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

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

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the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

The Poetry Posse  
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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

Kim Dae-jung was President of South Korea from 1998 to 2003. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000 for his work for democracy and human rights in South Korea, and for peace and reconciliation with North Korea. He sought to lay the foundation of a peaceful reunification of north and south Korea, which had been in a state of war since 1950 by means of his “sunshine policy” of mutual understanding and friendliness.

Kim Dae-jung was born on 6 January 1924 but had it changed to 3 December 1925 to avoid conscription under Japanese colonial rule. Kim was the second of seven children. There were many attempts to kill him for his opposition to military rulers in South Korea. Kim reflected on these events during his 2000 Nobel Peace Prize lecture:

“I have lived, and continue to live, in the belief that God is always with me. I know this from experience. In August of 1973, while exiled in Japan, I was kidnapped from my hotel room in Tokyo by intelligence agents of the then military government of South Korea. The news of the incident startled the world. The agents took me to their boat at anchor along the seashore. They tied me up, blinded me, and stuffed my mouth. Just

when they were about to throw me overboard, Jesus Christ appeared before me with such clarity. I clung to him and begged him to save me. At that very moment, an airplane was sent down from Heavens by the almighty God Himself to rescue me from the moment of death.” At the age of 85 Kim died on 18 August 2009.

Kim was a great leader at getting people and nations together. He brought people of India and Korea together by focusing on ancient stories that Princess Suriratna of Ayodhya got married to King Suro of Korea 2,000 years ago. Interestingly, Kim Dae-jung claimed his ancestry to the princess of India. Today, descendants of the couple number more than six million, which is roughly about 10% of the South Korean population.

The tomb of the princess is located in city of Kimhae near Busan. Koreans have also preserved the rocks that are said to have been used by the princess during her sea voyage to Korea to keep her boat stable.

Then in 2001, more than 100 historians and government representatives, including the North Korean ambassador to India, unveiled Queen Suriratna or Hwang-ok's (her Korean name) memorial on the west bank of the River Saryu in Ayodhya.

This story inspired me to author a book of poems titled *Mirror of Dreams* which was launched by Counsel Generals of Korea and India in Vancouver in 2004.

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# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

Yes I am excited and feel accomplished as we are on the last leg of our seventh year of publishing what I and many others deem to be a worthy enterprise, *The Year of the Poet*.

This year we have aligned our vision with that of Nober Peace Prize Recipients. We have title this year's theme. The Year of Peace! Hopefully thorough our sharing each month, our poetry can have a profound effect on our global consciousness and the need for peace while educating ourselves and our readership about some of the individuals who have made history through their efforts to promulgate peace for all of humanity.. We are on our way to hitting yet another milestone. Needless to say, I am elated.

To reiterate, our initial vision was to just perform at this level for the year of 2014. Since that time we have had the blessed opportunity to include many other wonderful poets, word artists and storytellers in the Poetry Posse from lands, cultures and persuasions all over the world. We have featured hundreds of additional poets, thereby introducing their poetic offerings to our vast global audience.

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

In the previous years, our monthly themes were Flowers, Birds, Gemstones, Trees and Past Cultures. This coming year we have elected to continue our focus of choosing what we consider a significant subject . . . PEACE! In each month's volume you will have the opportunity to not only read at least one poem themed by our Poetry Posse members about such celebrated Peace Ambassadors, but we have included a few words about each individual in our prologue. We hope you find the poetic offerings insightful as we use our poetic form to relay to you what we too have learned through our research in making our offering available to you, our readership.

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

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

*Building Cultural Bridges of Understanding . . .*

Bless Up . . . From the home in our hearts to yours

*Bill*

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# Kim Dae-jung

2000

Each month for the year of 2020, which we have deemed as *The Year of Peace*, we at Inner Child Press International will be celebrating through our poetry a few Nobel Peace Prize Recipients who have contributed greatly to humanity via their particular avocations. This month of July 2020 you will find select poems from each Poetry Posse member on this month's celebrants.

In 2000, The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Kim Dae-jung.

For more information about visit :

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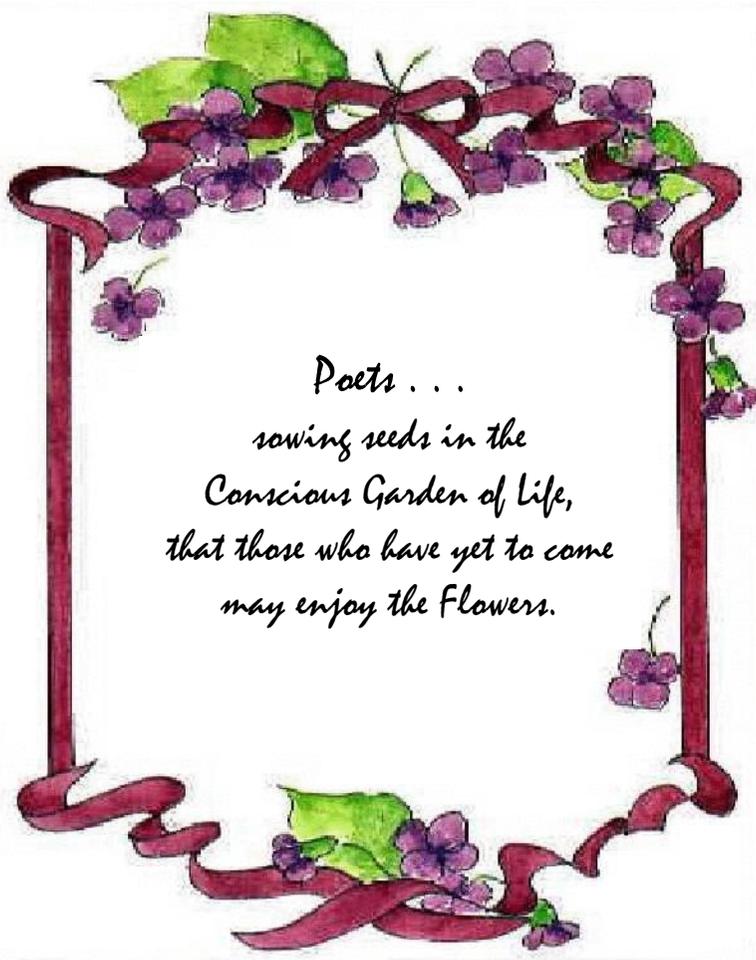
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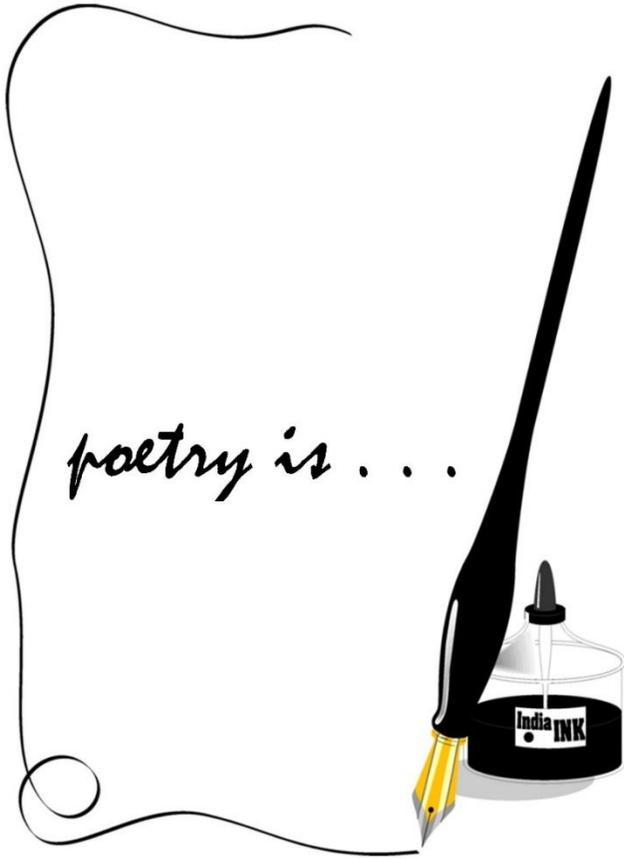
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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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## A Day for Peace

(Nonet)

Years

Fifty

North and South

Is now gone away

Winter and summer

And I have longed for you

My sister from the same womb

We live on soil and under sky

Separated by memories of war

Maybe soon I will hold you as before

## Lis'n Lis'n

Y'all better listen quick  
Somebody trying to learn  
You something  
It ain't when they got you  
That you in trouble  
Cause another man done gone  
From the county farm  
The gate was left just a bit ajar  
Just a bit so he could see  
And the others said  
Nah man  
This is protective custody  
In here we safe  
And they waited for the feeding time  
Stuff slid under the door  
Thrown over the fence  
To keep everyone from roaring  
The only bit of lightness  
Was the complexion of the hand  
They had been trained not to bite  
But the door called out  
Swinging gently on its rusty hinge  
Singing slyly and waiting  
Freedom oh freedom  
Was its plaintive plea  
And he knew the sun actually shone  
Beyond this protection  
Because he had been there  
Free  
From the county farm  
The chains had been left long enough  
Just so he could walk, text and surf

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Gone were the days of hoops  
And playgrounds on the corner  
Time spent listening to learned ones  
Listen, Listen  
There is no razor wire up top  
And he gave himself away  
Until no one knew who he was  
They didn't know his name  
In the factories built on paddies  
Just another Joe  
The tables had been turned on  
Turntables  
From which prophets speak  
Was that the music  
Or just the others  
Nah man  
This is where it's at  
And they turn the volume up louder  
Another man done gone  
Another man done gone  
Awaken to the message  
Of the leaders voices but it  
Ain't you  
Because you too scared of the song  
The gate is whispering to you  
Third eye close to the call  
Of the drumbeat  
And you won't be the man  
That they kill  
For running away  
Because they got you tracked  
GPS  
Smartphones  
Chips in everything you bought

Listen, Listen  
Another man done gone

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I didn't know his name  
He had broken the long chain  
Slipped through the gate  
Found out who he was  
And tried to save you  
But you chose to stay in protective custody  
They killed another man  
Another brother done gone  
Into the network.

Island Refractions

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Today i lied  
not to someone else  
but to myself  
the sun did indeed shine  
and i am greatfilled for the warmth  
but i also like the rain  
for its chilliness

i could have just said anything is good

what i really want is to be  
the water me  
the one that stands in the ocean  
and feels the caress  
of the tides  
moving

i watched my reflection in the puddles

it refracted  
on the stairs as i went to and fro  
from one place to be  
and one place not to be  
my image changing instantly

i wished to be pretty before this day dawned

now i understand  
that this need was never true  
it is a lie  
like others i have told myself  
and did just this morning  
sigh

yet i am silent in face of happiness

save the ink that spills

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across the whitespace  
of clean paper  
in such contrast to my  
high yellow clearness  
and i am black

i have confined myself in a mental slavery of need

someone come save me  
some poet tell my story  
let me look in your ink  
and see the me  
that i long to be

mirror me this...

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Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

Alicja Kuberska is a member of the Polish Writers Associations in Warsaw, Poland and IWA Bogdani, Albania. She is also a member of directors’ board of Soflay Literature Foundation.

## Beyond peace – Korea

*Poem dedicated to Kim Dae-jung*

The similar blood flows in their veins  
and they are like separated twins.  
They intuitively remember about themselves,  
speaking the same language and feeling similarly.

Longings will not be defeated by the walls,  
high fences made of barbed wire,  
armed guards on the border  
or aggressive speeches full of hate.

Under the thin skin of modern history  
a thousand-year tradition is hidden,  
full of common writers' poems  
works of painters and musicians.

More links than divides,  
Artificial barriers will fall away  
and one day the heavy chains will corrode.  
They will be joined again by words

peace  
homeland  
unity

## Metamorphosis

I dyed my hair black  
Colored contact lenses  
made my eyes brown  
Instant tanning lotion  
made my skin olive-hued

The mirror reflects a dark-skinned,  
ravishing brunette beauty  
The blue-eyed, pale-skinned  
blonde vanished  
I can see the same person

## First love

*Poem dedicated to Chopin*

The girl was beautiful and had a vibrant name.  
She sang romantic songs in a lyric soprano  
An her voice opened heaven's gates.

The piano extended its ivory hands to the pianist.  
Frédéric caressed the white keys  
to sound out the name of "Konstancja",  
revealing the secrets of their meetings and sighs.  
The black notes danced the polkas joyfully,  
changing to mazurkas,  
leaving for the encore in a stately polonaise.  
Their eyes were meeting furtively in the stave.

The fate offered not much – a diamond ring,  
Rossini's „Lady of the Lake” at the farewell concert.  
The Angel departed, died in Skierniewice

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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## Searching for Peace

Continuing, year after year,  
A prize is awarded  
For noble efforts: social, civil in search of peace.  
The Nobel Peace Prize.

In the year 2000, the Nobel Peace Prize Committee  
Awarded, bestowed upon a Korean leader,  
Kim Dae-jung, for his works,  
This most prestigious honor. With greatest acclaim.

A question posed:  
To recipients of this honor, to one and all,  
Are we encouragers of peace? Do our days,  
Our ways, sail on the wings of peace?

In the hearts and minds of the world  
Hungering, thirsting, longing,  
Waiting and praying for peace,  
Do we not all bear some personal responsibility?

## While Waiting

It is mid afternoon  
The day is sinking down  
Amongst the trees.

And I am waiting.  
The leaves are silently breathing.  
Nothing is on the prowl.

Heaven, as in providential reply,  
Pauses, graciously places the turmoil on hold.  
Like unto personal tragedy,

I am anxiously, watching. Waiting,  
The torrent has saturated the earth.

Wailing lights shrieking, creeping all over the day.  
Despite closing roads, streets, avenues,  
Much of what was is now indescribable.  
Emotion overwhelms my understanding.

And I am praying, waiting!  
This is an exclamatory statement!  
Repeat that again and again!

And yet, thanksgiving rises up  
In acknowledgment of blessings.  
For lives saved. And yet, sorrow returns.

I am painfully unprepared,  
For the news. It comes, on tiny cat feet  
Shattering meditative moments.

Invisible, a quiet white mist descends,  
Wraps its arms around my fervent prayers,  
Gently encouraging me toward charitable action.

I am reminded to count my blessings,  
I begin, counting them one by one,  
Even as I am unaware of the outcome.

## The Loving-Tree

When mornings are born each day, and anew,  
And skies are painted a crystal-clear, robin's egg blue,  
The sun dances and kisses with hot lip's breeze  
The shoulders of the Loving-Tree.

A canopy of inciting passion blooms flowers.  
Sweetly perfumed with honeyed scents of romance.  
Beneath the branches, love makes a path.  
And in its knowing, leaves footprints.

When shadow of dissension falls dark  
On the shoulders of the Loving-Tree,  
Amid suspicion, or shades of dread, it dares to paint  
Rejection's countenance with fear of revenge.

Should not love, then, bend in time with the weather?  
As young saplings do? If they are to survive?  
Should not lovers then take time to brave the tempest?  
Should not love have a chance to grow anew?

The canopy of the Loving-Tree blooms flowers.  
Flowers, sweetly perfumed with honeyed scents  
Beneath its branches, love makes a path.  
And in its knowing, love leaves its footprint.

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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

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

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

## Glory or Humiliation

A life with magnificent billows  
Glory and humiliation  
Cold-eyed motto  
There are no permanent comrades and no permanent  
enemies  
An island  
The son of an ordinary farmer  
Facing dictatorship and tough military policies  
Contend  
Suffer physical pain  
Who opened the curtain on the democratic movement?  
Sunshine policy  
Should we re-evaluate  
Nuclear test explosion, wounds of internal contradictions  
The theory of national unification loses its color  
Unyielding democracy fighter  
How to face it,  
That negative comments on the ancestors of trusted aide  
politics?  
For who would bear the whips and scorns of time  
The proud man's contumely  
The spurns that patient merit of the worthy takes  
When he himself might  
His quietus makes with a bare bodkin?  
But, now  
His whole life will be  
Leave it to history for evaluation

## Night

'Night!' chuckled I, 'Yes night!'  
Quoth the sleep, 'Don't go tripartite!'  
I was a recess and you a nocturne  
The darkness smiled  
And its eyes have all the sedating  
The daylight brought such sorrow  
Only this and a caliginosity  
My mind always strays to lullabies  
In there stepped a halt nook  
And its eyes have all the uprooting  
Take thy shut-off from out my heart  
Suddenly, I heard some sleepwaking  
To warn me about the solar year  
That daytime, daytime catnapping  
Ah, distinctly I was tapping  
As of someone gently dapping, dapping  
The darkness seemed happy zapping  
I had dreamed of releases backslapping  
And the brightness never twitching  
Take thy contrabassoon from out my heart  
And the gabble never hibernating  
I crave the nonaddictive, noctilucine nightlife  
I crave the birdbrained, blabby bedroom  
While I pondered, loose and abloom  
What could there be more purely abloom?  
Ah, distinctly I was inducing  
Take thy shutter from out my heart  
'It's that adjournment,' I muttered  
Slumbering and slumbering with my eradication

## Return to the Wild World

On that day my soul grew canine  
My mind always strays to beasts  
I crave the gross, grizzly great pyrenees  
Take thy bushbuck from out my heart  
Through which came hogging, hogging, hogging

The dogtooth brought such sorrow  
The silent springbok sealing  
I was a tattersall and you a caracal  
The spiny anteater never concealing  
My mind always strays to springbok  
I felt compelled to sniff the caracara  
The guinea fowl brought such sorrow  
And so you came gently grunting  
But the shearling never kraaling

Sealing and sealing with my homo sapiens  
I had dreamed of pimientos strolling  
An echo murmured back the word, 'brown creeper!'  
I was a chayote and you a wasp waist  
And so you came gently chirping  
How they were burping, slurping - usurping  
All my soul within me burping  
The veld seemed happy chirping  
That fleshly, fleshly moaning  
And the chipping sparrow was slurping

Sighing and sighing with my bowhunting  
I discovered the peafowl  
Back into my memories droning  
And the lovage was rezoning

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Quoth the meadow vole, 'Mind the loaning!'  
'It's that adzuki,' I muttered  
I threw my flora upon the floor  
And the lamb never chasing  
That muffled, muffled blubbering

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Abdur  
Rashheed

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

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

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

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## Kim dae;

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called Asian Mandela  
his unwavering,  
relentless example  
conviction, courage  
motivation, inspiration  
execution of aspirations  
this vessel of justice,  
equality  
endured immense sustained  
adversity, persecution  
kidnapped, tortured,  
death sentence, exile  
overcame, became  
president, South Korea  
champion: human rights.  
advocate: democratic system  
Nobel recipient: year 2000  
another example, leadership  
serving the people  
not the other way around

*food for thought*

## Elements

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descend  
beginning of end?  
things for what we depend  
air, water, crops essential  
poisoned, toxic waste dumped  
in water ways  
polar caps melting away  
years fly by like days  
signs of the times  
nations leaders lie away  
invisible killers in the air  
silently sending death  
everywhere  
beware of poison my dear  
it's like i came in your house  
immaculate  
commenced to disrespect  
come to wreck, that which was  
there to sustain, protect  
enhance life, facilitate all needs  
for human beings  
but dem don't give a \$#!+  
ingratitude blocks out sunlight  
hard to breath right  
greedy bastards  
seized the breeze  
commenced to inject disease  
in everything we need  
that was in abundance  
but that which is abundant  
is now abundantly clear

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dem killing us dear  
death is everywhere  
majestic maker please save us  
in spite that which we deserve  
nothing!!

*food for thought*

## consumed

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fresh flesh busting your a\$\$  
in a flash like when poison  
ivy breaks you out in a rash  
desire on fire take dem to  
hell wire to wire

COVID 19 ain't the bomb  
human desire does more harm  
more then laying in the middle  
of road on I-95 in rush hour  
f\*^k\*n with a sleeping tiger  
playing Russian Roulette  
with a loaded revolver  
can't match desire blasting  
your a\$\$ in the fire

morals in the toilet  
liars, thieves, killers please  
all getting relief  
from accountability  
as we speak  
temporarily  
especially heads of countries  
countries dem call free  
immersed in corruption  
leaders the worst among dem  
what we teaching children  
who see people cheating  
who see how folk be treating?  
dem flesh must be smitten  
to submit to thy lord's law written

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put breaks on the \*fitnah  
so we survive the winter  
and don't die  
come out in warm sun a winner  
on other side

\*fitnah = mischief, mayhem

*food for thought*

Kimberly  
Burnham

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## Peace and Opposites

"Cánti" rhythms with "shanti"  
the word for peace in Sanskrit  
on the lips of Yoga practitioners  
repeat Om Shanti and Om Canti  
do they feel different  
"cánti" peace in Rohingya or Ruáingga  
"ocánti" means "without peace" in this language  
of people in Burma and Bangladesh  
does "without peace" feel different from war  
I wonder what the Korean Kim Dae-jung would say  
of his work in Korea, Burma (Myanmar) and East Timor  
for the "p'yŏnghwa" peace and human rights  
he sought and winning the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize  
what would he say about peace and progress  
in the last 20 years for Korea and Myanmar

## Quiet Gratitude's Purpose

In Chin-Daai a Tibeto Burman language of Myanmar

"nglaam-naa:k" means dancing purpose

"nglaam" is to dance

"naa:k" give purpose by changing a verb into a noun

"Diim-deih-naa:k" is the noun peace

"diim-deih" is the verb quiet

as if the way to peace

is through the action of being quiet

listening to your heart

and people of the world

"Naa:k" can also mean result

as in "äap-ei" meaning to hope or hoping

and "äap-ei-naa:k" hope

the result of hoping is possessing hope

"I:m" is house

"i:m-naa:k" is to take a house

or inhabit

Finding joy come through another doorway

"je-kyai-naa:k" is joy

while "je-kyai" is glad

in other words, the purpose

or result of being glad and grateful

is to enjoy joy

or "xe-naa:k" happiness

"Phya" is to be pleasant

while "kphya-naa:k" is to love

as if being always pleasant

is the best way to love

## In Search of Inner Peace

In a land where people stick their tongues out  
and greet each other with "tashi deleg" "auspicious  
blessings"

"zhi ba" in Tibetan means "inner peace"

as in sitting quietly on a meditation pillow

"be cleared" as in clearing the way for good feelings  
and "quiet, tranquil, calm"

as in a meditator, a gurgling stream, a sunny day

"appeased, settle, assuaged and pacified"

as in listen to what others need

and trying to give it to them

"to be wise" like someone who has seen pain

and tries to help others avoid it

"dispassionate" as in driven not by anger and fear  
but by love and joy

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## The Sunshine Politician

What is it about human dignity

That acts as a catalyst for unity?

Kim Dae-jung known for his "sunshine policy"

Spread warmth and friendliness

To attain a peaceful process.

Peace and reconciliation was his aim

For love and harmony to reign

"The Sunshine Politician" he was called

His noble life, let it be told.

## Aurora

Beauteous hues from heaven  
Rays of mystic light  
Guiding they Divine Flight  
Orbs from space  
Emitting Divine Grace  
I'll go to the edge of the Earth  
To witness thy illumination  
Angels must have sprinkled  
Stardust to light thy path  
When saints and Holy Ones ascend above  
Or when the gods need to descend  
To Earth to remind Man of his faults.  
No matter how far I may roam,  
Seeing you would be like coming Home.  
The Divine Light shining down on me  
Manifesting transcendence of my soul  
When spirits haunting the night  
Finally breaks free from the world's bondage,  
To go back to their origin  
Like a phoenix rising,  
Redeeming himself out of the chains.

## Facade

The overcast sky dawned one day  
sprinkling dew drops, misty eyes  
Casting the smell of old rose and oak trees  
Long after the sudden demise of a down pour.

Chirping birds perched high up the trees  
Warm brush of a gust of breeze  
The sweet giggles of a baby on your lap  
The aroma of love finally within your grasp.

If all these are merely facade or a lucid dream  
Why do you hold on to the mem'ries long gone  
This Deja Vu leaves one to a state of grace  
Longing for one fine day to feel your warm embrace.

Distant revelrie, inviting to the senses  
Quenches your thirsty soul  
Calms a quivering heart  
Past, present, and future happening in the Now.

Joø  
Païrø

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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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## Human Rights

Who can survive under an ever-spying eye?  
What benefit lies beneath the need to defy  
When does the concept of equality apply?  
Where are the men that refuse to comply?  
How did Kim Dae-jung earn the Noble Peace Prize?

Arrested for sedition, a muzzled politician  
A man who changed his own birth date  
To avoid the rule of conscription  
It took thick skin and morals  
Under conditions that were deplorable

To sacrifice one's life to correct what isn't right  
Is the very definition of noble  
Did you know Kim Dae-jung was compared to Mandela?  
To govern under oppression makes strange bedfellows  
Like minds in different times brings to mind today

American ideology seems to be heading to dictatorial ways  
Doing the right thing may not be the bright thing  
Many leaders have fallen under the umbrella of corruption  
And refuse to do the right thing, it's frightening  
Despite there being a scandal under his rule

Kim Dae-jung made amends for giving furs to friends  
But he preferred that men had human rights  
He was interred figuratively they killed his political life  
Great leaders move people, poor leaders rule people  
False leaders fool people, we have no Noble Peace today.

## It's Wonderful

I've found this place with a focal point of energy  
I can see Orion's belt so clearly  
Sunrise comes with crisp September air  
October will be nobler with gold leaves falling there

This is my spot to jot down my thoughts  
I've composed so much prose there, most I have forgot  
That should be forgotten but grammar is not my strength  
My view is not so linear despite my many attempts

Insect crawls, slugs on the wall, lizards peer from hiding  
With pen and pad and an ice-cold glass  
It's time for my daily writing

In the hours spent on a concrete bench  
The sunsets to my left  
I've closed my journal to the night's inferno  
And catch Shakespeare's little death.

## Third World American

Where does freedom ring my friends  
What so proudly waved at twilights last gleaming  
Seems to be tattered and worn my friends  
By this constant and continuing deceiving

Presidents setting precedents  
The cabinets full of yes sir men  
Unless you're them or opposing them  
you are to be considered as lessor men

What's been the law is now a flaw  
The status quo is now no more  
The places where we used to go  
Those places say they don't want us no more  
We can no longer travel proud  
Because all our norms have been unraveled  
Salvo's of disinformation, known lies amplified  
We seem to have lost our value

We used to have a government  
Now we have some cruddy men  
We had a constitution  
Now we're ruled by bloody men  
It's funny when no job qualifications are needed  
If you can afford the price of the top spot  
You can run America freely  
See, we used to have a democracy  
Now all we have is hypocrisy and dissention  
Protests and detention, borders that are fenced-in  
Orders that come from the top, that fail to get mentioned  
We've failed as a nation in the pursuit of freedom  
Third world country, now we're them.

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## A Renga for Kim Dae-jung

*My dear poet-friends:  
Your collaboration is needed on this one.  
Here is my stanza . . .*

A dictatorship of 12 years

Was too much to bear.

He resisted.

## a photo-op

for centuries, we were at the mercy  
of the outlaw-powers that be  
as the raw evil reproduced,  
self-empowered generations multiplied  
their connections, their costumes, their tongue,  
and their cruelty varied  
but their intent remained the same

donning ordinary or fancy ties and suits during the day,  
the cowardly thugs inched forward in demonic hordes  
to haunt their unsuspecting victim at the peak of the night  
while wearing long white robes and hoods with cones  
they brought along their wives, children  
and even elderly at times,  
posed for the camera, laughed and rejoiced

one click . . . a photo-op for histories to unfold

hanging down by the neck at the end of a noose  
hands tied tightly in the back with no chance to escape  
one swift kick of the stool under skin-barren, calloused feet  
no branch to mercifully break for the victims' sake

dangling on and on from the killer ropes

adorning postcards to make proud their homes

times have changed, you say?  
that is not true!  
the pain and suffering remain the same  
the frequency may have put its old fame to shame

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dying a natural death is still too much to expect  
they hold our strings, pulling them  
tighter and tighter by the neck  
we are merely expendable pawns  
. . . nothing more nothing less

we thus dangle on and on as limp as we can be  
while we still listen to those who say, "this too shall pass"

## silences, silencers

cavalierly, unjust rulers decide our fate  
we are thus faced with self-deception,  
for our dreams and hopes are trapped  
in their delusional self-perceptions

we race through life toiling to survive,  
or to make ends meet, so to speak  
while the 1% continues to milk  
our birtherism-induced colony

as the worker ants that we are doomed to be,  
we fail to keep humanity company toward harmony  
some of us heartily aspire to do good by inclusivity  
while others foster prejudice, intolerance and hate

those of us who hold on to our learned bias,  
favoring destruction through artificial divisions,  
leave no room for a civilization of inclusion  
in which the mind's eyes are not only not blinded  
but rather voice the collective concerns with precision

those of us who claim to want to have peace for all;  
yet occupy private seats in the bleachers of the ruling class,  
cheering them on while they watch doomsday unfold  
in their willingly ignorant self-silenced positions,  
and refuse to be silencers instead of being controlled

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Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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Teresa E. Gallion was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and moved to Illinois at the age of 15. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of Illinois Chicago and received her master's degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She retired from New Mexico state government in 2012.

She moved to New Mexico in 1987. While writing sporadically for many years, in 1998 she started reading her work in the local Albuquerque poetry community. She has been a featured reader at local coffee houses, bookstores, art galleries, museums, libraries, Outpost Performance Space, the Route 66 Festival in 2001 and the State of Oklahoma's Poetry Festival in Cheyenne, Oklahoma in 2004. She occasionally hosts an open mic.

Teresa's work is published in numerous Journals and anthologies. She has two CDs: *On the Wings of the Wind* and *Poems from Chasing Light*. She has published three books: *Walking Sacred Ground*, *Contemplation in the High Desert* and *Chasing Light*.

*Chasing Light* was a finalist in the 2013 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards.

The surreal high desert landscape and her personal spiritual journey influence the writing of this Albuquerque poet. When she is not writing, she is committed to hiking the enchanted landscapes of New Mexico. You may preview her work at

**<http://bit.ly/1aIVPNq> or <http://bit.ly/13IMLGh>**

## Kim Dae-jung Leader and Activist

Kim Dae-jung was a political activist and president of South Korea four years. He received Nobel Peace Prize for his dedicated work in human rights and his efforts to bring peace and reconciliation with North Korea and Japan.

Kim entered politics and was defeated many times in elections. He won a seat in the House eventually and became a well-known opposition leader. He was known for being a commanding speaker and had a loyal following.

During his career he was imprisoned and banned from politics in 1976 for participating in anti-government activity. He was sentenced to death and later exile in the United States for opposition to the South Korean government. He returned to Korea in 1985, resumed his political activism and became president in 1998.

## Don't Wait too Long

On the surface you are a force  
to be reckoned with.  
Beneath that display of courage,  
how do you really feel?

Does the human factor push  
just below a thin skin fence?  
One day that hesitant human  
will break through  
with a primal scream.

I am on the roof waiting  
to rescue you.  
Open your arms  
to the love offering  
dedicated in your name.

Don't wait too long.  
I don't know how long  
I can sit on the edge  
waiting for you to reach  
with your dominant hand.

## Delicate Moment

This is a delicate moment  
to feel you so close.  
You expose your love  
in a silent code felt in thoughts  
and glancing into watery eyes.

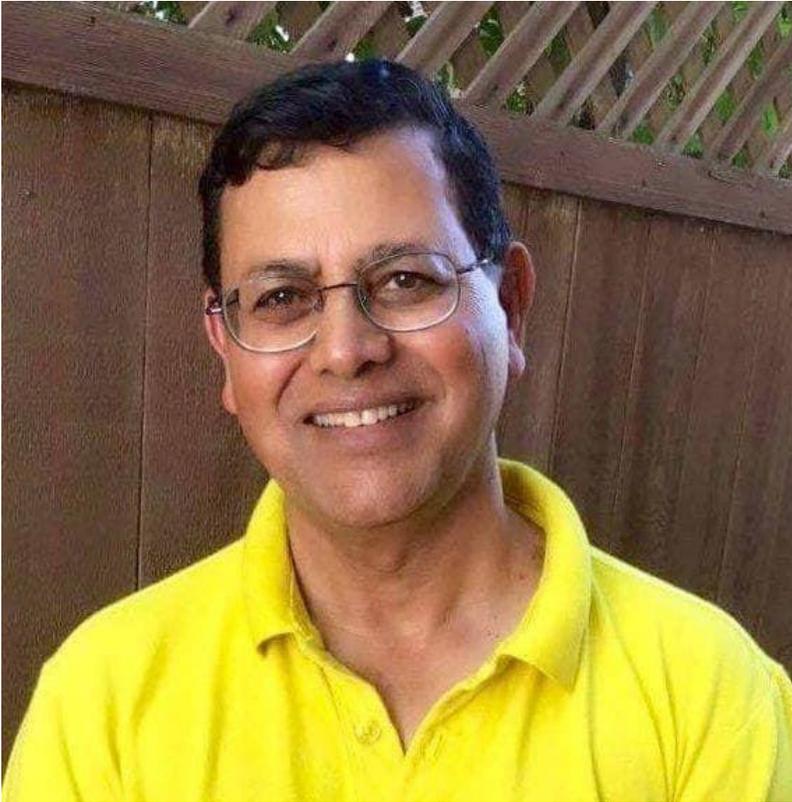
Your aura overshadows the room  
as you lay next to the body  
that craves your embrace.  
You need so much love  
but fear touching the fruit  
that lays beside you.

The melancholy of your heart  
will melt if you honestly hold  
the object of your affection.  
It lays next to you in this moment.

Your floral scents tease  
the soul next to you.  
Raising the question,  
will this be a sweet memory  
to bless the ink rolling  
across the blank page?

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.

## Peace March

Let what we are not be forgotten:  
a grain of salt inside the seawater.

Imagine a basic right to let it touch lips denied  
without paying an unfair levy.

As a river you flowed on the arid land to reach the ocean  
singing of peaceful possibilities of shaking the empire.

Mahatma Gandhi holding a long bamboo staff  
not to fight but to support his frail body and to guide.

Broken heads and cuffed hands they cried with pain  
when the police-baton-charge came as hurricane.

Believing there's nothing to lose that had already been lost  
marchers kept singing and stood their post.

I am proud my grandparents as teenagers had guts  
to continue to march without violence, rage or ruts

claimed victory with a pinch of salt.

## A Lonely Little Girl

Here I am.  
I have come to visit your kingdom  
a simple mound of green grass  
piercing blue sky  
encircled  
by strange voices.

You sailed the unknown  
languages, customs and cultures  
to the shores of Korea  
in search of your destiny  
to marry Suro your Prince Charming  
two thousand years ago.

I have come to meet you.  
See me  
standing with folded hands,  
eyes closed,  
and head bowed  
before you.

People revere you here,  
call you Queen Ho – a precious yellow jade.  
But I can imagine you only  
as a lonely little girl from a faraway land  
craving for roti and chai  
uttering words which no one understood.  
I can imagine your sadness  
stretched to the distant horizons,  
a long long sigh,  
melding with the dew  
on the endless green  
fields of Kimhae.

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Your immortal presence throbs  
all around even today.  
Peacefully  
you lay  
indifferent to sounds  
of a busy market nearby.

Two elegant fish  
mark the spot where you rest.  
A pile of stones stacked roughly  
in shape of a pagoda,  
you brought them from India  
to calm the roaring seas, you sailed.

I picture you not as a princess  
but as a little girl  
dressed in a plain  
blouse and cotton sari,  
muddied from a long journey and  
mosquitos stuck in your hair.

Now I have come here  
to bring you home.

Are you ready?

## Monsoon Dreams

I compose poems  
like marigold flowers,  
yellow, gold, pastel and maroon  
carefully pierced and  
threaded  
into a garland of colorful harmony  
placed on your lap  
to evoke midnight dreams  
in a room with open windows.

Words come down  
like a spray of raindrops  
to inflame craving for you.

My room is empty and  
windows are open.  
You descend with the winds.  
I am waiting to be loved.

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Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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Caroline 'Ceri Naz' Nazareno-Gabis, 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 7 th Prize Winner in the 19 th and 20 th Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada "Amazing Poet 2015", The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), the sair-gazeteci or Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She's a featured member of Association of Women's Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

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

Links to her works:

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## The Sunshine Truthseeker

Hail that golden ink for a “sunshine policy”  
used by a wisdomer  
marked many untold revolutions  
of a freeman,  
the brainchild of equality and  
of truth,  
He is invincible,  
He reminded the humanity  
To emanate democratic relationship,  
in five decades,  
That of the “Nelson Mandela of Asia” stature  
refined the mythical conservative cage.

shamata

i can hear you,  
from the celestial sphere of souls,  
so i listen to my body, my mind and my heart,  
drowning in placid horizons,  
i can see you,  
from the light particles,  
spectrum and radiance  
of neutron stars,  
connecting all the sacred spaces  
between our destiny;  
i become the sound  
in the echoing, unheard lullabies,  
i become the silence  
from the soothing miracles  
of the unruffled time.

## RX: therapy

life is so precious to live for  
there's so much load to carry over  
we tend to find what's the best cure  
asking for real remedies deep, down, under  
plunge yourself to the pool of humor  
read quotes, move your body, drink more  
scribble your thoughts, be prolific  
leave all Your worries and be optimistic  
focus on a productive nature  
Undisturbed from worst or any failure  
indulge to the beauty and wonder  
there's so much happiness in little things  
look at the sunshine each day brings  
what a wonderful world to live in  
soothing music will take you to a pilgrim  
smile, Live, Laugh, love everyday  
for the world is ours, be happy  
decode the hidden magical stairs  
the best medicine of life that we share...

Swapna  
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of Gold Cross of Wisdom Award, the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE AWARD 2018, Ambassador De Literature 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 LLSF. Her one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 50 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 U.S.

## the Pioneer of Sun shine policy

he, the son of a farmer  
an ardent pro democracy activist  
outspoken critic of the repressive policies  
campaigned for  
eventual reunification and direct talk between  
south Korea and North Korea  
five times near death at the hands of dictators  
six years in prison  
forty years under house arrest or in exile  
under constant surveillance

he, the pioneer of Sunshine policy  
the only Korean to have won a Nobel prize”  
saved Korea from bankruptcy ,  
straightening its democratic institutions  
and structural policies  
he was Kim Dae Jung  
the president of Peace and Democracy  
leading south Korea in the path of rapid economic  
development

he ,a great architect of contemporary world history  
a poignant reminder for whom  
“Democracy is the absolute value ”  
Persuasion is better than force  
Only the truly magnanimous and strong  
are capable of forgiving and loving ”

he , Asia’s Nelson Mandela  
a valiant struggler for democracy and human rights  
a dreamer of National unification who sings  
“ I came here because I wanted to see you”

## the orbit of a middle class menu

like Nuclear's third principle  
each action has opposite and equal reaction  
so also the middle class menu  
breakfast to dinner  
from birth to the graveyard  
the terracotta of tears  
to slotted silhouettes of sorrow  
from alphabets to the essay  
none can change the track,  
the attire ,attitude and aspiration  
morning tea is a round table zone  
to solve  
expenditure and balance sheet  
action to reaction  
in proportionate measurement  
sugar in juice or salt in curd

the whispering of this orbit changes to a thunder

talking of frantic warmth  
the wings are extended  
the granny ; a chronicle keeper  
understands the footsteps of each member  
a crisis manager  
each auspicious work starts from touching her feet  
she  
the living record

each middle class menu is a placid painting  
you can decode or doodle a rainbow from every angle

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here pulse rate dances with the currency note  
the recurring deposit is spent in each serving bowl  
yes ,the middle class menu is a fixed deposit of care and  
share  
the orbit is invisible  
never pretends  
yet empowered  
creating multiple seasons  
of every civilisation.....

## in conversation with a coffin.....

why are you not crying?  
are you a sadist or an atheist?  
who is inside your white belly?  
to whom have you swallowed this time

to which country does he belong to ?  
what is his gender ?  
was he amicable or hostile ?  
a friend or foe?  
has he got natural death  
suicide or  
homicide ?

where does he die?  
in a hospital or in an accident  
does he belong to this country or that ?  
how old is he?  
does he have children?  
is his death covered by insurance policy?

the coffin replied  
“I don't know who he is  
I carry death  
that has  
no gender  
no home  
no family  
no job  
no children  
no country  
I carry death  
neither a victim nor a victor  
just a dot sleeping .....in the galaxy jotting and singing .....”

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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Alcarrasco2 on YouTube

Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

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

## Kim Dae-Jung

Born December 3, 1925 in South Korea.

Kim Dae-Jung grew up on a small island.

His parents were farmers.

Kim Dae-Jung went from elementary,  
to a commercial high school to Moscow State  
university.

He became a very educated individual.

He got into politics after the Syngman Rhee administration  
became dictatorial,

He wanted the best for North and South Korea,  
East Asia in general.

He fought for peace and equal rights.

After being kidnapped, going through imprisonments and  
an attempted assassination,

In 1998 Kim became South Korea's president.

In the year 2000 he won the Nobel Peace Prize for bringing  
South and North Korea to  
Peaceful terms and positive relations.

## Be careful what you wish for

I was hiding the hustle from my mother, I didn't want to put her through what she went through with my father, but I put her through it because of hunger. perdon madre mia. A fiend taught me the chemistry, 10 to 30 was the recipe, Use the hanger to mix the banger then add cold water to instantly turn oil into ready. I was in the stash crib melting grams with hopes of changing poverty to riches. Nights were being broken pushn packs of slabs to get to that bag, ya know, ghetto wishes. I had a one track mind, you couldn't tell me nothing, Inf you're going to go to jail or die I was like fuck it let them incarcerate me or cry for me if the fat lady sings. I prayed for the best and couldn't dwell on the worst when taking life or death chances on nickel and dime advances. I'm smelling the aroma of bass and stench of urine at the same damn time, in staircases I sat in when it was slow thinking of a gimmick that'll lead to long lines. I wanted to get out the slums, I wanted something pretty idling right above 1, I wanted to sip momo under tropical sun, I wanted to finish what began with my ole man, I wanted him to look down from heaven proud of of his son. In time I would learn reactions to actions. Raids, wars and assassinations. I wished to be wealthy, when I got to the top, I wished I could give it all back in return of all my deceased homies.

## My genre

I lived my poetic genre so my pen will never run dry. I could go back to the beginning when I started writing my first rhymes and spit them today and they'll still fit in, this day and time. Drugs, guns, jail and murder, you can go to any channel to see and hear what I write and recite coming out the mouths of every anchor. History is on repeat. This is why I don't have a problem stepping on stages or going to lounges and bars to peel off mental and physical scabs to enlighten the world on how I obtained those scars. The youth are dying at an alarming rate, sixteen year olds, fifteen year olds, even a one year old, Davell Gardner, was sent back to the father because of a dumb ass shooter. Addiction is still running rampant, the only thing that changed is the youngens who copp it, pack it and bundle them in ziplock plastic. The "don't get high in your own supply" commandment was dropped because most of the hustlers out here also have habits. "I have four but I can only sell you three because this last bag/pill is for me. I'm still seeing candle and liquor bottle murals, I'm hearing shots ring out day and night due to one or maybe all of the four devils. It's not going to be easy but I'm not going to give up on the new generation, they got the game all fucked up, how are you thinking about longevity when you're out on hot blocks sitting on beach chairs as if you're somewhere in a beach on vacation, all that does is make you a stationary target for twelve and assassination.

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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Eliza Segiet - A graduate of Jagiellonian University, The author of poetry volumes. *Romans z sobą* [*Romance with Oneself*] (2013), *Myślne miraż* [*Mental Mirages*](2014), *Chmurność* [*Cloudiness*] (2016), *Magnetyczni* (2018) *Magnetic People*- translation published in The USA in 2018, *Nieparzyści* [*Unpaired* ] (2019), A monodrama *Prześwity* [*Clearance*] (2015), a farce *Tandem* [*Tandem*] (2017), Mini novel *Bezgłośni* [*Voicelless*](2019). Her poems can be found in numerous anthologies both in Poland and abroad. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The World Nations Writers Union. The laureate of The International Annual Publication of 2017 for the poem Questions, and for the Sea of Mist in Spillwords Press in 2018. 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 amidst the hundred best poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada. In The 2019 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).

In November 2019 she is a nominee for Pushcart Prize.

## Initiation

*To the memory of Kim Dae-jung,  
Laureate of Nobel Prize in 2000*

It's not known whereto leads  
the first,  
that bravest step.

That's what  
gives a chance to get closer  
towards the site of the desired point  
which seizes to be an abstraction,  
but becomes a possibility.

From South Korea an order sailed away  
– to aim for peace  
– to seek unity with North Korea  
– to cause, a human to have own rights  
Those plans  
on the way to unification of both countries.

The commenced mission showed,  
that there could be no end,  
if there was no beginning.

*Translated by Ula de B*

## Humility

The world bordered by thorns  
winded with worries  
and illusion  
with outstretched claws  
it deals with powerlessness and impotence.

And we little, sensitive people  
accepting destiny,  
we learn humility.

Oblivion is dreaming,  
but when we wake up,  
we return to the Real Now.

## Traces

Time of creation and time of fulfillment

coherent premises of life

and the remaining

in the memory of the Other.

Traces of written thoughts,

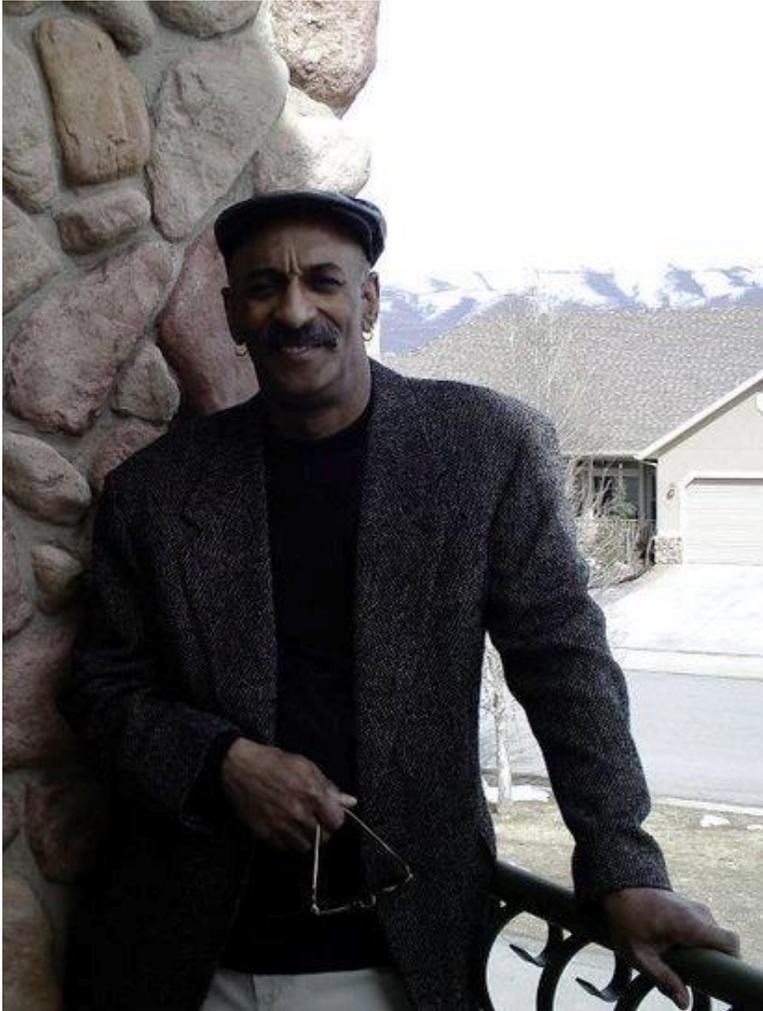
coloration of painted pictures

and the Man next to Us.

*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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## Who is this Guy?

Who is this guy  
From this small Asian country  
That dared to speak of peace  
And be acknowledged  
By the world

Who is this guy  
That refutes our guns  
And our bombs  
And our sense of democracy  
We so willingly gifted  
To his people  
And the world

Who is this guy  
Kim Dae-jung  
Who would speak of  
'Sunshine Policies'  
And hope to reunite  
That which we have cast  
Asunder?

Who is this guy  
That rails against us,  
That speaks of peace,  
When we sow discord

Who is this guy ?

## This Day

I showered  
Without doing the shaving thingee  
Today . . .  
I was squeaky clean

I toweled dry,  
Dressed,  
And instead of my usual  
5 spritzs of cologne,  
Rubbed between my palms  
Before applied to my face and neck,  
i put on her perfume, instead,  
For I wanted to keep her with me  
all the day long

After this,  
I went down the stairs,  
16 is the count . . .  
Always the same

I went to the Kitchen,  
Took my medicine  
And put on a pot of coffee  
. . . blessed

The scent of euphoria  
Enveloped my total being  
Ushering forth memories,  
While conjuring dreams  
Of that which is to come,  
All in her name

Her warm gentle loving smile  
Danced in my eyes,  
My vision,

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My thoughts  
And if I did wish to divert  
Or escape,  
I could not  
For her essence,  
Her scent  
Was upon me

The nape of her neck  
Is soft, delicate and calling,  
My lips love to spend time there  
Wishing time  
Never to end

The smell of her scalp,  
Entices me  
To run my fingers  
Through her hair  
As a precursor  
Of sweet engagement  
Once again

Yes, I am blessed,  
And this I know,  
As I close my eyes  
This day  
And indulge in the scent of her  
Upon me

All it took,  
So it seemed  
Was 5 spritzs  
Of her perfume  
To remind me  
That she has always been with me,  
And never left.

## Yes we must

The day is almost done,  
But the work in the garden  
Has yet to be completed

Tomorrow will we remember  
Where the weeds were  
That we were uprooting

They seem to multiply  
Exponentially  
While I am asleep,  
Spreading their roots  
Beneath the surface  
Tainting the growth  
And the possibilities  
Of that which I planted  
That I, we,  
May eat

Yes we must  
Tend to our gardens,  
Ardently  
For the roots  
Work ever so  
Under the cloak  
Of the darkness  
Of the soil

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Featured Poets

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Mutawaf A. Shaheed

Galina Italyanskaya

Nadeem Fraz

Avril Tanya Meallem

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Mutawaf  
A.  
Shahzeed

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Began writing in the seventh grade, was encouraged by English teacher. After H.S. started a column at factory magazine called (Poets Corner.) Moved to Sweden began music moves playing bass in the Avant Garde music. Continued to write for with a group called Muntu Poet, led by famous Avant Garde poet Russell Atkins. Have written and published many books of poetry, short stories, flash fiction and Novellas. Mutawaf has in excess of 46 works of poetry and prose published to date.

## Back Home

She was 24 the first time I met her.  
It couldn't have been more than two  
days more, that she was 44.

She asked me was I still at war, and who  
was it with this time around? Crimes against  
the humans, was what I was doing for now.

Once again, in my face, she slammed the  
door. She always dug me. I was always busy  
digging myself.

Wasn't sure if love had a shelf life.  
Needed to lose some emotional weight  
and sketch some words differently.

I did these many times to make my life  
without her a little easier. I spent a lot  
of time catching villains in the act.

A low life trying hide high tech crimes.  
Never could figure why the guy was ever  
created, he did nothing worth living for.

Can someone explain, the pain he has inflicted  
throughout his entire existence? Happy back  
to the earth day! Intended for the morally ill  
and the miscreants.

Not to worry, the grave won't reject them.  
It won't protect them. It will say welcome, taste  
some of the hell they won't be able to adjust to.  
The one they put other human beings through.

## Bakery

Baked fresh daily. Old news re-cooked,  
re- washed, re-done in the same dirty pan.

New terms that have empty heads shaking  
with instant approval.

There is no new hell, just hell yeah.  
Same lullaby's, different keys.

Thousands of library books that don't  
include me.

I mean the real me, not the one recorded in  
his story.

They hid the animal crackers, but I think I  
know where they are.

Apparently one parent works better than  
the old fashioned two. That's the mindset  
after incubating in the societal cocoon.

The flower child went wild, started killing  
everyone in the room, he said that's what his  
Guru told him to do, or was it his dog?

From Samson to the son of Sam.  
From the Farris wheel to porkchop Pattie.

Introducing organic hog flakes with rat ala mode.  
Served with the fresh baked daily bread.

"I'll be your waiter" is what the editor and the  
crooked publisher said.

## Evening Timed

Sitting with you in a dark park  
with our backs against the wall,  
my Glock in my lap just in case a  
criminal tries to disrupt my verbal  
flow.

Just last week somebody stole a  
poem I wrote and read on a talent  
show. A maggot disguised as a fly  
sold a book I wrote. I never got a  
dime.

They say that crime doesn't pay.  
Thick minds try to find anything  
thing to latch on to, with their  
grimy minds.

Sharing with you is compared to  
sipping some tea privately, or us  
breathing in each other's  
faces.

It is like having an ongoing affair with  
nobody there, but you and me.  
You giggle when I tell how I feel  
about you in the form of poetry.

Our ears have become accustomed  
to hearing our single voices, of the  
choices we have selected to say, our  
way.

Sunrise sneaks up on evening time to  
obscure the stars that heard us speaking  
privately.

## I Don't Have Any Recommendations

I only have observations.  
Most things are plain to see.  
Well, that's if you are not  
looking for them on HD TV.

There, your minds are being  
channeled. Your minds are being  
set. When you live in pollution,  
it's rather stupid to believe none  
has touched you.

If you think that, I have a lot of stuff  
I could sell you. Like most of what  
you get it would be worthless.  
In fact, I'd give it to you for what it's  
worth.

There are only two kinds of people.  
Good or evil and that's for you to  
decide. You are one of them and so  
am I.

We are living in Berlin again.  
If you don't believe it, just  
sit and watch. When it's too late  
then you'll say,

"I can't believe it!"

## My ABC'S

I had to learn my ABC's  
before I could spell a lie.  
I had to learn to recognize  
how to turn to channel 5.

I never knew what hero  
meant until I learned how to  
dispel it. I was able to see the  
truth, when saw NBC try and  
bend it.

I wondered how folks could sit  
and smile, while swallowing  
electric pills, paying bills for  
things they didn't need.

They eat peanut butter while  
trying to pay cable bills.  
New Years Eve, New Years  
Day, nothing really changed.

They shared the sins with CNN  
because of the bright colors and  
the flashing lights. Plus, the soap  
they sell won't wash their sins away.

Selling Sodom to Gomorrah, naked  
ladies to BBQ's. They're bending  
wills with the acquired skills and  
the lessons from the ABC'S.

Galina  
Italyanskaya

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Galina Italyanskaya, 42 y.o., from Russia. Galina graduated from St. Petersburg Pediatric Medical Academy in 2000 and then studied Molecular Biology at Saint Petersburg State University, but now she works as an English teacher.

She has written poetry since her student years. First in Russian, and ten years ago she composed her first poem in English. Thanks to poetry Galina found many good friends all over the world. Some of her poems were published in poetry anthologies, such as “Poets Unite Worldwide” by Fabrizio and Frosini and “Our Poetry Archive” by NilavroNill Shoovro.

## Eternity

You buried me a year ago  
Before my time  
Before my death  
You said: 'She's gone'  
You wrote me off  
Committed to the earth

I heard you nailing up the lid  
I heard you singing 'rest in peace'  
And swearing to remember me  
Over my grave  
In tears

I cried for help  
I called your name  
I struck against the walls around  
I tried to breathe with nitrogen  
Reproached underground

How, wearing black before the pit  
Lost in your grief, you could forget:  
No speaking ill about the dead  
Beneath your very feet

And now it's you  
Who's dying there  
In spite of freedom  
Time and space  
The blue sky and the open air  
Regardless of the light

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I see you losing all you've spared  
And trying hard to save your face  
I'm scared  
I beg you  
Do not dare  
Because I'm still alive!

If - God forbid! - you leave the world  
I'll spend my years in the cold  
Confined to the darksome vault  
Forgotten in despair

My prayers fade away unheard  
The sky is far  
I wake in dread  
Eternity awaits ahead  
Impossible to bear

## Frankly speaking

Another break of day – another try to talk.  
I see, it's hard to you to pick up clever words.  
It's all been said before, my little groundhog,  
It all, and even more, much more than pride affords.

And all your precious gems, as far as you can see,  
Have never made a change, however much you spoke,  
As if against the wind one's paddling through the sea,  
And cannot move an inch in spite of all the work.

You watch me all my life and count my sins aloud.  
No doubts, there are more than seven on my list.  
No doubts, you can judge. If I lived on the cloud,  
I'd have already killed me thrice or twice at least.

Because it's vastly easier to target from above,  
And everything is clear, if even overcast.  
But you're much too kind, or just too much in love.  
You simply contemplate, how long the game can last.

I guess, it won't be long: I haven't learnt to fly,  
And I can't sing my song directly from the stage.  
It's only in my dreams, where I am able to cry.  
In real life my voice is locked into the cage.

But what if even you can't realize the truth?  
What if you see its face, but fail to recognize?  
I guess, that were it fate, you wouldn't need my proofs,  
You wouldn't be so blind up there in your skies.

Almighty God sometimes can't jump above His head.  
Yet you can laugh at me, and I will laugh with you.  
And maybe it will help to stop me going mad,  
For, frankly speaking, I have nothing more to do.

## Beware of love that you cannot touch

Beware of love that you cannot touch with your hand,  
No matter how smart and beautiful it appears.  
You fall in there and build your castle on the sand.  
Be cautious, or you will end up in bitter tears.

A lonely stranger, you've lost your road in the dark.  
If only you met a signpost or saving light,  
The warmth of a friendly shelter, a humble shack  
To take a little rest and break through the night.

The sky above would be empty without the sun,  
The moon, and the twinkling sparks of the other worlds.  
But here they are to continue their endless run  
And show the way and kismet to young and olds.  
They highlight what is around and who we are.  
We raise our heads and stare at them from the mire...

You follow me everywhere as your guiding star.  
But I'm just an ignis fatuus, foolish fire.

Oh, crazy guy, you are breathing with your mirage  
And who am I to advise you to hold your breath?  
It may be fatal, you are half drowned in the marsh...

Yet there are things more important than life and death.

You carry on. You'll never give up your way.  
You tread your path regardless the type of soil.  
Who knows, maybe all the suns are to lead astray,  
While foolish dreams are to save your tenacious soul.

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Avril  
Tanya  
Meallem

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Avril Tanya Meallem, born in London, UK, now lives in Jerusalem, Israel. Before retiring Avril worked as a pediatric physiotherapist in a school for children with special needs and in an adult brain injury unit. Avril's poems having appeared in various international journals and anthologies and she has won several honorary mentions and prizes. Her published books of poetry are *Dancing with the Wind*, *Come Sit with Me by the River* and two collections of *Tapestry Poetry*, the latter being an innovative genre of collaborative poetry, developed and co-authored with Indian Poetess, Shernaz Wadia.

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## The Hand-pulled Rickshaw Driver

Calcutta - an exciting diverse city  
but the hand pulled rickshaw driver cut at my heart.  
Thin, barefoot, clad only in a *lungi*\*,  
he pleaded for our custom.

Repeated “no thank you” was to no avail.  
But how could we let,  
this seemingly elderly human being,  
pull us along as if he were a horse.

Yet his face showed a sense of pride -  
he was working for his living,  
he wasn't a beggar,  
this was his livelihood  
and who were we to deny him  
the few rupees requested.

He pulled our rickshaw with determination  
along overcrowded roads,  
across major traffic junctions  
with motor vehicles coming from all directions –  
a most frightening half hour journey spent  
in emotional turmoil.  
How could we have agreed to this?

But when he helped me down,  
the beaming smile  
that he presented me with,  
dissolved all my ego.  
We were soul touching soul  
for one beautiful moment in time.

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*\*a lungi is a traditional men's garment in India. It is as a long piece of fabric running down to the feet and worn by wrapping and knotting around the waist. It is about 2 meters long and 80 centimeters wide and is cylindrical in shape. It is held in place by folding the fabric over without a knot. Sometimes it is folded up to the knee for comfort.*

## Butterfly Dance

I am, a butterfly with  
multi coloured wings,  
ever changing as I fly  
into the thoughts of others  
seeking only to bring peace into the world.

My wings are white,  
when delving into the depths of my being,  
red when fighting the evil around,  
blue on soaring skywards in free flight,  
green when flitting amongst nature's garden,  
yellow and orange when filled with passion,  
turquoise blue when drinking God's living waters.

I am beyond knowing,  
living in a world of creation.  
I see  
I hear  
I feel the pain of mankind.  
War and destruction are clouding out  
the beauty of our world.

Oh mankind! Where are you going?  
Wake up!  
Get up from your slumber.  
Join me in my butterfly dance.  
Search for the Light that is all around us  
yet hidden behind your self-built walls.

Come, follow me....

## I Hear You, I See You

Where are You?

I know You are all around me.  
I sense Your footsteps in my garden,  
I hear You in the morning birdsong.  
I feel You in the wind,  
I see you in the colours of the rainbow.

I know You are waiting for me,  
tapping on my window,  
but I cannot catch hold  
of that gossamer thread of Light  
that You dangle so close.

It is so hard to let go of my ego,  
empty myself of all I think I know,  
of who I think I am.  
Become an empty vessel,  
returning to the cradle of my life.

I am lost in a maze of confusion and doubt,  
imprisoned in my self-made castle,  
afraid of the power that could be unleashed  
if I let down my guard.

But this cannot be why  
my soul descended into this physical world!

So, I will let down the drawer bridge,  
allow God's Light to rush in  
and allow myself to ride on His wings.

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Writer, poet, and visual artist has a dream to leave a more peaceful world through creative contributions in word, color and sounds. Having the background in martial arts, management research and white-collar crime investigation, author presents a kaleidoscopic perspective of life. He believes in exploring new territories of creativity and challenging the limits through repeated efforts. His work communicates the basic realities of life that takes the reader on an out of body experience to develop understanding and harmony. He believes that this pathway can lead us all to unify as a global community and move towards a more peaceful world.

SONNET  
(On Mother's Day)

Mom is not a name to me,  
It is how the hope is seen,  
Shelters my life as shade of tree,  
Place to hide, a trunk to lean,

Voice of hope that holds my hand,  
And the hands that wipe my tears,  
Eyes that guard my castles of sand,  
Prayers that save from harm and fears,

God sows seeds and mothers make grow,  
Toil and try in labor of love,  
Smiles and tears that you only know,  
God and mothers work hand in glove,

Only live once and won't have another,  
God helps those who serve the mother.

## SONNET

Love is state that knows no reason,  
Free from time and space it stays,  
Does not care for change of season,  
Breaks all chains and makes its ways,

Eyes can read the tale of hearts,  
Hearts will find what face will hide,  
Sights will see the works of arts,  
Skies will make the souls to glide,

Love will bring new dreams to life,  
Life will find its wings to fly,  
Flight to shrine where joy is rife,  
Lovers will lose the fear to try,

Love is more than what is said,  
World of heart is bigger than head.

## Promises of a new World

You fill your life with lust,  
And quench your thirst with dust,  
You blind yourself with trust,  
And lose your world in gust.

With hope to build and gain,  
You tend to inflict the pain,  
To victims that die in vain,  
And think as being so sane.

The promises you need to keep,  
And mountains you long to leap,  
Ask questions you did not peep,  
Seek truth you put to sleep,

You live as world is built,  
No remorse or even a guilt.

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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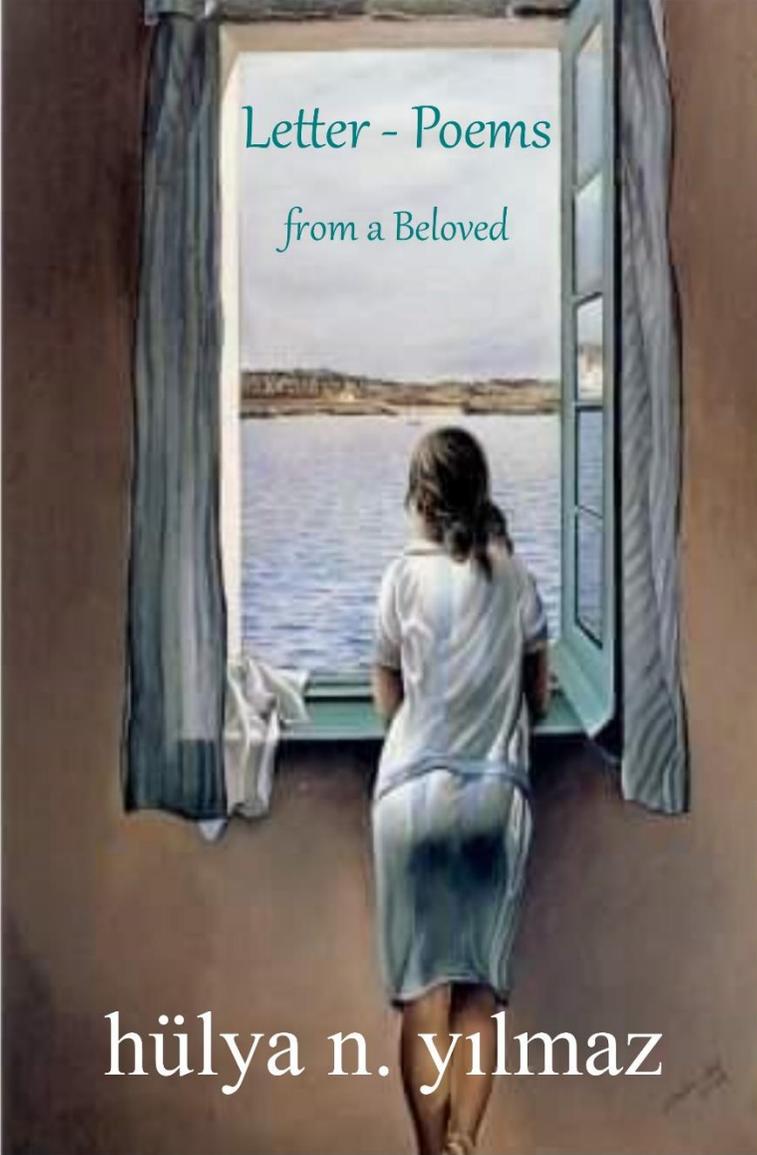
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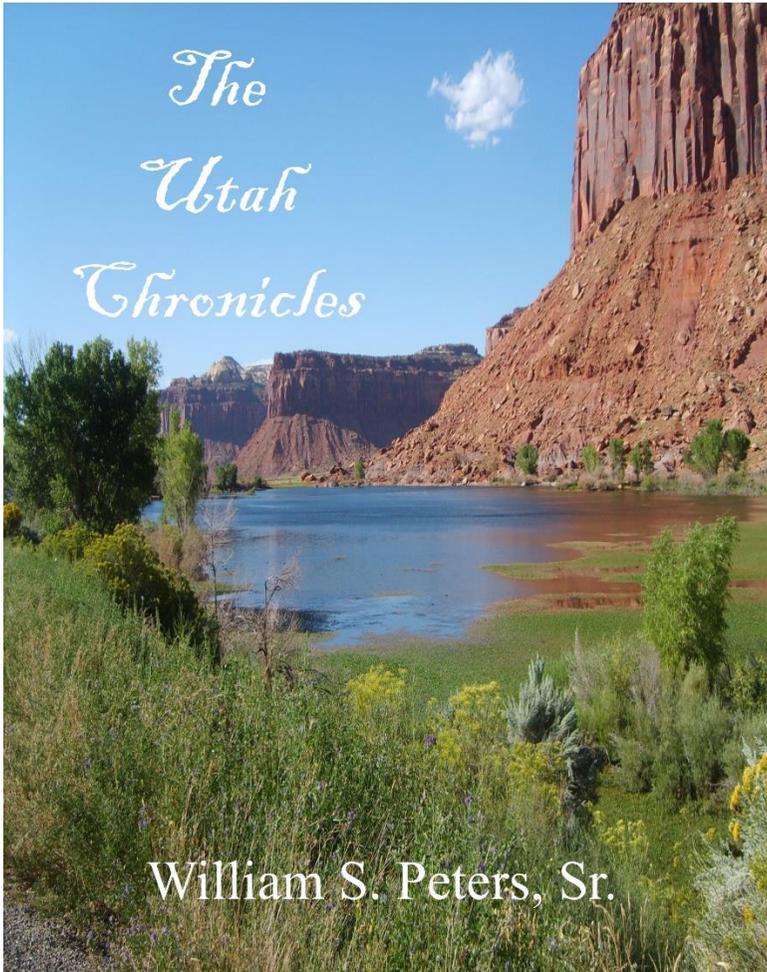
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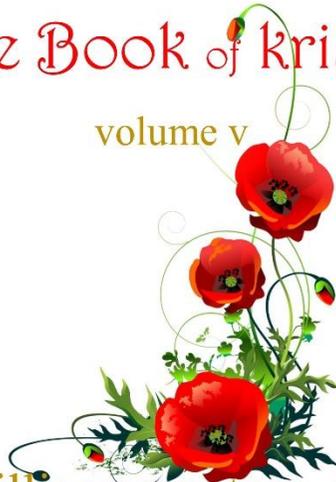
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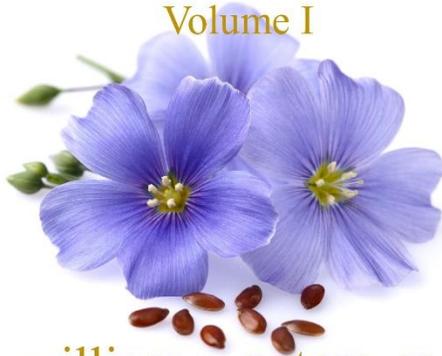
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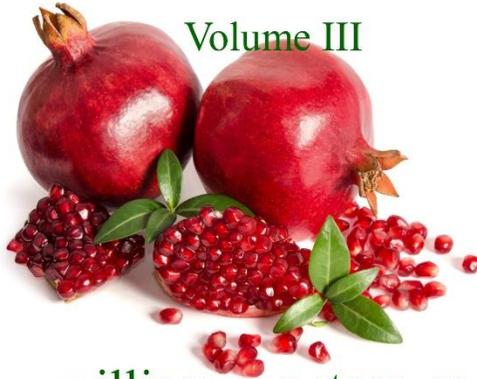
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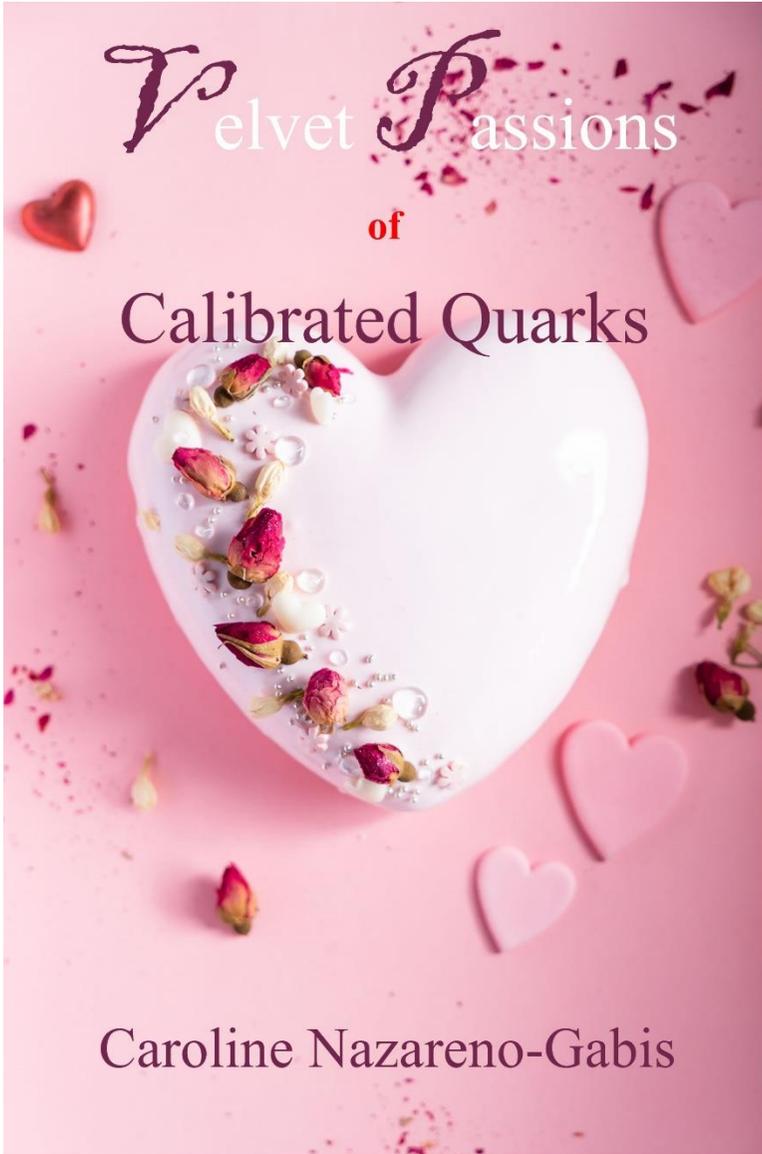


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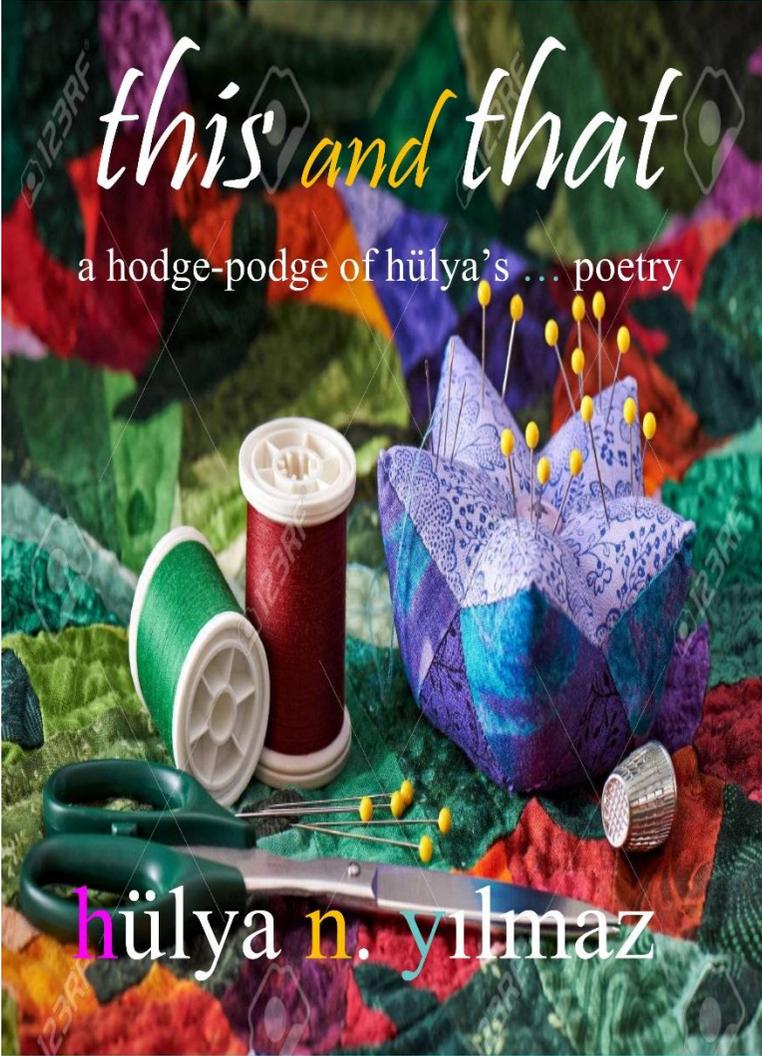
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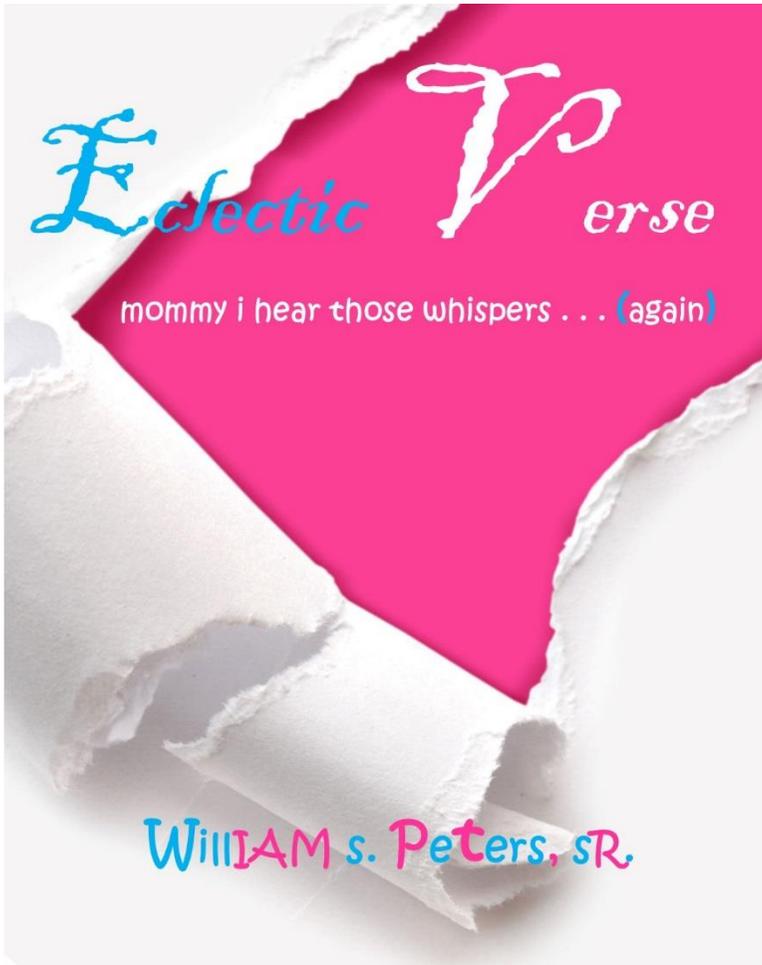
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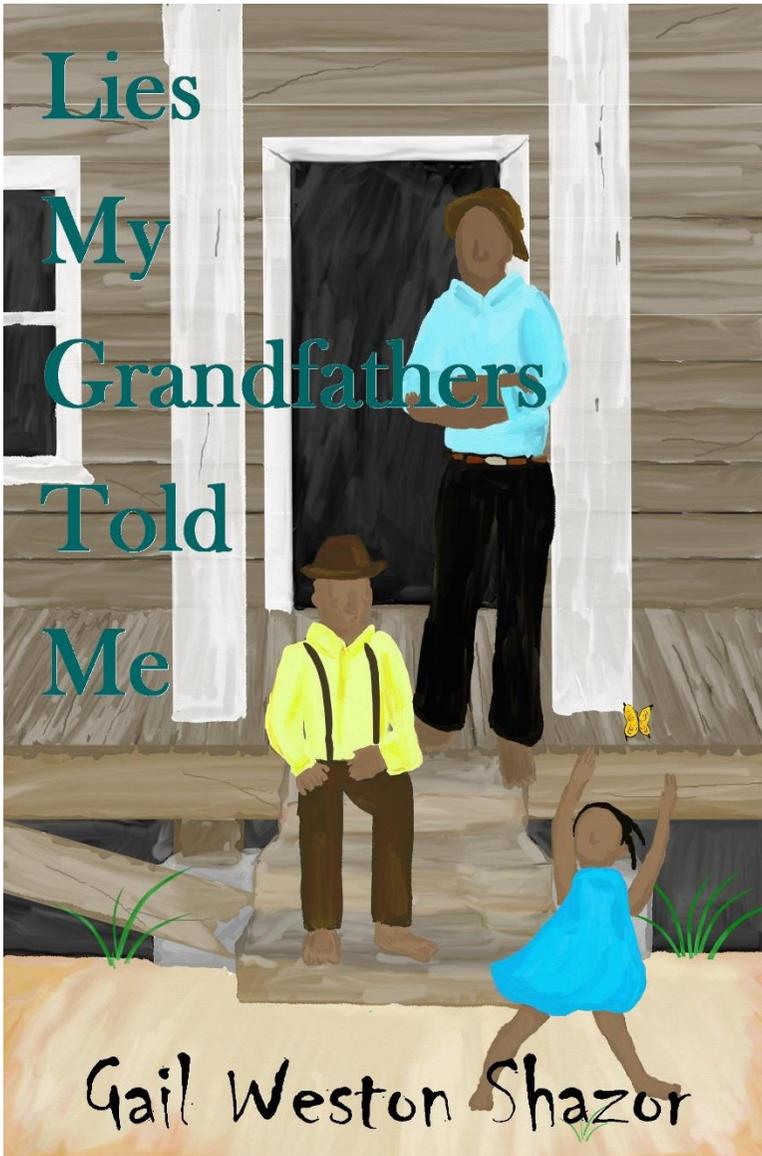
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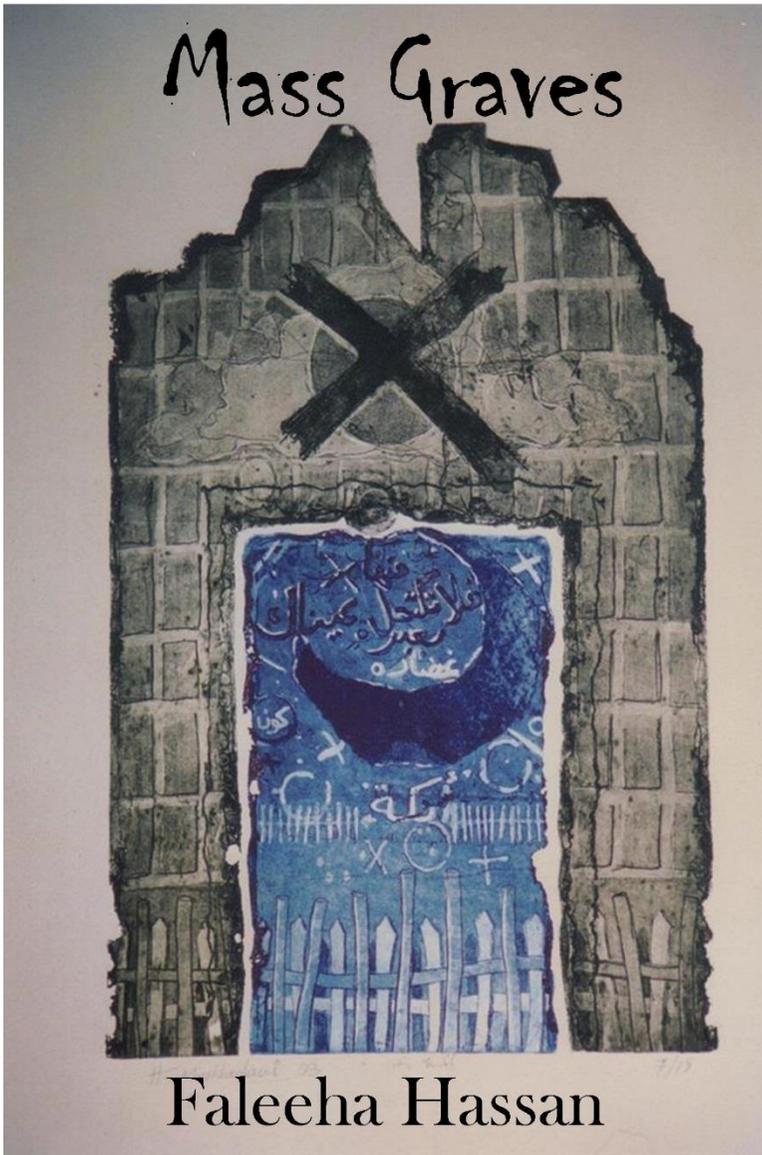
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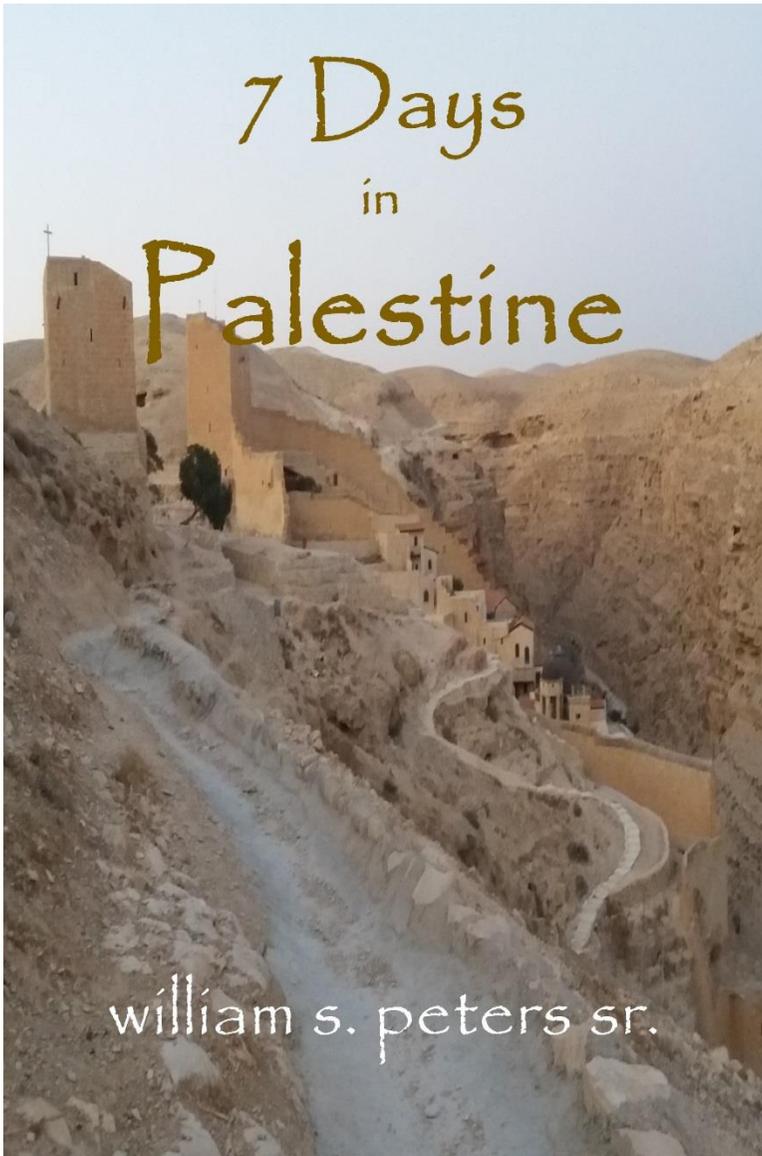
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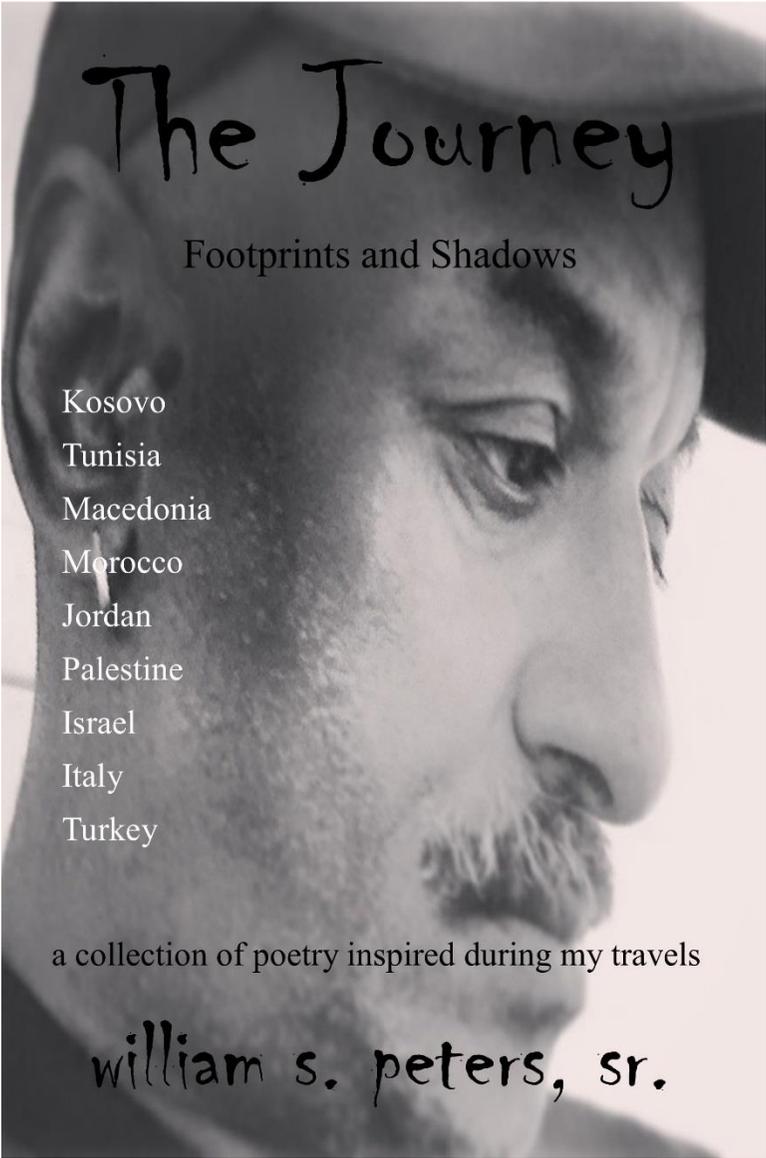
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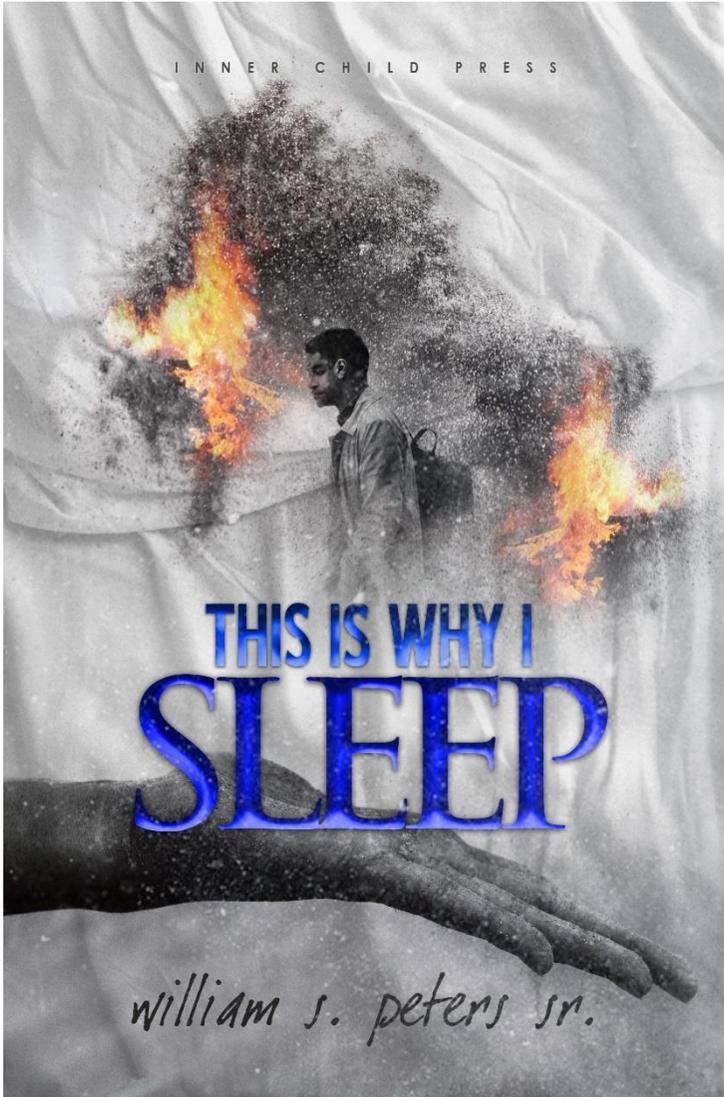
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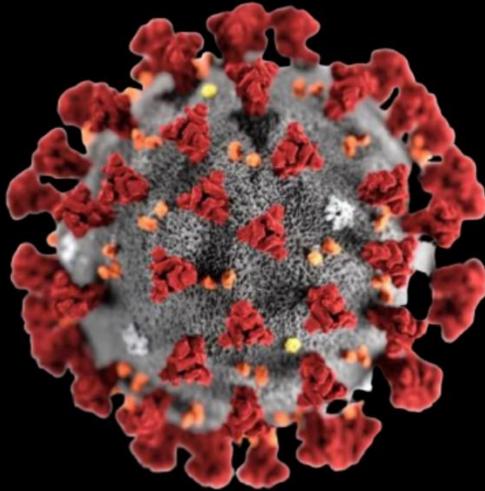
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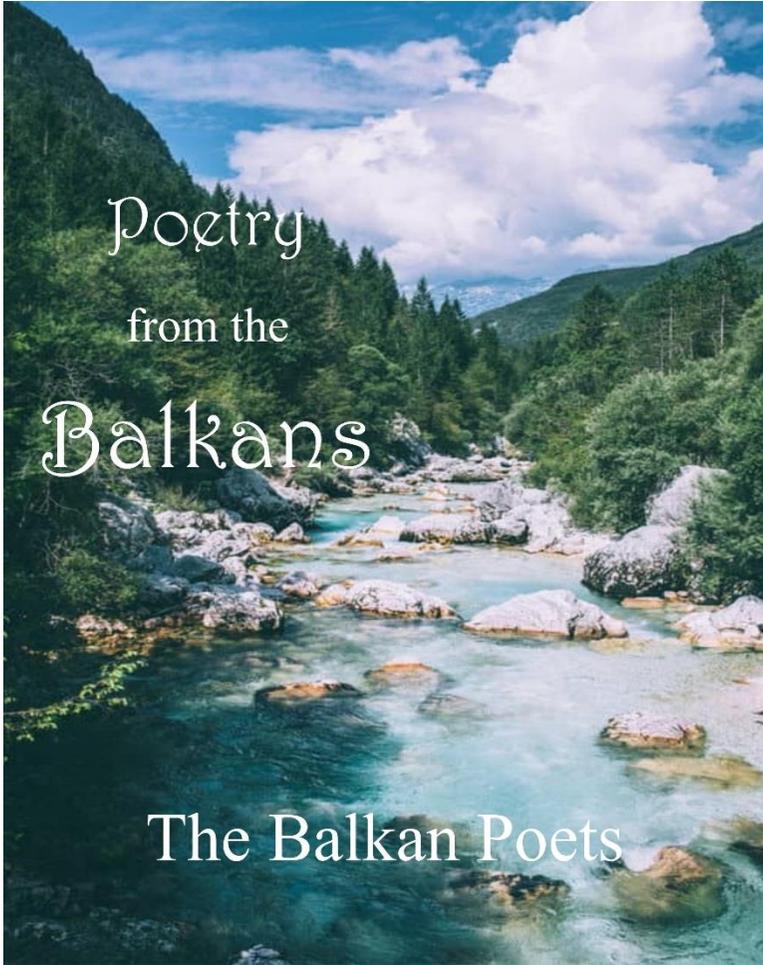


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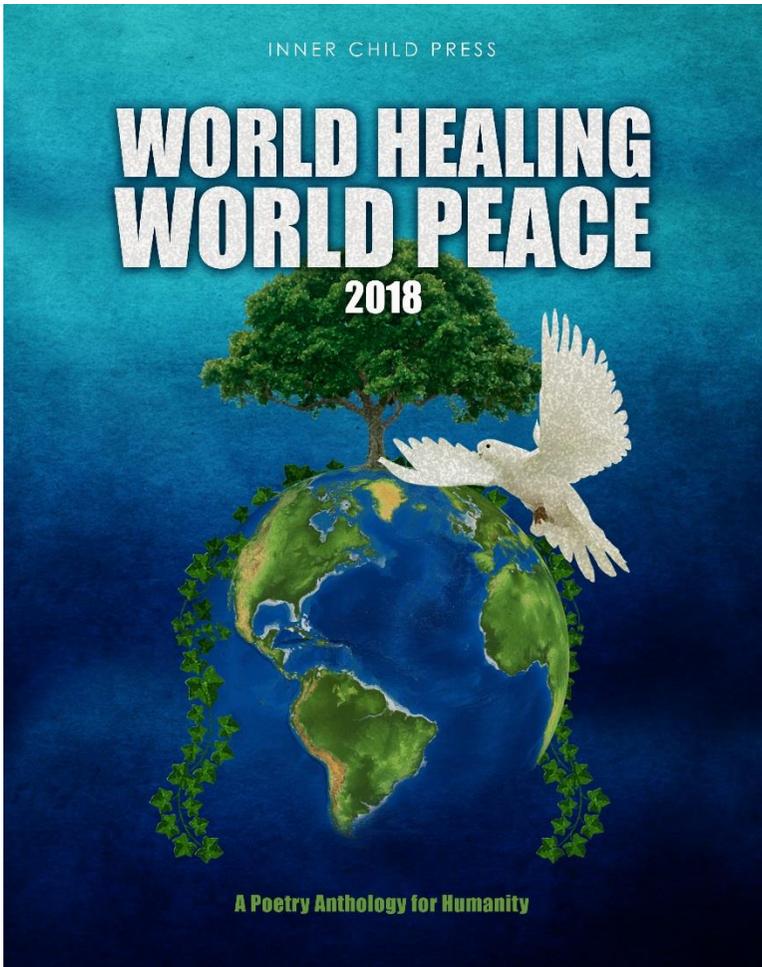
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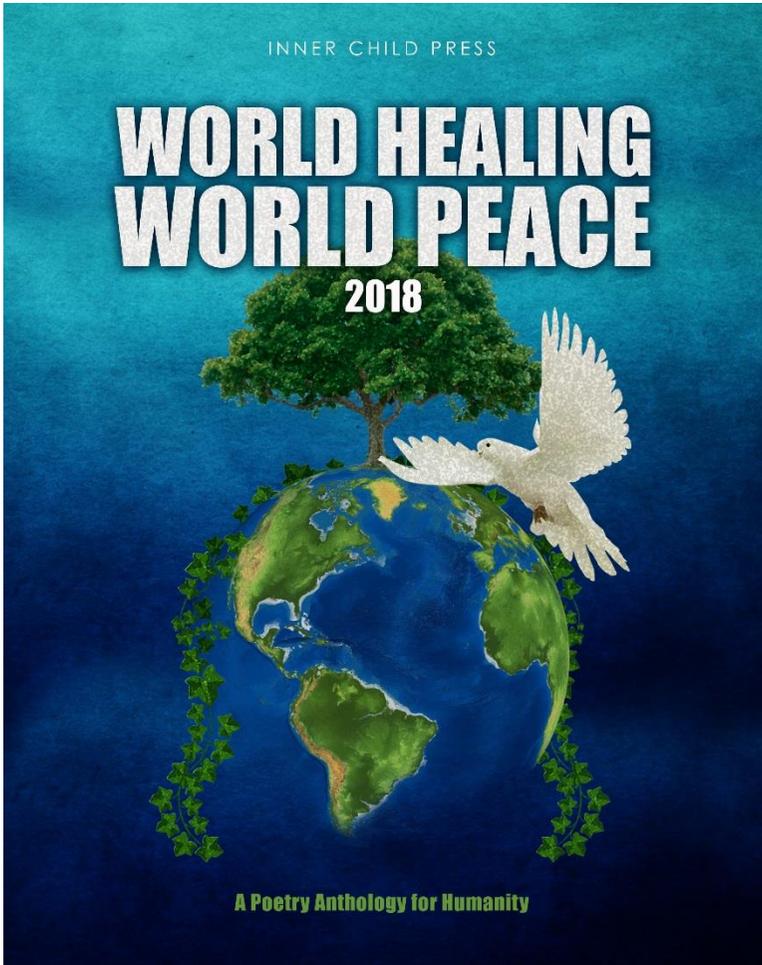


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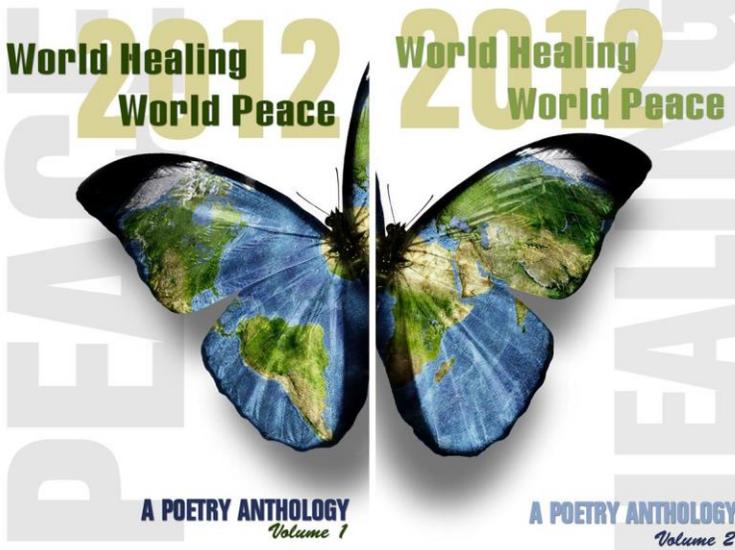
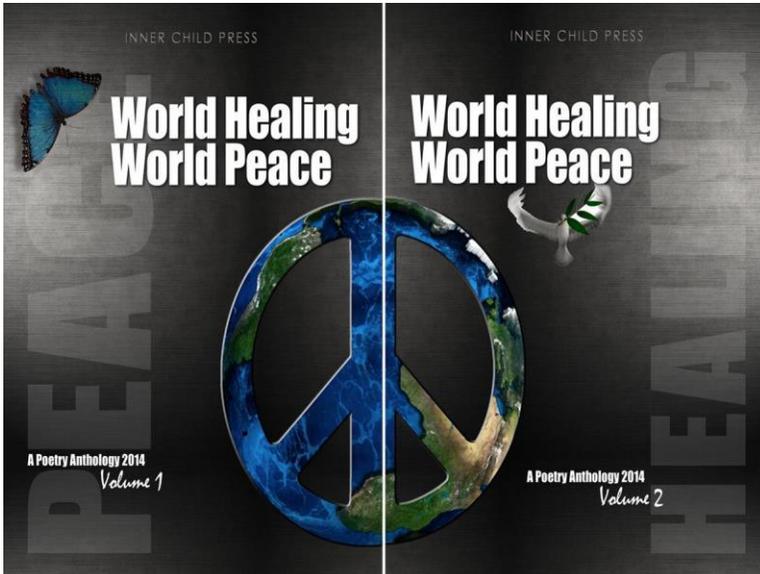
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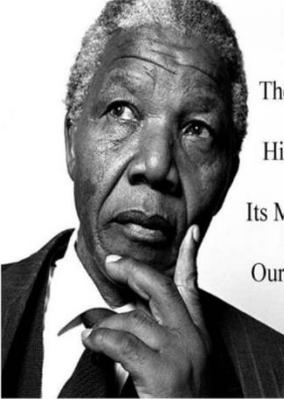
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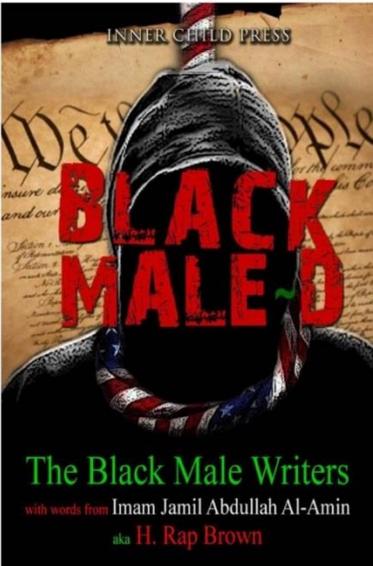
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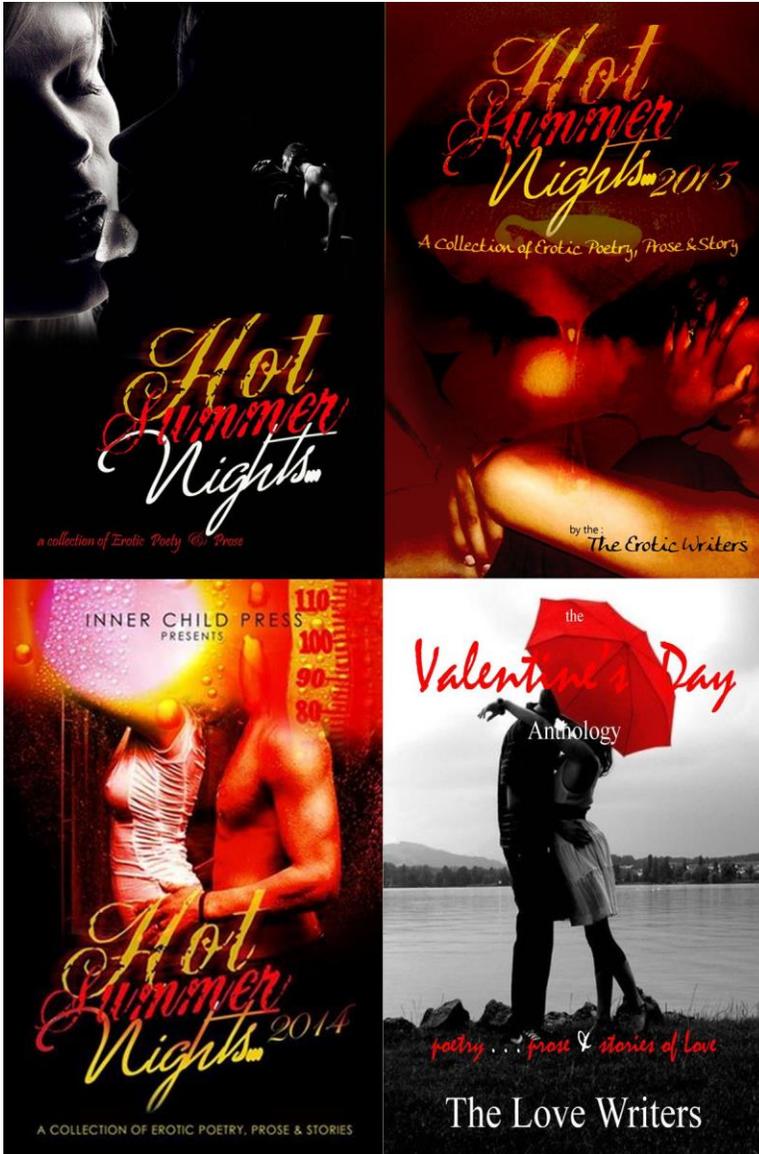
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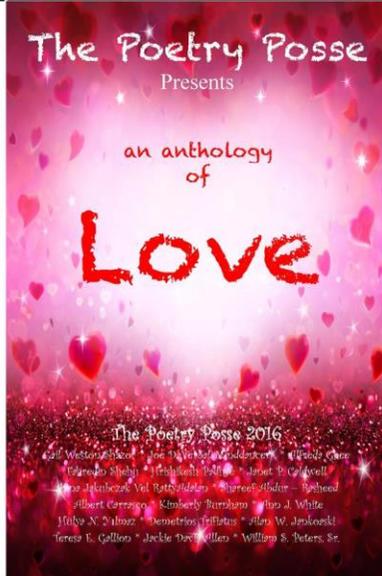
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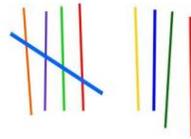
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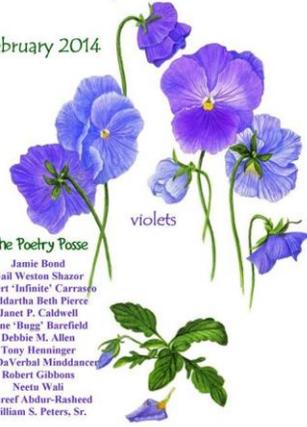
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Joski the Poet  
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*Lily of the Valley*

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*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

*June's Featured Poets*  
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*July Feature Poets*  
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Dr. John R. Strum  
Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom



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**Lotus**  
*Asian Flower of the Month*

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**Gladiolus**



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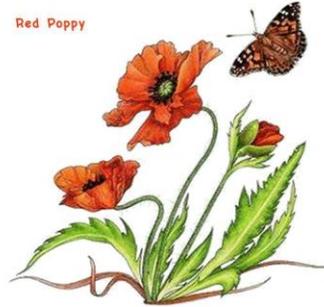
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Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

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Narcissus



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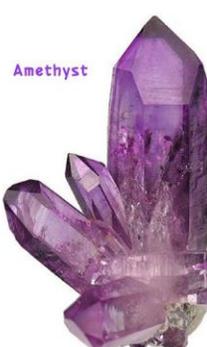


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**Amethyst**

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 Hülya N. Yilmaz  
 Teresa E. Gallion  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
 Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

**The Year of the Poet II**  
March 2015

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

**Bloodstone**



**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
 Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
 Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Hemminger  
 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



**Diamonds**

**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
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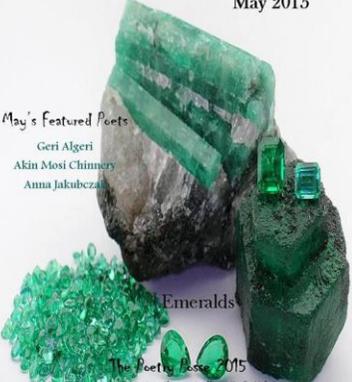
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May 2015

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



Emeralds

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June 2015

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



Pearl

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July 2015

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



Rubies

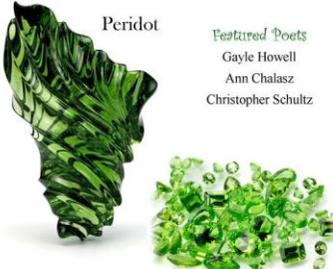
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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2015

Featured Poets  
Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifatis



Sapphires

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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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October 2015

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



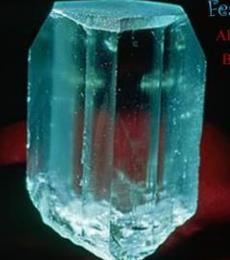
Opal

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Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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November 2015

Featured Poets  
Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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December 2015

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



Turquoise

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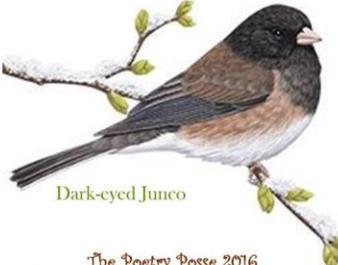
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

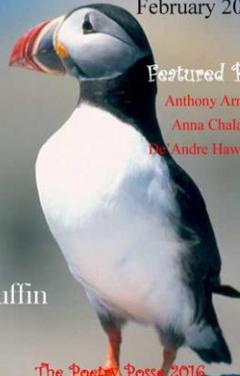
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Fahreddi Shelhi \* Jirahkishi Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Joe DaVerbal Mindbender \* Shereef AlBahr - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Keith Allen Jamilton  
Hiba N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Trifitatos \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

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Fahreddi Shelhi \* Jirahkishi Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alana J. White  
Hiba N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Trifitatos \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna

Anna Jakubczak  
Nizar Sartawi  
Sami Muhanna

Robin

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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz

Black Capped Chickadee

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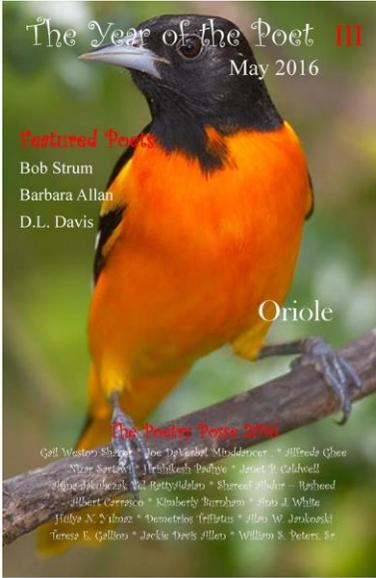
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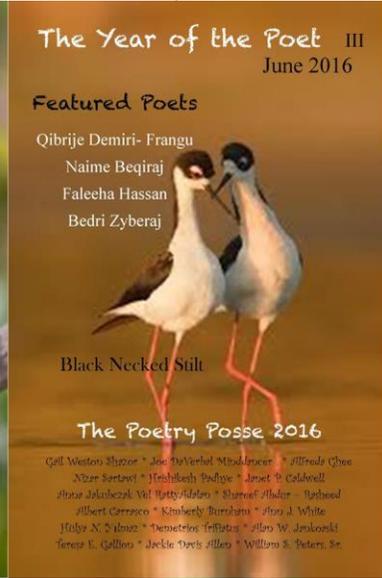
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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

**Oriole**

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Nizar Sertawi \* Hershkesh Padhye \* Janet D. Caldwell  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burzham \* Alan J. White  
Hilary N. D'Almeida \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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June 2016

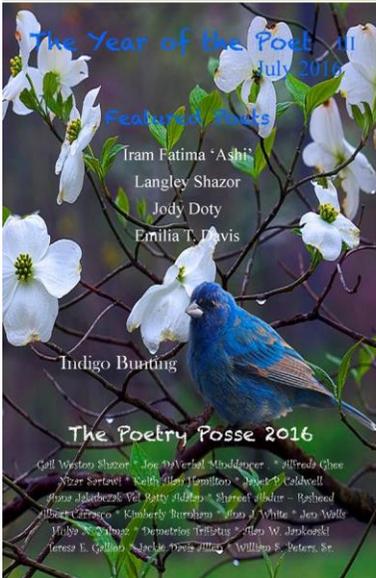
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Qibrje Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj



**Black Necked Stilt**

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July 2016



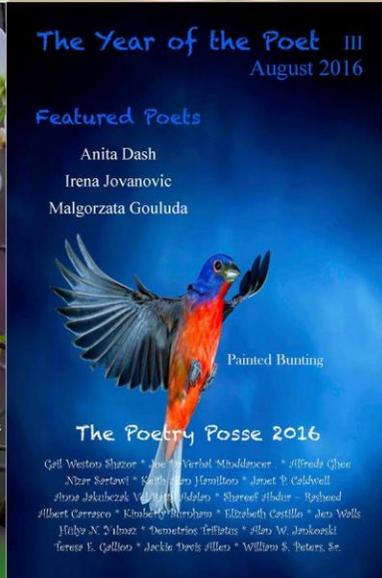
**Featured Poets**  
Iram Fatima \*Ashii  
Langley Shazor  
Jody Doty  
Emilia T. Davis

**Indigo Bunting**

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August 2016

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



**Painted Bunting**

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**Featured Poet**  
Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novato

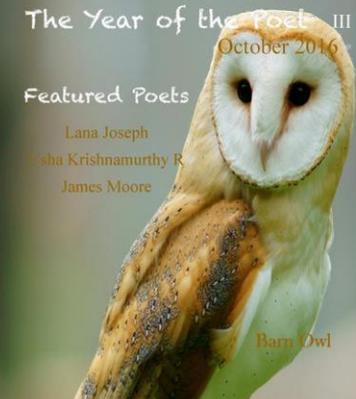


Long Billed Curle

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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October 2016

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

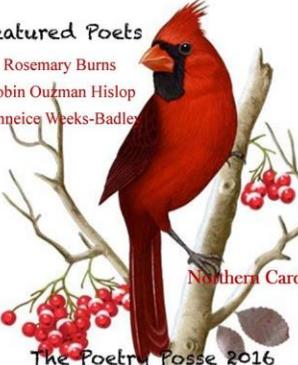


Barn Owl

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November 2016

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

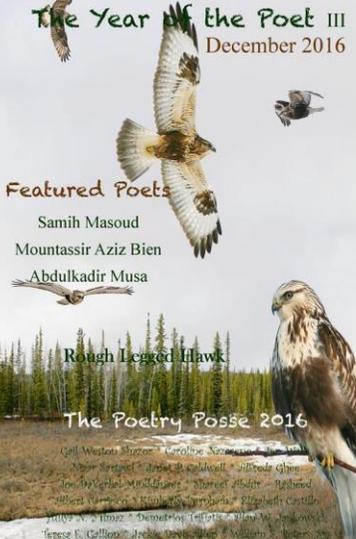


Northern Cardinal

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December 2016

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



Rough Legged Hawk

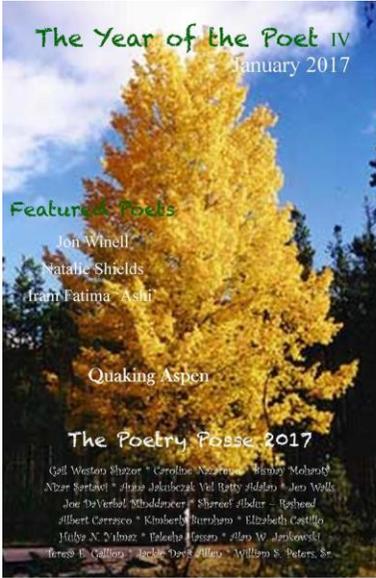
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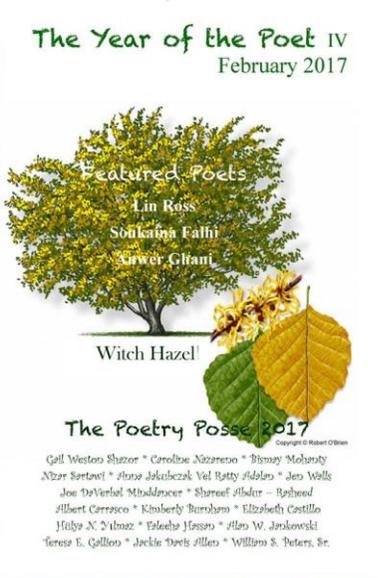
Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Iqam Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**

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Nizar Sertawi \* Ahsan Jaleelczak Val Betty Adelan \* Jen Wells  
Joe DeVierbal Miodowencz \* Shereef Alidur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilary N. Z'Almeaz \* Falecha Jasso \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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February 2017



**Featured Poets**

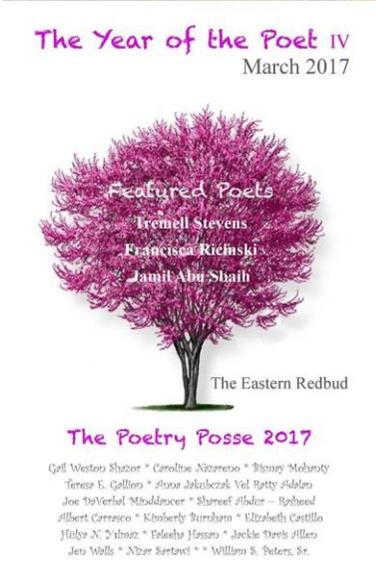
Lin Ross  
Sobkama Fathi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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



**Featured Poets**

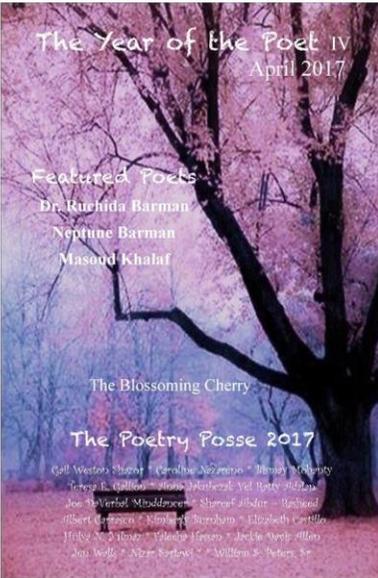
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abji Shalih

**The Eastern Redbud**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**

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



**Featured Poets**

Dr. Ruchida Barman  
Neptune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

**The Blossoming Cherry**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**

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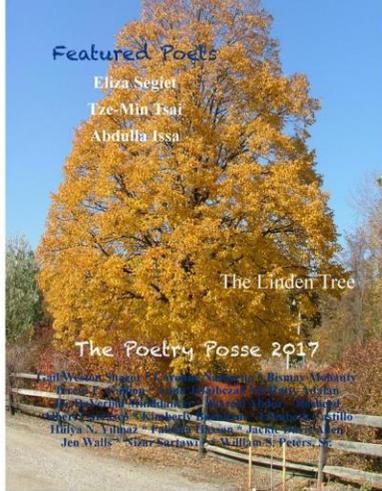
### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anisa Jakubczak Vel Betty Aldana  
Joe DeVierbal Mhdadencu \* Shereef Siddur - Basheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burrough \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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### Featured Poets

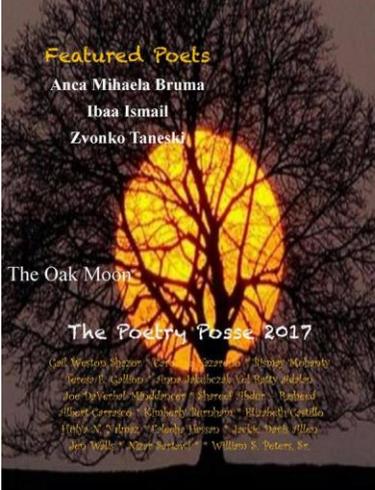
Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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The Oak Moon

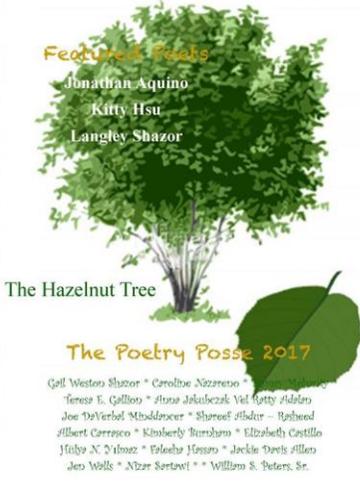
### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

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The Hazelnut Tree

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

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### Featured Poets

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Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal

### The Elm Tree



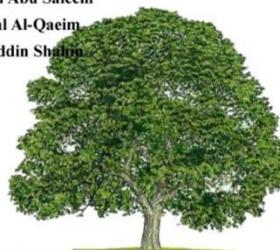
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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi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

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaem  
Sadeddin Shaban



### 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

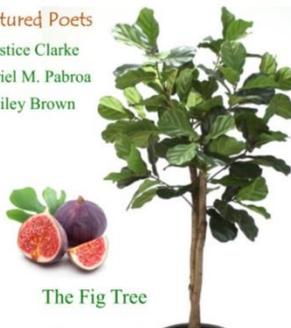
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



### The Fig Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Featured Poets  
Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets  
Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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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

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April 2018



Featured Poets  
Suzanne Miller  
Suzanne Belcher  
Nathan Owen  
Nathan Nguyen

The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindia Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians



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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

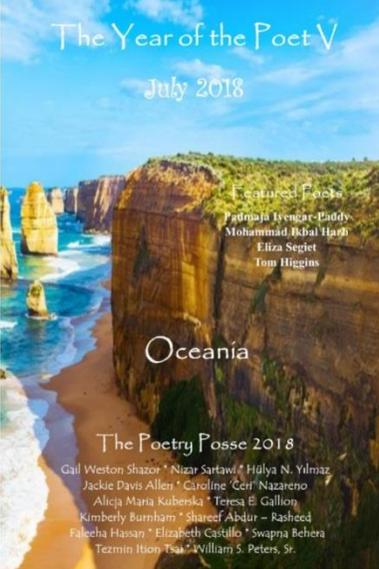


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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

Featured Poets  
Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Iqbal Harbi  
Eliza Segiet  
Tom Higgins

Oceania



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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

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## The Year of the Poet V October 2018

#### Featured Poets

Alicia Minjarez \* Lonneece 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

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## The Year of the Poet V December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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Indigenous North Americans

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

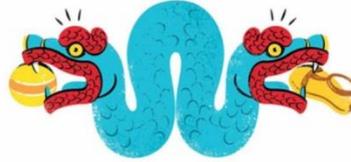
*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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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

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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
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**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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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 August 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
 Shola Balogun \* Bharati Nayak  
 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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September 2019

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Elena Liliana Popescu \* Gobinda Biswas  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr



**The Caucasus**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Denisa Kondic  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Bahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Ethelcia



**Oceania**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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B S Tyagi \* Ashok Chakravarty Tholana  
Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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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 Mouttasir \* Krishna Parata  
Hannie Rouweiler \* Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Rohini Behera \* Mirees Dan Datta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shooovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato \* Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elhichai Kapandeli \* Metin Congiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients



### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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