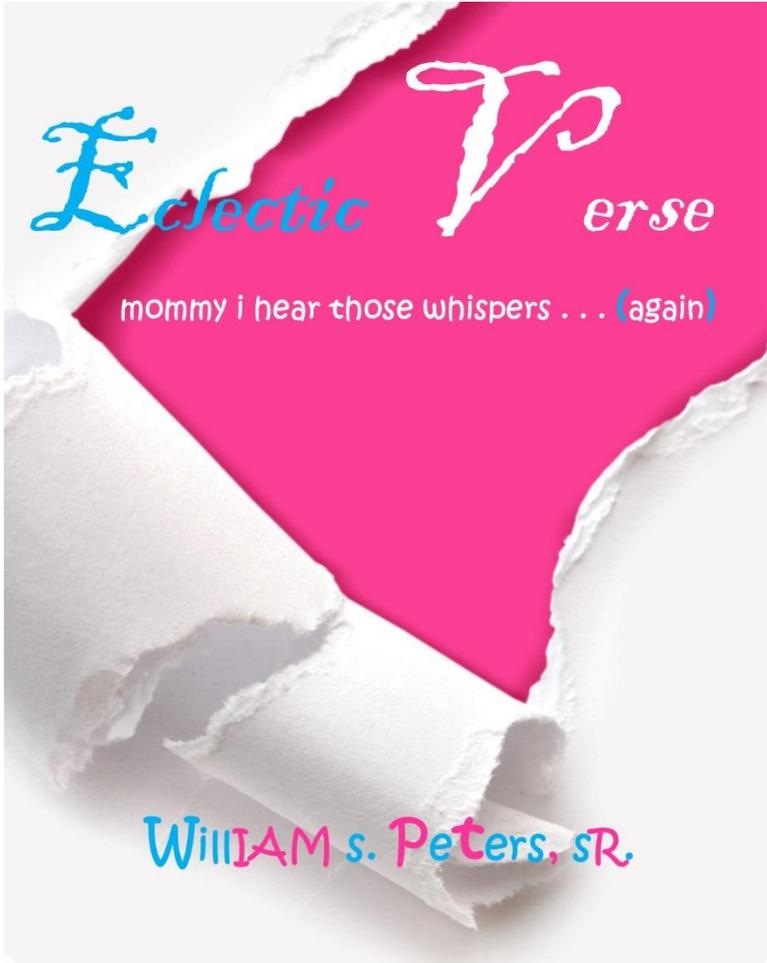
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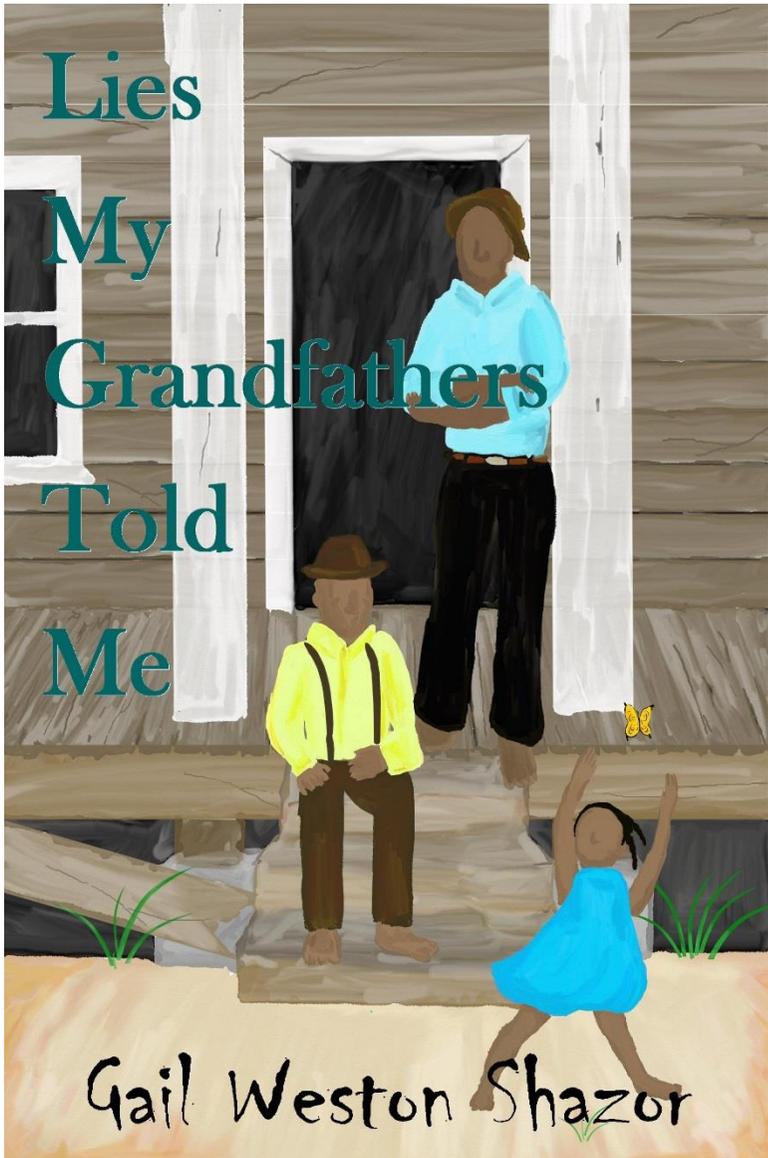
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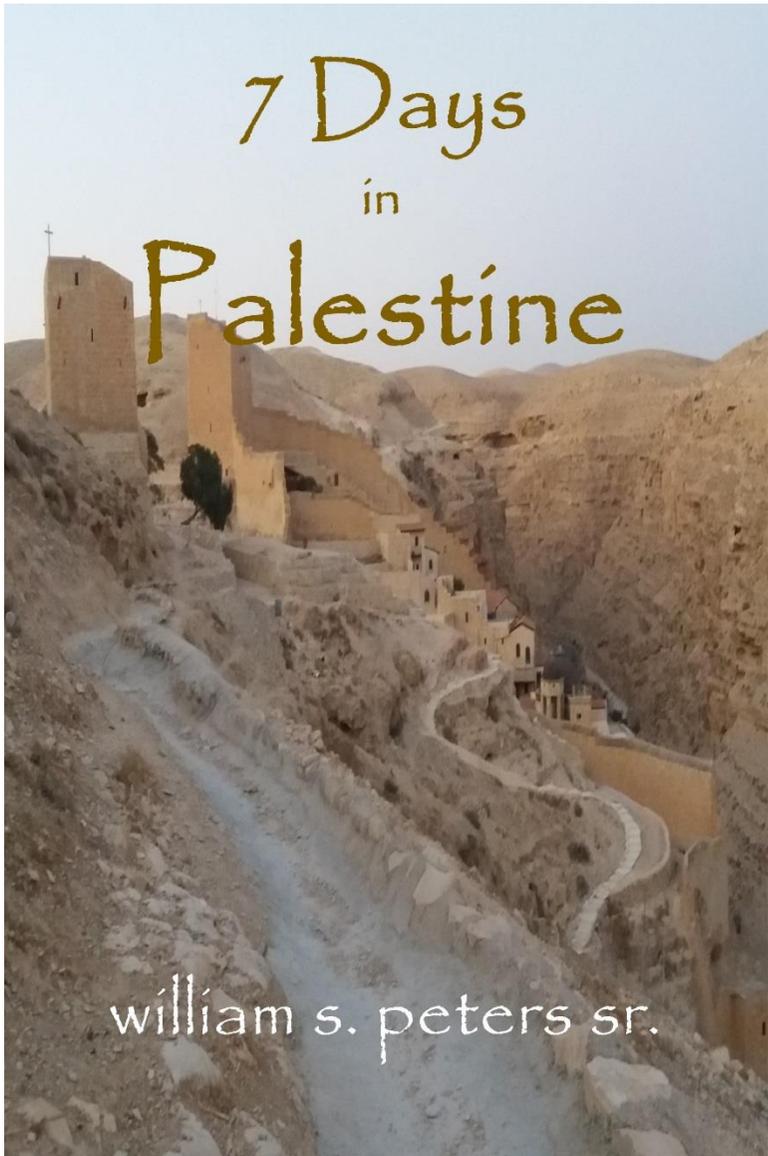
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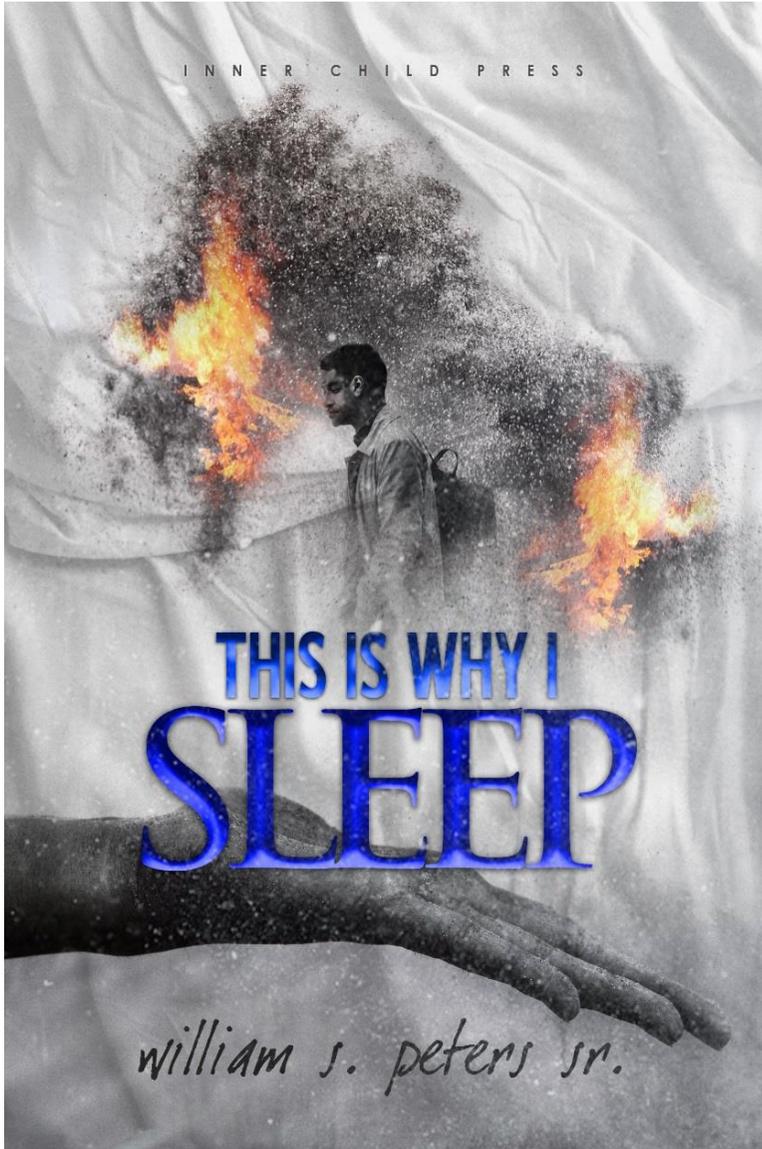
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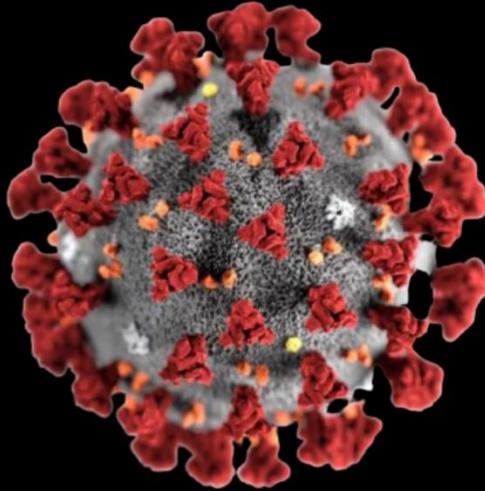
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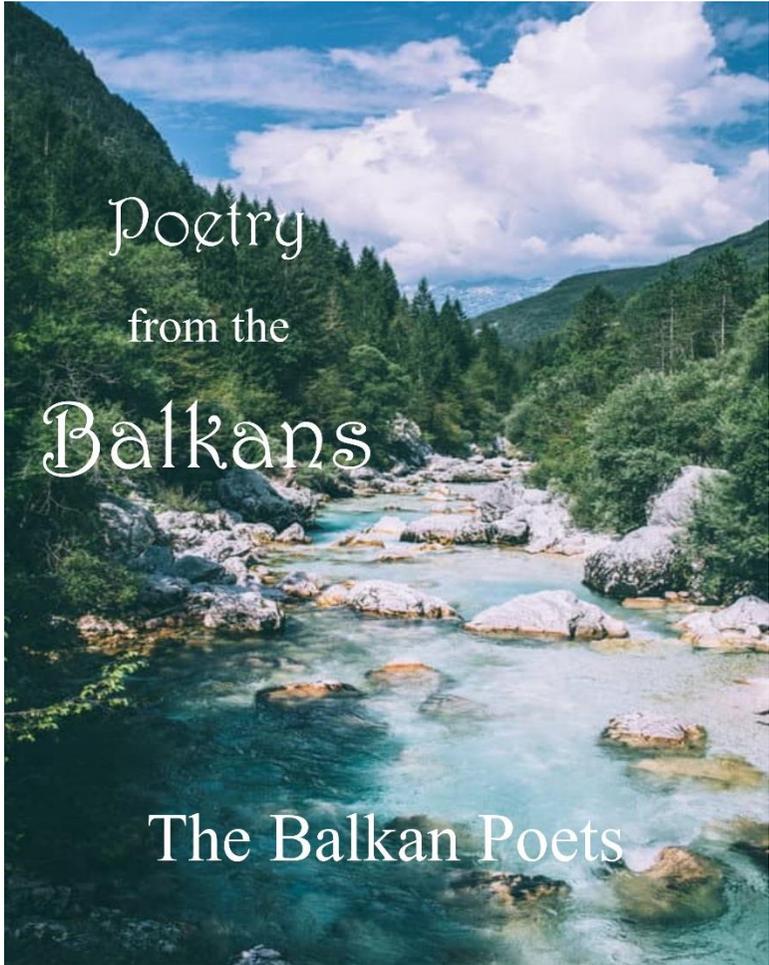


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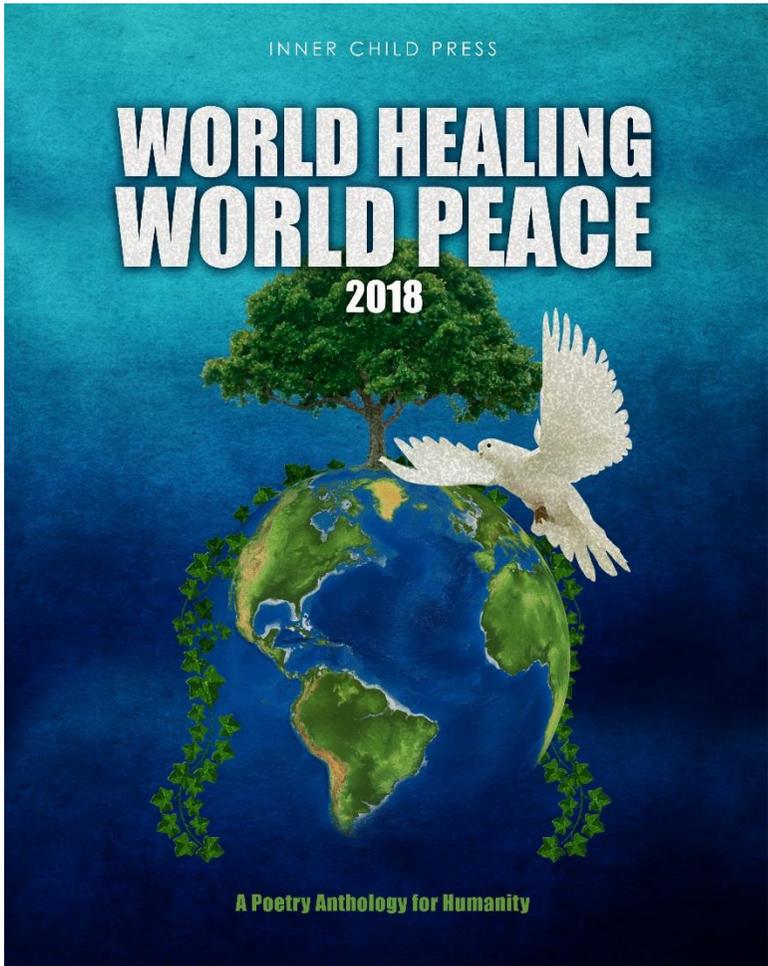
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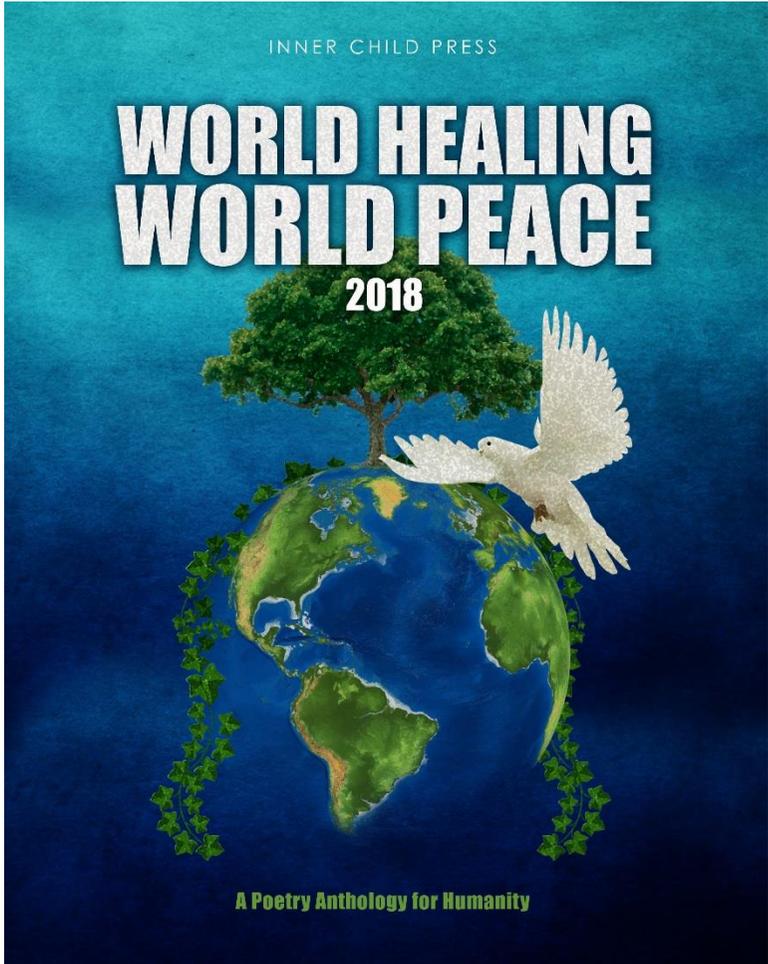
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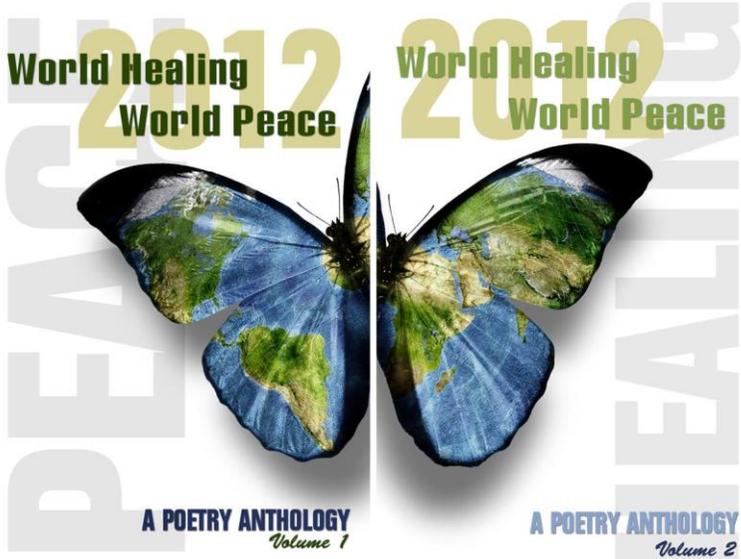
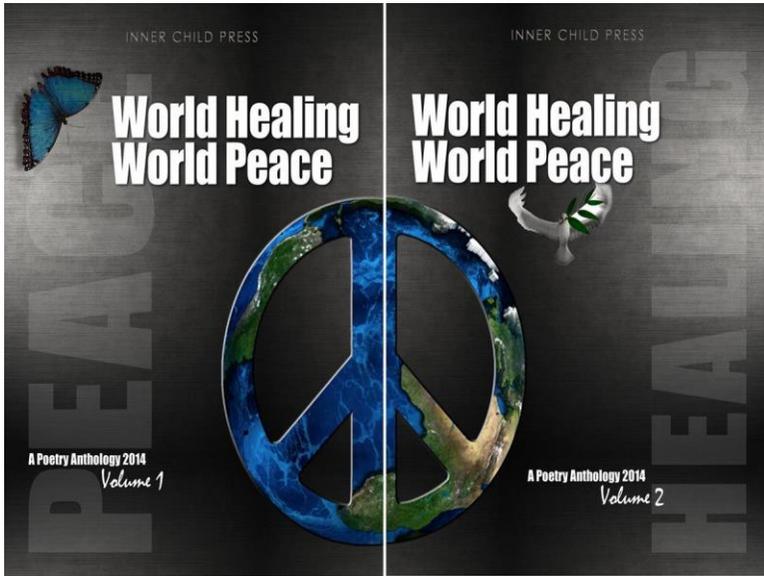
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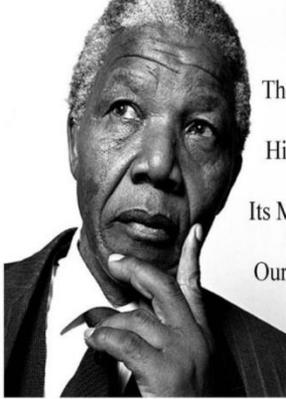
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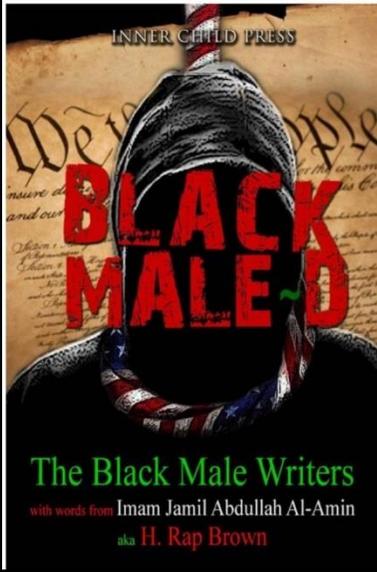
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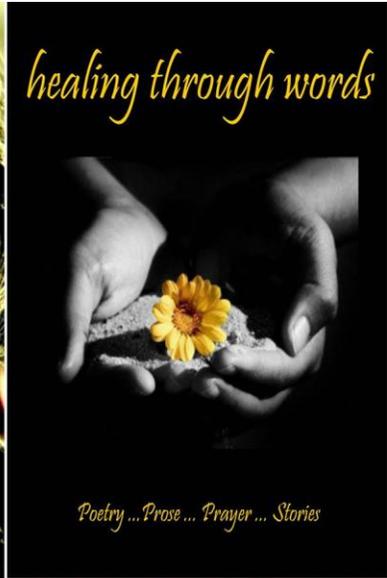
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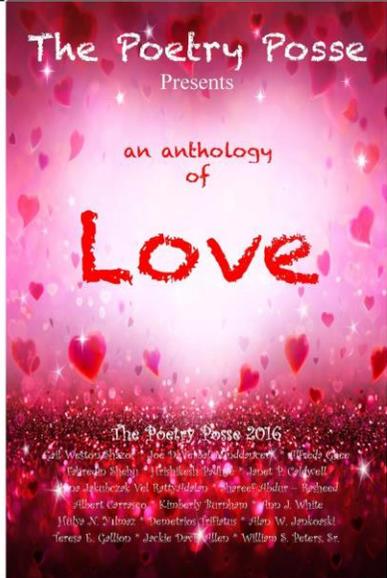
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*Lily of the Valley*

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*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

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Red Poppy



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### October Feature Poets

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Chrysanthemum



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Narcissus

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**Amethyst**

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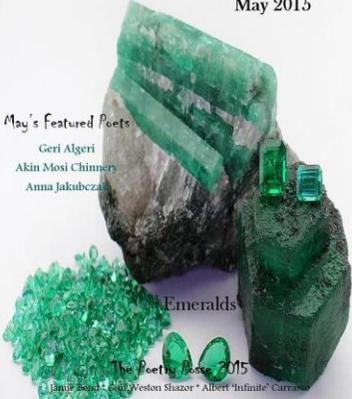
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## The Year of the Poet II

June 2015

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



### The Poetry Posse 2015

Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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## The Year of the Poet II

July 2015

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



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## The Year of the Poet II

August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalaszc  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2013

### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

### The Poetry Posse 2013

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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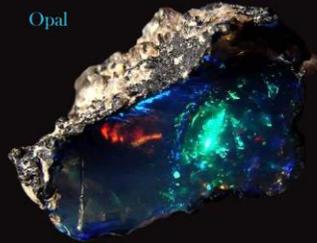
## The Year of the Poet II

October 2015

### Featured Poets

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

Opal



### The Poetry Posse 2015

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015



Topaz

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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## The Year of the Poet II

December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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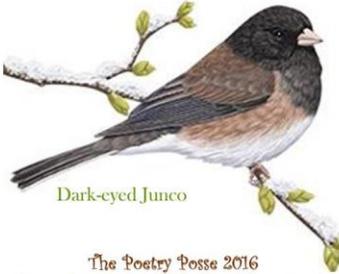
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

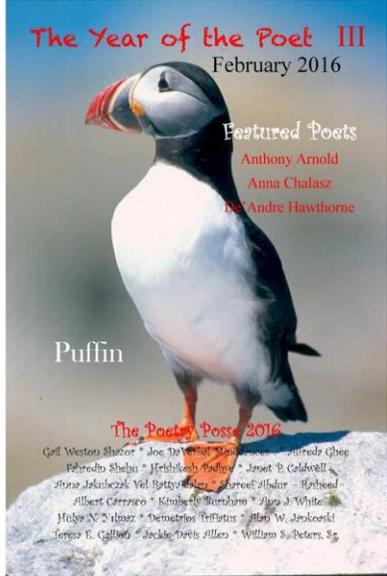
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Fahrehin Shehu \* Hirshkeshi Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Joe DeVorhol Muddowner \* Sharief Abdur - Raheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Ann J. White  
Hulya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Fotistas \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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Fahrehin Shehu \* Hirshkeshi Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

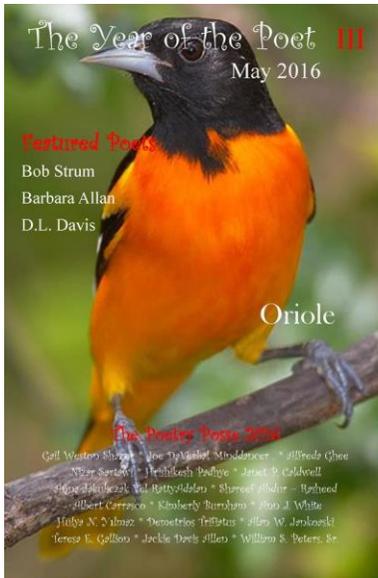
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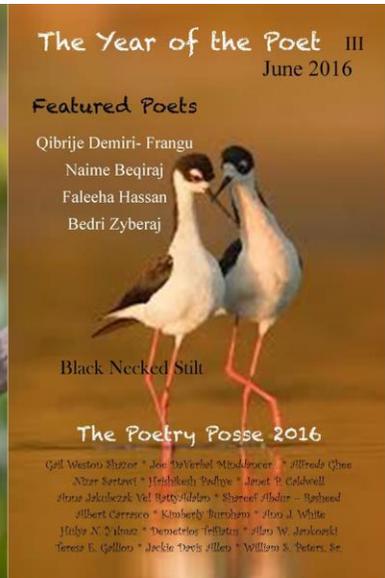


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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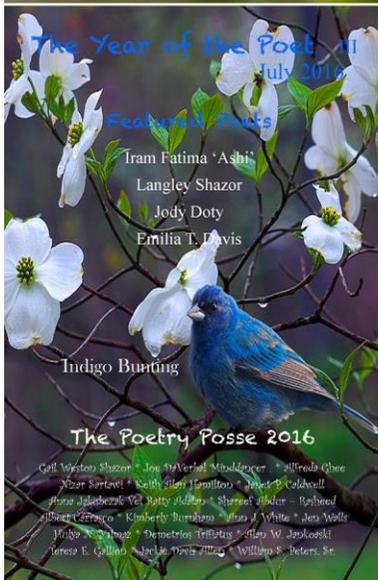


**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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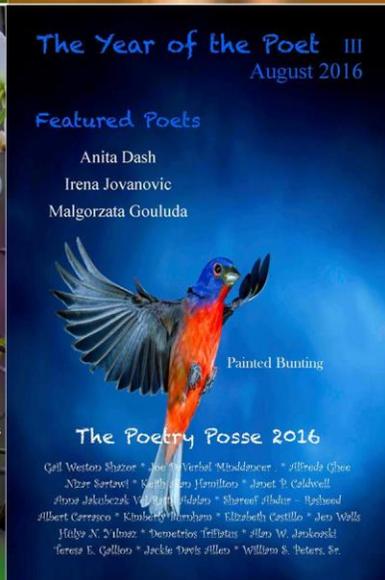


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

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September 2016

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Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novicio

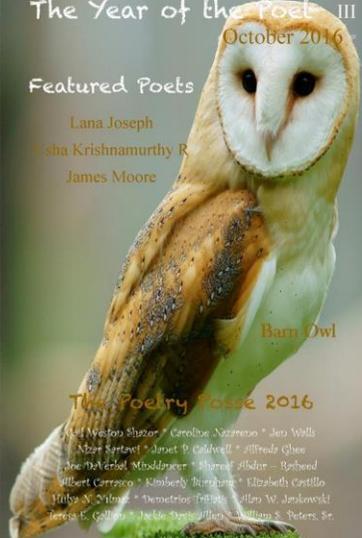


Long Billed Curlew

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October 2016

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

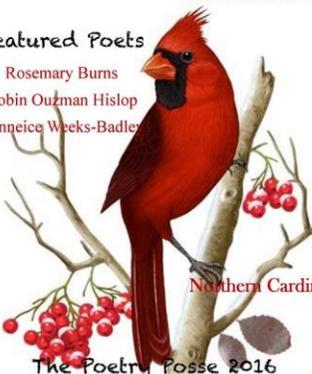


Barn Owl

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

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

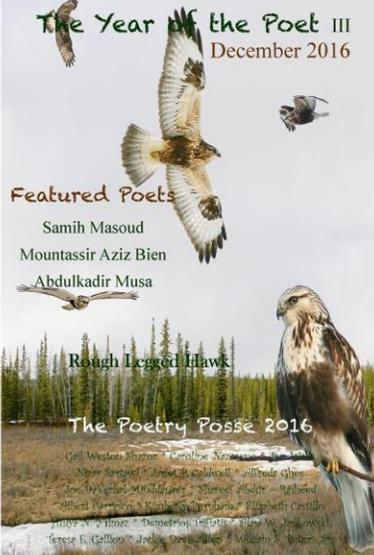


Northern Cardinal

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

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



Rough Legged Hawk

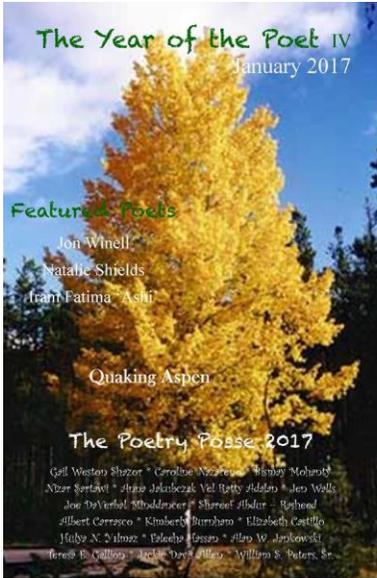
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January 2017

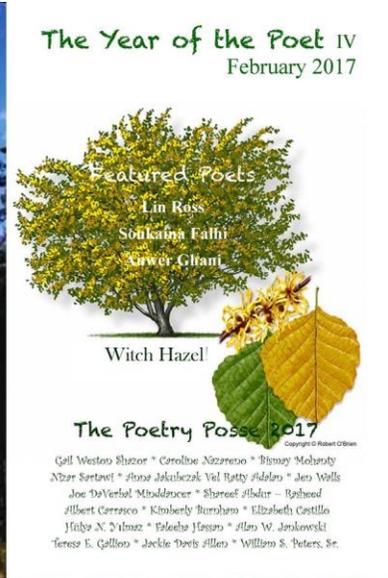


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
February 2017

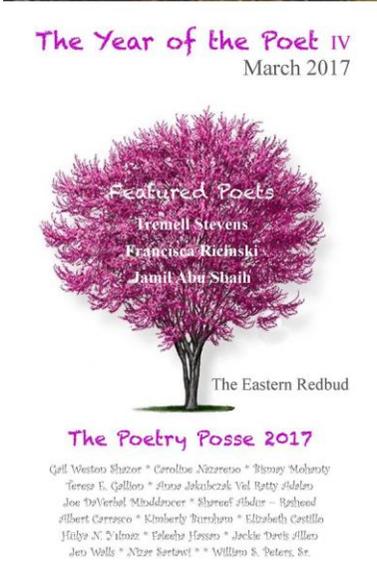


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sobkaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017

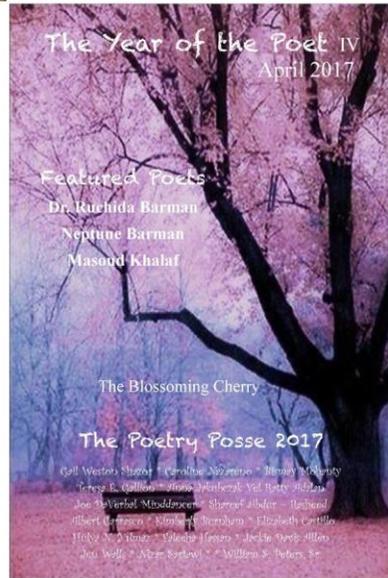


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaikh

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



**Featured Poets**  
Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Joe DeVirel Mbadumec \* Shareef Siddur - Rahmad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilysa N. Vilhaz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yılmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

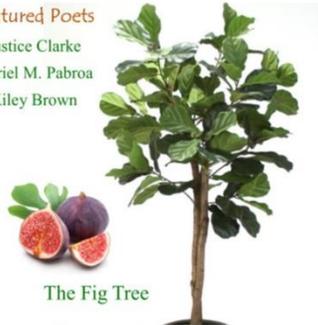
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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## The Year of the Poet V

January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Acry

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Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

### The Poetry Posse 2018

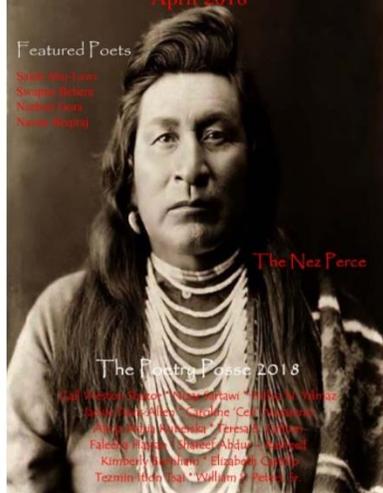
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sarah Abu-Lala  
Suzanne Bellack  
Nahomi Green  
Nancy Wang



### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Anna Szawracka \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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Featured Poets  
Zahly Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Laudia Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

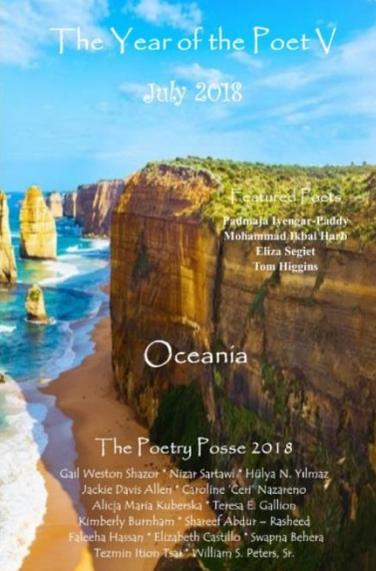


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July 2018

Featured Poets  
Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Ikbal Hany  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

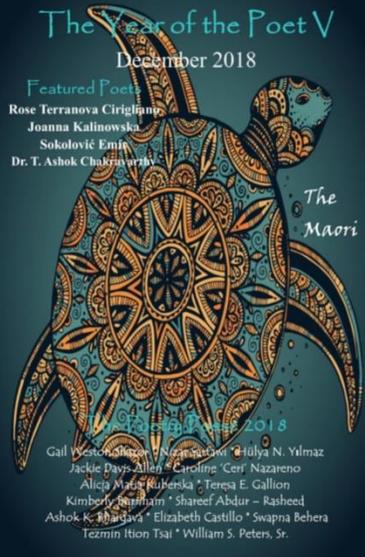
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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January 2019



Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

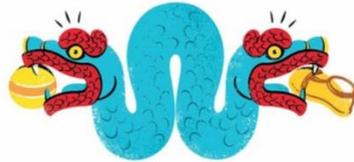
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Fosse 2019

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Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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## The Year of the Poet VI

June 2019

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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## The Year of the Poet VI

July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia      Djibouti  
Somalia      Eritrea

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August 2019

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



Southwest Asia

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



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



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



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



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

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paine  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rashheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

June 2021

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