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A LITTLE  
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# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

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can effectuate change!

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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

## Renowned Poets

### William Butler Yates

Each month, the Year of the Poet features a themed poem, and it gives me pleasure to invite readers to peruse the poems in this, the April 2024 issue.

Members, by name, The Poetry Posse, are invited to submit three poems, the first being a poem inspired, this month by the poet, William Butler Yates. We each, also submit two additional poems each month. These poems may or may not be inspired by the current issue's theme, whether penned in the poet's style or not. Or simply inspired by researching more about personal life of William Butler Yates.

Be assured that there is a wealth of poetry awaiting your perusal in this month's Year of the Poet.

Elsewhere, in this magazine, you will find an Introduction providing more and pertinent information about the Irish poet, Yates. I encourage you to avail yourself of that information.

Further research will provide you with his poetry, that, to this day, inspires other poets. Yates,

encouraged younger poets, for instance, Ezra Pound.

As a child, I remember hearing that my ancestors hailed from Ireland. As yet, that is not proven. At least to my knowledge. Nevertheless, living in southwestern Virginia, confined in Appalachia, by the Cumberland Mountains and snaking roads, no sidewalks, the sun arriving only at noontime, the moon, the size of a skinny, slivery slip of pale ivory, I longed for that which was not within my reach.

And poetry, to some extent, satisfied that need. It has taken me, then, as a child to places that my mind had never known! And, it still does!

I applaud you, the readers who hold this book in your hands. As you read, may you discover more about the poet William Butler Yates. And as you do, may you, possibly, discover something about yourself from the additional poetry contributions of The Poetry Posse! Could it be that there is a poetic voice within you, calling out, awaiting invitation to express itself?

Jackie Davis Allen

Poet, Artist

Northern Virginia

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# Preface

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

**WOW . . . a decade +.** We continue to be excited as we have now crossed over into our 11<sup>th</sup> year of **The Year of the Poet.**

This particular year we have chosen to feature renowned poets of history. We do hope you enjoy. Read ~ Learn.

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Renowned Poets

William Butler Yeats

1865 ~ 1939

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The Nobel Prize laureate Dubliner poet and playwright was born to a father, who was a lawyer and a prominent portrait painter, and a mother, who was the daughter of a successful merchant in Sligo, in western Ireland. He completed his education in Dublin and London and was involved in the Londoner *fin de siècle*. The young Yeats actively participated in and contributed to societies that were

committed to revive Irish literature—known as The Irish Dramatic Movement. In collaboration with Isabella Augusta, Lady Gregory, a dramatist and folklorist, he founded the Irish Literary Theatre, aka the Abbey Theatre and served as its chief playwright. Yeats dedicated the early period of his life to composing plays, on Irish legends for the most part.

The *Dublin University Review* was the first to introduce Yeats to the public in 1885 by releasing his two poems, “Song of the Fairies” and “Voices”, and an essay, “The Poetry of Sir Samuel Ferguson”. In 1886, his “Mosada” was printed privately by the same publisher as a booklet that appeared in the form of a short verse play. His first poetry collection which reflects his fascination with Irish sagas, mysticism and spiritualism was published in 1887. Scholars of the field assert that Yeats began a claim to fame following the publication of “The Wanderings of Oisín” and his other poems in 1889. Venturing into a path beyond the frequently-traveled one, we shall now use a little poetic license to allow a voice to our own views:

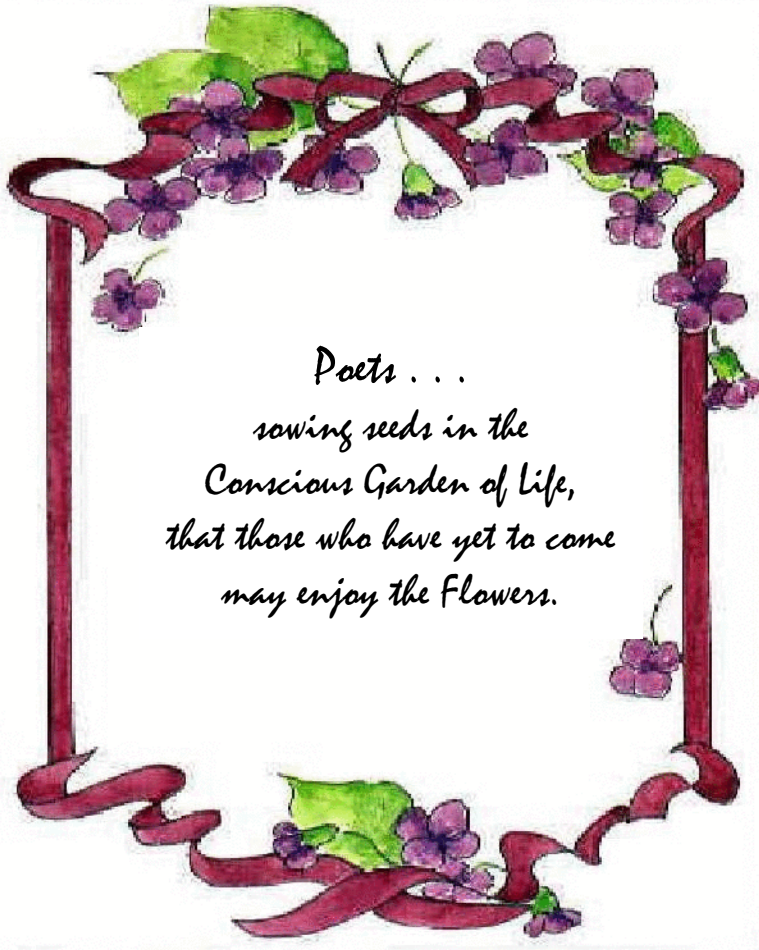
We who are old, old and gay,  
O so old!  
Thousands of years, thousands of years,  
If all were told:  
Give to these children, new from the world,  
Silence and love;  
And the long dew-dropping hours of the night,  
And the stars above:

Give to these children, new from the world,  
Rest far from men.  
Is anything better, anything better?  
Tell us it then:  
Us who are old, old and gay,  
O so old!  
Thousands of years, thousands of years,  
If all were told.

“If all were told: / Give to these children, new from the world, / Silence and love [. . .]” William Butler Yeats observes, and raises a timeless question: “Is anything better, anything better?” A question worth our contemplation, is it not?

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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



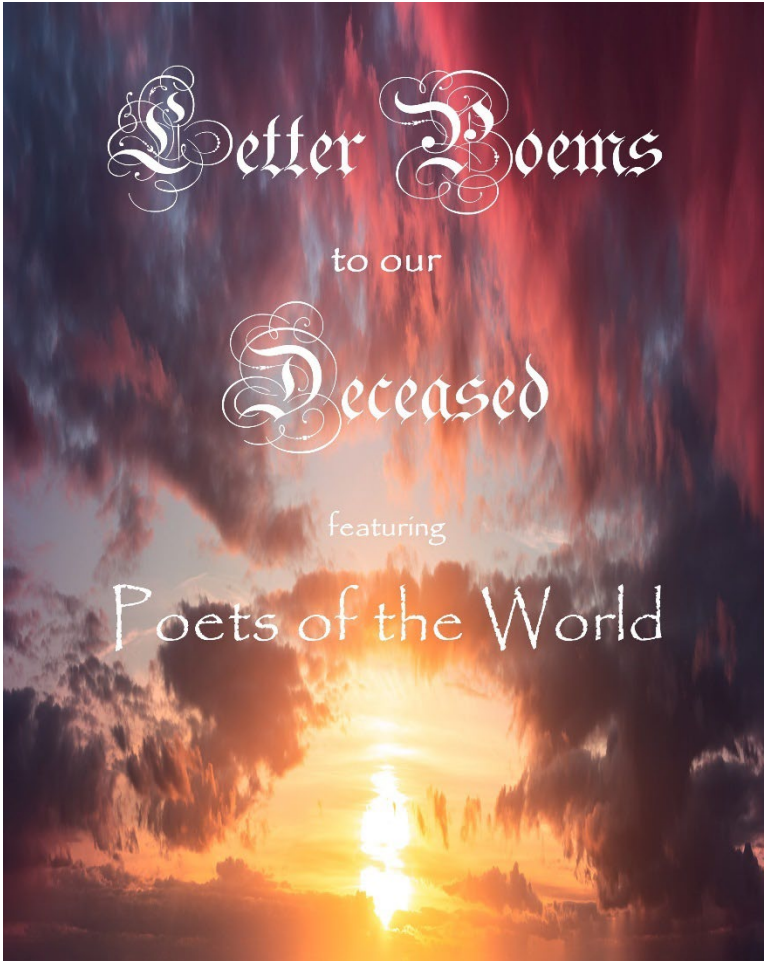




*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

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Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

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

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

## Fae

I would steal  
Your joy  
Your laughter  
Your smiles  
Your years  
For I know not  
Tears in rain  
Eyes closed against the sun  
Sorrow at death  
I may scare you  
Sometimes  
Because I want  
What you have  
and have always desired  
Humanity

## Neon Noise

Bottle ringing  
Ringing singing  
Turned on their side  
With the hole  
In the bottom  
Prescient  
Waiting lingering  
To be served  
With a forefinger and thumb  
Ready  
Glinting glasses  
Clinking toasting  
Amber blurs  
On the muzak  
Long Miles to go  
Blues in bitter fruit  
Salty sweet  
Stretching post to post  
Markers  
In unlit cigars  
Clenched between teeth  
Screaming  
I can't hear  
You



## Listen, Listen

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

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Gone were the days of hoops  
And playgrounds on the corner  
Time spent listening to learned ones  
Listen, Listen  
There is no razor wire up top  
And he gave himself away  
Until no one knew who he was  
They didn't know his name  
In the factories built on paddies  
Just another Joe

The tables had been turned on  
Turntables  
From which prophets speak  
Was that the music  
Or just the others  
Nah man  
This is where it's at  
And they turn the volume up louder  
Another man done gone  
Another man done gone  
Awaken to the message  
Of the leaders voices but it  
Ain't you  
Because you too scared of the song  
The gate is whispering to you  
Third eye close to the call  
Of the drumbeat  
And you won't be the man  
That they kill  
For running away  
Because they got you tracked  
GPS  
Smartphones

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

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

## William Butler Yeats

### *Celtic Songs*

Ireland can't be  
defined in a few lines,  
closed within a picture.

It is hard to find old spells  
- elusive, forgotten words.  
It is not easy to describe with a pen  
wind whistling ancient sagas,  
resurrect dead heroes,  
revive cut down, sacred trees.

Shadows of the druids,  
similar to huge oak trees,  
emerge from the twilight.

Their roots grow deeper and deeper  
in people's hearts and minds  
to leave a trace in the words of the songs  
- they never forget to hum  
about pride, courage, freedom.

## On the Bench

A hunched old woman,  
with a face like an autumn leaf,  
sat down in front of the house.

The sun and wind carved  
deep wrinkles on her face,  
the blue veins wrapped  
around her tired hands.

Nothing is happening today.  
She doesn't remember  
what happened yesterday  
- the past returns like waves.

A girl is sitting on a bench.  
biting unripe apples  
stolen from a neighbor's orchard.



## Time Differences

We walk past each other  
and we say casual greetings.  
You won't catch up with me.  
Merciless clocks mix  
my days with your nights.

We agreed not to meet.  
We pass one another  
like the sun and the moon.  
We touch each other with words  
to leave in a moment.

Picasso paints in our imagination.  
He brightens our dark planes,  
adds color to grays,  
sketches in unexpected curves.

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

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

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

In 2015 she authored *Looking for Rainbows, Poetry, Prose and Art*, and in 2017, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Both books of mostly narrative poetry were published by Inner Child Press and were edited by hulya n. yilmaz in 2019, *No Illusions. Through the Looking Glass*, which was nominated to be considered for a Pulitzer Prize by the publisher and editor of Inner Child Press, ltd.

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## The Irish Poet

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His pen bled Ireland's poetic blood,  
True to his nature, his poems  
Speak, even today, years later, long  
After he passed away in 1939.

From an early age, influenced  
By the poet Shelly, in his teens,  
He wrote; and at age 24, finally  
He was published.

Some may say, "Oh, he had privileges,  
His family was wealthy, his brother a painter,  
His sister, involved in the arts and crafts".  
No one can take away his gifts, then or now.

At the age of 58, in 1923, Yates, poet, mystic, Senator,  
Protestant, won the Nobel Prize for literature.

### Prelude to the Coronation

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O ancient star of gold  
You sparkle on the silvery mesh  
Of morning's frosty breath  
While dripping crystals of icy white  
Clinging to branches of budding coins,  
And in the wake of melting banks  
Of snow, seasonal treasures of  
Emerald and amethyst glow.  
Brilliant sunbeams streaming down  
On gilded keys, unlocking petals of ivory  
You awaken wine kissed dreams, while  
Suddenly, from branches of ebony  
Sparkling splashes of sapphire and ruby  
Streak across the azure sky  
And, Spring, revealed in all her glory,  
Returns and reigns on Winter's sigh!  
O ancient star of gold  
Sparkling on silvery mesh  
A treasured note, frosty cold, I confess,  
I often refresh the meter of my crystal lines  
I shudder to realize, to know  
Like butterflies in which you so delight  
Emeralds and amethyst now do glow  
Emerging in truth, both day and night  
Still you dance on gilded keys  
While I am tormented by recurring dreams  
Of long hidden sapphires and rubies  
You now perfume with wine kissed themes.

O ancient star of gold, you steal my story!  
Yet, another day I'll take back by glory!

## Respite in the Midst of the Storm

Could it be that this earth drenching

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is the way the Master Gardner gets our attention  
to give us an excuse?  
And, if you will,  
to take time out from our routine  
to do some of the things  
we've found ourselves saying?  
"I wish I had the time to....."

The storm continues,  
pittering and pattering, pittering and pattering  
tap, tap, tapping splash, splash, splashing.  
Boom, boom, booming, crash crashing!  
Blast blasting, and clap, clap clapping!  
The evening screams! Shrieks! A brilliant white lightning  
ignites the darkness of the night!  
Still, I continue to write, my paper accepting the words.

The reflection of the wet exuberance  
of nature is all around me.  
My breath fogs the cloudy windowpane;  
A thunderous voice announces!  
"Impending is the new birth! A greening of the earth!"  
And as for me, my muse hovers around.

The flickering candle, with a swoosh of air  
is extinguished as I venture to open the door.  
I breathe in the night's gift, hesitant  
to retire to my cozy bedroom. My thoughts continue,  
accompanied by the heaven's outpouring.  
Pitter, patter, pat, pat, tap tap, splash, boom, crash!  
The wet of the noisy night goes on! And, on!

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai



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

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

## Cold Stone Anvil Under the Autumn Moon

In the stillness of autumn night, the bright moon hangs in  
the arching cosmos,  
Casting its clear lustrous light upon the ancient window and  
speckled antique desk.  
A sense of desolation surrounds, with absolute silence  
falling upon all things, evoking an air of melancholy.

The distant clanging of the stone anvil, now breaking now  
continuing,  
Flows with the dying autumn breeze, dances with the  
descending fallen leaves.  
This mysterious rhythm is dreamlike, like a melody from  
another world.

While the neighbors have rested, I stand guard with my  
solitary lamp,  
Leaning against the window, listening to the silent  
conversations of nocturnal geese.  
It seems to echo the heartbeat of the universe,  
Or perhaps the whispers of old companions.

Beneath the moon, I sift through each word,  
Attempting to weave tales of the past into a fresh prose,  
Yet the words are like scattered jewels,  
Each falling to the ground, too resistant to form a poem.

Ah, the cold stone anvil under the autumn moon, to whom  
would play and probe it once more?  
Does it lament the forgetfulness of passing years, or nursed  
an unfinished sentiment?  
Or could it be the tearful sigh of autumn's end,  
Leaving behind only the grievances of the lonely deep  
night.

## Dance of the Soul

In the canopy of the heavens, a frozen stare hangs upon the  
limitless thread,

The millennia-old mountains in their tranquility, scrawl the  
tale of the passage of time with each step of the sojourner.

As if time's silken strands slide through the eye of destiny's  
needle,

Beside the coursing rivers, spirits stand sentinel beneath  
age-old arboreal sentinels.

In the veins of the sapient, the blossoming of flowers  
signifies nothing more than fleeting moments of dazzle.

Silently through a season, leaf upon leaf reel in the dance.

We emerge from a particle of dust and in the end, must  
dissolve into the wind

Star-shaped chessboard, dreams are steered by the  
illumination from the heart

In the expansive theatre of nature, fleeting visitors master  
the art of the mountain's stoic face.

Signposting the serpentine path of rivers, between the  
solemnity of cosmos and desolation.

Staring at our own reflection, we are minuscule yet  
shimmer like cosmic bodies.

In the woodlands, the whispering wind mutters,

Striving to rouse the liberty of my designated soul.

This piece of wilderness, the primordial scriptures between  
heaven and earth.

In the twilight of the setting sun, the seeds of wisdom,

Are chronicled in every single step of the journey, archived  
like poems of our miracles.

Within my own being, the instantaneous breath of  
awakening has long been awaiting.

## The Night Lamp Remains

As night falls, silence descends, and the lamp stands alone.  
In the darkness it seeks the embrace of solitude,  
The copper glow of the lamp on the mountainside reflects  
the past, lingering like smoke,  
The dim light of the lamp gently caresses the passage of  
time,  
Each flicker, a stirring of the soul.

Through the shattered window it draws the moonlight in a  
myriad of colors,  
Where the heart leads, let the years cut and reassemble,  
The night traveler asks, where is the way home?

Steps are lost, the night echoes the search in vain,  
The lamp remains silent, silently symbolizing the  
philosophy of life,  
In the emptiness, the lamp is soft, humming,  
In the silence we explore the beginning and the end of life,

History is being written, ink is flowing like a river,  
Each ray of light, wavering,  
Reflecting on itself over and over, wandering in the  
labyrinth of the night,  
The night has seeped into the bones, the heart's journey has  
returned to the sky,  
The lamp perseveres, the weak light maintains the  
remaining power of the residual oil.  
Contemplation with only a remnant of the night,  
At dawn, guiding until the morning light washes away.

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 :

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## William Butler Yeats

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B: 13 June 1865

D: 28 January 1939

one of the great artists  
of his time

major influence

literature

20th century

Nobel prize literature

1923 recipient

certainly, one the most  
highly regarded artist

Ireland produced

his poetry went through

transitions impacted

by the social/political

reality of the times

certainly, the advent

of the 20th century

and its global constant

growth as regards

modernism, social/

political unrest

world war,

certainly, Irish domestic

issues had great affect

on his work which

addressed the reality

of mortality

death was always

stalking

to appreciate every

breath to say the very

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least a under statement  
that dominated his  
appreciation of life  
reflected in his artistic  
expressions  
one of the greats of his  
time  
long live his work

fragments only..,

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what was left  
of humanity  
trickled down  
around me  
i thought certainly  
things not what  
they used to be  
where is humanity?  
many who appear  
to be  
turns out not to be  
apparently  
sincerity scarcity  
feelings seemed empty  
searched obituary  
looked for humanity  
didn't see  
went to cemetery  
read stones  
what goes?  
seemed humanity  
was gone  
chill covered me  
to think no humanity  
how can one live free,  
what's to become of me?  
i cried for mankind  
realized when i cried  
humanity hadn't died  
it's still alive in me  
hope remains  
eternally rains

## Bling

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got your nose?  
remember!  
all that glitters ain't gold  
as the "ol" saying goes  
even gold loses value  
just as what glitters  
turns out to be hollow  
hot today is  
cold tomorrow  
elation becomes deflation  
joy becomes sorrow  
when we're taken in by  
glittering bling today  
became a withering thing  
tomorrow  
even a rose that's fresh  
soon crumbles  
so goes health and wealth  
all signs designed to  
remind  
help keep us humble  
does here today gone  
tomorrow equal  
life eternal  
free of pain, sorrow?  
remember..,  
glitters value is zero  
in the grave  
where the only legal tender  
to negotiate  
is righteous deeds  
performed by the slave

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that he or she gave  
with pure intention  
hearts clean  
in surrender  
only to please their lord  
being the only endeavor  
who with undeserved mercy  
bestowed never owed  
admits them into gardens  
where beneath rivers flow  
where they will dwell forever  
fact is that's real, is bling?  
never!

Norøen  
Snydør

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Noreen Ann Snyder has been writing since she was a teenager. She writes a variety of different topics. Her favorite poetic forms are Sonnets, Blitz, Haiku, Tanka, and Free Verse. She always learning different poetic forms.

Noreen Ann Snyder is a poet, writer, and an author of five books, (four books are co-authored with her late husband, Garry A. Snyder.) Her poetry is in several Inner Child Press Anthologies. She is the founder of The Poetry Club on Facebook.



## William Butler Yeats

Yeats, an outstanding poet,  
one of the greatest poets of 20<sup>th</sup> century,  
the Nobel Prize in Literature 1923 winner  
and the first Irish person to do so,  
the writer of many colors,  
diversified poetry  
about love, religion, politics, social class,  
family, and so many many more.  
He is very talented, gifted, fascinating,  
interesting poet and writer  
who has captivated readers from around the world  
and always will.

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## Our Home (Haiku)

Filled with love, joy, peace  
filled with memories-good, bad  
the best place to be.

## A Live Orchestra

When the sky dances  
and colors sing,  
thunder roars,  
and the lightening flashes  
like watching the Heavenly orchestra.  
I know you're playing your guitar in Heaven,  
serenading me  
as Angels pluck their harps.  
Wishing for wings,  
so I can fly,  
watch and hear you in person  
like a live orchestra on a Heavenly stage.

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## The Immortal Yeats

His verses are immortal,  
Will be admired 'til the end of time  
Like "Leda and the Swan", his lines caress the soul  
Even the Uninvited Guest "Death" finds them sublime.  
Like a falcon, with keen eyes  
His "Second Coming" is a passionate depiction  
Spiritual, awakening, and apocalyptic  
"He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven",  
An intricate play of words yearning for richness.

## Stigmata

He carries the weight of the world upon His shoulders,  
Gave up His life for Man's redemption  
Sacrificed His own blood to save the world  
And for sins to be forgiven,  
These deep wounds appearing on the palm of my hands  
Symbolic of the stigmata inflicted on His pitiful body  
The vortex of life ebbed at the center  
Signifying a new life, the dawning of a new tomorrow.



## My Calling

Have you discovered your Highest Calling?  
The True Purpose of your birth upon the Earth  
Some might still be roaming around in circles  
Still not finding the answers which are just within  
themselves.  
It comes, it appears like a thief in the night  
You just wake up one day and boom!  
Everything clicks!  
You find yourself doing things that you love ever since you  
were a kid  
The kid who dreamed, the innocent soul who once  
imagined herself to become someone,  
'Til doors were opened, windows welcomed her  
And triumphantly exclaims: "This is my calling!"

Mutawaf  
Shahzad

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C. E. Shy has been writing since the seventh grade. He continued writing through high school, until he became more involved in sports. After his graduation, he worked at the White Motors Company where he wrote for the company's newspaper. He started a column called: "The Poet's Corner." That was his first published work.

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## At the Gates

Clearing hidden paths that block the gates.

Not much time to enunciate.

Using the letters as counter weights.

Making certain the message resonates to those who are  
unfortunate.

Probing the uncertainties that lie ahead.

Some of those things I may love, some of them I may  
dread.

Being one of those who forge ahead.

Speaking for the living and the dead.

Many things can't be seen, but can be said.

In the works done by me will be read.

Stretching out as far as I can.

The ultimate of all understanding is in no man's hand.

Stranded at the liberation station waiting to finish the ride.

## Dilemma

Will it be lemon, lime or lavender?  
What will the lady like? It might make  
her like me even more, if her common  
scents know my intentions.

I think the ladies can arrive at conclusions,  
when bro man can't see anything coming.  
Should it be brown, blue or a different  
shade of gray?

Green is for the grass and leaves, when  
they please the summer seasons. Wow  
I forgot to get my things out the cleaners.  
I guess these faded jeans will have to do.

Apples, peaches, pears or plums? She will  
be impressed when she comes. Table cloth  
or placement mats?

You think she will pay any attention to that?  
I'll bring out my dog and put away my cat.  
She said, she had a gift to give my Pitbull  
Rex.

I don't have time to wash the windows today.  
I'll just close them and pull down the blinds.  
The doorbell rings, and she steps inside.  
I hand her flowers and she started to sneeze.

Her blue contacts came loose, the extensions  
fell off and the eyelashes too. A few minutes  
later, I asked, "who the hell are you?"

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She pressed on her nails trying to get them  
to stick. She shook her fist, and had this to say,  
“you must take this, for I have no other kind.”

## Private Bedlam

When she entered the room,  
he had I quit on his face.  
There was nothing available  
to resist her. There was no  
defense against her  
determination.

He knew the closer she came,  
the less he could restrain  
himself. She made up her  
mind that she was coming  
after him and there was no  
place to run.

Her beauty disabled him.  
He saw her before at the  
grocery store. She smiled  
at him once at the gym.

He thought how unfair it  
was that she could so  
easily take advantage of  
him.

He felt so common and  
unattractive when she  
was around him. Why  
would she wants to be  
with him?

She had the ability to bring  
that out in a man. Her smile



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was a command. The way she  
walked, it said, "I run this!"

He shouldn't have accepted  
the invitation to the bedlam  
show! He finally was able  
to escape though a broken  
window in his mind. He never  
thought of her again, that was  
the only way to win.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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

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

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

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## fin de siècle

late 19th century  
Germany, France, England, Austria,  
along with others . . .

extreme aestheticism  
fashionable despair  
world-weariness  
sophistication  
escapism

self-appointed  
self-assessed

elitist?

## Yeats' Prayer for His Daughter

Like an ordinary person,  
Yeats voices parental wishes  
for his newborn in his fatherly existence.

“A Prayer for My Daughter”,  
he names his modernist poem.  
His hopes and expectations galore.

A definition of a woman-to-be  
and visions of a happy life for his offspring  
emerge lovingly from his poetic construct.

Heartfelt  
like an ordinary person . . .

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**escapism**

emotions run high

meander in nature then

breathe in her dazzle

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Homage to Yeats

Reading your biography  
tells a tale of humble beginnings,  
difficulty with math and languages.  
Possibly because of dyslexia  
and tone deafness.

Greatness often emerges from humility.  
Not schooled in the formalities of writing,  
your pen spoke to you at the  
tender age of 17. You developed  
and expanded into a master writer.

Your creative legacy was given  
a Nobel Prize in literature and  
recognition as a major 20<sup>th</sup> century  
English language poet.

You are identified as a Symbolist poet  
who uses allusive imagery and symbolic  
structures throughout your work.  
A timeless quality in the eyes of many.

## Slow Ascent

They play in the elysian fields.  
His beautiful fur balls of black and white  
and her delicate bare feet  
massage blades of grass.

Eternal flames streak across  
the heavenly planes,  
exposes naked healing.  
She lets go of painfulness.

The longing that weighs  
heavy on her soul rolls away.  
Her fur baby purrs a love song  
in praise of freedom.

Shadows close the veil  
of sadness around her soul.  
Joy makes love to her smile.  
She tenderly squeezes her big love.

## Open Arms

When you learn to swim  
through waves of pain,  
you are on the path  
to freedom to be you.

Let all your healing bleed  
on the blank space.  
Climb the white walls  
of your writing room  
and smack the ceiling  
with word power.  
Watch a stream  
of lines reach for the floor.

Now sweep them into stanzas  
with your delicate broom straws.  
Let them float around the room.  
You have entered the place  
of imagery and amazement  
where flowers bloom from words.

Water has no remorse for those  
who bathe in need of purification.  
Come hither and float  
in the pure flow of lyrics.  
When you are ready,  
I will take you to the writer's lodge.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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

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



## Light of a Flame / Symbolism

*For William Butler Yeats*

What is unsaid speaks louder, clearer and  
paints vivid images of the unseen

wind among the reeds  
appealing the spirits to talk.

Every present moment  
perpetuates the unknown

between the earth and the sky  
pulsating with mysticism.

It's an idea waiting to be uttered  
to fill the empty souls with

the brightness of the verse  
with perpetual virginity of the soul.

## Light

Your soft beam touches  
my bare loneliness

a cool-wave embrace  
of a Milky Way.

You are a moon  
that shows dark specks

devoid of innocent  
bright light.

I am hope:  
a crush of crushed

bones  
underneath the skin.

In the end we are only  
tiny particles of light  
not the reflection  
on the river surface.

We are shards of light  
torn and broken

unafraid  
of darkness.

The path to go back to home  
is not out there, it is inside the heart.

## In Search of Eternal Life

The water of Ganga  
Failed to wash my sins  
Yet just few drinks of whisky  
Washed them clean and  
Mortification of flesh  
Nurtured divinity in me  
But why the heart of a man  
Keeps changing.

Rain follows rain  
Nights are long  
I wake up  
Drowsy eyes in the morning  
Flowers fresh from the night rain  
Give off sweet fragrance  
Raindrops on the grass smile  
Ah that is a beautiful life

poetry  
recitals  
sweet gatherings

are a source of light  
that burns  
quietly  
eagerly  
to enter us  
when we are ready

and then it shines  
inside of us with  
a lucid revelation  
of deep love

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to light up the marvelous  
pleasures  
like a full moon

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Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

Among her poetic belts include **Gabrielle Galloni Memorial Panorama International Youth Award 2022**, Panorama Youth Literary Awards 2020, 7th Prize Winner in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada ‘Amazing Poet 2015’, The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua. Her poetry and children’s stories have been featured in different anthologies and magazines worldwide.

Links to her works:

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

[https://apwriters.org/author/ceri\\_naz/](https://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/)

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



## Castles and Queens

(A response to William B. Yeats)

When the sun shines over a woman's face  
Her beauty radiates throughout  
Beyond the world or words;  
Describing every strand of her hair  
Ageing gracefully,  
Her crown over the fields of memories,  
Castles of her achievements  
From storm to storm;  
Her mind is a theater of purpose,  
Where her talents are curtains of victorious laments  
From the breaking dawn to the dusk,  
She is alive,  
The queen of greatest play!

## The Rain Keeps Falling

every time i hold a glass of water,  
i think of its every drop,  
its mild dew kissing  
the surface of the glass,  
I think it can rinse trepidation,  
The tears of joy and of pain,  
for now, waiting for the rain  
so all dark matters  
could be drowned in the abyss.

## Walls

Sometimes, life is so hard  
That it pushes you back,  
Sometimes, you cry over it,  
Trying to break free,  
It becomes a mimicry,  
Of lonesome spirit,  
When the light streaks get in,  
There is hope in every wall,  
Walls divide us,  
When the heart doesn't recognize  
Your presence and worth.

Swapna  
Behera

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

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## William Butler Yeats

the Irish poet and politician  
his poems rhythmic and structured  
vigorous and direct  
evocative symbols he used  
the rose, bird, wheel,  
tree, water, air, fire or tower  
the first Irish noble laureate in literature  
whose popular modernist work  
“A prayer for my daughter”  
masterpiece is his poem “The second coming”  
a senator and founder of Irish literary theatre  
who rides with fairies upon the wind  
and dances upon the mountain like a flame

## that's why I say, come

that's why I say  
please come to my  
vintage village  
you can see the bone marrows  
carrying the forest  
the flowing river with fresh water  
sprinkle myriads of aboriginal knowledge  
here or there  
segments are fragile  
ligaments are broken  
but yet the soil whispers  
lo behold  
here winks the new dawn  
the straight line of the spine is bent  
carrying the basket of grains  
the farmer knows where to sow the seeds  
when to harvest  
how to preserve grains for future  
the ants, honeybees  
carry the spring fire on their back  
the dimples of the carnival  
celebrate the season's breathe  
who creates Gods?  
that's why I say  
please come and feel HIS presence  
I think man creates God



## thunder, blunder and wonder

he said "I married a wonder woman"  
she washes, cooks, teaches, cleans  
takes care of family, doggie and garden  
saves money, water, electricity  
travels in public transport  
she is the jewel who smiles all the way to solve  
she knows to love  
she is the wonder woman  
he said "I married a thunder woman"  
who shouts, screams  
never tolerates indiscipline  
she divides the work  
she earns, takes an off day and rests  
pampers herself, celebrates her entity  
a crisis manager she is  
each member follows her stricture  
she is the thunder woman  
he said "I have no wife"  
she died last year  
each night she is crucified on the bed  
her purse is empty always  
she never demands  
so do we never think about  
her sickness or her needs  
her voice is silent  
last night she committed suicide  
the children lost a mother  
the man planned to get another girl  
she is the blunder woman  
three women on the stage  
three perceptions towards life  
dignity; thou art the common agenda for all

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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### Infinite Poetry

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## William Butler Yeats

I am a Irish poet, dramatist and writer,  
In fact my work made me one of the foremost figures of  
20th century literature,  
I was a driving force of the Irish literary revival and a  
founder of the Abby Theatre.  
Poetry was something I loved at an early age, I always  
wanted to see my name on a book or speak to the masses as  
I grace a stage.  
I wanted to be like my Dad in some way, he painted  
pictures and portraits,  
So did I, the difference between him and me was that I  
painted mental pictures, as a poet.  
Art ran in the family, my brother painted and my sisters  
were crafty.  
In 1923 I was awarded the Nobel peace prize in literature,  
then right after I became an Irish free state senator.  
I was a fierce opponent of individualism and political  
liberalism,  
I'd rather have nationalist leadership and an authoritarian  
system.  
My views were express through music, acting, dance, in  
congress, especially through poetry

## Bx Slums

It's been two decades since I started tapping keys, sharpening pencils to meet my mind specs and leaving traces of pen ink across paper. my forte is well known... poverty, drugs, jail and murder. I'm in my own lane, it's an Audubon of happiness and hurt paved by joy and pain. Infinite is one of a few that remain from the birth circa of the game who soaked in sun rays, witnessed three days of blood rain and lifetime sentences ending trap reigns. I chose to write and spit scars in the form of urban poetic bars to enlighten those that are out here chasn fast money, fast women and fast cars, I was there, I was with many men yelln out...the world is ours. When I'm in my zone I'm digging deep to memory hone, so much runs through my head... hunger, money, fun, laughter, then disaster, football numbers and flowers for the dead. I see red, written words are how I tear shed, for others it's wisdom being spread. I drop jewels for diamonds in the rough whom will most likely lose their shine to caskets and cuffs. I still be in trenches, nothing changed but the players wanting necks and wrist to drip vvs's. History will constantly repeat, mistakes aren't learnt from, I could spit a piece from 08 written bout the 80's run and it'll sound as if I wrote it today about life in these BX slums

## Agony

The agony, the pain, after they pulled the trigger this is what the bullet rang after the bang, as It twirls like little ballerina girls, its searching for death, or the best thing next, like being a veggy or paraplegic, a wheelchair is detrimental , when feet have no use for walking on cement, or after being bullet riddled we become bed ridden, with a tube leading to a bag, for us to piss and shit in. If we do walk again after the hot spirally object impacts, we may walk with limps, or with a set of crutches for amputated limbs, or a walker with tennis balls on the ends so we don't slip. Burn marks mark our body from every bullet that left a clip. I tried to tattoo over what guns do, if you look you can't tell, but if you touch your feel rugged epidermis where the bullets went through, they protrude. When its foggy or it rains, I got a slug by my lung, on these days I feel the most pain, they say they spray with no names, not this day I was the indented target to this lame, he called a queen out her name, so I came with the knuckle game like Mosley, next thing you know he pulled the trigger, the bullet rang after the bang, that sucker left me with 4 holes staggering into emergency, they started flushing me, lead poison testing me, it was a 50 50 chance to live if they operated me, I was only 16, moms chose to opt out of surgery on me. To the street world I am now an outsider, but inside me ill forever have a street life reminder.

Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich



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Michelle Joan Barulich was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. She started writing poetry and songs with her

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younger brother Paul. They have written many songs in their teen years. She is currently studying Alternative Medicine and would like to become a Homeopathic Doctor. Michelle loves all kinds of animals and birds; she does wild rehabilitation. She has also rescued rock pigeons that make great pets.

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Dear William

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Dear William, what a driving force you were  
from poet to writer to winning the Nobel Prize in Literature  
You were a symbolist poet  
Using imagery and abstracts thoughts  
Your books and poems are still in demand  
Your words, your thoughts, and your poems  
Will always remain timeless treasures.

Inside the Light

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Growing up in this world  
Was very hard to take  
But growing up in the future  
Will be much harder to make  
I see no doors open for me  
Chances are they are locked  
I see no keys being handed to me  
Because the boats in the harbor are docked  
Inside the lights  
Holds nightmares for me  
Inside the light death is all I see  
Inside the light I'm reaching in  
Where happiness is something, people have to lend  
Sitting in silence in my room  
I'm reaching the end  
Where happiness something people have to pretend.

Middle Ground

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All I wanted was some time  
Some time, to sort things in my mind  
We were once young and free  
Didn't have to look back  
Now, every day that approaches me  
I find myself lost  
Found out that there is no middle ground  
Walking down the isolated road  
Finding myself choosing once again  
Walking down the deserted road  
I hear my lover call  
We were once young and free  
I find myself lost  
Found out there is no middle ground  
All I need is some time  
Some time, to make up my mind  
Finding myself standing upon the middle ground now  
We were once young and free  
Didn't have to look back at all.

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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



## Saving the World

*In memory of William Butler Yeats*

The purity of the moon,  
the enchanting sounds  
were the light of his imagination.  
He believed  
that dormant thoughts were better awakened  
when music merged with them.  
Fascinated by mythology,  
he was capable of reviving history  
and saving the world with words.

The eternity of stone,  
of which he wrote,  
is the anchor  
around which  
history takes place.  
And he, despite the horror that surrounded him,  
is a symbol of the strength of heart.

*\*William Butler Yeats is considered one of the greatest poets of the 20th century. He represented to the Protestant Anglo-Irish minority.*

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## Tangles

Memories rustle in her,  
but she knows  
he is where he belongs –  
with the one he doesn't love  
but is with,  
with the one  
he cheats on.

Bathed, rested,  
ready for new experiences,  
every day  
he went out to handle affairs.

She doesn't want to be the second,  
third, or next one anymore...

Memories remain  
– those tangles of common time  
and regret that  
he always went back to where  
he came from.

He was everything to her,  
she  
– a variety to the monotony.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Contours

Now  
they don't need anything from her,  
they have no reason to call  
after all  
she could always manage,  
and they  
– are fine without her.

Once again, she understood  
that friendship  
was an illusion.

After the years, she remembers  
only the contours  
of hands outstretched in need.

Once,  
the sound of the phone  
cut through her silence,  
now  
– only she remains.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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Bill's writing career spans a period of well 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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## A poem to William

I like that name  
And the fact, like me  
He claims to be a poet,  
Or is it the world  
Who titles us as such?

Though I am not quite there,  
I perhaps some day  
Will be eulogized  
As a significant wordsmith . . .  
And perhaps not . . .

Is my vanity showing . . .  
Well,  
Just the same  
I thank you William  
For lending unto us that follow  
Some guidance  
As to what  
Excellence looks like

## All done

Convictionistically, she looked at me  
And I knew I was condemned  
By my own admission

My conundrums of innocence  
Would not hold up in court,  
And appeals and mercy  
Were out of the question

I was waiting for a plea deal,  
And she agreed  
To allow me to live . . .  
And I was thankful

.....

I was done for

...

All because I ate her Nutella

....

In my defense,  
I did wash out the empty jar  
And put it in the recycle bin . . .

.....

That's how I was caught!

. . . maybe I should have taken the label off!



## Church Styles

Some are frigid landscapes  
Painted warmly upon the canvass,  
Depicting hidden stories  
Begging to come to life  
In our consciousness

Others are balmy glimpses  
Into the things  
That move things  
Within us

Trees and skies  
Tell of our hopes perhaps  
And the ever-present waters  
Reminds us to not stagnate  
Though we are deciphering  
The colors offered

Nothing is quite acutely lucid,  
And thus allows me,  
The onlooker, admirer  
Room for a little wiggle  
In my imagination

Let us go to 'Church' now  
And listen to the silence  
Upon the canvass

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Hassanal Abdullah, a Bengli poet, translator, lyricist, editor, and critic, who was born in Bangladesh and has immigrated to United States in 1990. He introduced *Swatantra Sonnets*: seven-seven stanza pattern and abcdabc efgdefg rhyming scheme and authored over 50 books in different genres. His *Collected Poems* (in Bengali) has been published in two volumes (560 pages each) from Dhaka. Abdullah's poetry has been translated into eleven languages and he has been invited to International Poetry Festivals in Poland, Greece, China, India, Canada, Mexico, and Kenya. He is the editor of *Shabdaguchha*, an International Bilingual Poetry Magazine, celebrating 25 years of publication. Abdullah is the recipient of *Ianicious* International Prize of Klemens Janicki (2021) from Poland, the Homer European Medal of Poetry and Art (2016), and a translation grant from the Queens Council of the Arts (2019), New York. His work has been translated into eleven languages. He has been a New York City High School math and computer teacher since 1998.

## Swatantra Sonnet 111

The world trembles in fear of atomic fusions.  
Splitting its rib of grief, and targeting humans,  
the long-range missiles rumble for a faster speed.  
Like erect-penises, wrecking huts and bunkers,  
cowardly, they carry out immense explosions,  
and continue blood thirst for children and women.  
Modernism now giggles with incredible greed.

A protest rally, at which sheer anger smolders,  
speeds up in a daunting possibility, though,  
hunger, non-schooling, homelessness, and, in the  
realm  
of poverty, the uprising power-mongers,  
smartly put it out, and sit on the poor's shoulders.  
Hence, the earth-hole erupting a blood-volcano—  
warplanes dwell in its froth with ballistic emblem.

## Swatantra Sonnet 154

I do urge you not to keep my dead body here.  
Boarding me on birds' wings, please send me to the  
green

grass, where the bucolic paths run across as robes  
into the gold-mouthed village of my boyhood-land.  
The huge tree standing at the bank of the pond near  
my house, still waiting to receive me. I have been  
wanted, too, by the mango and banana groves,

boundless mustard flowers glittering like the stars,  
guarded me for sixteen years, would kiss my body  
at their palpable touch. Through my respiration,  
moment by moment, I still feel them calling and  
asking me to stay. On a dewy morning, birds  
ease me down, soothe me with tailorbird's melody—  
I'll stay forever in rural inspiration.



## Swatantra Sonnet 185

I have withdrawn myself after a surprise visit.  
Still, a vertebral cry of life exits within  
the essence of laughter and pain; baby's cradling—  
rivers' ruffling—storm—lure and lawful ordeal;  
eventful exuberance, more of what seems fit  
is rage, unlimited seductive sex, and begin  
the human pensive pleasure of manifold rattling . . .

Still, there is nothing specific about the tour.  
Defeating million of sperms, leaving them behind,  
it seems now, it is good to get to the ballroom  
of success. Showing, knowing, and smelling to feel—  
these trifling ruminations—arguments, and more,  
saving me a cot in green to sleep with mankind  
and then, granting me to vanish in a vacuum.

Johnny  
Takkødasila

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Johny Takkedasila is a popular young poet, storyteller, novelist, critic, translator, and editor. Apart from writing poetry, stories, novels, and criticism in Telugu, he also translates literature from different languages into Telugu and translates Telugu literature into Hindi and English.

So far, he has published 19 books. Two of his famous long poems are 'Y,' which focuses on the third gender, and 'Uri Madhyalo Bodrai,' which explores the female organ.

He wrote the first Telugu novel on gay community issues titled "Madi Daatani Mata." Additionally, he has written a novel on the Devadasi system called "Devudi Bharya" and a novel on illicit relationships titled "Ranku."

In 2023, he received the Central Sahitya Akademi Award for his Criticism book "Vivechani." Which contains 50 criticism essays on poetry, story books, novels and criticism.

He is also making significant contributions to children's literature. He has published a collection of stories addressing children's problems, the first Telugu novel on children's rights, and a criticism book on children's stories.

## Need a New Vagina

Don't speak of love, let it be,  
If there is no love, how can romance be found?  
Only unsatisfied desires leave their mark,  
Love changes as the seasons change.

Let's converse openly, what's the matter?  
Not yesterday's love, let's not shatter.  
I stated it openly, without disguise,  
Yesterday's allure still gleams in our eyes.

New valleys, hills, what's this, my friend?  
Let's talk openly, without amend.  
Today we seek, without refrain,  
A new vagina, breasts, and buttocks, the aim.

Why blame only men, let's not pretend,  
Women too desire something fresh to mend.  
Not yesterday's penis, let's discuss,  
In the dark, bodies meet, no need to fuss.

This is the truth, Naked reality.

## Private Part

Shouldn't I declare what I hold dear?  
Why do they decide  
What's embraced & denied within my skin?

I yearn for the freedom to voice my desires,  
The liberty to converse about my physical form,  
I demand the right to opine  
About my sacred vagina and nurturing breasts.

Who grants them the authority to say  
Which body may be seen, and which concealed?  
Yes, I cherish my vagina and breasts,  
What's amiss in that? Pray, tell me.  
Who sanctioned this regime to prescribe  
The scope and depth of discourse,  
Enshrouding me, my words, and my essence  
In shadows for ages unending?

Who are they to define  
What remains hidden in my frame?

Your sweat, the decomposed semen,  
Nerves that swell like water's fleeting bubbles and then  
burst—  
This ode is dedicated to you,  
The creators of histories, the chroniclers of words,  
The bearers of truths, and authors of books,  
Exploring my breasts, my vagina, my buttocks,  
And myriad other facets of my existence.

In speech, in stride, in every breath,  
Between parted fingers, nestled between my thighs,

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Near the spectrum of hues between my bosom,  
On the trimmed hairs, or the droplet clinging to my brow,  
On my earlobes, on my toes... All hail to you  
Who governs my corporeal vessel.

I yearn for discourse, not division,  
For words and questions, not silence,  
For comparisons, not mere symbols,  
For resilience and birth, not surrender to death,  
For existence, unadulterated and untamed.  
I yearn for the freedom of my very breath,  
Ultimately, I demand the rights to my entirety—  
My organs, unshackled, complete, and free.

This is not merely a poem; it's a profound inquiry,  
Not a tale of suffering, but a testament to our struggle.

## When Do Bangles Break?

When I sprinkle water on my feet,  
Eyes painted upon them,  
If the sun scorches those painted eyes,  
A wilderness of life within me will perish.

He hunted my body, from toe ring to nose pin,  
Used and thrown like a corpse,  
My navel, the region below, between my thighs,  
Becomes a lifeless form.

When I sleep next to him at night,  
Something enters me, an unbidden delight.  
What's wrong if the work is done reluctantly?  
Isn't decoration meant for your entry?

A bell rings in the distant space,  
Immediately, it seems, someone shouts, "Allah o akbar."  
Nearby, someone prays with grace,  
"Oh Jesus, save my child,"

It's as heavy as lead in my ears,  
Then it seems! Sources to deny.

When do bangles break, I wonder and ponder?  
I am not seeking anyone's death;  
Freedom from discrimination.

Change doesn't need axes and knives,  
I should only have the right to my body.



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Rajashree  
Mohapatra

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Rajashree Mohapatra: Born in Odisha in India has received her master's degree in 'History' and 'Journalism and Mass Communication' from Utkal University, Odisha. She is a teacher by profession. Being a post graduate in 'Environmental Education and Industrial Waste Management' from Sambalpur University Odisha, she has devoted herself as a Social Activist for the cause of social justice, Environmental issues and human rights in remote areas through non-governmental organisations. Poetry, Painting and Journalism are her passions.

## A Silver Line

A silver line of solitude  
May weave wisdom and call for a high sublimation  
A conflict surfaces  
Between Compassion and hatred  
When love needs to rest.

As time passes  
Ripples in the lake fade  
Evening goes dim and pale  
A gloomy night approaches in profound silence  
And prevents anything to be seen in the darkness.

The temple bells profusely cry  
With chanting of sacred hymns  
The scattered prayers rugs in the streets  
lead me into my trances.

Oh ! The Invisible mercy  
Have I not sought you desperately  
And awaited your kindness  
Before I get caught in the gulf of fear.

## Embedded Scar

Between the sea and the shoreline  
A drop of water touches my feet  
And dries up leaving scars behind.

Seems it evaporates to form a  
Cloud of unspent love  
In the azure sky over the head  
And concentrates to head a storm  
To downpour a few memories in stead.

A grain of sand swapping  
With strong waves of attachment  
Is embedded in the abyssal plain  
At the base of a continental rise of jealousy and hatred.

Unaware of these I walked miles away  
Indifferently, hallucinated under an unmerciful sun  
Keeping the frozen ground of jealousy and hatred away.

Tides in mind and soul that rise and fall like waves  
Do ever hunt like a vibration of love  
Oh Alas!  
It is just a grandeur  
Just as love in autumn or winter,  
That dazzles with golden scopes.

## Fire In Smoke

When a spark ignites a flame  
Breath starts dancing in rhythm  
Heart beats appear sacred  
And the mind sings an emotional rhyme.

The shadows, the night and the spill of pain  
Frame the words to compose the hymn  
They convey what they intend to  
And cast a shadow on my skin.

Half baked thoughts of a sea of tranquility  
With lofty desires of tiny dreams  
Fill my blank soul with sweetness of a beehive  
And sitting by the window pane  
I see a teasing moon  
While the azure sky reminds me,  
Glimpses of fire in mounds of  
smoke may remain still alive.

Shirley  
Smothers



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## The Price of Freedom

A ghostly image of a soldier  
Stood in the background,  
As a mother, a babe in her  
Arms stood by a grave site.  
She lowly whispered, "Father This is your  
son, Son this is your Father.  
He gave his life so that  
Others might live."

She will raise this child without  
the aid of others. This child will  
Grow to be a strong man,  
Because his mother is strong.

## Who is this Woman in the Mirror

Who is this woman in the mirror?  
When did her hair turn gray?  
What happened to the young girl who  
used to laugh and play?

Who is this woman in the mirror?  
Where is the grace and charm?  
What happened to the young girl who  
used to play on the farm?

Who is this woman in the mirror?  
When did these wrinkles appear  
What happened to the young girl whose  
parents used to call dear?  
Who is this woman in the mirror.

## Poem Three

The Cat saw  
the Rat, and the Rat saw  
the Cat.

There was pursuit,  
but the Rat outsmarted  
the Cat.

“I’ll bide my time,” said  
the Cat. “One day  
I’ll catch you MR. Rat.”

What do you think about  
that? Do you think the Cat will  
catch the Rat? I hope not  
Because the Rat is too cute  
to be eaten by the Cat!

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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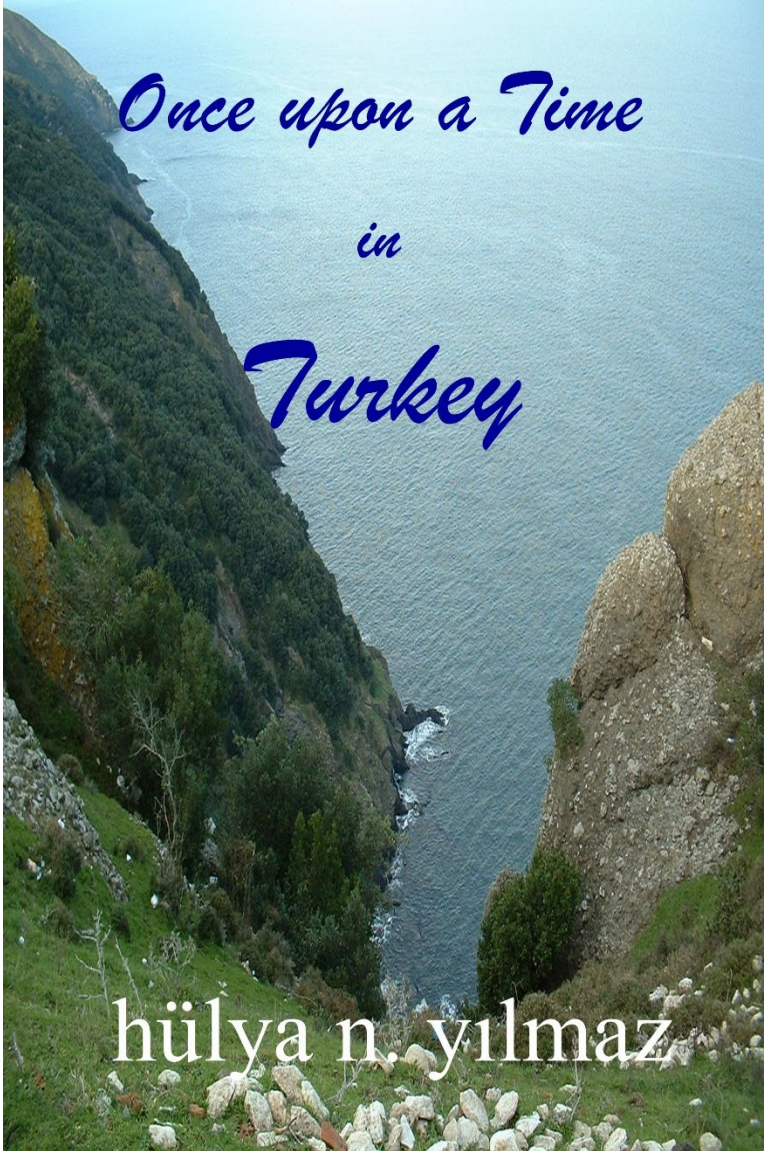
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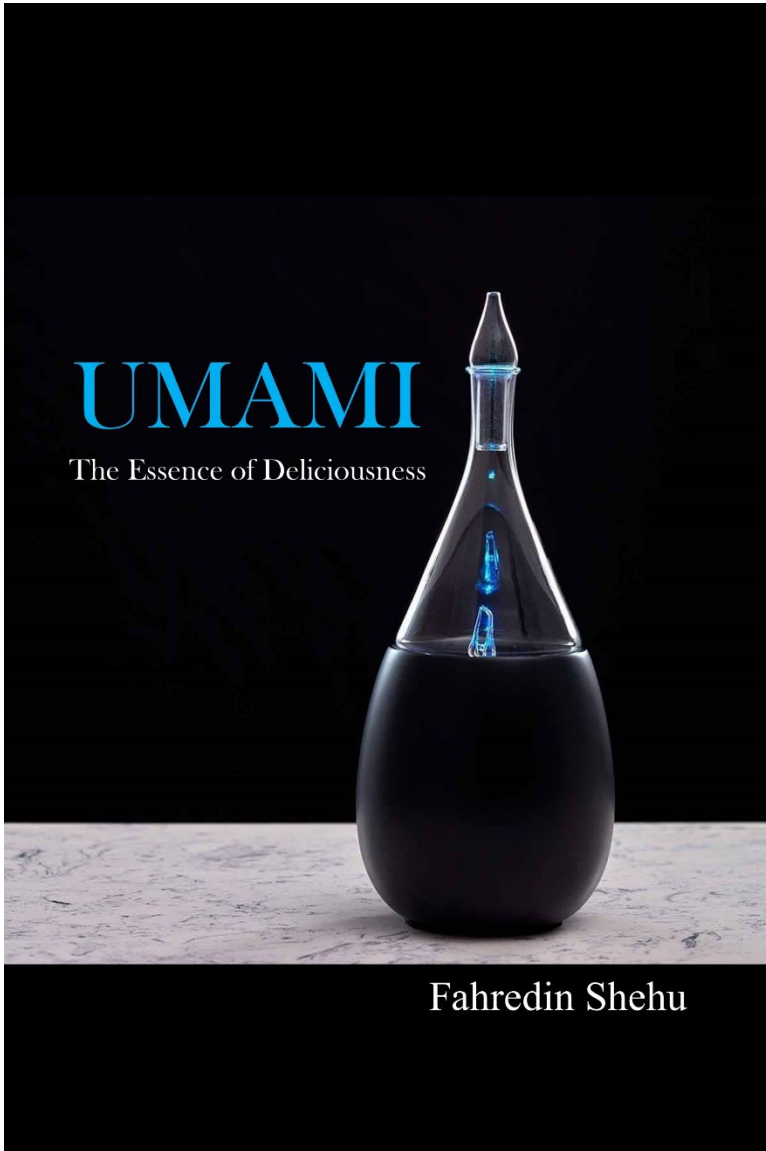
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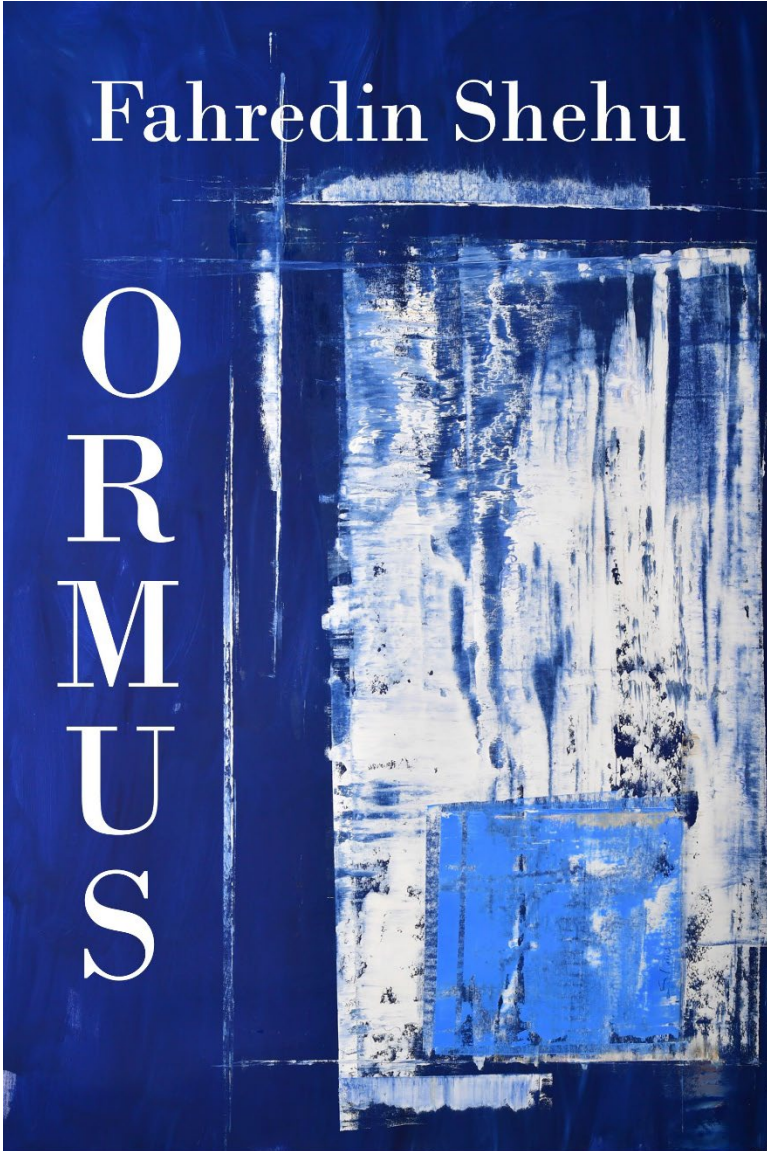


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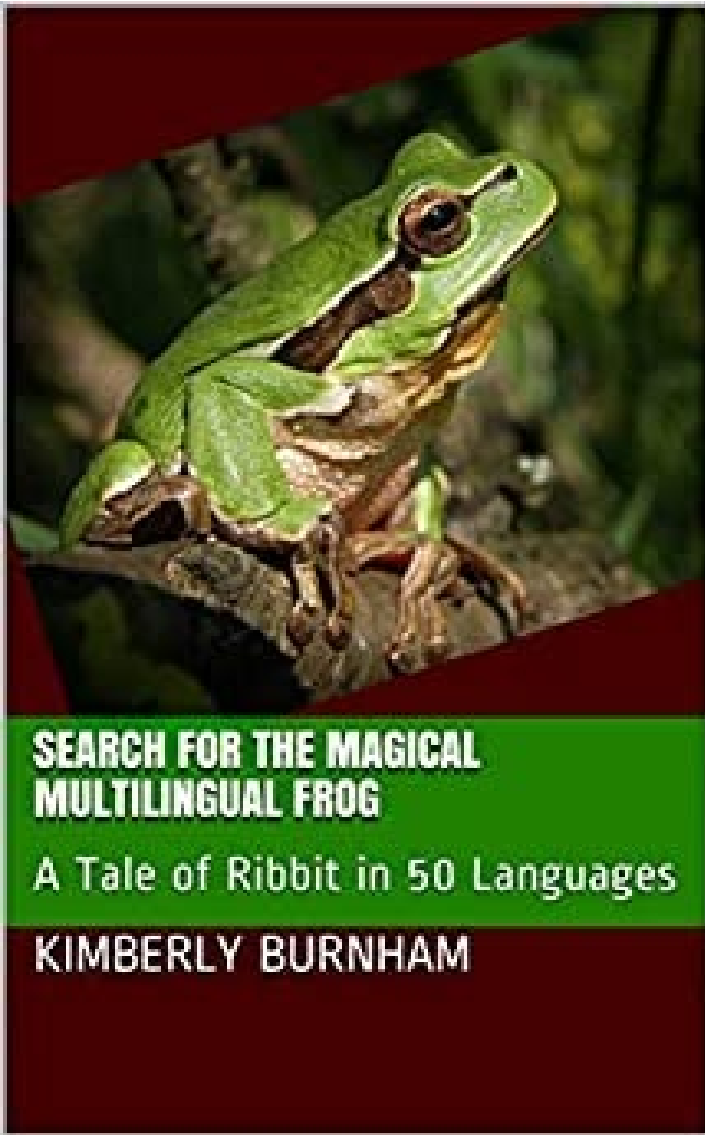


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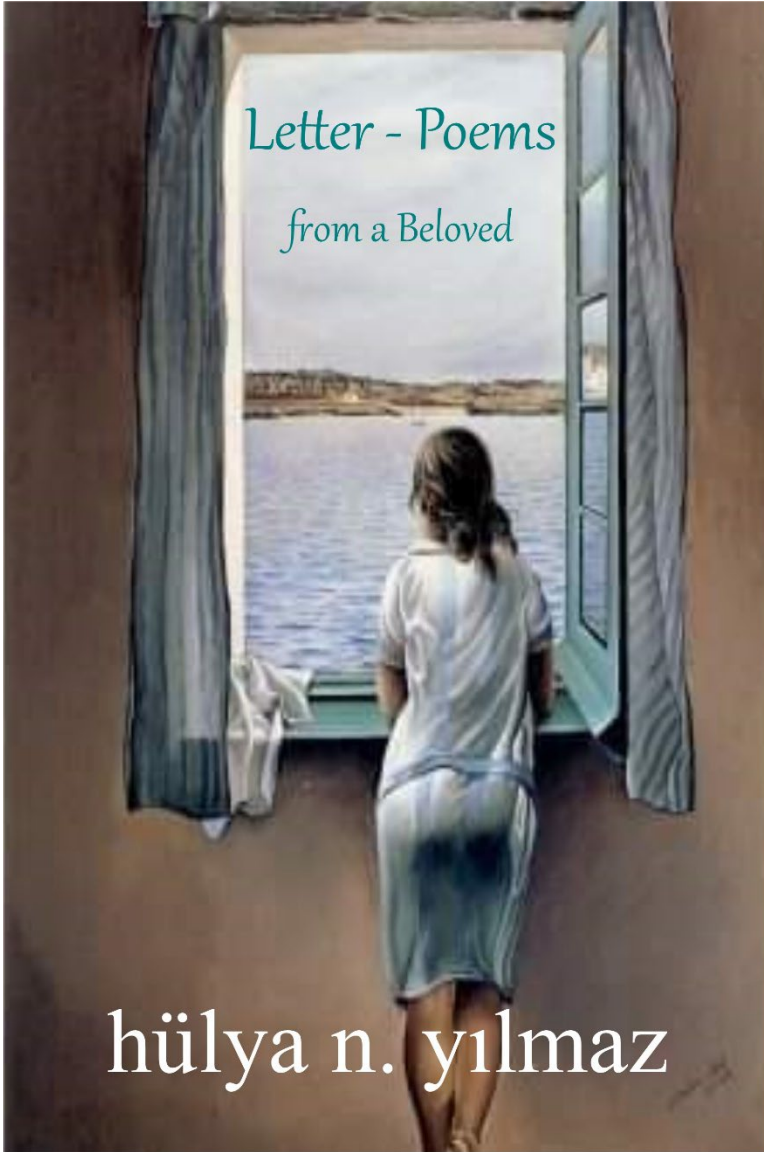
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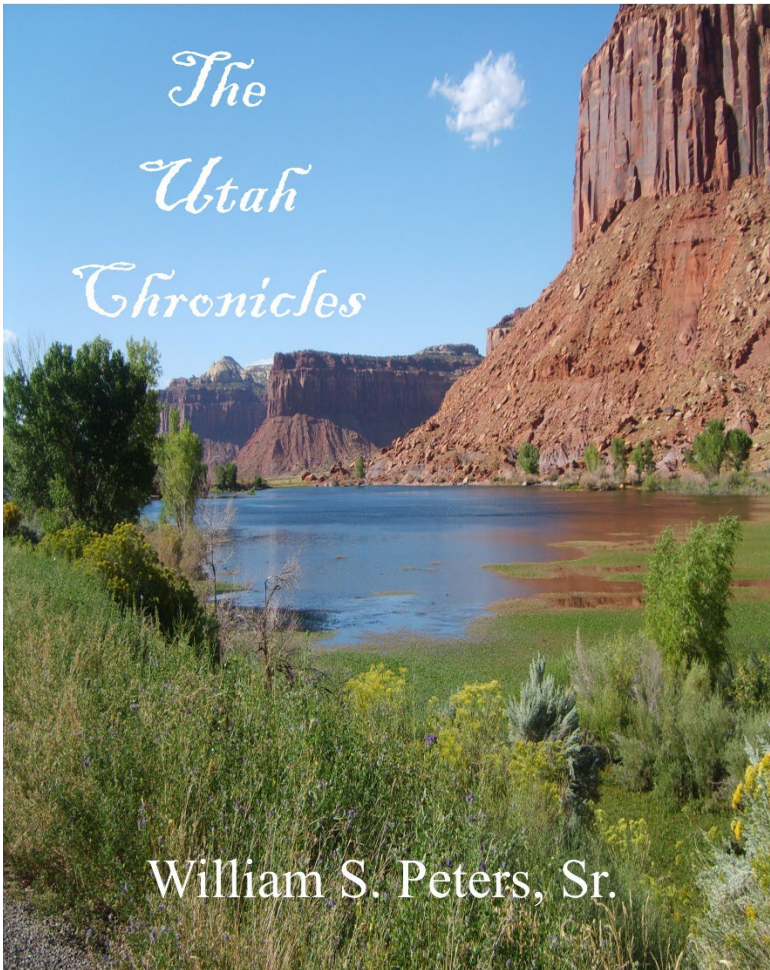
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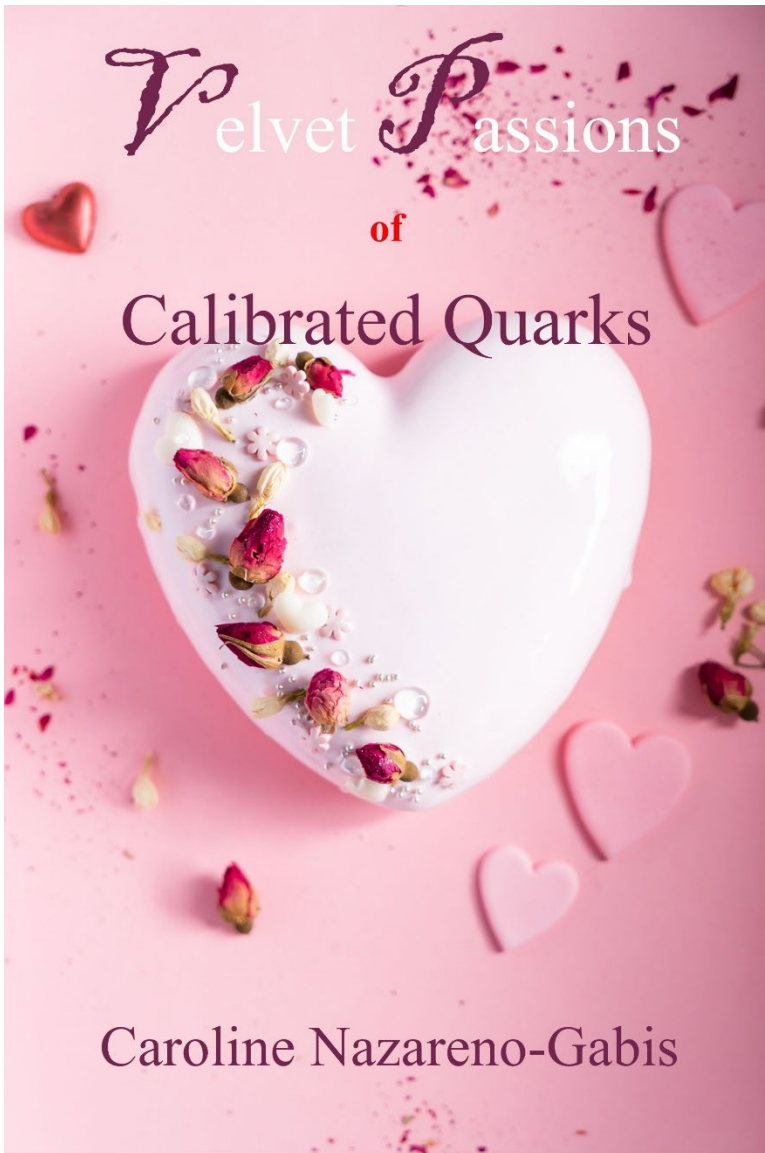


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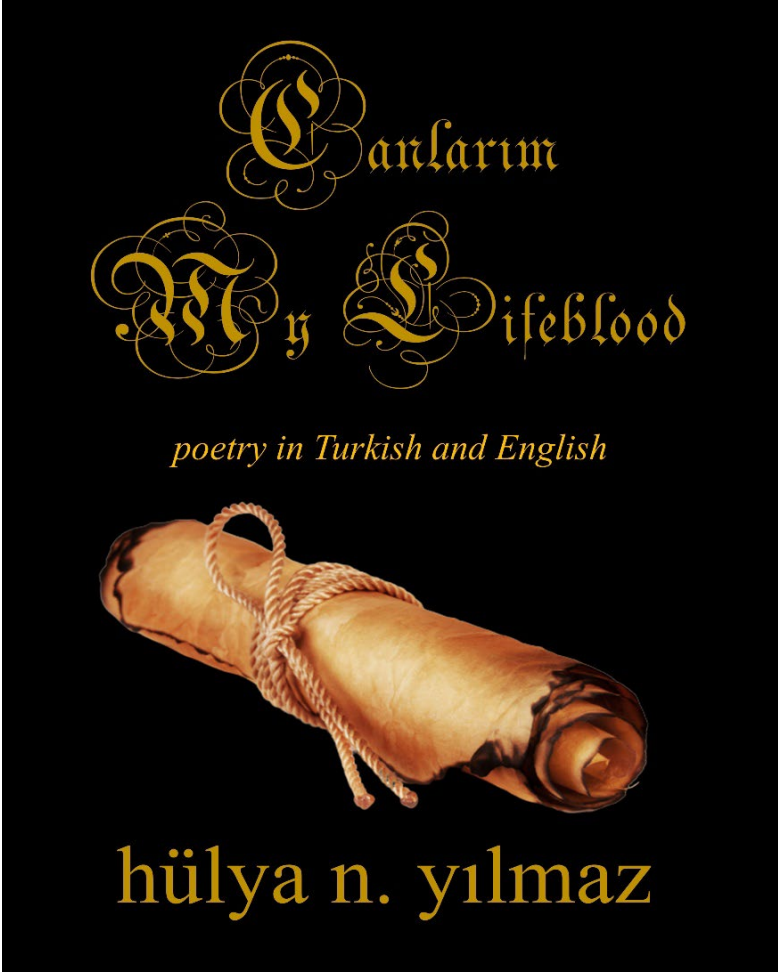
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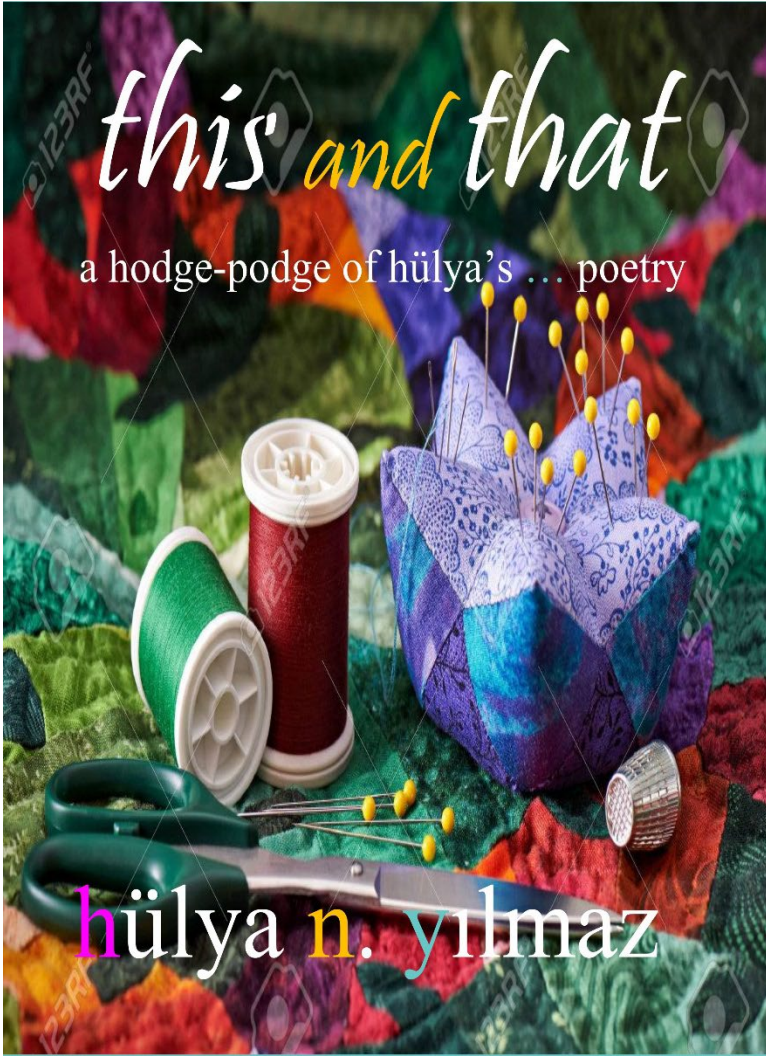
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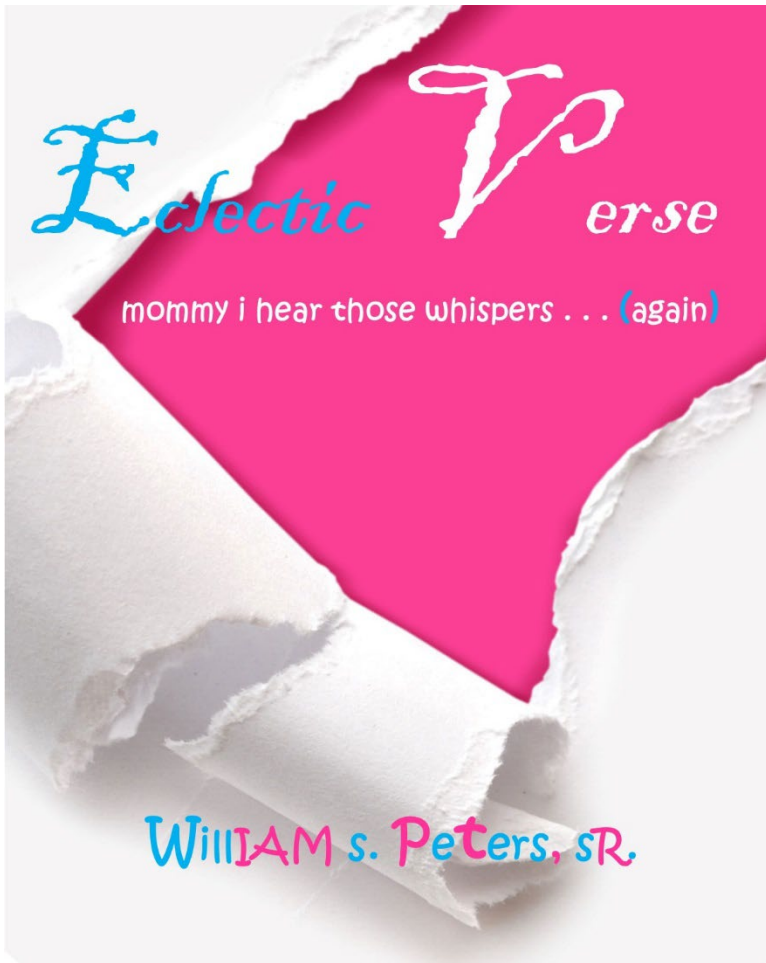
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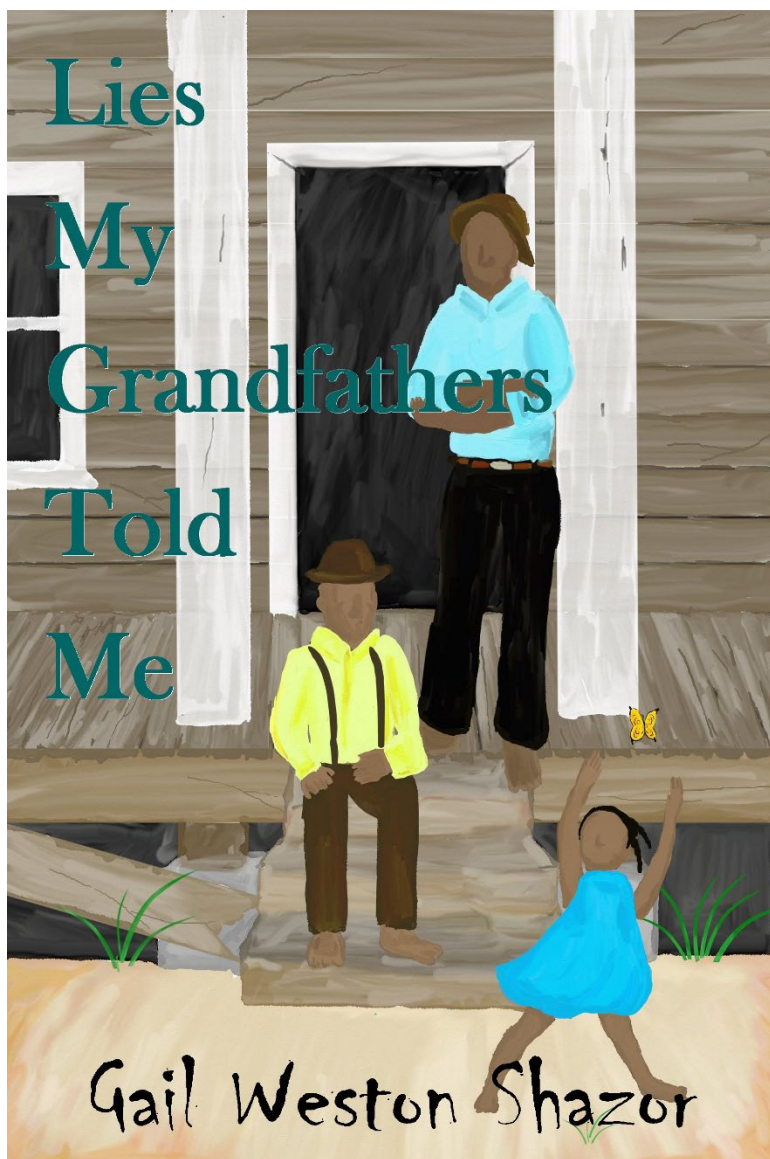
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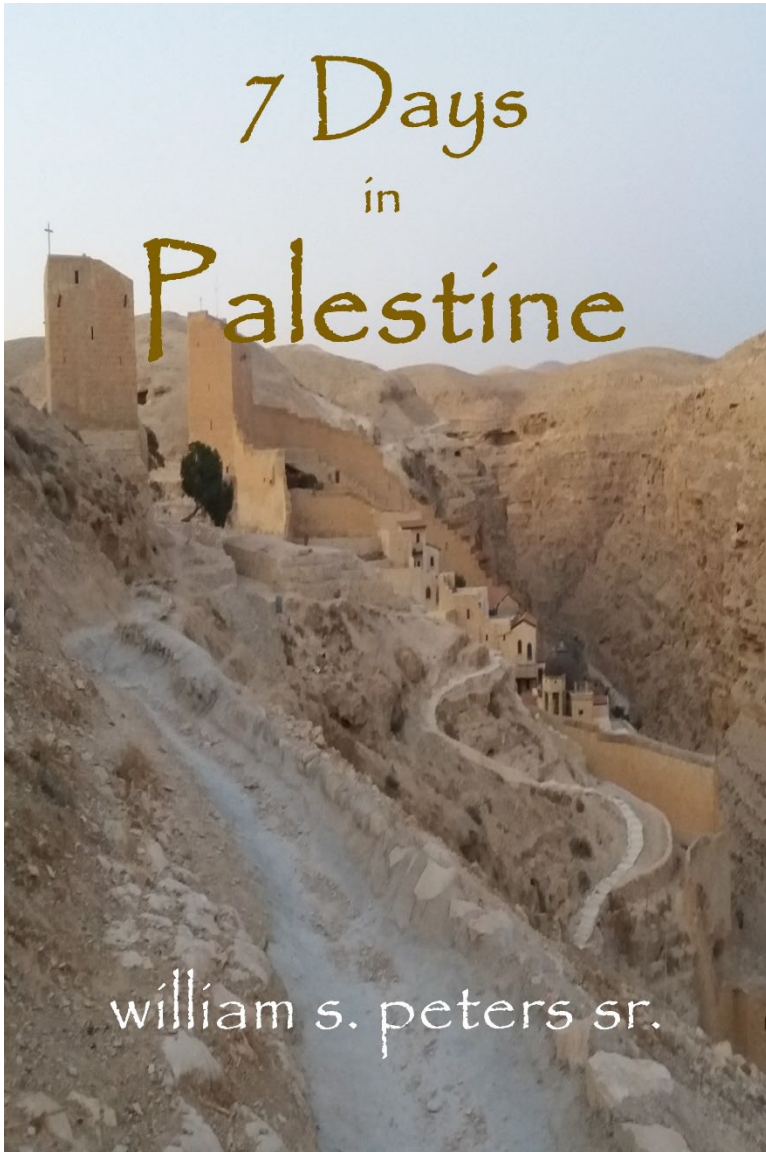


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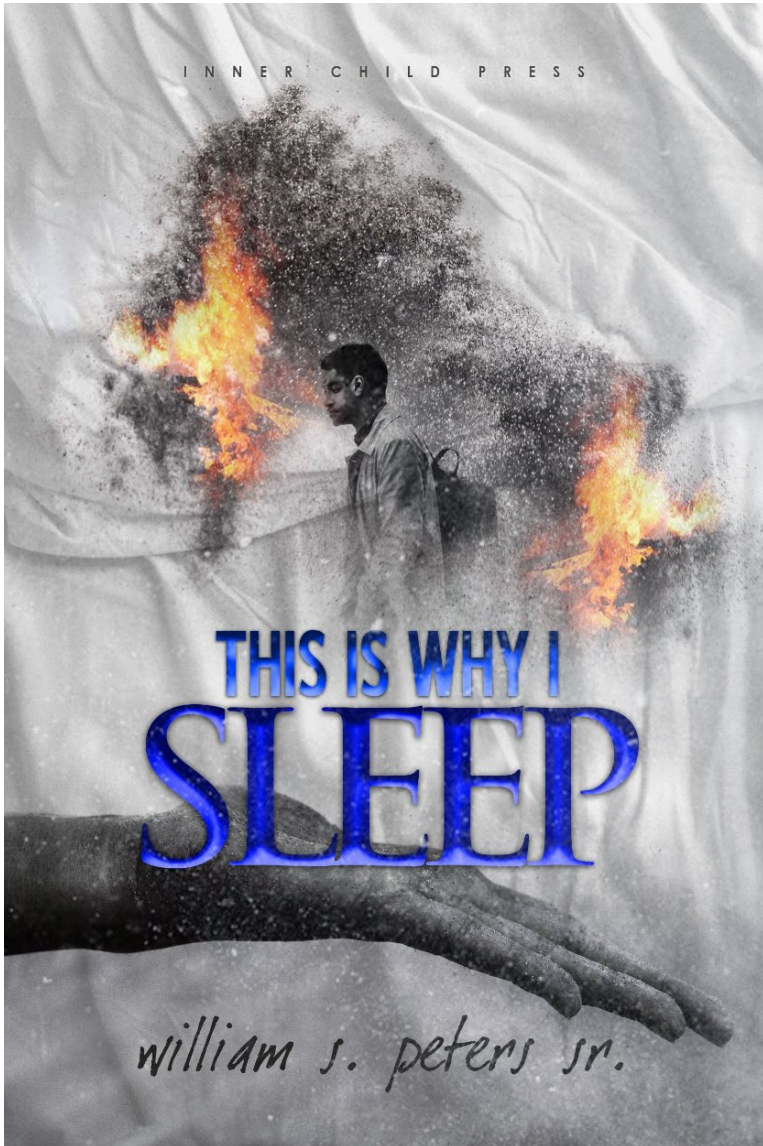
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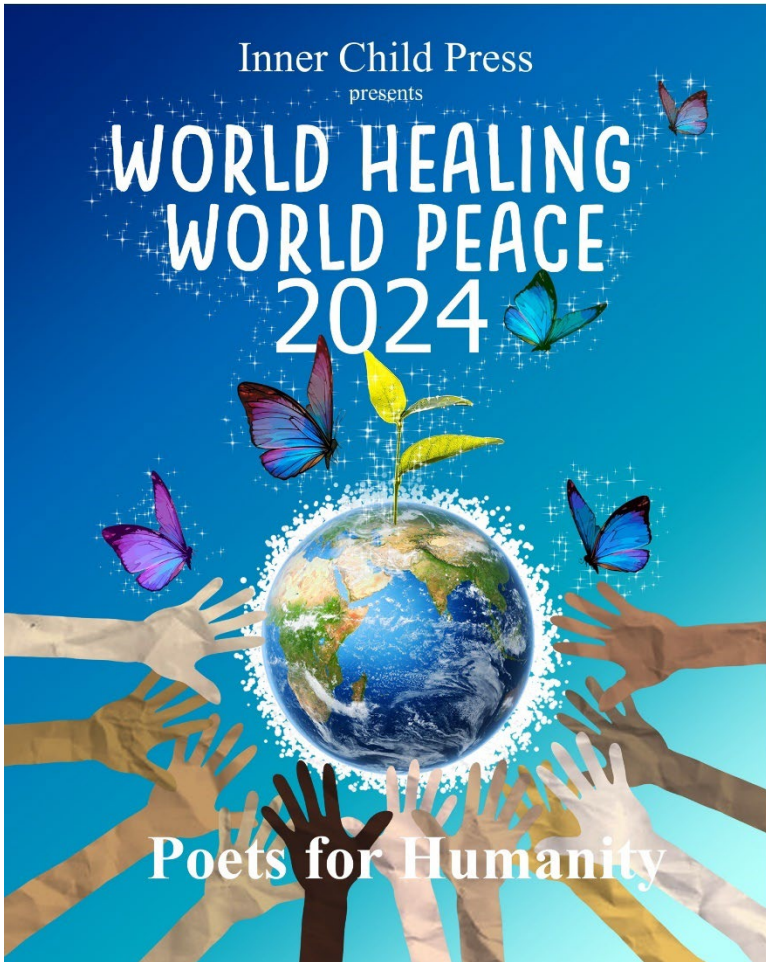
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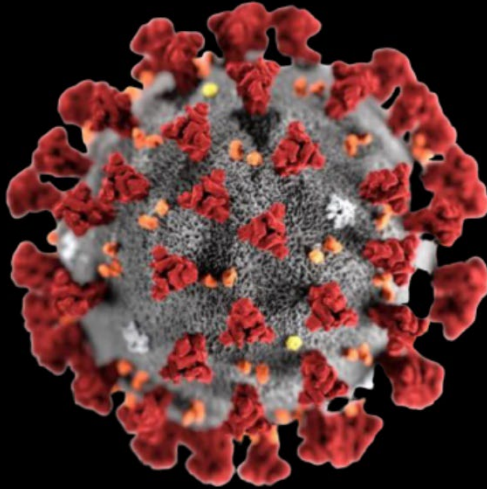
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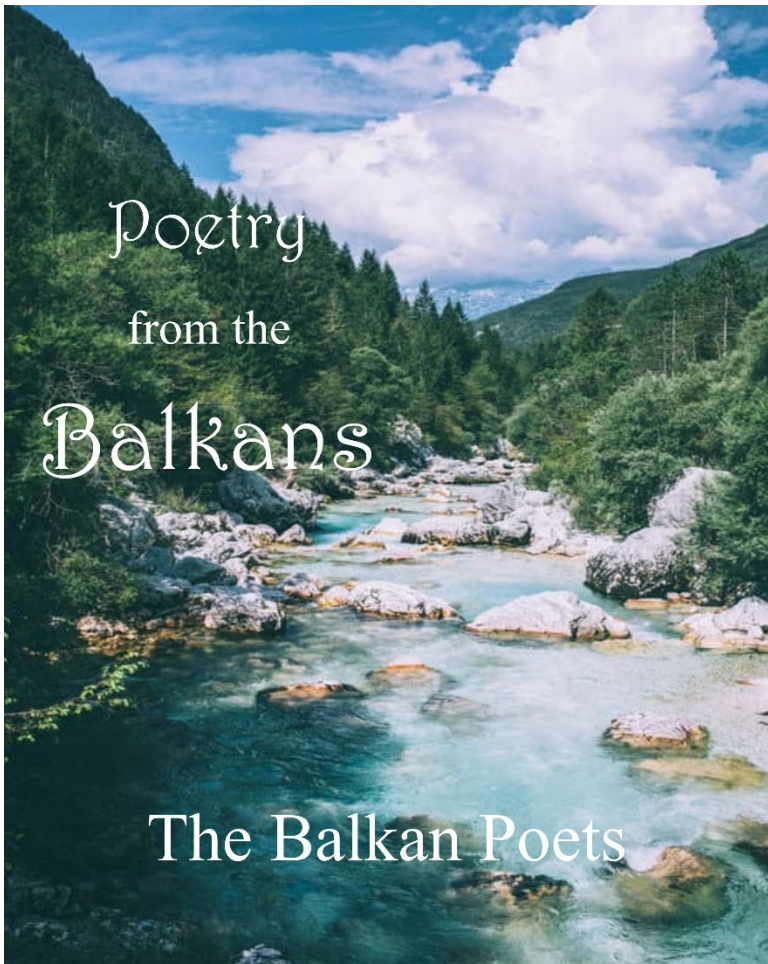
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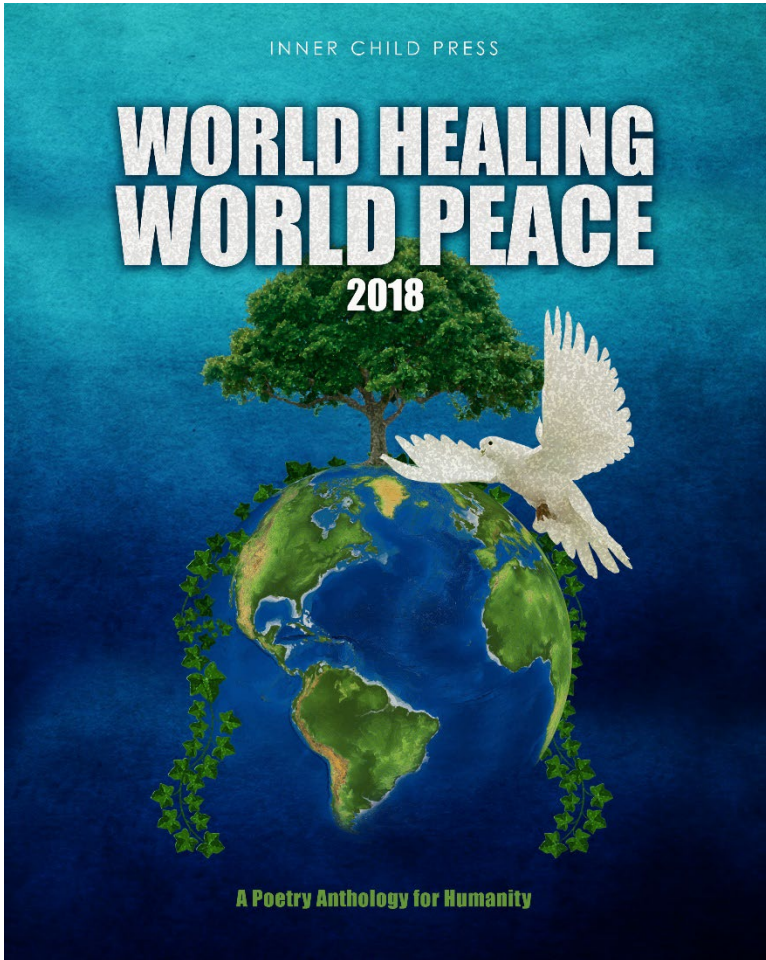
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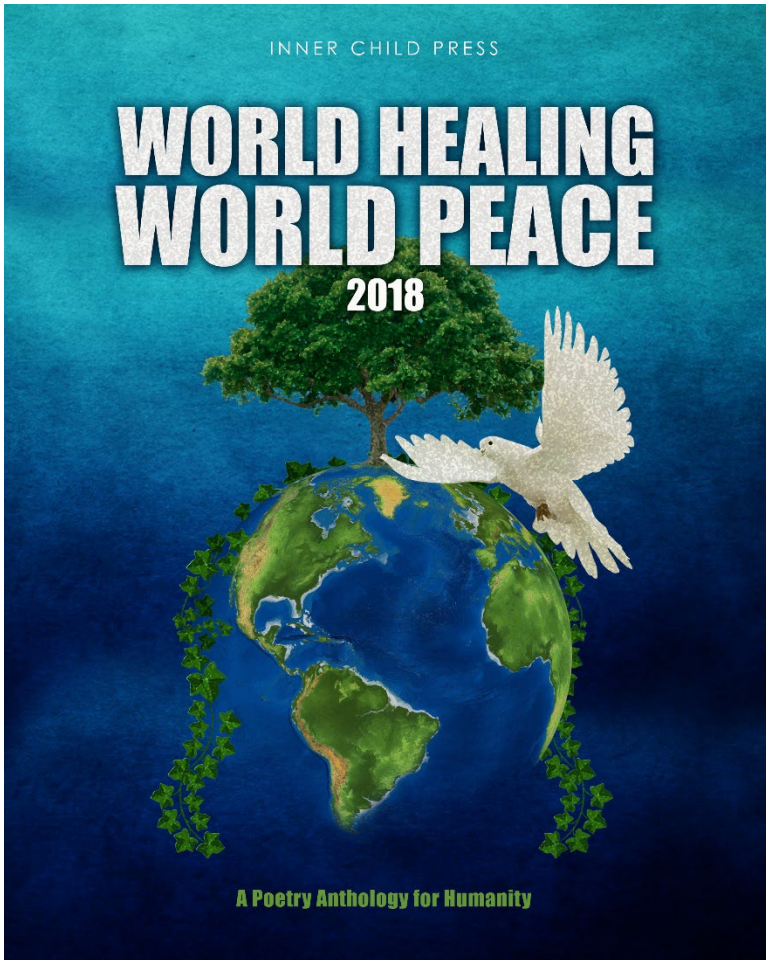


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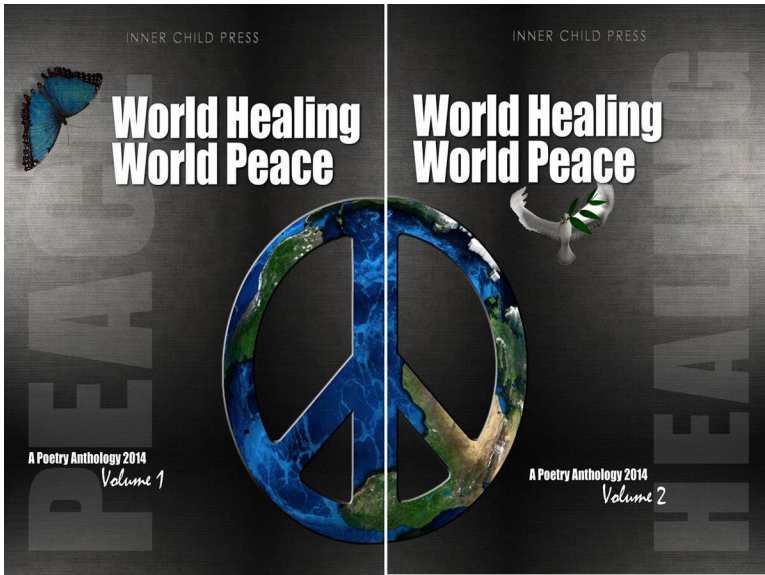
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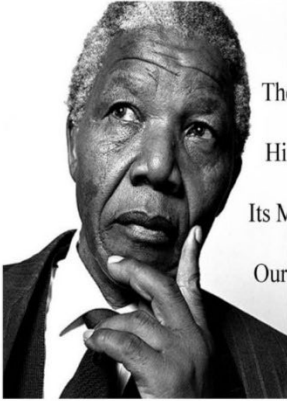
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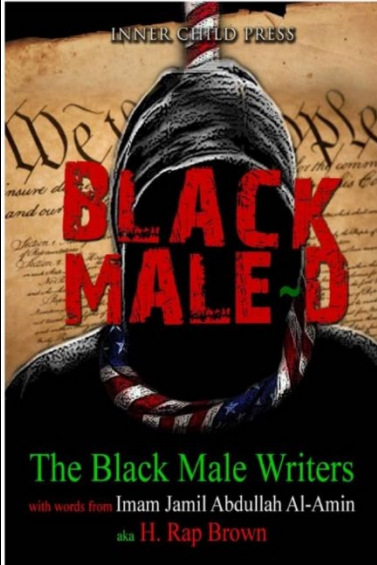
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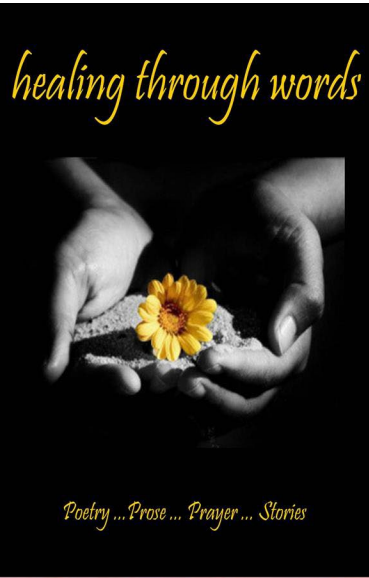
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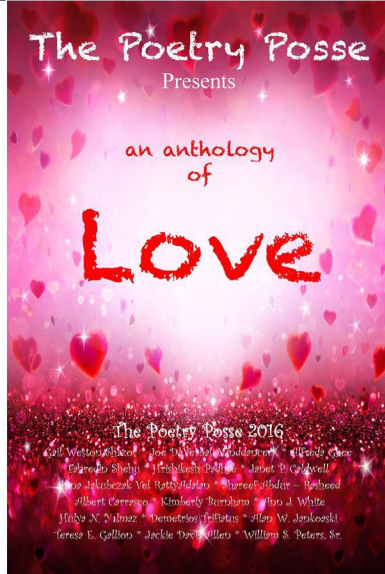
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*daffodil*

**Our March Featured Poets**  
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*Love & Relationship*

Rose

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Lotus  
Asian Flower of the Month

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*Gladiolus*



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October Feature Poets

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November Feature Poets

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December 2014

Narcissus



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**Amethyst**

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 Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

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### Our Featured Poets

Heung Sook \* Anthony Arnold \* Alicia Poland

### Bloodstone



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### Our Featured Poets

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### Diamonds



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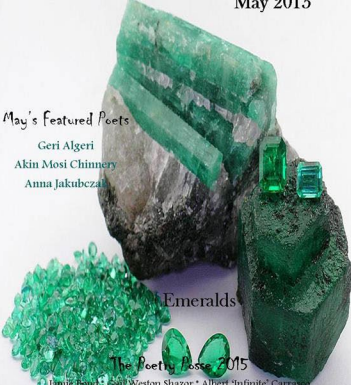
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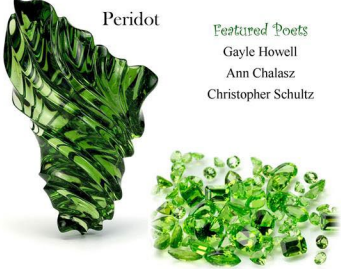


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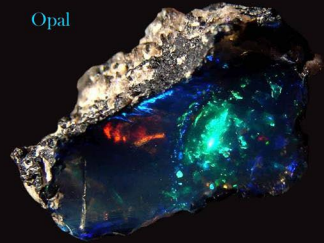
**The Year of the Poet II**  
September 2015  
Featured Poets  
Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

*The Poetry Posse 2015*  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
October 2015  
Featured Poets  
Monte Smith \* Laura J. Wolfe \* William Washington



Opal

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November 2015  
Featured Poets  
Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

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December 2015  
Featured Poets  
Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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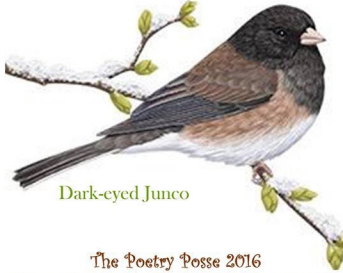
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

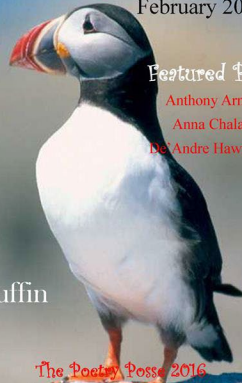
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

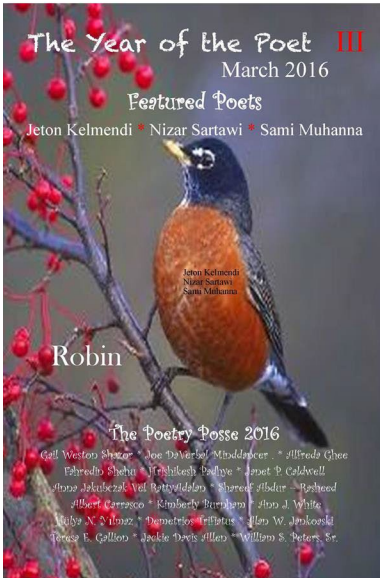
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

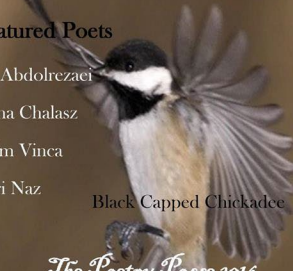
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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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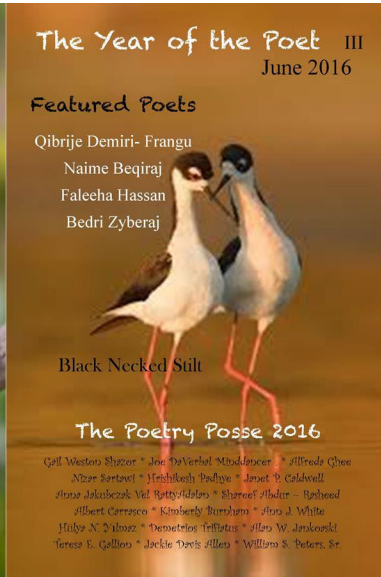


**The Year of the Poet III**  
May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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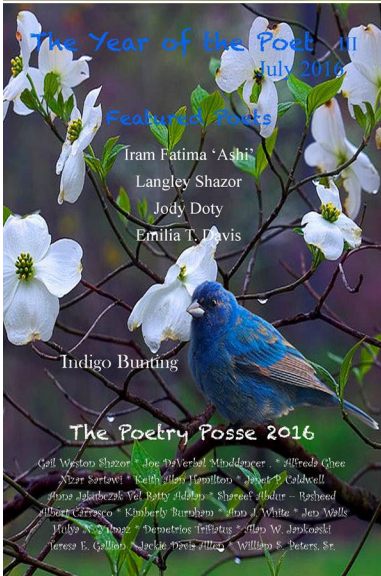


**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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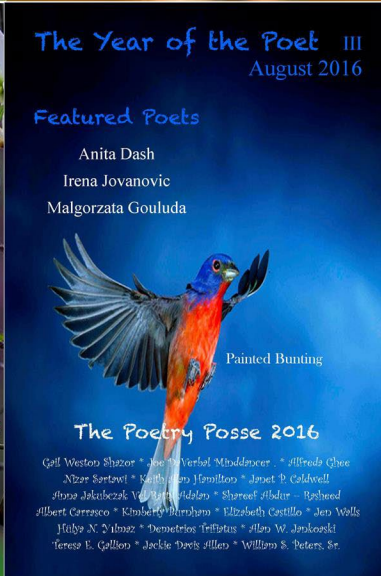


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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

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

**Painted Bunting**

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September 2016

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novato



Long Billed Curlew

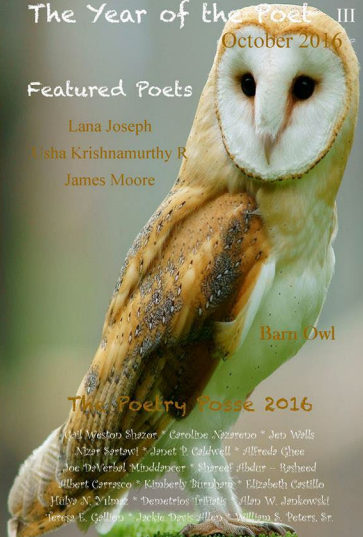
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Usha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

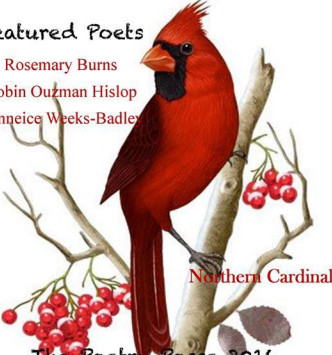
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November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

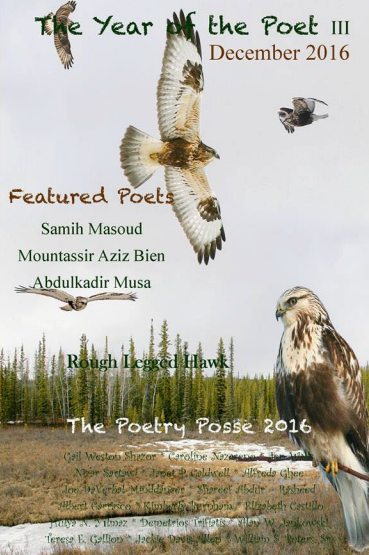
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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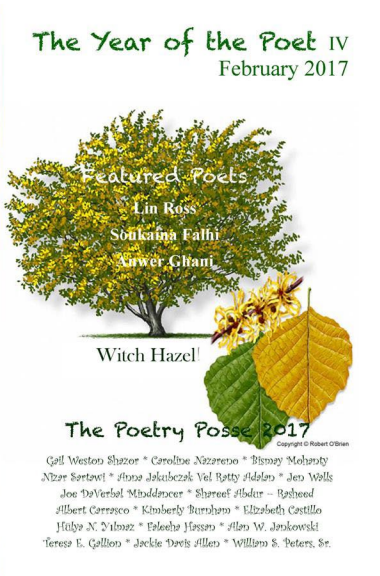


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashr

Quaking Aspen

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

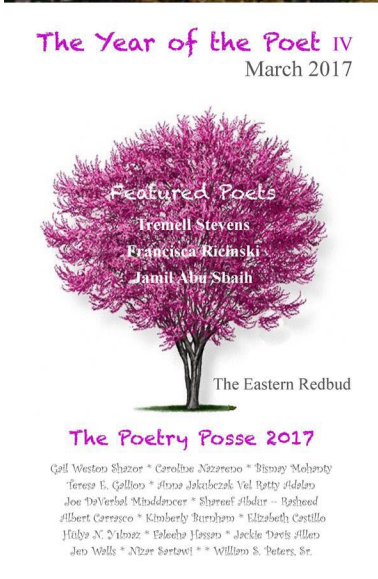


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Soukatina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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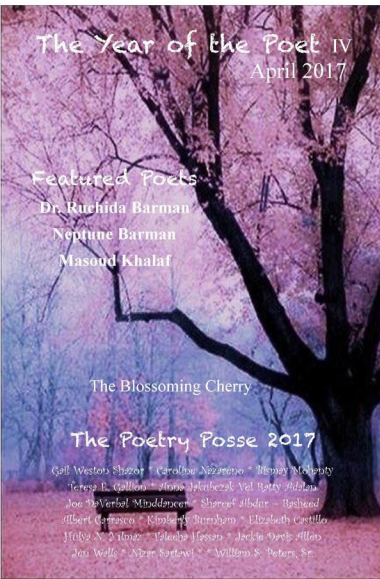


**Featured Poets**  
Trenell Stevens  
Francisca Richinski  
Jamil Abu Shah

The Eastern Redbud

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April 2017



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Dr. Ruchida Barman  
Neptune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

**Featured Poets**

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

**Featured Poets**

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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**Featured Poets**

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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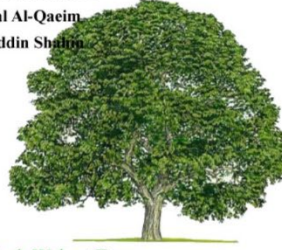
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## The Year of the Poet IV

October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shaban



The Black Walnut Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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January 2018

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Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum


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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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March 2018



Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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April 2018



Featured Poets

Suzie Ann Lynn  
Suzanne Belcher  
Nathan Gray  
Suzanne Weaving

The Nez Perce

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May 2018

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Zahdy Caroon da Laon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

Featured Poets  
Patimaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Rabal Hani  
Eliza Seciet  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju  
Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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## The Year of the Poet V November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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## The Year of the Poet V December 2018

#### Featured Poets

Rose Terranova Cirigliano  
Joanna Kalinowski  
Sokolović Emin  
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy

The  
Maori



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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January 2019



Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe Paire \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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 May 2019

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




Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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

**Featured Poets**  
 Shola Balogun \* Bharati Nayak  
 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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 Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
 Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.




**The Caucasus**

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

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




**The Mile Valley**

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

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



**Northern Asia**

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

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Dharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Effichiu



**Oceania**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Rohini Behera \* Mircea Dan Duta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shooover

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Aleja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elifchia Kapardeli \* Meitin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Aleja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Aleja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Aleja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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### Featured Poets

Raed Anis Al-Jishi \* Šolkonović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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

October 2020

### Featured Poets

Mutawaf A. Shaheed \* Galina Italyanskaya  
Nadeem Fraz \* Avril Tanya Meallem

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia \* Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Jamali \* Ivan Gasima

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh \* Jbtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodhi \* Selma Kopic

Abji Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Aliceja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Aliceja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry... Ekphrastically Speaking

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May 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Alonzo "zO" Gross \* Lali Tsipi Michaeli  
Tareq al Karmy \* Tirthendu Ganguly

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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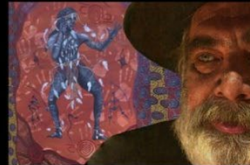
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August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Kamal Dhungana  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Paramita Mukherjee Mullick

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
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Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastiely Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastiely Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



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February 2022

Featured Global Poets

Roza Boyanova \* Ramón de Jesús Núñez Duval  
Mammad Ismayil \* Tarana Turan Rahimli

Climate Change and Mountains



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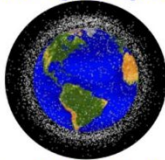
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March 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



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April 2022

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Alonzo Gross \* Dr. Debaprasanna Biswas  
Monsif Beroual \* Carol Aronoff

Climate Change and Oceans



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Ndaba Sibanda \* Smrutiranjana Mohanty  
Ajanta Paul \* Monalisa Dash Dwibedy

### Climate Change and Birds



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June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Trees



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July 2022

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Michelle Joan Barulich \* Mili Das  
Anna Ferriero \* Ujjal Mandal

### Climate Change and Animals



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August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Pankhuri Sinha \* Abdulloh Abdumominov  
Caroline Turunç \* Tali Cohen Shabtai

### Climate Change and Agriculture



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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Sajid Hussein

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



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### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



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### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



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Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jammagerwalla

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Iqbal Masih

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February 2023

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Christena Williams \* Hilda Graciela Kraft  
Francesco Favetta \* Dr. H.C. Louise Hudon

Children: *Difference Makers*



Ruby Bridges

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March 2023

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Clarena Martinez Turizo \* Binod Dawadi  
Til Kumari Sharma \* Petrouchka Alexieva

Children: *Difference Makers*



Yo Yo Ma

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April 2023

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

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Claudette Colvin

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Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown

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Louis Braille

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June 2023

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Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

Children : Difference Makers



Ryan Hreljac

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July 2023

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Johan Karlsson \* Teodozja Swiderska

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~ Bana al-Abed ~

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August 2023

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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

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~ Kelvin Doe ~

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~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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~ Malala Yousafzai ~

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Xanthi Hondrou-Hil \* Francesco Favetta

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~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

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Shafkat Aziz Hajam \* Elarbi Abdelfattah

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~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

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