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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

Jean-Michel Basquiat

Each month of 2023 a gifted, accomplished young person is featured in our monthly edition of The Year of the Poet. Our family of Poets 'The Poetry Posse' dedicate a poem to that young person featured. This month November, 2023 that young person is Jean-Michel Basquiat. Born: 12/22/1960. Death: 08/22/1988. American artist born, raised in the Bronx, N.Y.C. Spoke 4 languages fluently, English, Spanish, French and Haitian Patwah.

Basquiat was a native of N.Y.C. His mother was from Puerto Rico, father Haiti. Young Jean evolved from Street art graffiti doing it on the streets of New York City. On buildings, other structures, subway trains, etc. His art evolved started to develop a unique style of using abstract images to tell a story, project a message dealing with institutional racism, police brutality particularly against young black Americans and Latino's. Corruption, oppressive government policies etc. It also included historical events that impacted on quality of life. His style was categorized as 'Neo-Expressionism' a liberal approach that uses techniques of many styles of art.

This included a generous use of colors, body parts, various structures, tools, shapes, forms that was consistent in conveying a message through his art. This was a departure of mainstream styles that consistently gave off a impression that it was meant to attract the elite thus to be embraced by the privileged. His departure from that was refreshing and soon started the public took notice including the well-known such as one Andy Warhol.

Jean often stayed on the lower East side of Manhattan bordering the East Village. That area was known to include artists of every genre. Poets, Musicians. Painters, you name it. It also was infested with heroine. Even the local park Tompkins Sq. Park was known as ‘Needle Park ‘Many artists were addicted. Many artists died.

Unfortunately, one such artist was Jean- Michel Basquiat. Please research more information about this gifted, special artist. Never underestimate what the youth can accomplish. Enjoy this enlightening edition of ‘The year of the Poet’

Love and peace to y’all.
Yours truly

Shareef Abdur-Rasheed
Author, Poet, Activist

Preface

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

We are so excited as we are now offer unto you our eleventh 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. If you would like to know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :

www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet

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. 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

Jean-Michel Basquiat

November 2023

by Kimberly Burnham, Ph.D.

“I don’t listen to what art critics say. I don’t know anybody who needs a critic to find out what art is.”

~Jean-Michel Basquiat



Jean-Michel Basquiat (French: [ʒɑ̃ miʃɛl baskja]; December 22, 1960 – August 12, 1988) was an American artist who rose to success during the 1980s as part of the [Neo-expressionism](#) movement.

Basquiat first achieved fame as part of the [graffiti](#) duo [SAMO](#), alongside Al Diaz, writing enigmatic [epigrams](#) in the cultural hotbed of [Manhattan's Lower East Side](#) during the late 1970s, where [rap](#), [punk](#), and [street art](#) coalesced into early [hip-hop music](#) culture. By the early 1980s, his paintings were being exhibited in galleries and museums internationally. At 21, Basquiat became the youngest artist to ever take part in [documenta](#) in [Kassel](#). At 22, he was one of the youngest to exhibit at the [Whitney Biennial](#) in New York. The [Whitney Museum of American Art](#) held a retrospective of his artwork in 1992.

Basquiat's art focused on dichotomies such as wealth versus poverty, integration versus segregation, and inner versus outer experience. He [appropriated](#) poetry, drawing, and painting, and married text and image, [abstraction](#), [figuration](#), and historical information mixed with contemporary critique. He used [social commentary](#) in his paintings as a tool for introspection and for identifying with his experiences in the Black community, as well as attacks on [power structures](#) and systems of racism. His visual poetics were acutely [political](#) and direct in their criticism of [colonialism](#) and support for [class struggle](#).

Since Basquiat's death at the [age of 27](#) from a [heroin](#) overdose in 1988, his work has steadily increased in value. In 2017, [Untitled](#), a 1982 painting depicting a black skull with red and yellow rivulets, sold for a record-breaking \$110.5 million, becoming one of the [most expensive paintings](#) ever purchased.





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





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

Author of . . .

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&
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Slippin into darkness

And I was
Slipping into darkness
Slipping away
Slipping free
Free to see all the people
Slipping up the street
And around the corner
Standing with eyes open
Fixed on
Better places and better ways
To get it, make it, plan it
Their mind beyond the dreams
As I was
Slipping into darkness
I didn't know my name
Call me, find me, free me
In the slip, ready
Cash in my hand, money on my mind
And the drunken people
In the pews
Calling on the sword
To smite their unseen enemies
For the lack of mirrors
Turned from their own reflections
Less they see the need
Of corrected stance
When I heard my mother say
That I was slipping
Into darkness
Treading a edge
Between margins and marginalization
My brother sought my face
And yet, I didn't recognize
Me

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Wholly, slowly, holy
No one understood
Save the man in the alley
How one gets lost
In broad daylight
Waiting to get found
Yet needing to be
Lost, remembered, alone
Sucking on my salvations
I sat on steps of promises
Though I know they are out of order
I've been
Slipping into darkness
On rhymes, on dreams, on grief
On counselor's wings
The program works
If you do it
Unless you can't remember how
I am
Slipping into darkness
The piper taunts, teases, tries
My patience
For what I think I need
And pretty soon
I'm gonna pay

100 steps

You chase my redemption
In a breathless hurry
Although I don't have many days
To number, i refuse to be rushed
Into the purity of nakedness
The vulnerability of a decision
That I am way too old to regret
And this does not mean
That I do not want you, contrary
I desire too much of you
For I would have the feast and famine
The lust and longing
Of one too long without any
Just to satisfy the sensation
And you I wait for
Bare headed in a hot sun
With sweat cooling the
White marble treads on either side
Of a busy street
Out here I push against time
For it is difficult to travel stones upwards
In hopes of finding a helping hand
I am lost to the sun rising in the east
And the stinging rays causing tears
To fall from the corners of my eyes
My soul weeps here near the end of time
The lines marking my life run together
Until the continuity is palpable
From thumb to pinky
At the joining of wrists pressed tight
Against a longing for comfort
But yet I remain on the steps
Watching the traffic go by

On the occasion of a dry well

Take me to the edge of night
And release me into the void
In the lee of darkness
I am restless in the dawn
The light reveals much more
Than I wish to own
Insecurity and doubt
Ride my treads in evidence
The breath of faithlessness
Blows across my left shoulder
So I turn away
Though do not seek another path
On a trail I have oft renewed
When in mortal despair
Relegating the steps to memory
For I cannot seem to move
Beyond the familiar
Anointing on my dry skin
Of briars and weeds
As I pass the dangers imagined
Real and unreal
Nightmared in dreams
Though not in sleep
I am not afraid
For here the stars do not shine
And there is nothing
To be illumined
This is a lonely road
Nothing ahead and nothing beyond
Save the knowing of onliness
Woven into a web of scars
Covering old wounds
So it is unexpected

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The warmth of your hand
The tenderness in your voice
I stand still
And I remain indecisive
The next step remains untaken
For you never know when
An oasis bears no water
And every move toward it
Will only disappoint
As I have found many dry holes
But you continue to call my name
In tones of liquid azure
And I am so thirsty.

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).

Street Singing

For Jean-Michel Basquiat

The street provides inspiration
- wealth and poverty side by side,
integration and segregation of pedestrians.
Colour everywhere - black and white

The artist intertwined poetry with painting
with quick brush strokes.
He generously added colourful abstraction
to the greyness of everyday life.
He incorporated social problems into graffiti
- opposition and rebellion on the walls
against injustice,
a call to fight for equal rights.

Memories of the painter faded.
The images still speak with the same voice
- they rap and sing in a hip-hop style

Symbol

You said – “I am a zero”
I thought – “I am a zero, too”
Does everyone have to be number one
in a race for wealth, power and fame?

Look
– two connected zeros
form the infinity sign.
They contain within themselves
all numbers and the universe.

We carry
the memory of genes within us
and we are one of a kind.

Closed Door

The time of happy greetings passed.

Fate is playing with memories.

Nobody waits for me, nobody smiles.

I'm standing outside the door

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.

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Remember His Name?

Beneath the umbrella of society's success,
He danced with gift of talent's fame,
Alas, he got swallowed up in its heady elixir.

And you ask, "Why did he not get help?"

He embraced the game of life, recklessly. He tossed
caution aside. He wanted more.
Something more. Something undefined, elusive.

What was it? Did he not have it all?

He struggled with discontentment:
With something unnamed? At a loss, alas,
He sank down into the well of darkest-despair.

Had he no other option?

He yielded to addiction's claim. He lost his life. He is no
more.
He is dead.

And I ask you, "What is his name?"

She Never Looked Back

In nothing did he find any pleasure.
Reaching out to no one,
No way to track his measure.

Abandoned, he had become undone,
Wondering what had gone wrong.

Inside the dimly lit bar, musicians
Soulfully played their instruments.
And the piano keys danced in tune,

While she, the jazzy one
With lips painted bright pink,

Glowed beneath the neon.
Suddenly she walked out the door!

Swiveling her hips,
Swishing her silky slippers,
Unnoticed by one distracted.

And then, she walked down the street,
Never turning around to look back.

The night screamed and shrieked.
And eventually so did he;
As did his heart, which heavily fell.

Down to the subway stairs he ran,
Searching left and right.

Still under her beguiling spell,
He walked back up the street
Towards his flat, passing the noisy bar,

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Dragging his weary feet, while she
Sought her freedom in a subway car.

Never had he felt so lost as he did
That night, of counting up the cost
Of climbing up the stars to the moon,

Where the blues were spinning, with him
holding nothing but a half empty glass.

Scattered on the floor,
Littering his forlorn room
Were bits and pieces of trash,

And, he waiting, dejected, all alone,
Except for depression's time-piece.

He threw himself across his bed,
Feeling as if he was sinking, about to drown.
For in nothing did he find any pleasure.

Isolated, he reached out to no one.
No way to track his measure.

Abandoned, he had become quite undone.
Questioning what had gone wrong,
He wondered if ever she would come back.

Or if in the writing, the error was
To be found in the second draft?

Lonely

He knew not what they thought;
He was but a young teen.
The room, the space, the air,
The same everywhere:

Silent as the grave
Whenever he appeared.
And still he sought,
Hoping, praying

To understand.
His heart heavy, longing,
Unsure, uncertain
What more it was that

He could do to prevent
Being ignored, ridiculed?
To help them comprehend
(They disinterested,

Self absorbed, unknowing, uncaring)
That all he wanted from them,
With every fiber of his being,
Was to be their friend.

But then, time
Like hope
Was running out
For him.

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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 Crystalline Sole

The cable car glides through the air like a bird
The scenery
A feast for the eyes
Transparent carriage
Crystal bottom
Floating on Sun-Moon Lake
Birds fly wildly in the warm breeze of a clear day
Beseeching the ape's call to cling to the window
Do not lose sight of the treetops
Sunset-kissed
Yilan Old Street
A narrow path winds its way to the base of the mountain
Each houses stand close together with chimney billowing
smoke
Small rustic inns
The fear of dusk when the streets are empty
The mountain cherry blossom falls in love with the Xishi
azalea
The sky-high rainbow is a dreamlike vision
The waves in my heart are
Like
The peaks that rise above the clouds
Will it be like a fleeting dream that is gone before we know
it?

Let Love Affairs Remain Unmasked!

A lake of spring water
The dancing shadows of the waves
To stir
The sun is shining on the shore
The azalea tree's new green is so full of emotion that it is
uncontrollable
That throng of visitors
The voices continue to speak in a jumble
Like a newly awakened drunkard, is still in a state of flux
The light smoke and distant peaks are like two dancers in a
ballet
The water grass, swaying in the water
Not heed
The yachting world's slow drift away
A parting from what remains of that beach
If
Someone tries to pretend a transverse wave
A new word from the swallow's chirping
Love has already turned to water
Raised the cup, they are not allowing it to be half drunk
Am I to drink a hundred cups of the foam of the sea in
vain?
Who can forbid me to get drunk?

The Mountain Blossoms Speak To The Rushing Stream!

The Lake of the Sun and Moon

Still waters

Crystalline

A spoonful of early light

The silver trail of a carefree life behind me, on a clear day

The fine rain has finally ceased for a while

The wind

A leaf-like yacht, thought of as such

How much feeling can a tide convey?

I was a helpless bystander as...

To witness your presence in his travels

My Shadow and I

Crouched beneath the towering masts

The darkness

Perhaps I could turn the past into a flower in the pond?

Awash in

A well-filled pond

Alas

Only with one by one cherry blossoms and my thin sleeves

The shore-dwelling cuckoo, laughing to its heart's content

Can I shirk off my sadness with a little cheating?

Sharḩef
Abdur
Rashḩed

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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>

very creative Jean Michel

told story through form's

Bits, pieces

Very creative Jean Michel

bits, pieces.

Very creative Jean Michel gave us puzzles to do.

Complex yet simple right

in front of your eyes.

Though you can't see it.

Whole array of senseless.

Nonsense is in our midst.

Jean Michel makes puzzles.

Can you solve them.

Body parts can you put the piece in the right spot

Where it fits.

Jean Michel a very creative artist forms, shapes, bits and pieces.

Tell stories.

Don't ever under estimate what a young person can do.

Scaq shouldn't had been one of them.

She woke

in the early morn
reached over, he was gone
spot he laid still warm
thinking, what's going on?
about the warning from her
mom
something about him was wrong
couldn't put a finger on it but
the feeling was strong
might not be there from now on
got what he want and dashed
turned out not real wore a mask
tapped that a\$\$ and cash
shoulda listen to mama dear
she sees things load ' n ' clear
she tried to tell you,
you wouldn't hear
you knew her how many years?
wasn't mama always there?
and you met him five minutes ago
swore he was somebody you know
ain't it crazy how that \$#!+ goes
phase's we all know too well
you try to impart truth to mind
some except it in due time
others with hard heads
ultimately got soft behinds
such is how lust induce blind trust
often in the worst among us
and you gave em props
build dem confidence up
then in time you find out
who you thought they was dem not.

Snatchin

fireflies out the sky in the warm summer night
hoping they will still glow glorious light
even though they were slowed when the snatcher
showed,
frightened?
now you know that's so
man just can't leave well enough alone
sooo...
i wrote this little poem
talkin bout what we need from now on
preserve the beauty of the lands and seas
conserve the bounties of birds and bees
acknowledge creation's frailties,
the sanctity
right to be free from fright,
diminished rights
diminished quality of life
extinguish life's light
creates difficulty to see right, be right
survive through the night to greet the new day
say " hello sunrays "
reserve the energy to emerge free as a bird
flying around up, down from tree to tree
enjoying the scenery
bird, you sure be pretty
have you heard of mercy?
allows us to live, free.
Free? Free? Free?
is freedom really an actuality?
or the dream it will be eventually
realm of serenity
the time our eyes are still open and still can see
before they're closed permanently.

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something to be said about duty to the things of beauty
responsibility is constructive continuity
as opposed to destructive, indifferent inconsistency
yo brother man, sister women preach to me
let me hear you say..
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<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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

Only The Good

Only the good die young
a song's refrain dances inside my head
as I read the bio of an artist
Jean-Michel Basquiat, a musician
success by 22 dead by 27
art and music creative

Is it true
the young and the good
the bad and the old die
one has more time to create share and grow
one's time is snatched away

Perhaps it is not so much time
as what we pack in that matters
says an old person
the young expecting so much more time
as if each is entitled to a certain amount
and we are
but there is no certainty
no clear entitlement
only today
and for sure
only this moment to be good or bad

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A Prayer Spread Over Us

talk communicate believe

cousins pray for peace

salaam shalom silim sulh

The Lines and Energy of Peace

Shanti in 18 forms
unfamiliar curves and lines
reaches out, a sound brought forth
a pen tracing chard fire on white
bringing to life an idea
a dream of hope,
conjuring actions and energy

Shanti in 18 words
संधि, शान्ति, 'Sādhi
शांति, शान्ति, शान्ति
Шанти, شانت, शान्ति
शान्ति, Sānti, निरान्ति
ಶಾಂತಿ, ಸಾಂತಿ, शान्ति
شانتى, मंती, शान्ति

Elizabeth
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Electrifying Art

Fearless, creative and driven

Basquiat, a cultural icon,

A Neo-Expressionist

Highly expressionistic masterpieces

An artist ahead of his time.

His angst depicted in his works,

Coined as the American Street Art Pioneer

He once said “The more I paint, the more I like
everything.”

Basquiat and his crown,

A King of his own.

Indigo Child

i am not of this world -
i came from an abysmal chaos-
but from this beautiful chaos, Desiderata was born-
a child of the Universe, precious and golden
a lovely old soul beyond time and space-
often misunderstood by mediocre minds-
but applauded by great free thinkers -
i long for a world enveloped in serenity-
inhabited by empaths with great sensitivity
a loner I may be but this is who I am-
but i've got this deep connection with things around me
an indigo girl at birth-
my temporary sanctuary is the Earth
lone wolves gather at my feet-
for i am their Goddess in human form.

Awakenings

A cast-away soul in his solitary moment,
Floating into a never-ending circle of uncertainty
In denial of all things hitting him in the eye
Or could it be that he just can't dare to face dire reality?
A deep-seated fear sets in rooted from the world's cruelty.
Shielding himself from dark forces,
But wake-up calls are beyond his control
He wants to awaken from this abstract dream
Mysterious vibrations preventing him to even scream
Delusions overwhelming him in every heart beat.
A spectrum of enveloped ideas only his mind can conceive,
Out of this swirling darkness he awakened from being
naïve
Bid adieu to his grueling nightmare
Awaiting for the dawning of a new day
To see the light welcoming him again.

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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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Links Of A Chain

What interpretation of anything binds us together
Jean-Michel Basquait, young and influential
An artist with credentials,
few can speak on what he's been through
yet the song remains the same

I wanted to be him, before he was believed in
An artists brush for me is just like an ink pen,
Or a link-pin, who knows or who shows
How close we're truly linked in
His life, my future,
Are still based on the times of Lincoln

Have you thought about making a difference,
Referencing the artistry of one so different
A labyrinth of collaborations, connected in time
Oftimes my creations are collected in mind
This time, these times are unlike any other
I salute Jean-Micheal Basquiat aka SAMO
From graffiti on walls, to museum halls

When you see them fall, tighten up your reins
Life is art, and the song remains the same

Blocked Scenes

My view has been obscured by life circumstance
My demeanor will change,
depending on where I stand
I miss the sunset captured in apertures
I miss my souls rest, I'm not sure if I'm happy here

New birds, new trees, and a host of new creatures
I film what I see, but my Sunscape's a feature
The longitude and latitude of life has changed
My east and western view is not the same
The night sky holds the night eyes,
I've had an issue with my third eye

The flora needs time to rise from winter
The weeds seem to find a way to enter
Take my camera and return to sender
If I lose my muse, I may take a bender
This lack of a sunset is a total surrender
But I rise to blue skies and the clouds remember

There's a branch in the middle of my canvas
Like some happy accident from a curly fro.
This new type of scenery I barely know
I can't wait for spring when the flowers show

There is more to the orbit of orbs and shadows
I'll seek moments rather than time my dreams
I'll absorb a new energy, to free blocked scenes

So Close To His Story

So close to where some believe it all began
Some wars never end, and start over again
New generations with a new taste for hate
The truth needs proof, but a lie seems okay
The world is full of popularity seekers
Stop it with the profits, fact check the leaders

Fat checks aren't leaders, yet everything costs
A poor man with a policy, is a preordained loss
Is philanthropy a lost art, or naturally a lost cause
No one wants to help anyone
without some sort of clause
a reason to deceive in the fine print of contracts
tis the season believe in,
how to get your money back

I long for a new view of life
Who will change my opinion
Some words are etched in stone
In a time, I wasn't living in
Delivering the proper message
Is a massive undertaking
What divinity wouldn't offend me
Whose rule do you pray to.
Choose wisely, or realize
Find the one where you can stay true
Horseshoes and no cigars
You are not the father!
The closer we think we are
We seem to go a little further

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Professor Emerita, hülya n. yılmaz is a published author, literary translator, and Co-Chair and Director of Editing Services at Inner Child Press International. Her poetic work appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at various literary events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, WIN honored yılmaz with an award of excellence. Since 2017, her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* – a U.S.-wide poetic art exhibition. hülya finds it vital for everyone to seek a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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

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Marginalized Even in Death

Found dead in his residence
at the age of 27.

"Heroin overdose",
concluded the media asap,
though the cause of death
was not yet determined at the time.

When Black, you just must be
either a thug or a drug addict.
Even your lifeless body
undergoes the scrutiny
of racism's claws.

Headlines mostly omitted
what an exceptional talent he was,
that the images in his works
unraveled the intentional oversights
of his-story, how successfully he was able
to see through the lens of slavery and of the
relentless colonizers of authentic cultures.

"Jean-Michel Basquiat.
Dead at 27.
Possible overdose."

Lenses

A monolithic worldview
has been passe for centuries,
though the news does not seem
to have reached the doorsteps
of modern-day Neanderthals as of yet.

Clean your lenses, if you can.
If not, drop them now in the garbage can.

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The Art of Overt Painting

images and text

art history and racism

slavery, classism

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>

Tragic Genius

A young man living in the hood
in a Manhattan neighborhood
is Destined for greatness
in expressions in the arts.

At 27 already broken by the gangsta heroin.
The tragic death of a genius
left relics of artistic expression
that thrives in the 21st century.

Open your arms to receive the legacy
of a broken Prince left to the ages.

Today Mama

It is in the light of morning,
I rise in gratitude you were here
and loved me dearly.

Today the weight of your leave
drowns me in the river of grief.
I awaken still knowing deep inside
you are always with me.

I know you are okay.
Human attachment weighs me down.
You ride with me in the heavenly planes.

Our Spiritual guides lead us
to the river of light.
Love shines with brilliance
and we smile holding hands.

We have unfinished business
that requires another meeting
on the physical plane.

I smile, wandering who will be
mother, father, sister or brother
next time we meet.
You smile and fade into the light.

I Want to Shake You

I want to shake you until
all the wax runs out of your ears.
May you hear songs of love
for the first time.

I want to shake you until
your nine holes of jade
release the negative elixir
binding you to earth.

I want to shake you until
you scream I forgive myself
and every person I gave a negative kiss.
Then watch you move forward
on your journey.

I want to shake you until
you surrender
all your negative baggage
and dance in the light.

I want to shake you until
the blender is streaming light
like a holy lantern
to radiate your pathway.

Come near to me.
I want to shake you until.

Ashok
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Bhargava

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ASHOK BHARGAVA is a poet, writer, inspirational speaker and a literary consultant. He has attended poetry conferences in Italy, Turkey, India and Philippines. His latest book "Riding the Tide" about his battle with cancer has been translated and published in Arabic, Hindi, Telugu and Bengali languages. He is a contributing writer to several anthologies worldwide including World Poetry Almanac 2014. He has been published in numerous print and online magazines.

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.

Eccentric Dichotomies

For Jean-Michel Basquiat

Dreams of delights
Sink into sadness
Promises of pleasures
Descend into decay.

The ugly
Reality of addiction
Plays out contradiction of
The ephemeral permanence.

A heroin overdose spin
The physical and spiritual existence
Outwards to the other side
Of the rainbow.

A perpetual continuity
Creating a universe of its own
Not of sorrow
But of grace.

You Left Me Behind

As I try to stop you to talk to me
You drive away
Furiously
Calling police
Demonizing me

I had come
To make peace with you
You said
You aren't talking to me

I see the empty street
Smiling at me

I look around
Confused.

Unbridled

Agony keeps me awake
with anxiety upon anxiety
returning with
unheard loss like mine.

My mind keeps replaying
that last conversation
in the townhouse
her index finger pointed at me.

What's the difference
between careless and churlish?
I'm not sure
I want to know.

With every new breath
with each beat of my heart
I regret the moment
I lost you.

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 19th, 20th and 21st 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/>

https://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/

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

Epigrams

Basquiat married the art and letters,
He dismantled dichotomies
of the society,
If he is alive today,
He'll pull your hair
To give you whimsical street art,
His raps, hip-hop, and punks,
made galleries of enlightenment
and revelations of cultural victories.

I left my heart

I left my heart
like a box of tissue paper,
at the front mirror of your room,
a piece of it in my palm,
close to my chest,
wherever i go,
it sticks to my face,
it wipes the tears,
whenever i think of you,
from a long and winding road,
it covers my nose
to get rid of the dust
that makes me sneeze
and gives me rolling wet diamonds,
again, and again,
because my home is you.

Heaven's Medley

i set my eyes on you,
your glimpses are rainbows
shaped in rhymes,
embroidered with riddles
of vibrant hues,
like youthful years
full of sunny and rainy days in medley
the jubilation of stars in heavens
so distant, but twinkling
and penetrating my heart,
even the night is a doom,
with lonesome movies
out of the blue.

Swapna
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a trilingual poet, translator, environmentalist, editor from India and author of seven books of different genres including one on children's literature on Environment. She is the recipient of International UGADI AWARD 2019, honoured from Gujarat Sahitya Akademi 2022, 2021 International Poesis Award of Honor as Jury, Pentasi B World Fellow Poet, Honoured Poet of India from Seychelles Government and International awards from Algeria, Morocco, Kajahkstan, modern Arabic Literary Renaissance of Egypt, International Arts Council Argentina etc. Her stories, poems, articles are published in many International and National magazines and ezines. Her poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 67 languages. She has received over 60 National and International Awards. At present she is the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child and the life member of Odisha Environmental Society

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Jean – Michel Basquiat

the pioneer
of Neo expressionism movement
paintings as a tool to introspect
social commentary is his slogan
Dichotomies versus poverty
Integration versus segregation
Inner versus outer experience in life
poetry, drawing and painting
text and image
abstract figuration mingled
with historical information
his visual poetries are political
against colonialism;
support for class struggle
his painting untitled depicts a skull
with red and yellow rivulets
sold in a record price
enigmatic epigrams all over primitivism
accidental overdose of drug killed Jean Basquiat
fearless and a cultural icon
reflects raw talent
whose graffiti art resonates
against racism
he is not a person but a legend
whose voice via graffiti art
resonates against racism
can a legacy ever die?

micro plastics: the ultimate killers

just listen to the baby
here or there someone cries
microplastics in the breast milk
the baby suffocates now in the ventilator
microplastics, the killers are
in the heart tissues
in food, air, water and soil
the toxic substance
in the environment
in the placental tissues
in human blood
the great killer is invisible
contaminating our oceans
kills wild life in the forests
we forget the plastics after using them
but they leave terrible footprints
are we all blind or deaf?
they are the tiniest debris in sea weeds
or between my toes
we make the waste that nature can never digest
no more addiction for plastics
it starts from the land and spoils five elements
ecofriendly food packaging is the clarion call
let there be plastic free cosmetics
there are more microplastics in the sea
than stars in the milky way
stop the catastrophe, stop the killer

when the diaspora bleeds

the spectrum spreads
in the anvil
ask the temples, mosques or war fields
the diaspora bleeds
in the full moon
or at dark nights
the artisans deleted the tears
of their desires for their wives, children
the young soldier cries for a home-made roti
it is a challenge always
the animals are carried to the slaughtering house
their calves, partners left behind
who doesn't want a grave in his own soil?
empowerment is at stake in the tectonic movement
a child's diaspora heart runs after the butterflies
alphabets to eyes; the sojourn journey begins
our so-called Gods reach the Earth
with their ethical scriptures
are they happy now?
the soul flies somewhere
ultimately the sporadic galaxy splits
yes, somewhere or the other
the diaspora dot moves like virgin dew drops

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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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

Infinite Poetry

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Jean-Michel Basquiat

You can see my tags and pieces as my markers and spray paint leave art on new york walls as a graff canvas. it wasn't just walls, you'll see my name SAMO on new york buses and trains. I'm just a young visionary sharing my talent or my art loving community and I do so, so... uniquely.. It all started when i was a kid growing up in brooklyn drawing and writing about poverty and racism as an expression. my mother was the one that urged me to pursue my passion, i listened and created a lane of my own, there was no comparison. my art was giving vision of my thoughts without verbal manifestation. I made it, I mean I became a household name for art without borders or frames. i went through a lot, my parents divorced, my mother lost her sanity and my father was abusive, dealing with the two situations is how i learned what abuse is. Pain and success mixed with a lot of partying and the use of heroin is how I gained a deadly addiction that would kill me when I was only twenty seven. My name is Jean-Michel Basquiat, my Neo-Expressionism, 1982 painting of a skull, sold for \$110.5 million at a Sotheby's auction..

Skipping rocks

I used to love to skip rocks.. Splash splash splash.. While skipping rocks I was told my dad passed so now I pass on skipping rocks.. Tears tears tears. Now. I stare at the water to see if i see reflections of my father, when I'm the one it's reflecting.

I let it grace my toes as it cleanses my soul, it's like if I'm going through baptism Every time I step in wisdom and think of him.

My daddy my pops my maker... I only knew for twelve shorts years.. Tears tears... In six years I'll be 12 years older than him when he disappeared.. Tears tears, my son is 12 the same age that i was when he disappeared, tears tears. For him, I'm doing everything in my power to remain here.

I don't need him to be worrying about his pops while he skips rocks. so i put down the pyrex and stopped the cooking of rocks. When I leave him it's going be my calling, not early in life like my daddy, like the hospital calling mommy, like mommy coming to get me, while I looked at rocks hydroplaning, up and down, defying gravity then stop.... like the heart rate monitor on my father. Like I said I no longer skip rocks... No need, my heart beat skips as I think of my pops.

Headless Horsemen

I now levitate through the apocalyptic region as a reaper due to loosing my stallion while battling in the underworlds dominion, he was stuck in the heart with a speared pole, as I leaned over and decapitated my foe, he now rest as a caucus on the battle field of the lost, I vowed to hover forever in the realm of the infinite, the sun doesn't shine but the moon still glows amongst the shadows of freelance souls, it renders negative reflections. I hear yells and screams from down yonder on the eternal path of skeleton paved roads, as I get nearer the sounds become clearer, I see dark reapers awaiting at Armageddons gate for for new souls to appear, you hear the clinging of swords in celebration, I swing my sword with arbitration 1 2 3 4 negative reapers are now headless horsemen, now the souls of the lost kids that was screaming and yelling won't get stolen like mines was, I choose to stay in limbo, in the realm of the infinite, so my dying breeds souls rise up as spirits

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.

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Graffiti to Glory

Jean-Michel what a talented artist
You did things your way with a twist
His unique style made people think
From poverty to riches
You made an impact
From New York city and abroad
Your art, style, and notoriety
will live on...

In this City

Those city days have passed away
Those city nights have suspended me
Your city lights find a way to get to me
You hand out all the pleasures
But along with it comes the pain
I don't want to be a wash out in this city
You tempted me with all the colors
And all your lights around me
I'm not the first to fall
Everyone wants to be a somebody
In this city
I don't know why it is.
Getting myself in these predicaments
Just want to be me, just me.
They say your worth what you owe out
I don't want my dream to burn out
I don't want to burn out too fast
Hear the boys sing
Those city nights have called my name
Those city days have spoken to me
There is no rule to art
It's whatever you got
Your city nights
Make me feel cool
Your city days
Makes me feel warm
It gives you fame
But how do you play the game?
Dressed in black, it makes me how I want to feel
Your city ways give me hope
Your city pays the deeds
Makes me lose my mind

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I'm hoping to win as the coin turns
In this city
Hear the boys say
Hey, hey in this city!

His Love

As he lays out his plan
His mind is drenched with vivid colors and shades
Hoping to capture what he sees on canvas
Each movement with brush he seeks for perfection
May it be a sunset, an ocean wave, or a child's face
He paints gladly, he struggles to make it right
Hoping to stumble across the light
Every glide of the brush he makes his heart beats faster
He knows he must keep his hands from shaking, every
muscle aches
But this is what he loves best
His finished project he now holds in his weary hands
He gives his untold story
Behind the picture painting he smiles back at you.

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Eliza
Sęgięt

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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).

Erudite of Understatements

In memory of Jean-Michel Basquiat

Unsaid signs
still say more
than a defined dash, dot
or any other shape.

Between the birth and death
he made the world aware
that a spray painting on the wall
or brush strokes on anything -
will last longer than a human breath.

Appreciated when he was among the living,
unforgotten after passing
through the narcotic, tumultuous,
waterfall when he fell
from the highlands
to the underground land of apparent non-existence.

He proved,
that life after life
may become a new birth.

The erudite of
significant understatements
will stay with us
– he's left behind
his and our world.

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

The Stage

Once he had stood on stage,
he realized,
that there were things
that could not be worked out.
Paralysed by the stage fright,
he lost his power.

Although it was not his words
that were supposed to take him
into a magical world,
it was hard for him to prove
that he was a cannibal
and could play someone he wasn't.

He decided
to live away from it,
without criticism or failure.

He didn't think at the time
that there might be those
in front of whom, without pretending,
you did not exist.

Translated by Dorota Stepińska

Temptation

Marked by infirmity
she sates with the light of the body's memory.
Only the imitation of dance
releases apparent happiness.

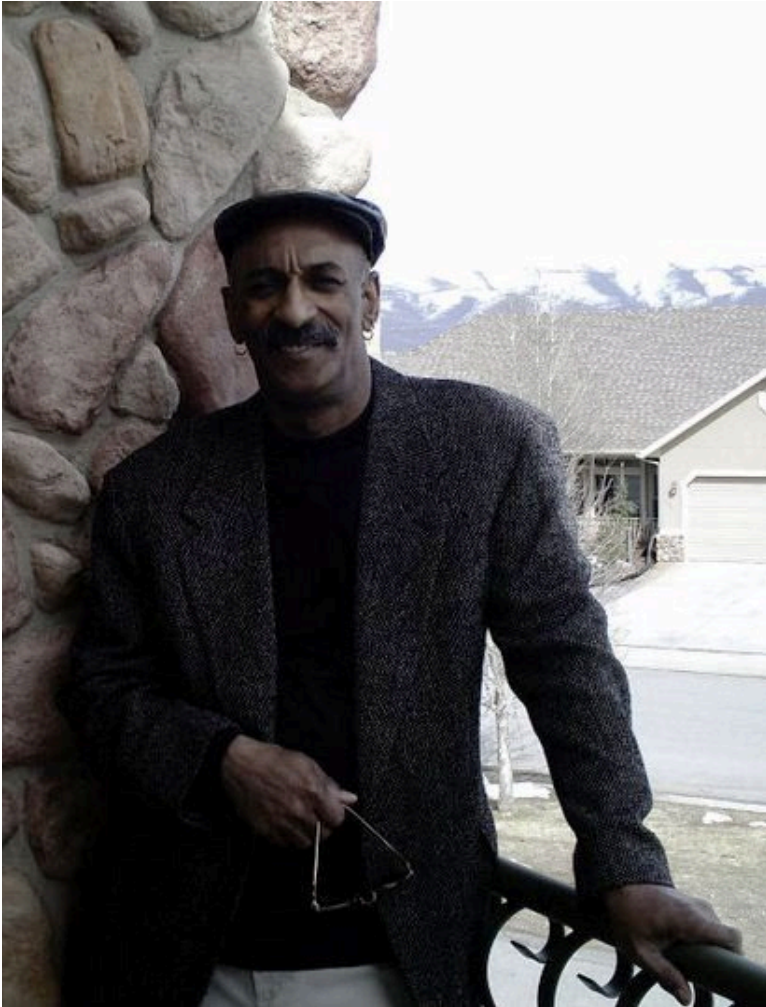
The world tempts with itself,
and for her it's hard to beat the levels.
At the exhibition
she takes a look at the new collections of shoes.

Only bare,
tireless pigeons
dance
around the trapped life.

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!

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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Jean-Michel Basquiat

Even my name is art,
So tell me
What choice did I have

The letters called for me to express,
To paint,
And in my early seeking of understanding
I turned to the streets
Where graffiti was king . . .
And now . . .
Posthumously,
I am also

Read between the lines,
Look earnestly
And you shall see my soul
Baring itself
To the world
Begging for the pain
To stop

And I breathe

Have i lived nobly?
.... not always.

.....
Am I doing so now?
The best I can do is try.

All to often,
We put aside,
Or forget
That which is important
In our little lives

We oft falsely
Inflate ourselves
To be more than what we are,
But this is but
Self-Delusion

We are dependant upon
Illusory things
That we may have something
To which
We afix our values

We say that we are thoughtful,
But that by definition
Is quite different than
Thinking

We say that we care,
That we are considerate,
But even that premise
Is subject to
The tentacles of 'convenience'

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Love unequivocally?
Begins within,
But we spend far too much time
Chastising 'Self'
Instead of forgiving
And embracing our
Misgivings and frailties
With compassion and understanding ...
....So how does,
How can one
Truly love another?

When I breathe,
I am inspired
To exhale that
I may breathe again
And feed this machine
Of many needs,
..... More than I am aware of

In my solitude
I sometimes get lucky
And touch my breath
With observance
Hoping that perhaps i
Will discover something
Which is cherishable
Deep within my shallowness
That is worthy of
My continual and staid
Gratitude

Oft times i ponder such things
As 'Wisdom', an elusive anomaly,
But each time I
Contemplate such things
I realize my
Utter foolishness

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In the end-game,
(And it is a game)
The forces of existence
Relegate my ambitious self
To an abyss
Where silence and stillness abides,
And all that I am
Is but one breath away
From the next one,
And the next one
Ad infinitum...?
...
Until they are no more ...
Yet ... still
And I breathe.

A Poem in the Making

I want to be lyrical.
I want to be well versed
In the use of a language
That is uplifting,
Informative,
Experiential

I at times wish to rhyme,
Other times not

Some times there is a magic
Hidden in the subterfuge
Of chaos and discordance

I want to transport my readers,
My observers
Into a place, a space
Within themselves
Where a common resonance
Is found between us

I want to heighten our sensitivities
To the fact
That though we are the building blocks
Of this world, this existence,
It and the world remains
Bigger than us

I want to espouse such things,
Such thoughts,
Such emotions
That inspires each of us,
Myself included
To expand, to expand, to expand

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I want to invoke thoughtfulness and smiles,
Unmitigated laughter and love,
Contemplation, consideration and compassion

I want to weave and offer
A cloak of humility
That we all can wear

I am searching
For a humanity
That does not falter
When the Sun goes down,
Or when shadows and darkness
Creeps stealthily into our
Sphere of influence

I want to get to intimately know you,
And you, I... the lesser,
And the potential
Of what we collectively
Can become

These things are possible, truly,
For I have read the verse and lyrics
Of others, and
I am truly beyond measure
AMAZED

.....
and i sincerely believe
That not only I,
But we all
Are simply
A Poem in the making.

Isn't that just magnificently grand?

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"15" in effect

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Ibrahim

Honjo

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Ibrahim Honjo is a Canadian / Bosnian poet-writer, who writes in Bosnian, and English language. He has worked as an economist, journalist, editor, marketing director, and property manager. He is currently retired and resides in Vancouver, BC.

Honjo is author 24 published books in Serbo-Croatian Language, 7 books in English, 3 books bilingually (in English and Serbo-Croatian language). In addition, 4 joint books of poems published with Serbian poets. His poems have been represented in more than 60 world anthologies, and in more than 40 magazines.

Some of Honjo's poems have been translated in 17 languages. He received several prizes for his poetry.

When A Mountain Climber Dreams

Locked in a painter's body
I revive all colors
all over the luxurious whiteness of the night

I am waiting for Dawn
as the most beautiful mistress
coloured by sunrise
hovering over me
as over that great mountain
under which a tamer of sunlight once lived

the smell of an everlasting flower
paused in my nose
and gorgeous dresses of autumn in a glance
not reaching the breath of my beloved
nor a look in her eyes
in which a cradled dawn sleeps

camping in my eyes is my darling
gentle as silk
hugging the pillow on which I sleep

autumn in my heart is mild and soft
as Chinese silk

the gorgeous mountain Kamikochi
is too far away

my gaze is lost in the night
while Kamikochi sleeps
covered by moonlight

it's time for new ventures

I Missed The Last Flight

The story of clouds
resembles a pigs' dance
with every stop and turn
under a tall tree touching the clouds

a large kite flies above the planet Earth

a bird whispers something to a man

man-cloud closed his eyes
listening to silence coming from the Earth
decomposing dusk to thousands of pieces

space sleeps in its delirium
cunningly silent, preparing retaliation

bird-cloud flew into the unknown

again, I missed the last flight
to an unknown planet

Arrival Out Of Ignorance

For whom the church bells toll
for whom is a muezzin praying from the minaret
on Friday at twelve
for whom I cried that Friday

who are they calling at this time swollen from pain
which I hugged with the first sob

I arrived at the right time, they said
when spring began to mature
they gave me the name of my grandfather
who was swallowed by the great war

all wars are great and blood-stained

I was born after the last great war
I cry for all the wars of the past and future

do the bells toll to announce my birth
or some new great war that will eat me

does the muezzin pray on the minaret
to announce a new upcoming bloodshed
or just advertise my crying

I'm here and I do not know why
my mother did not promise me anything
she only held me on her bosom
tears came out of her eyes
because
she had nothing in her breasts to feed me with

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my father was somewhere, carving stone
and he looked on this day through one eye

they promise everyone that it will be better
and it is always better for someone
after great wars

God has never stopped the bloodshed
by brainwashing
they awake the imagination of the population
and with fear, they complete their promises
everything is imagination except my birth

I really did not want to come here
and witness the self-destruction of mankind
somebody planted a cuckoo's egg on me
which I sensed at birth

only my mother and father
rejoiced in my first cry
afterward, everything was according
to the unwritten rules of the universe

it's time to go to that gray stone
and dream in peace
about the peace destroyed
in the name of the Creator of the Worlds
and non-existent democracy

the myth of peace and peacemakers
remains only a myth
because
peace can only be made by producers of war

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bells will continue to toll
and a muezzin will pray
sheep will continue to follow a bell-ringer ram

I watch the ship sink without the captain
and the helmsman

I'm singing "The Internationale"

Balachandran

Nair

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Balachandran Nair was born in Kerala, India. Nearly thirty years service in Indian Military. A multilingual poet, storyteller and translator. Published four poetry anthologies of his own and contributed poems to more than eighty others. Numerous awards from various literary platforms the world over. Academy Awards from Govt. of Telengana and Govt. of Gujarat, India. Recently created world record by introducing more than three hundred living poets from all over the world and their poems to school children of Kerala as well as introducing more than four hundred students as New Poets to world arena of literature in continuous 365 days of year 2022.

Aging...

Blooming, lotus desires
Sun to come close and pat its cheek
Rowing, wave desires
Land to come close and caress
Blowing, fire desires
Cloud to come close and wick
Dancing, shadow desires
Light to come close and merge
Singing, bamboo desires
Madhav to come close and kiss
Marrying, couple desires
Children to be born and love, get loved
Aging, parents desires
All orphanages to shut close
So that their own children
Won't usher them into,
In pursuit of their own desires!
Because,
Children are difference makers
And different are what they desire!

Xanthi

Hondrou-Hil

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Xanthi Hondrou-Hill is a Greek poetess who is multilingual and studied Literature, Public & International Relations Management. She worked for the Greek Consulate in Stuttgart, Germany. In Greece she cooperates with the local municipality of Naoussa, the Archaeological Service of the Prefecture of Imathia and others to create cultural events and festivals. She is an ambassador for literature magazines around the world, like NAMASTE in India and Chinese Literature magazine, Humanity in Russia. She works as journalist for www.faretra.info in Greece.

Eternal Reminder

With the Perfection the sky joins the sea
the signs of Mörike's blue ribbon in the air,
the light of Odysseus Elytis, the peace of Pablo Neruda...
Among blossoming peach and cherry trees wandering speechless

On the mountain tops
with a wild wish of youth in the mind
with a wild herb in the hand
looking down to the hills of nature's passion
in breathless excitement

on the pebble beaches with open arms
embracing the width of the horizon
open borders between countries and continents
overwhelmed by the blossoming breeze
with a poem on the lips, memories in the eyes, marks on the soul

spring is preserved in the hearts
through all seasons
throughout the years and decades
Throughout all our life spring remains
eternal reminder of unstoppable hope

Poetic Habitat

The poets live
in their poems.
They are born in them
they grow up there
they are raised by the words
in the spaces they breath
they are resting on the punctuation
and even when they leave
they exist in the white of every piece of paper
at the edge of every pencil
and in the infinite possibilities of
expression in every language of the world...

Seeds of Peace

In the ceasefires
I plant at the four corners of the horizon
where the blood of my brothers blackens in the sun
seeds of peace.

In the ceasefires I light candles
to light the paths of the spirit
traced and lived by Gandhi.

In the ceasefires I open the door to strangers
to come and share bread, water, roses.
In the ceasefires I build with my hands
the dreams of children
of the whole world.

In the ceasefires I touch
the hearts of those around me
to erase the pain of the past,
to join together to become a circle
To become dance, joy, song.

In the ceasefires I plant
The seeds of my lyrics
To speak in the tongues of the world
to become an eternal hymn for peace

Francesco

Favetta

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The poet Francesco Favetta was born in Sicily in Sciacca, he has always loved poetry, writing verses, but above all culture, true culture, food for the soul!

He has written more than 4000 poems so far, he also writes reflections and philosophical thoughts.

In 2018, he was awarded and awarded by the Academy of Sicily : Academician of Sicily.

Sciacca (Sicilia) Italia

The power of poetry

Vibrate in the chest
scream in blood
the verses are the words
it's the breaths sometimes
other times instead
they are sharp knives
it is poetry
the true power of poetry
storm inside the blood.
It's not a game
it is never an empty story
she is always the poem
the words of the soul
the face of human life
love next to thorns
the wind whistling in the sky
daughter of the heart.

It's raining love

It rains love in our hearts
and it's a storm that sweeps away
gray clouds and leaden skies
tired echoes of opaque crystals.
It's raining love in the streets
my breath is still silent
while your caresses are absent
my hands always dig
your wet black eyes
drenched in never dry dew
pearls of love rivulets of light.
It rains love in your cup
of a true and never extinguished woman
it's life that takes you
it is the welcomed miracle
my love given to you
red blood already spilled
that always surprises you
like the roots that bind you
to the story of your wounded heart.
It's raining love and it's a party
it's still raining and it won't stop
we are
two drops of water
that dancing eternally
to the rhythm of bel canto
we settle down gently
on our always lit faces
from true love
never faded
on rainy nights
which have never wet
our souls pure and true.

Of love and heart

Of love
and of reason
of infinite darkness
and of discernment
I would like to talk
to the follies of life
and uncertain thinking
tired footsteps
of lost nostalgia
in the oblivion of the mind
me in spite of everything
I would like to say without words
with the strength of the voice
of my blood
and my tears
imprinted roots
in the immense sea
it's hidden
of my heart
always humble.

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our fallen soldiers of verse



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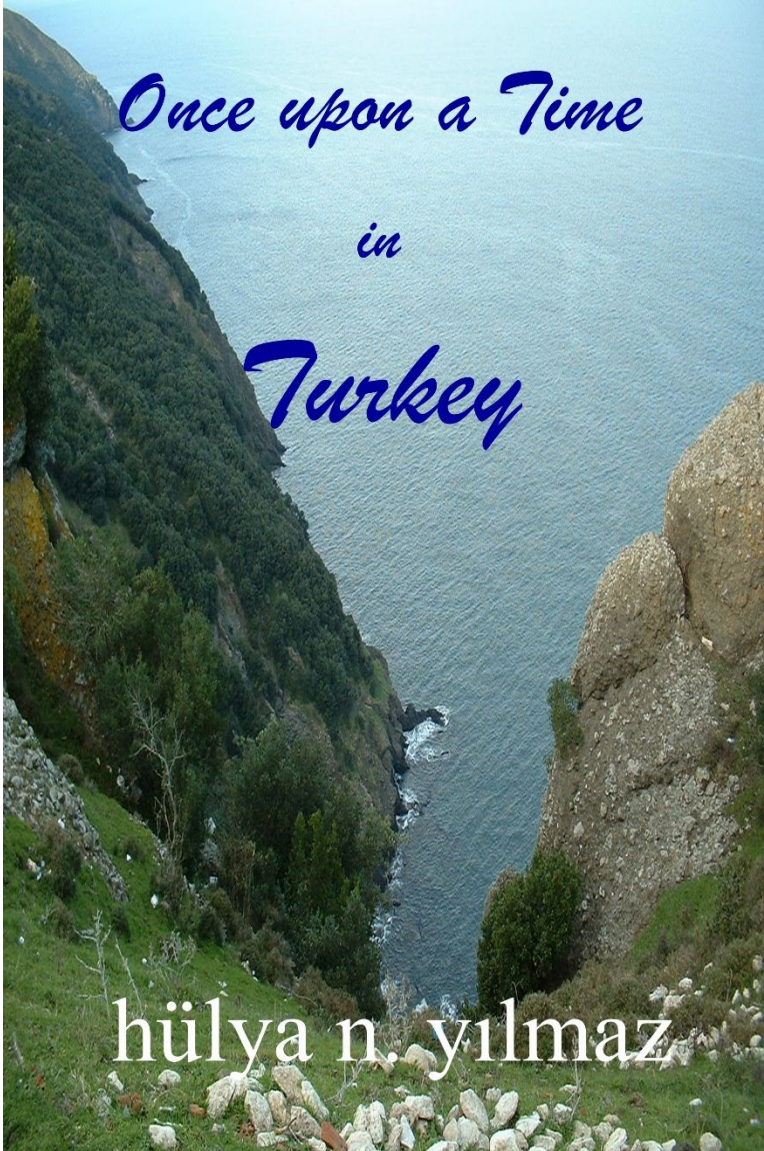
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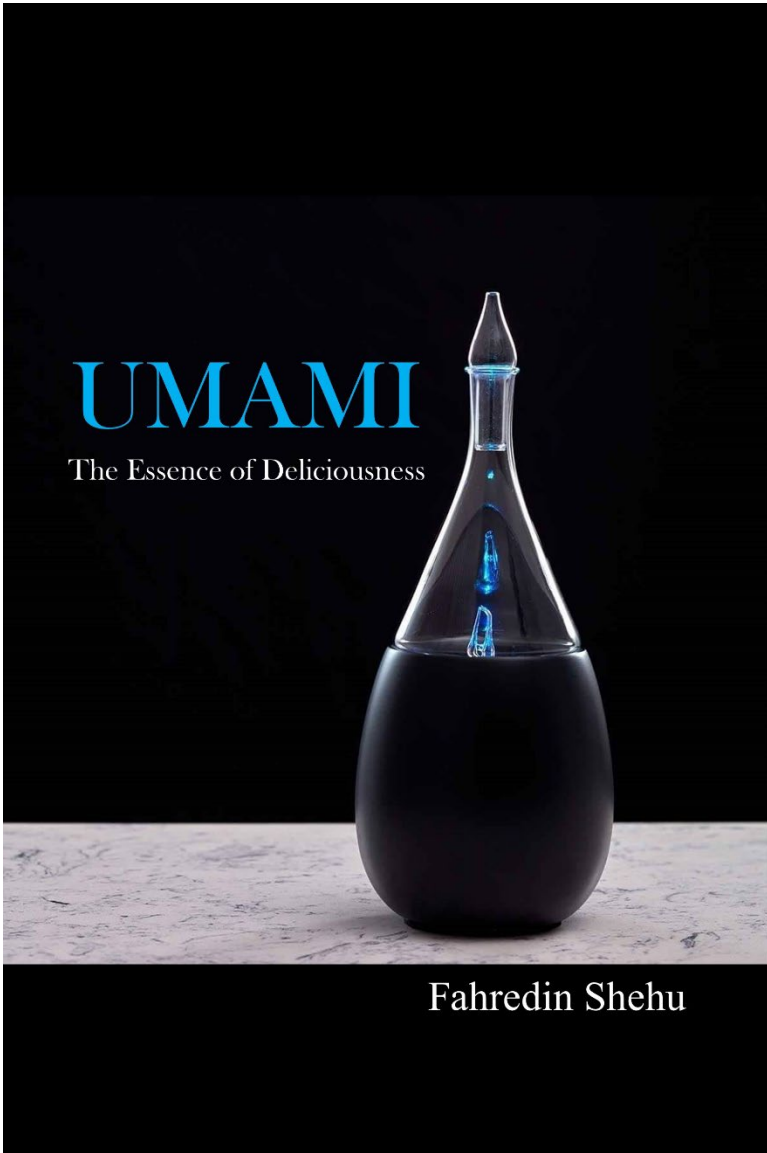
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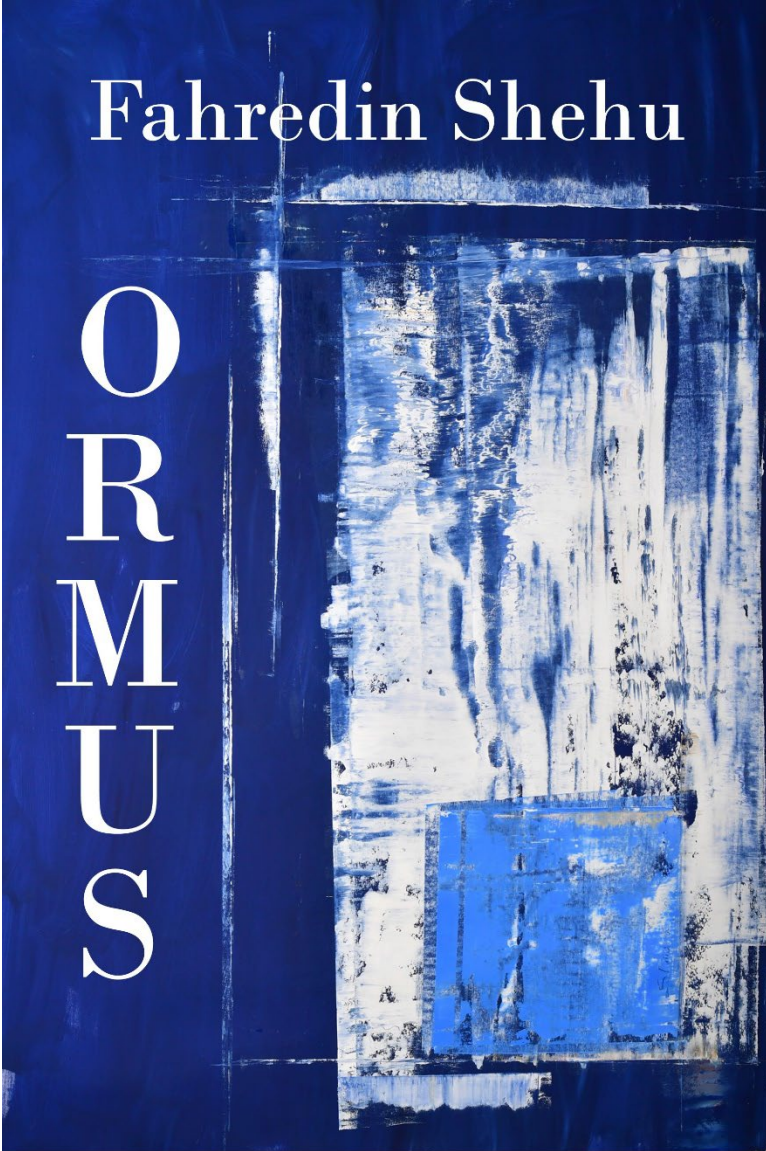


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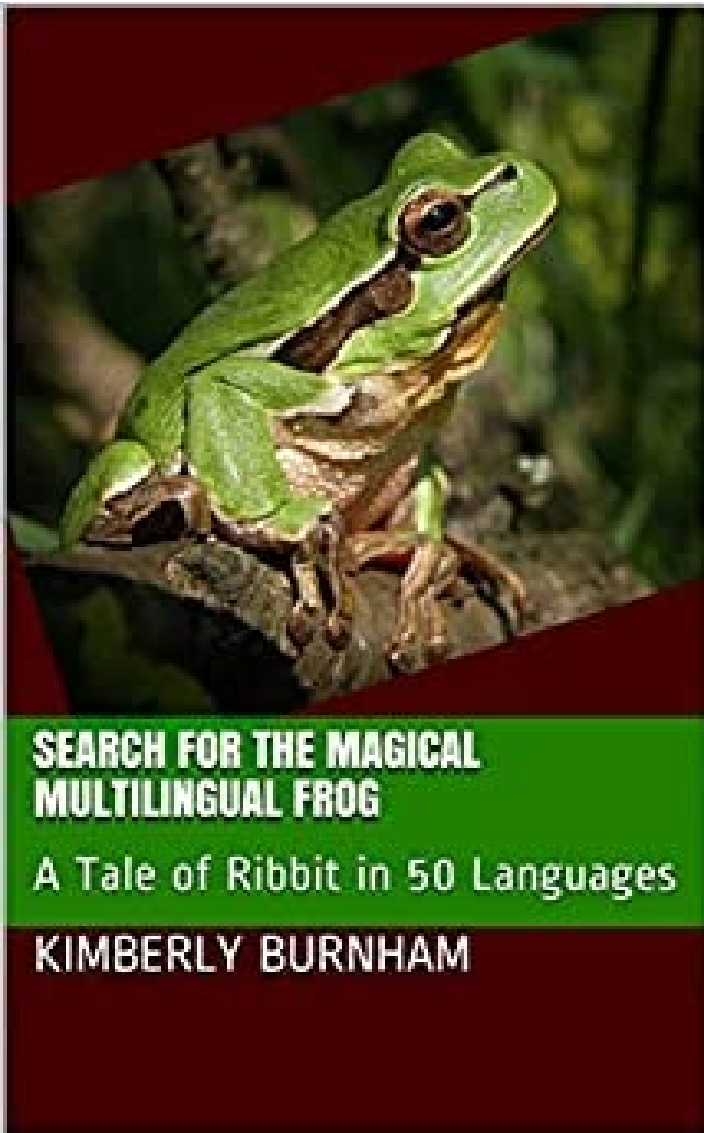


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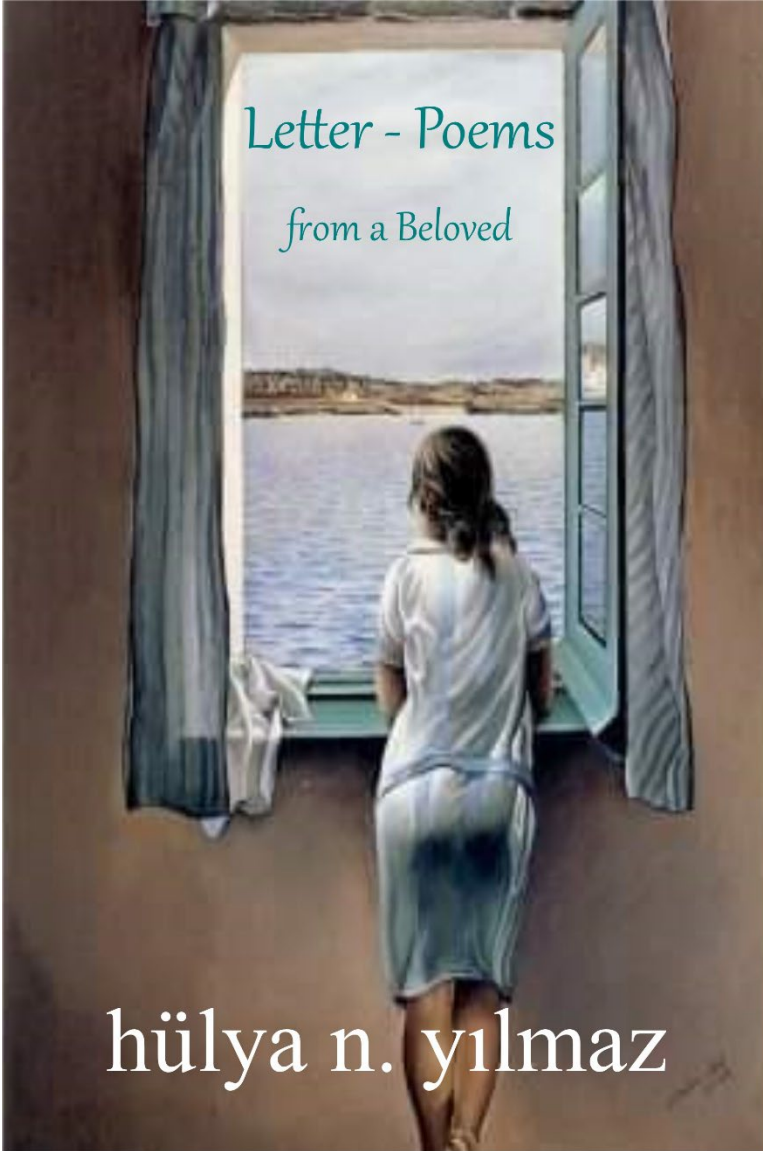
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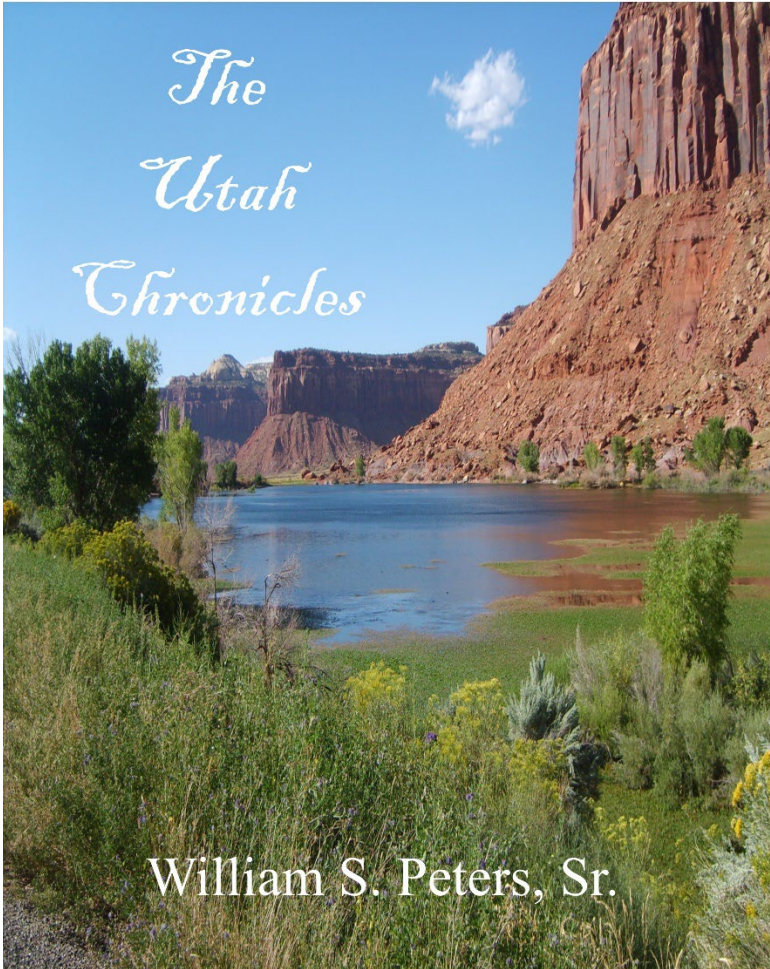
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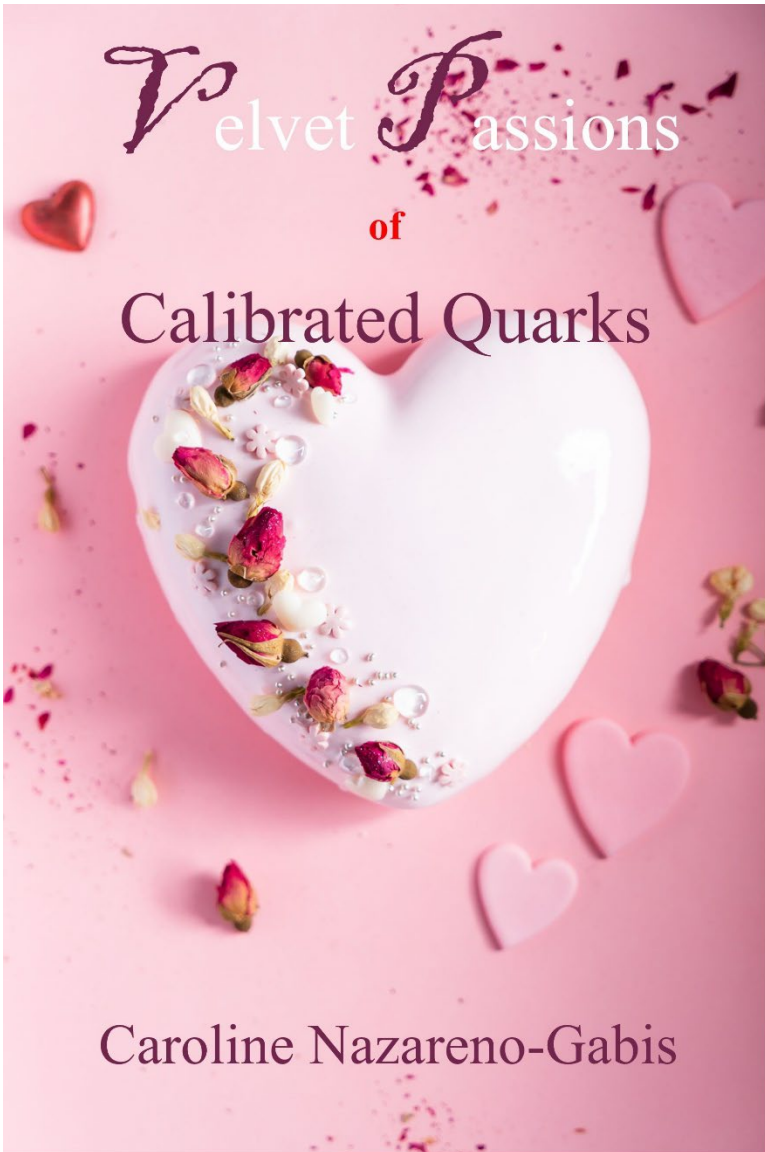


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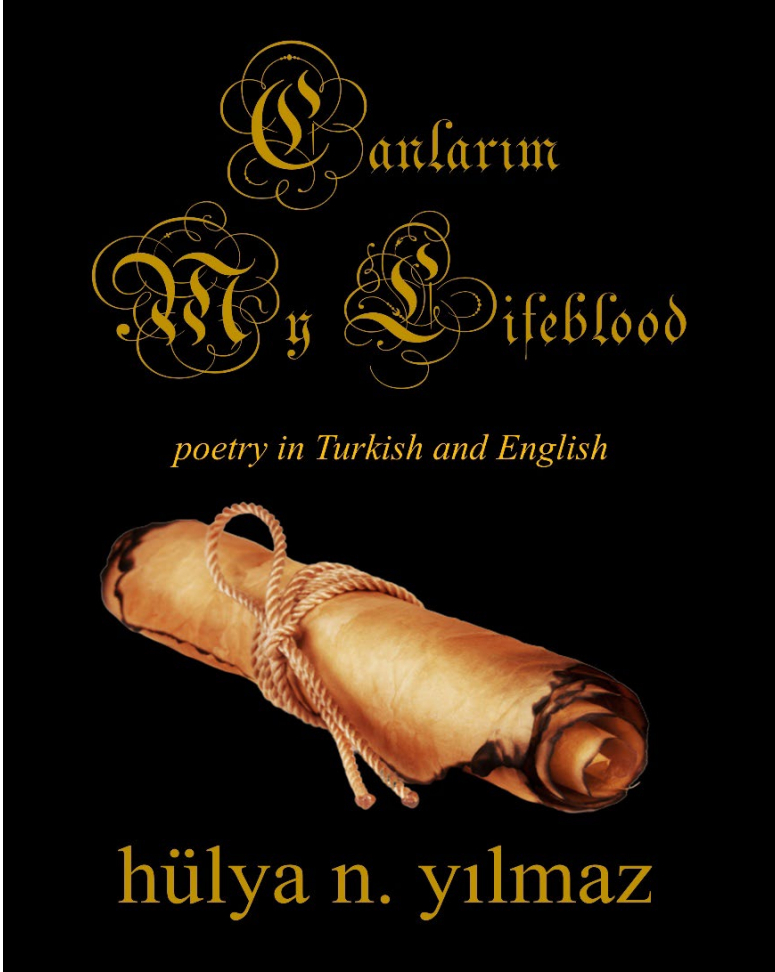
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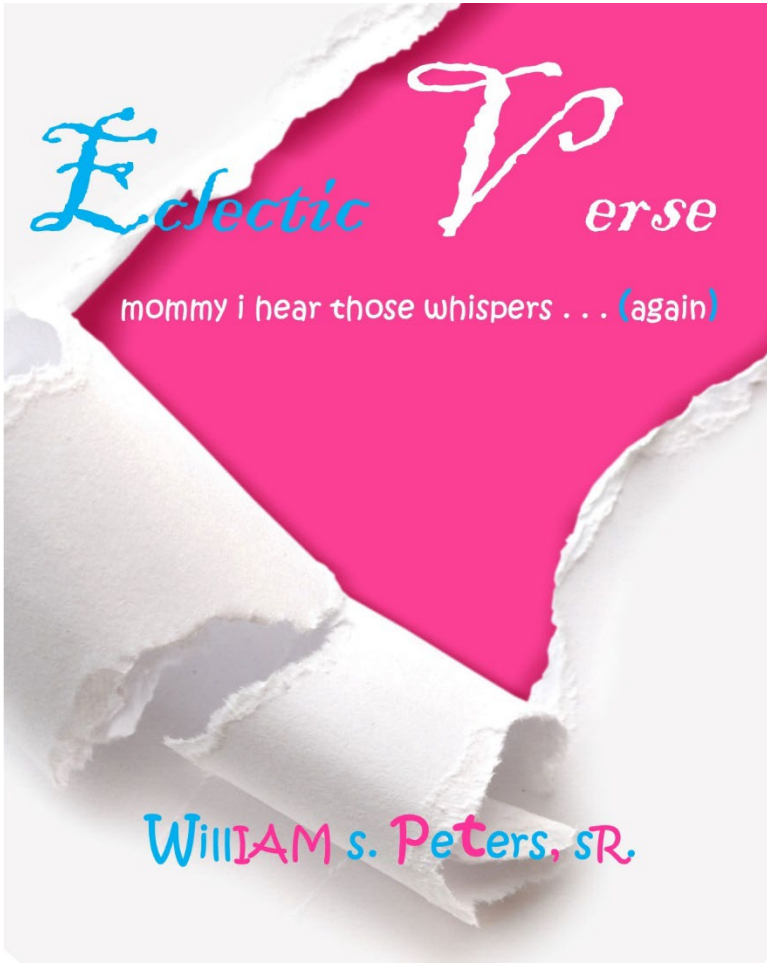
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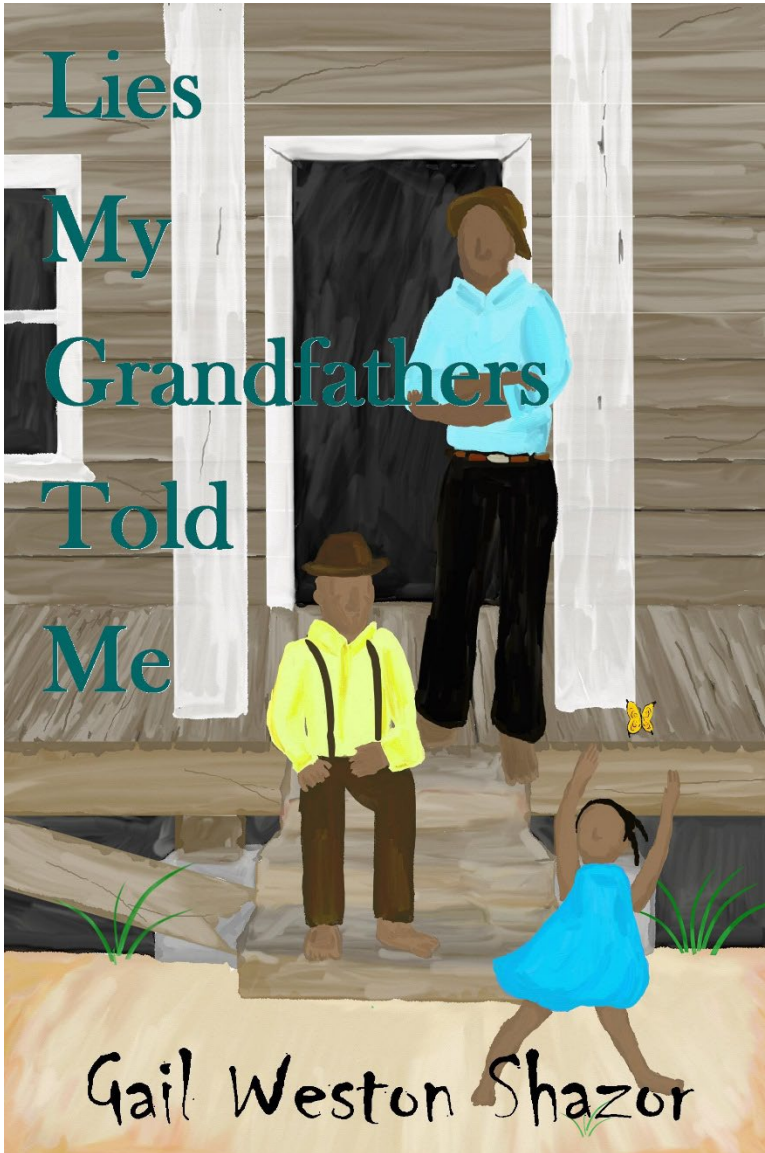
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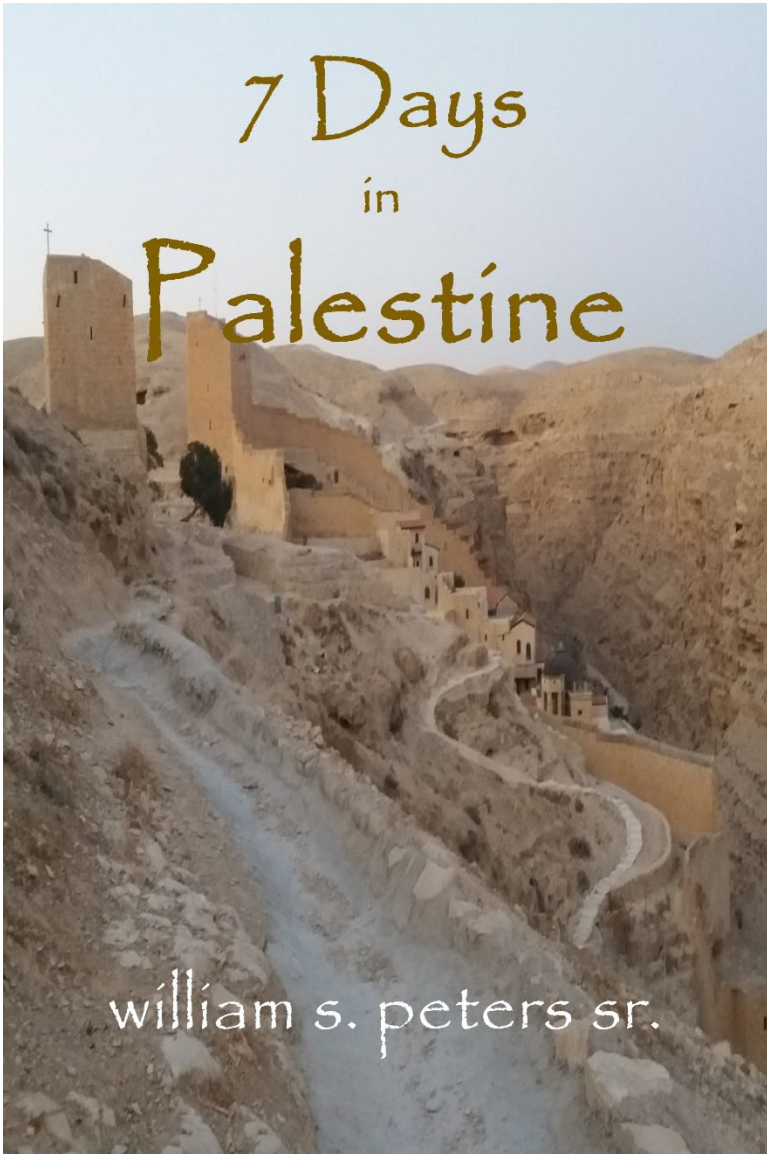
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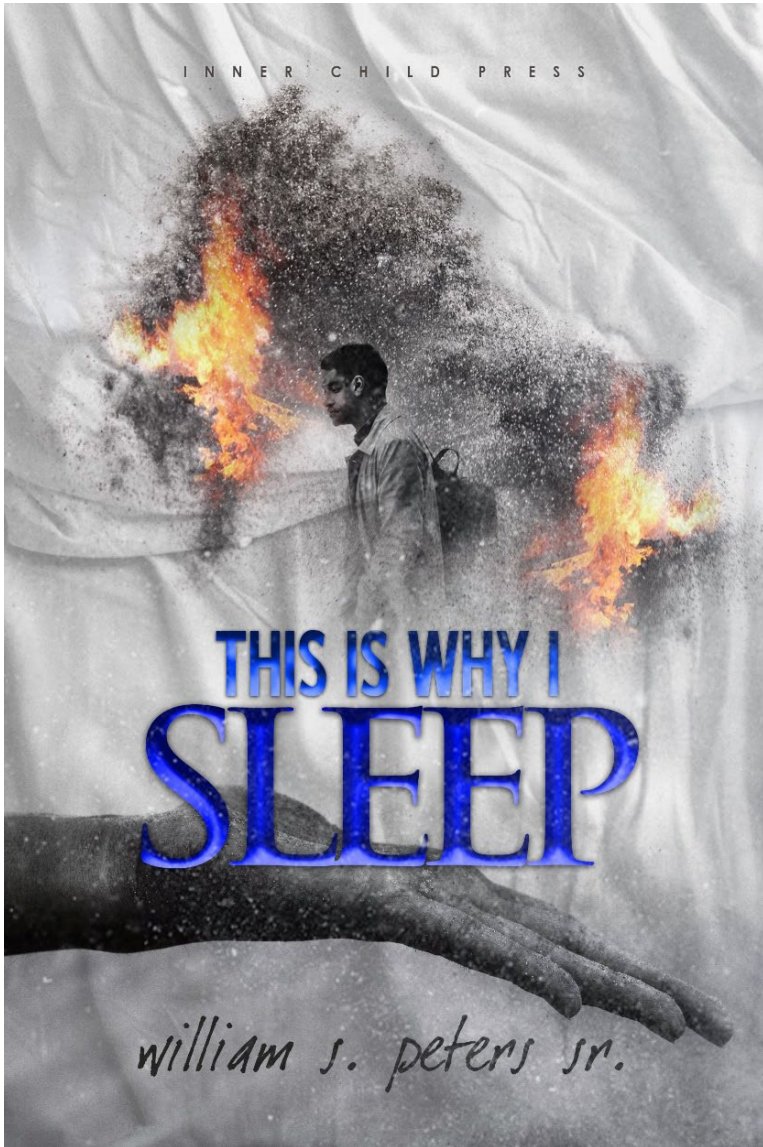
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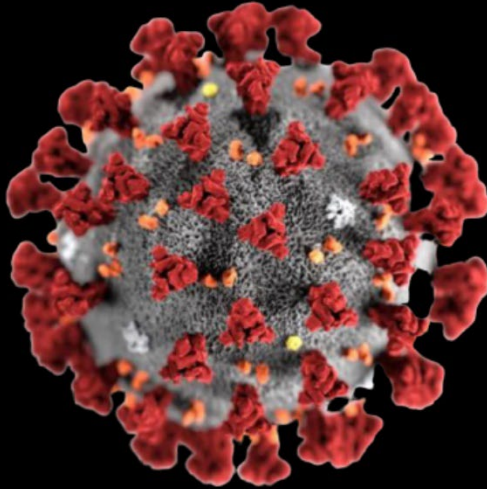
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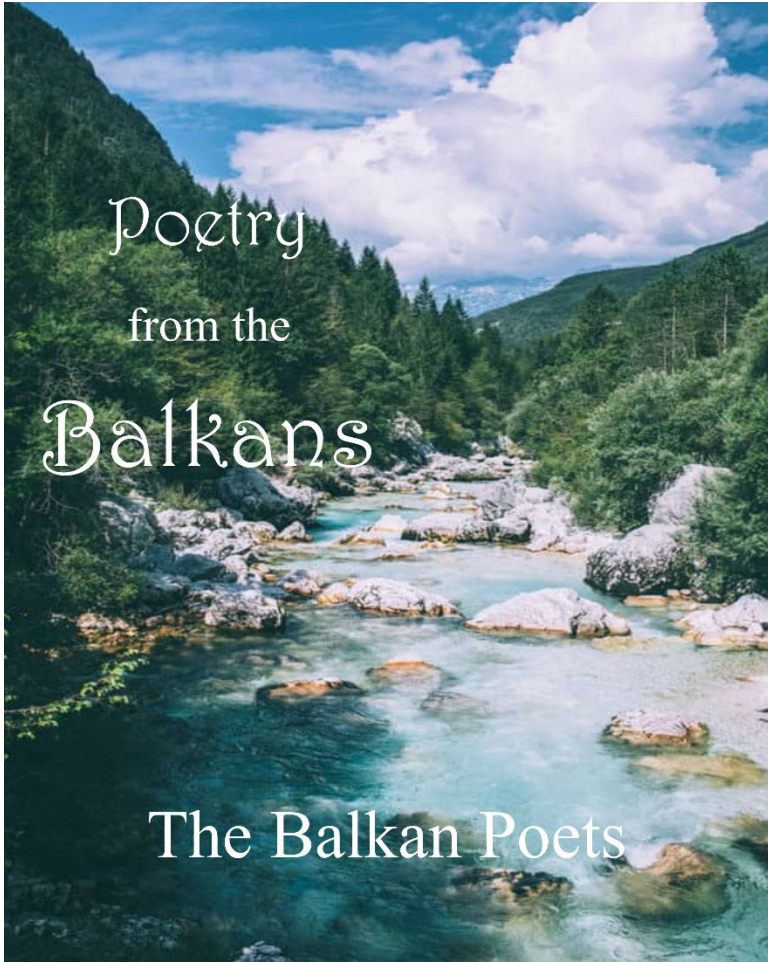
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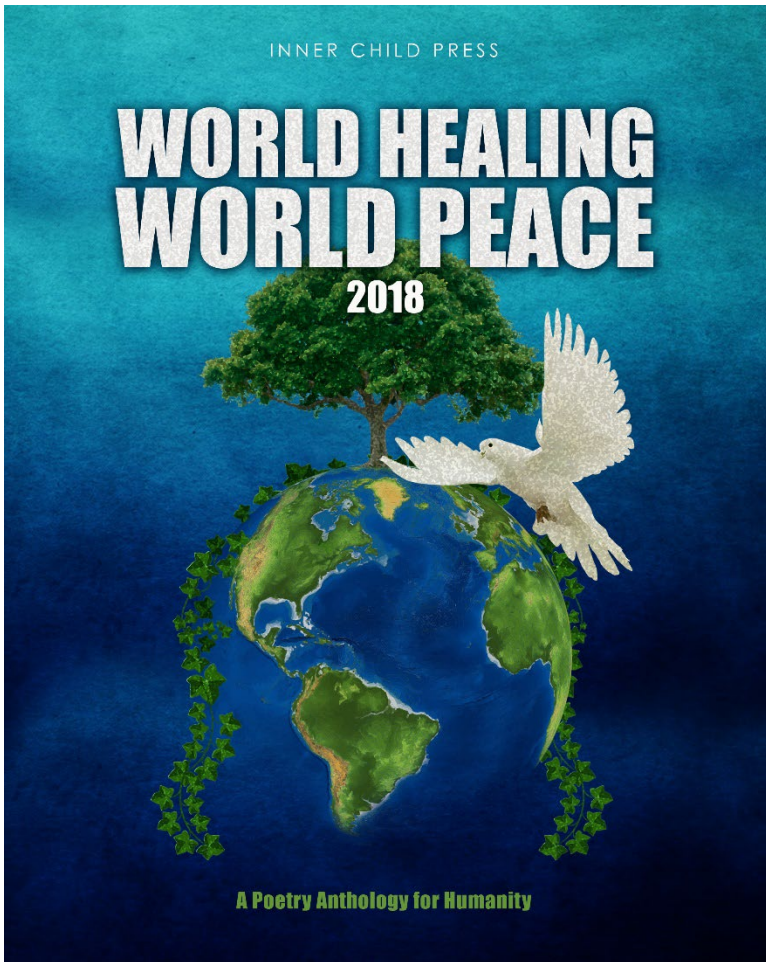
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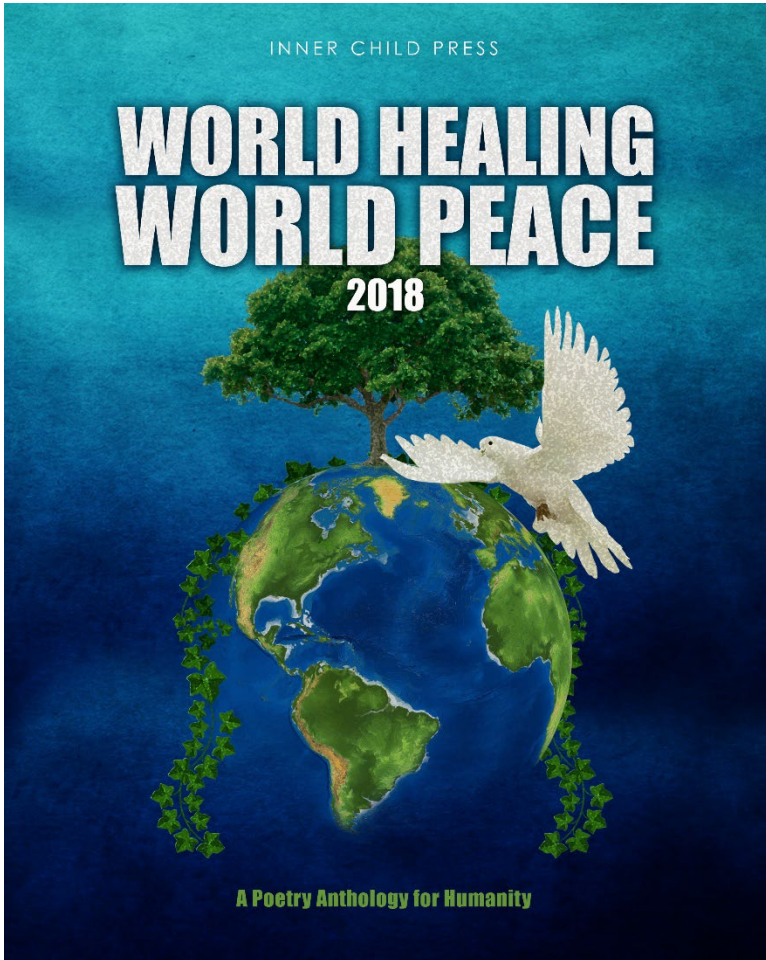


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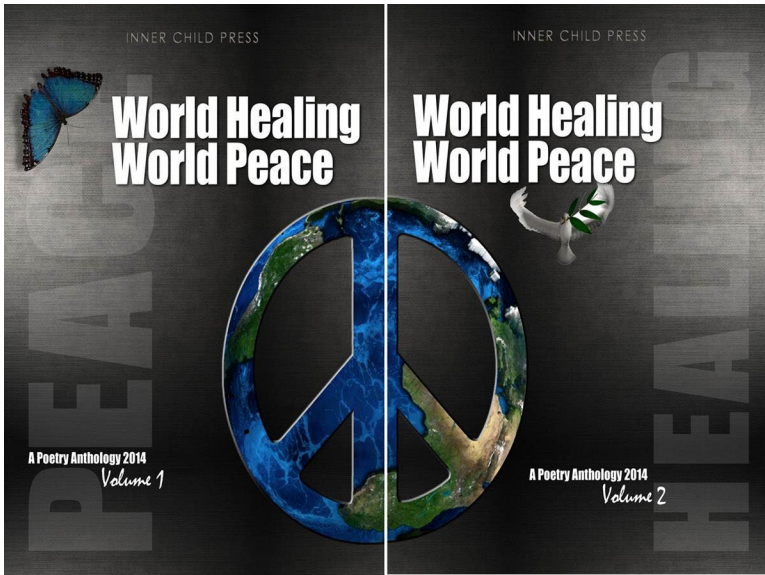
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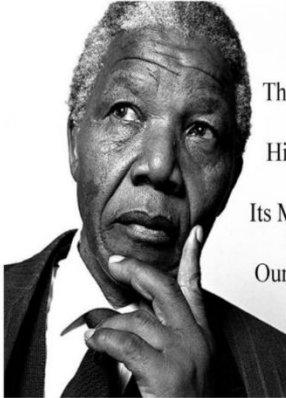
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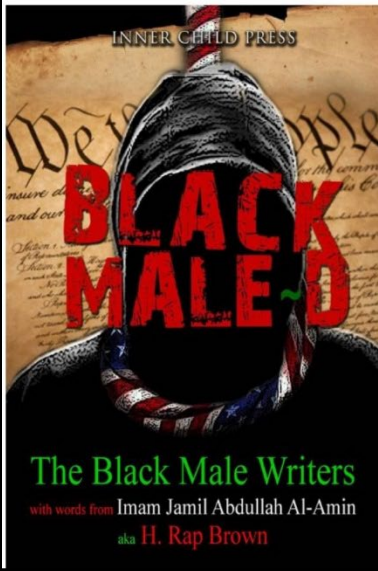
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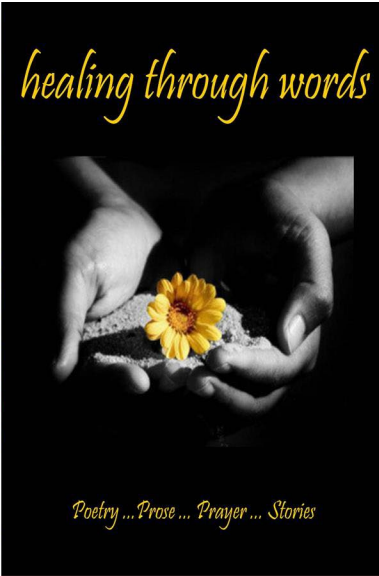
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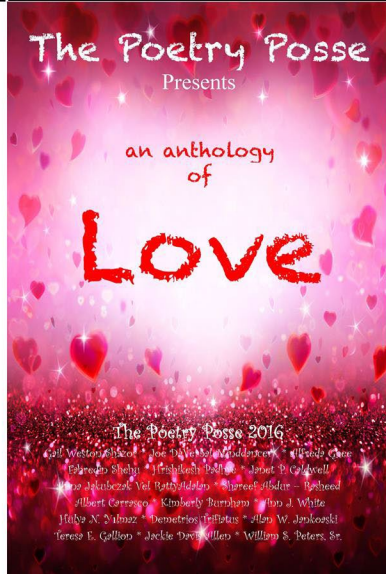
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Sweet Pea

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Lily of the Valley

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Love & Relationship

Rose

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July Feature Poets
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Dr. John R. Strum
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Lotus
Asian Flower of the Month

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Gladiolus



August Feature Poets
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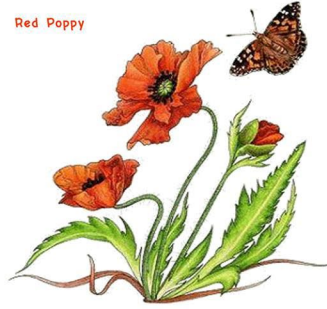
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Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Roseman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiate

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Narcissus



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 Iram Fatima * Bob McNeil * Kerstin Centervall

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Diamonds

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June's Featured Poets

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The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome * Christina Neal * Robert Neal



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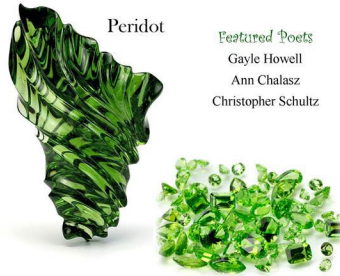
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Peridot

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Ann Chalasz
Christopher Schultz



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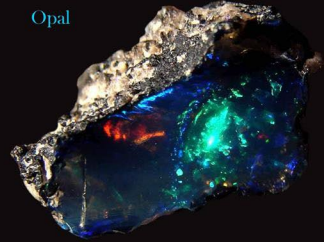
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Opal




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 Bismay Mohanty
 James Moore




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 Kerione Bryan * Michelle Joan Barulich * Neville Hiatt



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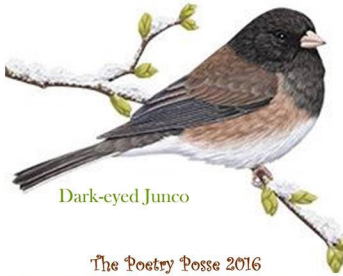
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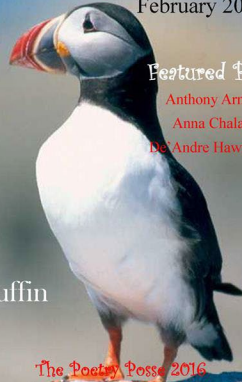
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Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold
Anna Chalas
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

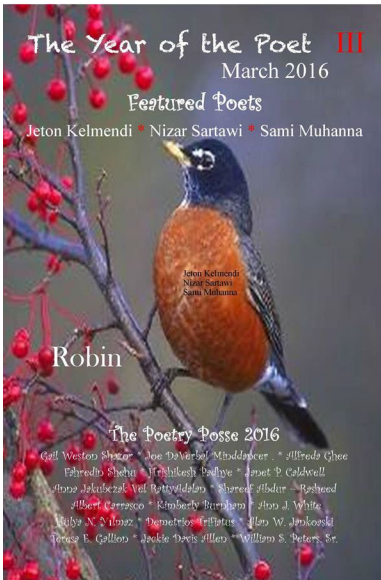
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Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi * Nizar Sartawi * Sami Muhanna



Robin

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Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei
Anna Chalas
Agim Vinca
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Black Capped Chickadee

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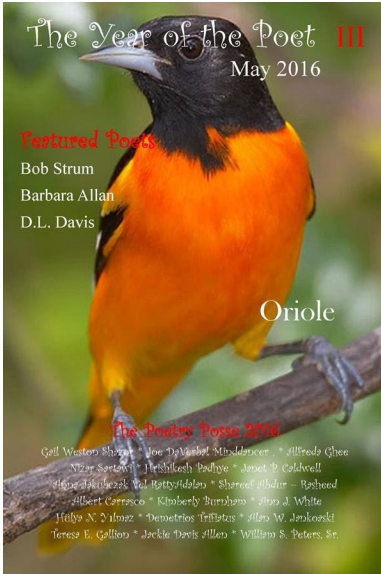
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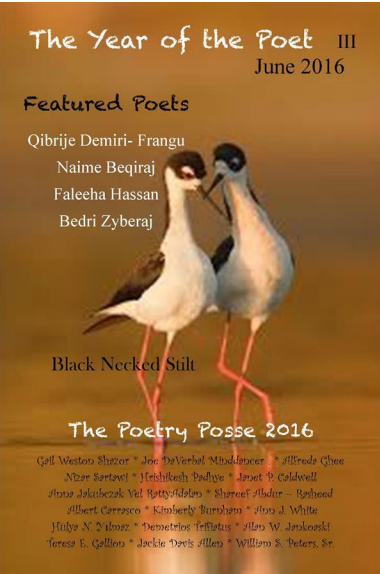


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Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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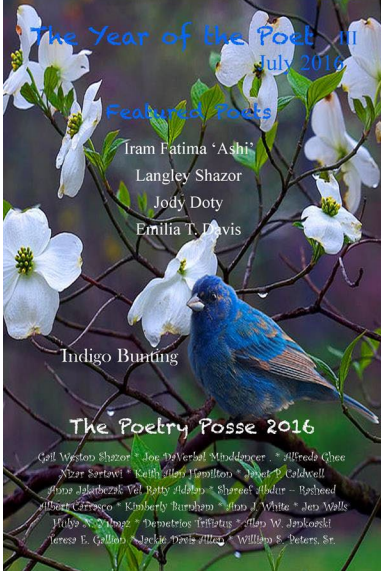


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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu
Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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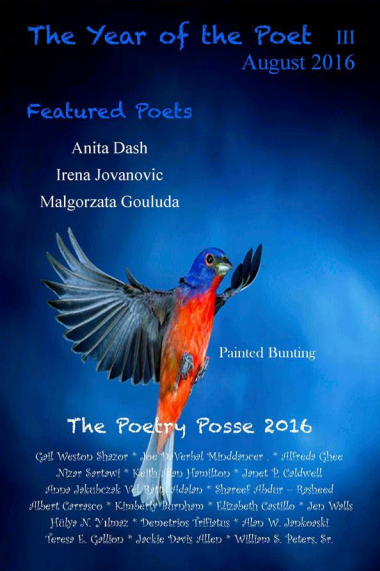


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Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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Featured Poets
Anita Dash
Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Long Billed Curlew

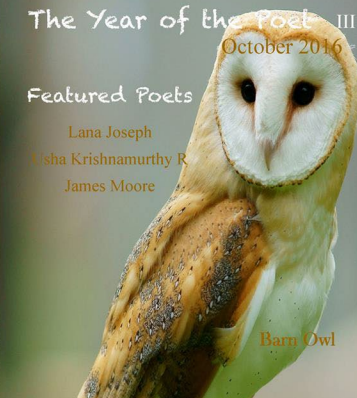
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Featured Poets

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Visha Krishnamurthy R
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Barn Owl

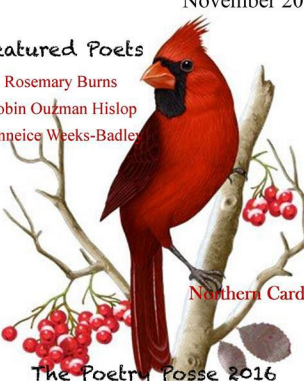
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Featured Poets

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Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal


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Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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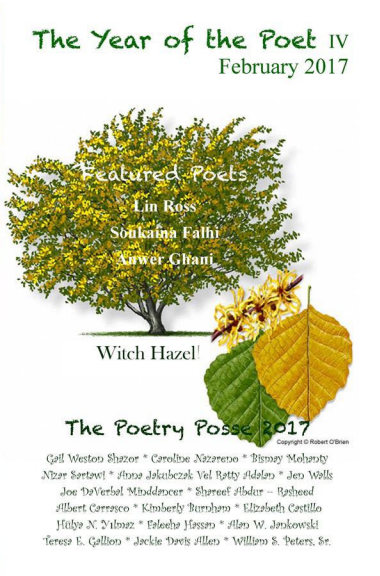


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Natale Shields
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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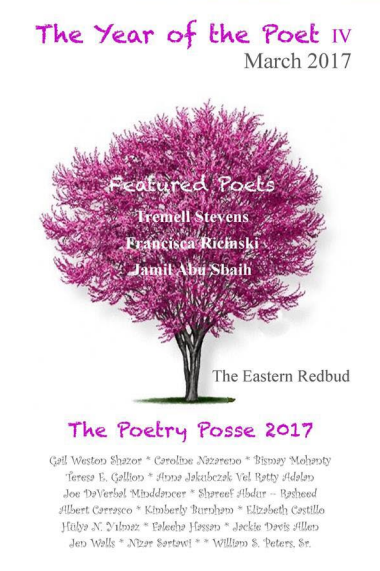


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Lin Ross
Sohkaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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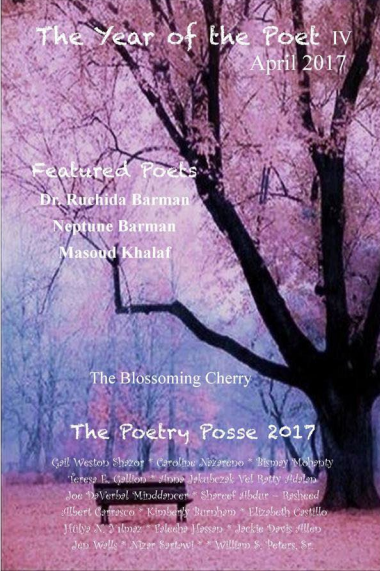


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Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaib

The Eastern Redbud

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Dr. Ruchida Barman
Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

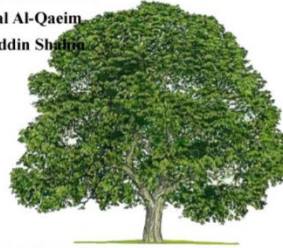
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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

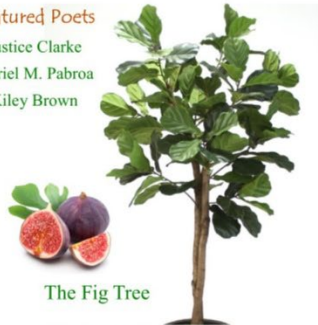
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Featured Poets

Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Sabeen



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman

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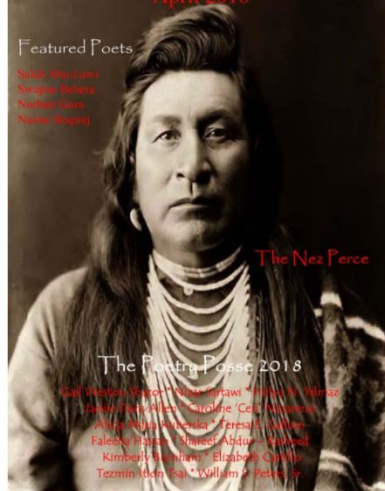
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Sonia Abu-Leneh
Swagata Bhabha
Nathan Dean
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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Bilal Maliqi * Daim Miftari * Gojko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akbal Harb
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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

The Lapita



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Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swarn

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



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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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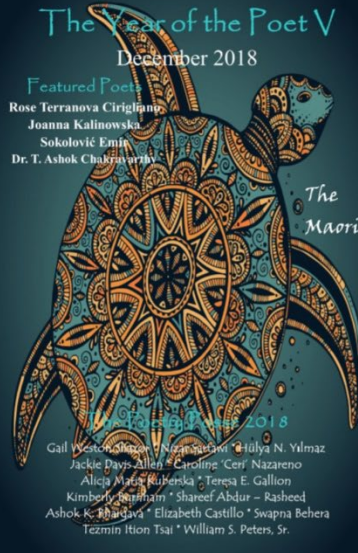
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Featured Poets

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



The
Maori

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

Dream Catcher

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



Meso-America

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



The Caribbean

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DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



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Wahab Sheriff * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer




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Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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Saadeddin Shahin * Andy Scott
Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia




Eritrea

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Shola Balogun * Bharati Nayak
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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Ngozi Olivia Osooha * Denisa Kondić
Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



The Mile Valley
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Rozalia Aleksandrova * Ohindu Ganga
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleida



Northern Asia
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Featured Poets
Rahim Karim (Karimov) * Sujata Paul
Bharati Nayak * Kapardeli Efthimia



Oceania
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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

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Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Franco Barbato * Izabela Zubko

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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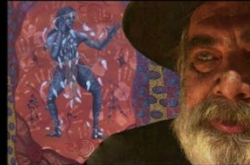
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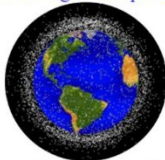
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