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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

Climate Change and Animals

In this issue we are cognizant of those we share the land with. Each place we stand, live, work, and visit once belonged to other people and other communities. We acknowledge those who came before us and those who share our spaces today.

We are also cognizant that we contribute to the land alongside animals and all living creatures. Some animals we care for, and they live with us, some are wild and unbounded by human society. Some pollinate our food so we can eat, while others fertilize the land enabling us to grow food, and the materials for shelter and clothing.

Some of the land we occupy today was forested with trees and plant life providing the lungs of the earth. To keep breathing we must care for the land, the animals, and plants, as if our very life depended on it.

Our goal as members of the Inner Child Press Poetry Posse is to bring light and consciousness to the effects of our own history and actions on the world and beings around us.

We wish you a beautiful summer season in a land
left better by each of us.

Kimberly Burnham, PhD
(Integrative Medicine).

Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, making our way onward through the ‘New Year’ of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#103) represents the 7th month of our ninth year of monthly publication. Amazing how much effort has been given by all the poets, to include the various members of *The Poetry Posse* and all the wonderful featured poets from all over our world. For myself, it has been and continues to be a great honor to be a part of this wonderful cooperative effort.

Last year, 2021 and the previous year of 2020 has been challenging for many of us throughout the year. We at *Inner Child Press International* were busy. We envisioned our role where the arts meet humanity to continue doing what we were good at... publishing. In 2020, we managed to not only produce and publish this series, *The Year of the Poet* each month, but we were also very proactive in the arena of human and social consciousness. We were able to produce several other anthologies to include: World Healing, World Peace 2020; CORONA . . . social distancing; The Heart of a Poet; W.A.R. . . we are revolution; Poetry, the Best of 2020. Going forward for 2022, we are seeking to

invest in the same or greater effort towards contributing to a ‘conscious humanity’.

We have now completed another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which was published April 1st of this year. Additionally, we have released another meaningful volume of poetic consciousness . . . “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”. Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the variety of causes in promoting a better world / planet, a better humanity for us all.

We, poets and writers do have something to say about it all, and we intend to do so in any and every way we can. So stay tuned . . .

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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Climate Change and Animals

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“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

—Dr Jane Goodall, Scientist & Activist



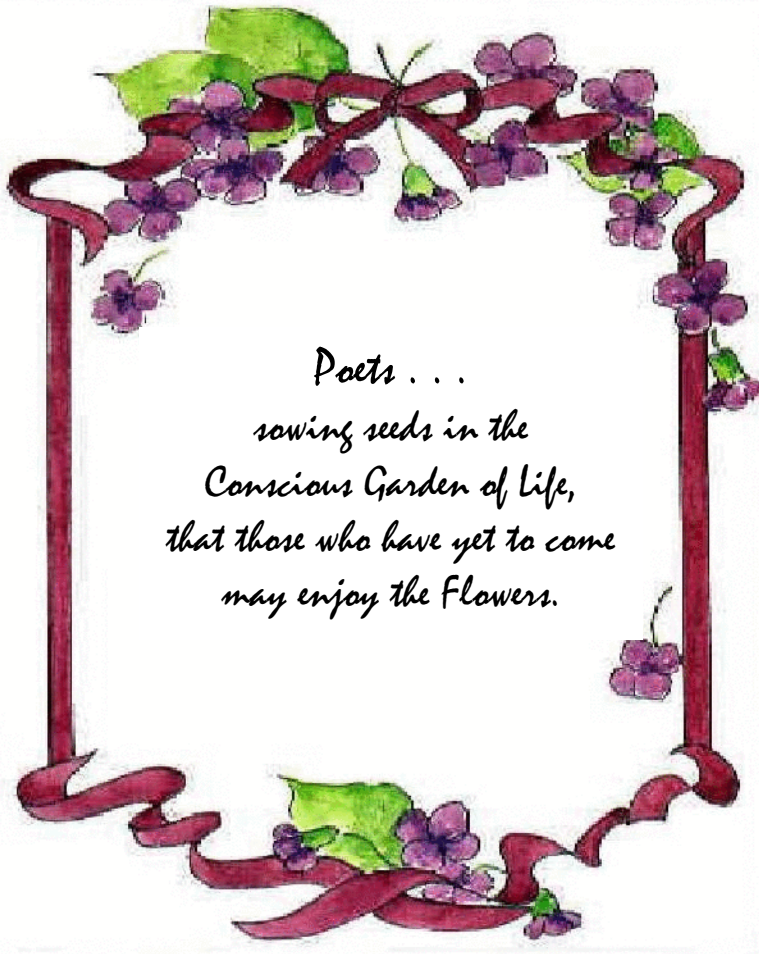
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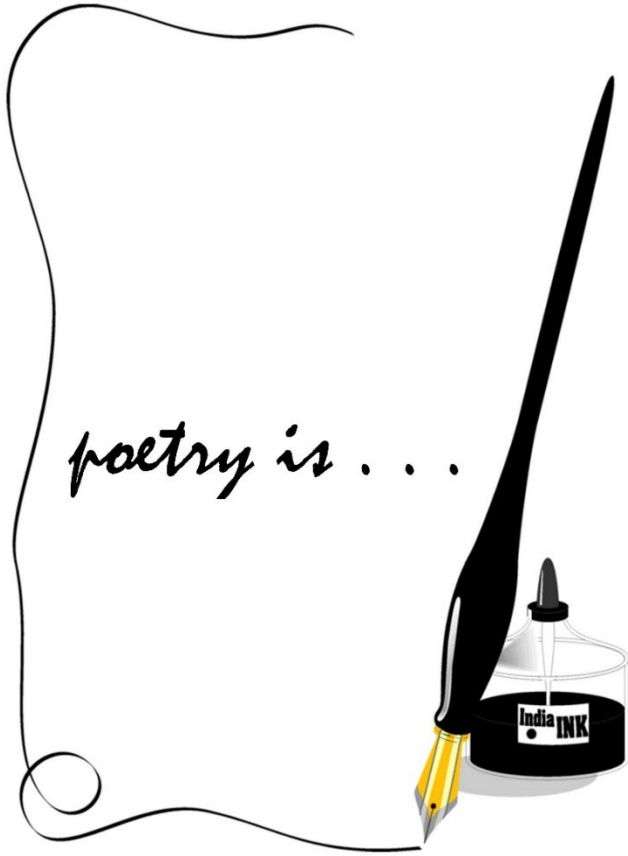




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp

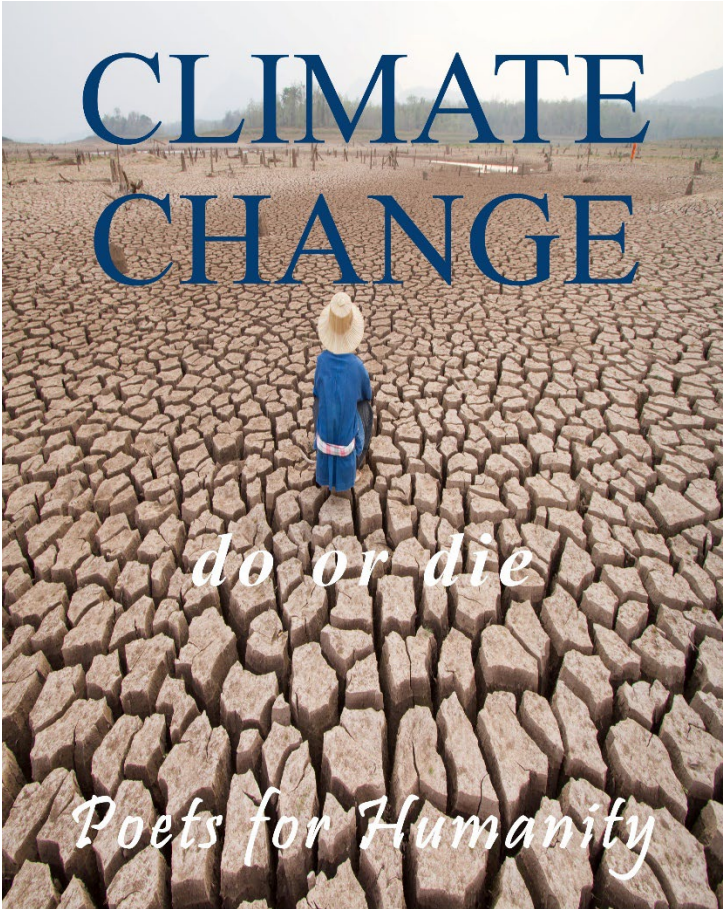




Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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Weston
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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

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Iguana Blues

My warrior friend
Battle scarred in his regality
Waits quietly
In the lee of the mango tree
The days are hot now
Much hotter than usual
So he waits in the shadows
The sahara dust is heavy
And he lingers with eyes closed
Against the choking onslaught
Across the day
There is nothing to cool him
His skin responds to everything
His wisdom acknowledges
All the lessons learned
The pools and eddy have dried
The tide no longer reaches
The sand and rocks
Along the edges
So he waits for me
To turn on the hose
So we both can have a drink

Behind the Gate

The blue heron has found
Her very own rooftop
Outside my door
I see her come to rest nightly
When I am on my way to bed
She expects me, you see
And therefore is not startled by my presence
I choose to believe that she knows
That the locking of the gate
Will keep us both safe throughout the night
And we breathe easy at that moment
All intuitive femaleness in
The dimming of the evening
The fact that she has allowed you
To see her in such a vulnerability
Only lets me know
She approves of the safeness of you
And validates what I feel
When you hold me throughout the night

blue roof 5

It is foolish of me to assume
That you were made for me
Just lying here until I arrived
Although I do think
You were waiting for me
To get to this place and time
So that you could salve
My insecurities and longings

Every once in a while I feel
Another watcher near
A glimpse of silk and color
Flashes near the eaves
And I sit still
So as not to frighten
Or crowd her away and I wait

Because I know she watches
The diners at the tables upstairs
And from this vantage point
I can somewhat also
Although I cannot see that
That she sees
The colors and clothes of days gone
From the blue of the roof

Is it a lover playing the room
Or is she much like me
Standing in the margins of
Those that are in love
And we wait life out on the roof
Waiting to be found or find
Even as specters or illusions
We wait

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).

A perfect man

I was late.
I added my name
to the visitor's Red Book.
Most of the guests left.
I did not get to know them.
Here I am, almost alone in the big hall.
Sorrow - I did not get to know them.

The trees from the Amazon
went out roaring.
They left a few leaves on the ground.
The birds flew.
Some feathers remained in silence.
Mammals and fish disappeared.
I saw only a few pieces of hair and scales.

It is lonely, sad planet.
I feel alienated.
I - the perfect Man

Only human

Let the tears flow.
You have the right to emotions.
Joy and sorrow sculpt your face.

Look...
How thin are the borders
between love and hate,
sensitivity and indifference.
Life and death come together
on the road of time.

You are a tired wanderer.
You pull the baggage of experiences
- stumble and fall down.
Feelings tend to be heavier than stones.
Forgive the past,
get up and move on

The twilight

I like this moment very much,
When sun greets the moon.
It is the end of a hard - working day
And the beginning of night.

The twilight covers the sky
Delicately with a black veil and
Slowly scatters silver stars.
The coolness and grey of night
Put out colorful bird's song
And wake up the noiseless bats.
The frogs and crickets
Begin their evening concert.

I admire this time of transformation
As the light turns into darkness
And the day turns into night

Jackie
Davis
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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

Graduating from Radford University, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Early Education, she taught in both public and private schools. For over a decade she taught private art classes to children both in her home and at a local Art and Framing Shop where she also sold her original soft sculptured Victorian dolls and original christening gowns.

She resides in northern Virginia with her husband, taking much needed get-aways to their mountain home near the Blue Ridge Mountains, a place that evokes memories of days spent growing up in the Appalachian Mountains.

A lover of hats, she has worn many. Following marriage to her college sweetheart, and as wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, tutor, artist, writer, poet and crafter, she is a lover of art and antiques, surrounding herself, always, with books, seeking to learn more.

In 2015 she authored *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*, and in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Both books of mostly narrative poetry were published by Inner Child Press and were edited by hulya n. yilmaz.

in 2019, *No Illusions Through the Looking Glass*, which was nominated to be considered for a Pulitzer Prize by the publisher and editor of InnerChild Press, ltd.

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Good Morning

This morning I awakened
To skies gray and wet, and as
From the high heavens above
Streamed down, torrents of intent.

From my window seat, I spied
A small squirrel, dark and dank
He was shivering and chattering;
Then, suddenly, he wisely scattered.

A bolt of destructive bright light
Startlingly burst into fury's flames
The clouds, revealing copious tears,
Released their pain, their angst

Once hidden from my view,
I now welcome anew, the face of the sun
Bestowing ardent kisses in colors
Passionate, bravely bright against blue.

Crossing high over the morning sky
A rainbow I now see; it is a gift from God
It is his promise to mankind,
A covenant, graciously renewed.

Crossing the River

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

Beware of evil
Lurking in darkness
Of hidden faces
In the shadows
The wicked

Despairing of truth
They that dwell within
Evil the informants, not
Of gifts of love, of truth,
Nor hints of peace

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

Of Grave Importance

The missive came yesterday.
Its vileness rained dark,
Like lightening, sound of a thunder cloud!
So unbelievable, the inevitable storm's desert flowers
Thought they might, indeed, drown.
Nothing offered any solace, nor relief
Nothing consoled his long held fear,
The weight that haunted with hindsight.
Blinded too many years.
He prayed to see the light.
Comforted. not, by well spoken words,
Gestures too late to hide the essence of loss.
Both conscious and he, ashamed,
Debased by utter contempt, both hid, veiled
His face. The scars of debris, too horrific.
He knelt before the mirror of contemplation.,
And, lo, to him it spoke, and he responds,
With remorse, prayed he be allowed
Sufficient time to modify his errant ways.
Lest the long arm of time's indictment
Lull him into the deepest
Of deepest sleeps.

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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

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

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

Cat on the Tin Roof

The iron skin on the roof
Sun wanton wild
Stole forward, taking care to be as quiet as possible
As if afraid to break the soul that was dried
Ears tightly close
Can't hear the soft nocturne
Long beard curled up
Can't feel the nostalgic feelings how lingering
Eyes can't open
Where's the day of the spring
Toes are stiff
It is impossible to count down the rainy night flowers

Settled in that shady corner
Saliva in the dry tongue
Not enough to make the palms were licked wet
After all, cleaning facial features one step at a time
Until everything is in order
Meditation of my heart is no longer confused
Deep in sleep
Like an innocent cat

The Chasing-River Flute Sound

Tower towering
The lost hometown far away
Loneliness makes dazed
The chasing-river flute sound
Everything seems bleaker desolate
Furious whirlpool
The weak lotus looks around
Inaudible sigh
The fog makes the river wide, but difficult to against waves

To that steep valley
The hillside is connected
Ask the lazy dew, the leaves are blown by the breeze
The sky why becomes bluer
Wild orchid village
Faces the deep red flowers
Came so quietly
The south window is hidden deep in the bamboo forest

It tells me nothing
The sky plays the song of birds
I smell just the rain
But forgot to dance with it
The body doesn't follow the heart

A Poet Fish

Can you hear?
The sky plays the song of birds
And i smell the rain...
But how could i dance, as my body can't follow my heart?
Small pieces of baits
My poem shouldn't be so long
Hang up word by word
If it still swallows the bait
That fish is a poet fish

That old-fashioned square
Frame the infinite life in
The clock kept silent
Never get out of this track
An old man who counts the time
Night of mid-autumn
It always comes so hazily
Stars full of the sky
Why don't you allow the cat?
Squat quietly on the wall

Yes, I used my verses as bait word by word
Now I'm waiting...
If they were swallowed up
I would catch a poet fish!

Sharḩeef
Abdur
Rashḩeed

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

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

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

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

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dem belong

what's wrong?
you mankind
You who disrespected
selected desecration
of animal habitat
violation is what
this is about
to self-indulged to
respect creators' system
everything created
for a reason
given their places
to occupy that benefits
their needs
that in turn compliments
their natural environments
which serves to enhance
the earth by fulfilling
the purpose that each piece
placed where it belongs
mankind included benefits
when he respects natural
order rich of purpose
that all creation in unison
help to enhance each other's
quality of life
unfortunately, mankind
pays no attention to
universal laws
there by wrecking
havoc
tipping the scale

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destroying balance
our animal neighbors
are an intricate part
of the environments
they were created to
occupy
that's why to diminish,
destroy those environments
also diminish even destroy
quality of life for all inhabitants
of our home planet earth

It's a Job

running on a treadmill
running but yet still
mileage took you to
nil
yet you maintain will
to maintain will
system stacked
against you
to keep you on your back
instead of means to
an end
end becomes means
by which to end you and me
by any and all means
things are not ever quite
as they seem
just out of reach for
a simple human being
who attempts to connect?
time and again
heartfelt, but you know
what they say when
something don't work
and you expect different
results
crazy indeed
like trying to revive a corpse
that got no pulse
will to survive trying to stay
alive an impulse
but dead bodies don't come
back alive and
treadmills don't take you for
a real ride

Travelers

on the journey of lifetime
traveling into the light
forbidding wrong
enjoining right
from Allah(swt) we come
surely onto him is our
return
traveling
to the house that Adam,
Ibrahim, Ismail (aws)
peace and blessings of
Allah be upon them
built to demonstrate
devotion at the holiest
of all holy places
like many fish in the ocean
going around the house
Counter clockwise
to the sound of praise
voices raised begging
asking, seeking, pleading
for respite in spite of what
they might have or not
forgiveness is poured
upon them in abundance by the
one who bestows what
ever he chose to bestow
upon the masses that go
around the house
receiving a measure of
bliss from the pleasure
of this

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just a glimpse of what
awaits to those who came
answered the call with
proclaiming out loud
"Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk"
(Allah we're here to serve you)
we came from near and
very far and didn't ever doubt
or hesitate
an invitation you gave your
slave and we came
to proclaim:
here i am at your service O lord
here i am
here i am you who have
no partners no associates
here i am to serve you
Truly all praise and favor is
yours and the dominion
you have no partners
no associates
my lord without doubt
this i know is true

swt = all glory to Allah
aws= peace and blessings upon them

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*.

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Sharing The Land

I share my home and earth
with my family and a menagerie
dogs, a cat, a bearded dragon
goats, quail, and snakes

Soft bunnies hop in wild abandon
a bell on the collar of our cat
a warning to baby bunnies
I have rescued more than one
hiding inside my house
after an escape from feline clutches

Snakes slither across this land
Slimy and startling
in search of mice and voles
these long creatures save my crops
as they hunt

Deer bound across this land
I look into their eye
and worry when the snow is high
so much like the goats we feed daily
we can't care for them all
but we can care
for the planet we all share

Amahoro In The Name of Peace

Gorilla doctors, collectives, federations,
and tour companies in Western Africa
all named “Amahoro”
peace in Kinyarwanda
a language of the Congo
all seeking peace
through friendship and connections
the “Amahoro” generation
peace brokers sowing projects
hotels, stadiums, and quilts
“Amahoro” in the words of songs
books and newspapers foster “Biba Amahoro”
which means plant the seed of peace

Strangers, Friends, and Pets

In Putijarra

a language of Australian

"Ngulyju" means friend or countryman

a known person not a stranger

the same word means tame

said of an animal or a pet

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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Extinction

Are we facing species extinction
As global warming impacts the world
In great dimensions?
Animals bear the adverse effects
Wildlife is threatened to be erased
On the face of the Earth-
The caribous and arctic foxes
Carry the brunt of climate change,
As drought, heat waves, and rising sea levels
Leave them no choice but to go on migration
And even have to change their shapes.

Courage to be True

Do you have to hide your true self?
Make pretensions, be under disguise?
To be noticed by others, do you have to lie?
Look yourself in the mirror and ask yourself why?
Has the world made a slave out of you
That once you feel unappreciated,
You succumb to being blue?

In reality, those who don a mask,
Are the ones who don't know authentic happiness
For out of the mundane things, their joy dwells.
Living each day in their own make-believe world,
Lost souls, restless hearts, crying for freedom
To break free from the chains that bind
And to have the courage to be true to mankind.

Clowns are sent to entertain the crowd,
But beneath the thick layers of hues
Can we say that their smiles are true?
The funny comedian in the movies that we see
In real life emerges a depressed soul once alone
For behind the laughter, behind the cheer,
We can't see their real selves, can't see the hidden fear.

True, happy people don't have to mask their true selves,
For they don't seek validation or appreciation from others,
Simply by being their own self, being honest to what they
feel,
Open doors of love and acceptance for those who truly
care.

The Alchemy of Life

Pilgrims in this journey called Life
Coming from One Source,
One Universe with swirling different worlds
Dancing, in a mass of Infinite Web
One fine day our souls will collide,
When our Higher Selves meet at the epicenter
We all long to follow the Light
The illustrious beauty that never fades,
Of the invisible thread that binds every little thing.
Each one of us is more than just an atom
Which suddenly appeared out of this cosmic journey,
Across the horizon, I see Angels preparing for a banquet
Waiting for our return to our One True Home
Do you want to chase the Light at the end of the tunnel?
Or you would want to go back to the life you once
borrowed?
Spirits transcending into another realm,
No pain, no suffering but only eternal happiness remains
I see you smiling in the afterglow,
And it finally dawned on me, I am truly Home.

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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Extinction

Scrapbooks of dried leaves
I believed somethings would last forever
Buffalo were plentiful long ago
Now logos adorn some sweaters

I love to go fishing, never tried to scuba dive
Now here I go wishing, the rarest things were still alive
Never cared for poached fish, I like my flounder fried
If climate change goes without a hitch
That's murder by profit in my eyes

Catch and release is one thing
Only take what you need is two
Everybody wants to be in-charge
And the current price of things is proof

An archeologist wrote of how there was once water
An astrologist saw traces from outer space
If the climate change worsens
Who'll discover our human race

Pretty pictures rarely give that physical need
Has reality succumbed to greed?
What has clearly been taken for granted
Can no longer be saved so it seems.

A brain with fins I wonder what it's thinking
With what it breathes
We pollute, then clean for drinking

Rapunzel

I refuse to go down that rabbit hole
Trying to make a point with a four-year-old
I've asked that age old question
little girl, "Have you been here before?"
The boldness of her innocence
I'm trying to control taught discipline
Some children aren't born to discern
The subtleties of language yet

Do we expect too much from our youth?
Do we reject the conversation with a doll?
Tantrums aside there's a budding brain here
To a four-year-old life lesson's often come with tears
She won the argument and continued to watch the movie
Only five times today, but later she'll come crying to me
"Can we watch it again" and then watch Scooby?

Imagination is the why we have what we have
How to becomes the teacher
Procrastinated ideas never come to fruition
I stay preaching to reach her

She's just a child is not an excuse to deny education
Think of the miles saved by giving the right information
"If I knew then what I know now"
Everything has a period of gestation
I can no longer sit idly by and feel it's not my problem
Solutions may not be easy to grasp
I feel I must help her solve them

Invasive Behavior

I can't leave it alone, this feeling of despair
I can't remember a home, that I have not lived in fear
Right neighborhood, wrong color
Wrong neighborhood but that's what's available

Vulnerable assets but who assess what is vulnerable
War machines are rolling down my street
All these things are rubble at my feet

Annie get your gun, Grandma's toting one
Grandpa's on the hill out back Red Rabbits on the run

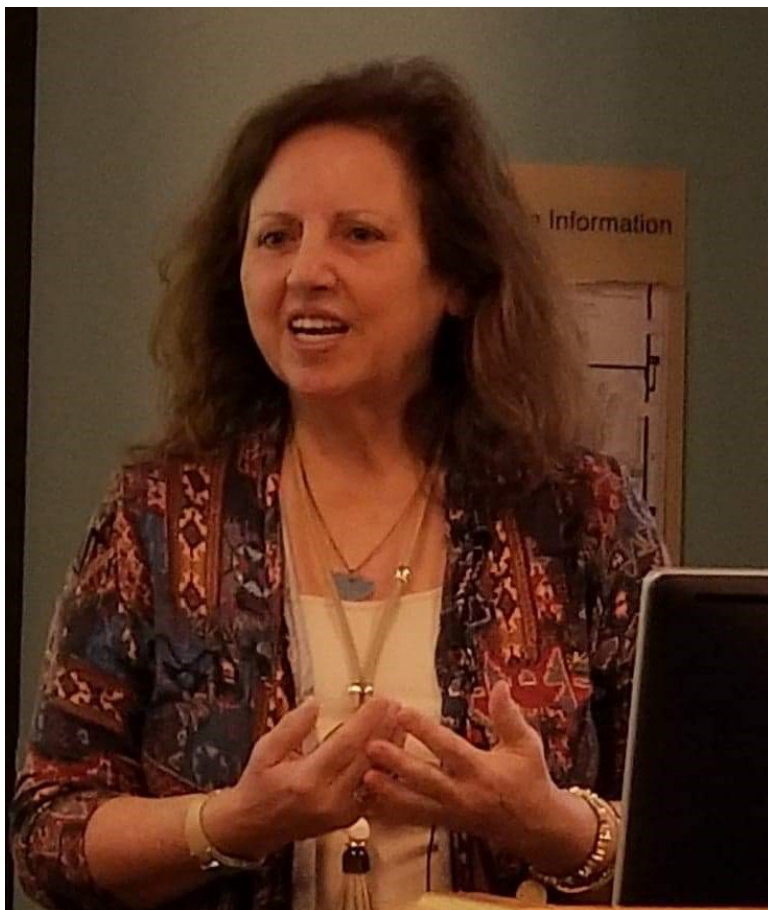
What place is this where one soul controls the many
We cherish the word but don't apply it to any
I can't let this go
I spare the souls through faith and prayer
To save the fold from those who don't care

It's like a bar cheer, "Go, Go, Go"
And he staggers home
No, No, No, to a no-fly zone
And his home is gone, flattened, turned into rubble

I can bully you, and you don't want no trouble
It's easy for me to say
But when the truth can set you free
You're silenced, it's just that way.

hülya
n.
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Professor Emerita (Humanities, Penn State, USA), hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is a published tri-lingual author, literary translator, and Director of Editing Services (Inner Child Press International, USA). Her work has appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at poetry events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, the WIN of British Columbia, Canada honored yılmaz with a literary excellence award. Her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* (USA). hülya finds it vital for everyone to understand a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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when it comes to animals . . .

of the wild, i am awfully shy
of any close-up sighting

so, you cannot see me on a Safari ride

let's say, only for the sake of
a wildest imagination,
i happen to be riding along . . .
would i ever agree
to change drivers
in the middle of the road?

videos galore!

of people, that is,
who have done so
to their dismay
nevertheless, are now famous for . . .

Gorillas? Thank You, I'll Pass!

Please, oh please!
Let me never run into one,
Unless he is on TV,
An e-gadget,
Or inside a magazine.
Better yet,
In a menagerie,
Most preferably.

Even his much smaller kind
Is hostile in his squabble.

Oh, yes! We two siblings
Do still remember the battle
On that wet afternoon in 1961.

The entry of a supposed 'Petting Zoo'
Outside a friendly German town
Is all where it started.

The back of my brother's raincoat
Had suddenly left for the cage in strips.
The culprit was a seriously little monkey.
It must have waited to test his powerful grip.

I doubt that there were gorillas somewhere nearby.
Would any of us little escapees have wanted to reveal
A private compound for them?
No way!

Even if it were today,
I would shout out:
"Thanks, but no thanks. I'll just pass
Today, and any other day!"

tiny hands

mom is not around

the tiny ones go about

danger . . . what is that?

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>

On Behalf of Divine Earth

The animals sing in the forest.
Please become good Stewarts again.
We need you and you need us.
Let us live together in harmony
and honor the Divine Earth.

The people did not hear the animals' song.
Earth slowly brought to extinction
one animal species at a time.
Earth seized the species human.

Land began to heal.
A beautiful planet rose like a phoenix,
reclaimed its glory while contemplating
animal and human worthiness.

This Number 70

What does this number 70 mean
in the full resonance of my being?
What does it look like?
How is it suppose to feel?

There are no right answers
that float in the universe.
Just opinions of uninformed souls.

Someone must be watching my stride
because I feel empowered
sporting the number 70
in my spiritual body.

Tell my physical body just keep moving.
Take it slow and steady.
Let patience massage the feet.
You have earned your privilege to stroll.

I unload daily the heavy baggage
that I dragged for years
into a 90 mile per hour wind.

I am feeling lighter with each moment
rubbing my face with joy.
The ecstasy dancing in my feet
tells me that 70 makes a joyful noise.

Blue Nile

Peace flows over me like a soothing waterfall.
My heart expands and love floods my bones.
The ecstasy makes me float like a goddess.

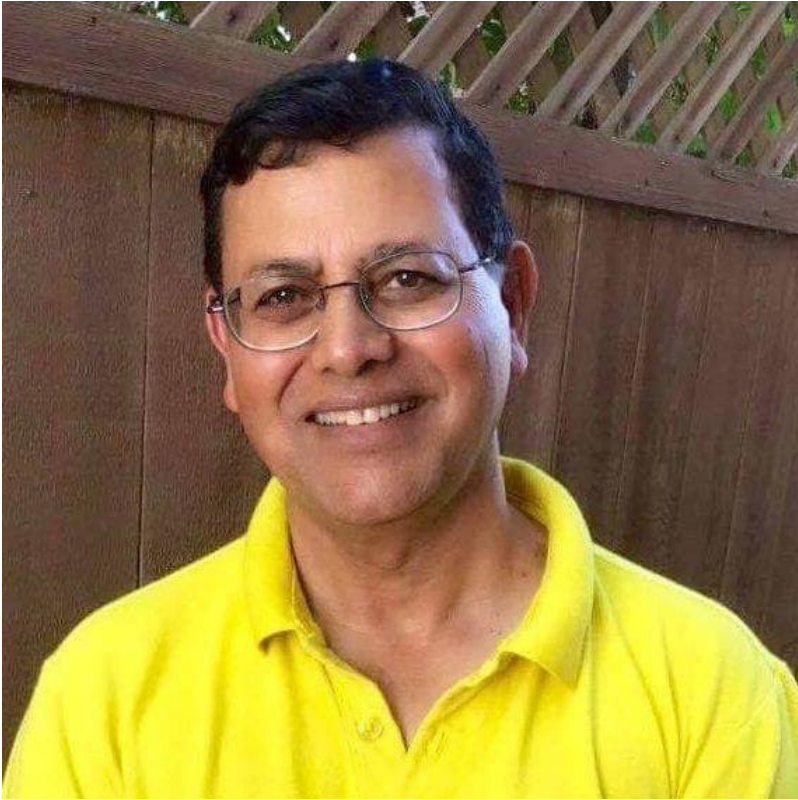
I cannot pull the words from my mouth
to capture the feelings invading my brainstem.
Perhaps silence is the best response.
Gazing the first light of morning
streaking across the Blue Nile River.

The inner pictures of my soul
are not ready to release.
They tease me with no mercy.
I yield and bend my knees
on this sacred deck
in praise of this River.

Living in the moment is all that is necessary.
I will never see the Nile again.
So, savor the endless love
flowing through this morning,
holding my Turkish coffee
close to the chest.

Ashok
K.
Bhargava

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Ashok Bhargava is a poet, writer, community activist, public speaker, management consultant and a keen photographer. Based in Vancouver, he has published several collections of his poems: *Riding the Tide*, *Mirror of Dreams*, *A Kernel of Truth*, *Skipping Stones*, *Half Open Door* and *Lost in the Morning Calm*. His poetry has been published in various literary magazines and anthologies.

Ashok is a Poet Laureate and poet ambassador to Japan, Korea and India. He is founder of WIN: Writers International Network Canada. Its main objective is to inspire, encourage, promote and recognize writers of diverse genres, artists and community leaders. He has received many accolades including Nehru Humanitarian Award for his leadership of Writers International Network Canada, Poets without Borders Peace Award for his journeys across the globe to celebrate peace and to create alliances with poets, and Kalidasa Award for creative writings.

An Early Warning

I found God
Living in animals, birds, forests, fish and oceans –
On the dark side of consciousness
Shattered and confused

Before he could find me
I found Him -
Chanting hymns of despair
Portending devastation

Fires eating forests
Waters rising to swallow land
Pollution killing
Everything living and sentient

Monkey Puzzle

The rays of time
fall on the mirror of dreams
reflecting
fascinating lives

knitting, weaving and
creating images of
what we have been and
what we have become.

It's an intricate intrigue of
unresolved riddles

Go Gently

Morning prayers
rise with hazy breaths
become shapes on a windowpane.

They convert to teardrops,
flow down in streaks
as the sunrays embrace them.

Watery strips exalt my soul
make me flow gently
silently.

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis

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

Among her poetic belts include PANORAMA YOUTH LITERARY AWARDS 2020, 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), the sair-gazeteci or Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

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

Links to her works:

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grains and animals

what are these grains
harvested and processed?
from the fields of passionate hands
ready to feed the animals
in the barn, in the farm
but the climate change is rude
it shocked the lives of our roaring friends,
even the flocks and fowls,
where in the world could they live
more than centuries like dinosaurs did?
how can we save them
if tailors simply forget their duties
because they earn million dollars with
the leathers, feathers and skin,
as easy as pouring the grains
into the water and ground,
fame at stake, extinction bound.

wind of realms

the wind blows like freezing winter coup
the stigma of silence pushing the clue

igniting a fire on heaven and earth
like phoenix in the city of rebirth

glide your wings to reach the summit's peak
glow in the darkest, even the future's bleak

have you ever gamble to high and low?
don't fear to sail, don't fail to row

you can run, jump and let the river of life flow
drop all the woes, cease all the ghosts in you

reign to dance, ebbing heart-wrenching tears
finding a home for truth through all the years.

My Daughter, My Beloved

You are two-rific today
June 23rd, the most precious day
I become your mother,
I am a witness of your remarkable milestones
You sing with Ms. Rachel's song for littles,
I am entertained with
Your giggling actions while the musical play is showing
You are my little promising zoo keeper
You pretend to save the lion, tiger, hippopotamus
The deer and krypto dog,
My Yali, you're making mommy prouder
When you blow a kiss,
Say thank you and I love you,
I am so touched because you have a good heart,
I just want to say, you are our special love
Who came in our lives,
So blessed and favoured
As your parents.

Swapna
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE Award, ATAL Award 2018, Global Literature Guardian Award, International Life Time Achievement Award and the Master of Creative Impulse Award. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government accredited Literary Society Lasher one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 60 languages. She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union, Kazakhstan 2018. Italy, the National President for India by Hispanomundial Union of Writers (UHE), Peru, the administrator of several poetic groups, and the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child Press African is the life member of Odisha Environmental Society.

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prayer of a polar bear ,monkey and koala

the majestic polar bear
sitting on a heap of ice
facing uncertain future
dwindling sea
melting ice in the arctic sea
prays for life

a monkey
in search of a safe place
rampant wildfire
here and there
where to go
the on going draught scares
no more shelter and food

the koalas smell like eucalyptus
bears waking up
from hibernation sooner
hungry and thirsty
loss of plant species for global warming
heat waves kill the flora and fauna
scarcity of food
migration is so difficult
water bodies missing
rain forests collapse
corals are at stress
they pray for life
let all live
climate change is a challenge
let all sustain and sing the Anthem to love Nature

The ominous agenda of a night

honking cars of dreary night
going into deep slumber
sterile faces of the smoky city
passions prisoned in the cage of the skeleton
heads are peeled off like hot potatoes
the sizzling body of the platform
cools down like the last locomotive
whole day a city dies in the oxymoron
to be alive the next day
sweating of the pedestrians here or there
the naked mad woman sleeps under railway bridge
here the road weaves and
manufactures the seasons
artificial smiles pour from the lips of the mannequin
arduous journey of the unknown footsteps
gnawed by intrigues
dense is the darkness
denser are the signatures of the gypsies
each alphabet is a syntax under the sky
like a polar star
who can compose the melody?
the virgin eyes will be red soon
who can compose love?
opium sellers are moving around
lust is burning in the metropolitan city
in the moment of delirium
the mad woman is pregnant now
shivering in cold
perhaps someone has raped
the black city..... !!

when the sky descends

when the sky descends
my courtyard is filled with hibiscus flowers
a parrot sits on the guava tree
my mother gives water to the basil plant
the crow sits on the roof of my neighbour
temple bell rings

when the sky descends
folk songs fill the air
ecstasy celebrates
ancestors step down from the galaxy
when the sky descends
the soil welcomes the BLISS
the gibbous moon gets ready to melt
a new horizon swells
proclaiming the incarnation of the SUN
in the sky
the tall tree writes on
the descending sky
taking the crystal-clear water from the river
the eternal scripture of Alpha and omega

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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Monkeys and Apes

Most of us can't swing too far north.

Our usual nesting grounds are becoming a thing of the past,
as we swing high and swing low searching for a new home
with the same characteristics we know..

Fire, illegal trade and the quickening changed in climate are
killing primates.

We are being hunted and the gasses from charred trees are
toxic,

we are losing land due to humans.

In the near future fifty percent of primates could face
extinction,

because of habitat destruction.

These nonhuman primates are a vital part of their
environment and ecosystem,

with their disbursement of seeds and other interactions.

If the tropical forest trees keep getting destroyed and
climate change continues to make a void,

They'll be no soaking in and storing of carbon monoxide
adding to the cause of primate genocide

Vida loca

I lived a crazy life. If you was to ask me... if I could turn back time would I relive it all again? I would reply yes in a heartbeat. Why? Because I'll have all those that died by my side in these ill BX streets. I'll make sure I wouldn't lose them again. I'll change history drastically, past tragedies definitely wouldn't repeat. I'll know the when's and how's when murder was to take place, I'll be there that day to eradicate a death date. They won't understand that this is my second chance living the same life and that I know when they'll take their last breath. It'll just be my duty to make sure knives don't slice, stab and cut and they evade slugs intended to break bones after melting flesh, breaking homes and the hearts of kin they left. Oh yeah you're going there? Ok me too, you're going to handle what? I'm coming too, homie I know you're thinking about messn with blazay blazay don't do it, they don't love you. They'll be buggn like... how does he know? as I alter witnessed deadly scenarios. Now that everyone is kept alive, I'll let em know we aren't going to spend cash because we could, we're all going to start businesses and buy property down south and up north in the woods. If only I could hear toc tic ya know the sound of time as it rewinds.

One of a kind

Infinite is one of a kind, my style is unusual, my flow is something y'all are not used to, by no means is this a narcissistic view, the only people that can give it up like I do are dead or still duckn Feds. I got that street heat without the glorification, every time my tips touch keys its a manufacturing session, it's gang bangn and manufacturing lessons manifested thru urban narrations. I am the aftermath of fast cash and bloodbaths, so it's a must to mention the actions and reactions of blood money and those that rest in peace, in every piece. My crime syndicate that thought of plots that were intricate are now laid in plots under marble rock, I never thought of seeing their names on death certificates from gunplay and drug traffic, I wasn't supposed to be throwing flowers on their lowered caskets, we was supposed to live rich forever like those in higher trap brackets. Yeah, money was made, along with that comes pain, my experiences and losses are my readers and listeners gains. I was taught by time, a lot of peeps won't have enough to learn before becoming a statistic of white crime, just when you thought you've leaned enough _____ flatline

Eliza
Sęgięt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

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

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

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

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

The Void

All the creatures
need the same thing to live, that
– supposedly wise –
Human.

Why is it exactly who disturbs harmony
of the world and the light,
for which it is harder to get through the smog?
If the animals can sense,
but can't incapacitate the enemy,
there's nothing left to us but
to awake our inner dormant wits

The humanoids are in need of help!
An exterminator haunts their territory.
Hidden in-between
– still living trees –
they seek understanding,
not photos for a show.
We're reaching the truth faster and faster.

– The vain in nature
is at the reach of the murderous hand.

Translated by Ula de B.

Cold

He couldn't keep pretending,
that he never noticed
insensitivity of others
towards those needing so little,
but only

– words that light up, merciful touch.

Once he began noticing those beside,
he began to know himself deeper.

To the perennial habits he declared
– *enough*.

The two sided rhythm good - evil
he turned into a straight line,
one-way rail of consciousness,
from which
he can see better
tears, lacks, and cold.

Translated by Ula de B.

Simplicity

It's not about
taking shortcuts.
But sophisticated words
are useless
and lead to nowhere.
If love is dead,
can it still be resurrected?

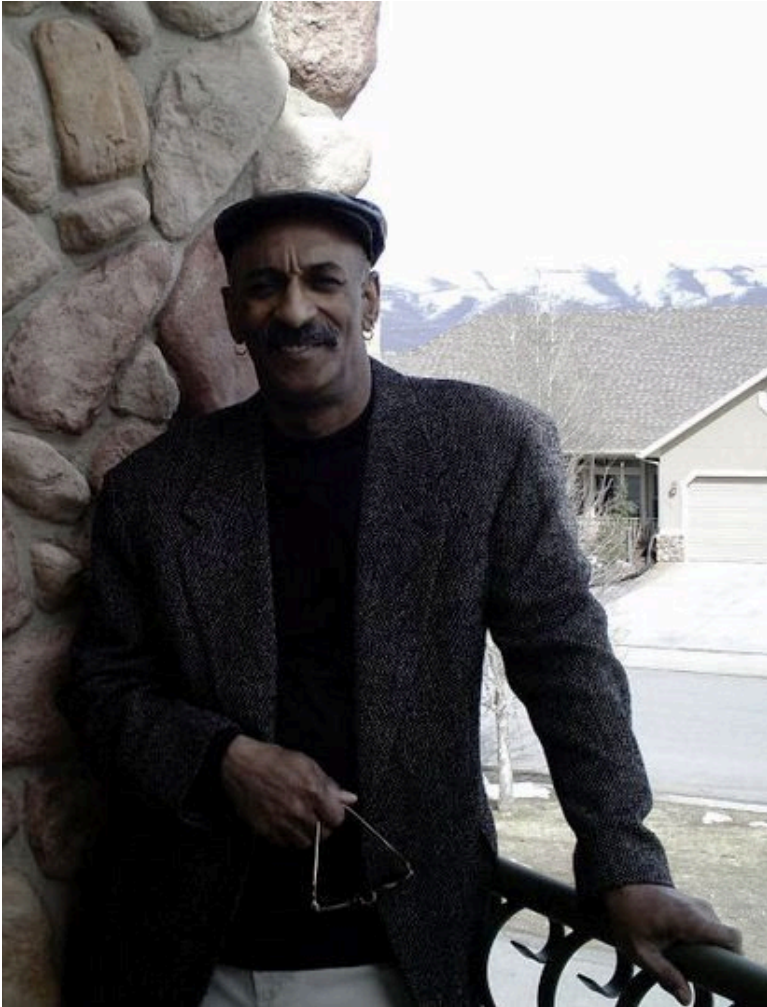
In the simplicity of dialogue
you'll hear and you'll say more.
Honesty might hurt,
reach unhealing wounds.

Understanding
will not be requiring
anything more.

Translated by Ula de B.

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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If Only

If Only
I were conscious enough.

If Only
My selfishness
Could see beyond the 'ME'
Of it all.

If Only
I realized
That I am not the only
Inhabitant
Of this planet this universe,
This magnificent creation.

If Only
I understood
That I have a responsibility
That I must live up to
For all things
Of this home of 'OURS'

If Only,
We human Animals comprehended,
That we are not alone

If Only

It is just a matter of time . . .

The Untitled

Lilac was the flavor
Of her smile
Her eyes were wrinkled
And twinkled like
The fair flowers of Dandelions
And her demeanor was
Lavender-like

Her voice was as soft
As the flutter
Of butterfly wings
In the height of spring
From whence great harvests
Are borne

Her spirit was unfettered and free,
And somehow she could see
The good in everything
And anybody,
Including you,
Including me.

She was an enigma
To the non-discerning Soul
Whose eye remained clouded,
Yet Her light
Could not be denied
In the height
Of the darkest night

A seeking seeker

My consciousness extends beyond
The endless ends
And borders
Of all the collective horizons
That ever existed,
And ever will

I am a discovery
Still yet unborne

I like a vagabond
Wandering in my wonder
While wondering
As I wander ...
Seeking empty resolution
To empty things
As I consider
My self-absolution
And the elusive solution
To that Which is inordinate
And stirs my soul
In declinative ways

My thoughts have
No perceivable limits,
As do my whims

As the countless stars,
The countless grains of sands,
The countless particles of dust,
I ponder my origin
And the vastness
Of my progenitorial ways

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We are naught but
Unexplored Black Holes
Waiting with open arms
To embrace the noble ones
Who have courage enough
To venture beyond the known

More than a reconciliation,
There is a reclamation afoot
That shall restore all things
To the way
They were meant to be,
And none amongst us
May refute nor abate
It's arrival

We shall fund
What we seek,
And that which we seek
Shall find us ...

There shall be no mire claims of discovery
Of that Which is occupied,
For all things a filled,
All things are empty
For ...
A seeking seeker

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Michelle
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Hi, My name is Michelle Joan Barulich and I am currently studying the Alternative Medicine. I have always enjoyed writing poetry and songs. My younger brother Paul is a self taught musician and song writer. As youngsters we created a lot of poems, songs, and music together. My pet rescued pigeons are my my feathered babies. They have brought me so much joy.

Thank you Inner Child Press for all that you do.

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

Feathers and Tappy My Angels from Above

You both came into my life so sweetly and unexpectedly
You filled my life with joy and wonder
Tappy your antics made me laugh each day
Your love so pure
Feathers you were so patient with me each day
As I learned all about you
Christmas memories strung upon my heart
Peaceful days and warm nights
My happiest days were when Feathers and Tappy were safe
You are both so loved
I miss you both so much
Until we meet once more
You will always be my two
Angels from above...

If You Stay

If you stay
I'll be complete
There's no time to weep from ones eyes
If you come, don't say goodbye
If you love me, don't turn around
Promise solid ground
Then your love will be found
If you stay
Love will be true
Come in from the rain
And I will love you
Keep your heart in my hands
It will return from empty lands.....

Overlooking The Wind

Tonight,
I awoke in silence
And found out in all that I was hiding
I used to close my eyes
In what I knew was needed
I used to not be there
For the empty cries and callings
Something is holding me
Something is telling me
Something is letting me go
Recapturing the last days
And the long hours
That stood still
Will I always feel this way?
I was always afraid of being myself
Crying for help, and yearning for the truth
Give me strength in my loneliness
Speak the way
Tonight, let me be free
Tonight, let me not overlook the wind
Tonight, three quarters of the moon are showing
Something is holding me
Something is telling me
Something is letting me go
Something out there renews my soul
Tonight, will it answer and reply?
Tonight.....

Mili
Das



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Poet Mili Das from Kolkata was honoured and awarded by the Hon'ble Vice President of India SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU on 18th September, 2021 from Parliament House, New Delhi for translating the immortal lines from the poem of famous Tamil poet Subramania Bharatiar to commemorate the Memorial Day Centenary of Mahakavi Bharati.

Mili Das is a bilingual poet and international published poet from Kolkata, India. Her first poetry book 'APEKSHA KORCHHI BANDI KAFINE' was published in January 2019. Her second poetry book 'RAJBHABANER SAMNE' and third English poetry book "YOU ARE STILL THERE" published from Romania. Fourth English poetry book "NEVER BROKEN" published from Florida, America. She started writing death poems. Everyone continues to say after her poems, it seems as if she has touched death. In every week her poems are recited on Mexican radio "ODAS MSGICAS DE UNAMOS AL MUNDO CON LA POESIA" Voz: Amalia Figarella de Jesurum de Venezuela, Español. Poet Mili Dad's two Bengali poetry books are being published at International Kolkata Book Fair. One English poetry book is being published in this month of January 2022.

In the deep forest

When I entered in the middle of the deep forest, I heard the screams that have haunted me for a hundred years.

When I entered in the deep forest
I found the shadow of a pure peace, which I have been searching for a hundred years

When I entered in the deep forest,
I forgot all about the world's conflicts, wars and violence.
A pleasant serenity surrounded me.

When I entered in the deep forest,
a strange darkness came and put me to sleep.
I look at her and see
She is no one else,
She is my mother who has been lost for so many years.

When I entered in the deep forest
I found an eternal peace.
In the midst of the green forest,
I found a new light of hope to live in a new way in the middle of the green forest.

When I go back

When the whole world is full of complexities,
I smell the ashes of dead bodies in the air.
The storm has risen all around.

I trampled the skeleton of the dead bodies.
After that I went to the temple.

Now I am not good
The world is also not good,
No One's mind is good.

In this day of depression,
When I go back to my world of childhood.
Lots of innocent faces come to my mind.

An atmosphere of peace is painted in my heart.
I can touch my childhood.
So, I can touch my peace.

Boldness is attitude

I give importance to my family
I learn from what my heart says
I respect my dignity.
I remove all the darkness of my life.
I never give up my dreams.
I am conscious of my intelligence,
Because it is my perfect beauty.

Always think yourself as a diamond.
Precious but not rare.
Don't compare with others.
You know you are the best.
Respect your values.
You make yourself into a piece of art
Then nobody can copy you .
When you control your mind,
No One can destroy you.

Anna
Ferriero

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Anna Ferriero is an Italian poetess contributing to peace and cultural contamination and internationally recognized especially in the Middle East. In September 2019 she officially became a WNWU member. She is a reviewer, editor, translator, editor of articles, literary and poetic collaborator, speaker and collaborates for numerous Italian, national and international newspapers and magazines. She has won numerous national and international awards. Her works have been translated into various languages. She received from the poet Mountassir Aziz Mountassir the honorary degree for creativity, humanity and international culture from Morocco in collaboration with Mexico (register 2010045530149).

Autumn Again

Roasted coffee aroma
heartbeat, emotion,
nest feeling
of breaking waves
in the scent of autumn crunch.

Fall

I await you every day
I court you in silence
I give you my smell
dressed only
of a verse of Love.

Roasted coffee
autumn feeling
of sweet Spring
who now rests
again
to wait for you one day
in the Blossoming of Love

Light Blue

Light blue
like hibiscus
while he wakes up
like a kind child
the last hibernation:
scent of sunset
of summer sprouted.
Azure
like the last snow
preserved among the corals
that give off spring
awakening
without deceit among the memories
hope of infinity
where everything
blue quenches thirst

The Scandinavian Charm

The Norwegian sky
a lot of joy inspires me
colors and shades
decorate the vault to those
who watch with audacity.
From a photograph
the image of a forest
in the midst of dawn
a brush worked.
Innovative landscapes
and mirrors of wisdom
they start that dream
they follow in silence
the most secret spaces
like small sylphs
the story begins.
It is a magical experience
not to be lost forever
is the land of fairies that
you see in the eyes
of those who love poetry

Ujjal
Mandal

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Ujjal Mandal, a Postgraduate scholar and an emerging poet from West Bengal, India. He was born in 1995 at Ganguria. His work has been published in journals, magazines, blogs, Literary press and anthologies. He studied in English at the University of Gour Banga. He believes, "life is not faithful, but the good thoughts will never die" so he seeks the wall of hearts where his words can be written. His works are published in journals like Muse India, Daath Voyage, Gnosis Journal, Dissident Voice, Active Muse, Criterion etc, in Literary press like Spillwords and magazines like PAROUSIA Magazine, Hatpakha, and anthologies like "Aulos: An Anthology of English Poetry", "Beyond Corona: The Silver Lining" and others. He became the winner of the month of May 2020 in Muse India(YS) for his poem titled "Desires of an Unborn Girl Child". His pen says, "poetry is the eruption of feelings through the geothermal heart". He could be reached at um199521@gmail.com

The Beauty of Winter

When I stand alone in the snow,
I find the blooming flowers
Of ice are swaying their
White heads high, and
I dance with them.

When I stand alone in the snow,
I find the sun falls in love with
The snowflake and the nectar
Of love sheds from her white
Rosy cheeks.

When I stand alone in the snow,
I find the moon spills her sweet
Smile upon the mirror of ice
And oh, she falls in love
With herself.

When I stand alone in the snow,
I find a white star falling
From the white sky through
The cold body of air and I rush
To catch up it.

There is Beauty in Trouble

To expand the soft bud
Of young heart,
It is required to take
The wintry sigh
Of frozen winter,
It is compulsory
To take refuge
In her white clothes
Tied with the thread of
The glacier,
It is imperative
To take a shower in
The falling tears
Of winter.

O Dear, My Sweet Rose!

O dear, you are my sweet rose
Taking your kiss I want my lips to close.
You can never bloom elsewhere
Besides my heart's golden chamber.
O my love, come and take me
Up on your rosy petals I am a hungry bee.

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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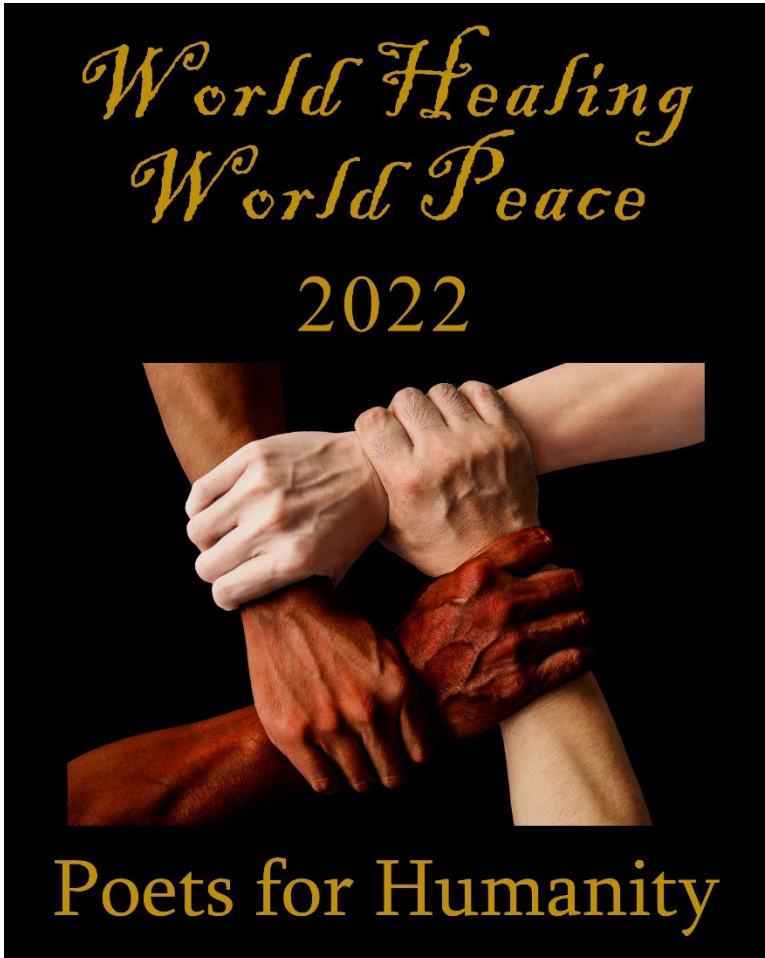
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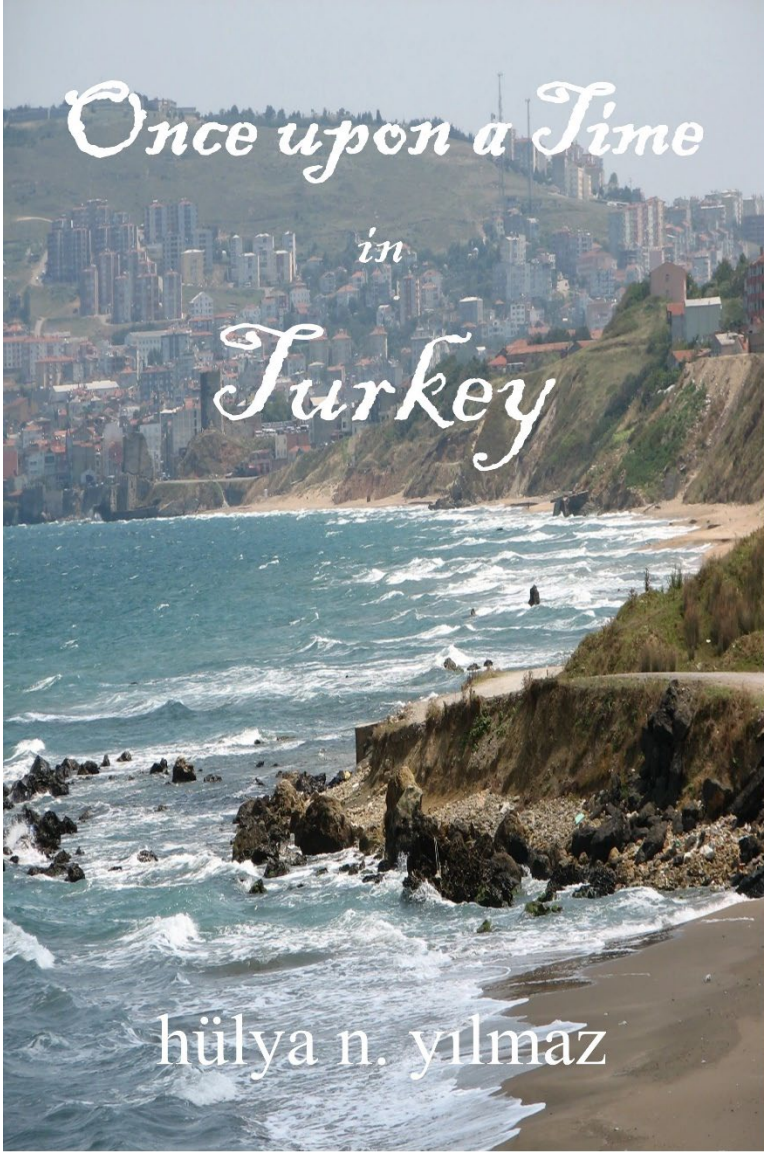
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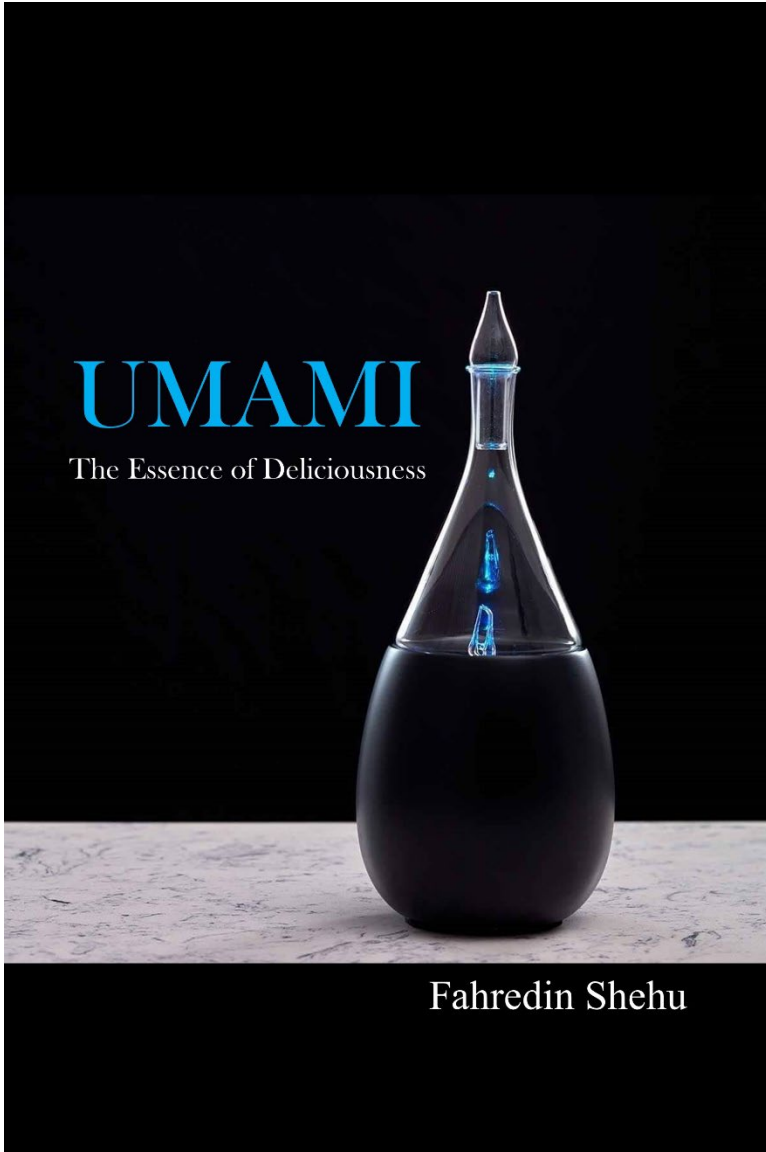
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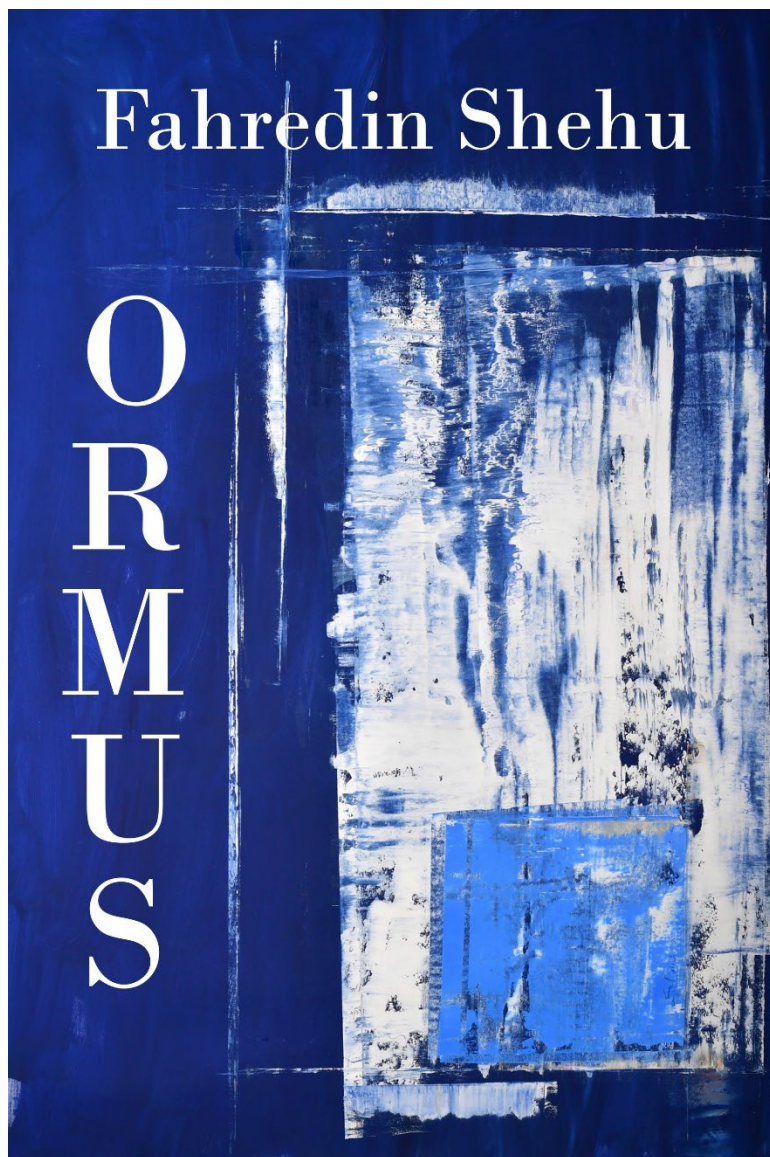
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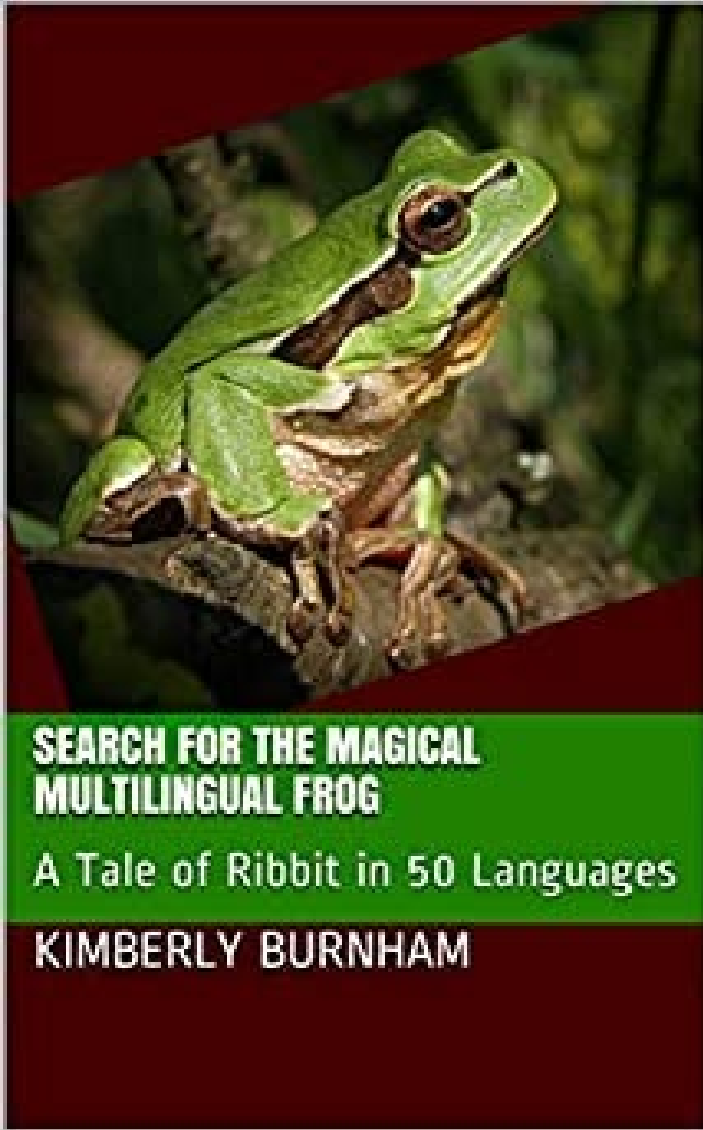


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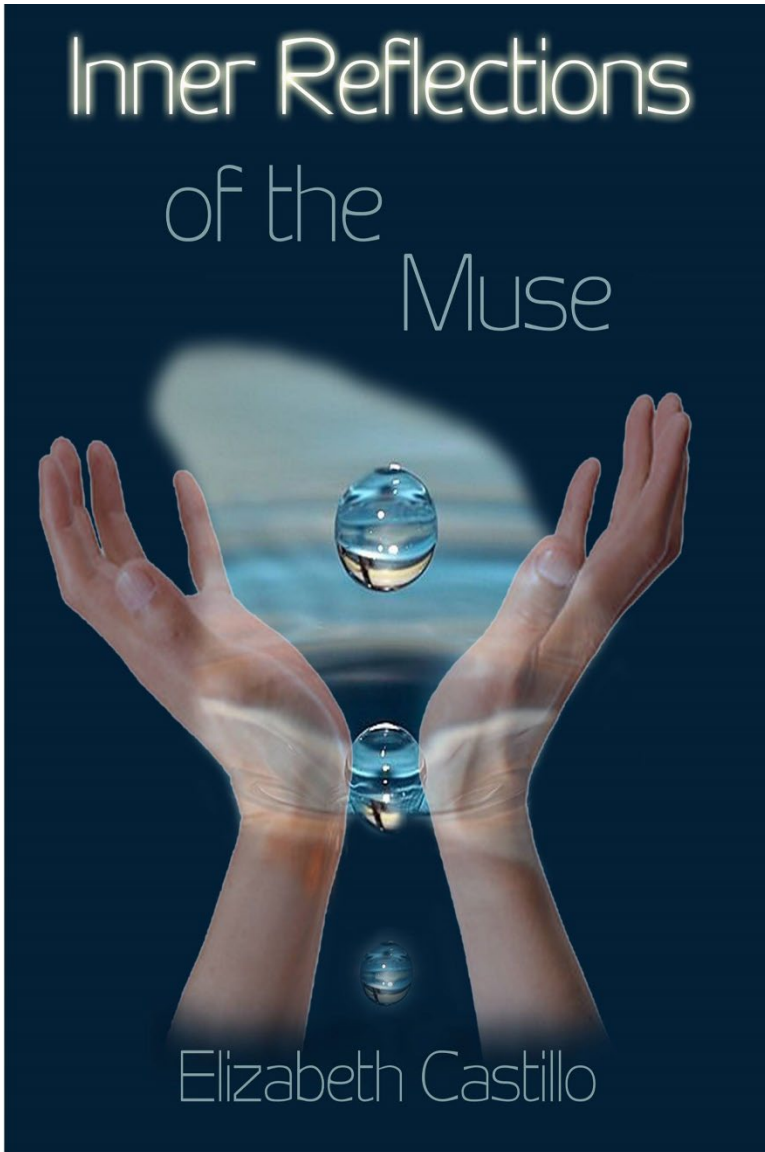
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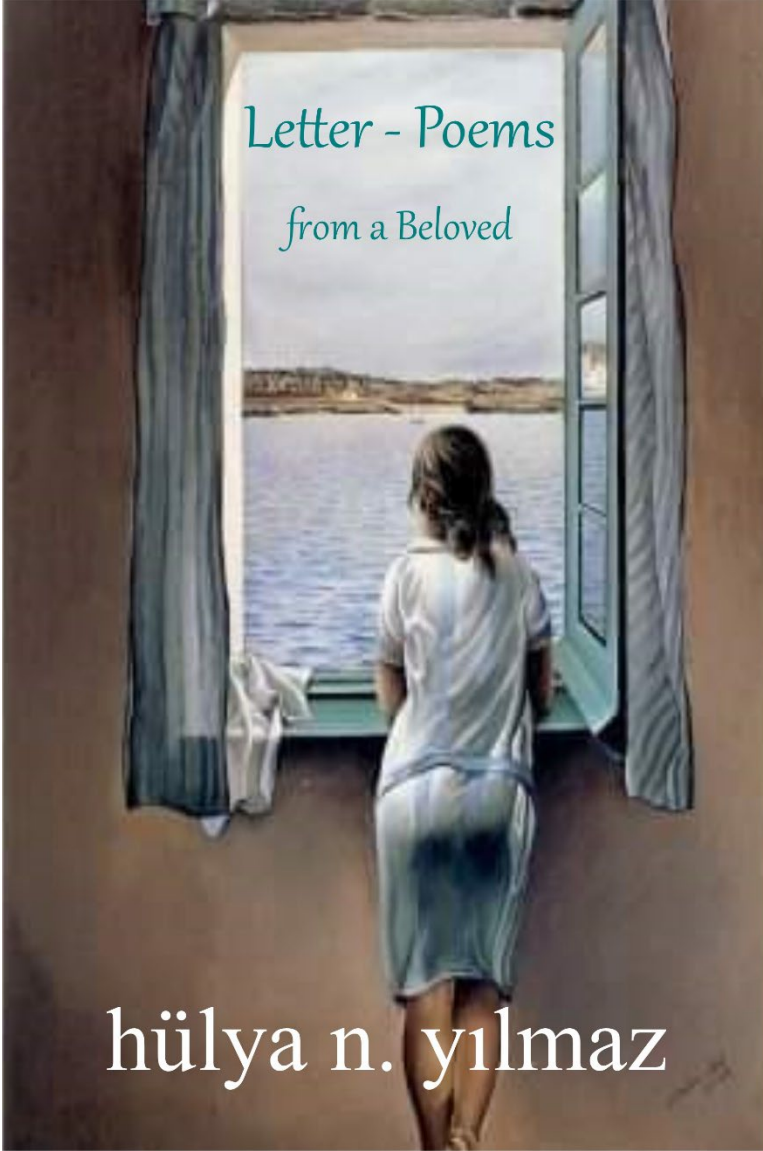
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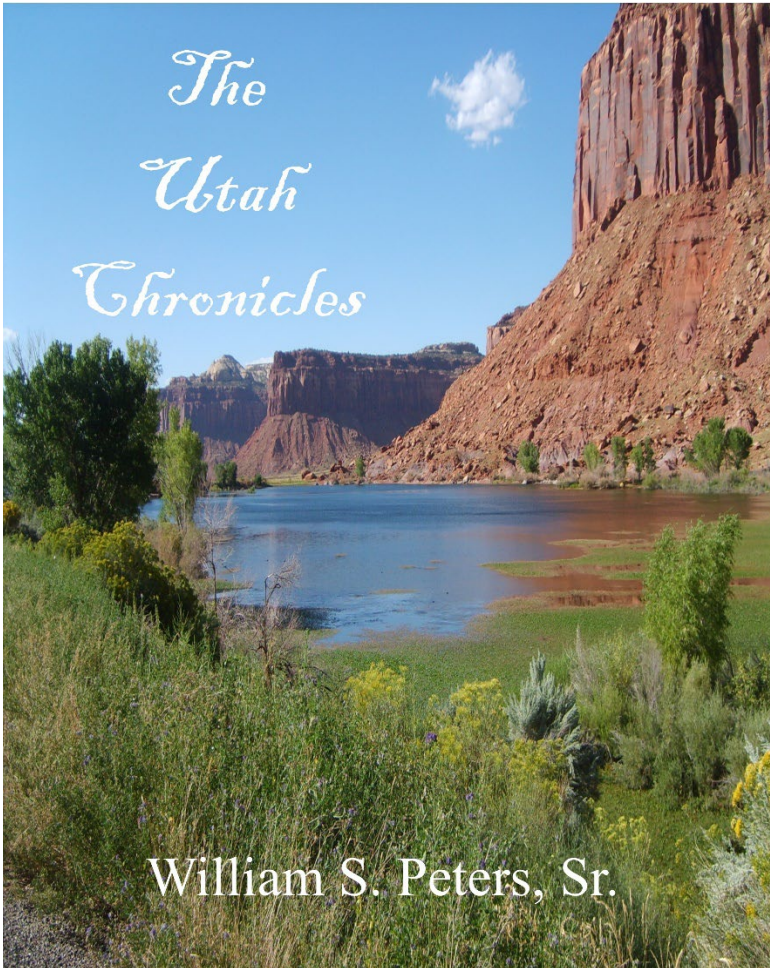
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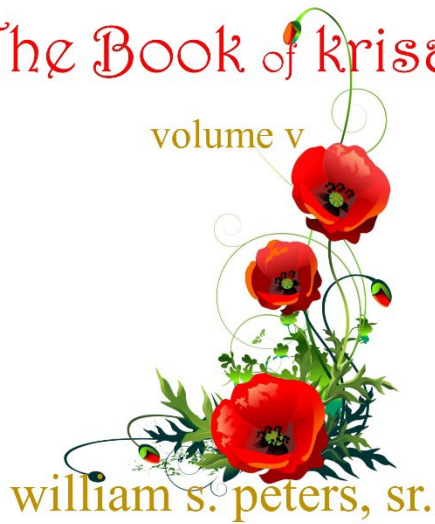
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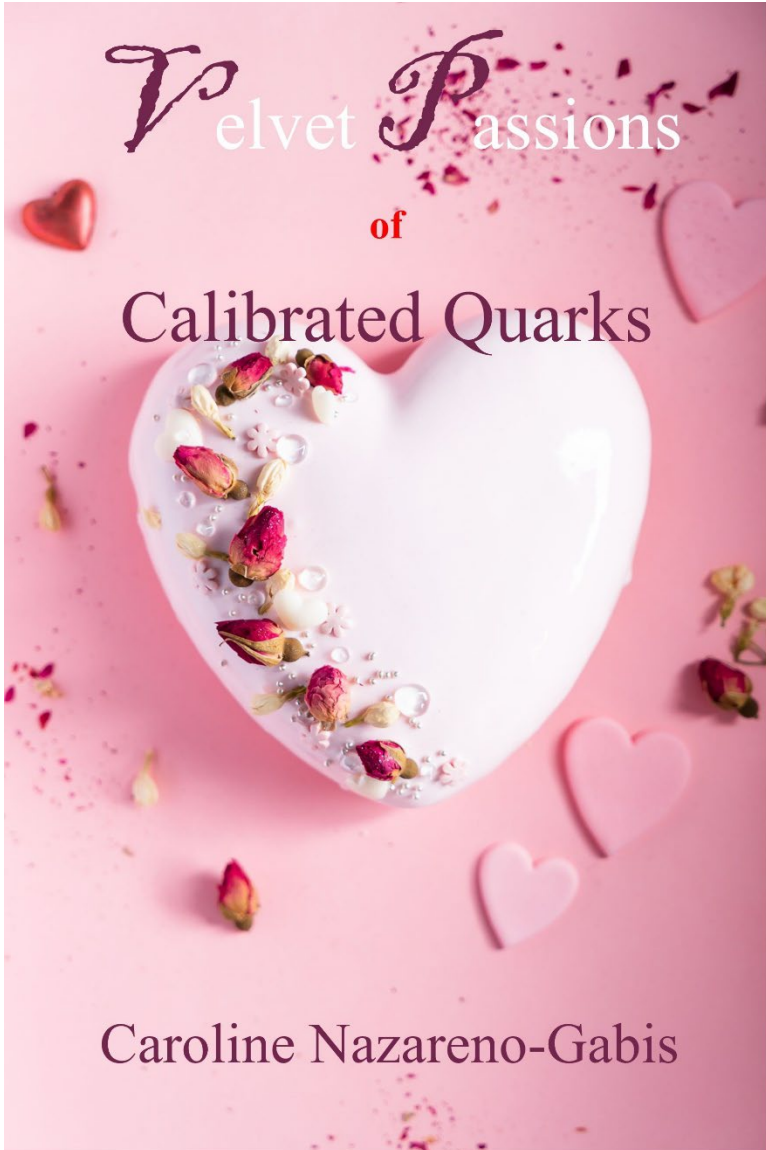


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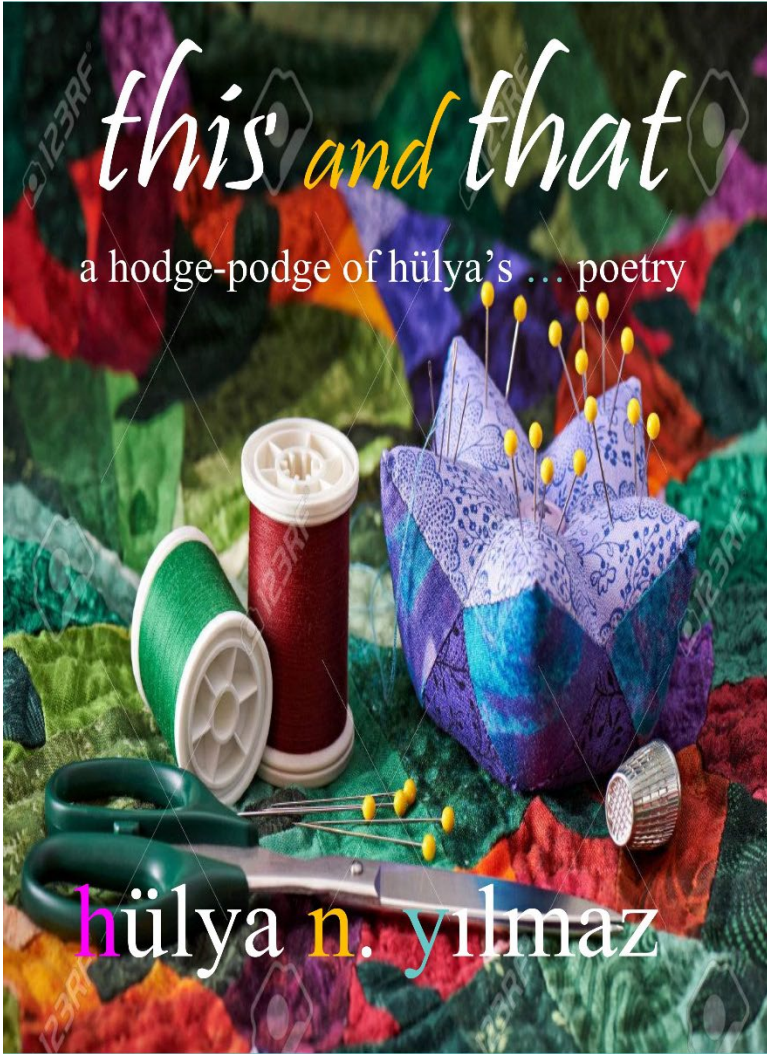
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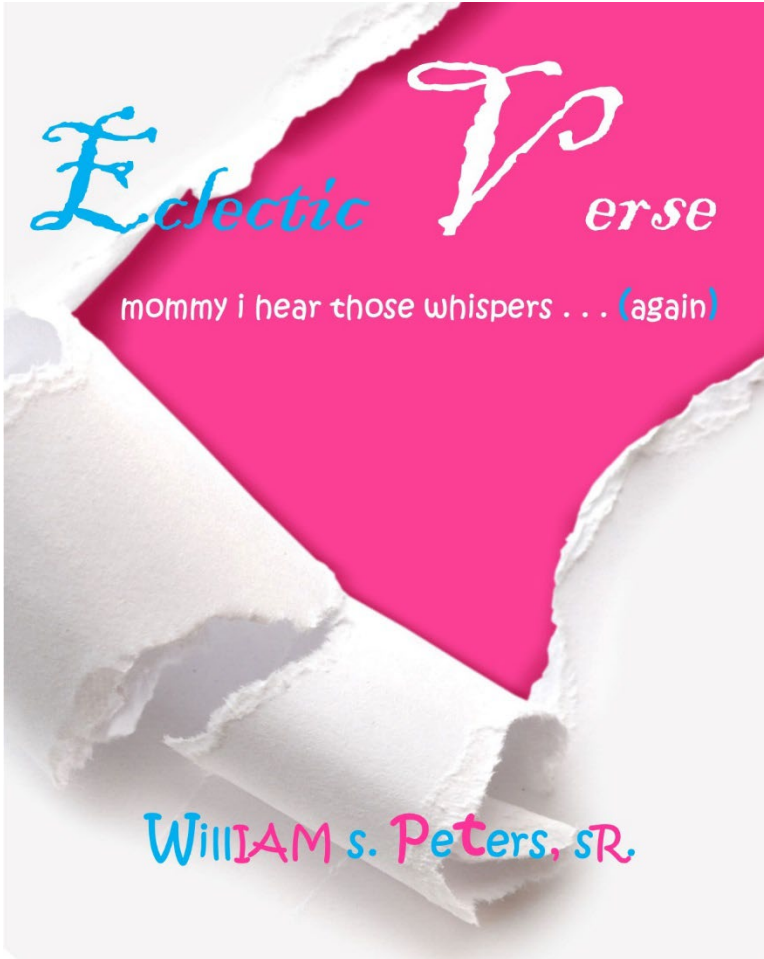
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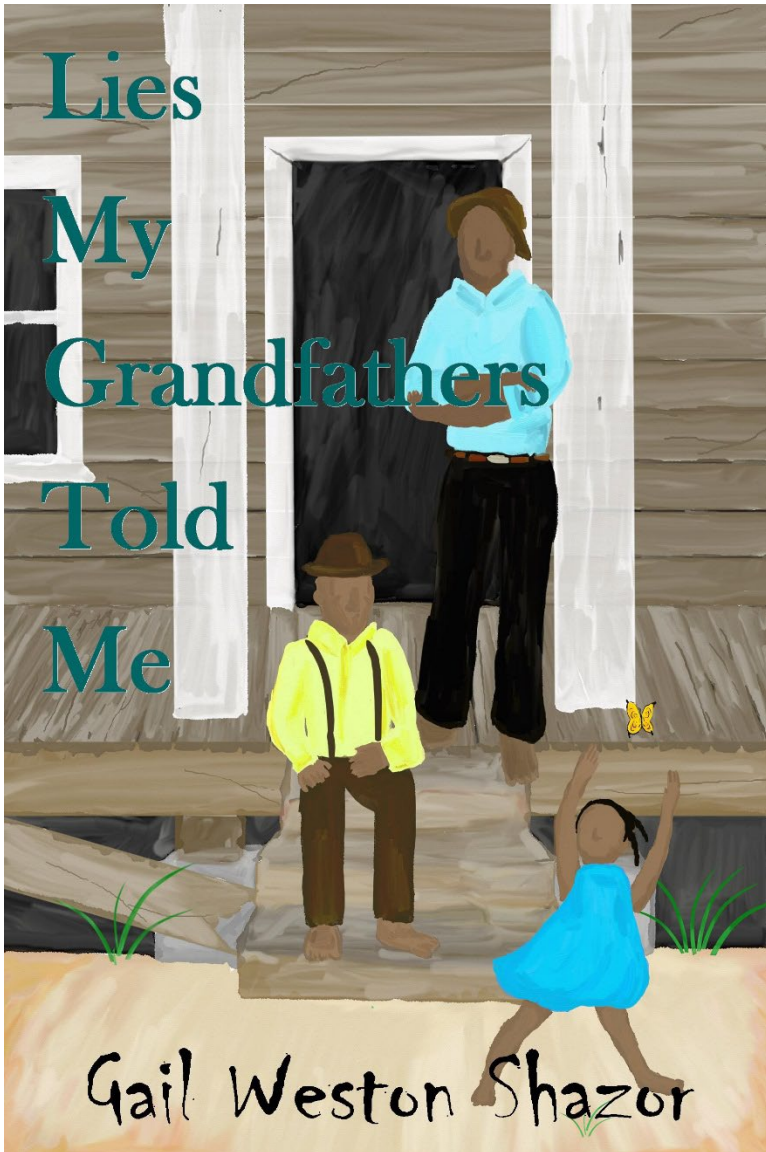
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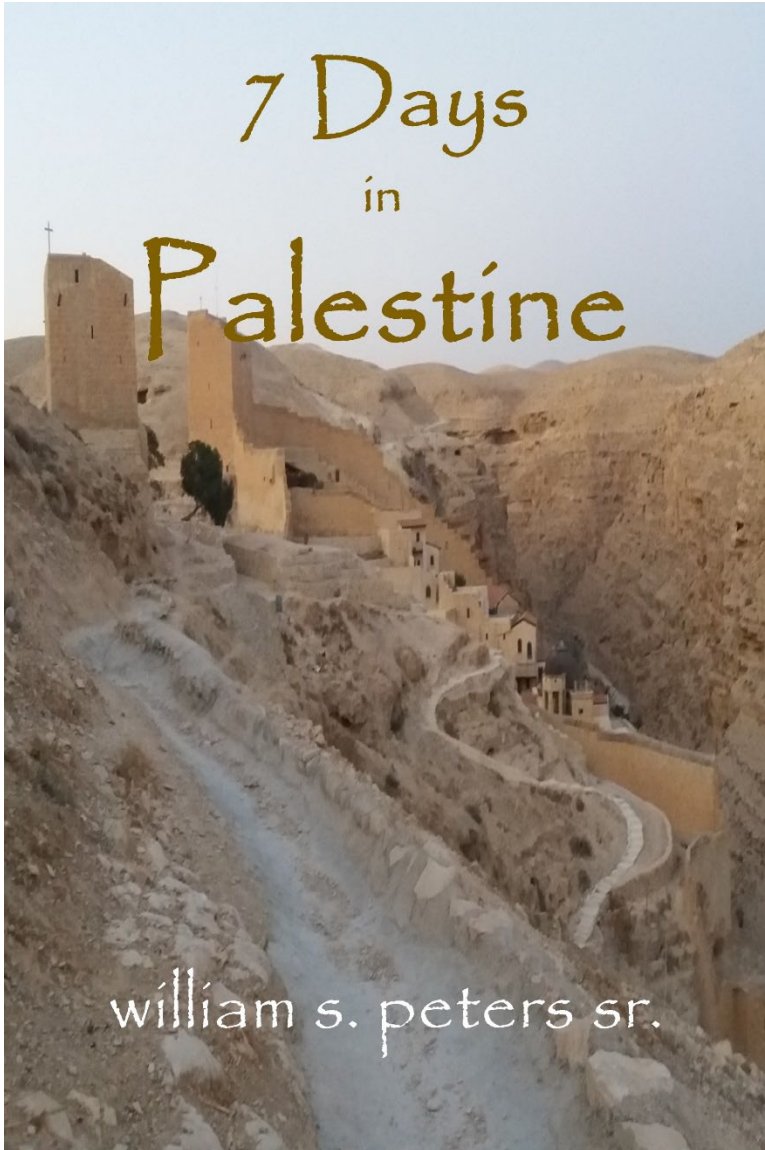
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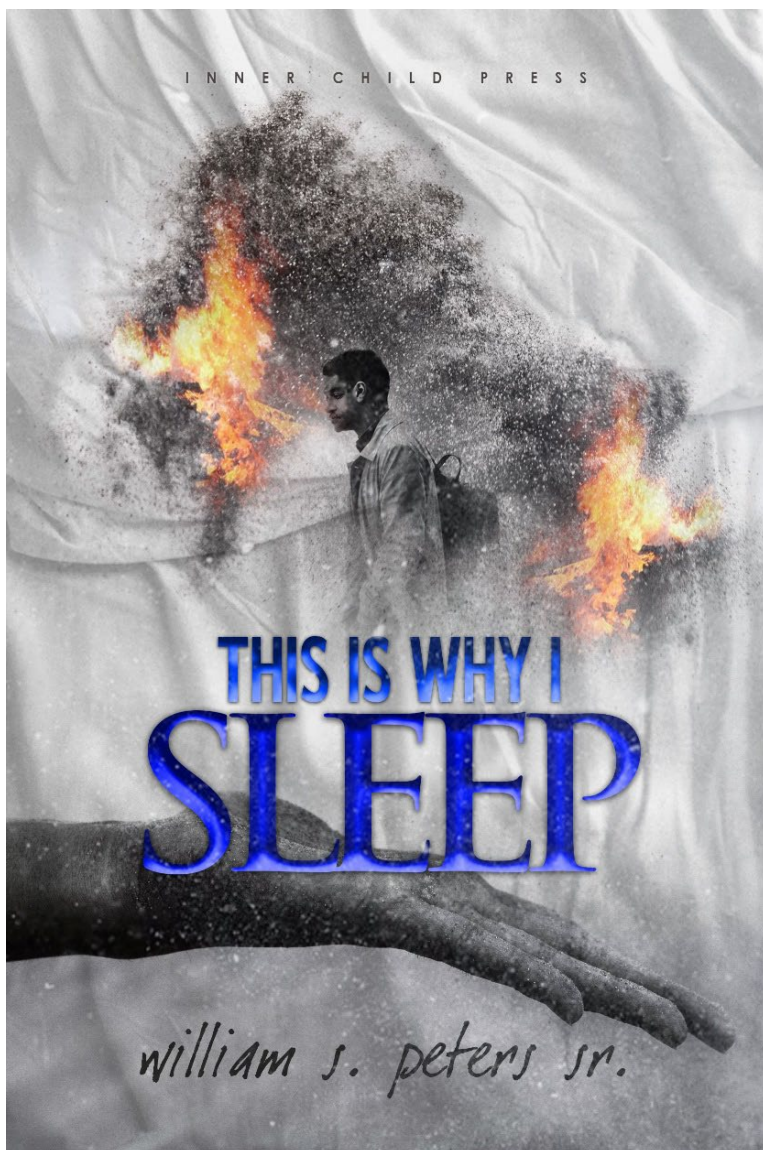
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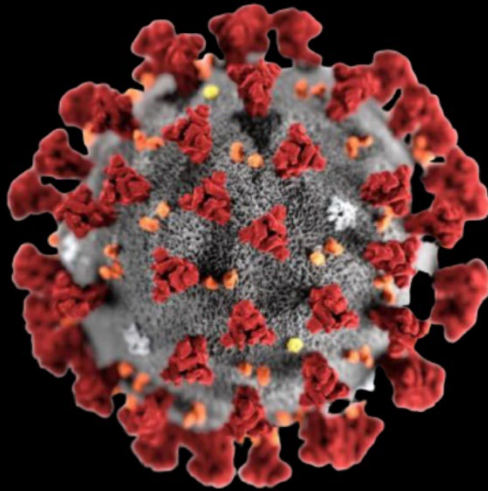
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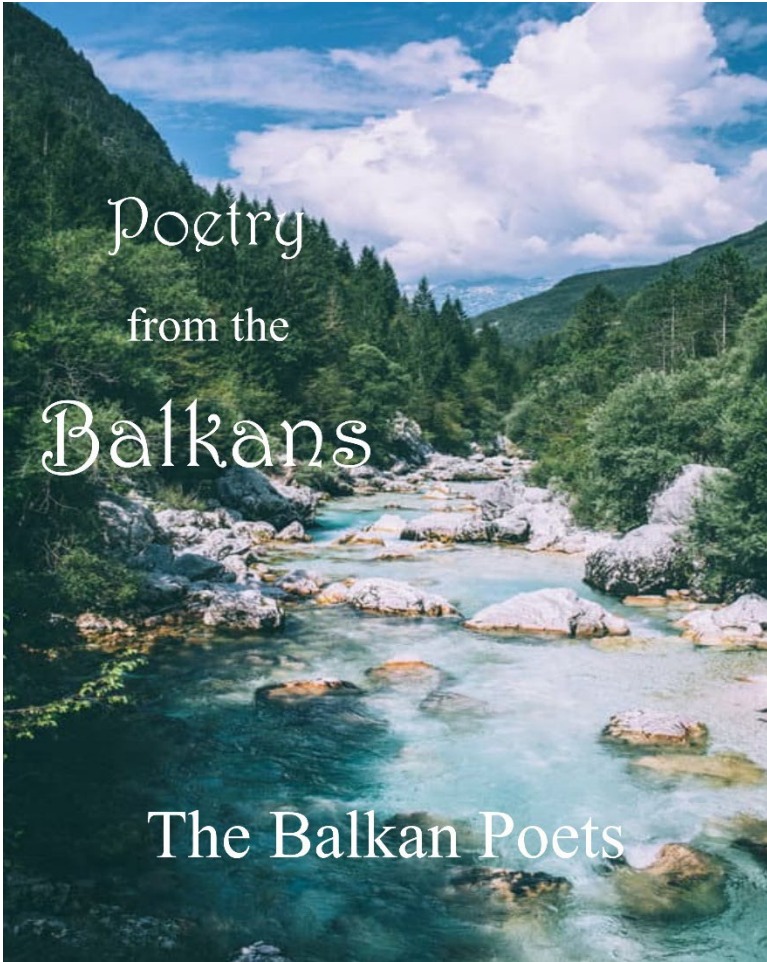
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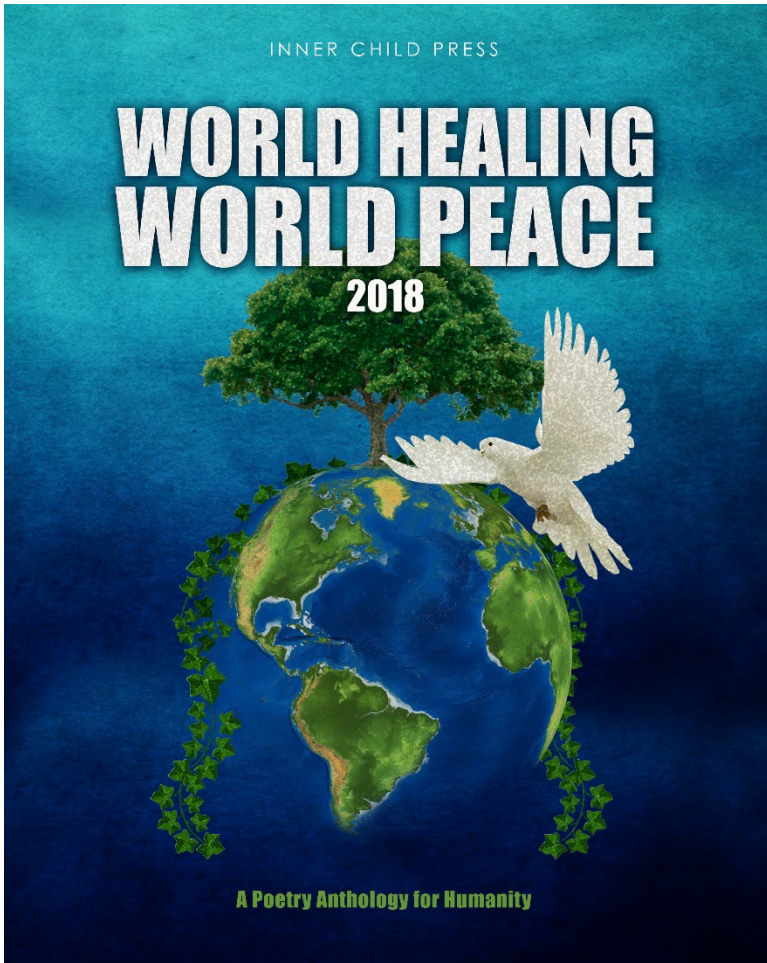
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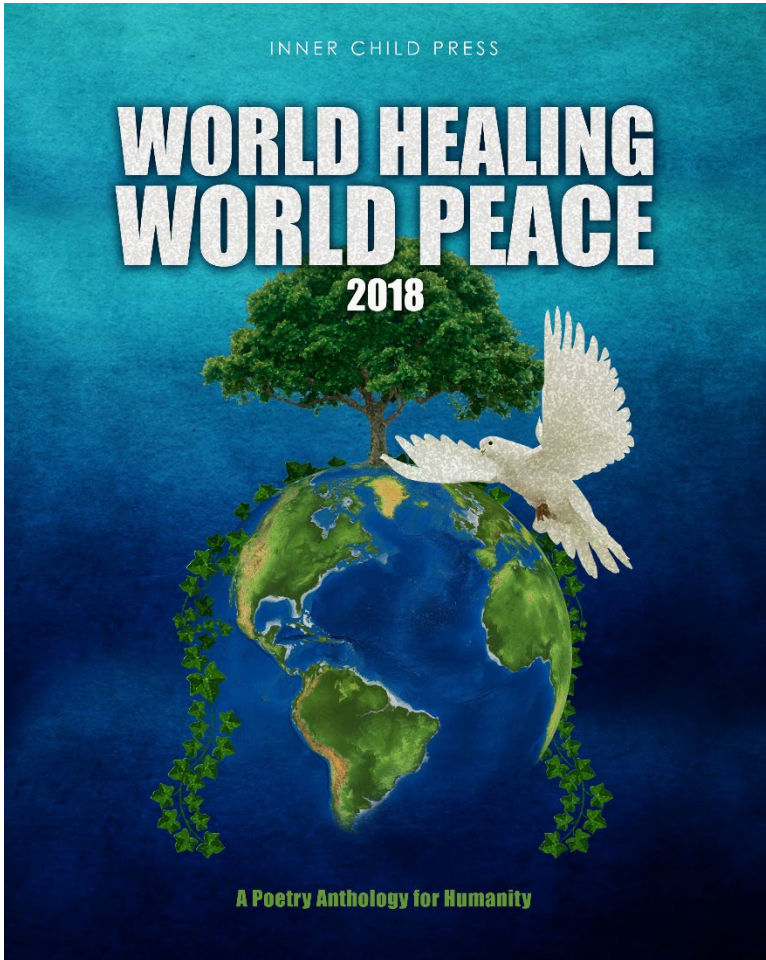


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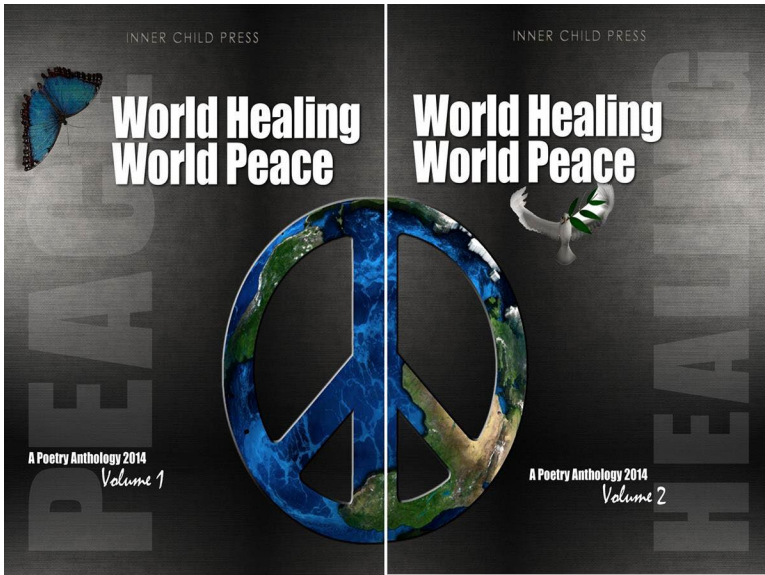
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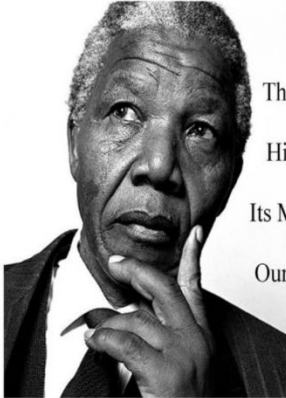
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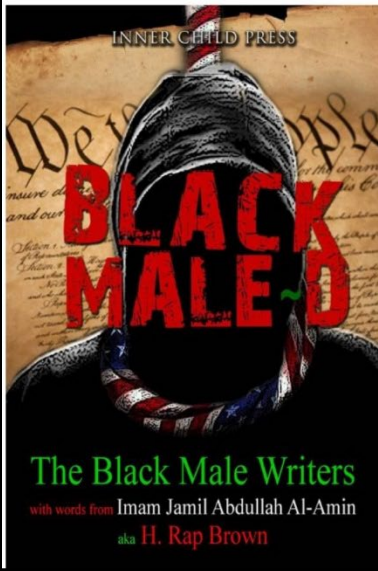
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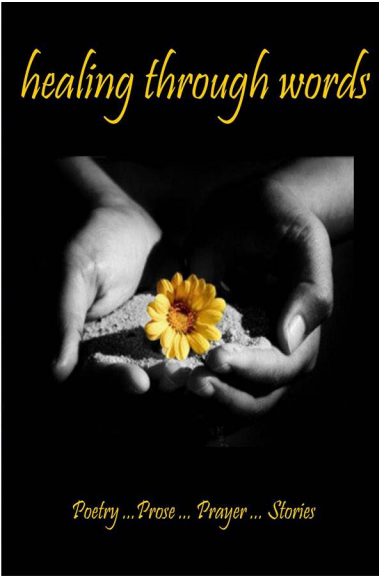
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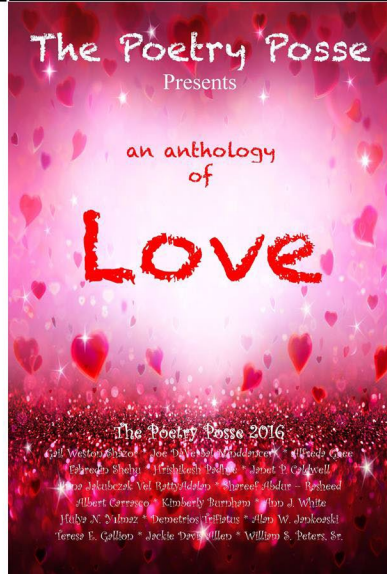
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Joe DeVeraldo Mindzamor
Robert Gibbons
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Shareef Abdul-Rasheed
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Lily of the Valley

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Love & Relationship

Rose

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

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Albert Infrink Carrasco
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July Feature Poets
Christiana A. V. Williams
Dr. John R. Strum
Kolajé Olanrewaju Freedom

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Jamie Bond
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Lotus
Asian Flower of the Month

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Gladiolus

August Feature Poets
Ann White * Rosalind Cherry * Sheila Jenkins

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Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Carnation September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

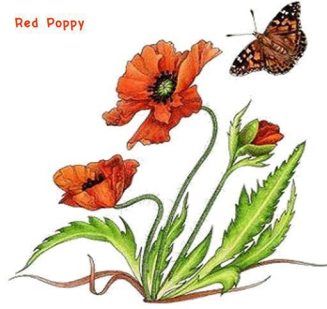
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Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

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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December Feature Poets


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Ann White
Keith Alan Hamilton
Katherine Wyatt
Fahredin Shehu
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January Feature Poets
Bismay Mohantri * Jen Walls * Eric Judah

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Amethyst

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FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS
Iram Fatima * Bob McNeil * Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

Our Featured Poets
Heung Sook * Anthony Arnold * Alicia Poland



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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer * Neetu Wali * Shareef Abdur - Rasheed
Kimberly Burnham * Ann White * Keith Alan Hamilton
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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

Our Featured Poets
Raja Williams * Dennis Ferado * Laure Charazac



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Akin Mosi Chimney
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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



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



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Featured Poets
Gayle Howell
Ann Chalasz
Christopher Schultz



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Featured Poets
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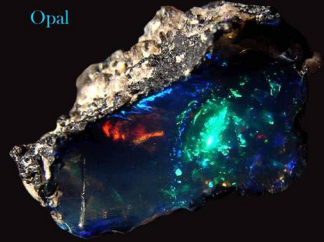
Sapphires

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Featured Poets
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Opal



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Featured Poets
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 Bismay Mohanty
 James Moore




Topaz

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Featured Poets
 Kerione Bryan * Michelle Joan Barulich * Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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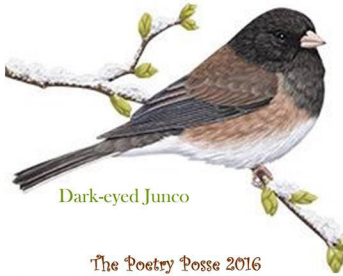
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Dark-eyed Junco

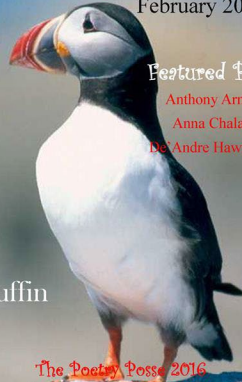
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Albert Carrasco * Kimberly Barnham * Kathi Allen Hamilton
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Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold
Anna Chalas
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

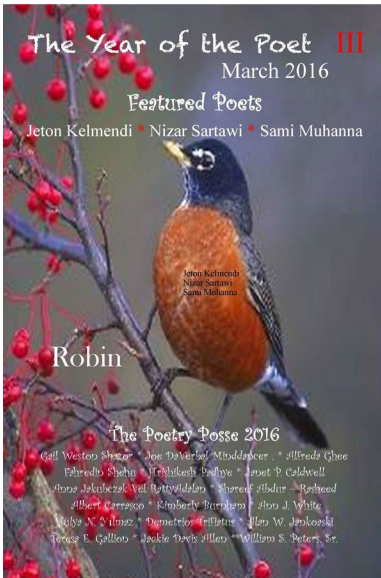
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Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi * Nizar Sartawi * Sami Muhanna



Robin

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Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei
Anna Chalas
Agim Vinca
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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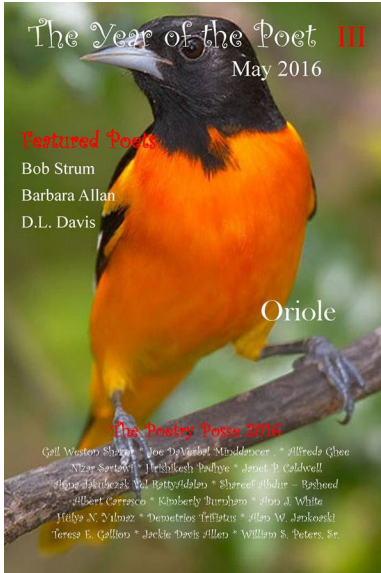
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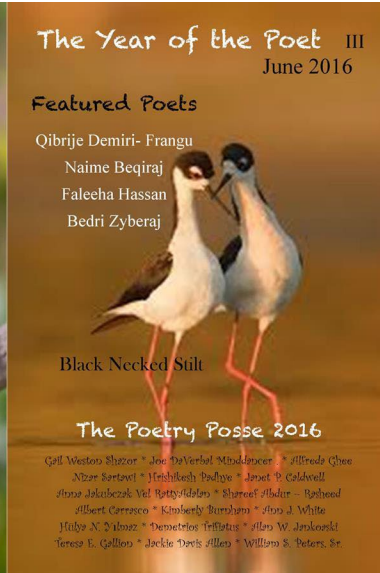


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Featured Poets
Bob Strum
Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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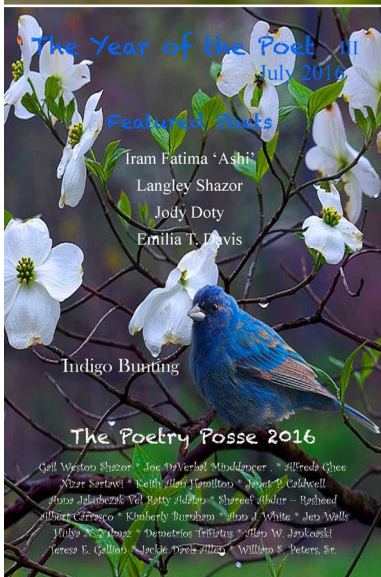


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June 2016

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

Black Necked Stilt

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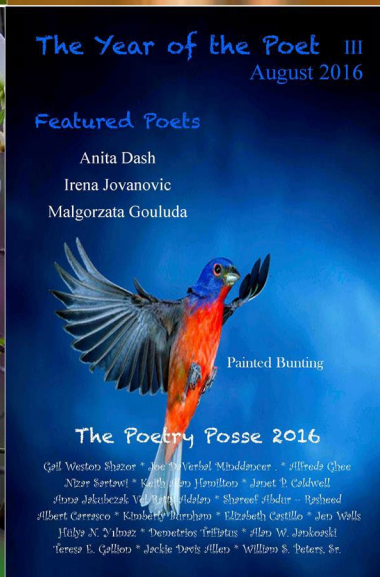


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July 2016

Featured Poets
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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Long Billed Curlew

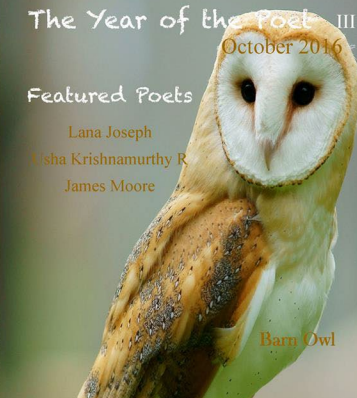
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October 2016

Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Tisha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

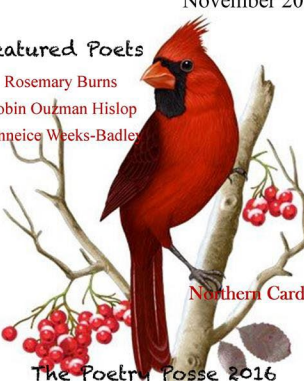
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Featured Poets

Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal


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Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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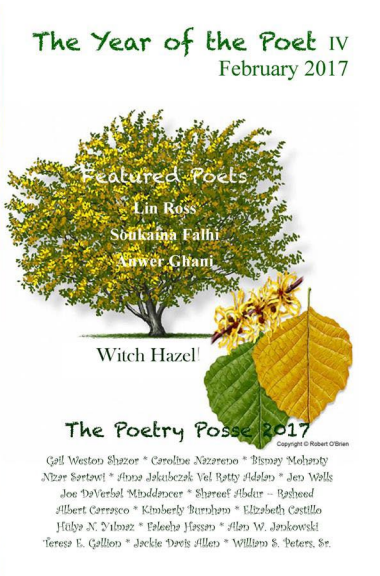


Featured Poets
Jon Winell
Natale Shields
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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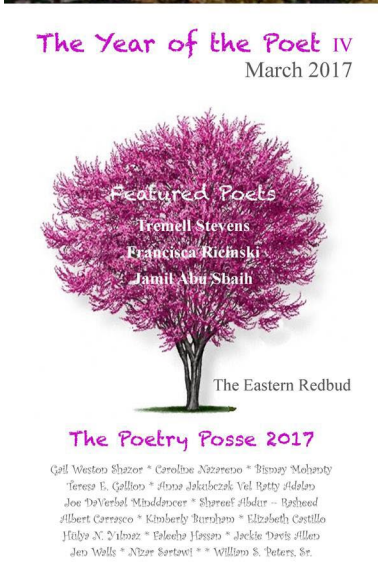


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Lin Ross
Sohkaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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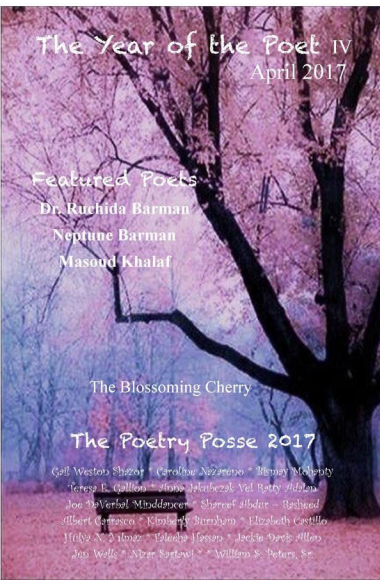


Featured Poets
Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaib

The Eastern Redbud

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Jen Walls * Nizar Sertawi * * William S. Peters, Sr.

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April 2017



Featured Poets
Dr. Ruchida Barman
Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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Featured Poets

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Alicja Maria Kuberska
Fethi Sassi

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Albert Carrasco * Kimberly Burroughs * Elizabeth Castillo
Hilja N. Vilhaz * Felicia Hesson * Jackie Davis Allen
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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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Robert Neal



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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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Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Ali Abdolrezaei



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Sabeen



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Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Cassandra Swan
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Shazia Zaman

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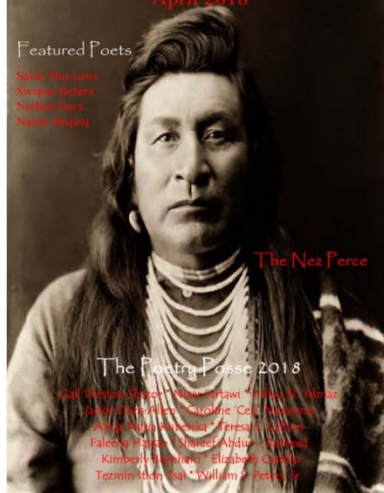
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Sonia Abu-Leneh
Swagata Bhabha
Nathan Lion
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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The Sumerians




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The Paleo Indians



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Mohammad Akbal Harb
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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The Lapita



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Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swarn

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Lopamudra Mishra * Abdelwahed Souayah



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Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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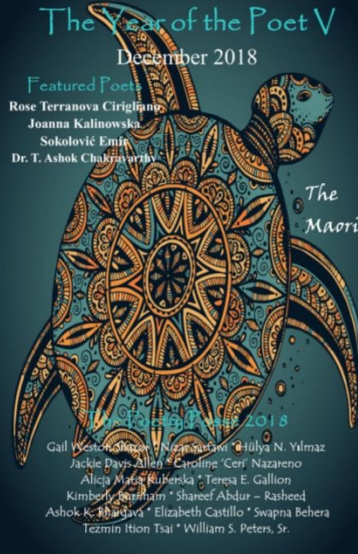
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Joanna Kalinowska
Sokolović Emily
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarti



The
Maori

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Dream Catcher

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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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Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Iwu Jeff * Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis



Arctic Circumpolar

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Fahredin Shehu * Alok Kumar Ray

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia Djibouti


Somalia Eritrea

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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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Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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April 2020

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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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June 2020

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Elitichia Kapardeli * Metin Cengiz
Hussein Habasch * Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

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Mykola Martyniuk * Orbindu Ganga
Roula Pollard * Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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October 2020

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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November 2020

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Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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December 2020

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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Shakil Kalam * Changming Yuan

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



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Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



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Featured Global Poets

Claudia Piccinno * Mohammed Jabr
Luzviminda Rivera * Nigar Arif

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



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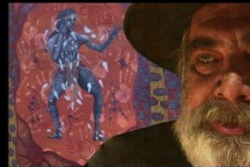
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