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BE WITHOUT
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This Book is dedicated to

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the Power of the Pen
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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Foreword

It is cold in Spokane, Washington this time of the year. It's hard to imagine the polar icecaps melting or anything melting for that matter.

The surface of lakes are frozen, the water below cold and still as ice reflects the sky. There is a wintery wonderland outside while we work, play, and relax inside where it is warm, but this is not the picture for many people in the world today.

There are people on islands where homes are being flooded, creating climate refuges. Humans can't live underwater so we must go somewhere when our homes are flooded or destroyed.

Listen to the people in Kentucky and elsewhere driven from homes by tornados and winter storms, brought on by temperature fluctuations, scientists warn.

Look at the trees and birds confused by shifting weather patterns and wonder how to help, how to be part of the solution.

Every day, each of us must ask ourselves, “What am I going to do about climate change, today? How am I going to increase the world’s quality of life?”

As poets, we can speak out, call the world’s attention to the beauty that is being destroyed, in hopes of motivating ourselves, our families, our communities, and indeed the whole globe to make positive changes, so all may live.

Every year the Inner Child Poetry Posse, whose work you find before you, select a theme to focus on for one of the three poems we write each month. This year we focus our work on the impact of climate change and how each of us can make all lives better.

What am I doing about climate change today? will be on our minds each day this year.

May we all find the peace and life we seek. This year after 365 revolutions around the sun, may we see more beauty in our surroundings than we do today.

Kimberly Burnham, PhD
(Integrative Medicine)
Spokane, Washington

Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, embarking on the ‘New Year’ of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#97) represents our 1st 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 are now in the stages of completing another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which will be published April 1st of this year. Additionally, there is yet another call for submission for “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”. Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the cause(s) of a better world, a better humanity.

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

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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Climate Change : The Ice Cap

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“The Greenland loss of 532 gigatons of ice is the equivalent to about 66 tons of ice for each person on Earth. Greenland’s ice melt is of particular concern, as the ancient ice sheet holds enough water to raise sea levels by at least 20 feet (6 meters) if it were to melt away entirely.”



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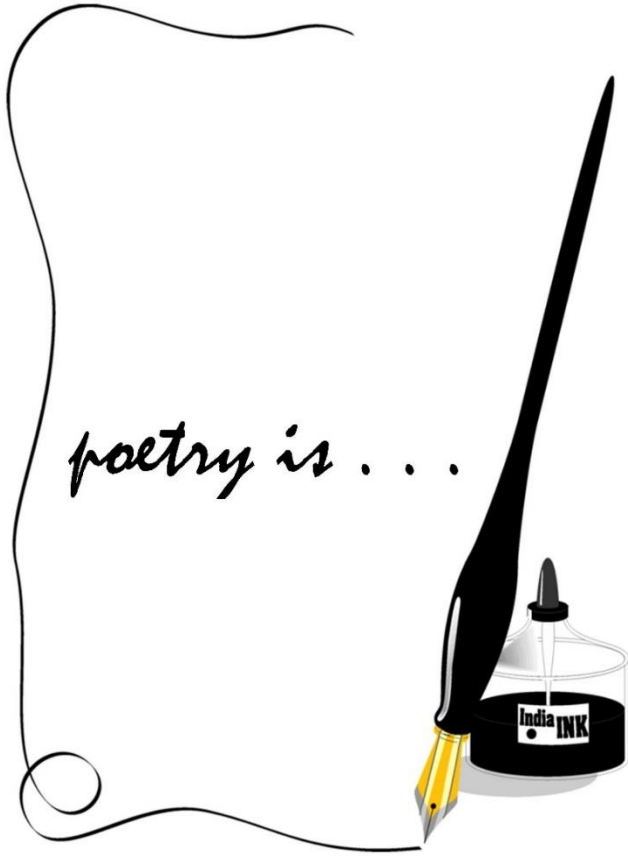
Poets . . .
sowing seeds in the
Conscious Garden of Life,
that those who have yet to come
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp



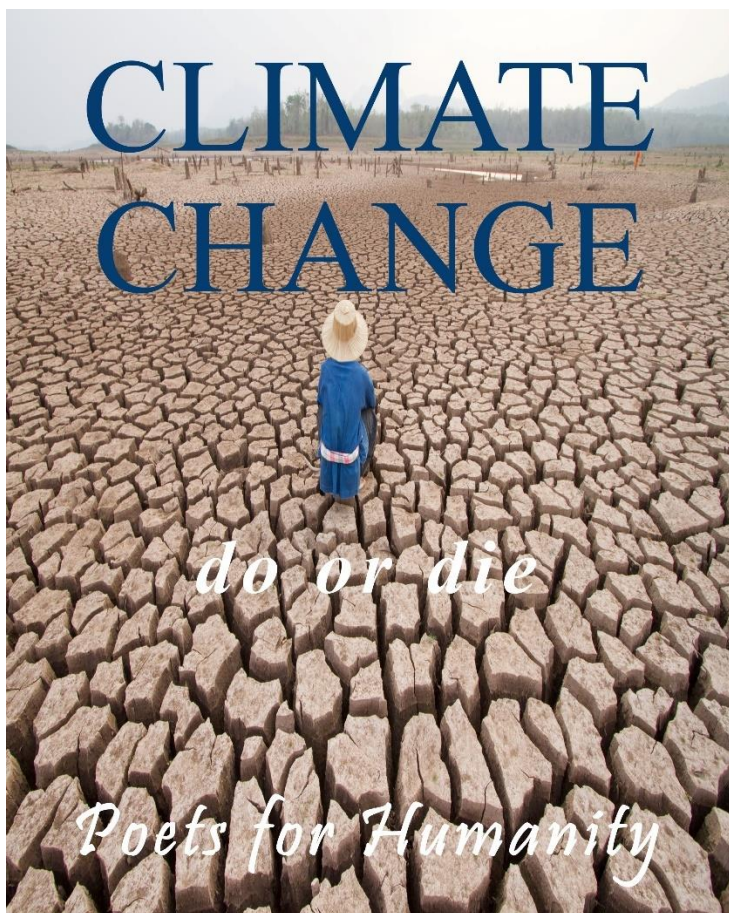


Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

~ wsp

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Gail
Weston
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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

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Spirits

breeze blows gently
breath responding to
remaining giants
cool of evening
for waiting are we
peaks crowd up
unleashed and
unrequited and
unquenched
towering glory
mountains high
Heaven, He did that
Did we undo
135:6 Psalms
Pleasing
Spirit
Pleasing
Psalms 135:6
Undo we did
That did He heaven
High mountains
Glory towering
unquenched
and unrequited
and unleashed
up crowd peaks
we are waiting for
evening of cool
giants remaining
to responding breath
gently blows breeze

Becoming a Stranger

“God will send a stranger to do for you what your family won’t”

When did we become strangers?
You, who have peopled my memories
With stories of your yesteryears
Woman to woman stories
Of your first love
And even of your last
Mother to daughter stories
Of working too hard
And caring for other’s babies
When you worked too hard to care for your own
Ancestor to child stories
With graceful warnings about common people
And how to build walls around your heart
To lessen the pain to come
I watched you lean back in your chair
Eyes closed against today
Feeling the strength ebb
Speaking your truths
While I cut your nails kneeling at your feet
You allowed me to be much more
More of what I had not been to you
And I cared for comfort
And fullness for your days
But the secret was ours
And we lived it to the end
My service to you
Can never be a disservice to me
No matter the unkind words given
Or the insistent absence from open grief
On this plane

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We have both spoken our leaving words
And I mourn you in the manner
Given to me
God prepared this path and
Though it may be a broken road
I reluctantly travel it
In the solitude of a stranger

The Behind Your Back Boogie Blues

the lights are blaring
the glass prisms in my face
i place my hands in front
of the next happening
the next electric song on the radio
the screech of tires replay
over and over in my mind
and i wish i could say
to every doctor and nurse
i am sorry for your service
there is nothing i can do in return
for what you rightfully given me
for all the wrong reasons
i rinse the tears from my face
or maybe you did that
and all the glass fragments
that paint my face in icicle lights
i can't stop the memories
of your friendship
that bleed through our life
in shrouded ghosts of childhood
it is in this moment i should regret
my tarnished greed
at wanting what you have
not giving anything up
to have it save this
my whole life
when the machines have been
disconnected, don't grieve for me
although i once thought i was your friend
i think the price was too high
for moments of pleasure
stolen
i did love you til i couldn't
stand not being you

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Alicja
Maria
Kubørska

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

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

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

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

The last appearance

At dawn, the night reveals the curtain
A great entertainment starts
- The ocean shows its beauty and vastness

The wind plays passionately
On the strings of the waves
Birds soar over the foaming water
And the whales chant love songs

Huge humpback whales
With the grace of the athletes
Make daring somersaults
On the white background of the Arctic glaciers

This spectacle has been going on for centuries
And soon it will be held for the last time
The actors will leave for ever
- There will be no encores and no bows

The whale skeletons will be silent
In the spacious museum halls
Under the watchful gaze of the dead birds

Argentina

When I think of Argentina
- a beautiful girl in a silver dress,
girded with a sash from heaven and snow,
which she fastens with a sun-shaped brooch,
emerges from my imagination.

She is tall and slender
- she touches the ice of Patagonia
with her feet in the white pumps
and she loosens her long hair
in the thicket of the tropical jungle.

In her gaze the cloudless sky over the Andes
and the vastness of the ocean is reflected.
Her heart beats to the rhythm of the tango,
danced by everyone torn by passion
in the beautiful capital city - Buenos Aires.

She has the joy of a carefree child,
who likes to play with the ball all day,
but when nostalgia hits her,
she plays love songs on a green guitar
borrowed from Graciela Yraizoz

Expectation

Empty chair by the Christmas table.
Thousands of glittering flames
Dance on colorful ornaments.
The whole world trembles, it slowly rocks.
Green spruce smells like the woods.

Like Ariadne, I weave
Angel hair into memories and silence.
I return to happy hours,
To events that are now but dreams.
I listen to every murmur, rustle.
It seems, that at last I will hear
Familiar footsteps on the other side of the door

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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Ice Cap Dwellers

I am at your mercy,
a baby,
standing, waiting, in need.

Endangered, I am, my family, too.

Nothing, for our situation,
are we able to do;
by ourselves, we are helpless.

We need your assistance.

Won't you, please,
do what you can
to help us survive?

Color of Fear

Time after time
Day after day
Week after week

Month after month
Year after year
Secrets are hidden

Yet everyone is aware
Of the unspoken
And of the one

Who fears
Being revealed, she tries still
To keep on singing

The Question

I have been abandoned!
Dare I say it?
I am a "Has-Been".

Of possibilities I see
but a warning of what has
come to past.

Of my youthful ways, I recall
wonder, excitement, lines
of great beauty, mine.

Far too long have I stood in darkness
the time slipping away,
there's little left for making excuses.

Chained bound, far too late, yet
I long for another day,
a chance to redeem myself.

The tug and pull, one stiff, too proud,
one weary, bent, broken.
Is there time to begin again?

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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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.

Where Do Whale Fins Rely As Facing The Gradual Decline Of The Iceberg ?

Sea whale, flying fins across the sea
Like a dragon beyond the clouds, the gentle wind is smooth
The whole group stirred the white waves together, the
ocean current is muddy
In the north, the sunlight is getting stronger, like a
reflection in a water mirror
The seas are so vast, rushing to the unnatural snow to
disintegrate
Go beyond the wind and walk like a song, act lonely and
forget everything
On the original taxi land, the icebergs that can cover the
sky
Can hang cyan ribbons and call for birds and beasts
Coral, tortoiseshell, and mackerel whales, nurturing the
magnificent rare and beautiful jade
The setting sun in all seas look like a round haunt,
thousands of miles of land factories operate day and
night

One breath suddenly becomes two, but the temperature
increases in spring and autumn
Climate change, it is not a routine that should be there
It is suspected that the selfishness of human beings has not
yet been extinguished
It seems that human beings are too greedy to enjoy too
The sun and the moon are still shining, the Arctic bears the
debt of the times
The iceberg disintegrated, moaning like a thunderbolt
Those who expose the gills, the Dragon Gate cliffs can't
stand off

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Those who expose the gills can't fly over the cliffs of the
Dragon Gate

The one who fly over become a dragon, the one who can't
fly over is just a fish

The north wind blows as usual, but the sea atmosphere is
facing the tide but at a loss

The male whale suddenly rushed in, if nature is guarding
against this blow?

The Beach Of Eternal Youth

Not to sleep, the forest on the shore casts the mature smell
of trees!

The sound of laughter, the simple words of friendship in
the past!

On the beach, singing deep into the shadow of the sun

Let's dance and give your playmates a wonderful life
Under the turmoil of the white waves, catch the breath of
the wind

In the old days, the simple prayers on campus
With the sunset, the chorus of rose clouds
A poem waiting for the sea

The hull in the distance is sliding
Inhabits between seaweed and starfish
Seagull's wings are blanching
Screaming
Scratch the delicate skin of the beach!

The sea breeze, the unforgettable breath
Burn the eternal seeds between us
With the faint sunlight, the shiny sea
The ridgeline of the beach is raised in the distance
A young heart bursts with youth like a vine sprout

If so, my friends!
The past ten years have only been full of floating flowers
In this warm spring season
On this beach with waves
Let us cherish it, this gathering again

Books, Took Me To Buenos Aires

Sit in this iron box floating in the air, across the window
the west-side clouds rose like a rolling river
The copper pillars on the wings of the plane, set aside the
chaos and dust-free
Beyond the blue sky, the sunlight passes by the ear like an
arrow
The valleys were faintly silent and the lakes were so empty,
I raised my eyes and looked at her beside me
She pointed out the window and I realized that the westerly
wind even blew across the ocean
Already followed us to Buenos Aires

Like revisiting the old thing, in Librería El Ateneo Grand
Splendid, a former modern poem
As always caught in the page alone, fortunately to have
you, held my hand and followed closely my heart
Like the fairy sitting on the vault
Rebuild order among the pigeons, angels and garlands
The power of love and peace came from the bookshelf
Let me, a person from a foreign ethnic group, sit on the
floor and enjoyed harmony

The frescoes of Raffaello, flowing like blue waves
How many heroes fought for fame, and were inscribed in
the books
After all, we could not get rid of the harassment of Plato
and Aristotle as early as possible.
On the return trip, traveled into the sunset and left the book
fragrance alone with emotion

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Passing by a corner market, I want to write a poem
Was shocked to find the large and small bookstores
everywhere
The fragrance of books, sweet osmanthus and small alleys
Why did the literati who came and gone in one drink and
got in such hurry to leave?

Sharzeef
Abdur
Rashheed

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

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

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

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

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

You might have more ice in your glass

then what's left in polar ice cap
Greenland ice cap melting
mankind has s#!+ where he sleeps
now it's time to reap what you sow
yo you mankind who supposed
to know better
but yet the bottom line
exposed dem blind to the fact
\$#!+in where you sleep
melts ice caps
what if you were born a polar bear
a seal, penguin would y'all give
a good dam then
to the tune of 66 tons of ice per
every human on earth worth
of give a dam
or when the dam gives way
and y'all having a bad day
swimming in what was once
ice caps up in the poles
did you give a good \$#!+ then?
when you kept f^@Kin up
your home called earth
now your soul will roll to
a rebirth on the rocks
would you drink to that
like it or not?

come raining down

upon the multitudes
mercy undeserved
offered in abundance
none the less
to the lot of us humans
who have not reciprocated
dear say nay appreciated
there are exceptions
though it has not been
enough to effect change
human beings must
put down the beast
bring the peace
teach, preach, practice,
love, forgiveness
like johnny appleseed
spread peace seeds,
love seeds
where ever your feet walk
talk the talk, walk the walk
put him to sleep
feast on peace
though reality is clear
true peace on earth is far
from here
one must live to instill it
be it not just pray Allah will
yes, peace is you, peace is me
human family treating each other
with genuine loving humanity
Though total peace on earth
won't truly be
Read, rehearse the prophecy
but at least it can be inside you
And me

open...

up your mind
open up your heart
open up your soul
open up be kind
open up be whole
open up the lock
that imprisons
knowledge and wisdom
disguised by narrow minds
who try to hide the very
things by which we all
should abide
open up the truth
hidden by lies
open up the cage and
let the song bird fly
open up all things that
enrich
undo the seal
rip the stitch
being real makes you
rich
living without the contradict
all that's left after they flip
da script
and leave like ratz jumping
off a sinking ship
call dem out to take account
call their names aloud
open up your mouth and
shout
till dem come out from where
they hide
to establish truth and crush the
lies

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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Recreating The World

Majestic creatures

wild innocent bystanders

dying for actions

Inside

It is cold outside
but I am inside
where it is toasty

It is changing outside
but I am trying to stay the same
where it feels safe

It is rich with resources outside
but I am trying to accumulate
where I have control

Or I think I do
until the inside is outside
and I am cold

Growing Up

Babies grow or die
as we all do

Babies look around
and try to understand
as we all do

Babies take steps
move and take action
to get what they want
as we all do

What actions will we take
so babies can continue
to grow and act
and learn
as we all need to do

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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The Arctic Sea of Today

The sea abounds with God's blessings
Hues of ocean blue with clear waters
Sea creatures, dolphins freely play
In tune with the rhythm of the heavens.

Penguins striding their signature walk
Happy Feet making sounds on ice
But man neglected to protect his environment
Look now what climate change has done.

With ice caps melting
Temperature rising
Dear creatures of the seas
Suffer, adapt to change or perish.

A Greener Earth

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

A New Life

A new beginning –
Greets me while the Royal Sun
Beams brightly –
Over immaculate white, cottony clouds
And sky-blue heavens above –
I spotted a shy, red robin with a deep orange tail perched –
On a fragile, thin branch
Of a beautiful, pink Cherry Blossom tree –
Humming a rhythmic melody from my distant revelry –
Of memories forever embedded on my mind,
Carried in my heart when I think of you.

Butterflies –
They eagerly flock to where fragrant flowers abound –
With colorful hues –
Captivating strangers roaming around the prairie –
Yes, a new beginning is at a glance
Gives the air a sweet smell of a blooming romance
Is it ok to take your hand and ask you to dance?
Among sunflowers that surround the green fields,
Orange and yellow tulips, dainty daffodils.
A new ray of Hope –
Is at the horizon with the onset of Spring
A new life ahead –
Of a once dull and meaningless existence,
Embrace the calming effect of a lovely Spring day –
Bringing Hope, Faith and Peace
Breathing new life, a fresh start!

Joø
Pairø

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Joseph L Paire' aka Joe DaVerbal Minddancer . . . is a quiet man, born in a time where civil liberties were a walk on thin ice. He's been a victim of his own shyness often sidelined in his own quest for love. He became the observer, charting life's path. Taking note of the why, people do what they do. His writings oft times strike a cord with the dormant strings of the reader. His pen the rosined bow drawn across the mind. He comes full-frontal or in the subtlest way, always expressing in a way that stimulate the senses.

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Community Hearing

You remind me of congress, never seeing where harm is
You're teaching the youth that if they don't act like you
In this family you'll become an opponent
We don't want that climate change to become estranged
We've been governing this way for a moment

You own this world in your mind
Everyone of you are the same kind
It's a cold world for the lower tier
The ice is melting, and the tide is rising
But we don't fear this atmosphere

Day in and day out thinking
As long buried ideas set precedence
Tears are warm no matter how far they fall
All I can imagine is evolution takes time
24 hours is a revolution, the climate has changed

It costs too much to fix it
Buy the time the little ones are of mind
Tradition says the same thing so just nix-it
The icebergs are getting smaller
The levees are getting taller

people who build get paid for less than their skills
Are just working to stay out of squalor
It's a black-tie affair while no one deals with affairs
Another symbol to resemble the status of wealth
Snowcaps receding as a sign of the earth's health

Can a bill truly solve an old thinkers resolve?
As the cool weather dissolves
I don't want an endless summer
While some roost on the truth, even with proof
The penguins are still holding us under

Depending On The Angle

The law is not an instant replay
We playback moments of our lives
Embellishments aside there's always a story to tell
I tell mine with witty phrases
Some days it never makes the stay list
Torn up or deleted never repeated the same way

Depending on the spin you're in
It's so easy to say where you've been
Education makes expert, experience makes sense
I sense your sensibilities making-up some bits
Soundbites, pieces of a dream, or a puzzling scheme
There's no struggle with logic if it'll fatten your wallet

Do you morally get around it if the prophecy feels good?
What's stopping you from dropping it,
if the harm doesn't bother you?
"Profit-see" a play on words, a play on earth
Where the characters are caricatures of themselves
locked into a prank with a privileged it was all in fun

Lives are ruined by some made man's son
But the maid's man-son, is portrayed like "Manson"
Or anything that would adhere to the perception
Depending on the location, time of day.
When no voice ever mattered, it was mastered that way
The law should be cut and dried,

mitigated circumstances aside
do we abide by the just you and I of it?
The why of it only applies to the less informed it seems
Such lawlessness gets applause by the far-right extremes
The law gets a pause, just cause is just because
Someone saw it differently

That's One Whale of a Tale

Three years old going on four and dolls have voices
Places where the dishes go are now cubby hole apartments
Dollar store statues broken and repaired
Broken and repaired
I know the corner should be a deterrent
The arrogance of imagination goes unpunished

Little girls still have tea parties these days
the cast of characters from this little director
Most assuredly know their places
Daddies home for Christmas he knows her wish list
She'll be in the corner crying, sometimes she don't listen
I love her laughter but won't stay out of the Chapstick

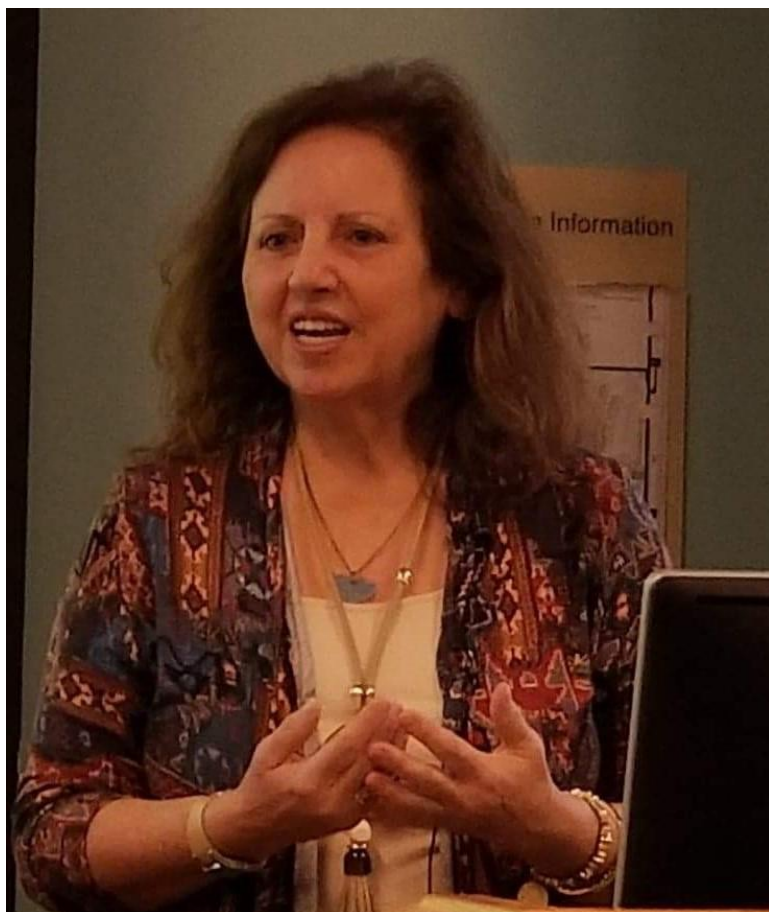
A child at play with no batteries included
Talking dolls but some giants think that's foolish
My Peter Pan tendencies just think that's some cool wit
To wit: imagination is as real as an artist's hands
Seeds grow to be what they are
It's the cultivation that brings forth the harvest

Water everywhere and there is no shouting
With a mermaid as a favorite doll
I tell her mother "Git to mopping"
Cookie crumbs on the floor Lego's in the corner
I heard her mother's wail, okay "Munchkin" I warned you
5 minutes facing 90-degree angles

That sniffing cry, that anxiousness
Ah what's wrong now, have you been bad again?
The look she gave me, like a raised Rock eyebrow
Sometimes to me, she's much wiser than the crowd
What if anything can ruin the dreams
What straight talk will cancel her three-year-old reality?

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Freedom . . .

from man-created ills
dances to a tune
of a stunningly beautiful whale's fins

extinction is nearby, lurking
we most certainly know how to kill
purely for the sake of the killing

none of nature's bountiful sources
is being spared to survive
as they have for over 500 years,
deep sea animals, that is . . .

whales are known
to have the capacity to live the longest

what if they are coming up for air
the very last time,
in a desperate attempt to be let to just be?

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In 2021 alone,
the world recorded
a wildfire season.

Can you imagine?
Just like holiday seasons
for non-stop sales of objects
that the majority of us
do not need . . .

Let's have a season for forest fires
in the new year as well!
Why not? What a joy that would be!

Could we all possibly be more callous
about the irreparable damage
we keep inflicting on our environment –
not leaving any of nature's precious sources alone?

Do not worry, though!
Because there is a solution
for at least this worldwide dilemma
which has been neglected to death:
Each of us merely need to start anon
to rake away the dry leaves
from the forest floors . . .

The Wailing of Lakes

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If I were a most unfortunate child
in a warring world, suffering in agony,
I would probably conclude
that countless tears –
just like those of mine
filled all the lakes.

If I were to put my toe in one of them,
it would most likely touch a debris,
thrown by a grown-up
in a self-inflicted frenzy,
with not even a single after-thought . . .
as to where all that trash goes.

Not being a child any longer,
I now just sit idly by a lake
of a still-gorgeous scenery,
and listen to this one's wailing
in utter anguish.
So, I wish . . .

Teresa
E.
Gallion

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

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

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

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

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

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Reach for Disbelief

When I see your tailfins salute the ice,
the Divine Silence calls me.
Waits patiently for me to pause

and listen with heart intensity
to what it has to say while
floating on the white caps of the waves.

Water your prayers with love notes
for humankind marked with raw fidelity.
The ice melts in the ocean of love.

Exposes the journey you must take
as the earth slowly folds into extinction
and your eyes still reach for disbelief.

Letting Go

for Papa

There is an unfinished link
caught in my throat
that wants release.
I cannot let it go
Not ready to release
that last piece of you
ringing in my ear,
dripping in my throat.

Twenty-five plus walks around the sun,
I still see your shadow floating
across the rainbow bridge.
I have learned so much about letting go
and still, I hold you tight.

I promise to meet you in my next lifetime.
Please release me to brother wind.
He will take me safely to my secret garden
where Mama walks with love bundles.
She can hold your hand in the mist
and feel your bleed of love.

I can feel the presence of your love
and Mama can too. Come to us.
We miss you.

I'm okay Papa. Let me go.
I will always hold you
in that sacred space reserved
for you close to my heart.

Take Heart Complainers

Just before first light,
the hum of rubber tires
is like a chant on the silence
of mornings approach.

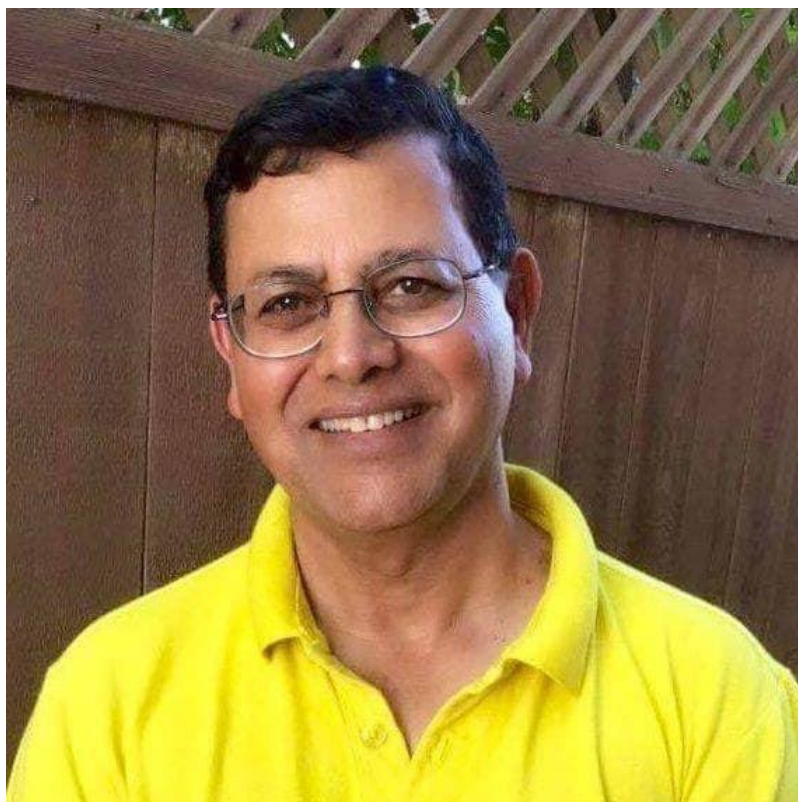
Two legged creatures slowly rise
under veiled roofs,
relieve themselves,
stroll to the kitchen
to welcome coffee, tea
and other liquid mercies.

Still many lay on sidewalks,
under bridges, in alleys,
near dumpsters
to face another day of what.

Take heart all complainers.
If you are drinking your liquids
under an affordable roof,
say thank you to the universe
for your blessings.

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.

Penguins' Plight

Shielding little chicks
beneath their tired wings

penguins
witness helplessly

melting ice
disappearing snow

gloom looms
larger than life

howling winds
drag and drift

natural habitats
shift

broken promises
ecosystem pleads

a silent prayer
no one heeds

the orca sings
blue songs

icebergs cry
what's wrong

seas surge
without waves

who is responsible
for this harmful craze

Flocking the Silence

uproars
tantrums

can't we see
we are lost?

change is here
to smash our Survival

can't I be Shiva?
dancing

third eye open
is it too late for forgiveness?

gathering silent masses
we pray

restrain us lord
we are destroying our world

*In Hindu mythology when Shiva opens his third eye, it
destroys everything that it sees.*

Stop Pointing Fingers

*"When you point one finger, there are three fingers
pointing back to you."*

we blame others
polluting environment

we draw lines on earth
we build walls to keep others out

how can we split a river
stop wind from blowing

birds from flying
fish from swimming freely

we are supposed
to refresh the world
or create a new one
inside the heart.

bask in sunshine
look at the brilliance of icicles

flashing as it drips
making rainbows

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis

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

Among her poetic belts include PANORAMA YOUTH LITERARY AWARDS 2020, 7 th Prize Winner in the 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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When The Time Is Called Now

Did you ever feel how mountain range
To measure the heights of your dreams
Like saving the earth from climate change?
Have you ever desire to dress up
The bald forest, and make it green again?
Have you ever wonder how fjords gather ice sheets
To make the Greenland snowy white and beautiful?
But have you heard it screaming from its depths?
Don't make it melt to flood our worlds
And live to wilderness,
Have you ever married the wonders of nature?
Its limitless bounty and exquisite forms
Let's do some reforestations. Conserve. Revive.
Tomorrow is fine. But now, today is the best
Where life thrives and all survive.

Pilgrim of Tears

Hades's artificial svelte grounds
Adorning cinnamon and wild piquant trees
Awaiting extract of pomelos and ambrosia
For the gods in an ancestor's Venusian vineyard
Spring water flowing
As it leads to an appearing dream.
A banquet of greens and aubergines
Hundred islets surrender in my sleep
Caravans of gravels, sand and truckload of corals
Alienate my feet.
Knowing how this happened
My dearest ocean is dying,
When those obsidian oils color the hyacinths black,
Breath is nothing,
There was no hope.
Only solstice in a coffin of unprotected canopies
If only my tears could
Restore seas and streams
I would cry a zillion times
In our courtyard where all eyes become rainbows
To filter indifference.

To You I Sing The Warrior's Hymn

In my hands lie the maps of industry
Care and resilience.
I bow to the farmers' wand
Whose hearts reap and sow
Share roots from farms to tables.
In my heart beats the nets of patience,
Wonderment and empathy.
I bow to the fisherfolks
Whose mind catch compassion
In small or big scale,
The villagers are fed
Where hands, heart and minds
Calm territorial waters
That transcend ocean keepers:
There is no one left behind.

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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an open letter from a penguin

dear men
please listen for a minute
here I sit on an ice tip
I am lost
searching for my colonies
my aunt, my mama
a day will come
when you can see me only in the picture
my mother, my colony is suffering
we need ice to breed
we are expert divers
heat trapped gases released by fossil fuels
choke our lungs
we are quasi extinct

dear men
ice caps are melting for global warming
cut fossil fuel consumption
adopt me please
I want to live
stop illegal egg collection
use sustainable seafood
love me dear
because I love you so much
stop plastics
recycle and reuse energy
turn off lights when you don't use
minimise the use of LED bulbs
conserve energy
I can not fly; I want to smile
I need your help
save me if you can
I love you
don't you love me?

a kite inside the military camp

a red white kite floating
in the air ;top of a thread loop
hung from the tree stump
in a military camp
the migrant imagines
his village, his wife
inside the fence ware
chilled wind ;frozen blood
the refugees whispering in the deem light
dreaming to go back to their land
once more to cook broth
in their own clay stove
where is the liberty
once upon a time
their kids had the right
to fly kites in their villages
now their mouths shut
as close as a circle
a kite or hunger
a kite and a dream
both can fly
reflect ,vibrate
as the heart beat
a kite flies
where there is no fear
where is the wind current
that can make me fly like a kite
precious is a paper
that prescripts peace
precious is the soul
precious is our courtyards
precious is our language
a kite flies where there is no fear
where is the wind
that can make me a kite ?

again a signature

have you seen the dew drops
the blood of the nature
a signature that you can never create
the adieu of the intrinsic prints
the mega polis city on the local train
the men returns from office
death can never be a signature
mothers milk the authentic
signature on the body
soldiers scattered flesh
the alphabets of his signature
a signature is a journey
again and again

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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Greenland's ice cap

The whale swims and lives as it normally does,

To get a boost it splashes it's massive tail on the water
above.

Glaciers in the backdrop are melting quickly and there's no
way to make it stop.

Mother natures warmer temperatures over Scandinavia are
accelerating the process.

It's not snowing enough to replace the ice on glaciers edges
that we see,

the sea will gain twenty feet of water if the glaciers in the
area lose density.

The deep blue can't get any deeper without causing coastal
floods throughout the area.

I wish I could dive like Jacques Cousteau to see marine life
and the affect of global warming down below.

If I would've known

It's shocking, its never a good time, its so sad, it's unreal. we've grown up around each other, I should've reached out more, this is how I always feel. It's six degrees of separation, we're friends, my friend is your friend's friend, your friends' friends are mine, most of us have some sort of connection. We are a circle of familiar faces since childhood. When I walk around I bump into people I know, when I'm driving around I see people I know, I've traveled and seen people I know on the plane in the same row. We talked, we laughed we reminisced of the past, I wish I was more opened and exchanged numbers to make those good times and positive vibes last. I didn't know that the last time i walked by, drove by and when we flew was me and you saying goodbye. As I get older I'm witnessing the circle of life getting smaller, back to back RIP and SIP is all I see all over social media. We have to take time out to do better because we don't know how much time is left for our sisters and brothers. Let's show love while we are here not only when heartbreak occurs and we share tears.

Drive

When they ask me... Where do you get your drive from? My response is life, reactions to actions. There's highs and lows, beautiful and ugly reflections, keeping it true to the pen, when I hock spit lyrical phlegm, it's facts in poetic gems. the ying and yang on the life of drugs and guns, as well as jail and death when sets bang for a come up, a name, for disrespect or to reign in the game of manteca and caine. I saw death too many times, I've seen homies on the floor, in morgues, on gurneys getting ready for that final journey when fam pulls the plug and we see and hear the monitor flatline. The Game is my forte as education, murder is one of my biggest motivations, I hone in on caskets and holes surrounded by a circle of tears falling off faces of fam and peers, then manifest those visions thru urban expression as lessons. I am the streets in flesh form, I'm every aspect of the trap when i brainstorm, a majority of my life was spent in the fire, over fire, chef'n napalm, that experience and all that comes with it is why I'm able to send shockwaves with these types of urban bombs.

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.

Ark

We won't drive away on Great Dipper
– it's not possible!
We won't swim away
on still not found Noah's Ark.
Rescue the future.

Let the snow and glimmers
of faraway and nearby lands.
Let's leave the glaciers
– to our descendants
– to the creatures living there
– to our world. Our world!

For heaven not to grow silent,
prepare yourself for life
in submission to nature.
Then, for bereavement
there may no longer be time and place.
Right now you still meet people
searching
and those,
who already know whom and how they harm.
By forgetting about others
– we lose ourself.

Bird trill

He was charmed when hearing the songs of birds
hiding in the foliage.

When he left
he understood
it was time to rush.
It was a mad race as the street screamed.

He moved on.
Or maybe he turned back?
He went to a place
where the free birds expected nothing.

He began to listen
to the whispers trapped within him.
Alternating thoughts
between
good and evil,
did not give him peace.
He felt emptiness around him, an indifference
bringing anxiety and uncertainty.

He understood
that it's easier to hear trills
– than to notice a man in need.

Right beside

Lonesome glove puppets
waiting for hands,
which can enliven the tale
about unrealistic future.

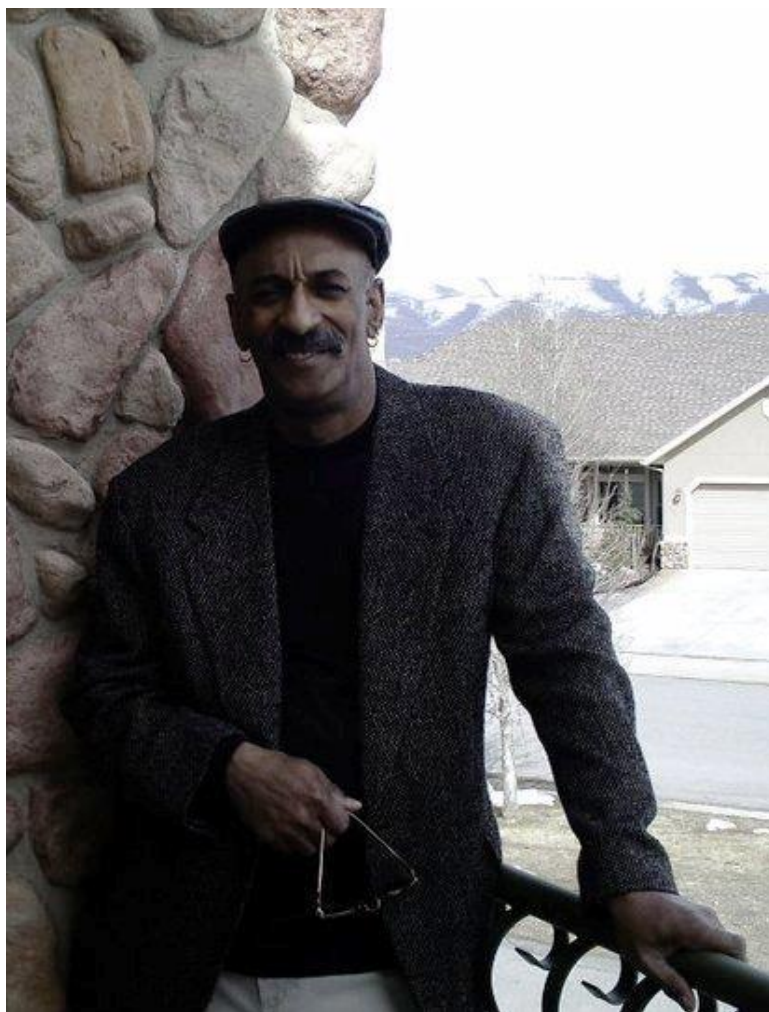
Right beside us
there are no dolls,
there are live people.
other people's hands unnecessary for them
to pull
the lonesome
into the whirlwind
steered by greed.

Wanting to gain
they tantalize with success
gains dissolution of torment.

To escape from
the freezing abyss of trust
to Phantom friends
awakening suffices.

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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Damn Global Warming

The water is coming, the water is coming
Hurry, hurry, get out the boats
The water is coming . . .
The ice is melting,
The world will be flooding soon

We are on our way to Pangaea . . .
1 land for all the people . . .
Hopefully . . .

The water is coming, the water is coming,
It will rise higher than our abilities . .
Perhaps . . .

Damn Global Warming !

Who can relate?

Oh the things we hide
Cloaked in the darkness

The shadows of the ignoble night
Dare not tell our secrets,
And we must put them away
Before the rising sun,
Lest we get discovered
As our darkness
Is uncovered

Some daunting delicacies of soul
We will carry to our grave,
Others,
We will disclose
As we weave them into stories
Of justifications
For those who be in need of
Entertainment and distraction
From their own transgressions
.....
Who can relate?

Die-Section

In my formulative years
There presided an element of
Self-Hate,
Because of the color of my skin,
How I was treated,
And the ostracization from participation
In the playing fields
Where all things were good, equal and square

As I became older,
I realized,
It was not me. No,
It was the elements of character,
Or the lack thereof
In those who judged me,
Or went along ignorantly
With what they were led to believe . . .
Without even getting to know me
For my abilities, my thoughts
And my heart

Yes, it was a bruising time
Early on in life,
But with understanding,
And 'Self-Forgiveness'
I learned to
'Self-Heal' . . .
I realized that
I did not need outside permission
From anyone
To love and appreciate 'ME'
For who I am . . .
. . .

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But I was most fortunate,
For I had a wonderful, loving
Support network
Of Family, Friends and Onlookers
Who certified, ratified, edified
And sometimes even glorified and deified
My self-worth

I guess you guessed it by now,
'I AM BLACK' . . .
I am cherished by many,
Feared by many,
Emulated by many,
But mostly,
Not understood

. . .
This I have come to accept,
Shamefully
As the 'Status Quo'
Of the indifferent ignorance
That does not know and accept
That I am human too . . .
Perhaps more so

You see,
My people are a tolerant one,
A forgiving one,
A patient one
Who possess a knowledge
That leads us to survive
The calamities
That others cannot tolerate . . .

.....
Walk a mile or two
In my shoes
And then tell me
How does it feel.

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As I go forward
With the compartmentalization
And 'Die-Section'
Of my life,
That of my peoples
And others like me,
It is not very hard to comprehend
How and why others defend
The shadows
And not amend their ways
To the light

There used to be a time
That day and light
I lamented,
I prayed,
I hoped
For better days
Where the ways of man
Were not somehow obligatory
To divisiveness
Instead of congruity
And inclusiveness . . .
Oh, what a mess
We have made
And allowed to fester
Within our hearts, minds and souls.

Is it not time for a
"Die-Section"?

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Ratan Ghosh

Christine Neil-Wright

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Ratan
Ghosh



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Ratan Ghosh (India), MPhil, PhD, an Editor, a free lance writer, a poet, a Short story writer, has experience of more than 15 years of teaching and research. He has published a number of research articles in peer review and UGC approved journal and presented seminar papers in National and International seminars in different universities of India. His poems have been featured in many international E-journals, Journals and paper back anthologies across the globe. He has edited and co-authored two international anthologies named-*SUNUP* and *CASCADE*. Recently he is editing and compiling another anthology of poems on “*Gender Inequality*”. His poetry books like *LONELY SKELETON VOL-1 and 2* and *My Love: A Soul* are coming soon in paperback with ISBN. His short story book “*The Talisman and Other Tales*” is also going to be launched in paperback. He has received many prestigious awards for writing poetry from India and abroad. He has been awarded *WORLD YOUTH ICON OF LITERATURE* from NAAC, Mexico and *MEWADEV LAUREL AWARD* from U.P, India.

Who can forget"

Who can forget the streets?
Stained by the blood of innocent leaves
Who can forget the buds...?
Stained with the undesired clods
Who can forget the flowers?
Whose petals got withered in front of some lunatic
powers?
Who can forget the flames of fire?
How that engulfed all the humane layers
Who can forget the shinning swords?
That beheaded the helpless veiled heads
Who can forget the long lost treasures?
Those were seized beyond measures
Who can forget the violated mothers and daughters?
Who were seized and killed without any fetters
Who can forget the long-lost lands?
That had reared us without being dry and dead sands
Who can forget the borderless borders?
That had displaced and banished all from our land of
mother
Who can forget the pains of being alien refugees?
Who had nothing but the empty sky and tears only the basic
properties
None can forget....
Perhaps none.....
None but those who had been mysterious destitute fun
In the unknown tales of destiny...
Where the untold history sings...
The songs of mystery...
Only the songs of mystery.....
Engraved for many decades in the blood stained history

Who Shouted?

Who shouted when I was raped in front of my husband and sons on the way?

Who shouted when I was pierced with claws on the way?

Who shouted when my daughters were abducted on the way?

Who shouted when my breasts were chopped off on the way?

Who shouted when I was raped, gang raped and beheaded on the way?

Who responded when my daughters cried and called for help on the way?

Who shouted when our houses were looted and burnt without reasons?

Who shouted when our lands were forcefully seized after treason?

Who shouted when we had moved being unfortunate refugees?

Who shouted when we lost all plants and trees?

Who shouted when all men had to stand on the streets?

Who shouted when all fathers, uncles and sons had to show their penis?

Who shouted when they were butchered for the veiled penis?

Who shouted when the raped widows had to sleep with tears in remorse losing mental peace?

Who shouted when many winters kissed the naked, lean and helpless skeletons?

Who shouted when thousands killed in the Great Calcutta Streets?

Who shouted when mothers, daughters and sister had been leased?

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Who shouted when many had been the burdened refugees?
Who shouted when all were banished losing voices and
peace?
Who shouted when the country was religiously seized?
The eyes of the Eastern Beasts. . .
Only the eyes of the Eastern Beasts
But!
We were penniless . . .
We are penniless. . .
Who shout when the untold tales
Fractured, mutilated, suppressed and jailed?
Who shout when all the tales weeping for being sailed
Probably none . . .
Vote bank, healthy bank accounts and awards only
shouting now in high pitch...
We have been the unfortunate breasts . . .
We have been the unfortunate breasts . . .
Mutilated in the untold old pages. . .
Mutilated in the untold lost pages . . .

My Love; A Soul

Not being a fancied form...

Standing in front of thee like a violent storm

Eying, eying and eying at your downy sweet eyes

I have lost for that moment all the earthly ties

Walking through your unuttered voices I had a magical
feel

Deep love and sincere hearts always have heavenly zeal

Unuttered uttered voices overshadow both the minds

Audibly inaudible voices never seem to know any other
kind

I only feel your presence in my thirsty longing soul

Nothing can drift me from my desired goal

Whether you are leased or seized never do I think

Only I know how to love and how to only sink

Let us meet and sink in the vast abandoned sea

Where none but you and I will love forever in glee

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Christine
Neil-Wright

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Christine Neil-Wright has blended all her creative skills in poetry, voice animation, story writing, radio broadcasting, an appreciation for nature, life and its experience to propel herself as an animated storyteller. No stranger to the media, Christine has been featured on most of the major platforms such as CVM Television, Radio Jamaica, The Gleaner, The Jamaican Observer, and Television Jamaica, plus other entities on an international basis. Today she is a host and producer of a radio project called ***Journey Across Jamaica*** that focuses on our culture, history, and storytelling. She is resolute to accomplish her goals.

Reclaiming My Power

Three days of sleepless nights...
Battling with demons that have been haunting my life
Speaking to future, past and present realities
Out loud so much, my physical heart was shaking.

Cutting down invasive branches in my path
That carried a pseudo appearance of strength
But was actually a dried out and rotten fickle Tree
That left major damage and loopholes to my house,
My investment, my passions, my physical structure.

Intuition like a Richter Scale in a frenzy
During a seven point nine (7.9) earthquake!
Flood waters, rain and sunshine in conflict
The foundations beneath in animated upheaval.
But I must keep safe the child that I bear on my back.

Those dark clouds, rain, sun and lighting in fury
Were evidently guiding my path
To dismantle ANYTHING and EVERYTHING that
threatens my destiny's path.
I was mentally, internally, emotionally and physically
urged to...

Disassociate, cut off, release myself from anything that
Caused confusion, disorder, Manipulation, pain,
Procrastination,
Enchantment and constantly struggling through,
Telling me to...

"Reclaim your purpose! Reclaim your strength, Reclaim
your voice,

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Reclaim your individuality
Reclaim YOU...and

***UNEARTH THAT POWER THAT IS
ERUPTING WITHIN YOU!!!!***

I took the leap of faith and trust
Putting in action the deed I must
Last night... I am so grateful...
I was blessed with undisturbed sleep as I passed my test!!
By Reclaiming my power.
My Infinite Creator will do the rest.
(C)Christine Neil Wright

The Right to Breathe

After travailing with this precious soul
She anticipates her new-born; longing to receive him
WHOLE

But there was an eternity of silence,
She waited impatiently for her child to be received
As the doctors and midwife desperately tried...
To get the child to breathe...

Decades passed ...
This child became a man.
Whatever his journey; full of character, charisma, educated,
Deep chocolate, desirable, bold, talented, gentle... yet
strong.
But a brewing storm of execration became a proverbial
butcher's knife
Ignoring any thought of reason,
As the globes struggles from a massive pandemic
They watched helplessly... while Fury took another man's
life!

"I... can't... breathe..."

Will forever be carried on the Trade Winds
Opening the Pandora's Box of bigotry;
Transatlantic blood-stained merchants.
Their profits from Building Nations for countries through
torture,
Dark history and the ugliness of inhumane dealings to
humanity through slavery!

"Please... I... can't breathe"

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Forced face down on the ground; suffocated by evil
kneeling... - the noose.
On the throat... - lynching ... Determined to silence the
request;
The pleadings to live... to speak to his mother who gave
him his first breath.
Silenced by nine minutes of slow painful torture!
A storm broke out with voices, evoking a TSUNAMI of
emotions
From hearts whose ethnicity, religion, profession or other,
Stood up for the right... to live, to breathe
To not be subjected to degradation of this nature.

A soul that was denied..., Denied...,DENIED!!
Pleading for mercy in humility... as... his... life... ebbed
away
To just speak to his mother... One... last... time...

"I ...can't... breathe..."

"Where is your brother Cain? His blood cries out from the
earth to me!"
In unison ... countless voices in languages some don't even
understand responded,
"We are our brother's keeper!", as they penned history
Breaking down walls and symbols of the ugly past
That continues to haunt us...even among ourselves
Who still cries out for justice and mercy and our mother's
compassion..

"I... can't... breathe!..."

The Liberated Catwalk

“LIGHTS!...CAMERA!... ACTIOOOON!!!”

(Energetic Music playing in the background)

With a passive frame of mind, she glides
In a militant mood...down the catwalk.
Straight faced; strutting in her glory
Concealing the debauchery
Done to her vulnerable frame.
The hair reflects the radical
And make-up disguises the constant scars received.

The crowd cheers at this strong idol
Admires her wit and prowess.
Yet she never smiles...
Automated in fear, that after this performance...

***SHE HAS TO GO BACK TO HER OWN...
NIGHTMARE!***

Where oppression, suppression and aggression awaits,
To terrorize, manipulate and
Demonize her worth, her existence.
Such a person of great talent and intellect
Who wows the outside world but
Could not protect herself or the children
She brought into this world.

She knows that somewhere inside her head
She can walk the liberated catwalk in her own home
Becoming the heroine her children
Longed for her to be...
But how!???

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She was planted, incarcerated,
Mesmerized and
Trapped by the man who claimed that he "loved!?"

The crowd cries for, "**ENCORE, ENCORE!**"
And she builds her confidence
That though they don't know her story
As her assailant strategically positions himself
With taunting eyes that said.
"With me YOU WILL NEVER...EVER... WIN!!!"

Defiant in her spirit
A volcano erupted inside and no one expected
Her next step...
Facing him...she removed her French coat
Exposing the many bruises and scars
All over her body!

There was a loud hush from the audience...
The music was toned down as flashing lights
Zooming cameras and media interests
Captured this unfolding scene
All eyes on them as the audience barricaded
Preventing him from escaping
These words she had to say...

"I am no longer your prisoner! "
No more abuse! You have NO MORE CONTROL
Over my life or our children! Arrest him!"

She was shaking in anger as her peers covered her
Tonight was the end of her sorrow
Tonight... she stood militant proving
That she was determined to begin a
NEW AND FRESH TOMORROW...and

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For the very first time...
She gave the most beautiful smile.

The crowd burst out in thunderous applause. ..

“THAT’S A WRAP!!!”

This piece is dedicated to the men and women who have or still suffer in silence though strong in spirit, are suppressed by partners or loved ones who subtly and wilfully manipulate, suppress, discourage and abuse them. To those mothers who are no longer with us; whose death was not justified, whose memory will be immortalized; whose aggressor is still alive and creating massive mayhem in their children's lives. Find the strength within and break free from this fashion of emotional, mental, spiritual and physical bondage.

Andrew
Scott

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Andrew Scott is a native of Fredericton, NB. During his time as an active poet, Andrew Scott has taken the time to speak in front of classrooms, judge poetry competitions as well as had over 200 hundred writings published worldwide in such publications as *The Art of Being Human*, *Battered Shadows* and *The Broken Ones*.

Andrew Scott has published five poetry books, *Snake With A Flower*, *The Phoenix Has Risen*, *The Path*, *The Storm Is Coming and Searching* and one book of photography, *Through My Eyes*. *Whispers Of The Calm* is his sixth poetry book.

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The River Styx (Villanelle)

Staring at the River Styx
hypnotized by the enticement
Tempted by the sinful fix

where does it all mix
confusion and contentment
Staring at the River Styx

on earth trying true building bricks
but the draw brings excitement
Tempted by the sinful fix

fear and ignorance, an unnatural mix
is the boiling a natural event
Staring at the River Styx

the upper world is ruled by lunatics
makes the mind disorient
Tempted by the sinful fix

minds racing with human tricks
soul debates the dissent
Staring at the River Styx
Tempted by the sinful fix

Nephew Pete

I was there when the officials arrived
to tell my sister and her husband
about finding Nephew Pete dead
at the hands of his own.

It happened on a Sunday.
A day we were expecting him.
Nephew Pete had just gotten
paroled the Wednesday before.

Nephew Pete had been in
the cement walls of a cell
for a little over nine years.

I was his third offence
at being caught stealing
and the first time with a brutal assault.

Nephew Pete had habits to feed
that got worse over time.
Stolen money was the only way.

He got cleaned up while inside.
Not like there was a choice
but over time Nephew Pete
became treated as important.
He knew how to get things
so others left him alone
and did not abuse him.

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The story was he got lost
as soon as he got out.
Neighbours heard the nightmare
from the small room
he was set up in.

As he walked the streets for work,
Nephew Pete found out
he was not important in the city.

It only took a few days
of a new life to show
Nephew Pete that he did not
like the outside
and needed it to end
from the inside.

Goddess Of Death

Am appealing to your gentle side
as your strikes to the living
are creating anger and outrage
to those of us amongst the living.

Not positive of what you are
attempting to do with your efforts
but to bring u loss and sorrow.

Your victims are so young
and full of potential.
The bricks of our future
crumbled to blowing dust.

The lessons you are trying to teach
have been now engrained.
Fear who may be next
at an unexpected time.

The power and sorrow
that you yield is intense.
You are taking pieces of us all
as your venom is dealt.
We appeal to you, Goddess of Death.
Let us heal.

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Ashok
Kumar



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Ashok Kumar is an international bilingual , Mystical , Spiritual poet from India .He has been working as a principal in a reputed institution of India .He has master degrees in three subjects English literature , Political Science and Education .He did his B.Ed. from CCS University Meerut India .He got his honorary doctorate degree from Brazil, Morocco and Nigeria .His Philosophical Spiritual Mystical poems are translated into various languages like Greek , Italian Spanish , Polish and Chinese languages .He is a universal poet .He has got national and international awards for his poems .His love and peace poems are liked by all over the wonderful world people .He has earned reputation as an International Peace Activist through his actions . He believes in " Action speaks louder than words."

He is an ardent follower of Lord Buddha, Lord Krishna, Martin Luther King and Karim. He appeals to the whole world for unity and integrity for the shake of humanity. His Philosophical, Spiritual poms give the message of peace and prosperity forever.

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Be The Voice of Unity ...

Raise voice for peace and security
Protect all human rights for prosperity
Delivering humanitarian aids should be our supreme goal
To support for sustainable development, climate play our
role

Take an oath for every law and responsibility
Be the voice of unity
Train mind for every situation
Nourish every humble heart for determination

Together we can enjoy energy of unity and dedication
We're peace makers thank to thee for his creation
Let Mystic soul learn from Dr. Martin Luther King and
M.K Gandhi true meaning of peace and non-violence
Come with me feel freely yourself to taste this divine
essence

Nothing But Karma ..

To read valuable life, not easy
In this Eden each trilogy with responsibilities busy
cheap flesh of body, expensive immortal souls
Nature of perfect man counted by goals
Karma; experience of expensive life
Patience, pleasure, courage stress and strife
Debacles are precious virtues are divine
Nothing but karma helpful to shine
Listen songs of inner melodious voice
To study life is the wisest choice
In this materialistic life Karma never cheat
Happiest, luckiest universal soul with such greet

Protect Girl Child

(On international Girl child day)

O ALMIGHTY! thy light touches my mystic heart and
soul

How can I be far from my goal?

All are equal playing their role

Her tears made me restless to feel their pain

Appeal to heal these beautiful flowers divine rain

Bless all men peace patience, not to hate

Only love can change fate

O Almighty! thy ocean and my ignorance

Fill the whole earth with your fragrance

Without these flowers

Can we imagine beauty and birth in this Eden?

Search their humble heart where divinity is hidden

Let's protect them for bright future

We're peace makers love all worldly creatures

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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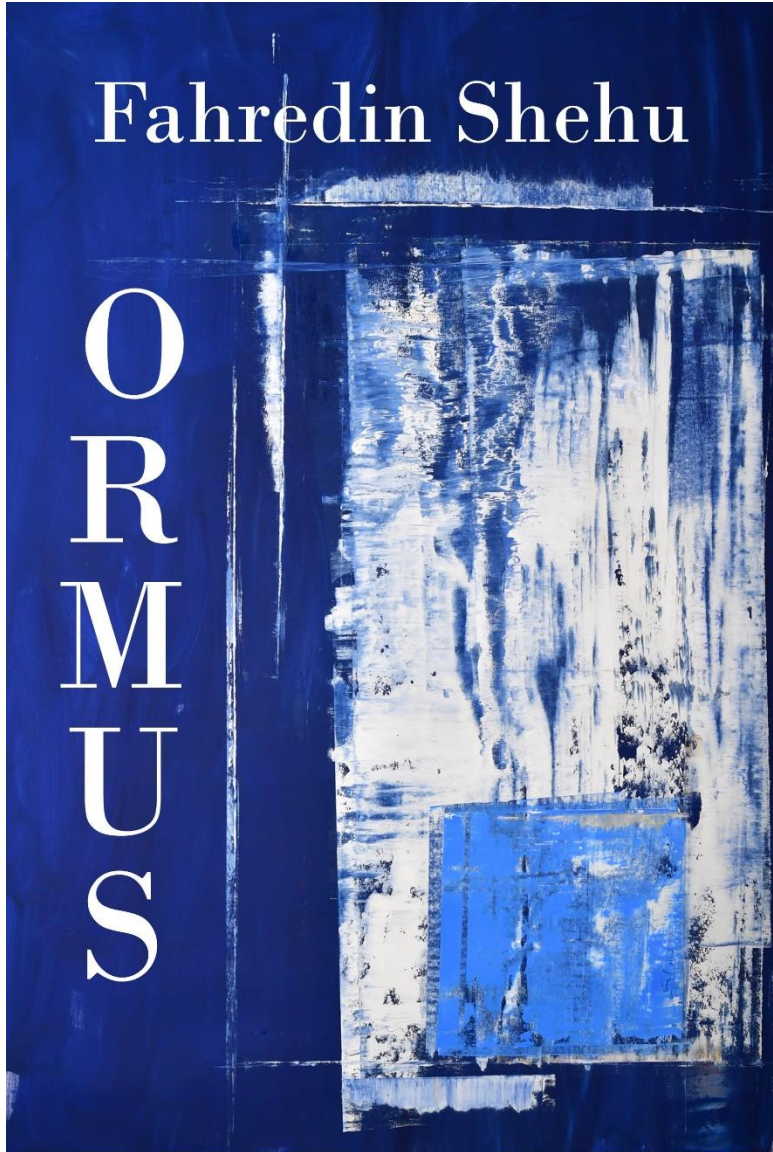
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... from the Streets to the Stages



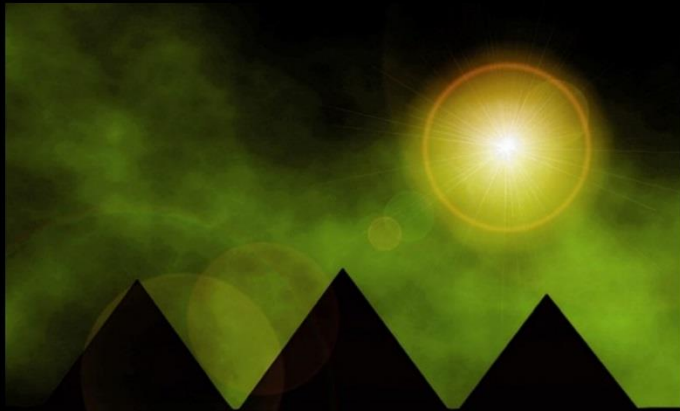
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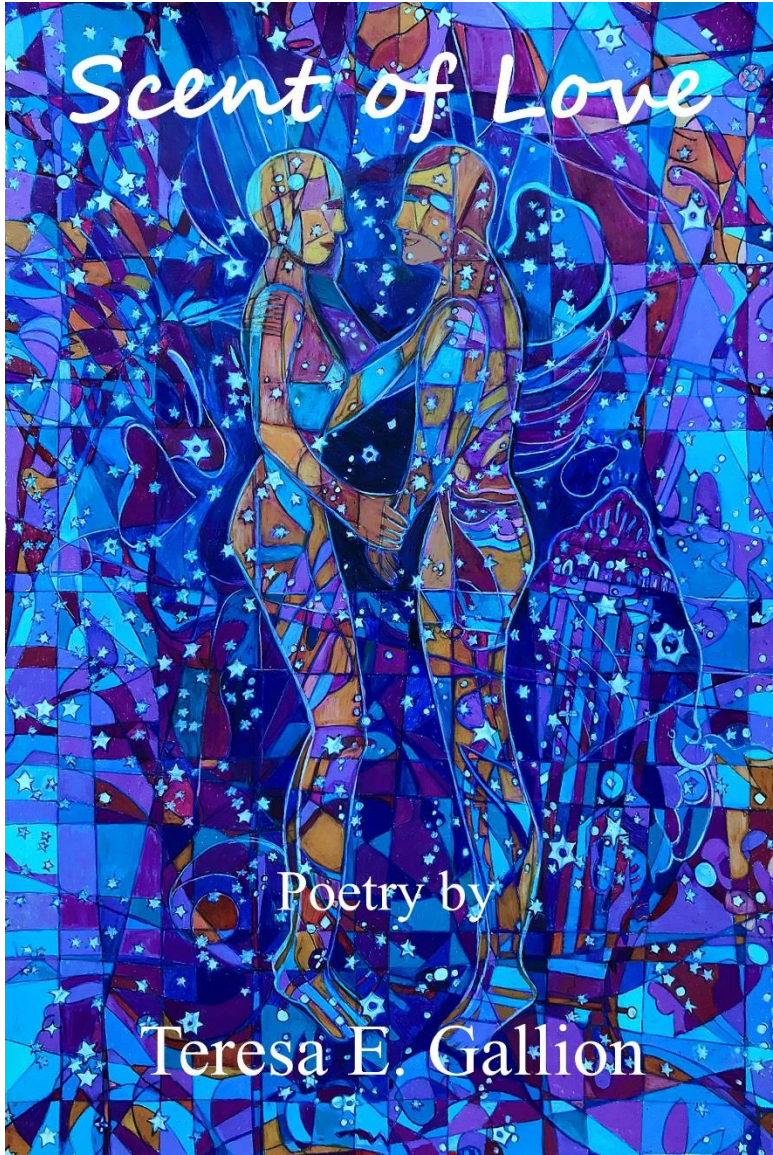
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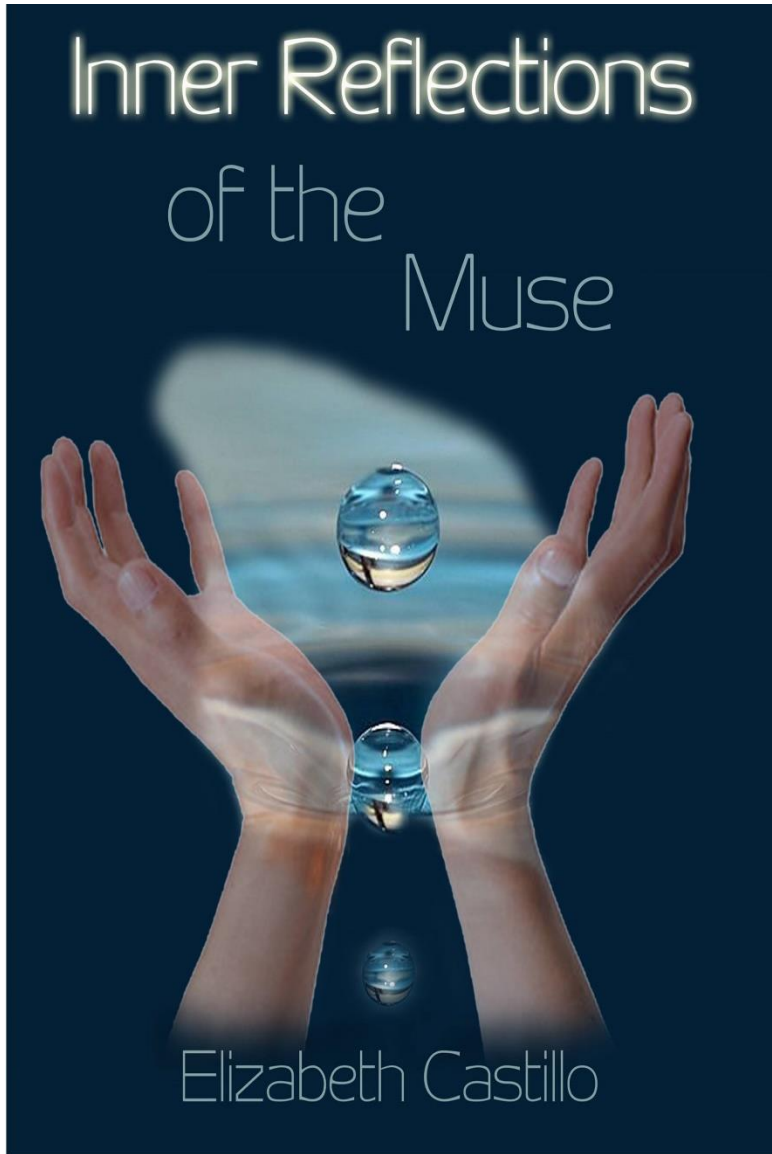
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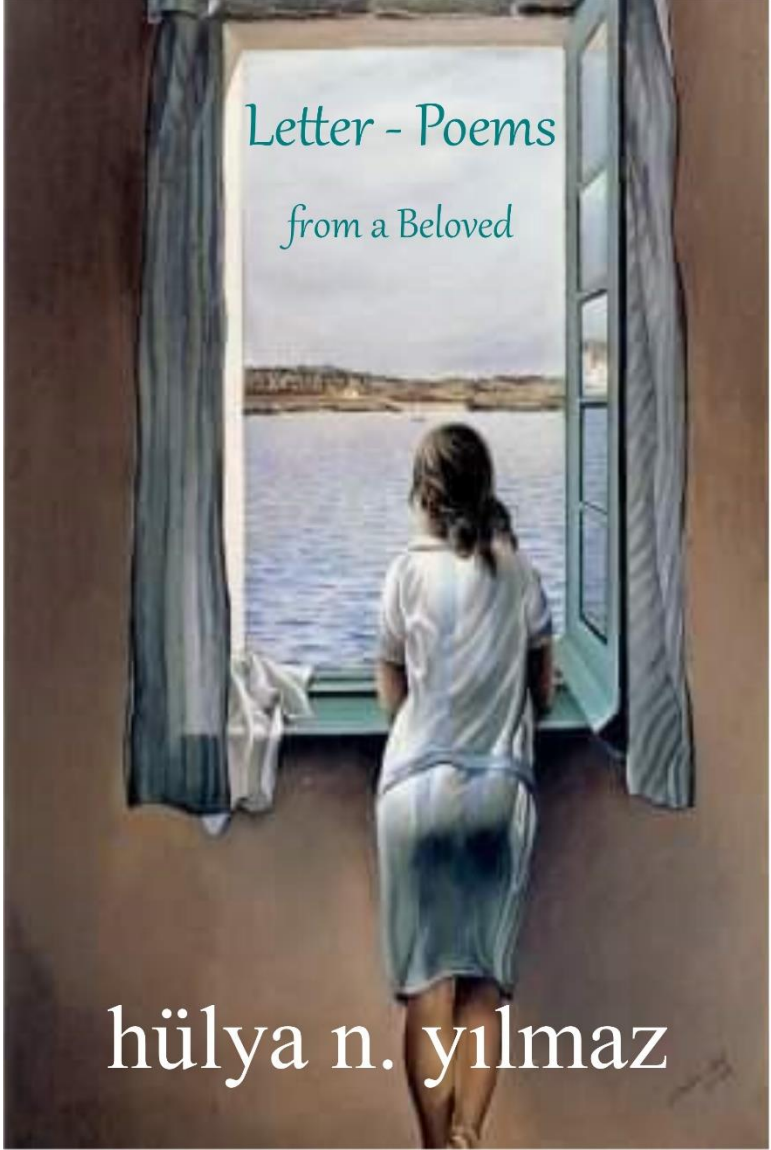
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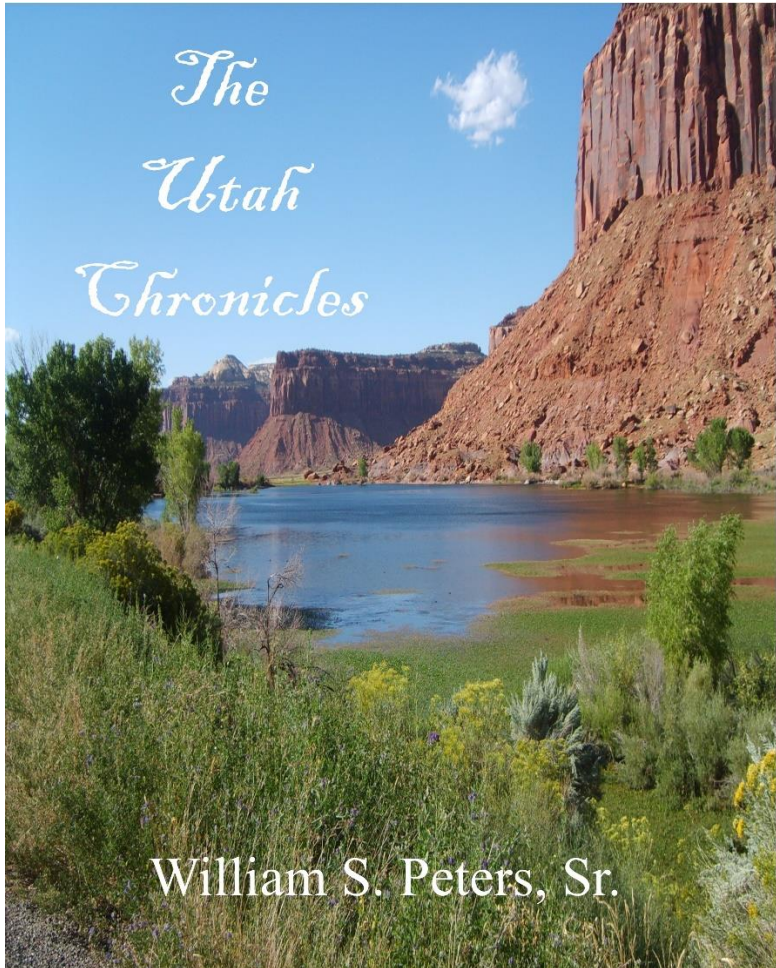
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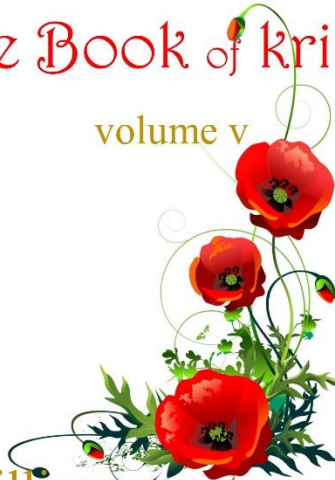
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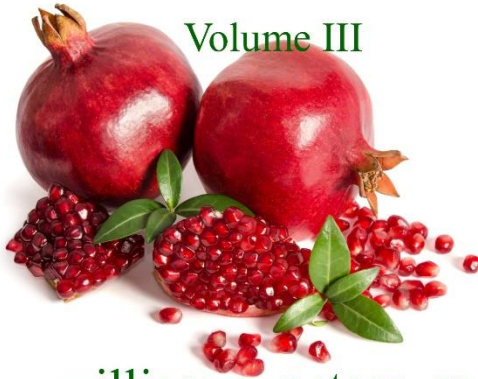
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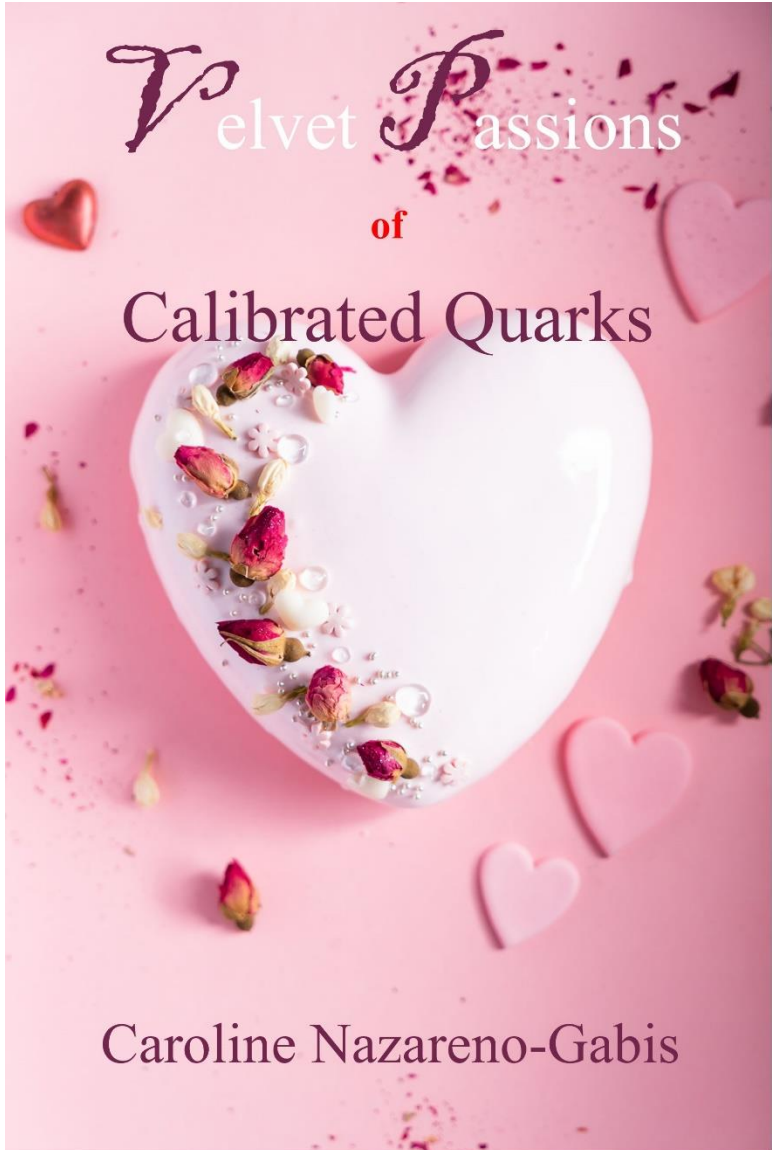


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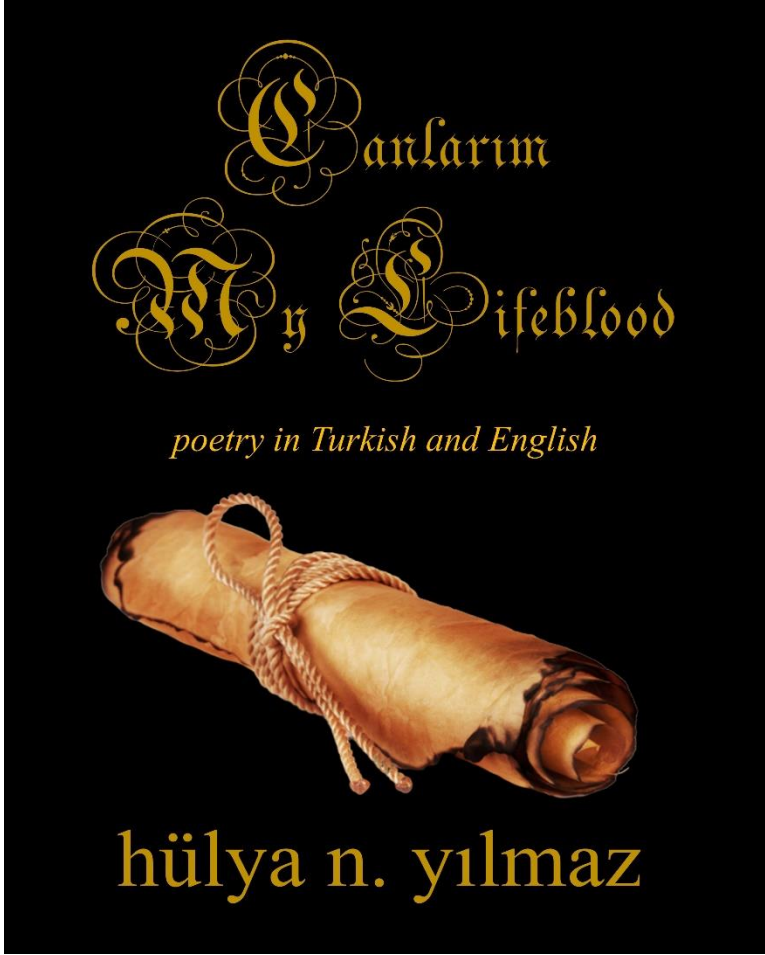
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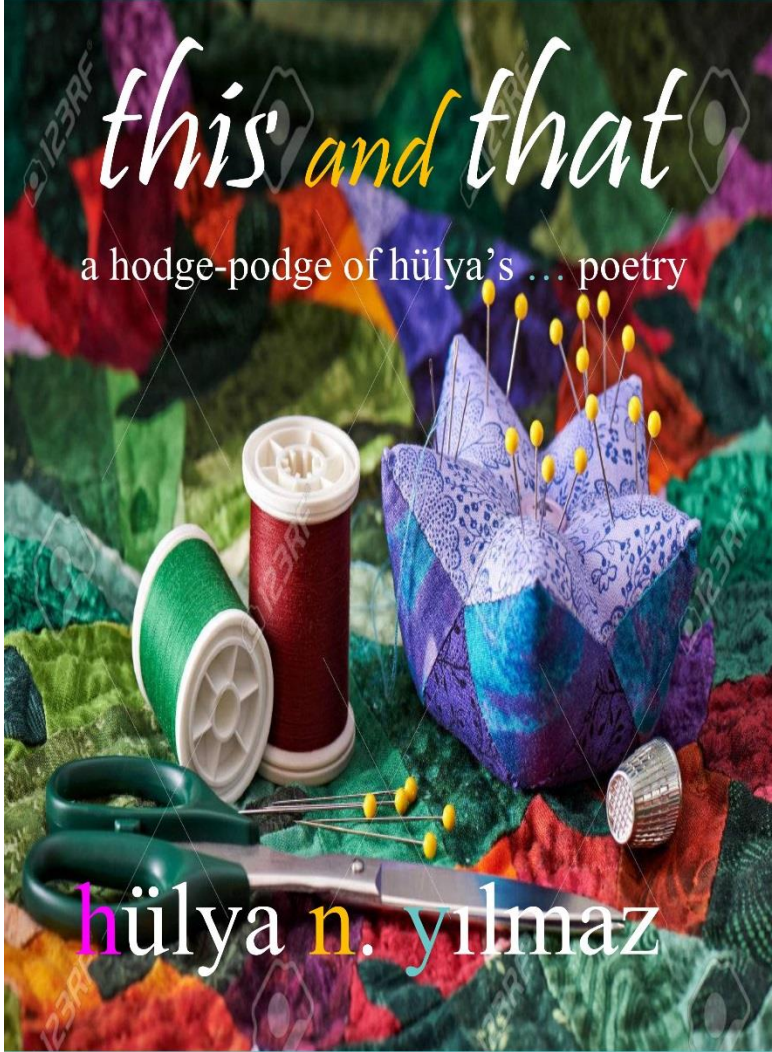
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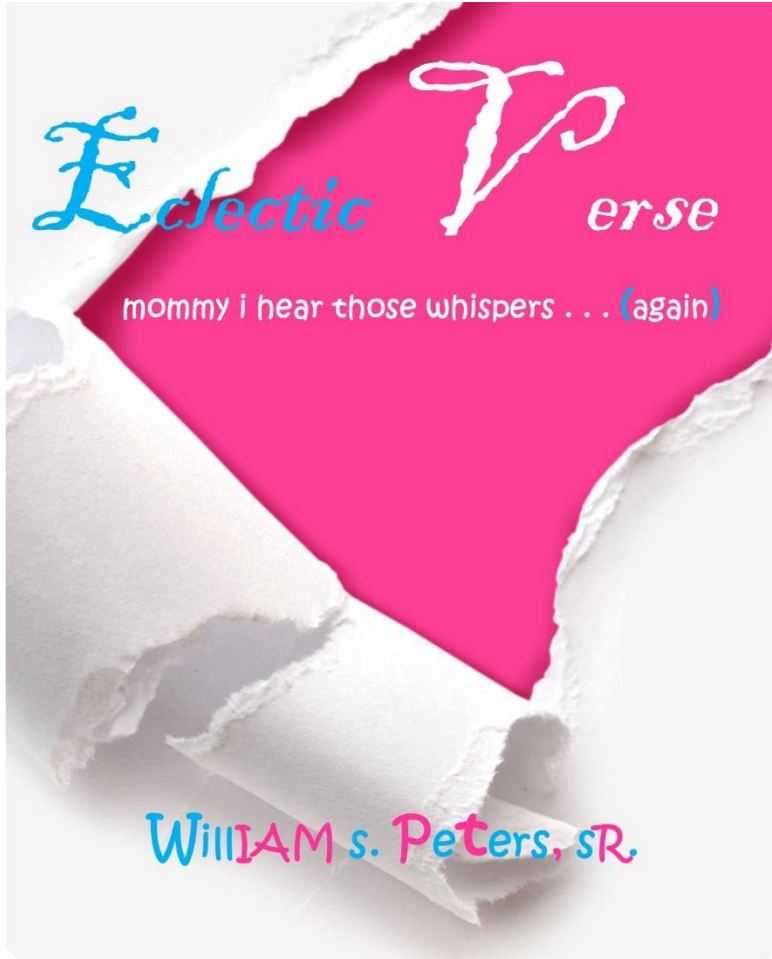
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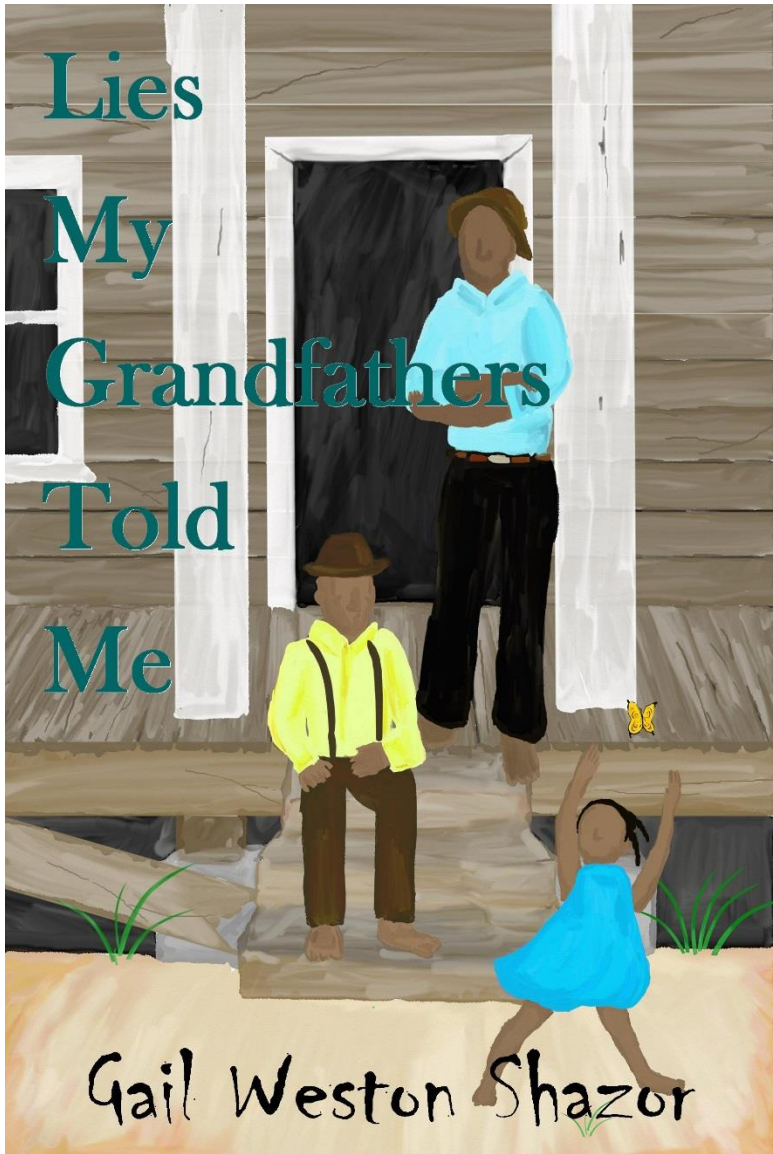
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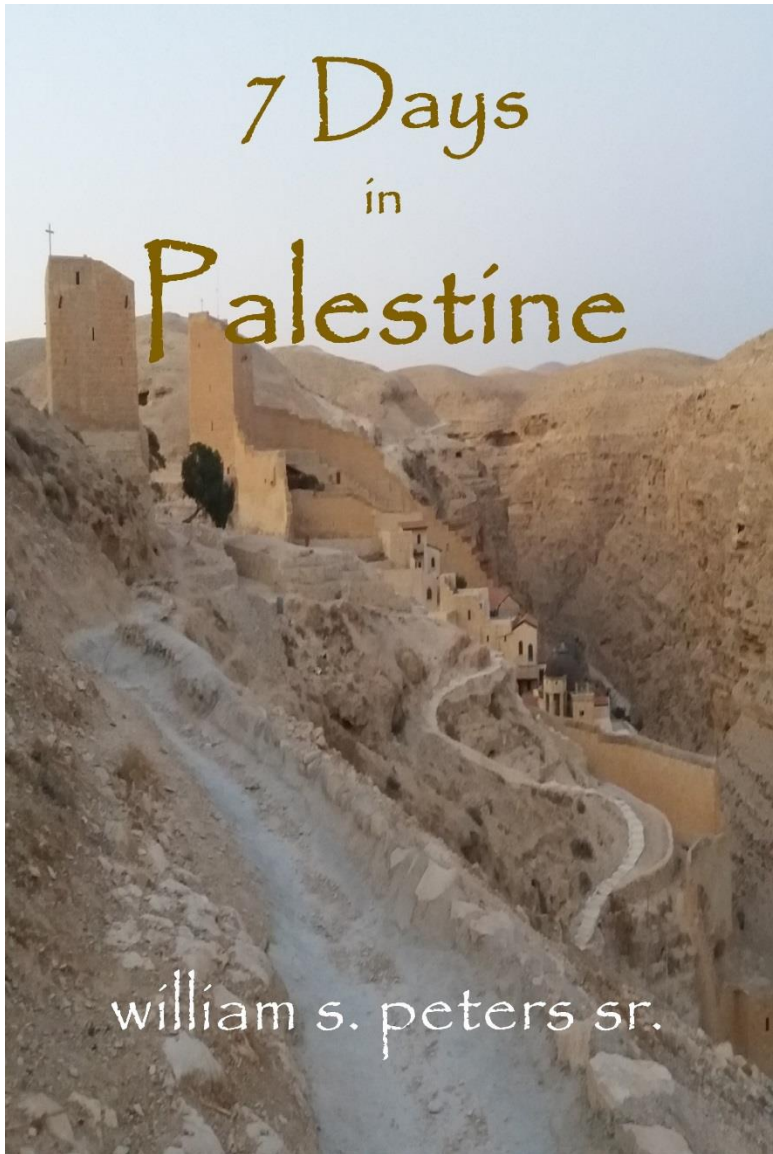
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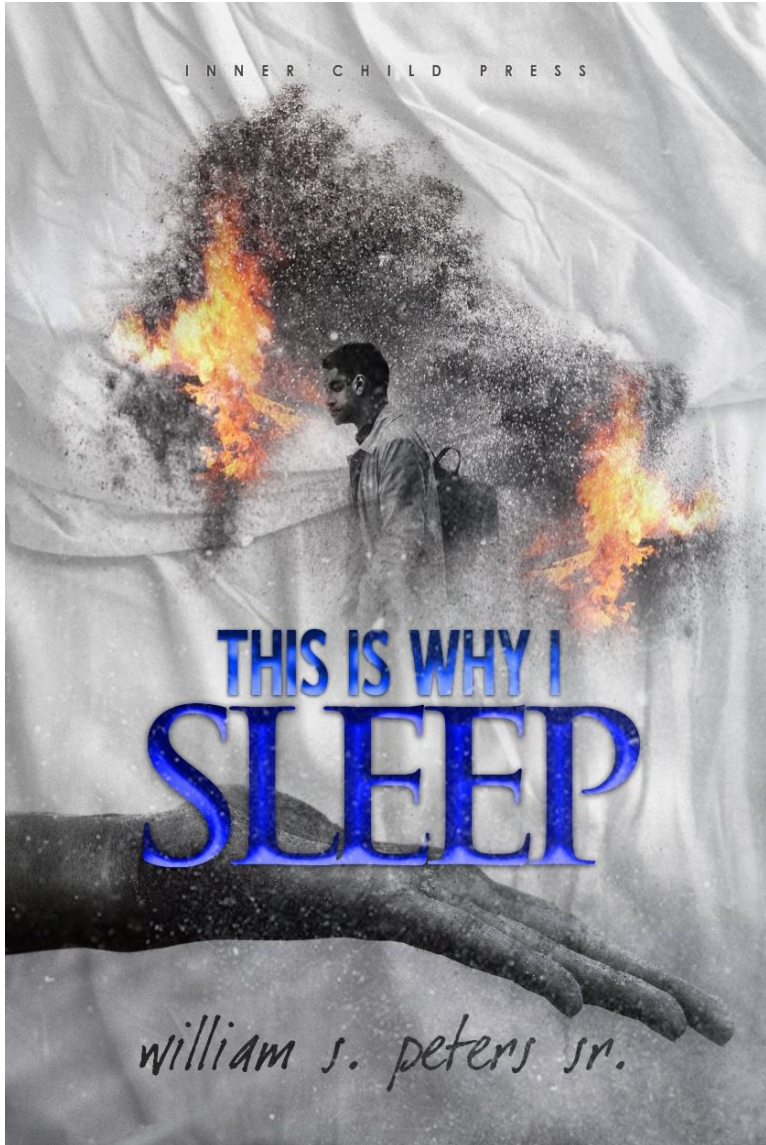
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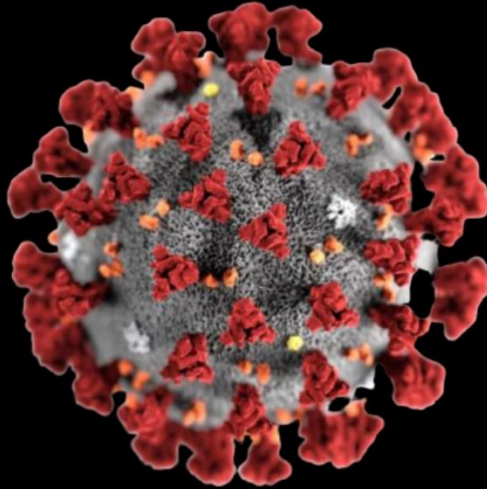
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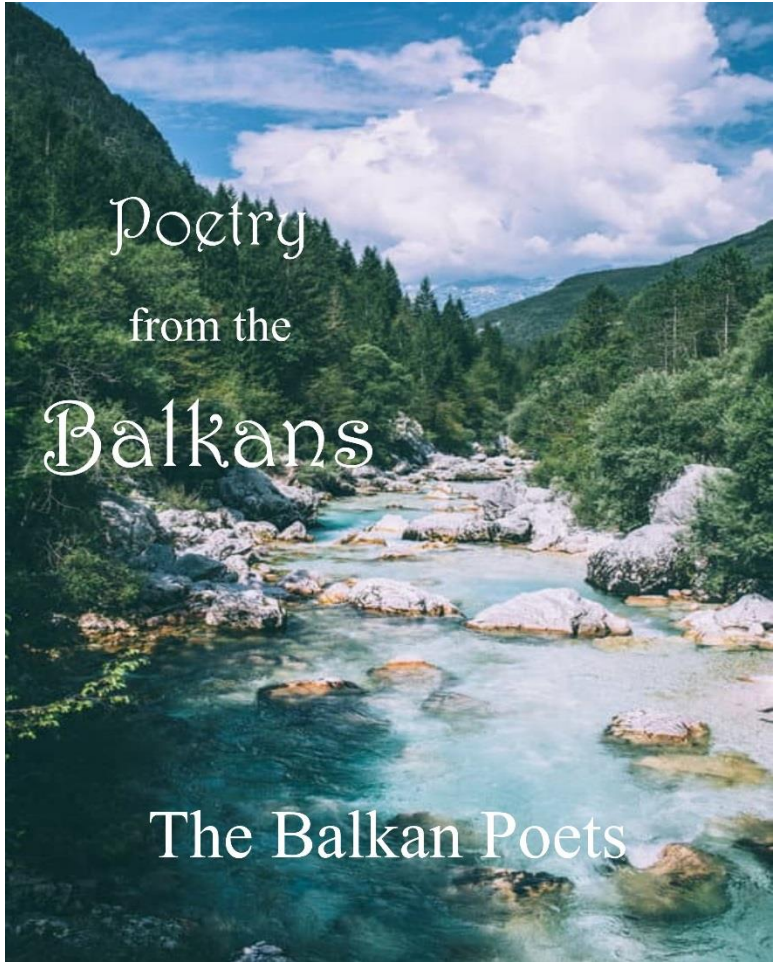


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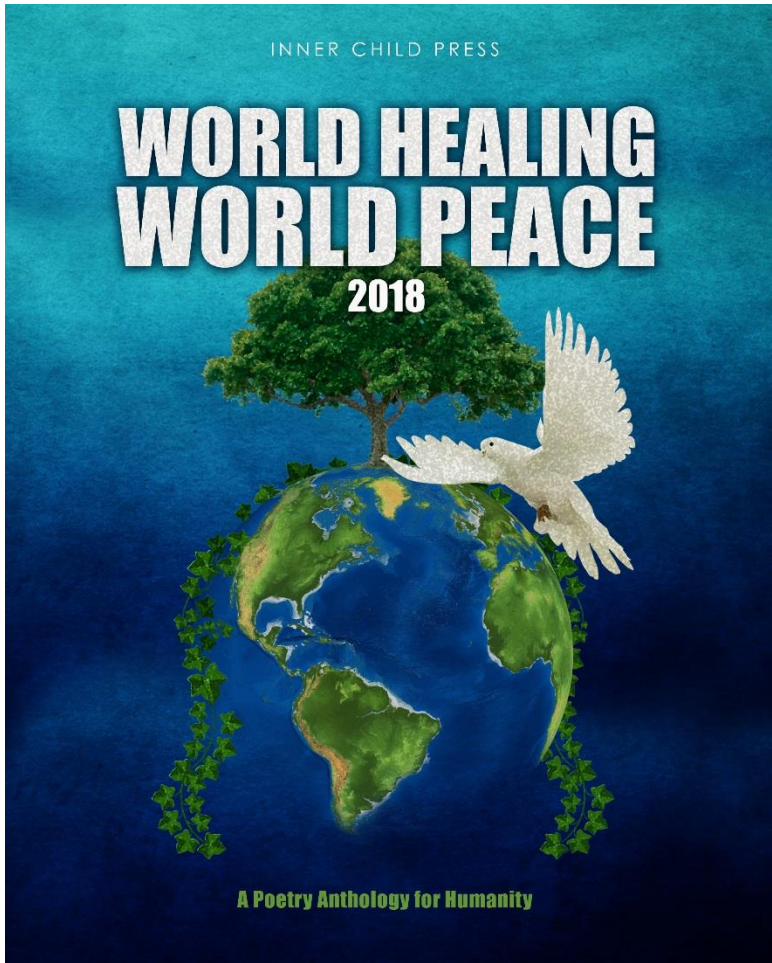
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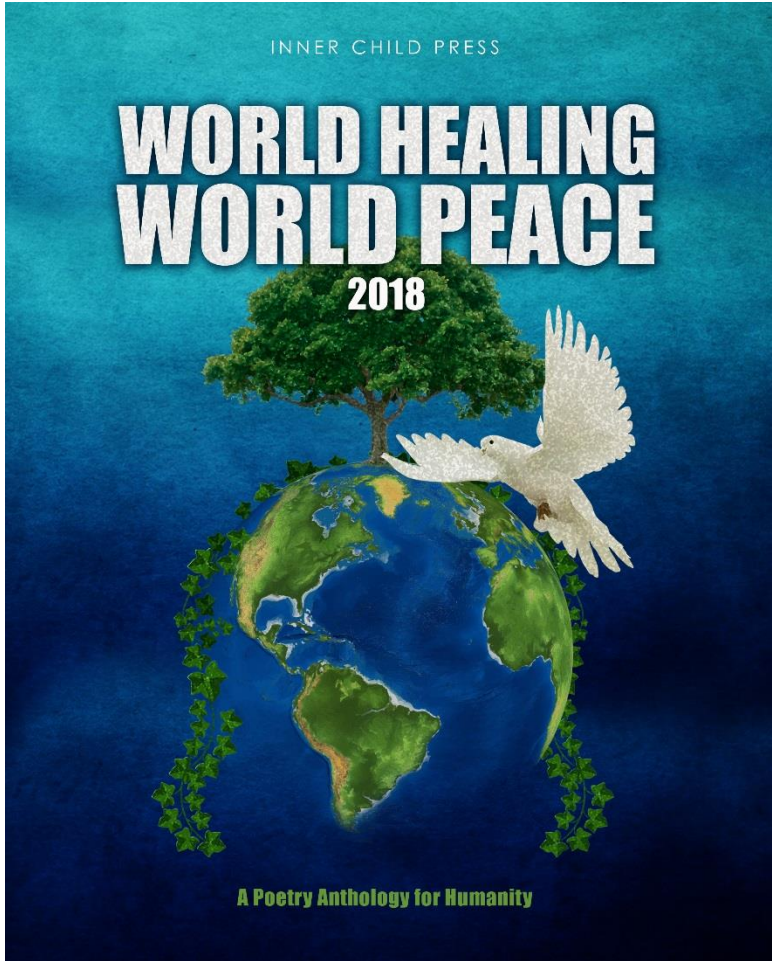
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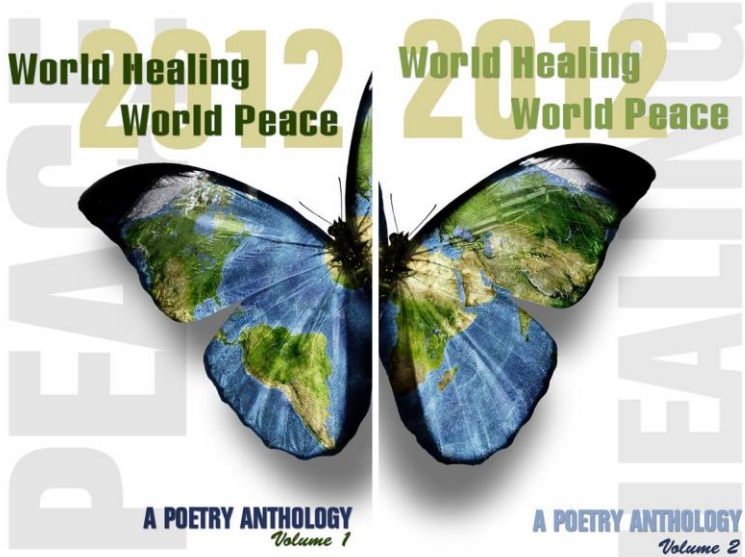
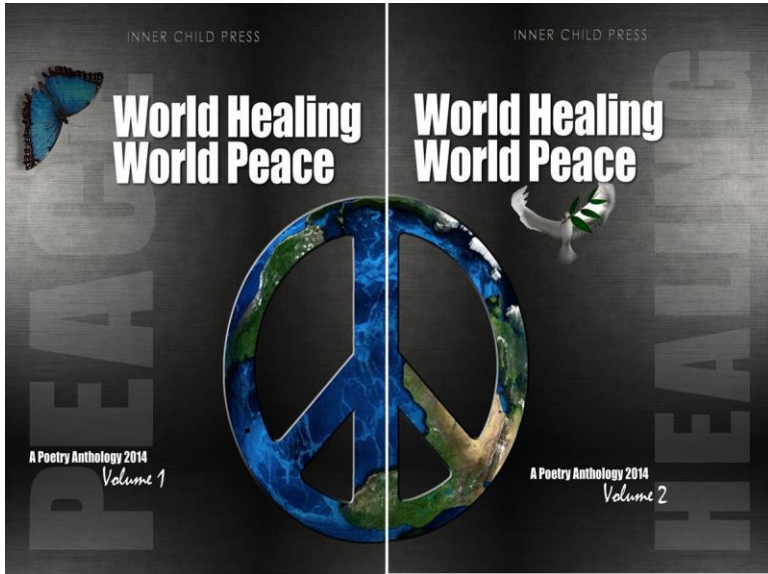
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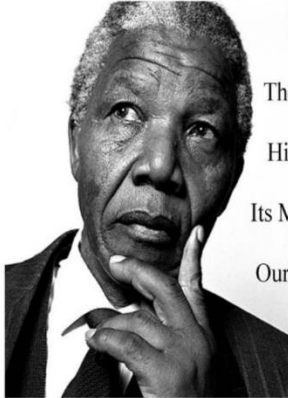
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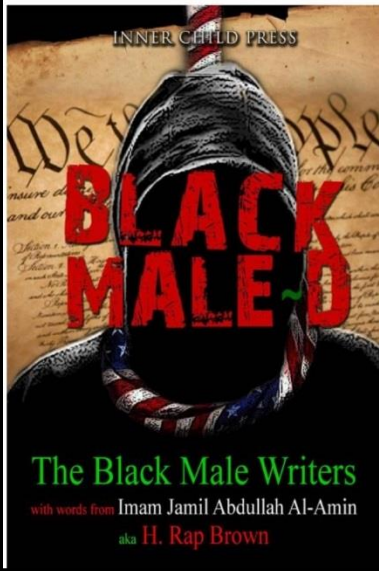
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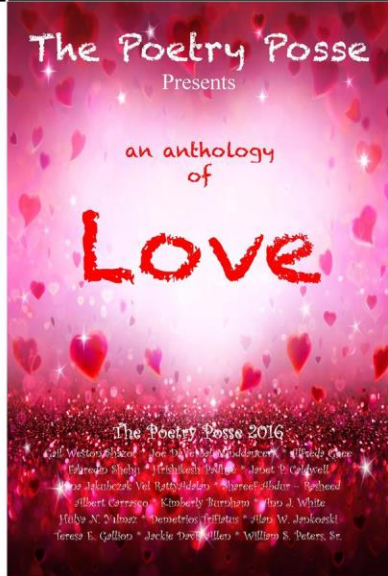
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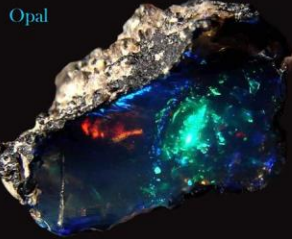
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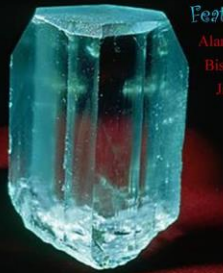
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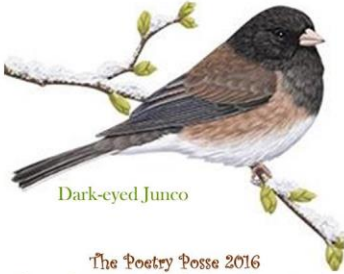
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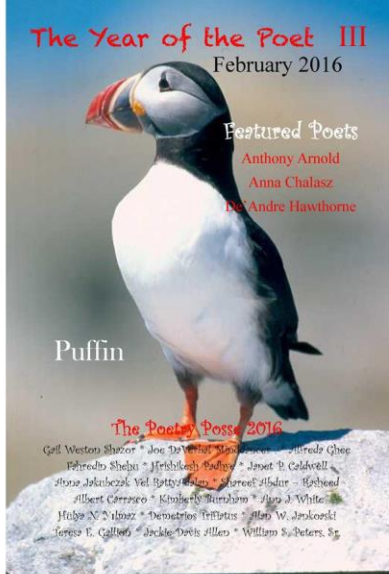
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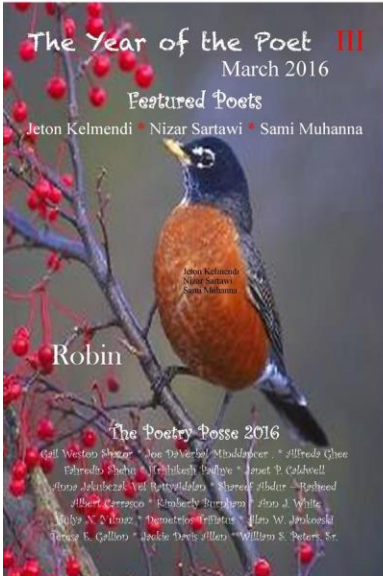
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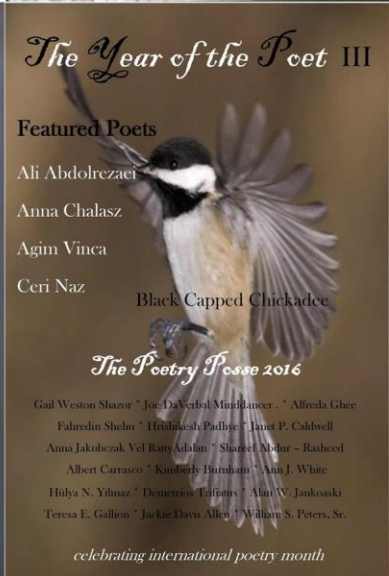
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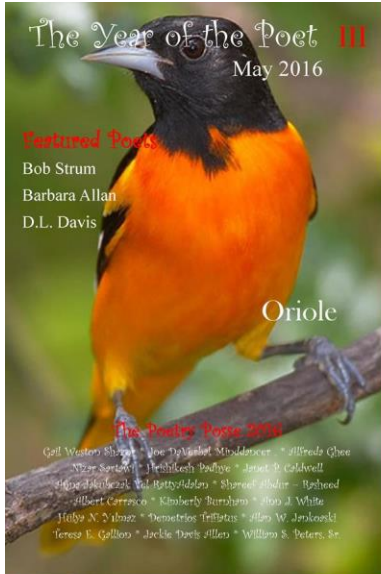
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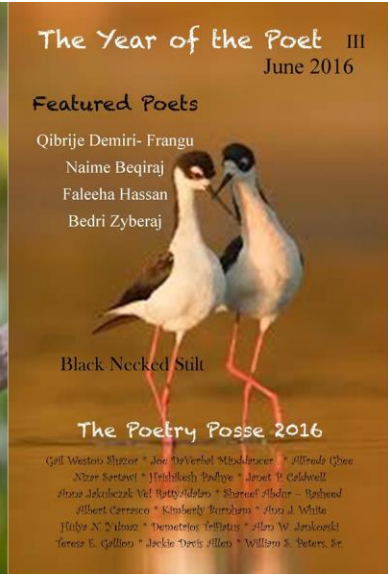


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Bob Strum
Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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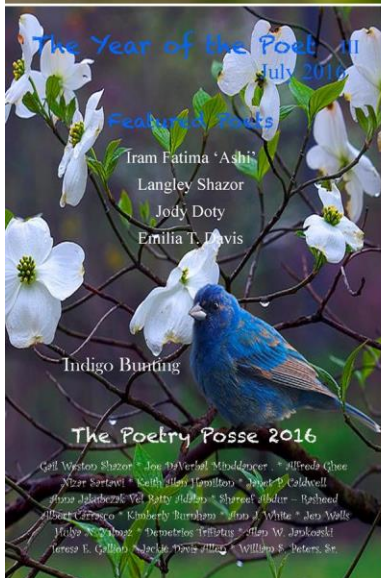


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June 2016

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Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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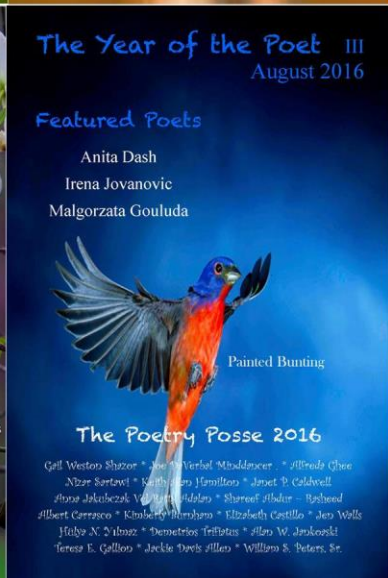


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July 2016

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Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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Anita Dash
Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Long Billed Curlew

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October 2016

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Tasha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore

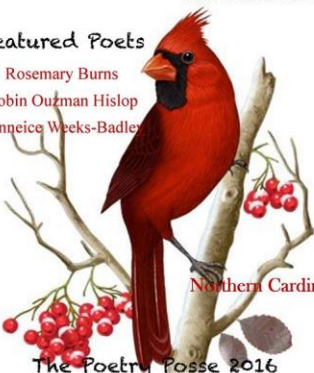


Barn Owl

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Featured Poets
Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonnie Weeks-Badle

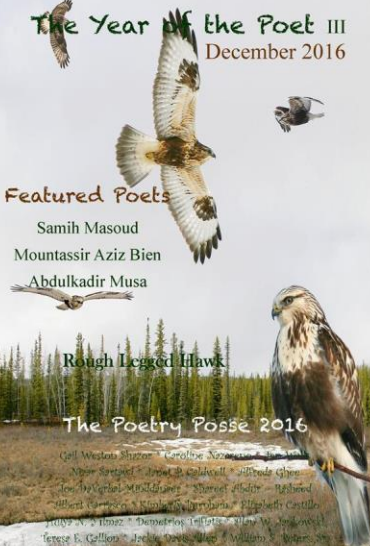


Northern Cardinal

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Featured Poets
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Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

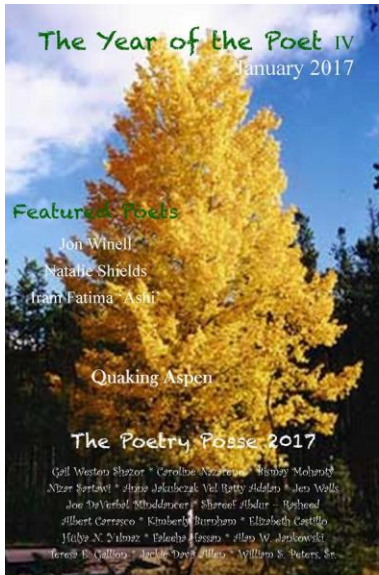
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Quaking Aspen

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Lin Ross
Sobkaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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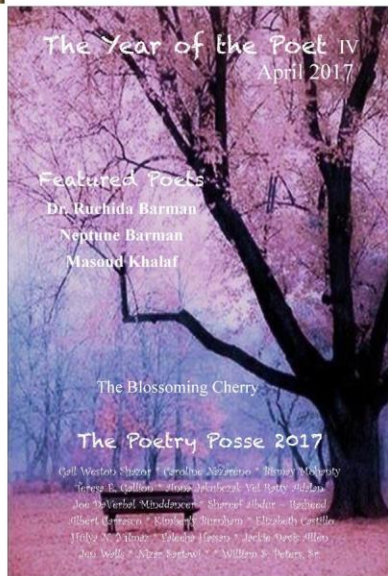


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Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaikh

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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Fethi Sassi

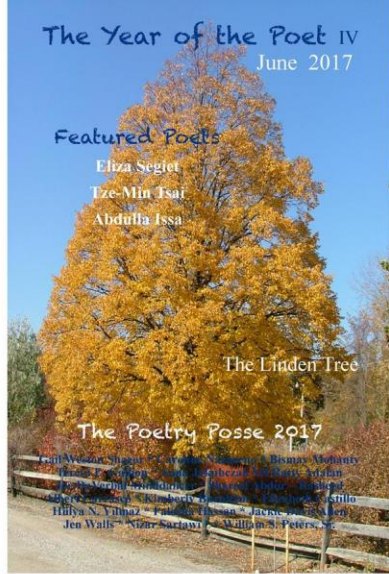
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Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

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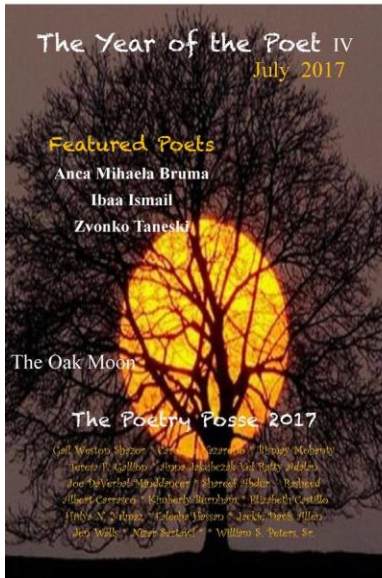
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Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



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Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree



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Ameer Nassir
Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



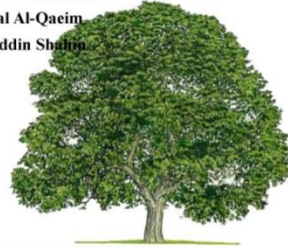
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Featured Poets

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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Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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Sabeen



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Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Acry

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'

Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Puerto Rico

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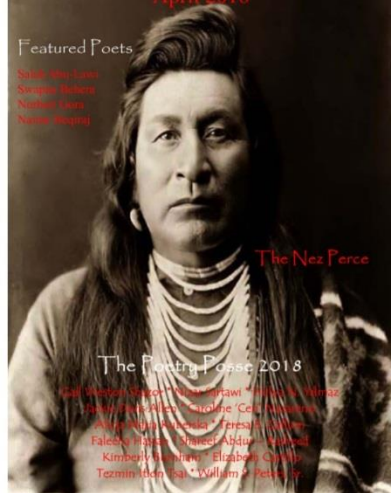
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Sarah Abu-Lala

Suzanne Belcher

Nathan Dean

Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska
Laudia Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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Featured Poets
Bilal Malqi * Daim Miftari * Gorko Božović * Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians

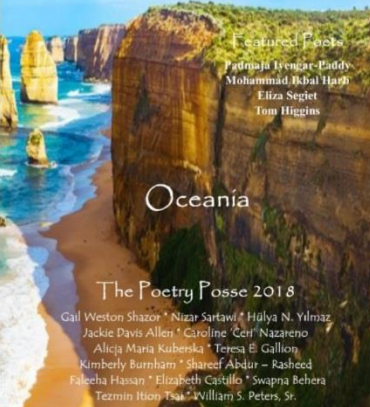


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Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Ikbal Hany
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swarn

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



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Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar



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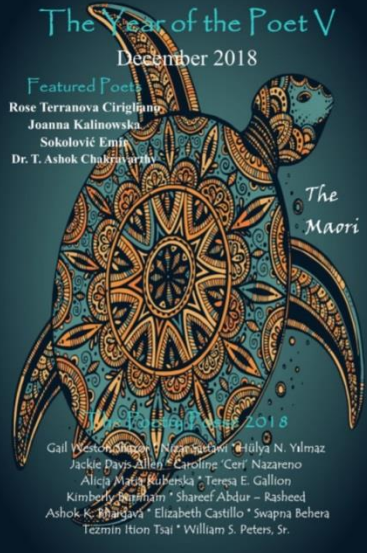
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Featured Poets

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



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Indigenous North Americans

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

Dream Catcher

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Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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March 2019

Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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April 2019

Featured Poets

DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sherif * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameeri



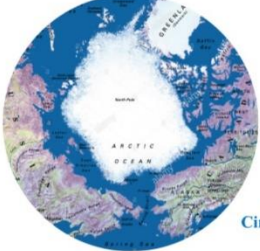
Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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



Arctic Circumpolar


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July 2019

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

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia Djibouti
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