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# Dedication

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the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

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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

## Children: Difference Makers

### Melati and Isabel Wijsen

As I write down these words, children are being killed by war mongers in several parts of the world *yet once again*. The lives of our most precious are being cut abruptly and violently *yet once again*, only to count as numbers of “fatalities”—if at all. It is a no-brainer to imagine that some of those children could have become notable enough to be honored for their groundbreaking inventions, discoveries or services to humanity at large, had they been allowed to live the natural course of their times on Earth. Not unlike the focus of the issue in your hands—Melati and Isabel Wijsen.

For the entire year of 2023, our monthly book’s Poetry Posse and all featured poets had their eyes on children who made a difference on and to our planet. While calling attention to the humanitarian services of Melati Wijsen and Isabel Wijsen in 2023’s final month, I cannot help but view the bigger picture: What if these Indonesian sisters, 10- and 12-years old respectively when they attained the consciousness to raise a much-needed

awareness among their fellow humans, were born into one of our modern-day war-torn countries? What if one of the siblings or both then became “a casualty” in that world region? Two remarkably influential children, who made a difference of consequence in and for our earthly plane, would have been dismissed, or better yet, discarded at the same speed and with the same indifference as all the children killed in wars in so-called modern times.

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child recently reported its ongoing data, stating that one out of every five children worldwide live within armed conflict zones. A total of 2,985 children were killed across 24 countries in 2022, 2,515 in 2021, 2,674 in 2020 across 22 countries, and 4,019 children in 2019—according to the last three Annual Reports of the UN Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict. How many of those who are anon counted among the dead could have or would have become significant contributors to our humanity’s needs and for its development?

So, as we through our poems celebrate the achievements of two sisters from Bali, I am reminded of the horrendous realities of all the children who presently are bound to those world zones where there is an armed conflict. We can only hope, as I desperately want to, that children in the

likes of the Bali-natives Melati and Isabel Wijsen from Indonesia would one day survive the mindset of warmongering before it is birthed.

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# Preface

**We, Inner Child Press International, The Year of the Poet and The Poetry Posse** welcome you.

**WOW . . . a decade.** We are so excited as we are now offer unto you our final month of our **10th** year of monthly publication of this enterprise, **The Year of the Poet.**

This particular year we have chosen to feature children who made/make a difference in enhancing the lives of all humanity. Read ~ Learn.

For those of you who are not familiar with our story, back in 2013, a few of us poets got together with the simple intention of producing a book a month. That was our challenge. Since that time the enterprise has blossomed and brought forth a fruit that seems to keep on growing as evidenced as we enter 2023.

Our purpose is simple. Through our lyrical words and verse, we not only wish to share our poetic works, but we also have the poetic naiveté to believe that we can assist in the growth of consciousness of the things that have an effect our collective humanity. Therefore, we welcome your readership. For more about what we are attempting to accomplish, have a look at our Publishing Web Site . . . [www.innerchildpress.com](http://www.innerchildpress.com). If you would like to

know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :

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Over the years, Inner Child Press has been socially active to bring awareness and catalog through literature the things that have an impact upon our world and its inhabitants. We have solicited, produced, underwritten and published quite a few volumes to that end. For more insight you may wish to visit : [www.innerchildpress.com/the-anthology-market](http://www.innerchildpress.com/the-anthology-market). If you are a writer, poet, or activist, you would be advised to keep a eye out for upcoming volumes should you desire to participate. All readers are welcomed as well. Note, that there is a myriad of published volumes that are available as a FREE PDF download as well as available for purchase at affordable prices.

We at this time extend to you our well wishes for your own personal journey and hope that you consider including us as a travel companion.

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Children

## Difference Makers

Melati and Isabel Wijsen  
December 2023

by Kimberly Burnham, Ph.D.





Melati and Isabel Wijsen were only 10 and 12, respectively, when they started on a course of activism that has drastically decreased the global usage of single-use plastic. The young women were inspired by the country of Rwanda's ban of polyethylene bags in 2008 and decided to try to get their native Bali to do the same. Their homegrown initiative of beach cleanups and government petitions graduated to an organization advocating for reduced plastic use in 15 different countries. Bali is officially plastic bag free, and Indonesia will be by 2021, with the Wijsen to thank.

“Find that one thing that you're incredibly passionate about, that you think about 24/7. This is important because focusing on one thing allows you to find that tangible way that you can make a difference.” — Melati Wijsen, Founder, Bye Bye Plastic Bags

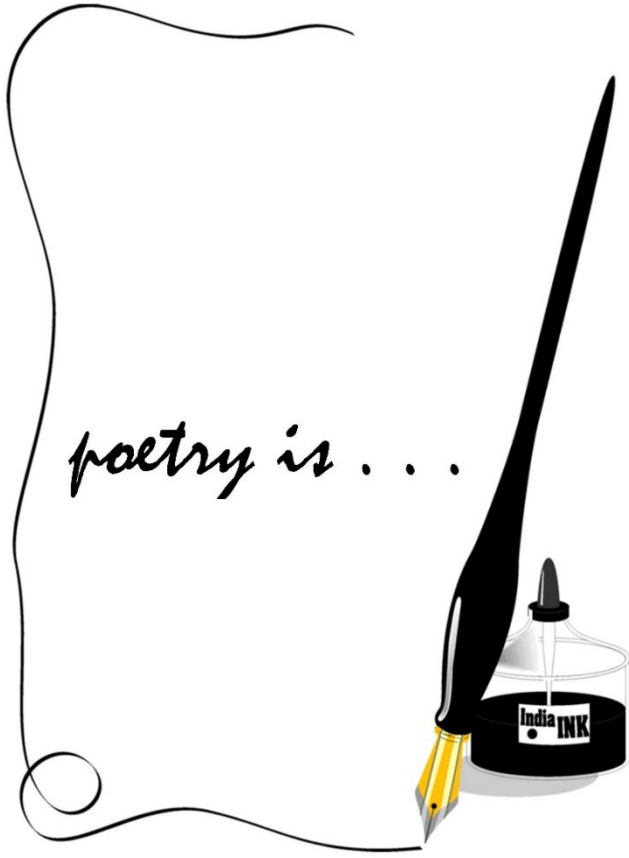




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp

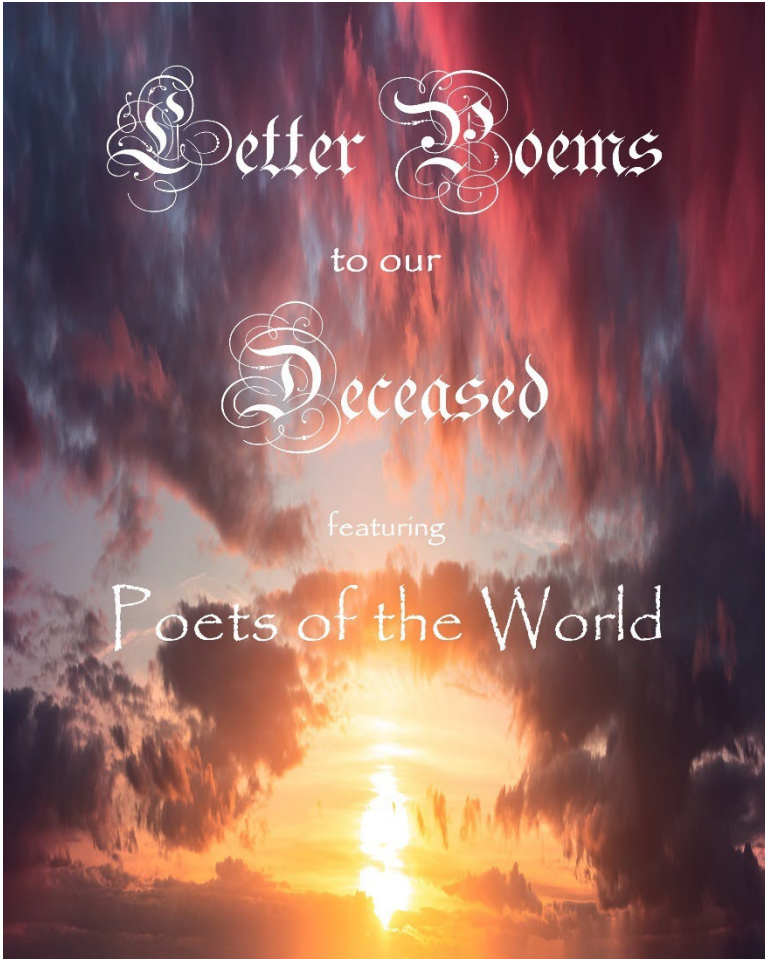




*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

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Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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Gail Weston Shazor is a lover of words. She is fond of the arcane, unusual and the not yet words.

Coining words at an early age, there was often a bit of trouble with teachers, but she always had her mother and aunt to back up her choices in expression. Born in Mississippi, she spent her early years with her grandparents. Each of the four left very careful influences on her pre-schooling. She learned in turn how women worked in and out of the home and how men worked in and out of the home to support the family. She learned that a lack of proper schooling was not the only way to learn and understanding life was a great teacher. As in most rural families of color, women had a greater chance of formal learning. Both of Gail's grandmothers read out loud to the family whether it was the bible or the newspapers and important documents to their spouses.

Gail Weston Shazor has authored (so far) Notes from the Blue Roof, A Overstanding of an Imperfect Love, HeartSongs and Lies My Grandfather's Told Me. The number of anthologies is too many to list with the premier accomplishment of one of the contributors to The Year of The Poet. Gail will always lend her ink to community projects and will purchase the books of fellow poets in the Inner Child Press family.



## Standing in the wilderness shouting

I am here, arms wide open  
Waiting on my creator to  
Speak  
Talk  
Move  
Give  
Me something for you  
So that I can be obedient  
To fall on my knees in fasting  
Eating only the words of  
Life  
Death  
Birth  
Stillness  
With all the power of first  
And all the waiting of last  
Beginning and end  
The words of the crafter  
Poet  
Writer  
Lyricist  
Deliverer  
And I will ink it quick  
Placing it everywhere you are  
So that you can see and hear  
What is in store for you  
Me  
They  
Us  
All  
There is never a time

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When the word was not offered  
Only when it was not received  
And not called forth to teach  
Truth  
Wisdom  
Correction  
Love  
For that is our purpose  
And why were made  
And what we have been  
Ordered to spread among  
Ghettos  
Cities  
Fields  
Hearts  
Til all has been healed  
I remain  
Standing in the wilderness shouting

## Koinonia

To receive goodness  
We must first pour out  
All that we have  
All that we are  
All that they have given us  
To make room for the grace  
This is the secret  
Of living goodness  
That the world never shares with us  
This is the secret that only family  
Can teach us  
And even then  
Sometimes  
Our only heart breaks  
In times such as these  
It is a hard thing  
This living broken  
But this, my loves,  
Is when the newly formed spaces  
Shine brighter than the  
Lived through ones  
The simple connection  
Becomes the necessary  
And we have to keep seeking  
The strength of each other  
And in the broken places  
We make room for more  
More love  
More people  
More community  
And love is always a sacrifice  
And love is always intentional  
And living is the love we share  
Through all our numbered days  
Selah

## Poet (slammed)

I listen to your words  
Angry, sullen and revolutionary words  
You want change  
And  
You want it now  
I hear your words  
You scream at the injustice  
Of your childhood  
Absent father  
Drug addicted sister  
And you had to eat free lunch at school  
I taste your words  
Bitter and hungry at the same time  
You wound the ear  
In tirades  
Leaving a trail  
Of vowels  
Not ink  
For that last too long  
Establishmentarianism  
Which you are against  
Form and substance  
Eaten and spewed back out  
I smell your words  
Categorically denied  
That you are also tomorrow  
For tomorrow brings a new fight  
A new struggle  
Found deep  
In your recycled bag  
Of hemp and straw and lies  
Green

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Reclaimed

You rally for the latest buzz

I feel your words

Tight and hot

Quick and sharp words

Thorns on rose bushes unseen

Bleeding out the ones without knowledge

And then you leave for the next

March, next stage

In your gas guzzling SUV

Starbuck coffee in hand

A “spoken word” artist

And over your shoulder

You loudly accuse me of being

A “poet”.

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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



## Plastic bags

They fell like autumn leaves  
on river waters and soil.  
They drift in the seas and oceans

Eternally white,  
almost immortal,  
they are not subject  
to the cycles of nature

The leaves of the trees will rot  
and they will crumble to dust  
Plastic will last forever.

They were supposed  
to be a godsend,  
replace paper  
to protect the trees.

They have become a curse  
and seeped in everywhere.  
They are suffocating the planet.

## Rain

Drops glitter on the spider's web  
- it's rain caught in a net,  
stretched between  
heaven and earth.

The particles glisten with silver  
and shine like white opals.  
They sparkle with rainbow colours

It is a pity, drops will soon disappear.  
They will rise to the clouds,  
to touch existence.

## Night Dreads

On a starless night  
the wind sings differently.  
The leaves shake with anxiety,  
the branches are bent by fear.

Owls hoot,  
wake up the dark hours.  
The blackness of the clouds  
falls soundlessly to dreams.

Don't wake me up now.  
Let the sun rise  
and tickle with a ray.  
I am a child of light.

I don't want to be afraid.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen or Jackie Allen, grew up in the Cumberland Mountains of Appalachia. As the next eldest daughter of a coal miner father and a stay at home mother, she was the first in her family to attend and graduate from college. Her siblings, in their own right, are accomplished, though she is the only one, to date, that has discovered the gift of writing.

Graduating from Radford University, with a Bachelor's 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 Inner Child Press, ltd.

<http://www.innerchildpress.com/jackie-davis-allen.php>  
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## Making a Difference

*Melati and Isabel Wijsen, two sisters, at the age of 10 and 12, convinced their country, Bali, to ban the use of single-use plastic.*

"Once upon a time",  
So the Fairy Tales begin,  
But, let me assure you,  
This is no Fairy Tale.

From the efforts, of two young sisters  
Inspired by concern's commitment,  
Decided to do something.  
And, they were successful!

Inspired by Rwanda's 2008 success  
Of banning single use plastic bags,  
Today, thankfully, Bali is also  
Free of the same. Thanks to Melati and Isabel.

Is there not something that can be  
Learned from these two young girls?  
Something that you can do, no matter  
How small, to make a difference?

## Something Happened

Whatever happened, happened.  
And though each wished it had not, it did.  
And great was the pain that came.  
With time, supplication, prayers, shall sorrow not  
Be replaced by love's intentional action?

It never should have happened, yet it did.

Was there anything either could have done?  
Could either have prevented, changed the perception  
Of the other's actions? Or the words that brought  
On the blame and shame  
Of those cold winter days?

Alas, it never should have happened.

Threatening skies grew dark  
While the sleet and hail of words  
Screamed alienation.  
Wallowing in self pity, pride's suffering  
Mended not their wounds.

Lo, the price paid for forgetting the Golden Rule.



## Hear Me, O Lord

I've come, bruised and empty,  
Searching for that which once quenched my thirst,  
Longing to be relieved of the emptiness  
That consumes my every thought.

I am crying, mourning the loss  
Of my creative voice.

Yielded up and waiting,  
I silently mouth the words,  
Praying that once again the poetic waters may flow,  
Even as I await your perfect Will.

I am determined to stay on bended knee  
If that is what it takes.

Why is it that the flowers continue to bloom,  
The rains still fall, yet within,  
That which once flourished seems wilted,  
Dead or dying?

Do you hear me crying?  
Father, I am here! Do with me as You please.

What's that?  
I wonder if I am dreaming,  
Though clearly I hear my name!  
"Dearest child, you called out to me.

And I have come, so rise up from self pity,  
You whom I have created with so much promise."

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I slowly rise, as the Spirit  
Continues to counsel me.

“Waiting for me to work a miracle  
Is not the answer to your thirst.  
Use the gifts I’ve given you, and in the effort  
You’ll discover that which you seek.

And you will be satisfied!”  
Oh, with such great truth supplied,

I knew my request would not be denied.  
Thank you, oh great Creator.  
I now understand that the gifts and talents  
Within, those that once flourished, must be used.

And, that neglect is not the answer.

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Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai comes from the Republic of China(Taiwan). In addition to being a professor of literature at a university, he is more committed to writing poems, novels, and prose. He is also an editor of “Reading, Writing and Teaching” academic text, an International editor of "Contemporary dialogues" literary periodical in Macedonia, and Vice-Chairman of the International Jury of the SAHITTO INTERNATIONAL AWARD in Bangladesh, and a columnist for “Chinese Language Monthly” in Taiwan.

In a wide range of literary creations, he is particularly fond of interesting stories or novels, and writing articles or poems about the feelings of nature and human beings. He has won many national literary awards. His literary works have been anthologized and published in books, journals, and newspapers in more than 55 countries and have been translated into more than 24 languages.

## The Sounds Of The Lane

Within this steel shell,  
The iron bridge's copper pillars are spotlessly clean.  
Banana leaves and maple leaves,  
Gone beyond the ear's reach.  
The west wind,  
Sneaks in quietly.  
In the lane,  
The branches of the pomelo tree are ordered to blow down  
the wind from the wall.

Under the flowers,  
Shadows stretch out in a line.  
Are they white branches? Are they green branches?  
Are they the spring flowers' windblown branches?  
Are they the autumn leaves' blown-away branches?  
In the mezzanine,  
A timid bookstore.  
Modern poems,  
Still lonely between the pages.

A low house with a brick wall,  
Counting the passing of time.  
The hand pump stands alone,  
Declaring that the childhood that has passed for fifty years  
is beyond recall.  
A wild house with a cucumber trellis.  
The magical lane,  
Freezes time.  
Allowing me to steal just half a day,  
To live my life as it is.

## Wisteria's Secret

I Sealed within this trellis of wisteria,  
My heart is warmed by the sun's embrace.  
As petals flutter to the ground,  
I follow them with my eyes.  
The pale lilac hue is both haunting and beautiful,  
Like a tongue that licks and devours the falling flowers.  
My youth is restless, and I will not let love linger on the  
wall outside.  
The fireworks are a beautiful sight, drawing me to the east,  
like a gentle breeze.  
The stream is cold and clear, counting the many words, I  
have spoken.  
I flaunt my secret, which I will never reveal this.

If not for the scattered leaves,  
I would not have seen the lone crow perched in surprise on  
the wisteria vine.  
March is not yet cool, and the flowers are just about to ask,  
Who is the true master of this place?  
In April, the grass is lush and the garden is in full bloom.  
The colorful vines should not pretend to be willow  
branches, but rather reveal their pale green hue.  
In the unsanctioned red glow of the evening sun, the spring  
breeze gently savors the fragrant scent of spring.  
Spring! Who will come to drink this song of purple  
wisteria, one flower after another?



## The Tranquility Of The Old Alley

How many years has that alley been filled with flowers?  
A world hidden in a pot of cooking millet  
Under the shade, a child does not sweep the flowers  
His innocent smile teases the wanderer with ease  
The breeze does not hesitate to come, all around  
No low houses, no red bricks  
Now, the traveler is lonely, brushing his clothes quietly  
He cannot find a single traveler anywhere

Tourists come in and laugh  
Each of them is intoxicated in the butterfly flowers  
At the foot of the wall, a ground of broken foundations and  
plates  
Five red brick houses count the countless years  
The harbor is not that difficult to understand  
The laughter from the walls is mesmerizing  
When will the mud be deep enough to live in?  
What remains of the old houses is still the same  
Where is the vermilion door to come and play again?

The feet stagger, dodging the potholes of dreams that have  
returned for fifty years  
Since the old alley has already been sold to prosperity  
Why rush to come and go?

Sharæf  
Abdur  
Rashæd

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

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

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

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

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

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## sisters in the bag

Bali near Indonesia  
Melati, Isabel  
Wijsen sisters  
2013 Melati 12  
Isabel 10 inspired  
class in school  
world leaders  
activists who took  
up vital causes  
aware big problem  
environmental threat  
plastic bags all over  
Bali  
sisters to the rescue  
started petition  
clean up plastic bags  
Only 5% being recycled  
choking Bali's  
environment  
generated 100,000  
signatures  
movement on the move  
initiative named  
Bye Bye Plastic Bags  
notoriety grew  
generated by a hunger  
strike  
got attention of Bali's  
governor who made  
a promise to rid Bali  
of plastic by 2018  
news of what became

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a movement lead by youth  
spread worldwide  
Chapters of  
Bye bye plastic bags  
Popped up through out  
The region  
sisters invited to United  
Nations New York 2017  
on United Nations World  
Ocean Day to speak  
Never underestimate  
the.  
ability of youth

## Testimony

on that day when mothers will abandon suckling child,  
terrified  
sun comes near, mankind immersed in their own sweat  
limbs will speak bearing witness to their utilization  
tongue gives testimony before the very one that already  
knows the answers but still it will give accounts  
about what and to whom it near, mankind  
others remembered it's maker, thee architect, designer  
this day revealed recorded deeds rehearsed letter by letter,  
verse by verse, perhaps wonderful, perhaps damning  
giving reasons to descend into abyss of fire  
genitals confess illicit tryst, consumed by desire  
hands will recount how they were directed to reach out  
to help, helpless, maybe heal by grace of thee healer  
or hurt them with blunt force, torture, traumatize, maim,  
murder  
violent violations of law, theft ,touching, grabbing, groping  
what wasn't theirs or trembling, begging, held high,  
supplicating for forgiveness, seeking redemption from  
succumbing to temptation, avoiding damnation  
ears will tell of what they listened to, maybe gossip,  
backbiting,  
falsehoods, conversely that which is good, like knowledge  
of right and wrong, words of guidance, inspiration to  
adhere to,  
remind deaf, dumb, blind nations to enjoin  
peaceful, loving participation in that which enhance quality  
of life  
eyes looking at that which steal sight especially insight  
essentially blind though physically functionable, spiritually  
void due to how they're being employed  
they as well will tell and tell..,

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as will feet bear witness as to where they went and why  
and the owners of these limbs couldn't stop if they tried  
believe this or call it a lie but think a moment, really try  
do you think there's no rhyme or reason to why we live  
and die, meaning void of purpose that's why?  
so, what's all the fuss about obeying universal laws that  
govern us when right or wrong we all end up with no  
punishment or rewards for any of us?  
so, throw right and wrong out the window and let's do  
whatever we want to?  
food for thought to remind you right and wrong is  
proven true as is the creator, architect, author that gave  
it to you  
and dem body parts too  
he who created me and you can and will do whatever  
he wants to when and how he wants to  
just by proclaiming "Be ".....Seeee?



blessed..,

are them who affirms it's true  
followed by gratitude  
manifest in attitude  
quest for truth ensues  
test of sincere conviction  
least to live contradiction  
manifest in \*dawah  
speaking truth to power  
trying to follow through  
before your times up  
descends on you  
puts end to what you can do  
putting righteous deeds  
in heavenly bank  
overseen in unseen  
by he who created you  
seen and unseen too  
heaps rewards on you  
ooh how blessed are you  
you overcame in the name  
of he who created you  
protected you, guided you  
so that to abided by what's  
true  
confided only in the one(1)  
who made you  
knowing that's the only source  
to bless you.  
him who forgave his slave  
though dem failed test  
creator gave

\*dawah = invite to do right

Kimberly  
Burnham

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A brain health expert with a PhD in Integrative Medicine, Kimberly Burnham has lived in tropical Colombia; in Belgium during the Vietnam War; in Japan teaching businessmen English; in diverse international Toronto, Canada; and several places in the US. Now, she's in Spokane, WA with her wife, Elizabeth, two sets of twins (age 11 & 14) and three dogs. Her recent book, *Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind, a Daily Brain Health Program* includes the word for peace in hundreds of languages. Her poetry weaves through 80+ volumes of *The Year of the Poet*, *Inspired by Gandhi*, *Women Building the World*, and *A Woman's Place in the Dictionary*. She is currently working on several ekphrastic writing projects. One is a novel, *Art Thief Cracks Healing Code for Parkinson's Disease* and the other is non-fiction, *Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets*.

<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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

## The One Thing

Find the one thing  
says Melati Wijsen and her sister Isabel  
from which passion flows  
find the tangible way  
make a difference  
so big  
even a 10- and 12-year-old can do it  
maybe it is bye bye plastic  
maybe it is peace  
or perhaps clean water  
wherever you are  
find the one thing  
from which passion flows

## Love, Joy, Peace

In Balinese, spoken in Bali

"Dame" is peace and the name of a traditional sarong.

wrap yourself in "Dame" or "Kasukan"

or "Awiawahara" always do good with peace and sincerity

"Kapitresnan" is love

and "Kasihin" as well love, care,

invite to be good again

while "Begèr" is passionate love

"Kaliangan" is joy

"Kendel" be happy, be joyful

satisfaction, joy, happiness, gladness

flow from one to the other

from me to you and beyond

## The One's Responsibility

There is a word in Javanese

"Tênrême" means peace, peaceful, and safe

in this language of New Caledonia, Java and Bali

“Kê-” means to entrusted (with), assigned (to)

as in “Kang kê- nata tênrême”

the one whose responsibility it is to maintain the peace

Who is the one

we are each the one

responsible for peace

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo



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## Youth Empowerment

Melati and Isabel stunned the world

At an early age, they set good examples to the young

Their contributions cannot be denied

Advocates of environmental awareness,

They banned the use of plastic bags in Bali

Youth empowerment at its finest

These girls are beautiful souls

Making the Earth a better place for generations to come!

## A Greener Earth

Lush greeneries abound  
Sweet smelling scent of blooming flowers in Spring time  
As children play around a beautiful prairie,  
The Earth used to be a cooler place to live in  
Fresh air we breathe, not much pollution,  
When we walk outside to enjoy a Summer's day.  
Can we still achieve a greener Earth?  
Despite all these toxic things around us,  
Man was designated by God to look over His creations  
But because of greed for power and money,  
He forgot what's his real mission on this planet  
Can we ever reverse the amount of pollution?  
A greener Earth is what we all dream of  
A breath of fresh air when the dawn sets in,  
To be surrounded by tall trees with branches  
Spreading towards the Heavens as if praying,  
For rains to come and shower this arid land  
A greener Earth is still possible if we simply take the  
initiative!

## A New Genesis

In Genesis they held hands together,  
A Paradise in unity, love abounds  
The Tree of Life stood in their midst  
Prohibited by God to get near to it.  
Cast away, they walked to the ends of the Earth,  
Reincarnated lives continue to haunt their souls  
The Tower of Babel they built to reach the Heavens  
But God forbade them and off they fell down.  
The Great Flood came, vanishing lives in an instant,  
A New World emerged, a new age daring flight  
The New Adam and Eve built an empire,  
Worked hard to achieve whatever they desired.  
The haunting of the past continues its saga,  
Plagues kept testing the spirit of humankind  
The parted Red Sea of blood was a catalyst,  
In sending people to a new Promised Land.  
But still man was discontented,  
Money and riches were all on his mind  
Greed over power to him was an adventure,  
Until came the Day of Rapture.  
Pandemics can alter the lives of many  
But not all can experience the Epiphany,  
What if all these only test our faith?  
And that the dawning of a new Genesis is at hand?  
Tomorrow we can witness a brand-new beginning,  
Full of hope that we can all survive  
That the weary will have confidence in himself,  
And the sick will be healed in time.

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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## E-Plastic Bags

Falling from a shelf not meant for them.  
Parachuting gravity,  
what are these billowy things  
cavity's filled to the brim,  
We don't need more of them.  
Beaches by the score implore  
Find a solution! End this pollution

Defined by children,  
knowing how it should've been  
Ten and twelve respectively,  
Inspired by others respectfully

Except the world is slow to react to facts  
Accepting what's easier, like not spending tax  
Melati and Isabel Wijsen spoke how they felt  
I too, feel certain things are lax.

“To all the kids of this  
beautiful but challenging world,  
go for it, make that difference”

it's with pride that I make that inference  
another closing of the year,  
another mother's frozen tears  
another reason to give thanks  
another season I hope won't be the same  
another vote and still I hope,  
it's not based on blame  
another beach still needs cleaning.

## One By One

Removing the shape of game pieces  
It takes a steady hand, and a bit of engineering  
Who will topple the structure built so carefully  
Who will claim winner, as we begin again

I normally cry out cheater,  
When one capitalizes on my failure  
That makes it fun for me,  
but I never shook the table,  
I don't play with those people  
Don't we all have different labels

Board games for the bored  
Does this present a challenge  
Bent knees on the floor  
Some bet their rent, yet can't handle it  
Splinter free wood, smoothed to perfection  
Unleveled table, makes it lean toward me  
I'm about to cry foul, as a fowl flies by  
Judging by its wingspan, it damn sure ain't no owl

I called my friend a buzzard,  
He called me what I won't repeat here  
It's not my turn, is it?  
Was it, isn't improper English  
As the jingle of bells grow near  
There'll be these pieces all boxed so neat  
They'll be happy faces, and a look of, what is this.  
One by one, the look of converted minds  
I too, was sold on this simple idea.

## Battle With Nature

I can't keep up with the fall  
The fall of leaves the fall of my serenity  
Wind-blown rainstorm from trees

It's a beautiful scene with beautiful scenery  
I could supply a million scrapbooks  
Oddly shaped leaves spiral down gently

Spinning in circles like a miniature helicopter  
Seeds by design fall the same  
The leaves in my tines hear my whining complaint

Complacency in statements, as nature waits some  
I'm a lazy raker, my efforts, I won't waste none  
Waste them?  
Bag them and place them on the corner

I won't mourn the loss of what shall bloom again  
I'm content with seeing through bare branches  
The moon again, I will swoon again for spring  
For spring is loves rising, yet still involves leaves

A leaf, a branch, and a tree, we'll spar again  
When it's dark earlier than it's been  
Mechanically blown, thrown into a firepit  
I'll sit in circumference,  
feeling the warmth from this pyre  
inspired by leaves.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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Her works of literature include a trilingual collection of poems, memoirs in verse, prose poetry, short stories, a bilingual poetry book, and two books of poetry (one, co-authored). Her poetic offerings appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors.

hülya writes creatively to attain and nourish a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

hülya n. yılmaz, a traveler on the journey called “life” . . .

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## Rwanda and Bali

Whether we call it a Domino-Effect,  
or assign a different name to the humanistic impact  
that materializes across the globe  
in complete disregard of boundaries,  
cross-cultural influences do exist.

Rwanda on one hand,  
Bali, on the other . . .  
5877 miles of a flight-distance—  
not exactly neighboring each other!

The first imposes a ban on its citizens in 2008:  
No more polyethylene bags!

Thanks to Melati and Isabel Wijsen,  
their native island Bali follows suit in 2020:  
A legislation, *Restrictions on the Generation of  
Disposable Plastic Waste Collection*,  
renders it illegal to manufacture, distribute, sell, provide,  
and consume  
disposable plastics; i.e., plastic bags, Styrofoam, and plastic  
straws.

The end-result?  
Through a narrow lens . . .  
The Republic of Indonesia's Bali province  
is officially plastic bag free;

The end-result?  
Under a larger observation glass . . .  
A growing number of advocates  
For reduced plastic use in 15 different countries;

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The end-result?

In pursuit of a broader inclusion . . .

The tripling of the number of public policies  
to phase out plastic bags between 2010 and 2019,  
and the introduction of bans on plastic bags  
in 99 countries.



## “Bye-Bye Plastic Bags!”

Thus chanted a 10-year-old and  
a 12-year-old on the island of Bali.

Their first online petitions resulted in  
over 6,000 signatures within a day alone.

Then waved everyone across the Republic of Indonesia  
goodbye to the pollution by that environmental foe.

99 countries soon followed in the Indonesian footsteps.

What about the U.S.A.?

Alas!

There is no national plastic bag fee or ban  
currently in effect in the United States.

on this joint journey . . .

be a child, my child

be what you are meant to be

always smile broadly

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>**

## Mantra for Melati and Isabel

We may sing a mantra for Melati and Isabel.  
A sign of respect for the determination of youth  
to propel the countries of Bali and Indonesia  
into a rally for conscious conservation.

Together they started a wave of activism  
to cleanup beaches and advocate  
for the reduction in plastic usage.

They won the battle and eliminated plastic bags.  
Their future advocacy will no doubt  
impact the war on a clean environment.  
For this, we sing their names with praise.

## For the Fur Babies

The fur babies gather at the river  
bow to honor all their furry  
brothers and sisters  
crossing the rainbow bridge

They each raise a paw to salute them  
for completing the journey of love  
to support humans unconditionally  
in the quest for love.

Now they get to rest and renew  
before choosing their next human.  
Each paw beats the chest  
in gratitude of service.

## Ancient Sightings

A songbird serenades my senses  
in the Temple of Philae.  
I want to fill the hollow space  
in my heart with the embrace of Isis.

How can I be here and there  
between my high desert home  
and the desert of Egypt?  
Shape shifting like a hungry ghost,  
I can trace hieroglyphics and petroglyphs  
running back and forth  
between divergent planes.

My breath releases a soul  
riding on the fingertips of clouds  
above the Valley of the Kings  
and the Petroglyph National Monument.

The thunder of color rides  
the ship of the desert and  
I smile back at those fellows  
strutting in the sand.  
High top boots strut near my home.

Night approaches like a lost lover  
and I am wired from Turkish coffee  
screaming through my naked veins.  
I must silence the thunder.

American cicadas and ancient  
Egyptian scarabs sing loud  
in the summer heat of the valleys.  
I want to trap this experience  
like a clawing honeysuckle  
and savor the exposure.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava



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Ashok has won many accolades including Poet Ambassador to Japan, Kalidasa International award, World Poetry Lifetime Achievement award, Writers Beyond Borders Peace award and Tapsilog Leadership award for his community involvement. He is founder of Writers International Network Canada Society to discover, nourish, recognize and celebrate writers, poets and artists and to assist them to network with the community at large. He is the author of eight books of poetry and one anthology. He is Artist-in-Residence at Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre and also co-edits the literary section of The Link Newspaper.

## Lack of Moderation

I love  
multi-layered cities,  
its meandering streets,  
nightlights,  
poetry readings,  
murals,  
smartphone whispers.

I hate  
its intolerance,  
divisions,  
car fumes,  
traffic jams,  
pollution.

In a park  
where I sit  
trees stand high  
a river of plastic bags  
flows by me  
in silence.

## Desire

She was sad  
tear stained face  
and silent.

Without turning  
she lifted her chin up  
and asked  
had I seen an ant  
dragging away the wings of a butterfly?

No, I answered.

That's good, could I write or compose?  
What? I asked.  
A poem: a poem enticing a lover to make love  
Why? I inquired.  
I will shred it into a million pieces and burn it  
She said.  
Then without uttering a word,  
she got up  
and left  
leaving behind silence.

## Terracotta Passion

I live  
like a Banyan root  
hanging  
waiting  
to reach the earth  
for soil to cling to  
for nourishment  
for rootedness.

Without you  
I am  
hovering  
waiting for your hands  
to hold me  
to infuse hope  
to energize  
to begin life.

With you  
I feel alive  
I embrace you  
like a Banyan root  
that has reached the earth  
and connected  
to the soil.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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Caroline ‘Ceri Naz’ Nazareno-Gabis, author of *Velvet Passions of Calibrated Quarks*, World Poetry Canada International Director to Philippines is a multi-awarded poet, editor, journalist, 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 **Gabrielle Galloni Memorial Panorama International Youth Award 2022**, Panorama Youth Literary Awards 2020, 7th Prize Winner in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada ‘Amazing Poet 2015’, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), 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:

<http://panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis/>

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<http://www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html>



## Ocean Deep

Two Bali babies who fell deeply in love  
With the gift of flowing pristine water,  
And all the wonders that it holds,  
It mirrors their deepest mission  
To have plastic-free ocean,  
Believing that all creatures  
Under the sea are all precious,  
Interconnected waves,  
The calming salty breeze,  
Magical habitat—  
It's worth fighting for.  
Young but high-spirited bellas  
Racing to save the incredible treasure  
The ocean of life and for life,

## I am becoming more and more

I am becoming more believing and more reliving  
With the kindness shared, the hearts you filled  
With goodness,  
I am more relieved,  
Because I know you're there.

I am becoming more understanding and more knowledgeable  
Because you share your wisdom  
You lift me up from the uncertainties,  
That you become the compass  
Of my wandering thoughts.

I am becoming more grateful and more gracious  
Because of the unwavering support  
And unconditional love,  
You make the impossible possible  
Within my reach,  
Because you make me believe,  
I can do all things,  
With you, the powerhouse of my energy.

## My Sweet Little Boss

I came from school  
With a heavy headache,  
Almost drowsy and feeling clumsy,  
I sat down, closed my eyes,  
My sweet little boss said,  
“I want to hold you, mom,  
So you will feel better”

I told her, Thank you, my sweet girl,  
You’re acting as if you are a true doctor,  
She held my hand, giving her milk bottle,  
I smiled, asked for water instead  
She gave me the warmest embrace,  
I love my sweet little boss,  
My daughter’s purest love.

Swapna  
Behera

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## “Bye bye plastic bags” say Melati and Isabel Wijsen

children prodigy they are  
Melati and Isabel  
decreased the global use of single use plastics  
inspired by the Rwanda’s ban on polythene  
climate activists they are  
sisters born in Bali to Dutch and Indonesian parents  
someone has to raise the voice  
to save and sustain Mother Nature  
they tried it in Bali their native place  
a message that travelled from Rwanda to Bali  
beach clean ups, Government petitions accelerated the  
drive  
Bali is officially plastic free because of them  
Wijsen will lead for Indonesia  
some where some one is thinking for a safe environment  
they were only twelve and ten  
when they started campaign for the world  
free of plastic bags through education  
political meetings ,campaigns and youth empowerment  
don’t ever wait for age or permission to start a mission  
will tomorrow be made of plastics?  
will we be dumped in the graveyard of plastics...?

if you are with me.....

when you are with me  
the sky bows  
death flows reverse  
river becomes pregnant  
sparrow's nest swings in palm tree  
rice plants carry paddy  
consciousness stands boldly  
no abscission of spring  
words become crazy  
all orders are transmitted  
if you are with me  
fire is frozen  
sandalwood spreads fragrances  
birds twit; fears evaporate  
illusions get salvation  
solitude appeals for liberty  
and creates new languages  
the ugliest becomes the diva  
clay gets life  
if you are with me  
I forget and my memory is deleted  
the formulae of all mathematics is lost  
my ego is immersed  
explosion occurs  
I swing between your lost and found  
because at the end of this journey I am ordained  
with dignity I become you  
I become yours truly  
I become The Goddess



## my mother's pandora box

you find safety pins ,candies, fur or seeds  
white hairs stuck to that  
she touches it every day  
and feels the existence of my father  
she is ninety four ;the walking encyclopaedia  
cooking or food preservation  
jam, jelly ,seasons or values  
she knows how to imbibe or sustain  
a former badminton captain ,excellent speaker  
now lean and thin , skin above the Skelton  
still has the interest and opinion for games ,politics  
she is the youngest Diva for me  
my mother has become my daughter  
time changes the relationship  
struggling though with ageing process  
an empowered lady with ethics, values  
a good orator's voice is feeble  
but contents are robust  
we both talk about death and life  
hold our hands and smile together  
who cares death by the way ...!!!

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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## Melati and Isabel Wijsen

What were we supposed to do? sit back and watch a problem get bigger right in front of our eyes? watch it rise? No, my sister and I wanted to take part in the solution of ending Indonesia's plastic pollution. When we found out that only 5% of the plastic bags in Bali were being recycled, we wanted to change that, it was time for a clean up revolution. Of course it couldn't be done with just my sister and i, we needed the help of leaders and the community to spread awareness of a global nuisance. At just 10 and 12 years old we began a clean up campaign and we weren't going to stop until we reached our goal. We petitioned for signatures and had presentations to gather up needed attention on how important it is to stop the sales of plastic bags in turn for alternatives. "Bye Bye plastic bags" is something my sister and i started and became a social initiative, that was our part of making Bali and places all over the world affected by this problem a better place to live. With the help of the media our voices were heard in different areas. our movement gained momentum with the help of TED, CNN and the united nations. In 2013 we became familiar with the plastic pollution problem, in 2018 our hard work alongside others working together to make our world better helped make the ban of single use plastic bags out of our daily curriculum.

## Harsh

Living through so much harsh treatment , so many harsh conditions, cause me to see nothing but bright visions. My interpretation of life was like that of one that lived in hell, when I narrate I speak of how hell fucked me so others can be celibate, before jurors and magistrates, before a barrage of bullets, skipping triage straight to emergency for blood currency. I live with pain and hatred not toward people but at all the things I did and things that was done and can't be unwoven, I go to cemeteries now as a 40 year old man looking at the first to die, they were children. Born in the 70's died in the 80's we were crack babies but moms weren't smoking, we were young coke cookers, pack pushers, Gat toters, we held down blocks till eternal resting spots, that's why i stare at kids faces carved on marble rock. I visit plots with moms and pops with the last sibling the same age as the one no longer living. I know it's hard for consumption, it consumed me, it moved me to push my pen on paper and relive my past, ghetto music, wood wind and brass of the aftermath of living fast.

## Eyes

Have you ever been looked at from dead eyes? I have. I've been looked at by many with those eyes. Its look is just as yesterday, same expression. It's an I'll state of mind knowing any second any minute maybe within the hour, might be their time. Imagine the one starring at you doesn't know they're going to die. but... you..you soon find out that you were looking at dead eyes.. How would that feel? Let me explain. It's surreal. I gave him a hug and a kiss, daddy I love you don't ever leave me, he looked at me while holding me, na "ace" I'm not going no place... Don't worry daddy I remember that look and your voice. I knew you would of still been here if you had a choice. It's midnight.. Al look I bought this gun! I didn't take it because like him I had a fascination with them.. He stared at me holding that gun... It's three in the morning now I mourn him. Dude I got love for you but these guys around here don't know you. Al I grew up here just like you. Yeah I understand but you moved. we kept contact these cats don't remember you. They're hungry. you eating off their plate is not safe, to them your a stranger, go back to Miami with your mother! He looked at me with those eyes, na al I'm gonna stay and make a killing.. He did.. He made a killer kill him. R.I.P. to him. Why did they have to look at me with those eyes?...

Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich



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Michelle Joan Barulich was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. She started writing poetry and songs with her younger brother Paul. They have written many songs in their teen years. She is currently studying Alternative Medicine and would like to become a Homeopathic Doctor. Michelle loves all kinds of animals and birds; she does wild rehabilitation. She has also rescued rock pigeons that make great pets.

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

## Melati and Isabel

Two sisters working together  
Brainstorming ideas to help the climate  
To reduce plastic consumption in Bali  
Hard work and determination  
Signatures on paper  
To insight the people  
To say bye bye plastic bags  
Driven by youth  
Your message received  
All around the world  
Way to go Melati and Isabel!

## Unspoken Words

Sad songs that I listen to  
Funny how I think of you  
Before you left there was so many words  
You wanted to say  
But no one would listen  
There was so many feelings  
You wanted to touch  
But no one could care that much  
I hear my crying out loud  
Each tear means something to me  
And if the light of the dawn breaks first  
Will you still leave?  
with unspoken words unleft to say  
I can hear voices in your head  
There calling your name  
I can come in touch with your fears  
I can retrace yesterday's heartaches  
For I understand  
There was so many unspoken words  
To be revealed, now they lye in the dead....

## Love is the Word

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

Eliza  
Sęgięt

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Eliza Segiet graduated with a Master's Degree in Philosophy at Jagiellonian University.

Received *Global Literature Guardian Award* – from Motivational Strips, World Nations Writers Union and Union Hispanomundial De Escritores (UHE) 2018.

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

World Award 2020 *Cesar Vallejo* for Literary Excellence. Laureate of the Special Jury *Sahitto International Award 2021*, World Award *Premiul Fănuș Neagu 2021*.

Finalist *Golden Aster Book World Literary Prize 2020*, *Mili Dueli 2022*, *Voci nel deserto 2022*.

At the international Festival of Poetry CAMPIONATO MONDIALE DI POESIA (2021/2022) she won the title of vice-champion of the world.

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

Laureate Between words and infinity “*International Literary Award (2023)*”.



## Resuscitation

Between the plastic bags,  
grains shine through  
– once called –  
golden beach.

What is left of it is the sea of plastic!  
Rustling with every gust of wind,  
breaks the seaside silence,  
doesn't let you relax your mind and  
rest.

Young people already know  
– it's time to act!

Reanimation of golden sands  
will let the living, those thoughtful and reflectionless,  
breathe a sigh of relief,  
and start the plastic abstinence  
right away,  
following the words of Melati and Isabel Wijsen:

– *Bye Bye Plastic Bags*

Nature  
expects to be freed of spaces  
filled with ugly  
poisonous artifacts.

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## Bald Words

You had many plans –  
all for later.

And she thought  
that a miracle will happen.  
You told her –  
your bald words,  
words like checks without cover.

She was sure  
it would be just like you promised.  
She never dared to ask:  
*when will it be new?*  
Yet you  
did not have any plans.

You knew  
that you will not make change in your life!

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Dance

Her eyes said that  
*she wants to dance,*  
*have fun, go crazy.*

Perhaps  
she envied others –  
of their dancing feet.

She envelops in infirmity –  
she cried.

Nobody saw her tears,  
nobody saw that  
like others  
she craves for life.

Maybe he did not want to see?

*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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## The Plastic Death

Around the world  
Upon land and in oceans  
We see fit to  
Discard our plastics  
Only to further the death  
Of a world  
We once knew

Grocery stores and other too  
See it as a convenience

We once had paper bags,  
But they are too costly

Trees felled  
Lands cleared  
Because we need paper

There is hemp they say,  
But if we grow it  
Will we use it  
As a bio-degradable  
Self-sustaining alternative  
Or just smoke it  
Instead

When all the whales, dolphins and turtles are dead.  
Perhaps we will remember  
The efforts and  
The words said  
By Melati and Isabel Wijzen  
About “The Plastic Death”

## Longing

I long for the time  
When caring is not a burden;  
Where empathy and compassion  
Is effortless;  
When love is like the ether  
It is everywhere

I wish to live in a world  
Where the smiles of the children  
Do not depart  
Even unto and beyond  
Old age and death

I long for the time  
When the only wars we struggle through  
Is the war of giving,  
The war of humanity enacted  
And we fight only  
To embrace

I long for the time  
When the angst of our differences  
Becomes a distant memory  
And all we see are  
Similarities and likeness

I know to some,  
This is but a fantasy,  
But was not  
The Wizard of Oz  
Real?

Yes, I believe in M & M's,  
The sweetness of  
Magic and Miracles,



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And we all could do  
For a few  
Right now ...  
Don't you think?

I long for parity  
And the cessation of divide  
Between  
'The Haves and Have-nots'

.....  
I know this may sound  
A bit like a Socialistic preposition,  
But what can possibly be wrong  
With EVERYONE being OK?

I long for good water  
For everybody;  
A roof over everyone's head;  
Equality in Healthcare and education  
And so much more

I long to have the courage  
To confront my higher self  
And entice id to help me  
Overcome my 'self'

I long to challenge and defeat  
My lazy procrastination ....  
Well, maybe tomorrow

There are so many things  
That I long for,  
And so many more  
That I could,  
But what I truly long for  
Is to no longer have any  
Longing

## The Fruits of Trust

I petitioned my Muses  
To bring to me  
The gift of words  
For i wanted to write about  
'The Fruits of Trust'

I am a witness  
To the wonderful bounty and booty  
Yielded unto those  
Who are so blessed  
To give  
And to recieve  
This divine state of being

In seeing the fruits  
Of the seeds we plant  
Of 'Trust'  
How can you not exclaim  
To the world,  
To all creation  
Its sweetness

Trust is an ingredient  
Widely applied  
In relationship...  
And encounters....  
Those of love,  
Those of friendship,  
Those of some strangers  
And some family members  
As well

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I tell you,  
It is better to have trust  
Than not,  
After all,  
Who wants a life of wariness and weariness ...  
'Tis not a good way  
To live

Yes, 'Trust'  
Is a wonderfully sweet  
Ambrosiatic quality  
That all should experience  
At least once,  
In their lives ...  
But I say,  
Why not vie to have it  
Throughout our lives ...

As I said  
I can attest that  
The Fruits of Trust  
Are sweet

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Caroline Laurent Turunc

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Laurent

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Caroline LAURENT Turunc Antakya, Turkey, Arab origin, the daughter of a family of nine children. She started writing at the age of 15. She wrote her first novel at this age and her family did not allow the book to be published, her brother and mother destroyed the manuscript.

This incident did not prevent her from writing more. She has written over 1500 poems since 2013, received many certificates from abroad, and participated in 12 local and foreign anthologies. Her poems have been published in many international journals and sites. She is writing a novel and is about to finish it soon. She published two poetry books, "Between Oriental and Schemal" and "Desert lily".

She won the second place among 2575 poets from every country during the championship of the world literature in Romania. She won a prize in the poetry festival held by Yan in China which led her to be selected into the “world poet Literature Museum” built by the Silk Road Cultural Center of Northwest University of China. She was also a jury member of the Galaxia International Award for unpublished Poetry, 2021 edition in Chile.

She is a Turkey-based Humanitarian and represents the u.t.e.f. International foundation in Paris. She currently lives in Paris, France

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## Malalai of Maiwand

Malala, you are a true heroine  
Proclaimed as Youngest Nobel Prize Laureate  
Blossomed from his father's thoughts  
and humanitarian works,  
You were loved, Malala.  
You woke up those wounded spirits  
Who were buried in deep slumber  
Of fear, hopelessness and vanished dreams,  
Your advocacy on education for girls  
And human rights have transformed  
The leaders and the youth,  
Your light shine in all corners of the globe.

## hidden treasure

you left to win and gain  
lasting memories,  
exhilarating captures  
when nature calls,  
from sweeping meanders,  
from the lush of greens,  
from the sulfury smell  
of the enthralling coast,  
from the intimate sacred chamber,  
that replenishes & sanctifies  
wounded souls,  
from all walks of life,  
been here and there,  
sometimes lost,  
but never forsaken;  
for always  
you are the treasure  
from the forest of words.

## Decoding the Academic Regalia and "Abaray na Dayew"

Behind the cameras, tears poured down,  
but it meant a glorious victory over grief, stress,  
anxieties and obstacles.  
Behind those filtered smiles,  
I missed my lost loved ones.  
I am offering this achievement to them.  
The value of encouragement, empowerment,  
and dedication were my powerhouse  
to move forward to finish this journey;  
there was a lag, but I believed, there is always time.  
I fervently prayed for guidance,  
patience, courage, and determination  
for I trusted the process  
because a monumental change  
is just right behind the rainbows of willpower;  
The John Knox's cap over our heads,  
the gowns embracing our bodies,  
with the emblems inspired by the rule of time,  
honor, our heritage, and privileges  
remind us how great the change has been,  
until we walk the road for a while,  
looking back, we see how far we have come  
the odyssey to humility and the heart of humanity.

Neha

Bhandarkar

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Neha Bhandarkar is trilingual authour and translator. She is columnist in Marathi newspaper. Her 13 books in Marathi, Hindi and English have been published. She is recipient of many most prestigious literary awards from India, like State Hindi Sahitya Academi and bagged awards from foreign countries also. Her many poems and stories are being published in many anthologies, journals, E Zines and magazines in all over the world. Her many poetries, stories have been translated in several foreign languages i.e. French, Albanian, Phillipines, Nepali, Greece, English. As well as Indian languages like Odia, Asamese, Telugu, Bengali, hindi, Brail etc. Her poems and short stories have broadcast on All India Radio, Akashwani, Hindi Radio, Chicago (U.S.A.), Radio France (FRANCE) etc.

## Unattached

Giving no heed or precaution  
of acceptance and rejection  
she simply destines  
to string a chain of creation  
unceasingly, seamlessly

Protecting and germinating the seed  
is the only obligating task to her  
laden with such Sanskaras  
suffocates her existence

Caressing every passerby  
connotes killing her seed  
or the carnage of offshoots  
even she doesn't know  
the sept of misconception of misery  
But she knows her own destiny  
served on a silver platter  
like a plumage shedded peacock

Her sufferings never ward off  
nor she can be relieved  
even she observes  
the 'unattachment'  
same as between earth and sky  
as a plot of a lot

Her innocent pollens  
get churned out  
while she procreates intensely  
with an unattached mind  
and when it becomes indispensable

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to give birth to another feminine form  
the chain of creation  
gets strung automatically

Sheerly in the name of subsistence!....



## Setting Down

'O' dearest Poem!  
please do commit  
to the poets around the world  
that never will you die out  
coz if you wane, so do the poets

Have you seen the sun fearful  
or the moon finished?

O dear!  
in the circumstantial dark and glow  
countless efforts would be made  
to annihilate you  
Even so you rise again and again  
as the sun and the moon  
with a new ray of hope everytime

Like a sweet cuckoo  
recognise the onset of spring  
Affix the fragments of time  
with the cultured civilizations  
and enthrone the hearts of every one

Be as aromatic as the blue lotus  
Be as fragrant as  
the essence of musk  
Keep waving your stole  
with this blossoming land

Shower your pitter-patter  
as the writing flow of poets

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gush relentlessly drifted away as a river  
and keep sailing wantonly  
on the word-ferry

I know it is not easy  
to keep safe your existence  
in the ocean-like Word-web  
Even so, you try  
Try that you never set-down

It is said,  
"The world rests on endurance and hope".

## Intolerant

An intolerant moment  
intersecting the death and solitude...

From this moment  
reaching to the conscience  
are innumerable sound-bound  
silent thoughts

The setting clouds  
peeping through large skylines  
uninterruptedly look forward  
to taking place  
precisely in such untoward moments  
in the wasteland  
made of solitude and dejection  
....Absolutely being all carefree

In the illusioned space of mind  
In the caress of solitude  
with the dreams of death abound  
mingling with melancholy songs  
creating a rampage  
in the poems  
and at such juncture  
tolerance evolves  
out of a work of art  
that intolerant moment  
(intersecting death and solitude)  
as if; gets killed  
....Once again in a city of concrete!

Shafkat

Aziz

Hajam

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Shafkat Aziz Hajam is a children's Poet from India, Kashmir. He is the author of two children poetry books that mostly give a religious touch, titled as The cuckoo's voice and the canary's voice.

## Though my skin is black,

Though my skin is black,  
My intentions are green.  
Let me put them into practice  
Colors of joys will be all around seen.  
Let me uproot the thorns of hatred,  
Let me sow the seeds of love ,  
Peace will be enjoyed everywhere  
Everyone will symbolize it like a dove .  
In the hearts of people, let me  
Put out the fire of greed.  
All will take their fair share  
Of the things they need .  
Let me tie people with  
The bonds of brotherhood  
Let me teach them humanity.  
All will be just and will act as they should.

## I Am A Book.

I am a book when you read me ,  
The whole world you'll see.  
You'll visit the snowy mountains  
And the deserts where it hardly rains.  
You'll visit the bottoms of the deepest Oceans,  
You'll enjoy the cultures of different nations.  
You'll visit the stars and the moon  
And the Earth's hot and cold zone .  
You'll visit the palaces of the past kings ,  
I will help you to fly around the world  
As I am your wings .

*This poem is written for my little student,  
Yusra ,class Pre Nursery.*



## O Canary!

Soon thou wilt abandon me ,o canary !

My elated heart wilt become glum, o canary!

Thou wilt visit me in spring,

Till then in my garden who'll sing?

Can not endure thy absence , o canary !

My heart wilt beat but with no rhythm

Thy memories wilt keep me restless,

Until thy arrival there wilt be no charm , o canary !

Elarbi

Abdelfattah

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Curriculum Vitae: Abdel-Fattah Al-Arabi, Tunisian, with a diploma in programmer and analysis in media Doctor of Human Sciences from Université Théophanie International Political and human rights activist, activist and union official, legal advisor at the court Cultural advisor at the Union of Arab Unity Meeting for Poetry and Culture in the Arab World in the Diaspora, Holland Branch Director of the Tunis office of the newspaper Director of the magazine REVISTA AMERICA Sin Fronteras in tenez Responsible for the Équipe de réseautage / activation du Monde Arabe team at the European International Foundation for Peace and Human Rights: Member of the Third Millennium Renaissance - Participated in Poetry Nights in Dhaka (the world's poets in the 100th evening of Odan Little TV magazine countries. - I gave a lecture at the Arab Youth Forum in London, - I gave a lecture and poem at the cultural café in Sulaymaniyah Published in many newspapers I am in the process of preparing to publish my first poetry collection.

## Fire in my skull

Sixty years of war burning in my skull  
Between thoughts that illuminate the road and others that  
extinguish the light  
Between tribes from myself and others from outside my life  
Skull, put out the blazing fire!  
This war foretells destruction  
How many books have you read about conflict?  
Have you studied poetry theory?  
intracranial boiling, screaming, barking  
A hustle and bustle, a mixture of the snarling of the seas  
Have you made a ruling?  
I wrote how many poems on the wall  
Is your hair gray or has it escaped your scalp?  
Lots of ideas  
And I played you with the friction chain  
ancient interracial  
And a long life history  
Without a goal, but coordinated with a torrent of grinding  
words  
Incomprehensible and rejoicing in murky water  
Has time turned to an inevitable end?  
Oh time, how treacherous are you?  
From the beginning years a skull packed with written  
karatis  
With talismans, squares, triangles and drawings  
How long do we have to fill this skull?  
Unconsciously and deciphering secrets  
I read all the books of incantations and magic  
And the world and the cities swept over  
I was not able to know the great knowledge  
I do not appreciate the past tense  
I am unable to comprehend a future that the Almighty  
Creator knows

## Meditation

Doors opened from all over the place  
on all edges  
Foretold all paths  
And I alerted all the orbiters  
Where are you Sirian?  
captured in a valley  
I know you exist  
in hand  
Those mysterious remote commandos  
oblivion  
Covering between death and another life  
Enjoying eternal bliss  
in the transfiguration  
And a clear look  
Unfold on doors that seem open  
But it's closed  
Opens through a hidden theology  
A world that swims and slumps from above  
don't realize it  
Meditate between unknown times  
The mutterings flow from you  
And the signs go with you  
Perceive sensory places  
It has an eternal whisper  
unconscious things  
You are in the presence of the showers  
the darkness of the darkness  
Do not know  
missing things  
I am nothing but a mirage  
Swim between the lobbies  
Meditate here and there

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You are not and there is nothing  
Except for existence  
who contemplates the loss  
the infinite  
extending endlessly  
It's the loss

## chime the bells

Ring and ringing  
coming from above  
shake your head up  
You see nothing but the echo  
Singing into melodies all over your head  
You look at yourself and you only see an idol  
Nothing has moved for years  
stop everything  
You hear words here and there  
Just talk and action  
Nothing is moving  
The idol is looking at us  
He's moving that idol  
But we are in our places  
We hear bells ringing everywhere  
We walk but we stand where we are  
We peek at each other  
Sometimes whispering and other advice  
We have a void left  
full of air  
The bells still ring in us  
but we are a fetish  
We only move in the void  
We're writhing in a whirlwind storm  
And twist everything in us  
Even our minds, our hopes and our dreams  
Lose the flavor of life and reap  
Green and dry crops  
In our roots rip our veins  
sucks our blood  
Empty inside us and keep us cage  
People imprison us



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# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



*Janet Perkins Caldwell*

February 14, 1959 ~ September 20, 2016

*Alan W. Jankowski*

16 March 1961 ~ 10 March 2017

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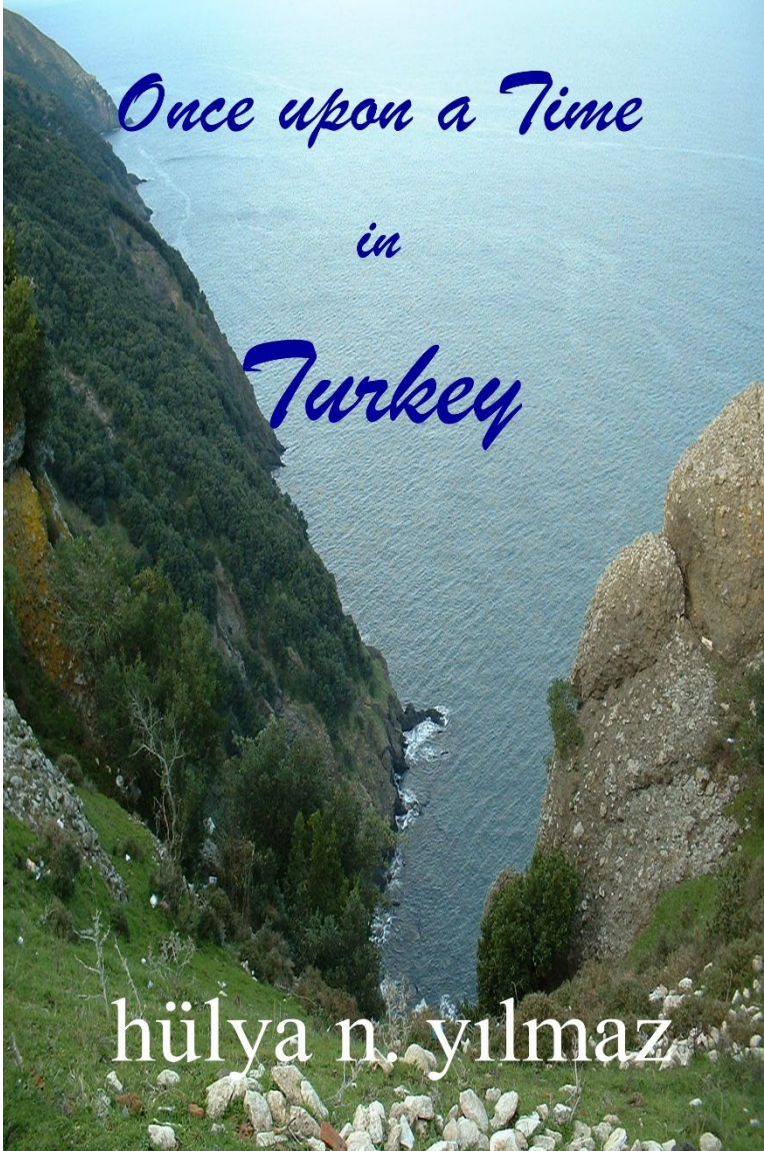
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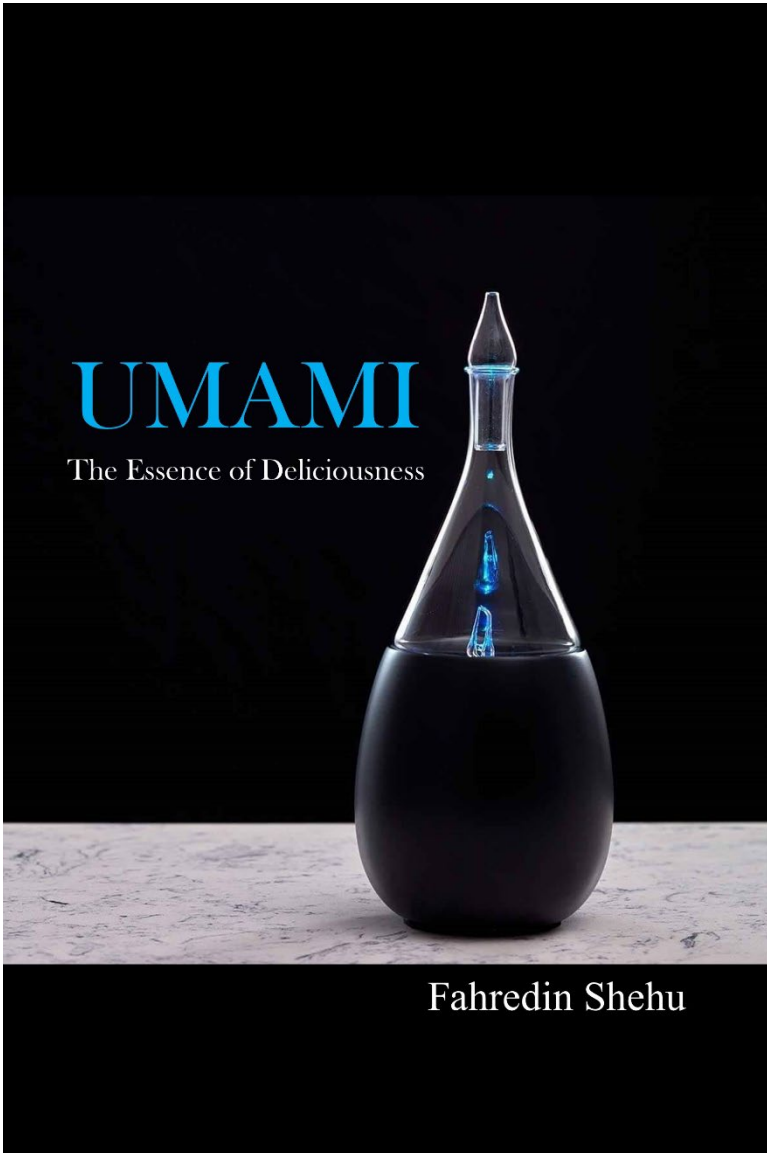
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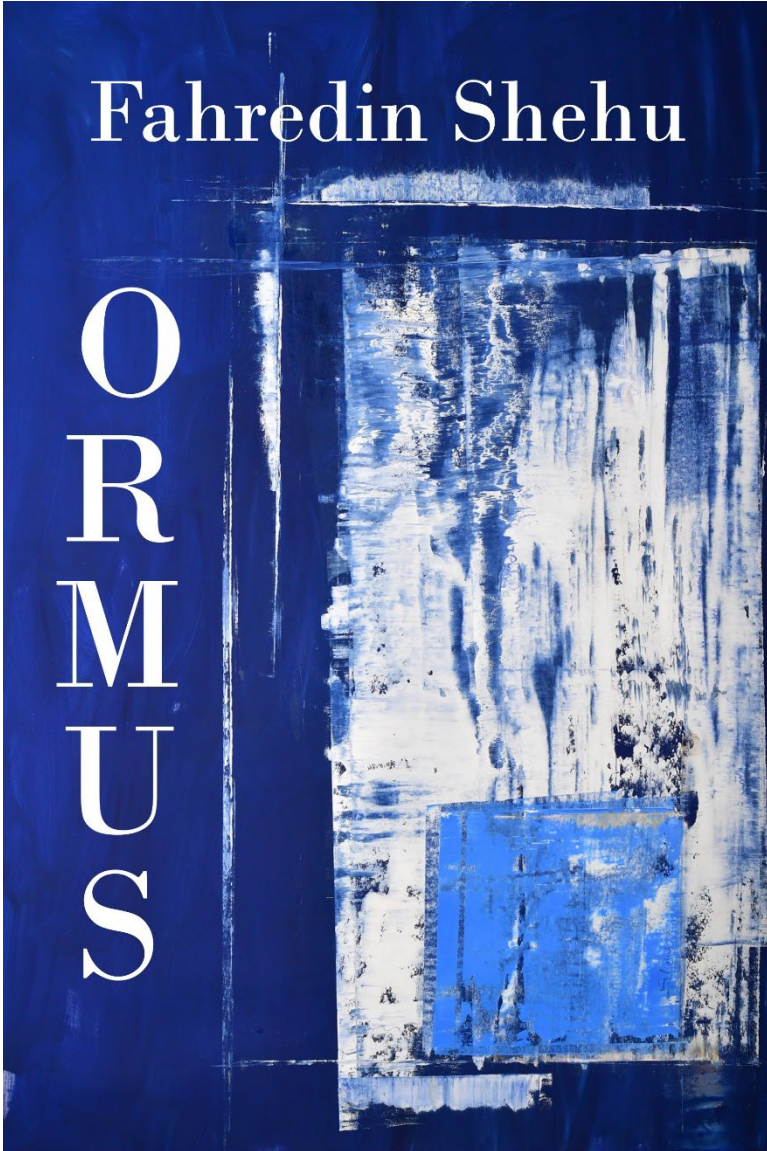
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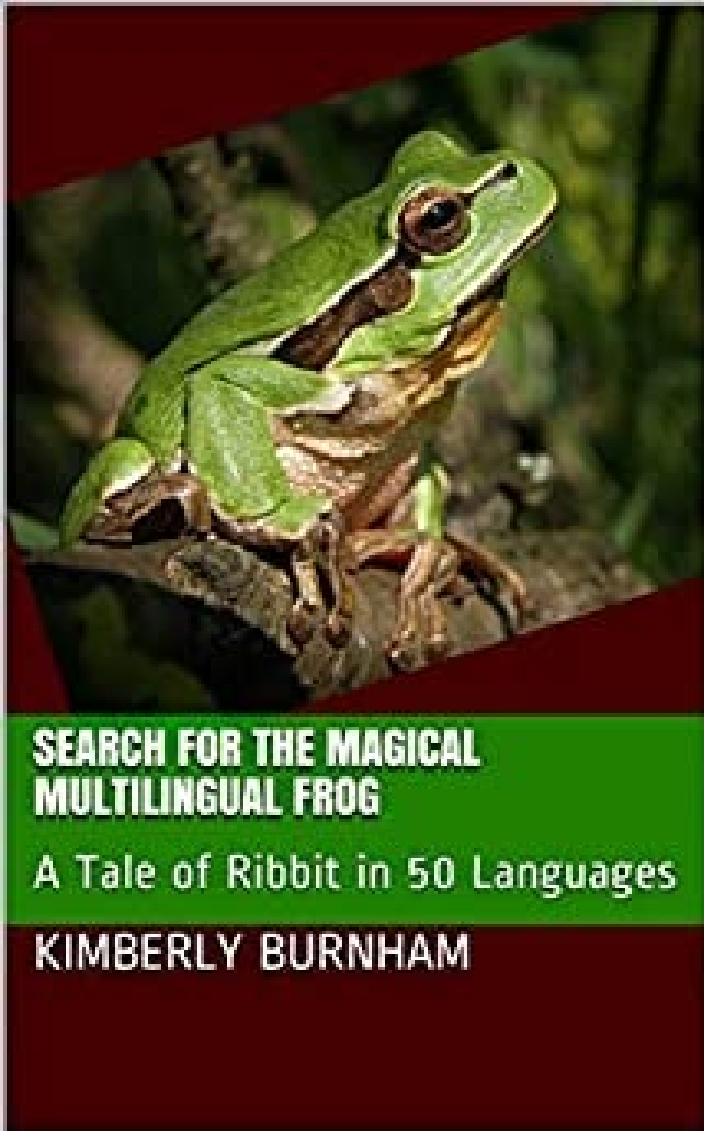


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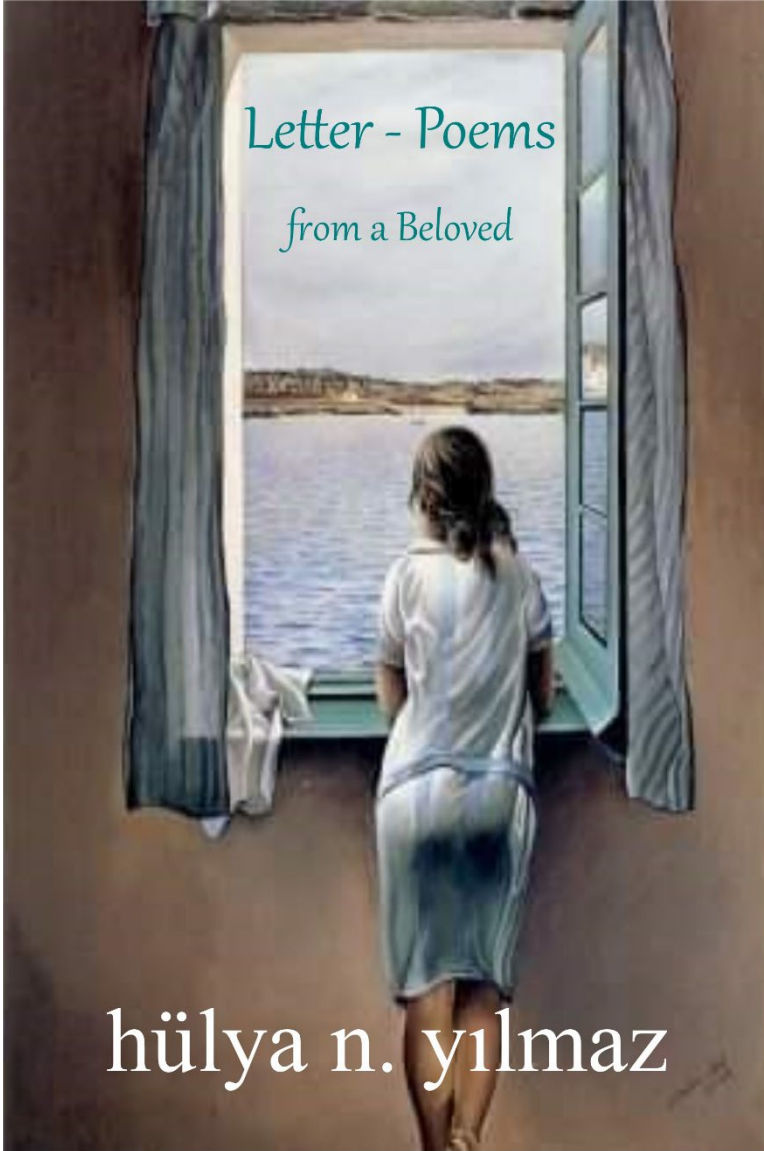


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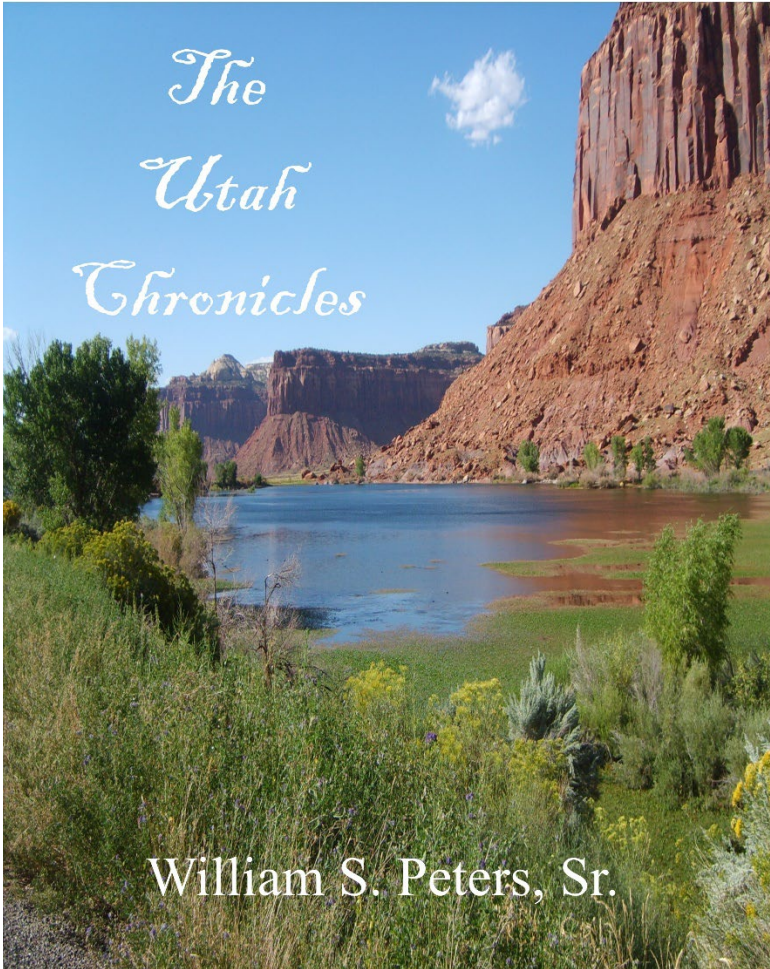


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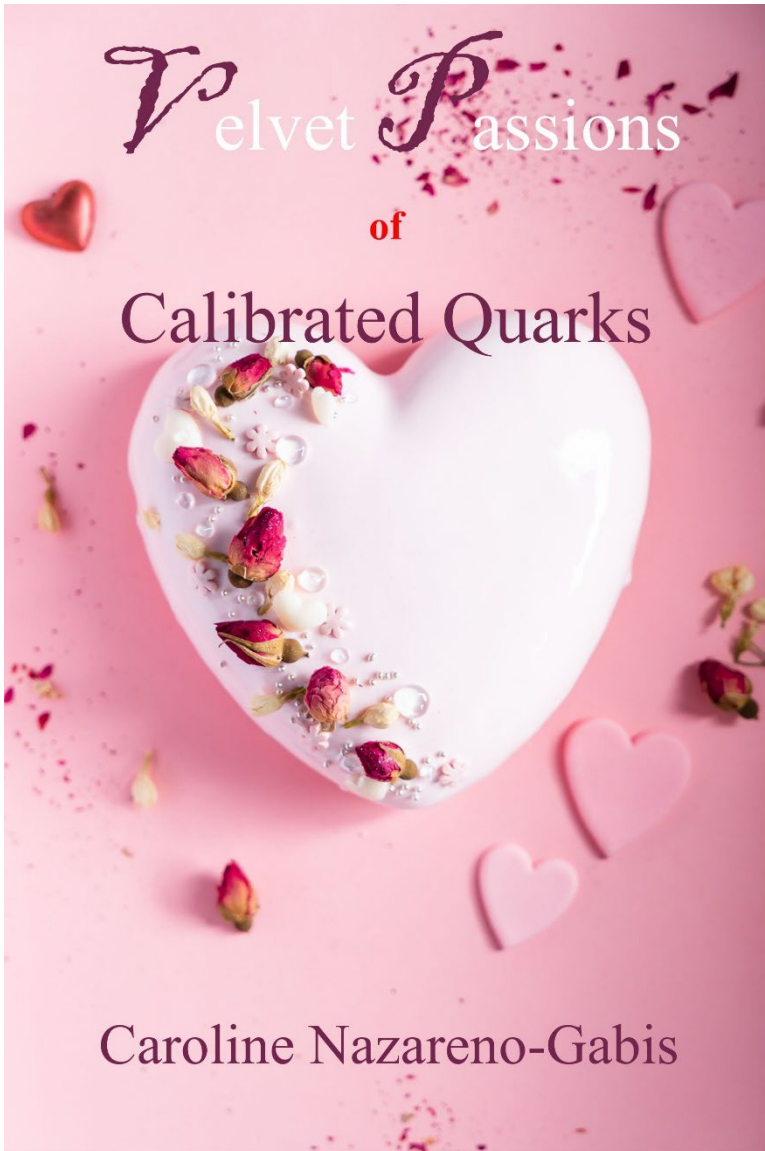


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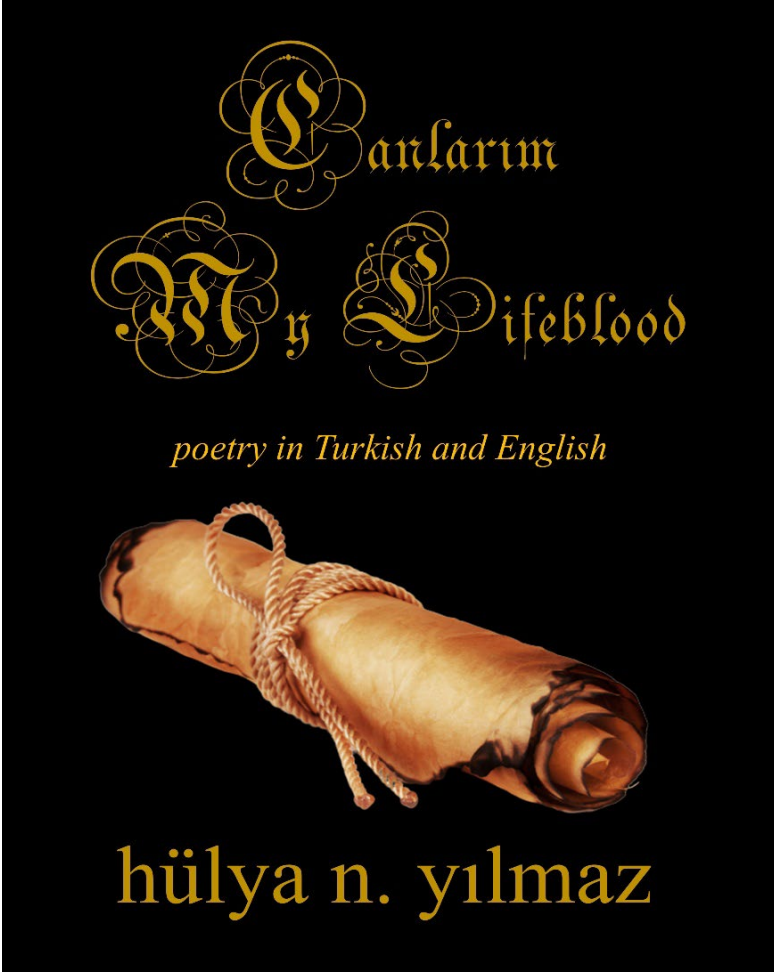


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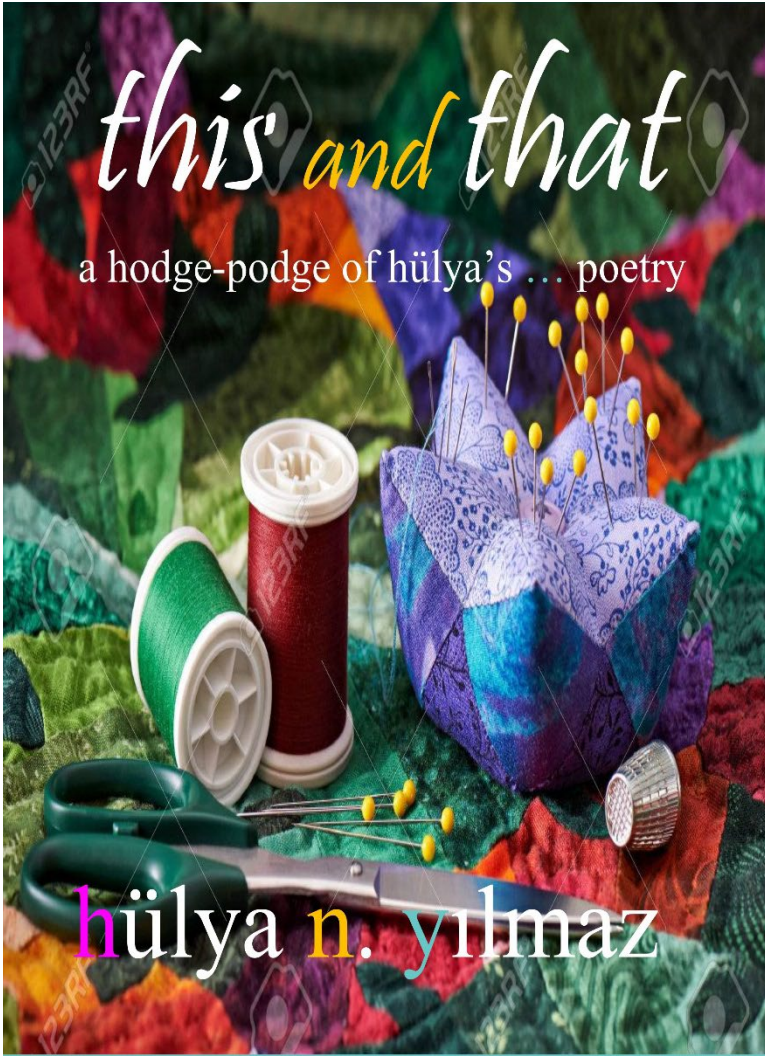
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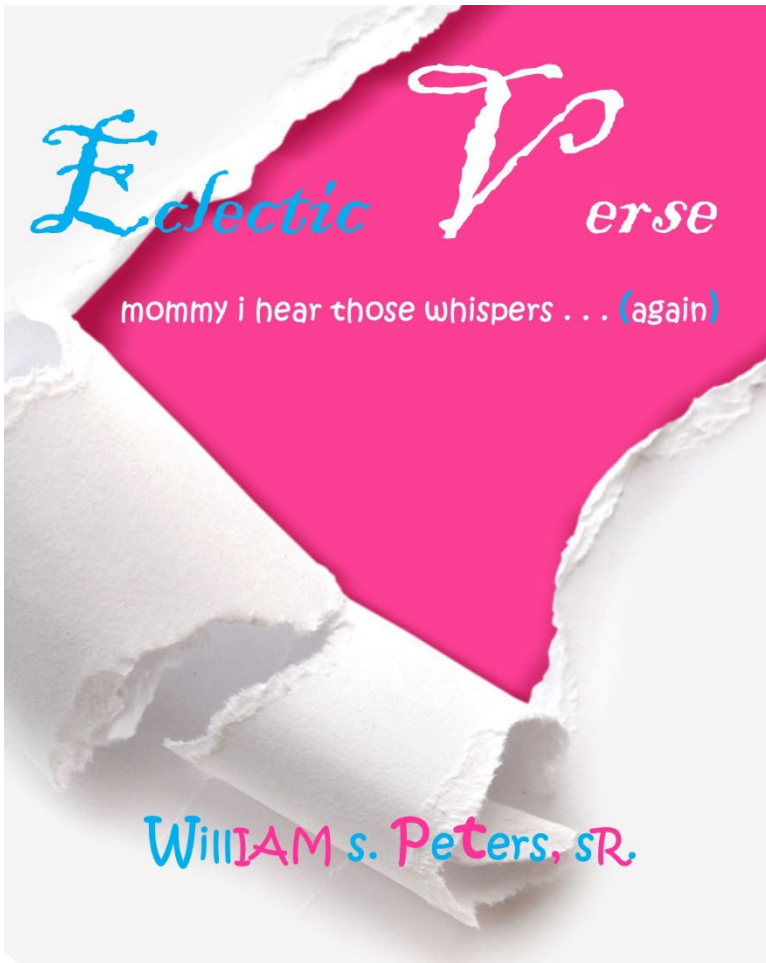
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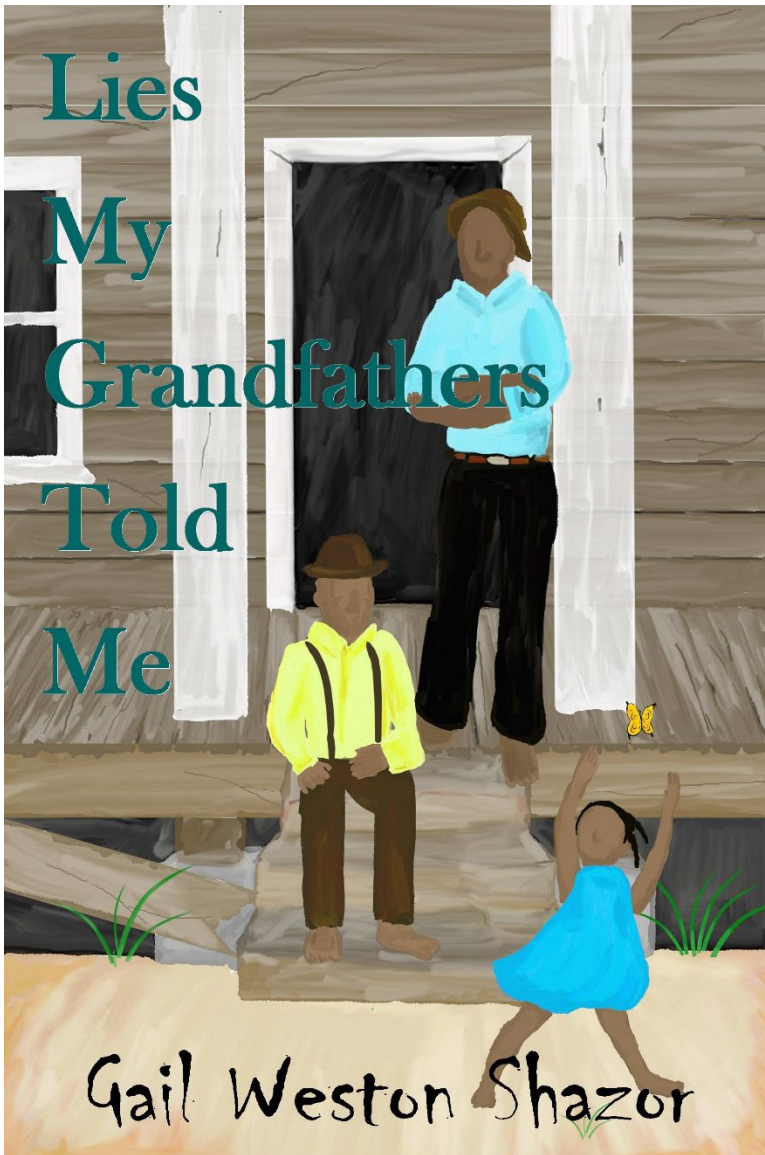
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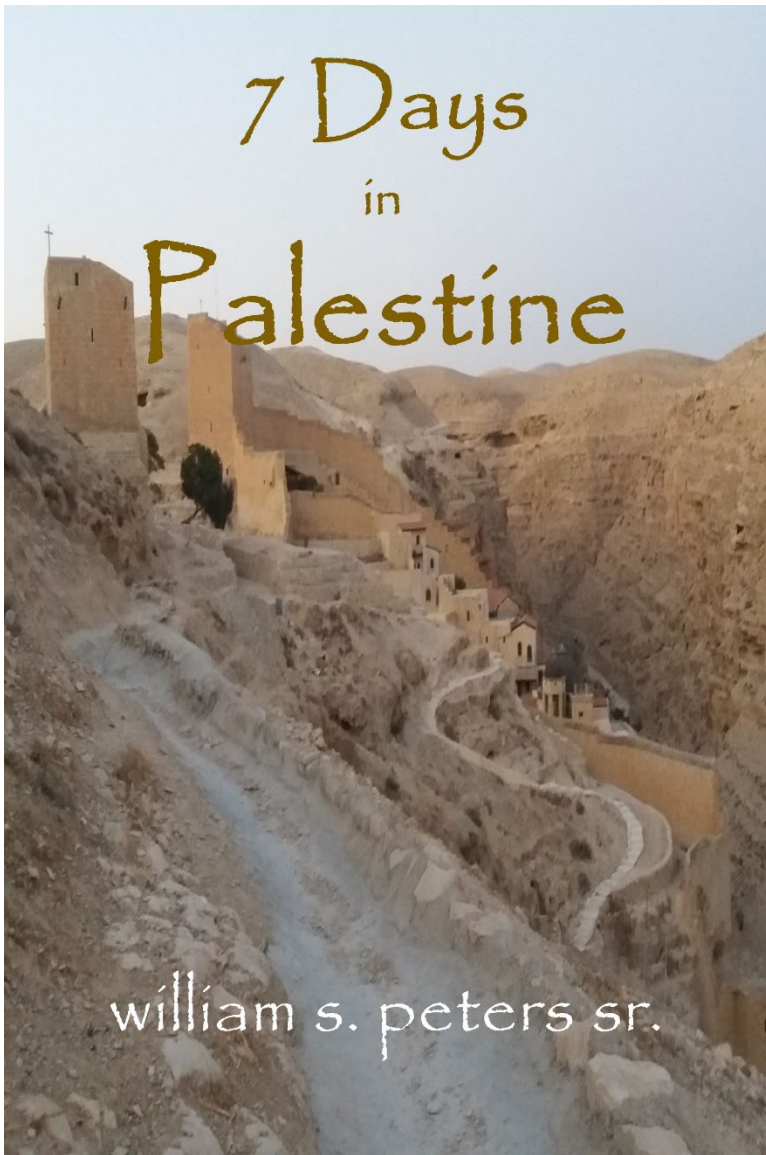
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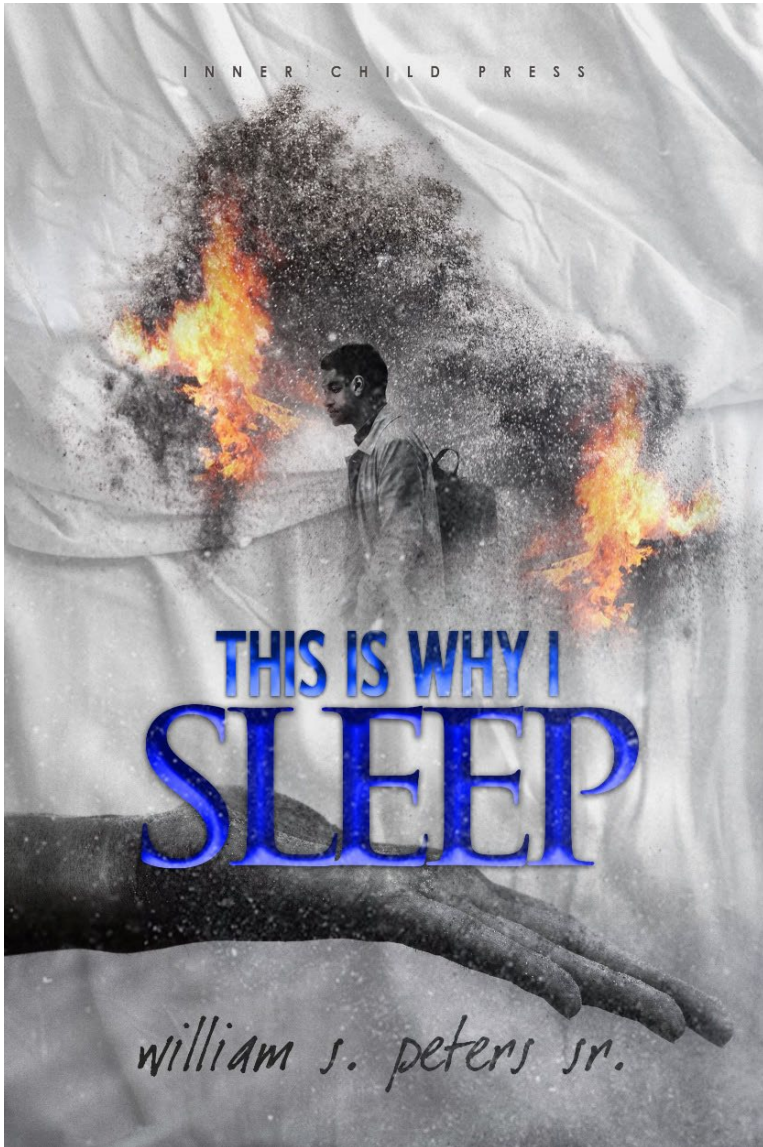
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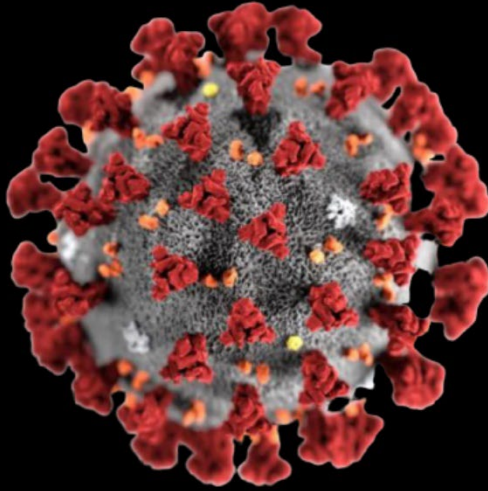
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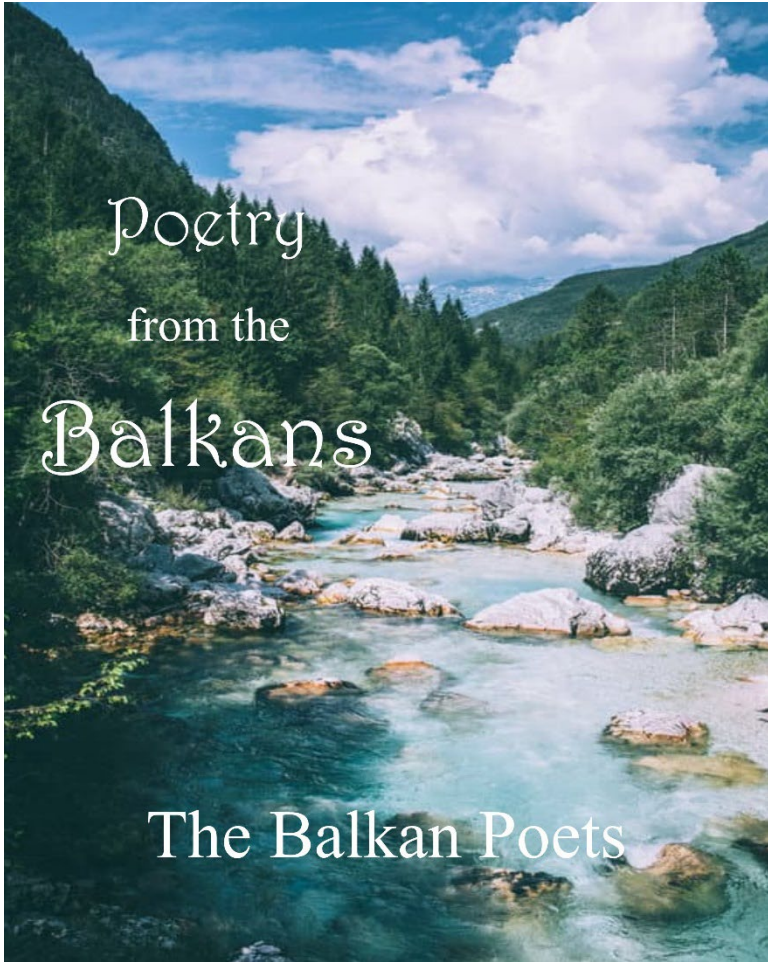
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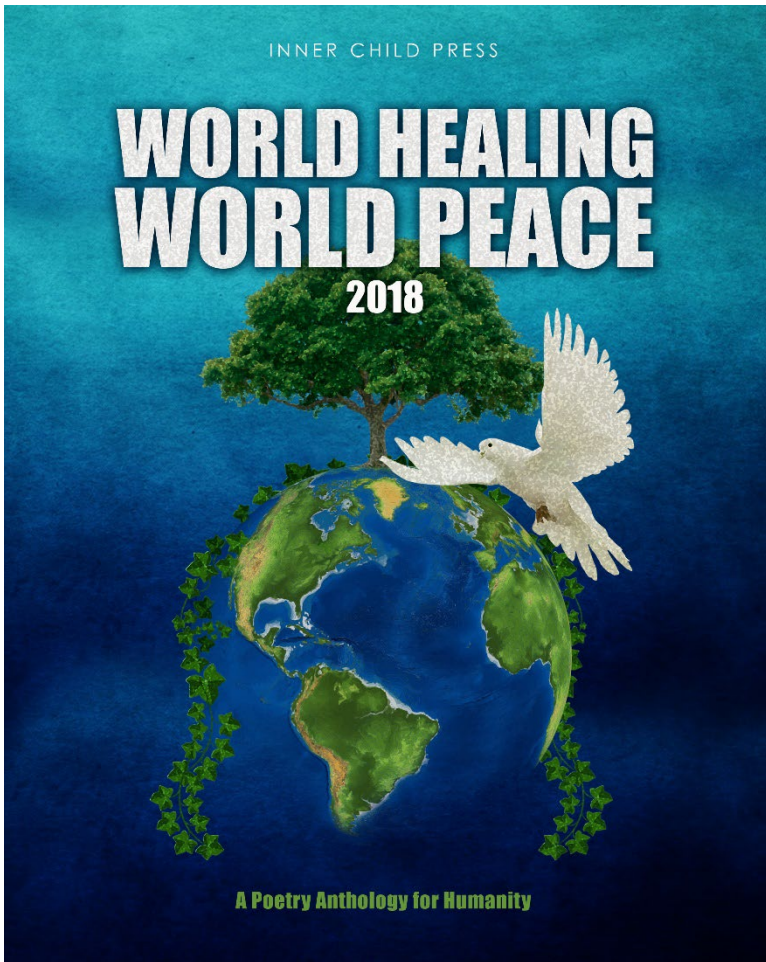
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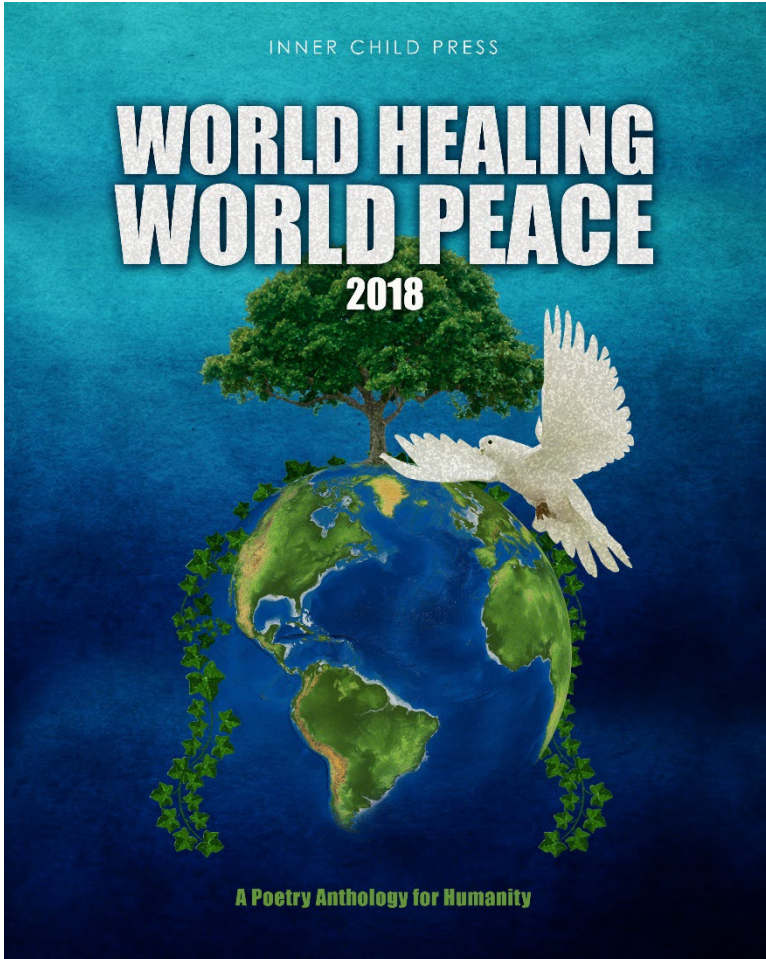


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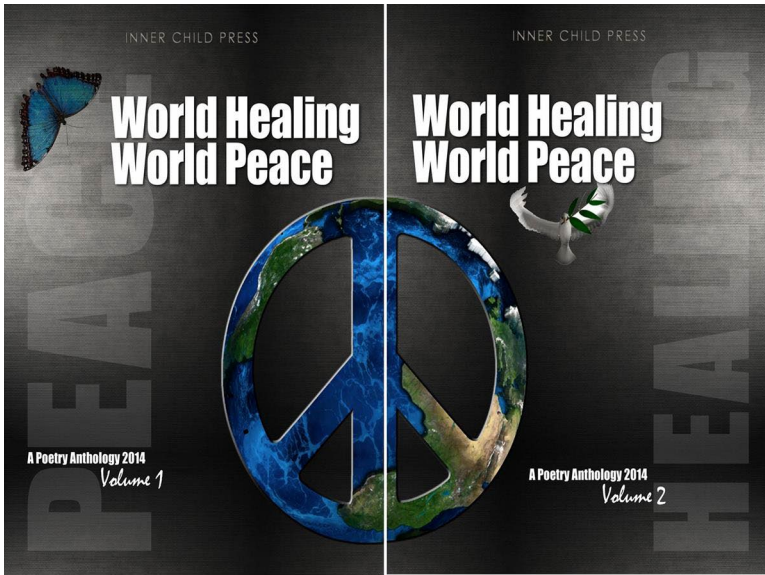
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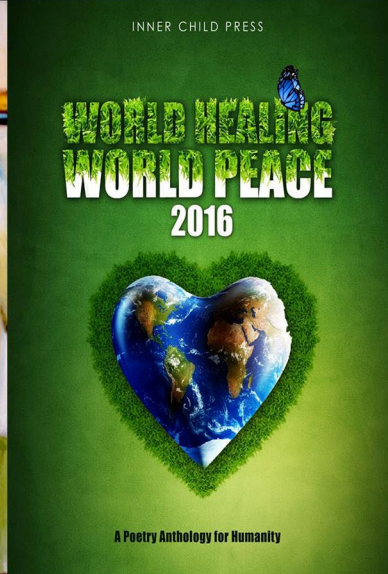
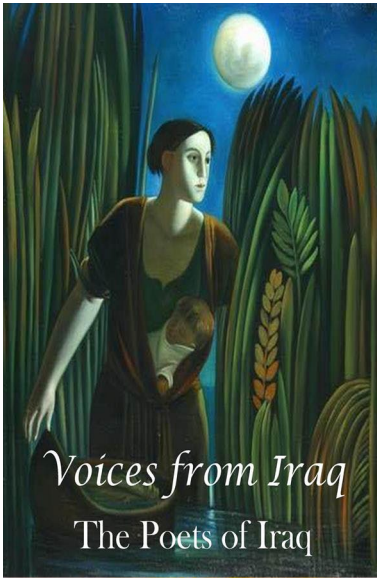
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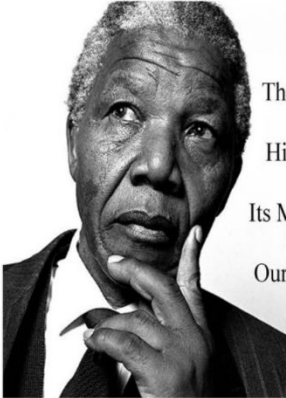


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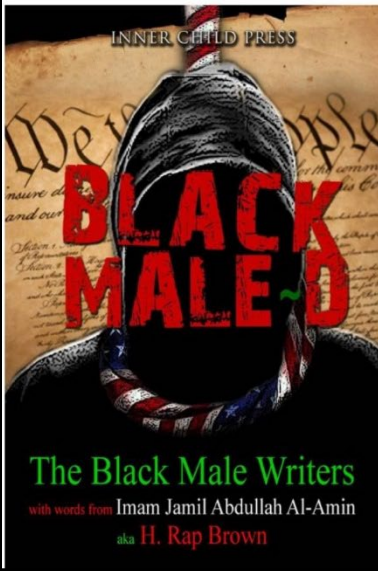
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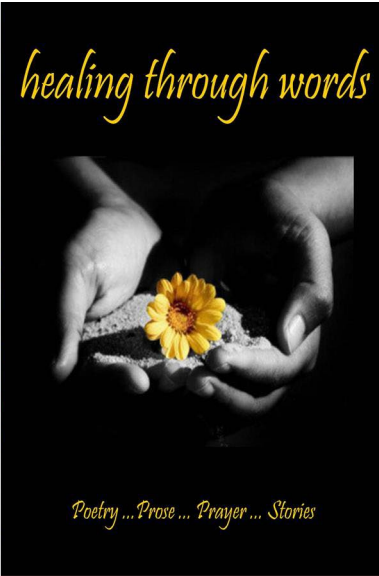
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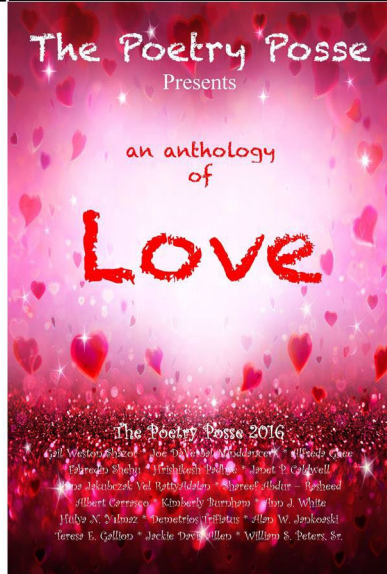
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### Our January Feature

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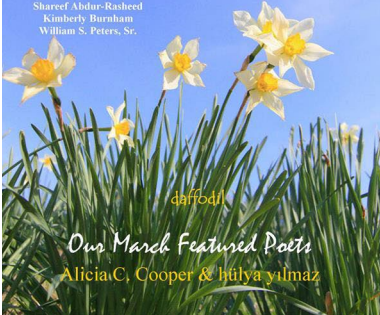
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### Our March Featured Poets

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June 2014



*Love & Relationship*  
**Rose**

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

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**

*August Feature Poets*  
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Wild Carnation of September Birdway Flower

September Feature Poets

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October 2014

Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

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November 2014

Chrysanthemum

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November Feature Poets

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December 2014

Narcissus

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**January Feature Poets**  
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**THE YEAR OF THE POET II**  
February 2015

**Amethyst**



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

## The Year of the Poet II

March 2015

**Our Featured Poets**

Heung Sook \* Anthony Arnold \* Alicia Poland

**Bloodstone**



**The Poetry Posse 2015**

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April 2015

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**Our Featured Poets**

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**Diamonds**



**The Poetry Posse 2015**

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May 2015

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



Emeralds

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

June's Featured Poets

Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



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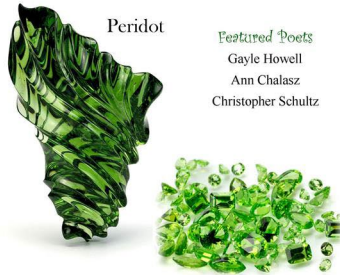
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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2015

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 Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnce Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

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October 2015

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

Opal




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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

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 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore




Topaz

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December 2015

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



Turquoise

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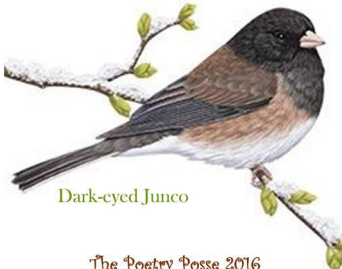
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christina Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

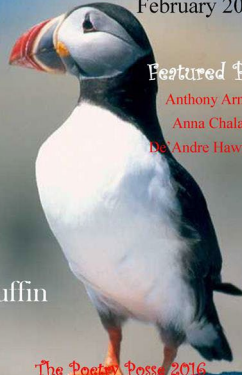
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Fahredin Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Joe DeVeraldo Mbadaneer \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Ann J. White  
Huiya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Triantaf \* Alan W. Jankooski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

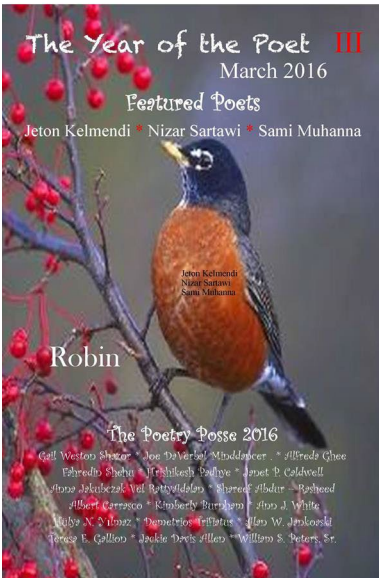
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

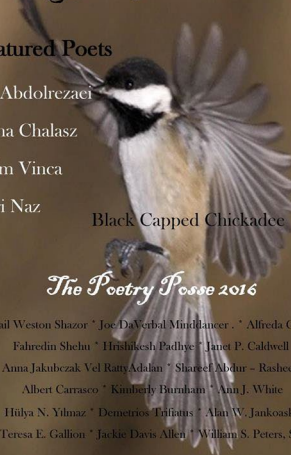
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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

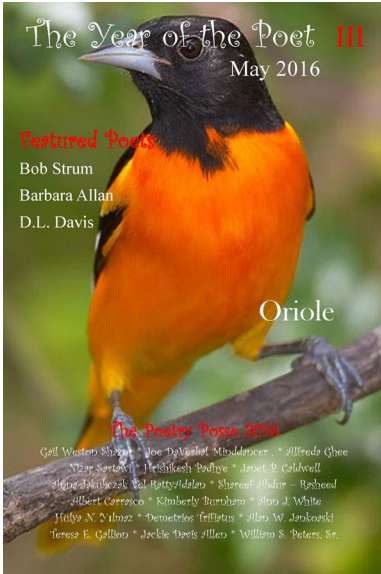
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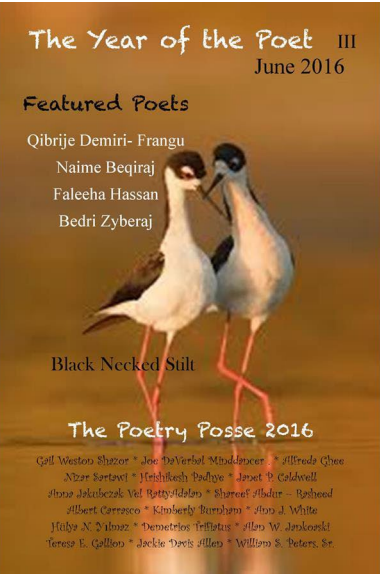


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May 2016

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

Oriole

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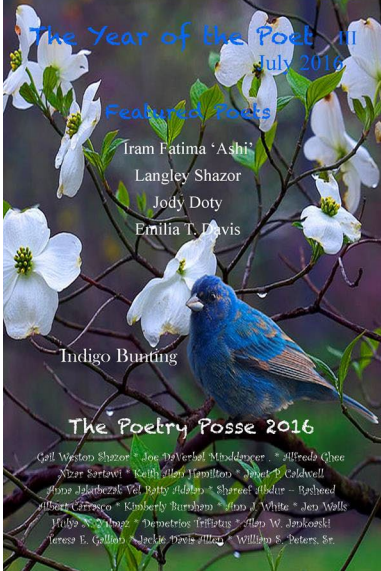


The Year of the Poet III  
June 2016

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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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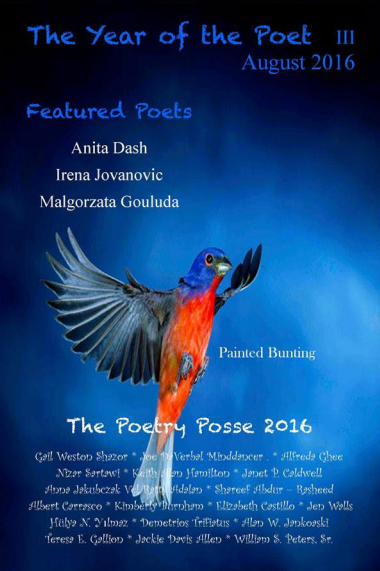


The Year of the Poet III  
July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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

Painted Bunting

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September 2016

**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novilla



Long Billed Curle

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Jose DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Sharon Abidin \* Richard  
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October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

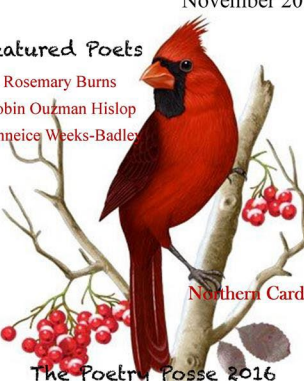
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal

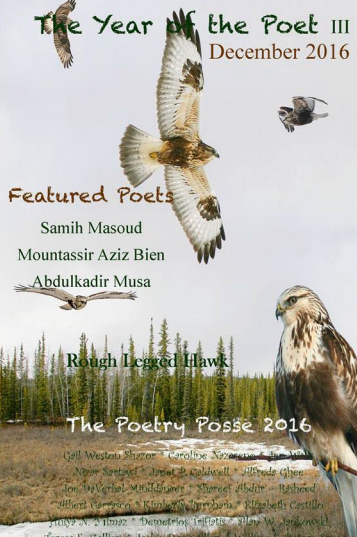
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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January 2017

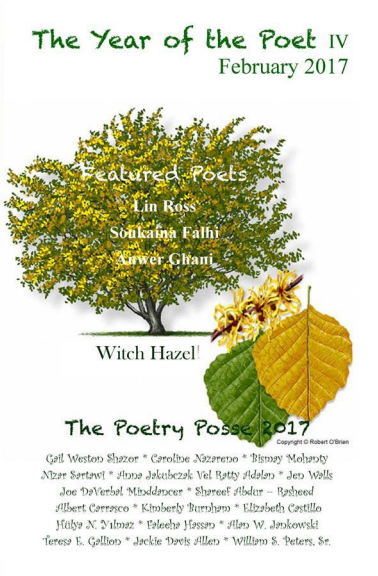


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima "Ashi"

**Quaking Aspen**

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February 2017

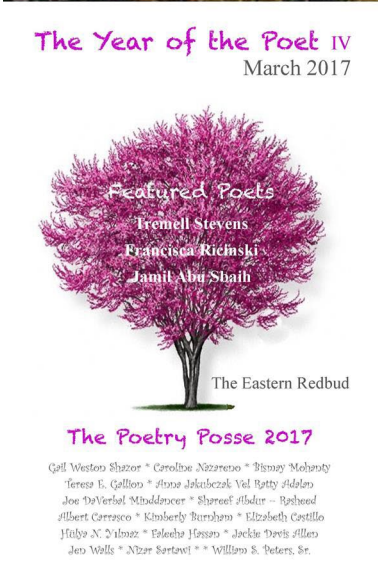


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Lin Ross  
Sankama Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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March 2017

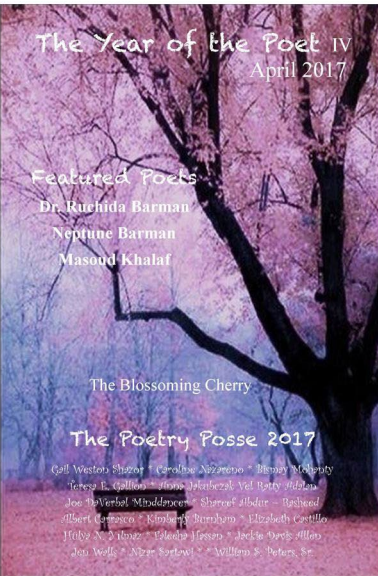


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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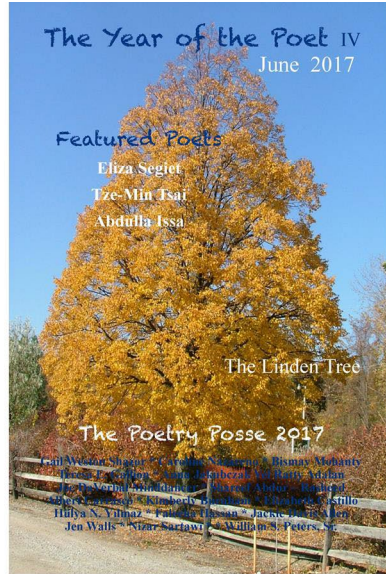


**Featured Poets**  
Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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### Featured Poets

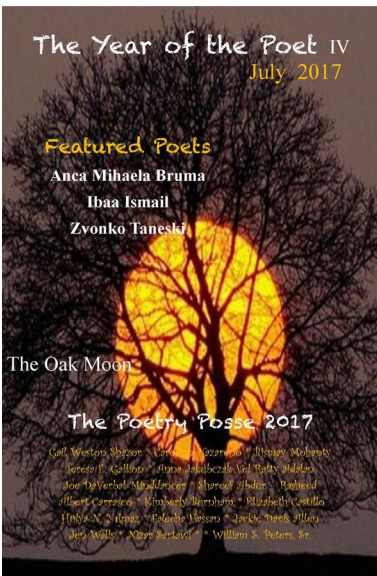
Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017



### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017



### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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## The Year of the Poet V

January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

### The Poetry Posse 2018

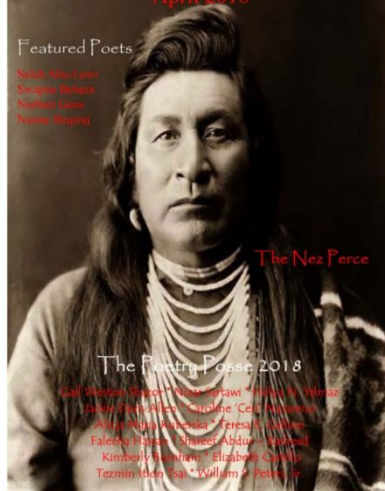
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sarah Abu-Lelo  
Suzanne Belack  
Nathan Lion  
Suzanne Whiting



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Featured Poets  
Zaldy Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




The Poetry Posse 2018  
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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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July 2018

Featured Poets  
Padma Jayasingh Paddy  
Mohammad Ikhbal Harb  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




The Poetry Posse 2018  
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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



The Poetry Posse 2018  
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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

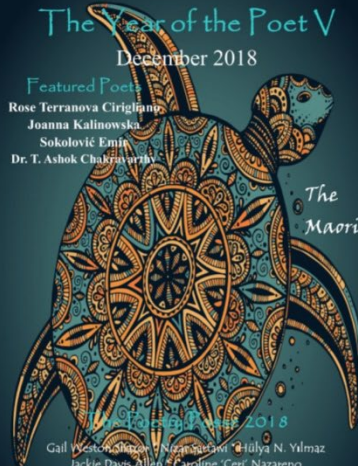
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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 May 2019

**Featured Poets**  
 Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
 Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameerii




Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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 Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 June 2019

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




Arctic Circumpolar

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
 July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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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

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




**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Ngozi Olivia Osooha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019

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




**Northern Asia**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Eftichia



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rashied  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Rohini Behera \* Mircea Dan Duta  
Momalisa Dashi Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elitichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
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 \* Orbinda Ganga  
Roula Pollard \* Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Raed Amis Al-Jishi • Sotkovski Snezana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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Jackie Davis Allen • Caroline Nazareno • Eliza Segiet  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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June 2021

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Tareq al Karmy \* Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



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July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevska-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Lan Qyqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



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Pankhuri Sinha \* Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



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Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



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October 2021

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Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



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November 2021

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Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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December 2021

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Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



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February 2022

Featured Global Poets

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Mammad Ismayil \* Tarana Turan Rahimli

Climate Change and Mountains



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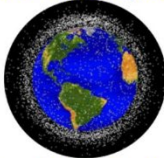
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March 2022

Featured Global Poets

Dimitris P. Kraniotis \* Marlene Pasini  
Kennedy Ochieng \* Swayam Prashant

Climate Change and Space Debris



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Monsif Beroual \* Carol Aronoff

Climate Change and Oceans



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Ajanta Paul \* Monalisa Dash Dwibedy

### Climate Change and Birds



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June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeizat Okunlola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioke Abonyi

### Climate Change and Trees



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July 2022

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Anna Ferriero \* Ujjal Mandal

### Climate Change and Animals



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August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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Caroline Turunç \* Tali Cohen Shabtai

### Climate Change and Agriculture



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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Sajid Hussein

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



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Andrew Kouroupos \* Brenda Mohammed  
Carthornia Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

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Hema Ravi \* Shafkat Aziz Hajam  
Selma Kopic \* Ibrahim Honjo

Climate Change : Time to Act



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### Featured Global Poets

Elarbi Abdelfattah \* Lorraine Cragg  
Neha Bhandarkar \* Robert Gibbons

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



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Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jammagerwalla

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Iqbal Masih

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Ruby Bridges

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Yo Yo Ma

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### Featured Global Poets

Maxwanette A Poetess \* Alonzo Gross  
Türkan Ergör \* Ibrahim Honjo

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Claudette Colvin

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Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

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Ryan Hreljac

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