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# Dedication

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can effectuate change!

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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

## Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life

### Pollinators: Y'all Better Care!

So, check this out, 1/3 one third of the food we consume is in danger due to the fact that built into the system that the creator has is that for food crops to develop fully 100% healthy, at full capacity to feed and nourish humanity and all other living things that depend on it must be pollinated in the course of development by pollinators. If the pollinators are in danger to survive so is the food crops they pollinate. Chew on that for a minute, hold that thought.

The Year of the Poet/Poetry Posse is a monthly publication by Inner Child Press headed up by its founder poet laureate William Peters Sr. ([innerchildpress.com](http://innerchildpress.com)) creator willing soon entering its tenth year. It features an international group of poets each offering 3 poems each. At least one poem is based on an established theme that is featured in each monthly publication. That being said in 2022 the vehicle of artistic expression is the method of Ekphrastic poetry. Ekphrastic poetry is poetic expression of a work of art. They're basically two categories (1) Actual Ekphrasis: Is a literary expression of an existing artwork (2) Notional Ekphrasis: Literary expression of an imagined nonexistent art work. In all Ekphrastic poetry is literary expression of non- literary work. The theme this month is 'The Effect of Global Climate Change 'highlighting Bees and Butterflies. Both are vital pollinators who are dying. Another manifestation of severe climate change. The planet can't afford to lose them they are essential to the successful healthy harvest of food crops.

Transferring pollen from a plant's stamen to another plant's stigma, plants then can produce eggs that become seeds. Pollinators prefer plants. They produce nectar. They release smells which energize pollinators. Bees carry pollen from flower to flower. Butterflies like to land on flowers that have flat colorful surfaces as a landing strip. They are not as productive as Bees but still are effective carriers of nectar. Pollinators spread pollen from flower to flower which develop Eggs that become seeds. The continuity of this masterful divine system is essential to producing healthy food harvest.

So, unless you been in a Van Winkle snooze you already know that the balance has long ago been compromised concerning climate change. Extreme, vicious, devastating conditions have increased globally at an alarming rate. Wild fires, hurricanes, tornado's, typhoons, tsunamis, massive floods drowning many, monster blizzards dumping an enormous amount of snow in a few hours. The intensity and frequency are off the charts and increasing. It has left in its wake many dead, wounded, mentally and physically. The cost is astronomical in lives and property and rising at an alarming rate. Can the tide be slowed down or are we doomed and therefore our children will not survive. Certainly, the answer is not to do nothing and ignore it or even deny it that's insane. We must change our habits and be proactive in efforts to save our planet. Creator willing it's in our hands and time is running out.

Shareef Abdur-Rasheed

Poet, Activist

# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, closing out yet another successful year and still moving forward, onward into the year of 2023. This volume, (#108) represents the final poetic offering of our ninth year of monthly publication. Amazing how much effort has been given by all the poets, to include the various members of *The Poetry Posse* and all the wonderful featured poets from all over our world. For myself, it has been and continues to be a great honor to be a part of this wonderful cooperative effort.

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



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

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

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

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Climate Change

## Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life

*from* Kimberly Burnham

December 2022

“I’m often asked whether I believe in global warming. I now just reply with the question: Do you believe in gravity?”

~ Neil deGrasse Tyson



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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

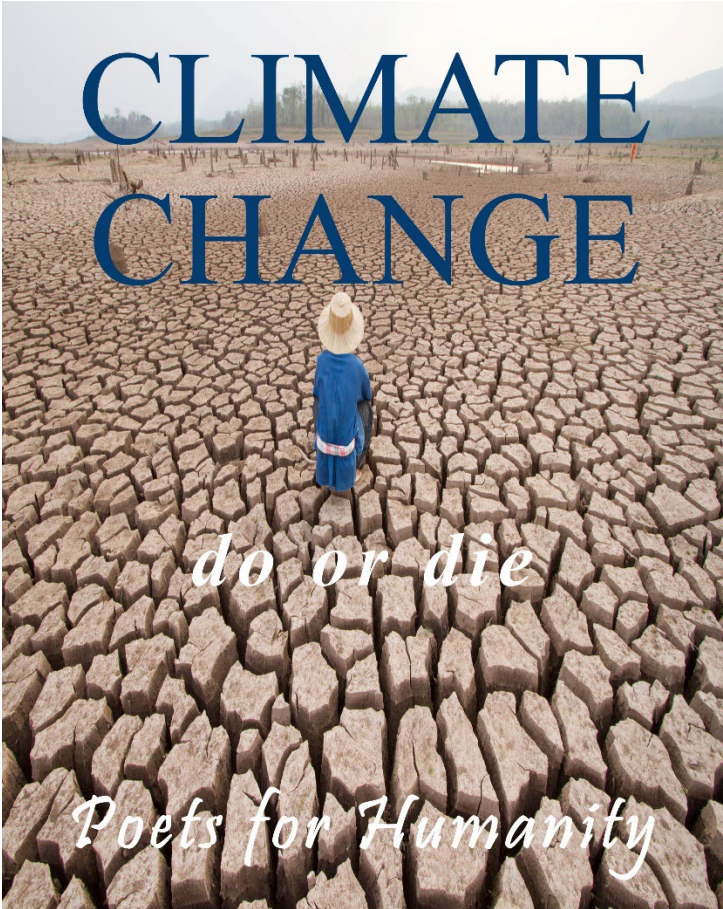




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~ wsp

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

Author of . . .

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

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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## Bees Butterflies and Blackcats

I B thinking about you today  
All the small wonders  
Of B'ing in your heart  
The Butterflies rest easily  
In the palm of my hand  
Until the Black cats swat them away  
It is easy to B in this season  
And the cats wind through  
The Bear space on my calves  
While I tend the Beebalm  
And the Butterfly plants by the Bay window  
This is all a memory for me  
The apartment days  
When there were no trees  
The work days  
When there was no time  
And I relish this space of ease  
The Barefoot walks in the yard  
The Brush of the leaves  
Along my arm  
And the Butterfly decorations  
All along my shoulder  
And the Blessings I learn  
Outside

## Blue Roof 1945

I cannot sleep.  
I walk to and fro  
Oblivious to the dampness  
That set the bones  
To shudder  
And I say out loud  
Thy will be done and  
All the other piithies  
That will set me  
In Your perfect will  
But  
I am not  
In agreement with You  
I mutter curses  
With the very breath  
That You have given me  
For I cannot fathom  
The world that You  
Have allowed me  
To have the barest glimpse of  
This boneless world  
This broken world  
That would steal the very tears  
From my reluctant sight  
And I rail  
Against the cleaved in two  
Thing that You ask of me  
I am not strong enough  
To anchor myself  
So why must this  
Be my mantle?  
And You set this Mary task  
At my Martha feet  
The same steps that should  
Shroud my days

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As familiars, I reject  
Again and again  
I clutch my breast  
As each knell falls hollow  
And I  
With my child choice  
Would not deliberately  
Pick the pain  
Although I long for blue splinters  
So that I know  
I am still alive  
On this mortal plane  
And the heart of the tinman  
That has muttered  
Since You blew into this clay  
Beats an irregular rhythm  
Give me the easy words  
To live through  
The coming tribulation  
Let the love that quickens  
Shine through  
All the broken places  
For only You know  
Just how many there really are  
Ease my pace  
So that I can be caught  
And held  
Among the steps  
Under my feet  
To accept the comforter  
That You send  
Sweeten my tongue  
So that muteness  
Is not my lot.  
And rest my body  
So my soul will heal

## Blue Roof time

Drifting between sleep and You  
My attempts to begin this day  
Mutates the blues and greys  
Of this roofline  
Into a muddlement of new starts  
Much too close to  
The fore eve's ending  
My skin feels limiting and compact  
I need to possess more You  
To stretch higher into the sky  
To capture growing roots  
So that my options are endless  
I have often requested an open heart  
And an open door and  
I have prayed for others  
During this time and  
These must remain my tasks  
To be in service  
But today, Abba, I feel restless  
And I don't know what to ask for  
For me

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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).

## The Fight

In the microcosm  
the great extinction continues.  
From the position of the macrocosm  
nothing happens.

Who cares about the little worm  
lying stiffly on the ground?  
Who cries for the caterpillars?  
Who notices the disappearance  
of bees and butterflies?

The macrocosm is doing well  
self-righteous in its superiority, wisdom.  
To them, inconspicuous insects  
count for nothing.

There must be profit,  
pest control must be done  
- hectoliters of pesticides are poured,  
for the microcosm to be a thing of the past.

In connected vessels  
- in arteries and veins of the Earth  
the same blood pulses for everyone.

The microcosm will die  
- the macrocosm will disappear.

## bitterness

the vodka tastes salty  
like tears and flows in glasses  
to the very bottom

desires pervade  
through the glass of the bottle  
like the sun's rays

to remember - to forget  
to find yourself – to get lost  
to suppress the pain of existence

when the sober day comes  
reality blows away illusions  
- the bitter appearances of happiness

## A glass

He poured his son  
the first glass of vodka,  
and appointed him  
as a commander of the glass army  
- armed with an armada of bottles .  
He sent him to fight with life.

Father with son  
- they walked side by side,  
and they won successive battles,  
but they lost the war.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## A Butterly's Sad Song

My habitat is endangered,  
My life too. I'm weak.  
My life, my wings ebbing.

I'm searching for something;  
Something I desperately need  
To keep me and my wings afloat.

I once flourished, fluttering here and there,  
Nourished by the majestically tall  
And wide thistle patch.

The Milkweed  
And the so called Butterfly Bush  
Succored me too.

Whatever happened to them?  
Does anyone care about them?  
What about me?

## Listen, Please

Can you see me?  
I'm speaking for the bees,  
Those remaining, far less than years before.

Can you hear me buzzing?  
Do you like the taste of honey?  
Forgive me for singing this sad song.

Our lives have been turned upside down,  
Something has desperately gone wrong.  
Once we were prolific, pollinators,

Best friends of a multitude of plants,  
Farmers, even humans loved us,  
We enhanced a nation's way of life.

Our summers today,  
Our numbers, sadly, are not the same.  
We seem to have disappeared.

## Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

We're a special kind of bug,  
We carry with us flashing lights,  
Yellow-green, at dusk, in the pitch dark.

Flittering and fluttering  
We light up the landscape scene.  
We serve as a lightening rod, comically

To children's fun, their attempts  
To catch one or more of us.  
As in a game. Though we mostly elude them.

We laugh at their antics.

Today, along with many other insects  
We are laughing no more.  
We are endangered.

Someone must have the answer  
As to why, that we lightening bugs  
Are mostly remembered by the older generation

We likewise, remember days of old,  
When we were cherished, left alone  
To continue to on with our lives.

Of what's left of our living-breathing-wings  
We, covet mankind's assistance, and dream  
Of repopulating those memorable days.

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.

## The Yellow Butterfly

Before the yellow dirt road  
Faintly, a corner of my old home appears  
Under the red brick  
The figure of the grandfather turned into a photo  
Nostalgia with fear  
Playing football with bare feet, the loess is so sticky  
Mother's call, even in my ears, there only remains a trace of  
echo  
Like a dream before waking up

Butterflies still come to patronize the gardenia in our yard  
That year, one red fruit on it celebrated my birth  
Mama always said that the only red fruit was me  
I can't help giggling  
Today, I finally found out that the fruit was my mother  
The gardenia no longer bears fruit  
Like, that yellow butterfly is not smiling anymore  
It always looks at me silently

## Dandelion

Basilica of the wind blowing again  
Not because noon is near  
The voice gradually disappears  
Dandelion petals flying  
Opening the palms of your hands  
Let the numbers replace the protests of the noise  
Dandelions fluttering  
The petals fly over the fists  
Everyone looks up and takes all the cheers  
Wind returns to the hills with a tired  
Lays down on the turf  
Dandelion forgot to follow  
But, she started  
Singing loudly  
The voice spread over the valley  
Disturbed the birds, the wind, and the trees



## The Egret Knows That The Plow Is Old

Egret knows the old plow is no longer young  
Lying on the road in front of the pond  
Dazzled  
A sad heart feels pain  
Who let the lazy buffalo not wear the plow?  
Could it be  
It's just the old buffalo venting his dissatisfaction  
Let it go  
Deep down  
There are always some reasons  
That is difficult to distinguish between true and false  
I must understand the grievances of the old cattle  
Look at its graying hair  
Why don't you stay with that old plow with me?  
Two white-haired heads leaning against each other  
A tragic white-headed song

Sharḩeef  
Abdur  
Rashḩeed

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

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

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/shareef.abdurrasheed1>  
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## Running out

talking about time  
For planet home  
Will mother earth  
Live or die  
Remain  
Or cease  
Victim of disease  
Name complacency  
Name indifference  
Name stupidity  
Name me, me, me  
Don't have to be Nero  
Play the fiddle while  
Earth burns down  
Talking bout  
Running out  
Of time  
Talking bout  
Do you really give a damn  
About yours and mine?  
Or just a fool

## Snatchin

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

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the time our eyes are still open and still can see  
before they're closed permanently.  
something to be said about duty to the things of beauty  
responsibility is constructive continuity  
as opposed to destructive, indifferent inconsistency  
yo brother man, sister women preach to me  
let me hear you say...,

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## Reflecting

was it a dream  
memories  
departed  
cherished figures  
tragic reminders  
perhaps slave ships  
departing port of no return  
cargo human beings  
in deplorable bondage  
could be Auschwitz,  
Dachau,  
Warsaw ghetto  
Newark riots,  
Detroit, Harlem  
Dar Yasin, Palestine,  
Bosnia, Herzegovina  
Rwanda, wounded  
knee  
mothers who lost  
son's, daughters,  
mothers, fathers  
sisters, husbands  
countless families  
decimated  
ghost visit  
if walls could talk  
express emotions  
souls violated  
no viable justification  
they may come to visit  
In a dream  
who was she a relative



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a cherished love  
was she embodiment  
of something awful,  
Indescribable  
could be essence of  
mother's nurturing  
nature to rear, embrace,  
care for babies  
Perhaps the perished  
humanity yearning for loved ones  
victims of genocide  
ghosts remind the living  
which one is the ghost  
Who's living, who died  
can you tell the difference  
was its mother's love  
ever caring in the midst  
of indifference dropped by to visit  
reflections

Kimberly  
Burnham

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<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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

## A Short Chaotic Life

A day, a week, a few months  
butterflies soar from one stage to another  
live a whole life  
flying free with no control  
over the weather on the days of their lives  
cold temperatures and rain  
dry winds  
butterflies buffeted by our environment  
yet an example  
a butterfly flaps its wings in the Amazon  
causing a storm front in New York  
the flapping of wings in Brazil  
triggers a Texas tornado in chaos theory  
the butterfly effect a sensitive dependence  
in which a small change in one's state  
results in large differences later  
makes me wonder at the impact  
of my driving and buying

## Butterflies in the Snow

It's hard to think about butterflies  
when snow falls covering the ground in silver  
when flowers on the butterfly bush  
have long since faded  
temperatures dropping below freezing  
but they are there hibernating in the fallen leaves  
turning slowly to dirt  
butterflies wait for warmer days  
like friends in need during a crisis  
their needs and presence are hard to see  
as I engage in my own problems  
it's hard to think about others  
who are also struggling to survive  
and thrive  
others who are waiting for a sunny day  
to take flight

## Butterfly vs. Freeway

US-31 is almost complete  
completely stopped the highway's path  
destroys the Mitchell's satyr butterfly habitat

It's just a butterfly some say  
in need of prairie ferns  
find it another home say some

Only 12 ferns areas left in Michigan  
this butterfly vs freeway war  
didn't start yesterday, we  
humans have been building to this  
decades of farming,  
emptying wetlands  
we drained gallons and gallons  
polluting the ferns  
destroying all who live  
native in the ferns  
now rise up  
enough!  
denying the highway  
a path to life

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo



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## Butterfly Extinction

See all the monarch butterflies endangered by destructible  
climate change

Do we dare take action and see the Earth re-arrange?

Scientists say Monarch Butterflies are close to extinction,

Can we blame ourselves and accept dire humiliation?

As Mother Earth warns us

Do we dare heed her call?

See what extreme heat can do to these fragile bees and  
butterflies

Close to being vanished from the face of the Earth,

What has man done to contribute to each living thing's  
death?

## Each Breath I Take

The bareness of trees sing hymns of glory  
Personifying the dying branches, leaves long fallen on the  
ground  
Sorrow permeates the air  
But in your eyes, I cannot help to stare at  
For each breath I take your face suddenly appears  
A broken vow,  
A promise of love  
A broken soul pleading for mercy.

## Hymns of Forever

Take a bow  
The masquerade is about to end  
A facade,  
Mysterious  
A sanctuary where souls gather  
Hymns of forever echo the Universe,  
A myriad of cascading images  
Dance before your naked eyes.

Joø  
Païrø

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

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## Born To Know

What's it like to never wonder about tomorrow  
Bees and butterflies feast on foliage and the instinctual  
nature of insects, intersect with ours

We rely on charts and graphs to guide our path  
The bugs know where to go,  
when the rain is coming

Monarch butterflies and yellow jackets  
The beautiful colors of their habitat  
Will the change of climate turn time back  
Or forward to a time where only insects survive

Storms are getting stronger, the planet is warmer  
Will evolutionary conditions create a super bug  
Will the bees see us as enemies,  
Will the mosquito develop a deadly bite

Bees and butterflies signify life,  
and life blooms from their flight  
they know where to light and land on colors,  
and I wonder.  
Will tomorrow's weather be the last pollination?

## Open Packages

Meticulously wrapped packages  
with ribbon torn open  
A child is hoping to be surprised  
with a wished-for gift

A child's smile should be easy to achieve  
Single digit years makes it easy to believe  
Few children will cry upon red felt covered knees  
Many more will fight sleep on Christmas Eve

The day before or after doesn't matter  
The day of, with laughter and chatter  
Will result in trash cans full of  
ripped and ravished packages  
And a child's smile is worth more than any gift

You can't wrap attention, or caring, or listening  
In the lane snow is glistening.  
Hold the reins, and engage minus an octave change  
Explain without a grimace.  
I think kids know what a Grinch is  
The Grouch was also green, and envy.

So, fill the open packages with non-returnable fair  
Enjoy that natural smile behind open packages  
It's easy the wrap up the superficial  
Un-wrap the real you and smile with a child.

## Last Note

How beautiful was that song  
Every chorus and hook, every little nuance  
Art has its critics, its criteria, its lyrics

How beautiful was the arrangement  
Each placement, and place mentioned  
Drums and woodwinds,  
reed instruments, and violins.

Music driven violence, before the wand  
Three simple taps to begin the concerto  
Can you feel the crescendo?

Building a scenario to carry you on sound waves  
The music stops playing,  
but the resonate sound stays.  
Can you resonate with what I'm saying?

I can quote what I hear, not what I wrote  
I've been listening for years,  
I thought I had a voice.  
I've been falling on deaf ears  
So, this is my choice for a last note.

hülya  
n.  
gılmaz

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

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

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## Loneliness

“My loneliness is filled with people.” ~ Kafka

Loneliness once . . .

Night times: The worst amid winter’s darkness

Days: End in haste.

Day-ends: Stretch like childhood’s gummy sweets  
in the hands of unkempt, unwashed street vendors;  
lips that do not even touch the mom-water cup  
devour in complete trust  
those elastic rainbow-colored sugar treats.

Loneliness now . . .

is filled with sounds of indecipherable joy.  
A two-person bed in the morning,  
a two-person bed at night;  
all quiet at night time,  
but a witness to a commotion at dawn...  
An avian family, greeting each new day  
in a non-stop frenzy;  
housed in my bedroom’s right corner window crevice.  
Each fledgling’s wings clap back and forth frantically.  
The loud chirping,  
the eager twitching and  
beak-to-wall-knocking  
fight off any potential intruder.

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How many birds were victims to the slings  
of childhood's neighborhood boys?  
No shooters here of baby aviators  
on their way to their flying classes.

Loneliness now . . .

is filled with sounds of indecipherable joy,  
thanks to "my" avian family.

This poem previously appeared in my debut tri-language book,  
*Trance* (Inner Child Press International: December 12, 2013). It  
has been revised.



## a butterfly amid the breeze

a butterfly came by  
for a visit just now  
it did not stay long enough  
for me to extend to it a friendly “hi”  
my patio served as a mere pit-stop  
it was gone with the soft breeze  
just when i offered it from my tray  
a sip of Turkish coffee before it went on its way

i wish i could prove its size to you  
with a photo shoot of its spanned wings

this butterfly was massively big  
in fact, it was as gargantuan as  
that hostile eagle on the tree nearby  
honest, it was!

oh, my sweet butterfly  
why did you have to fly away from me,  
all the way up to the sky?

This poem previously appeared in my poetry book, *this and that . . . a hodge podge of hülya's . . . poetry* (Inner Child Press International: January 2, 2019). It has been revised for this anthology.

## little black birds

they faded away  
in the mist above the mountains  
little black birds in the number of three  
as small as my own “i” lately appears to me

did they go over there  
where my near-sighted past aimed to be  
or are they right here, near, yet much farther away?

at the old horizon’s distance, anew  
where my mind dares to stay today  
a desperately-imagined door is left ajar  
in the vastness of the land and its incredible sky

little black birds in the number of three  
each as small as i most certainly am to me  
as small as each of us truly is in reality  
despite our self-celebrating exclusivity

there, in fact, is only one enormous entity  
that sees through our pitifully miniscule stature  
it notes its vacuity against its own eternal grandeur  
and pities its inability to spread on now or henceforth

the unfathomable expanse of the universe . . .

three little birds  
two little birds  
one little bird

This poem previously appeared in my poetry book, *Aflame. Memoirs in Verse* (Inner Child Press International: August 2, 2017).

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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>**

## Bee Pollinators

Bee pollinators are leaving the planet.  
Global warming is scarring their habitat  
causing stress on the home front.  
They fly proudly to the rainbow bridge.

They bow in honor of the plants.  
Wish them well on their journey  
to the heavenly planes.

Woe unto humankind for missing  
all the signals to change lanes  
and support healthy environments.  
One day the food will disappear.

## Against the Sun

Every time I hug a tree  
I know the hug of Spirit.  
I hold tight for a while  
just to feel that energy.

I whisper into the bark.  
Thank you.  
My ears hear.  
You're welcome.  
Go share your love.

And I think of you  
floating down the Nile  
holding my hand.  
I catch my breath  
one moment and you are gone.

I walk back into the present  
and your blue-green eyes say,  
not ready.  
A tear drop rolls down your face.

You are still frozen in that past life  
when we fought against the sun.



## Rapid in Heat

In the shadow of the wave,  
the water ripples into rapids  
that suck bubbles of bliss.

Shake and shimmy  
and rise with intense ecstasy.  
The rapid is in heat.

People drawn to that adrenaline  
look for ecstatic rapids  
that break like violent overtures.

Some of us shutter at the thought  
of a rapid in heat  
melting us into oblivion.

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.

## Bees: Carriers of Love

*If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe then man would only have four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man.*

*- Albert Einstein*

if kissing of the open lipped flowers  
all day long and the consuming  
desire of buzzing  
bees disappeared off the surface of the globe  
then man would only have four years of life left  
to see Van Gogh's  
paintings of sunflowers in pale vases,  
petals drooping like golden rain.

searching the deep mines of nectar  
bees land on pollen hills,  
no more bees, no more pollination,  
no more plants, no more animals,  
no more man.

the path ahead  
is through the gardens,  
marshes and forests.

## Monarch

I gaze at the butterflies  
hovering over the sea of flowers  
the dancing sprays of petals.

I focus my thoughts  
of wading on water  
without leaving any footprints.

Behind me  
monarchs  
fly no more.

I wake up raging  
forest fires, smoke has fully  
covered everything.

\* Monarch is a type of butterfly.

## Orange Boxes

The sound of skill-saw and hammer  
Signals arrival of something new  
What exists – looks for an exit.

The voice of peace muted  
Past memories held tight, buried  
Present confined to orange boxes  
Eyes glued to the shape of future.

Bulldozer – a metal monster  
Attacks our being  
Snaps our bones  
And force us to run.

Even seeds must  
Keep their casings intact  
Holding the tender sprouts  
Safe.

I love stones.  
They are  
The bones of past  
Memories.

\* Orange plastic nettings enclosing trees at the construction sites are called Orange Boxes.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis



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

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

Links to her works:

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

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## Butterfly I am

everyday  
the cocoon in us  
is growing;  
taking a step  
to make caterpillars  
of change;  
as we fly  
towards the chances  
towards the doors of possibilities  
towards the common purpose  
one step, one heart  
at a time;  
we learn to be  
butterflies of hope,  
beauty and strength.

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## circumspect

let's connect  
from here  
to the roundabouts  
of all dots...  
where love's cycle  
will be forever;  
victorious zeroes  
reveal the end;  
always begin  
with infinite  
circles, lines  
arches and ampersands  
of mystical games  
of life.

...and she

the lovely daffodil  
smiles to the earth  
stretches passion  
more than twirls like fettuccini  
spells satisfaction  
in her little way;

sings the unheard melodies  
from the breaking caves of melancholy;  
stands out in vivid tapestry  
from the myriad colours  
of her beautiful self.

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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## butterflies ; climate change

butterflies  
are flying flowers ;  
and  
the flower is a tethered butterfly  
yes, they maintain  
ecological balance  
they are the pollinators.  
higher temperature and  
erratic freezing events  
threaten their  
ability to survive hibernation  
reproduction, migration is affected  
with the increase of temperature  
a kaleidoscope of butterflies migrate  
to the forests  
in search of shelter and shade  
the metamorphosis of butterflies  
is sensitive to the climatic whims  
trivial fluctuation in weather  
forces them to change their habitat.  
let us provide nectar plants  
let us avoid pesticides  
butterflies are the wild indicators of ecosystem  
a butterfly's life is an epic journey  
let the epic journey celebrate all colours

## aura behind your selfie

where is the aura of your selfie  
it smiles for own self  
are you a narcissist?  
a solitary traveller ?  
a river understands your language  
and  
a mountain stands  
to give you rainwater, fruits and flowers  
a butterfly takes your message  
crossing all borders;  
the peace forums  
need you  
to speak ,to stand ,to act, to join ,to command  
is it necessary to be with the digital camera all the time

when the little children can understand  
your body language  
and smile looking at the eyes  
the coronation of poetry happens  
everywhere the jungle flowers  
spread fragrances  
that break the psychosomatic blocks  
there is enough space for everyone  
for culture and agriculture  
for waterfalls and springs  
just note the eulogy of your enemies  
your spine stands as a check gate  
against winds of vicissitudes  
why do you bend  
you are not a comma  
you are not lost either

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myriads of your fragrances cover all cacophony  
just feel the vision  
you are a living camera  
your heart captures  
so don't bother .....

## a butterfly on the mast of a submarine

waiting for the day  
when a butterfly  
will sit on the mast of a submarine  
and declare the cease fire on every border

each fragile moment is a war within  
each submarine kills and kills  
and spreads segments of bones as well  
a butterfly is a messenger  
look at the butterfly spreading its wings

not at all afraid to die at the blasting  
because to die for others is the life  
lo behold the butterfly sings  
the anthem of life eternal  
and spreads the pollen grains  
in its tiny wings  
to give us food and life  
I am still waiting.....

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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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## The Bee

There would be a devastating outcome without them.

Life as we know will be different if they are a no show.

As a matter of fact,

some say without them we won't be promised

a tomorrow.

They work night and day for us and their beautiful queen,

Black and yellow pile hovering over pedals is a picturesque scene.

Their numbers are getting shorter due to global warming temperatures.

They take from here and put there, they go from there to put there and repeat,

The problem is that they can become endangered because some species can't deal with higher heat.

If Bee pollination stops it will affect our ecosystems by destroying much needed crops.

It's amazing how an insect from a hive impacts all of our lives.

## Wade in the water

I needed ms Tubman to guide me,  
I was a slave of modern day society,  
I ran and ran,  
When I got caught they shackled me,  
They tour toured me,  
I tried escaping,  
but these blood hounds must of picked up my scent,  
Quickly they caught up  
and returned me to the plantation,  
The next time when I would of tried to escape,  
And If she was here to tell me god was gonna trouble the  
waters,  
I would've sprinted to the nearest sea bed,  
The dead would of been alive when we crossed just dressed  
in red,  
Their ensemble will turn white as soon as they see the light,  
The ones alive would of been dressed in wisdom blue,  
Symbolizing we made it through.

## Still in the trap

I'm still in the trap, not hustling, I'm trying to bring adolescent life back, to when young girls was smacking hands talking about "ms marry Mack Mack Mack" instead of dancing on some strangers lap. To when young boys wasn't banging, the only time you would see flags is being an alter boy or at school assembly. From self destruction to a alike rehabilitation, I want mothers and fathers to love their sons, instead of prenatal depression due to thinking that, that kid is gonna be the start of a family recession, that's the main thought of abortion, take it out doc I can't afford him, and when they decide to keep us, it's the same reason why a lot of us teen kids sleep in coffins for trying to help them, the streets is a hungry mans thesis to riches, that's why there's many starving bodies feeding maggots, worms and leeches. I'm using mathematical quotations to reteach the un-reached whom's third eye was breached, washed, then filled with grief, I'm the hoods, fb, twitter, reverb, speaker poor righteous teacher, I speak loud, so the deceased can hear my sound in the clouds. I've been through it all, wept waterfalls until my ducts became dry as a desert, I don't want to be a dead poet for the words I speak can be quoted, I'm striving to be a legend with a prefix of living known for civilizing uncivilized citizens

Eliza  
Søgiæt



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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).

## Embers of loss

It won't help anymore  
the conjuring of actuality.  
Perhaps prudence, wisdom?  
Has come the fraught, the endangered  
time of awaiting.  
The clocks don't stand motionless!

Apiaries evanesce,  
skyscrapers grow,  
in which the overworked residents  
don't have time,  
to think about the planet's future.  
They find it then, when  
they arise their own needs.

Until all has not died out,  
but is already dying out  
got to resurrect reason.  
To open oneself  
to a new march  
into a being rebuilt,  
a not being contaminated world.  
Today, not tomorrow,  
let's open up to the flames of life,  
close up to the embers of loss of all

*Translated Ula de B.*

## Prominence

It emerged from water?  
Fire? Chaos?  
God created it?  
Which one?

The world split by faith,  
unexpectedly joined in unison.  
Unified by common power  
– the invisible enemy.

And maybe there's one God?  
– For everyone, regardless of faith.  
Maybe it's a consecutive Big Bang,  
but one,  
which leads to the destroying.

*Royal name* of the pestilent  
brought him prominence.

– Inglorious laud of the murderer

The destroyer emerged from water?  
Fire? Chaos?  
Man created it?  
Animal?

Did...

*Translated Ula de B.*



## The word and the act

*To Ernest Kahan*

One,  
who has the gift of foresight  
of possible bad future  
— acts.  
Surrenders own voice to soundness  
of people of the world,  
knows,  
the atomic bomb carries death.

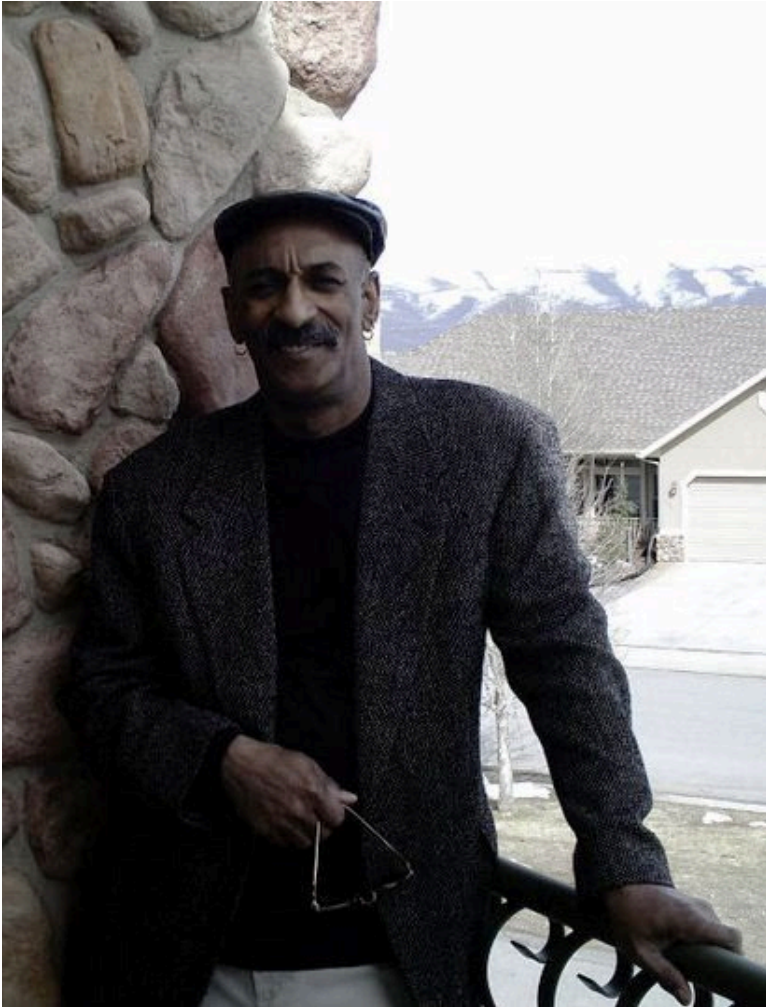
One,  
who gives a Hippocratic oath  
— heals.  
Knows as well,  
for the unit and the nations,  
it's not just health that's important,  
but also the peace.

One,  
who can cement  
wisdom with the word and the act,  
needs not give oaths,  
to prevent the collapse of reality.

*Translated Ula de B.*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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Bill's writing career spans a period of over 50 years. Being first Published in 1972, Bill has since went on to Author in excess of 50 additional Volumes of Poetry, Short Stories, etc., expressing his thoughts on matters of the Heart, Spirit, Consciousness and Humanity. His primary focus is that of Love, Peace and Understanding!

Bill says . . .

I have always likened Life to that of a Garden. So, for me, Life is simply about the Seeds we Sow and Nourish. All things we "Think and Do", will "Be" Cause and eventually manifest itself to being an "Effect" within our own personal "Existences" and "Experiences" . . . whether it be Fruit, Flowers, Weeds or Barren Landscapes! Bill highly regards the Fruits of his Labor and wishes that everyone would thus go on to plant "Lovely" Seeds on "Good Ground" in their own Gardens of Life!

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If . . .

If there were no Butterflies, Bees and Insects,  
Where would we be  
No honey, no flowers,  
For you, nor for me

No creepy crawly things  
To make little girls scream,  
No disturbing thought  
In nightmares nor in dreams

There would be no food  
Save those GMO's,  
Could we live with that  
Only God knows

What a world we would live in  
What a world this would be,  
If we keep going our ways  
Will our children live to see

The beauty, the splendor  
In our lives we have seen  
If it is to survive  
We must find new means

If only life were perfect  
There would be no worry  
But we must change now  
Let not our legacy be . . . sorry

If . . .

a requiem for a day of love . . .

The morning Sun burns brightly,  
bathing me in its warmth.  
The Trees of the Wood are awakening,  
to reach for the Heavens once more.  
The Birds begin their Song of Celebration,  
singing of Life's utter grandeur.

and i, i am a witness to this glory . . .  
a requiem for a day of love.

I hear a gentle breeze,  
caressing the leaves.  
I see the shadows dance across the field,  
for their time for play has come.  
The Crow caws across the semi still morning,  
and the creeping ones of the Earth,  
stir about with the rhythms of the Mother.

and i, i am a witness to this glory . . .  
a requiem for a day of love.

The Flowers slowly open their petals,  
that they may impart their blissful fragrance,  
to the world of us all.  
The Morning Breeze becomes urgent,  
can you hear her call?  
Why even the vagrant Weeds are dancing,  
without a fall, as they too paint a picture,  
upon the landscapes of life.  
They hear the music, can you ?

and i, i am a witness to this glory . . .  
a requiem for a day of love.

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The Butterflies flittered and fluttered,  
    across the grass,  
while the Bees began to awake,  
    and commence to collect,  
    their bountiful “Rent of Love”,  
As the Squirrels foraged as Squirrels do,  
mixing the play of Limb Jumping with their work.

and i, i am a witness to this glory . . .  
    a requiem for a day of love.

i saw the Worm slowly inch himself,  
    across the ground,  
gladly offering himself for Breakfast.  
    The Flies a flying ,  
    and the Crickets still crying,  
as did my Heart full of understanding,  
for Life has embraced me in Light.

and i, i am a witness to this glory . . .  
    a requiem for a day of love.

## The Untitled

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

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

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

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



# The Butterfly Effect



"15" in effect

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Elarbi Abdelfattah

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## Fire in my skull

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



## Meditation

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

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

## chime the bells

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

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Lorraine  
Cragg



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After leaving high school and working within the financial services industry for 10 years the realisation that this environment was no longer for me became evident.

Feeling unfulfilled, I retrained to work as a teacher within the early years/primary school education sector and achieved my Bachelors of Arts Honours Degree in 2018. I continue to work in education as a support assistant for children with special educational needs and disabilities. I find that working alongside children is extremely rewarding and it is within this role that my love for poetry was reignited.

## Lest We Forget

November 11th we must not forget, the lives of the soldiers  
that have been put to rest.

The soldiers from England and the Commonwealth too, are  
remembered for their bravery, some (being) long overdue.

The poppy is the symbol for Remembrance Day, to  
commemorate the lives that were given today. For me! THIS  
day Is extra specially defined! as remembrance brought  
together my two cultures entwined.

My English heritage and tradition of remembrance knew,  
we stopped in our tracks, in silence for two (minutes).

Previously, my mind was blank - unable to relate, to the  
Englishmen of war or those who are of late. Yet today! My  
thoughts bring forward my forefathers you see, I know of  
them neither, though they do look like me; In black and  
white photos are what my mind's eye sees.

One by one those images are flicked! Stills of black  
soldiers in uniform, hat and full kit! They're letting me  
know that they fought for England too! "We fight for the  
mother country! We saw this war through!"

Young and Beautifully Handsome and also very brave, our  
black soldiers are to be commended for the battle that they  
gave. The battle that would cost them the ultimate in price,  
the ultimate in price of that which is life.

They were here and they're coming to life as they are being  
uncovered the stories of our Caribbean, African and  
American brothers.



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We've been hidden amongst the English for far too long!  
Let us rise! Let us stand side by side! To commemorate this  
victory and rewrite this terrible wrong! The chapter of the  
black soldier has barely begun.

In Windrush Square Brixton an Obelisk was laid, to  
commemorate the contributions to victory that black people  
had made. Two million servicemen and women who gave  
their lives, to give freedom and peace and allow us to  
strive.

To strive for what you believe in and for us to take a  
chance; to remember what they have gone through and to  
remind us to fight to advance.

Everyday can be a battlefield and a struggle for some it  
seems. Though our differences united us - we fought  
together, for the freedom of ONE Country. Remember us.

## Structural Racism

The report already demonstrates their fears, that which we see; The inherent need to contain 'a people', a numerous people than the eye can see.

They fear us! And fear what this dismantling will mean, which is the breakdown of a system, of (economic) exploitation - no longer will it be.

Our history is of resistance to strategies that oppress, little do they know 'mi people nuh dun yet!'

This report has brought on anger to those in the know; Lady Doreen Lawrence, Public Health Experts and Samuel Kasumu in tow.

'Divorced from reality!' the academics have said 'it risks pushing the fight back at least two decades! It has to be said'.

If history is an indicator for our means to progress, our anger at a systems tenacity still needs to be addressed.

This anger brought about change, a change for the best! Our ancestors knew it back then and so do the rest; that the system is deliberate and selective and yet! still some of our people still continue to progress.

Yet 'the some' is not enough against a system that will suppress, the superiority and equality of a race, to be at its best.

Somehow our strength is obstinate, we won't settle for less;

We find in our strength, in our will to reject, the closed systems of slavery ie., the representative governments and the maintenance systems they select.

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In strength of this rejection some organisations and authors conclude, that 'we were not briefed, on regards to how - our data would be used'

'The use of which I find to be both unprofessional and extremely rude'.

Imagine how our lives would be! To flourish in society!  
Equality with little adversity, equality is all that we seek!  
We acquired the language, the skills and their knowledge,  
the foundation, the cornerstone of our nation! all finely  
tuned to achieve- yet the system deceives!

Slavery has not been abolished. It exists unconditionally-  
with thoroughness on each generation that it meets.

Some demand retribution for our continued bondage and  
for our pain; the bond has not been fulfilled, yet the ransom  
has been paid.

Yet our people are still held within this irritating restraint of  
systematic and institutional racism and modern day slavery  
as its game.

Yet our voice will be heard through a system that rejects;  
the needs of black people will continue to be expressed; by  
the dignitaries and the representatives and the movements  
no less; until this damned system is dismantled - only then  
my people can rests, and progress un-inhibited no less.

Our history is rich with the folklore of the past; it's the seed  
bed of culture, some people will ask; what does it mean?  
and where Is it from? My homeland of Jamaica, the land of  
the Blue Coffee and White Rum; out of many - One People  
- our day will soon come.

## 2020 Covid and the disadvantaged

2020 a year to remember, the month of March became the  
time of surrender.

The surrender to a virus that has no known cure; that did  
not discriminate

Old, rich or poor. Black, white or brown - no differences  
can be found.

The virus is well as it mutates and spreads around.

Wash hands, face coverings and stand 2 metres apart, It's  
the method

That's been used to reduce the symptoms and play it's part.

In eliminating Its presence, infrastructure takes part,  
transportation to leave is forbidden - we're grounded before  
we start.

Communication is constant through social media or the  
T.V., some people are

Afraid with no places to flee. With loved ones in homes  
with no family connections, or in different parts of the  
country with only the phone to connect them. My mum is  
one of those who is not tech savvy, we'd ring each other -  
our voices made us happy. We'd talk about our day or  
things that we did, the conversation would come to who'd  
passed away from Covid.

The numbers were in there thousands from week to week,  
I'd pray for the less fortunate, the old and the meek.  
The duty is upon us to look out for each other, to help out  
where it's needed - to unite and come together.

Examples can be taken from Marcus Rashford and the like,  
that brought the country together, together to unite.

To unite in a common cause of no food for the young -  
disadvantaged against a situation that doesn't support them.

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Food vouchers and food parcels to support a common theme; no food during the holidays or the lock-down it seems. The campaign was supported and passionately led - by a Manchester United footballer and his past experiences he said.... 'My mother worked hard, I remember that she did. (She did) The best that she could do, I was a fortunate kid, I understood, I didn't moan, It is what It is.'

He's in a favourable position now to change the situation of these kids, to raise awareness of this plight amid the Covid.

Support for the campaign grew, through petitions and a sig., ; to pressure the government to make the right decision - amid; the kindness and compassion of a collective team, that shared the same motivational, inspirational dream from the young man that played for a U.K. football team.

That no child should go hungry In the midst of the pandemic, no parent to worry, no carer to panic. As support for the cause came - guess what Mr. Johnson did? A Covid Winter Grant Scheme was funded and supported. This Initiative had been launched to support the children disadvantaged.

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Neha  
Bhandarkar





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## Unattached

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

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

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

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

Her innocent pollens  
get churned out  
while she procreates intensely  
with an unattached mind

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and when it becomes indispensable  
to give birth to another feminine form  
the chain of creation  
gets strung automatically

Sheerly in the name of subsistence!....

## Setting Down

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

Have you seen the sun fearful  
or the moon finished?

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

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

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

Shower your pitter-patter  
as the writing flow of poets

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

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

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

## Intolerant

An intolerant moment  
intersecting the death and solitude...

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

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

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

Robert  
Gibbons





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Robert has been published in over thirty literary magazines and in several notable anthologies. Recent publication credits includes: Year of the Poet; Killens Review, Tribes, Involuntary Magazine, Peregrine, *Expound*, *Promethean*, *Turtle Island Quarterly*, *Killer Whale*, and *Suisun Valley Review*, and the *Bronx Memoir Project: Vol. 2* published by the Bronx Council of the Arts.

Robert's first collection, *Close to the Tree*, published by Three Rooms Press (2012). His chapbook, *Flight*, published by Poets Wear Prada (2019) *You Almost Home, boy*, published by Harlequin Creatures (2019) with Brooklyn based artist, Amy Williams, "Some Little Words" published 440 Gallery, Brooklyn (2021)

## an argument

just strangle me with chocolate hearts  
and pink roses before Valentine

the winter will be a lie  
because the outside is confused

only the inside extols loneliness  
as foreword, then tease through

the preface with each vignette  
lick the neck then smell the ankle

the dog in me is gratified, not satisfied  
the escalator went up and I see

the mini-skirt too brief, but plenty  
of thong, and the tongue is tom-tom

with peepers and boners, just too short  
Toulouse hangs from its frame.

## the peon

it's been eighty years since the arrival of Diego  
the crowd is immense, the politics still intense  
I smell the burning of sienna like sugarcane  
In winter, its brown on canvas, we are all frozen

assets, there are frescoes covered in tarp  
concealed until the chipping away, feel the  
revolution approach as dark as the ochre  
not just pozzuoli or almape, but movado

its vine in cobalt blue paints the rhythm  
of the American worker, the sound of the  
pneumatic drill, then the growl of the agrarian  
the voice of Zapata forms behind the mural panel

the depression pencils in the sketchbook  
peasant laborers with babies on their hips  
it's the peon and the peonage, the scion of color  
mirages my vantage point, the flame in flames

the blame is a blasphemy, then I look around  
for the dead and see Frida in her poster bed.

## she died of COVID

every time I walk the east village  
before her nipple was metaphor  
the bowery and her navel, the way

she reminded me of Shirley Chisom  
she sweeps the house like Congress  
sometimes I called her mama

the church where i learn to recite verse  
when she washed me in Spring and  
summer, now winter, hints of her

all over me, still in evolution, her hands  
holding my head, melting in her  
potter's wheel, its castoria and castor oil

her soil sample a young chemistry set  
my chest would breathe better if I could  
cough up the words, use verbs as

memory or make an impact, reminded  
of Henrietta Lacks, if I had to be  
scientific, but will call on carcinogenic

the blend of Southern, a butter pound mother  
flour as her fingers, when she is an utter  
example.

# Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



*Janet Perkins Caldwell*

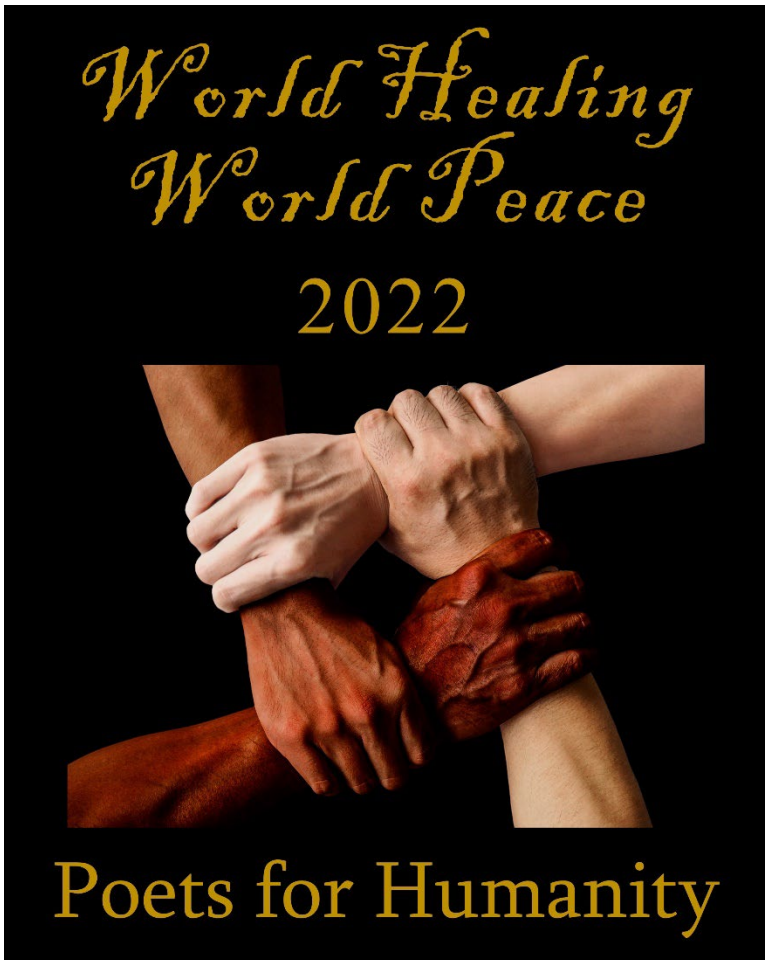
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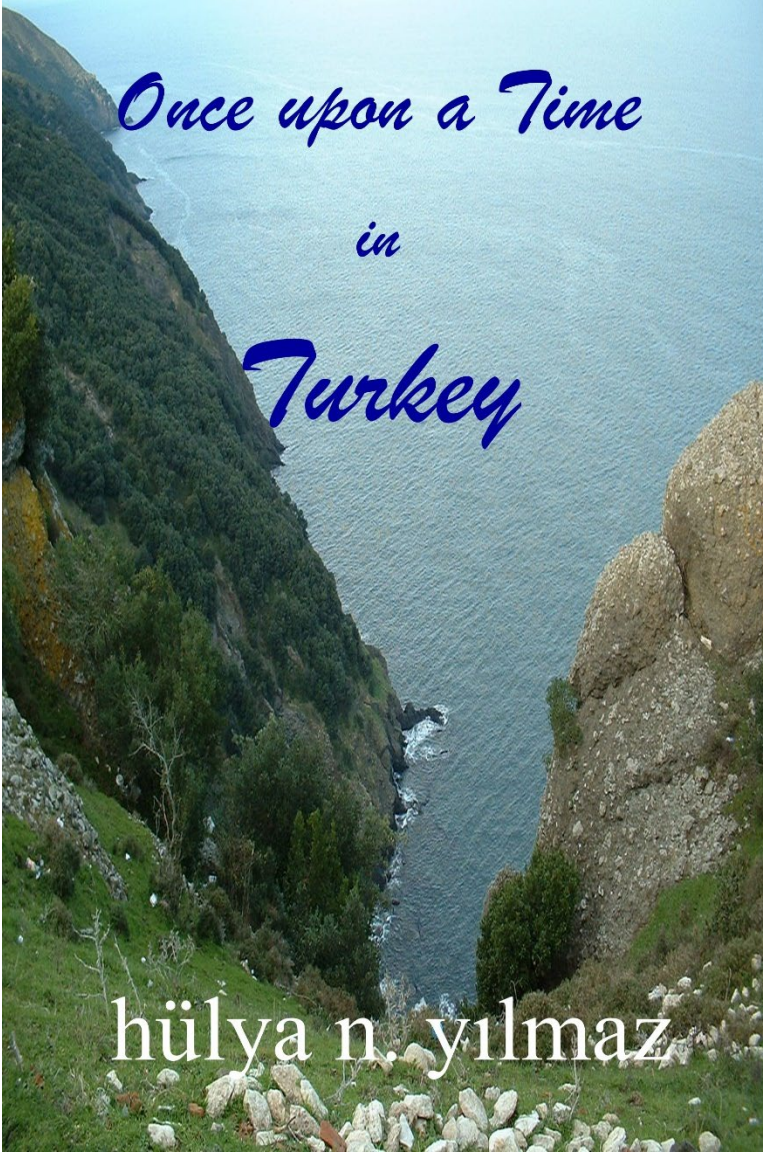
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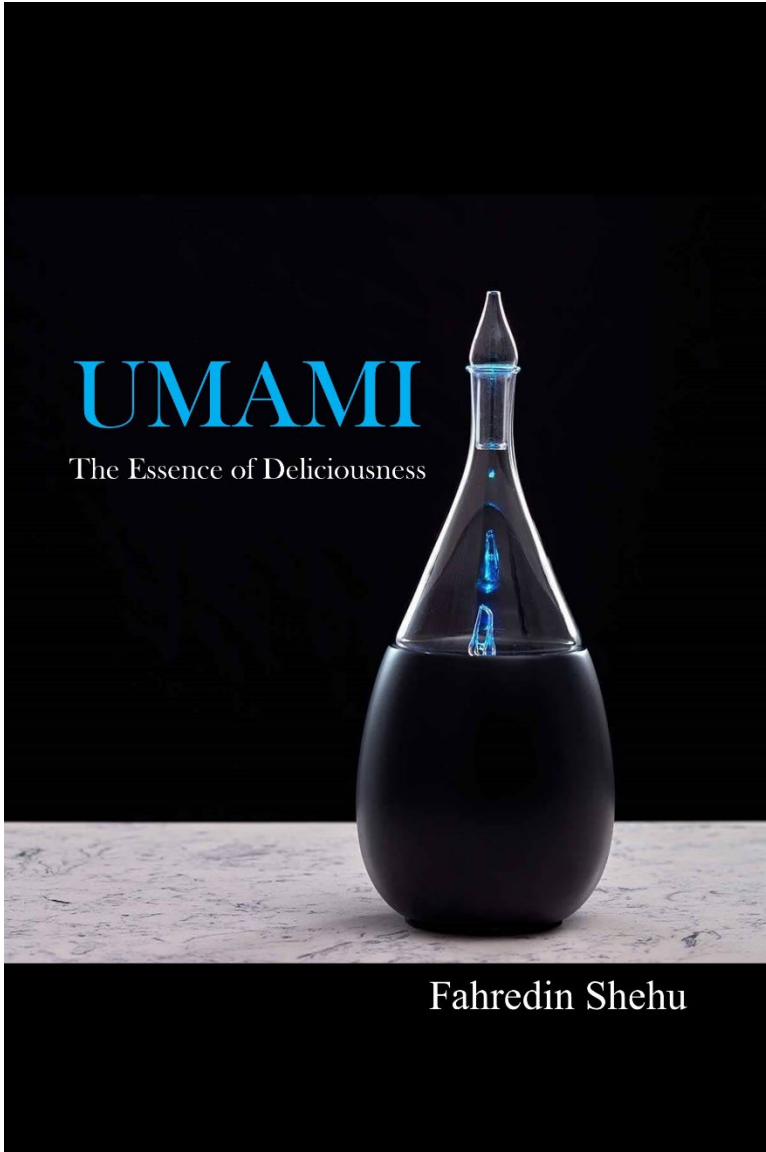
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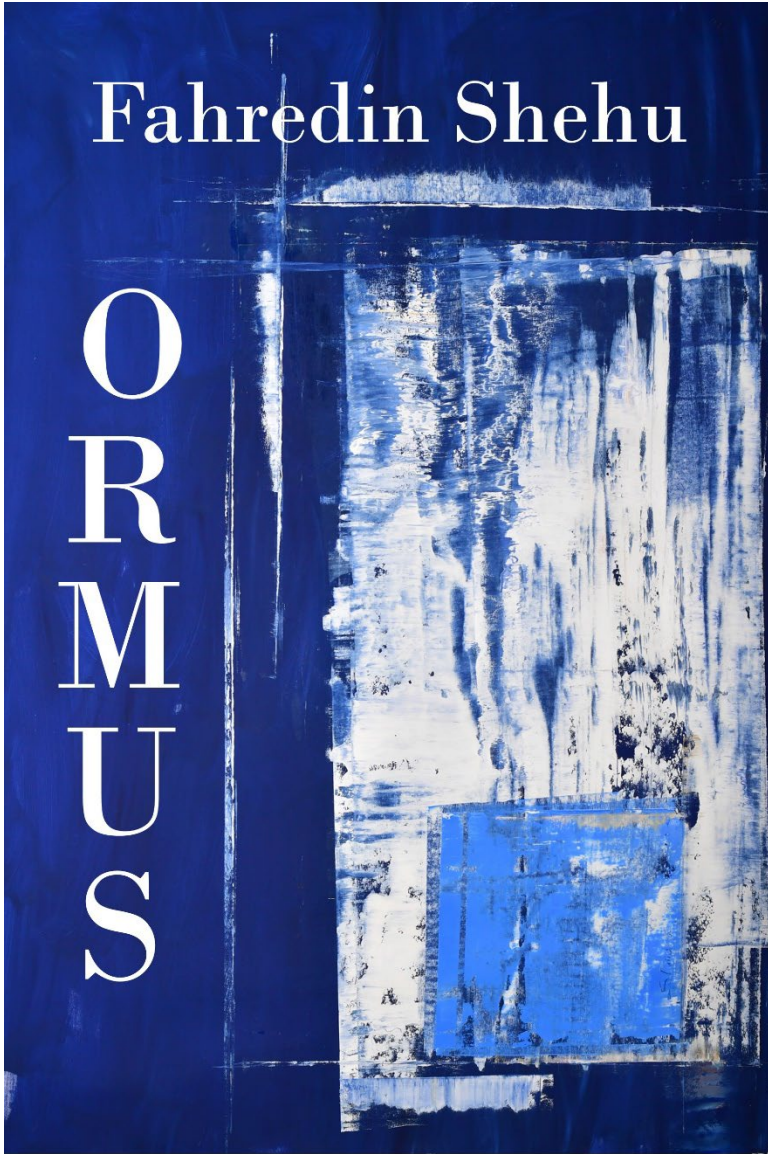
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*... from the Streets to the Stages*



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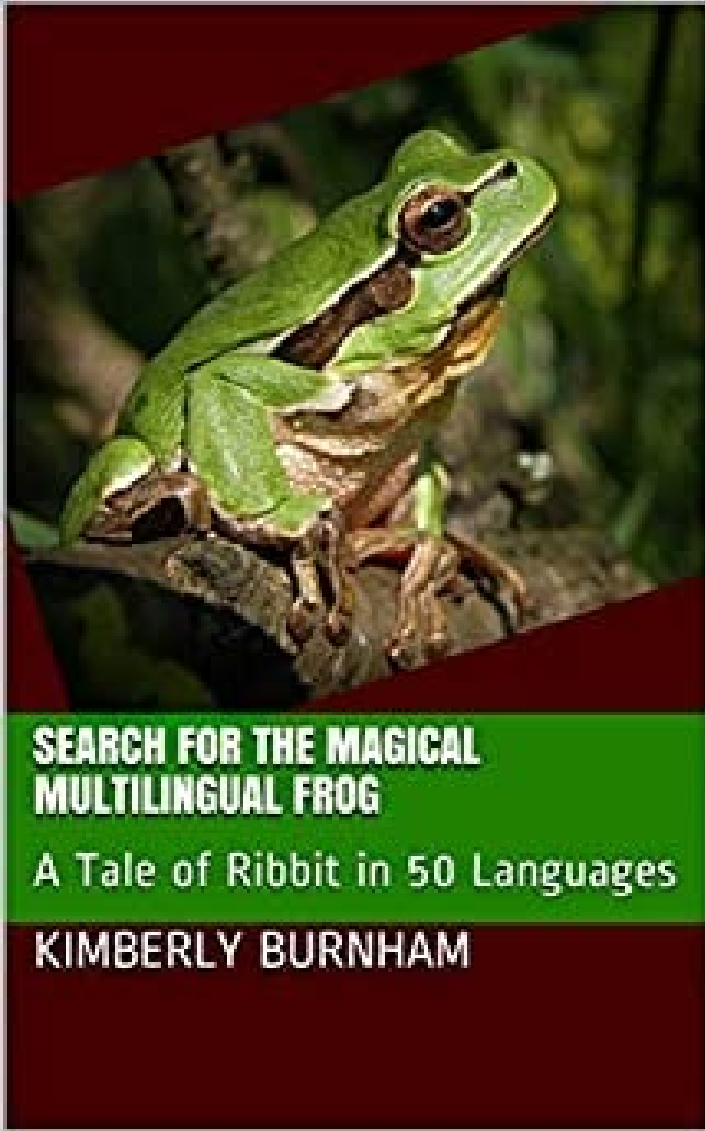
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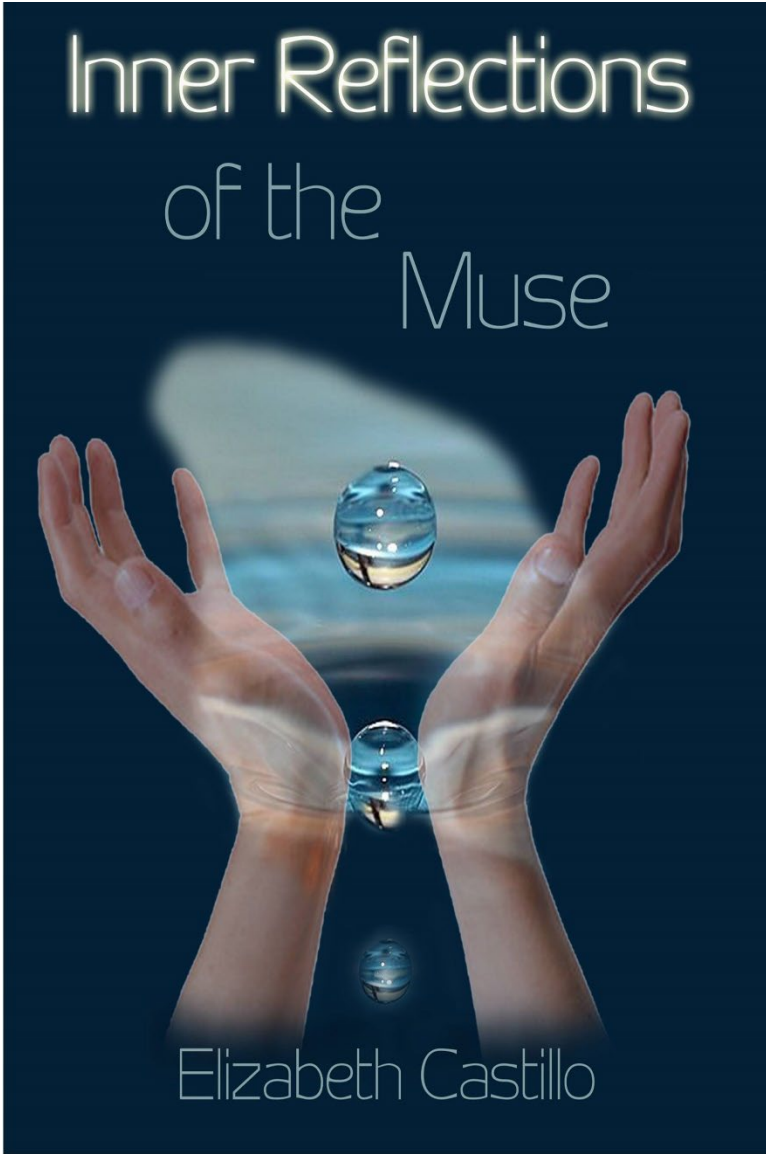
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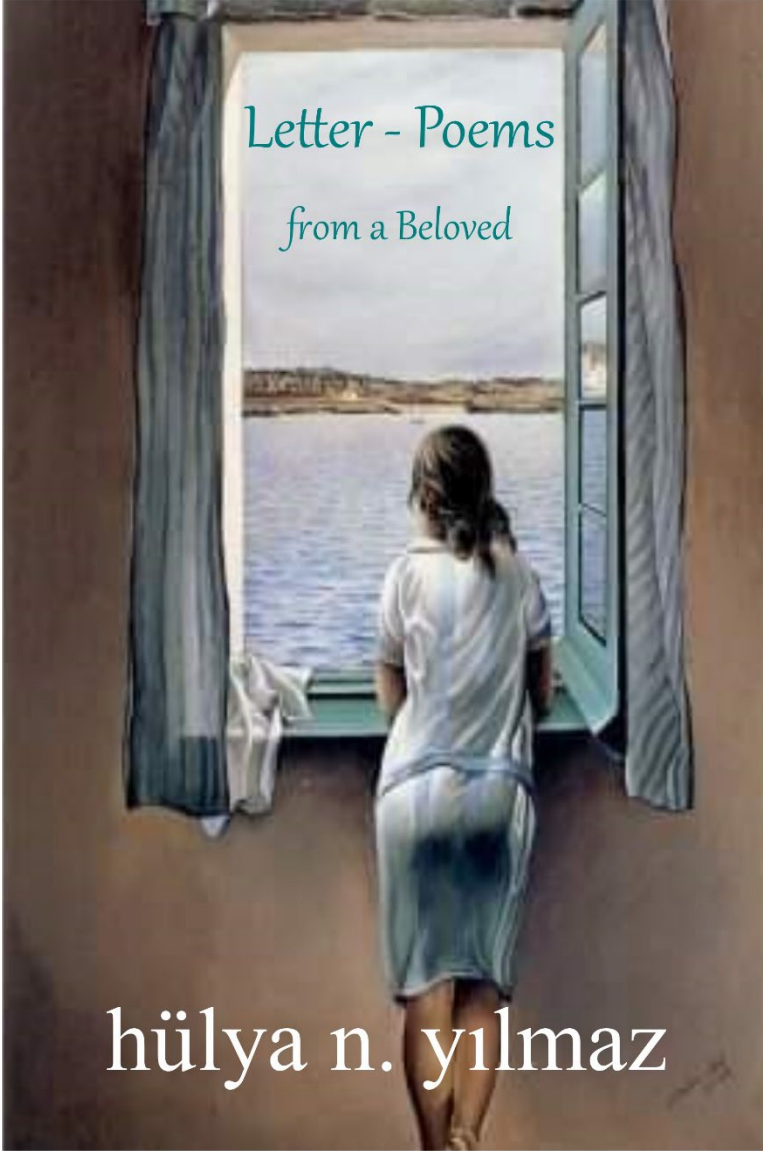
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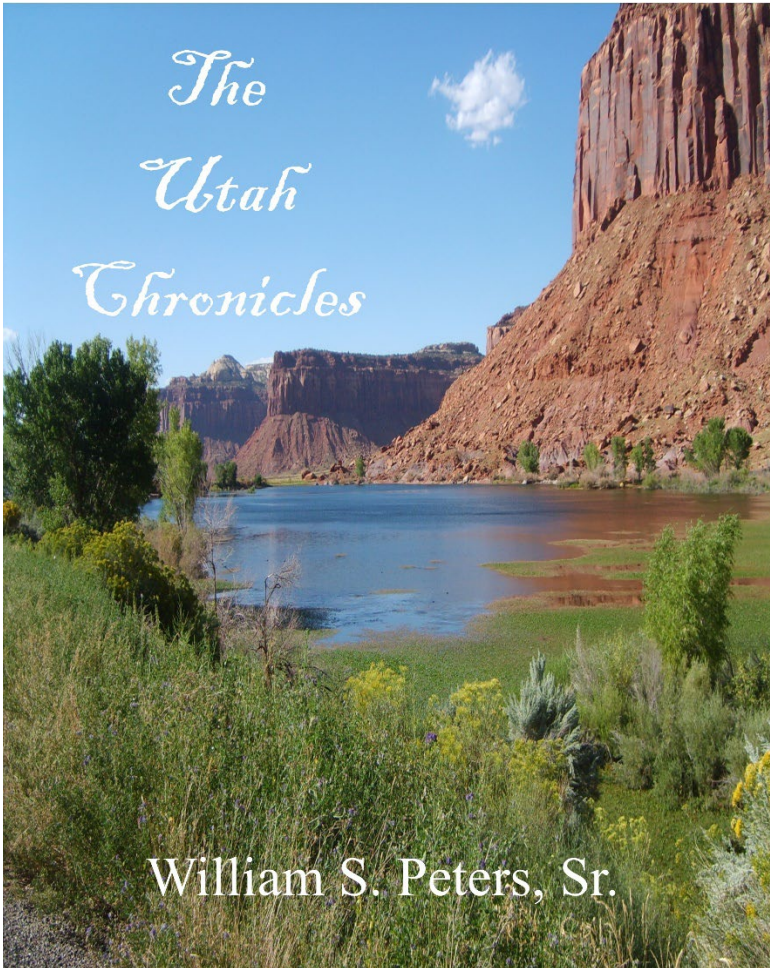
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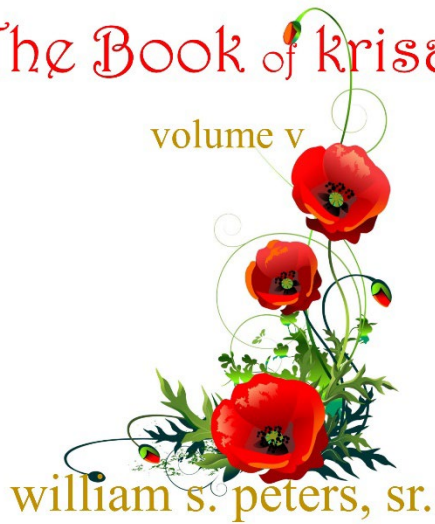
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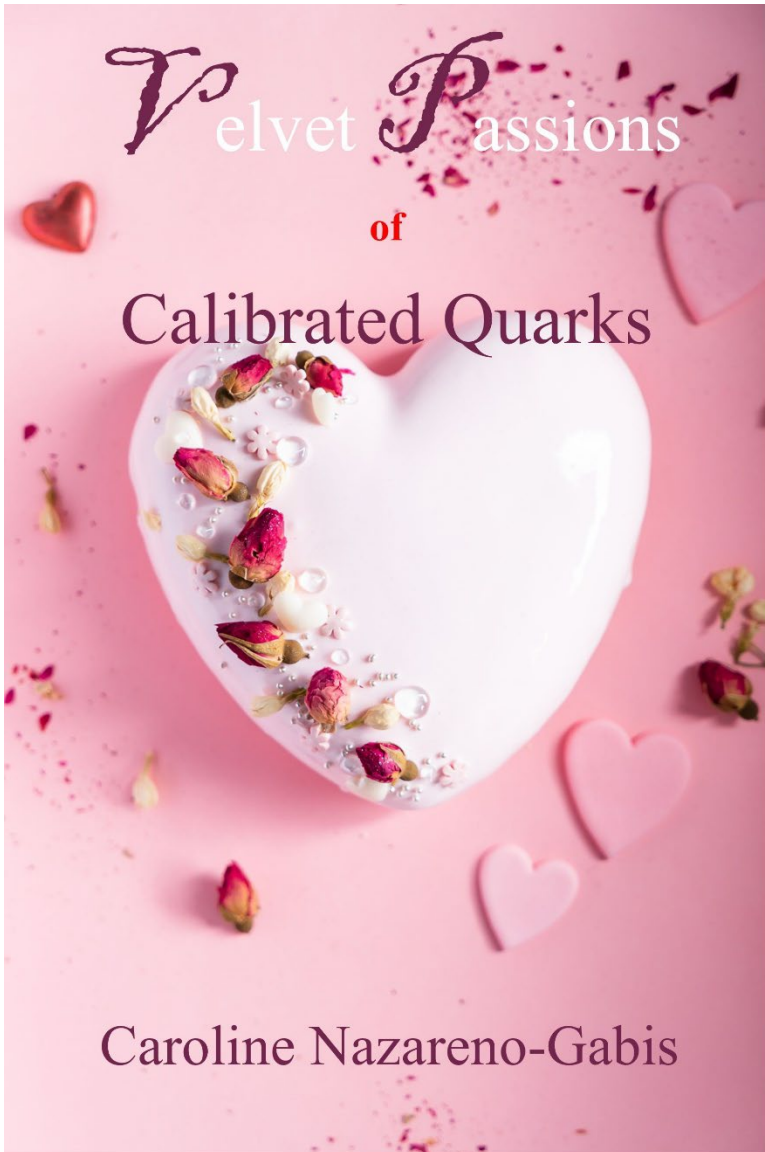


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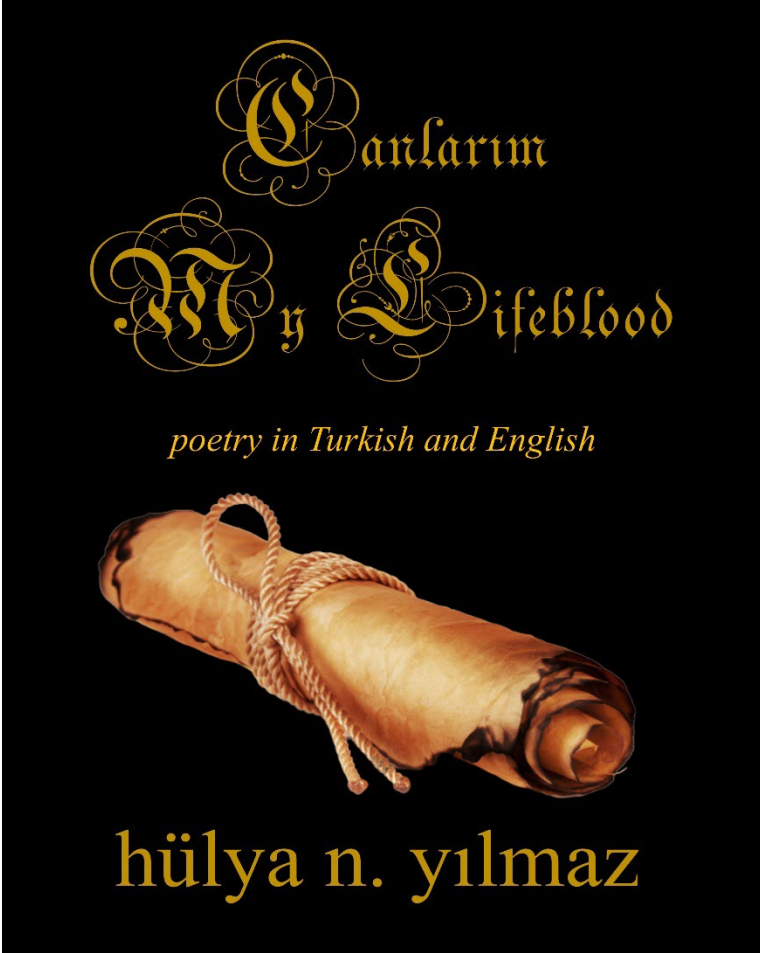
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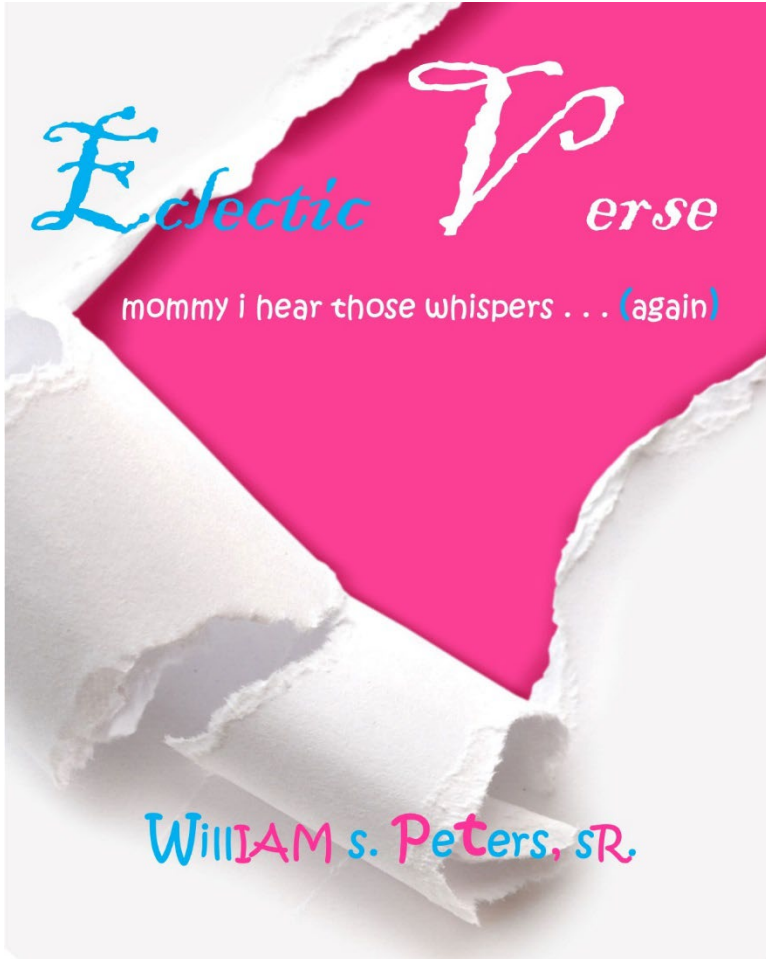
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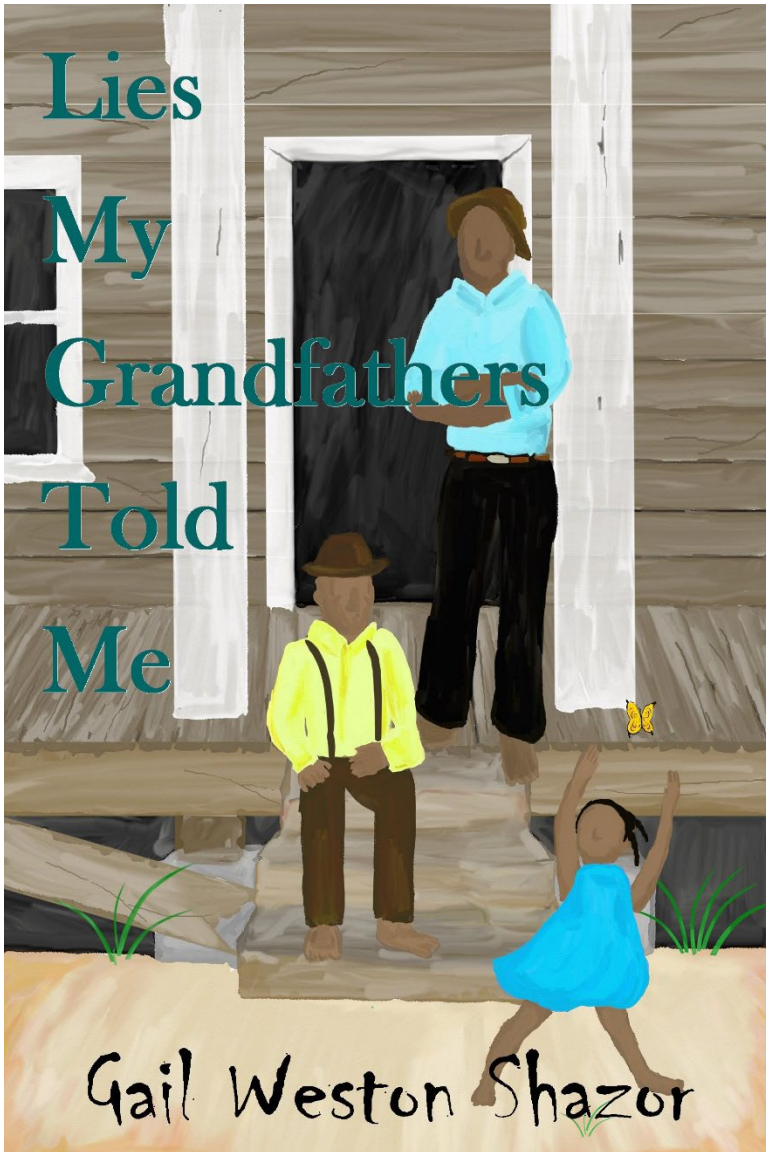
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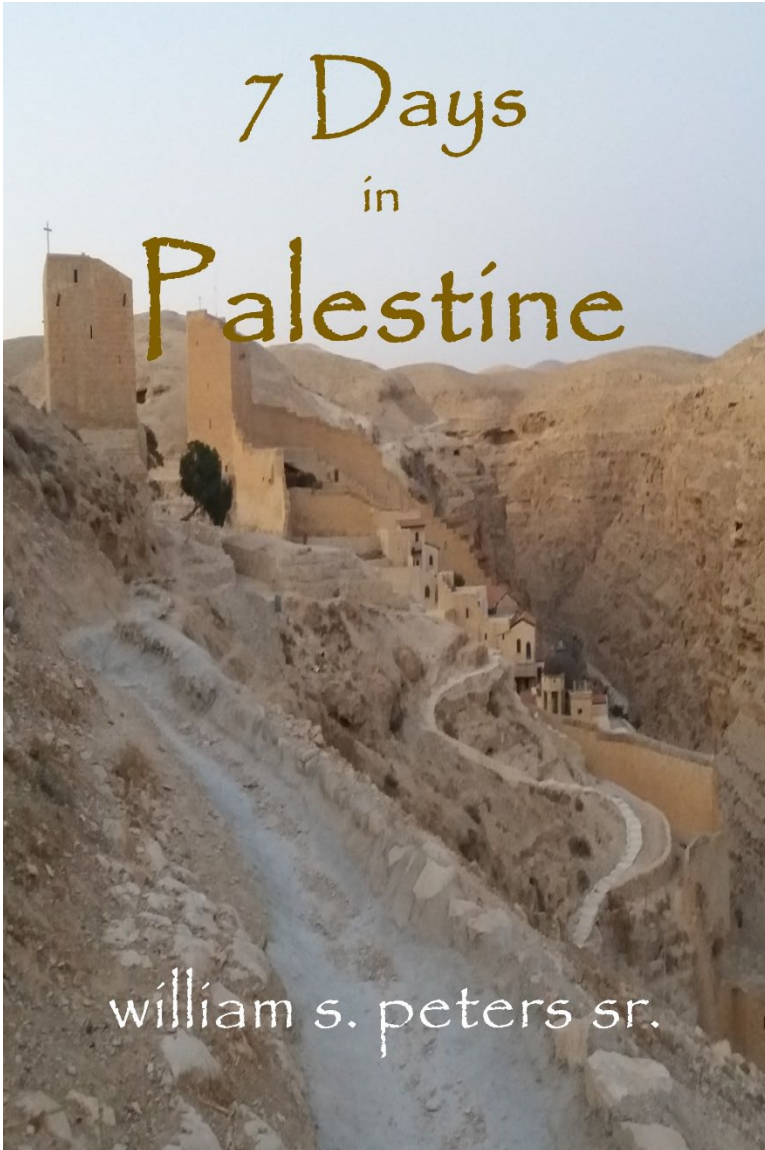
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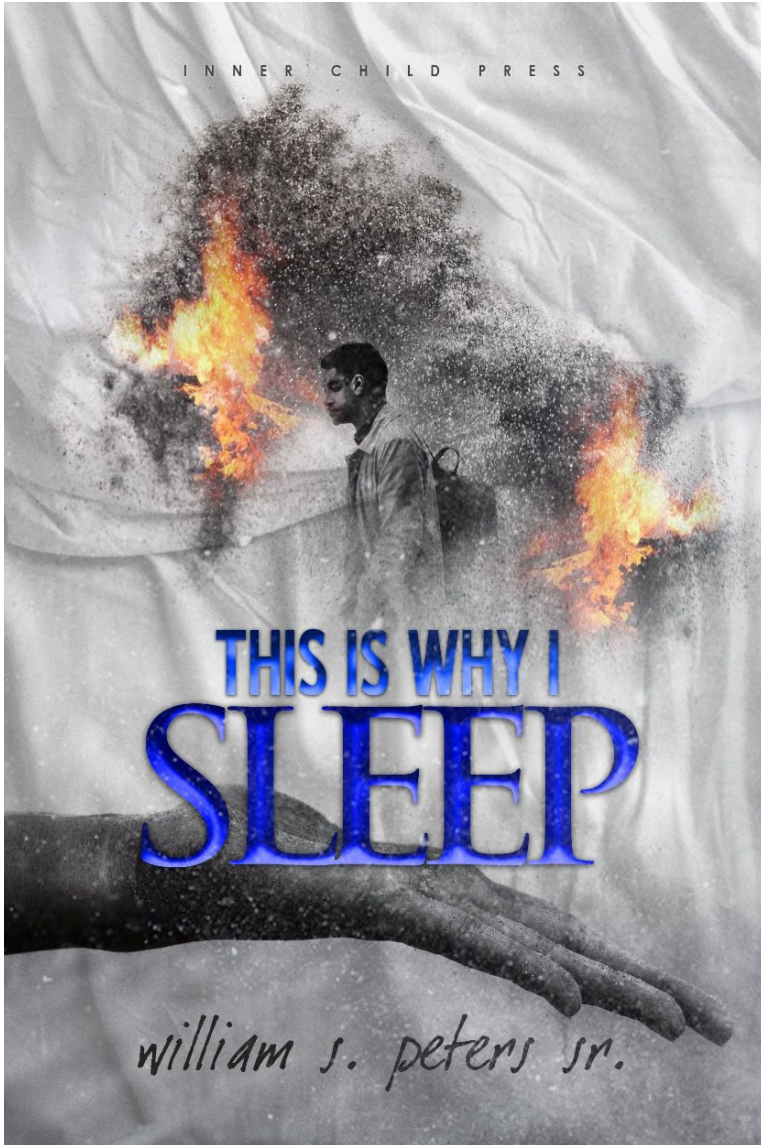
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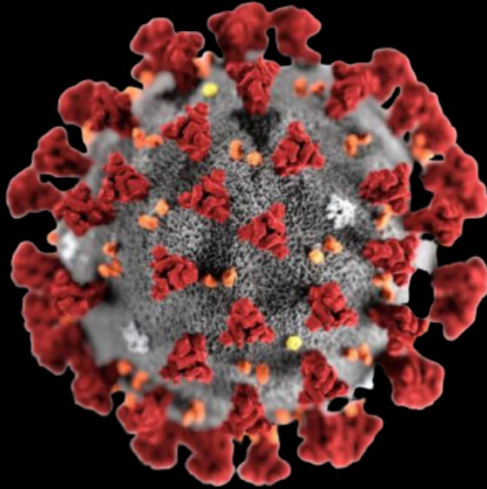
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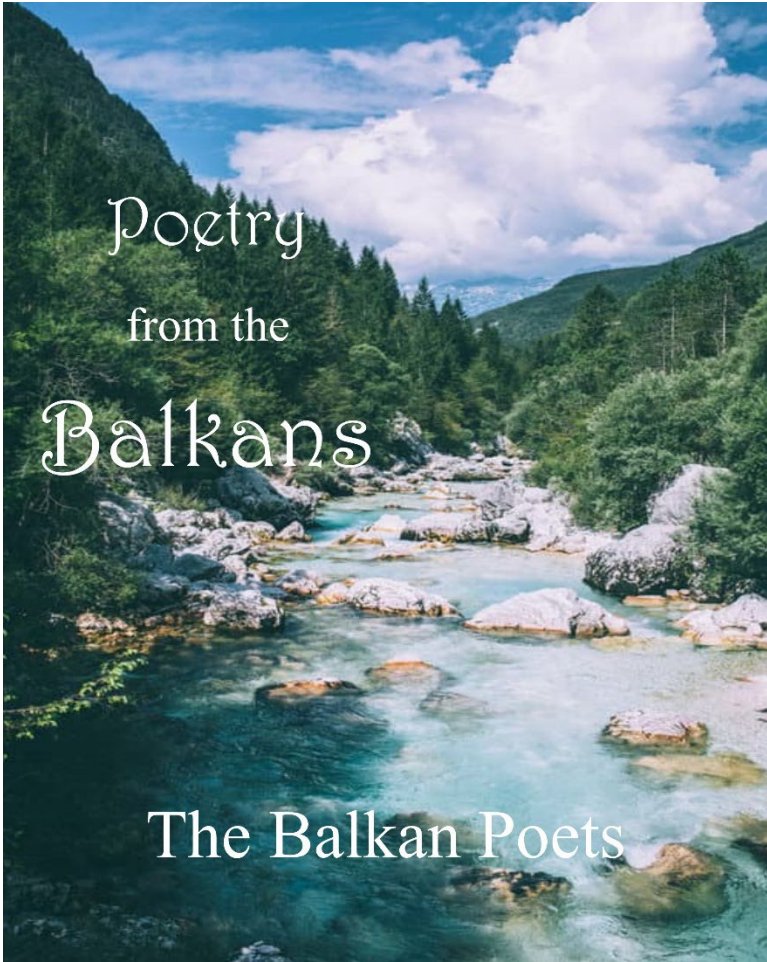
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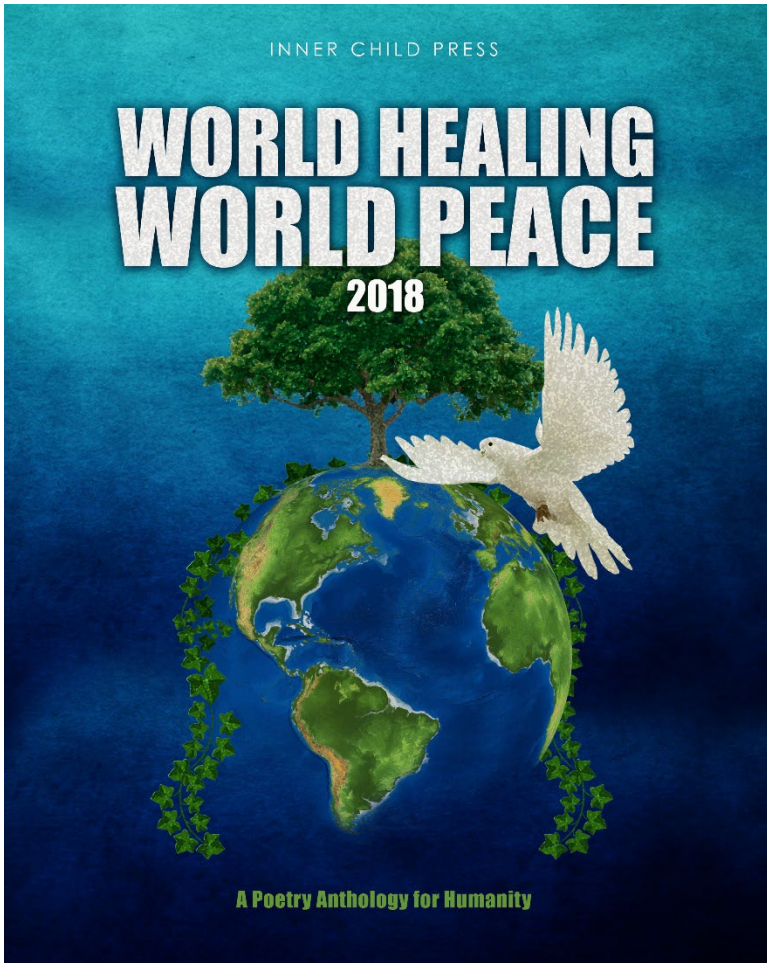
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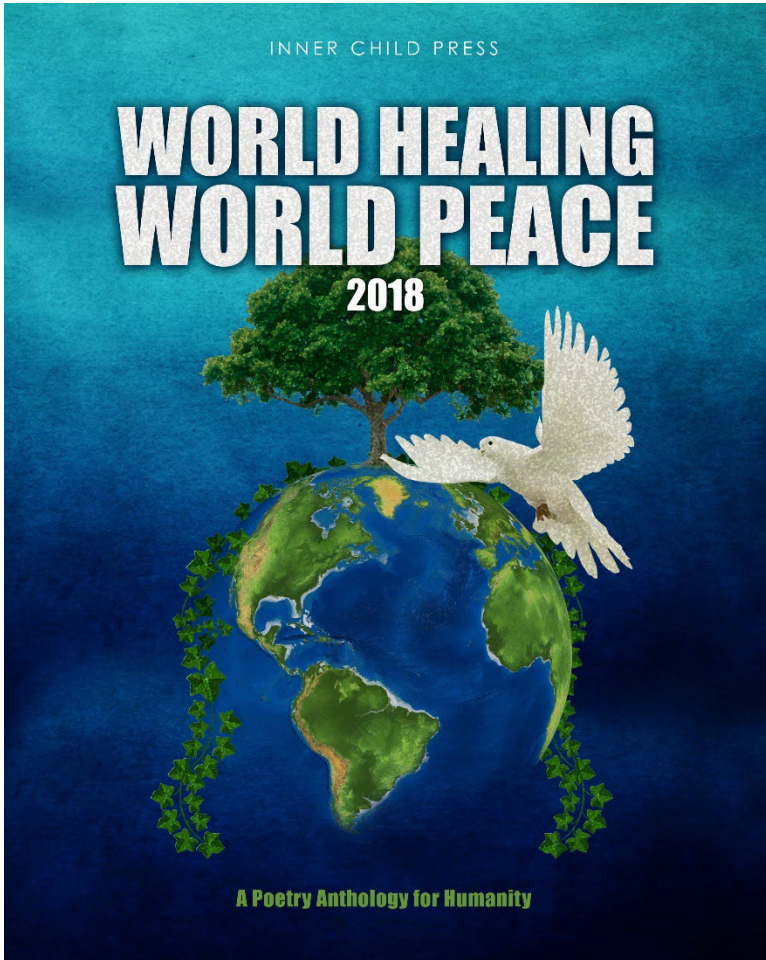
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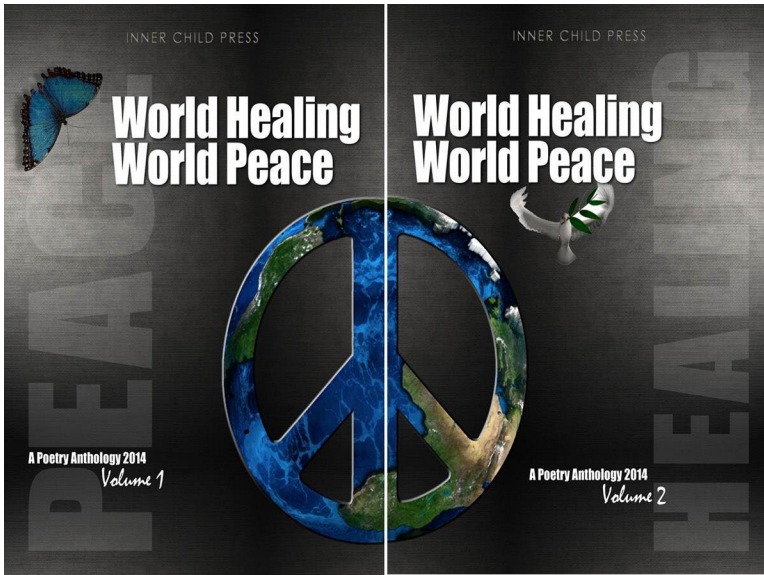
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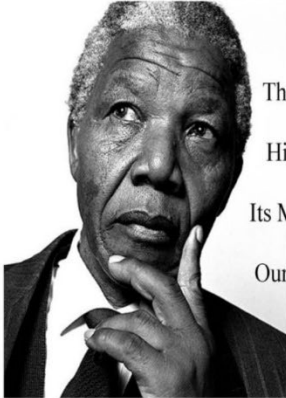


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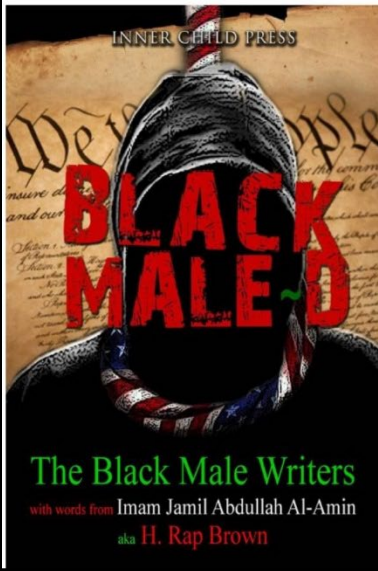
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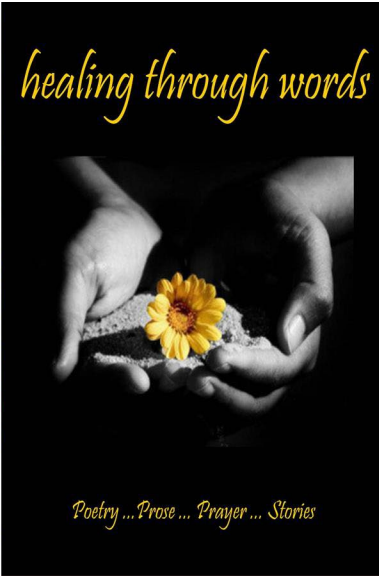
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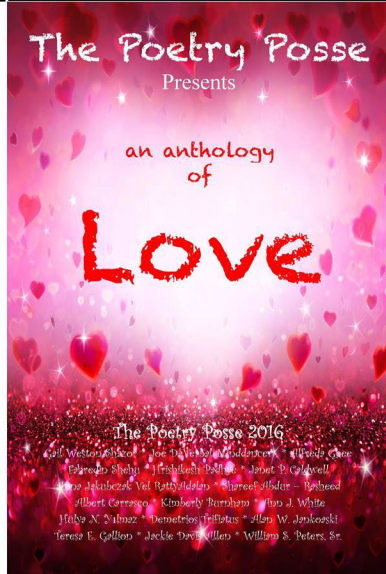
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### Our January Feature

Terri L. Johnson

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February 2014



violets

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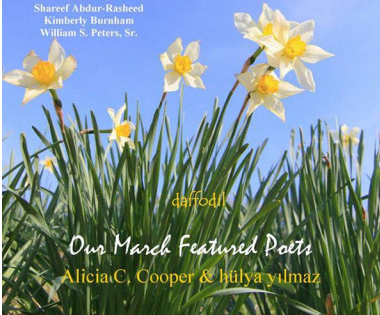
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March 2014

### The Poetry Posse

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### Our March Featured Poets

Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

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April 2014

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Lily of the Valley

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June 2014



*Love & Relationship*

**Rose**

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

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*July Feature Poets*  
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Lotus  
Asian Flower of the Month

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**



*August Feature Poets*  
Ann White \* Rosalind Cherry \* Sheila Jenkins

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Aster Morning-Glory



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September Feature Poets

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October 2014

Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

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November 2014

Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Roseman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiate

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December 2014

Narcissus



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**January Feature Poets**  
 Bismay Mohantiri \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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February 2015



**Amethyst**


*THE POETRY PESSE*  
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 Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

**Our Featured Poets**  
 Heung Sook \* Anthony Arnold \* Alicia Poland

**Bloodstone**




*The Poetry Pesse 2015*  
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 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

**Our Featured Poets**  
 Raja Williams \* Dennis Ferado \* Laure Charazac



**Diamonds**

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




Pearl

The Poetry Posse 2015  
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July 2015

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



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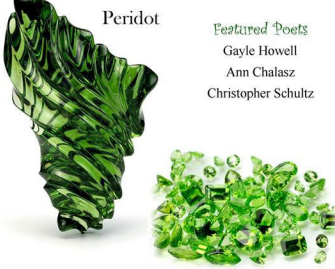
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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2015

Featured Poets  
 Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Triffatis



Sapphires

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October 2015

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

Opal




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November 2015

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 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore




Topaz

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December 2015

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 Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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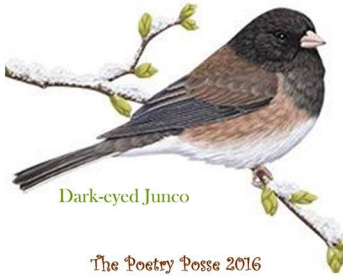
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

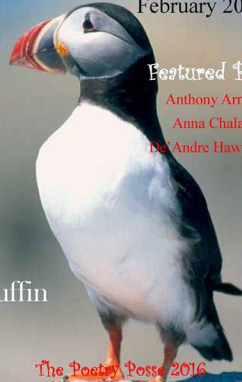
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### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

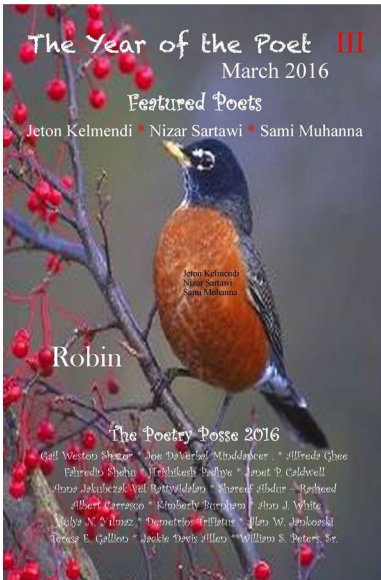
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

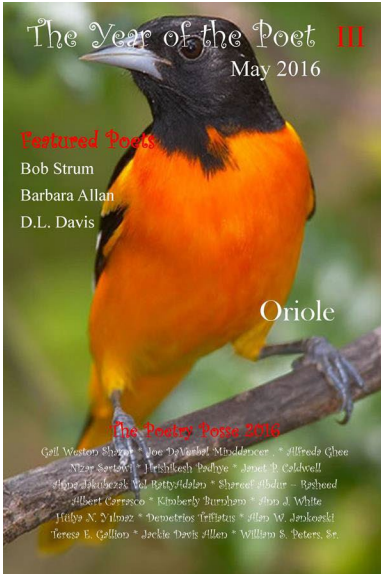
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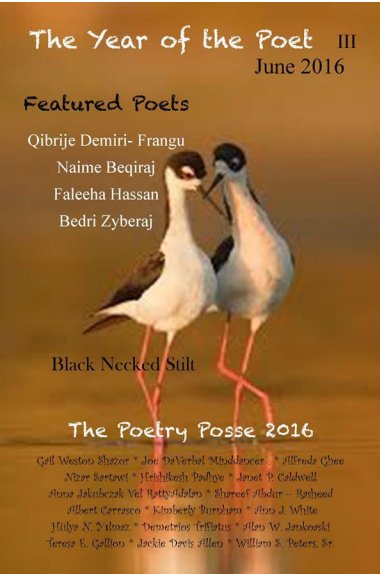


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May 2016

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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

**Oriole**

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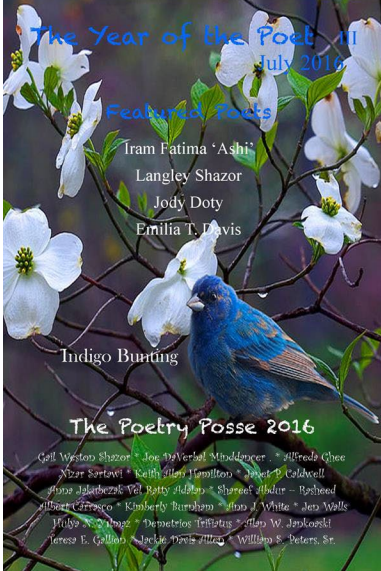


**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj

**Black Necked Stilt**

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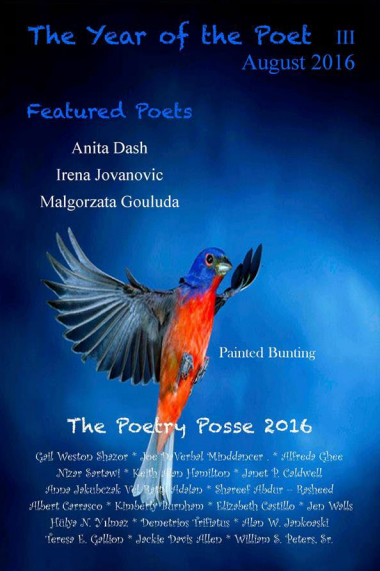


**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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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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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novilla



Long Billed Curlew

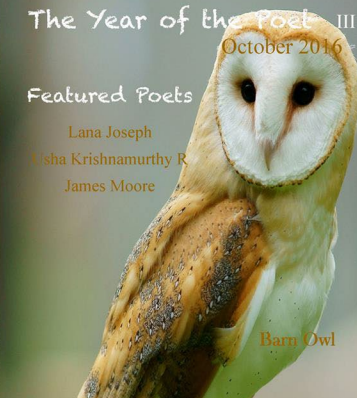
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

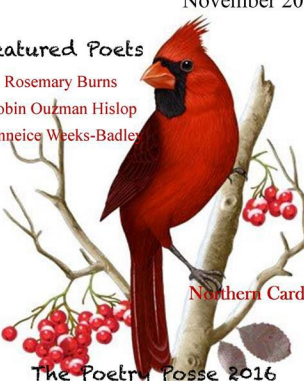
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November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal


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December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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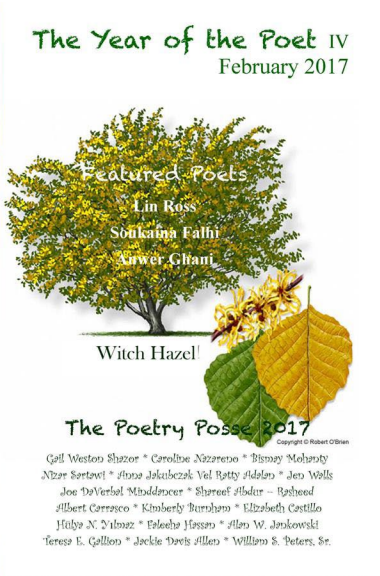


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Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

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February 2017

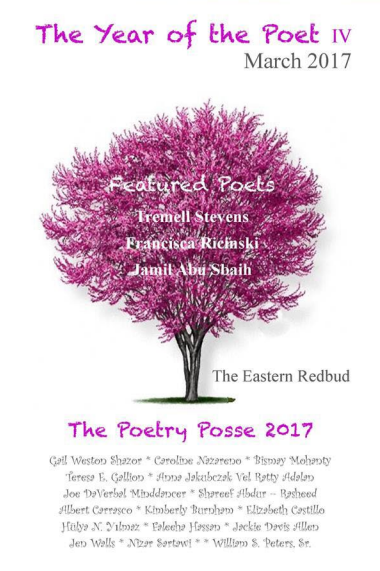


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sankina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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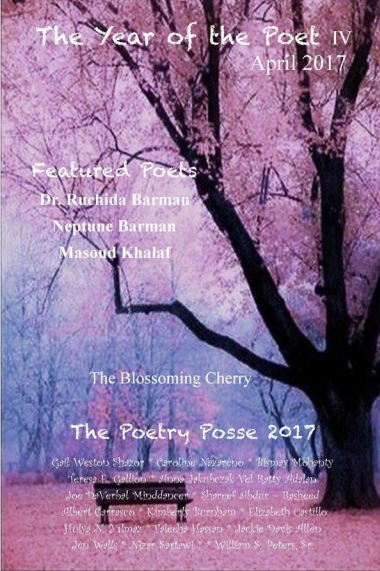


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Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

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April 2017



**Featured Poets**  
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 Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

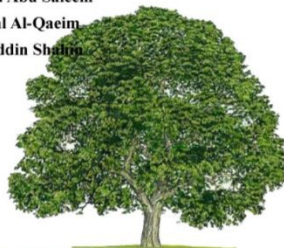
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Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



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

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

### The Poetry Posse 2018

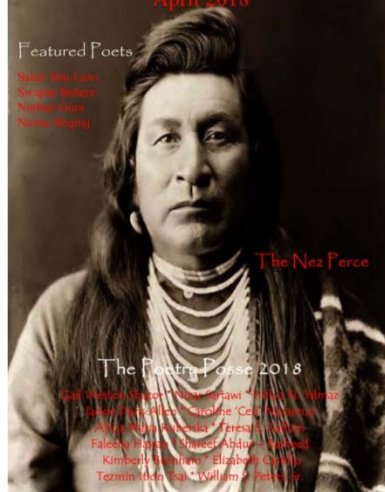
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Leneh  
Swagata Bhabha  
Nathan Lion  
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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May 2018

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

The Sumerians




The Poetry Posse 2018  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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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  
Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Akbal Harb  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

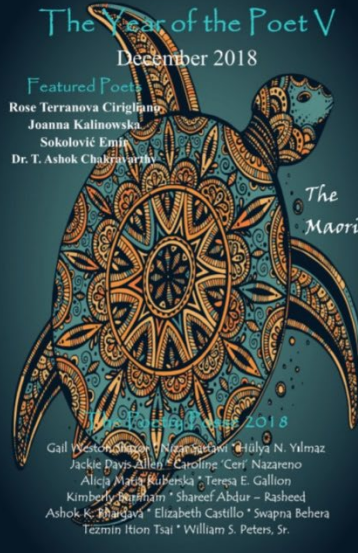
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



The  
Maori

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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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




Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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## The Year of the Poet VI

June 2019

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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## The Year of the Poet VI

July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia




Eritrea

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

August 2019

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



Southwest Asia

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.




**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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

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



**The Mile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019

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



**Northern 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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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019

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



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Bunnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rashheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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May 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elitichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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## The Year of the Poet VII

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Raed Amis Al-Jishi • Sorkotović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia • Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy 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 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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## 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  
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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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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Katarzyna Brus- Sawczuk \* Anwasha 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 Paire  
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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

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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 VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevka-Veljanovska  
Ngozi Olivia Osohwa \* Lan Oyoqalla

Goncalao Mabunda



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 Paire  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



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October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



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November 2021

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Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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December 2021

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Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



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February 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Mountains



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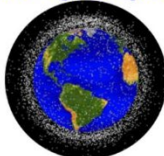
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March 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



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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 \* Azeizat Okunlola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioke Abonyi

### Climate Change and Trees



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July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



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November 2022

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



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December 2022

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

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



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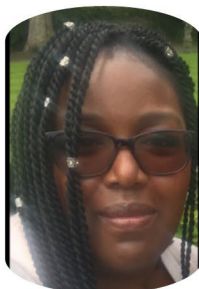
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