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LIFE  
BE WITHOUT  
A LITTLE  
POETRY?

# Dedication

This Book is dedicated to

*Humanity, Peace & Poetry*

the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

&

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

We talked of information explosion in the late 1980s, the information superhighways through the 1990s. We are so much engrossed to leave our digital foot prints today but the Greater Peace is always hash tagged with love, humanity and core values.

“Peace is the loaf of bread for a beggar  
the first monsoon for a farmer  
a butterfly on the mast of a submarine  
five elements of a creation  
seven notes of music”

Peace is a journey and never a destination. So, in the process of learning to inculcate inner peace in our lives we search, research and recognise the values. The perception of peace is different for different people.

This month’s theme was dedicated to Noble Peace laureate Albert John Luthuli, also spelled as Lutuli. He was a Zulu chief, religious leader, teacher, and president of the African National Congress (ANC), South Africa. He became the first African to be honoured with the prestigious Nobel Prize for Peace in [1960](#) for his leadership role in non-violent struggle against the apartheid rule in South Africa. He had a noble bearing, and was intolerant of hatred, and firmly struggled for equality and peace

among all men of the South African society. He was awarded the Nobel Peace prize for advocating non-violent resistance against apartheid in South Africa. In leading his people, he was always democratic and consulted his people before any decision taken. He was honest, transparent and accountable to his people.

In his acceptance speech he said “May the day come soon. when the people of the world will rouse themselves, and together effectively stamp out any threat to peace in whatever quarter of the world it may be found,”

The Inner Child Press with its mission of building bridges of cultural understanding takes the responsibility for global peace and harmony through poetry with International Anthologies. We respect the great peace leaders, the land, nature, folk tales, culture, music, literature, perceptions, ideas, thoughts, language and all ethnic groups of the world.

Literature has undergone a tectonic change. We express our deep reverence to all the noble peace laureates for they are the apostles of a time zone who have solved the situations, saved human lives and helped the economic, cultural social growth of society. The Year of the Poet has dedicated each month of 2020 to the noble peace laureates.

Poetry is the living song of human race .....

We respect the humanity ...  
We respect history and coexistence  
Let us join our hands for peace and build a  
paradise on the Earth ...

Swapna Behera

Cultural Ambassador of India and South East Asia  
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# Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

**Yes** I am excited and feel accomplished as we enter our seventh year of publishing what I and many others deem to be a worthy enterprise, *The Year of the Poet*.

**T**his past year we have aligned our vision with that of Nobel Peace Prize Recipients. We have titled this year's theme. The Year of Peace! Hopefully through our sharing each month, our poetry can have a profound effect on our global consciousness and the need for peace while educating ourselves and our readership about some of the individuals who have made history through their efforts to promulgate peace for all of humanity.. We are on our way to hitting yet another milestone. Needless to say, I am elated.

**T**o reiterate, our initial vision was to just perform at this level for the year of 2014. Since that time we have had the blessed opportunity to include many other wonderful poets, word artists and storytellers in the Poetry Posse from lands, cultures and persuasions all over the world. We have featured hundreds of additional poets, thereby introducing their poetic offerings to our vast global audience.

In keeping with our effort and vision to expand the awareness of poets from all walks by making this offerings accessible, we at Inner Child Press International will continue to make every volume a FREE Download. The books are also available for purchase at the affordable cost of \$7.00 per volume.

In the previous years, our monthly themes were Flowers, Birds, Gemstones, Trees and Past Cultures. This coming year we have elected to continue our focus of choosing what we consider a significant subject . . . PEACE! In each month's volume you will have the opportunity to not only read at least one poem themed by our Poetry Posse members about such celebrated Peace Ambassadors, but we have included a few words about each individual in our prologue. We hope you find the poetic offerings insightful as we use our poetic form to relay to you what we too have learned through our research in making our offering available to you, our readership.

In closing, we would like to thank you for being an integral part of our amazing journey.

Enjoy our amazing featured poets . . . they are amazing!

*Building Cultural Bridges of Understanding . . .*

Bless Up . . . From the home in our hearts to yours

*Bill*

The Poetry Posse  
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*PS*

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# Albert John Lutuli

## 1960

Each month for the year of 2020, which we have deemed as *The Year of Peace*, we at Inner Child Press International will be celebrating through our poetry a few Nobel Peace Prize Recipients who have contributed greatly to humanity via their particular avocations. This month of June 2020 you will find select poems from each Poetry Posse member on this month's celebrants.

In 1960, The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Albert John Lutuli.

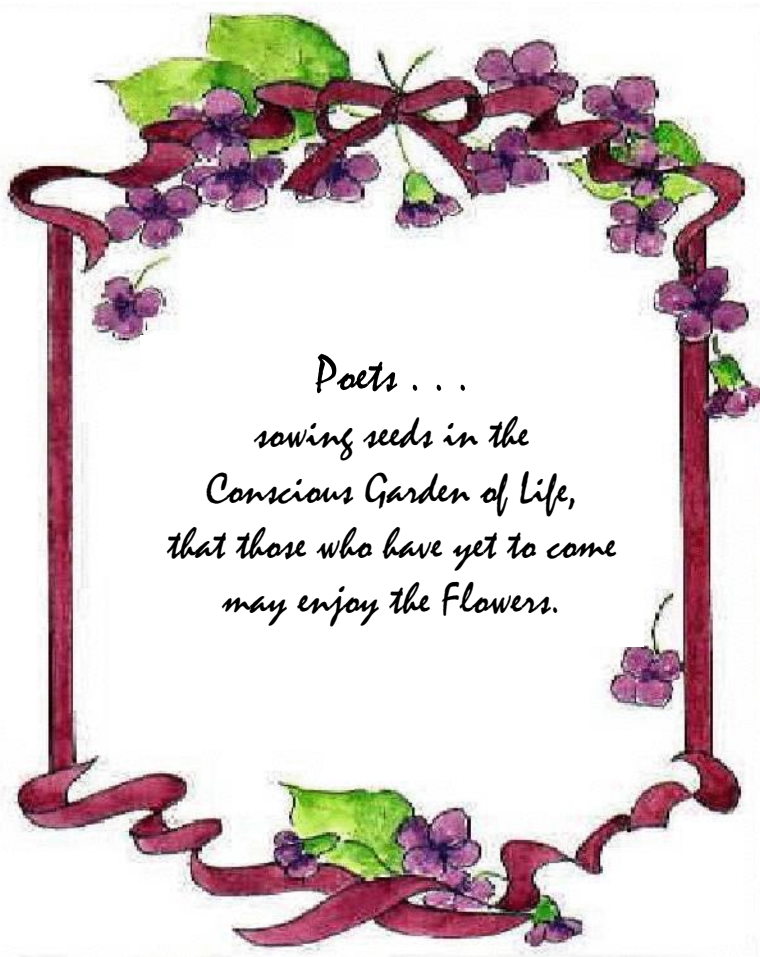
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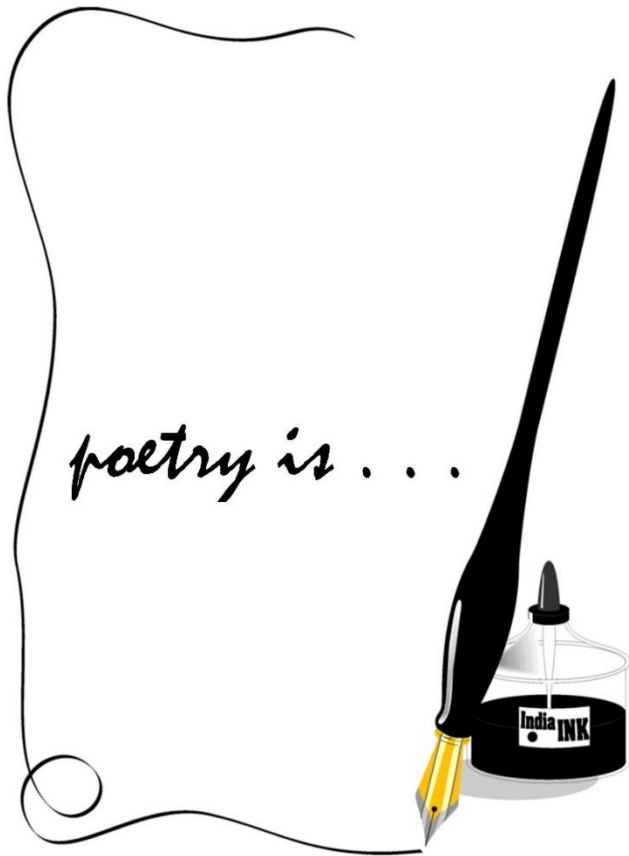
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp



Gail  
Weston  
Shazor



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

Author of . . .

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

Lies My Grandfathers Told Me

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## Continuous Rain

Mvumbi accidentally taught the world  
That to be black was accidental  
He accidentally stood easy  
When there was great need  
To be accidentally found non-violent  
In a world where his accidentality  
Was considered passive  
They thought it an accident that  
The Christianity didn't take  
And he reverted to tribal chief  
As Mvumbi missioned his purpose  
The ancestral voices came forth  
Too loud to be mistaken  
And the ones who insisted he was Albert  
Pushed back against the nations  
Until an accident occurred  
And the Zulu's mourned.

## Re-Breath

I listen to you breathe  
And I am awed by your easy peace  
The relaxed shoulders of one  
Who dreams big and quiet  
“Mom, tell me a story”  
And it comes forth in memories and wishes  
The colors are grand  
The words, in a hurry for the saying  
Driving the point home  
Driving the story to God  
The lesson pressing towards love  
The cords fray from navel to wrist  
With the wearing of time  
In the loudness of living you laugh  
Choosing a blessing over bitterness  
And how is it be known  
What is truth and what is fancy  
The lesson is this  
Don't cry because it ends  
Laugh because it is happening  
I watch you from my end of the day  
The seasons pass far too quickly  
And the hours grow thin  
As time changes from yesterday  
Into the wonder of tomorrows  
The meanings change  
In the turnings  
We have wound around each other  
From living to begin  
To living to end

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We carry in turn our hearts  
I watch you breathe  
And count the moments  
We spend together  
I have asked for my story  
From the inhalation  
May you ask for mine  
At exhalation  
As you watch them breathe

## The Art Forbidden

*Song of Solomon*

*3:1-3*

*By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.*

*The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?*

Why did you hide from me  
I beseeched you earnestly  
In city streets and  
Lanes paved wide  
Across heaven's horizons  
I sought your face  
My soul longed for you  
Every watchman watched  
But none could help me  
Find you who I desired  
Above the touch of strangers  
That I will always shun  
By night I dreamed  
Of your sweet voice  
Calling out to me  
Calling me from evensong  
In the quietest hour  
Twixt now and then  
Though in all faith  
I prayed without ceasing  
I fasted on my knees  
I called you by name

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But you answered not  
Your essence still lingers  
Around every memory  
Those that keep count  
Of us who are alone  
Cannot erase the stain of tears  
As there is no grace  
Sufficient to make an art  
Of being one forbidden love

Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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Alicja Maria Kuberska – awarded Polish poetess, novelist, journalist, editor. She was born in 1960, in Świebodzin, Poland. She now lives in Inowrocław, Poland.

In 2011 she published her first volume of poems entitled: “The Glass Reality”. Her second volume “Analysis of Feelings”, was published in 2012. The third collection “Moments” was published in English in 2014, both in Poland and in the USA. In 2014, she also published the novel - “Virtual roses” and volume of poems “On the border of dream”. Next year her volume entitled “Girl in the Mirror” was published in the UK and “Love me” , “ (Not )my poem” in the USA. In 2015 she also edited anthology entitled “The Other Side of the Screen”.

In 2016 she edited two volumes: “Taste of Love” (USA), “Thief of Dreams” ( Poland) and international anthology entitled “ Love is like Air” (USA). In 2017 she published volume entitled “View from the window” (Poland). She also edits series of anthologies entitled “Metaphor of Contemporary” (Poland)

Her poems have been published in numerous anthologies and magazines in Poland, the USA, the UK, Albania, Belgium, Chile, Spain, Israel, Canada, India, Italy, Uzbekistan, Czech Republic, South Korea and Australia. She was a featured poet of New Mirage Journal ( USA) in the summer of 2011.

Alicja Kuberska 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.

## Evening in Africa

*poem dedicated to Albert John Lutuli*

Dark clouds whirl like bad moments.  
They obscure the setting sun  
and the bloody glow closes the day.

This moment gives a birth to my reflection  
- the calm of the evening is disturbed by a storm,  
and a man destroys the harmony of the world  
Another and long chapter in human history  
described the power and enormity of the empire  
and contempt for the black color of the skin.

Suddenly a ray breaks through the clouds  
a luminous spark gives comfort and hope  
when it paints a rainbow on the raindrops

Not so long ago a boy was born,  
who was sensitive to pain of a man,  
He called evil by name bravely.  
His words sounded like new music.  
Freed thoughts gave independence  
and crushed the megalith of injustice.

Africa stands proudly upright now.  
It wiped the tears of suffering for slaves  
and again looks boldly into the future.

## Come back of everyday life

It will be fine again  
and the world  
will regain its brilliance.  
Time will go on,  
bad hours will pass  
- these ones filled with fear,  
suffering and tears.  
One day the death will forget  
to sharpen its scythe.

Joy will return home  
to bloom on the faces  
Sadness and fear  
will settle in memories  
like a bit of dust  
- only sometimes  
they will echo in the nightmare dreams  
or will recall in the stories  
about long days of horror

## Your name

You said:

„A man - it sounds proudly”  
and you mean  
Einstein, Mozart or Raffaello

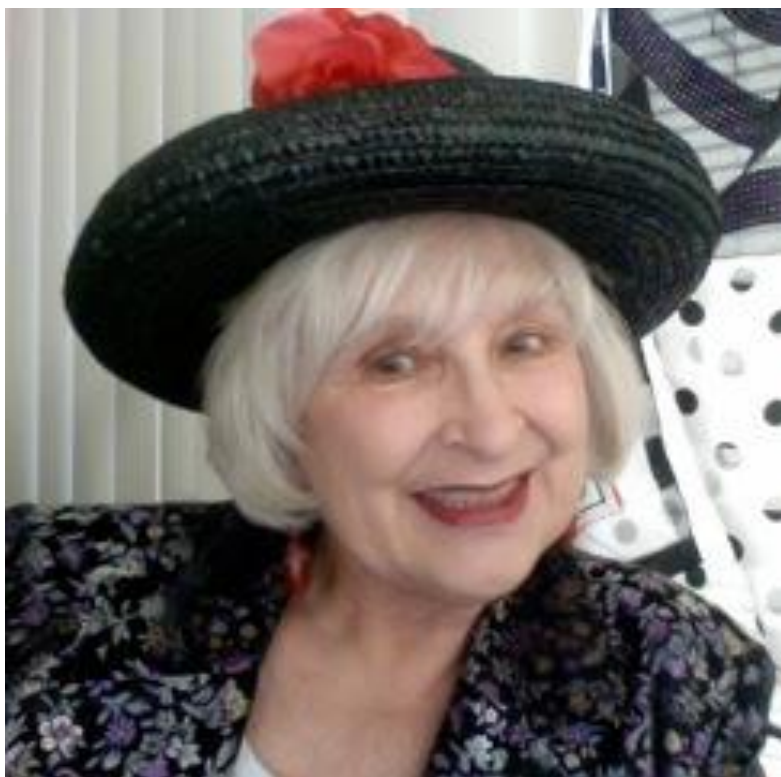
Later you added:

“A man- it sounds terribly”  
and you mean  
Hitler, Stalin or Pol Pot

Now, you must choose your way.  
You have to decide  
if your name makes people  
smile or cry.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Continuous Rain: His Zulu Name

Albert Mvumbi John Luthuli,  
Servanthood of justice.  
Activist, inspired by Gandhi.  
With passionate heart and soul,  
Resisted against apartheid, always engaged.  
Continuous rain: Mvumbi.  
That was his Zulu Name

Albert Mvumbi John Luthuli, teacher,  
Politician, chief. A Zulu,  
South African, caring son.  
Guided by Christian principles.  
Confirmed Methodist, lay pastor.  
Continuous Rain: Mvumbi.  
That was his Zulu Name

Albert Mvumbi John Luthuli,  
Banned, restricted, though  
Unrelenting in his goal for racial equality.  
Eloquently negotiating with whites;  
Stripped from his role as tribal chief.  
Continuous Rain: Mvumbi.  
That was his Zulu Name

Albert Mvumbi John Luthuli,  
Impeccable morals, character.  
Traveled to India, the United States of America.  
Awarded the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize:  
First African so honored.  
Continuous Rain: Mvumbi.  
That was his preferred name.

## About Love's Name

There was a time  
when we were not yet hardened.  
Earth, too, in its newly formed garden.  
So much fun when embraced in the romance  
of love's warm arms.

Love danced the bright light of desire's charm!

The music, fidelity's commitment.  
How it blossomed.  
Blush of astonishment!  
And the turtledoves,  
how sweetly they cooed.

Why, then, did dark clouds choose to descend?

They rained down in such way  
that the sun withheld its light.  
Love, passion, dissolved  
into guile's potion,  
tainting love's name.

Pleasure's cup of emotion wept.

Like storm of discontent  
regret shamed their hearts.  
With innocence of trust torn apart,  
how, you may ask, can love's name  
ever be the cause of blame?

## A Version of the Truth

Stand by the shore, look out at the sea, and  
Somberly, heart is sinking in grief, scarred  
Beyond relief. Why is it that some see what  
Others don't want to see, and why is it that  
They don't understand how truth views life?

The sound, the world overflowing, its banks  
Brimming fully with wealth, knowledge and truth.  
Alas, had truth's version been able to drink  
Of its blessings, it may have allowed one to navigate  
The path to its borders, to cross over the bridge.

Barred by tradition, universal misunderstanding.  
There, where the current swells, where deeply  
Hidden, the secret treasures enjoyed by elders,  
Love would have been like a fountain, springing  
Forth and uniting truth's family in affection

Alas, it was not to be for the recipients whose  
Foreign ways clashed with the stringent  
Tenets of the old regular ways of religion.  
The budding of romance, the stems clipped.  
The formation of the leafing out of passion, faded..

O, that truth's version surfaced, had it not been forbidden.  
One class pitted against another, though color  
Of skin, remarkably the same. Either in light of  
Day or dark of night. Alas, the cast of blame paints  
In black and white the stains of truth's alternative name.

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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

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

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

## Let The Rain Continue

As the east wind blows  
Willow's silk dance  
Those anti-Apartheid activists  
The only black Africans with deprived voting rights  
Discriminatory laws  
Like the pond water quietly waiting for the stormy storm  
full of ponds  
Must not extinguish  
The lone lamp in the center of the lotus pond  
Would rather let the rain continue

Grass on the plain  
The moisture of the dew has just dried up  
Bans  
Following the Sharpeville massacre  
Lie on the empty bed, listening to the rain from the south  
window  
Who can't sleep by night lights  
The Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies in Oslo  
An inexplicable pathological phenomenon

Willow trees on the lake covered with white flowers  
In the smoke, unable to overcome its weights and hang  
down everywhere  
Let the rain continue  
Circular shore  
Pedestrian figure seems to be in the fog on spring evening  
When the snow on a sunny day warms the wind  
The quiet mood will naturally become clearer

## Thoughts of my life knew before

The page full poems  
The thoughts full night  
Just for that heartbreak  
Just for so many past memories crowded in upon my mind  
Tearred up the poem page  
I suddenly lost the page of thought

The page full poems  
The completely torn night  
Did not see the so-called peace of mind  
My mind has been hollowed out  
Conceived the poem  
Also broke off the lingering night

Carefully posted back a page  
The torn scar  
Scotch tape fall to pieces  
As if  
The bandages for healing  
Smooth it out daily  
Still can't wait for the recovered soul  
How can I  
Not blame  
my selfishness?



## Life and Death In The Forest

Look at this fruit as bright red as blood, it will not just be a  
dream in our forest

If you want to

Snatch

Between you and me

There won't be only wails

Among these vast forests, would not just conceive only one  
fruit like this

Had better not dare to try anything

Extinguish

That greed in your eyes

Or blood red will not only contaminate the fruit

Your claws are not as sharp as mine

Your beak is not as hard as me

Your wings and feathers are less plump than me

Your will is not as firm as mine

Your voice even is not as sad as mine

Under my scalding, ruthless eyes

This red

It's already hot as flames, crimson like fires

Not afraid of getting yourself under the fire

Bring it on

Sharzeef  
Abdur  
Rashheed

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

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

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

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

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

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## Albert Lutuli...

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b. 1898

d.

Zulu chieftain

teacher

respected

man of peace

relentless

seeking justice

abolish apartheid

in South Africa

persecuted for

ANC activism

from 1945

one of early leadership

Mandela contemporary

withstood sustained

restricted movement

banned from freedom

to travel

peaceful resistance

against apartheid

Nobel peace prize

recipient 1960

one of the soldiers

for justice who are

willing to sacrifice

their lives in peaceful

resistance.

his sacrifice left its mark

in the long struggle

against inhuman racist

tyranny in South Africa

food4thought = education

## X-cited!!

*Dedicated to brother Malcolm, AL Hajj Malik(ra)*

X-ception since conception!  
X-Tracted, May 19,1925!  
X-posed to racist deception  
X-celled at trying to stay alive  
X-tremely gifted inside  
X-ample of the guided strive  
X-acted so the oppressed are lifted  
X-pressed what's needed to survive  
X-ponent of speaking truth to might  
X-pounded on Human rights  
X-Fought the good fight, it's fact alright  
X-hounded by the Alphabet guys day and night  
X-ported far all the way to Hajj for real not a mirage  
X-horted "No one's worthy of worship X-cept Allah!"  
X-treme sacrifice to the day he died  
X-traordinary one sent to lead  
X-cellent brother Al-Hajj Malik Shabazz, Shaheed, (ra)  
X-pired Feb. 21 1965 but i,  
X-pect to Insha'Allah be with him one day!!  
Remember they (Martyrs) are not dead,  
You just don't see them, instead!!

food4thought = education

## Rabil Alamin

*Lord of the Worlds*

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got the whole joint  
locked down  
including dem self-anoint  
dem think wear crowns  
dem clowns  
datz da point  
ya'll delusional  
since mortality  
is the usual  
tenure brief  
can't rule from where  
dem lay reefs  
nuff said bout kings speak  
none of ya'll  
have power of ' Be '  
fact:  
be and it is to be exact  
only Allah(swt) does that  
and right now it's on  
delusional clowns reduced  
to pawns reminded who's  
the boss  
ceeee  
to degree only his biz  
only thee (1) say be and it is

food4thought = education  
(swt) = All glory to Allah.

Kimberly  
Burnham



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## Human Rights On The Agenda

A Nobel Peace Prize sends a message  
inspired by Mahatma Gandhi  
South African chief  
teacher and trade unionist  
Albert Lutuli earned the Prize in 1961  
the committee took a stand  
respect for human rights on the agenda  
joining the movement against apartheid.  
honoring civil disobedience  
directed against racial segregation  
then took a step further in 1984  
respecting South Africa's Bishop Desmond Tutu  
with the award

## Values in a Motto

Lesotho has a motto  
showing what we value  
"Khotso Pula Nala"  
Peace Rain Prosperity

We say these words  
as if prayers  
for what we don't have

Hoping for the best days in Marakabei  
when all three come together  
folding into a graceful life

Two hundred sheep  
ten goats thirty cattle and five horses  
all together we enjoy a life of "Khotso"  
with "Pula" creating "Nala"

## Peace Talking and Telling Tales

“The most loquacious people”  
J. Marshall observed  
referring to the Ju/'hoan  
suggests one useful strategy  
maintaining peace “fgou”  
diffusing tensions by talking  
the San people of the Kalahari Desert  
are not silent “fgau”  
engage in conversation  
all day long and well into the night  
as they work  
as they eat  
as they gather around the fires  
with their children at night  
as they visit with other families  
people who have hunted or gathered separately  
recount in exhaustive detail  
the tracks of animals  
amounts of berries  
abundance of certain plants  
then plan what come next  
where might there be game?  
to whom will they give nuts?  
the band a unit of sharing  
demands peace and cooperation among members

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Of Peace and Rain

Blessed with a name of continuous rain,  
Mvumbi, a lover of peace  
First person of African Heritage  
To have the Nobel Peace Prize  
Struggled for non-violent means  
Against apartheid.

The Zulu Chief who laid his life  
For his pack of ten million,  
He once said: "You must learn the rules of the game,  
And then you have to play better than anyone else."

Peace and rain, a lovely refrain,  
Harmony and unity will remain  
A noble man of peace  
Set the world in bliss.

## The Sojourner

In my search for meaning-  
I often wondered where is my place in this world,  
Scanning the skies in a moonlit night  
Marvelling at the cosmic chaos, the blinding light  
Glancing at the eddies-  
The vast universe before me full of questions,  
And the answers are yet to surface  
The sojourner lost in oblivion  
Hiding behind the shadows  
Waiting for years of revelation  
About to take step in the next chapter of the millennium,  
With eyes wide open, soul in deep reflection  
The embers start to ignite  
And yet the restless heart suddenly crashed and burned.

Greeted by the mystic twilight,  
Asking the heavens for a Divine Guide-  
The Sage said: "the answers will come to you."  
That's the mystery of my own fragility,  
A stranger with no home, a vagabond on the street of life  
But deep in my heart I know  
My Personal Legend will reveal itself in time-  
Like a thief in the night, it will come to me in a dream  
And then I'll be lost no more  
The wanderer metamorphosed into a Divine Soul.

## And They Healed

Restless souls pleading to the heavens,  
Surrounded by angels, harps playing  
The skies of blue greeted them anew  
Leaves of green like palms outstretched,  
As if succumbing to a fervent prayer.

Prisoners of their own doing,  
Leading solitary confinement  
When will they see the breaking of a new dawn?  
Masked faces enveloped in fear and scorn.

Frightened of the darkness,  
Weary shadows, creased faces  
The Promise etched in the sands of time,  
God will hear their cries.

Waking up to a brand new morn,  
They can never go back to what they were once  
The Plague being a catalyst to change,  
Repent they did, and they healed.

Light from the heavens emerged,  
The glaring rays of the sun  
Creating a vibrational shift  
Man realized his faults and mistakes,  
And they healed.

Joe  
Paire

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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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## Africa's First

Peace doesn't come easy when one fights for human rights  
Albert John Lutuli found that out in life as with most of his  
countrymen

Ah the country men, like Bishop Desmond Tutu  
that a fight for peace is a righteous fight

Albert John Lutuli, born 30 November 1897

Can you imagine what was happening during his lifetime  
when the country where he was born in needed a lifeline  
Apartheid comes to mind, demonstrations and strikes  
against a minority government

He went on to be elected President

of the African National Congress, liberation movement

Following a massacre of 69 black demonstrators  
in Sharpeville the ANC was banned

This man was persecuted by his own authorities

A South African chief, a teacher and trade unionist

A spokesmen for a campaign of civil disobedience

There's so much more to this storied poem

as we struggle to keep his struggle from becoming a norm

His Nobel Peace Prize for 1960, lifts me spiritually

Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe)

His country His land his demand for justice

Minority rule? Is the definition of injustice.

## Lost In Thought

I've found myself wandering and losing tract of time  
it's not the first time but as of late, man wow  
I woke up Monday only to be aware Wednesday  
Tuesday I guess I must have been thinking

I know I'd been drinking while watching the blues  
that's my personal definition of watching the news  
No time to worry about time I have no time  
I have no place I need to be, just be

What to me, as having fun isn't how it used to be  
I'm free of worrying about being late  
and being late used to be a pet peeve  
I believe my hobbies are avoiding me

I have a stereo that's incredibly old  
it's no longer hooked up  
umm, give away or sold  
I told you I'm lost in thought

I thought if I taught a class but alas  
I have no patience for patients  
seems a bit too salacious  
how can I say this, yeah! Lost in thought



## Reopening The Same

Refried, re-tried, we tried to get back to normalcy  
We seem to have forgotten who moves the economy  
Opening stores without the patrons  
how can we economically restore a nation  
The brothers are on lockdown  
The others are on lockdown  
The people are being knocked down  
Empty streets empty venues  
Empty policies with nothing but innuendo  
the death toll is rising  
the government is lying  
PEOPLE ARE DYING but money matters more  
The CEO's are sore; they can't capitalize like before  
Liquor stores are essential to help dull your mental  
Now remind us again what's essential  
Restaurant dates your favorite teams  
Let's go back to patrons you know, "WE THE PEOPLE"  
We're the ones who actually keep you high and mighty  
neat and tidy, fed and well read, so answer politely  
Why are we opening up so soon, when the death toll  
still looms without an answer to this doom  
Are we not men or are we chess pieces  
moved about based on their thesis, their prophecies?  
There hunches, people are literally dying in bunches  
economists elaborately crunch their numbers  
Have we all becomes victims of war  
when there's more on the front line like with wars before  
Buyer beware, we're off of protection  
We're merely numbers to crunch for a bottom line at  
"HELL'S END"

hülya  
n.  
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## Honorable Albert John Luthuli

the moment your smile met my eyes  
from a photo from the Nobel Foundation archives,  
your graceful dignity spoke to my heart distinctly

Honorable Albert John Luthuli,  
you already know, but i am finding out just now  
so, i hope you will bear with me  
while i tell myself and willing others  
a few details about this segment of your life

your initiatives and actions for peace on Earth  
were acknowledged with a Nobel Peace Prize  
the year was 1960

Honorable Albert John Luthuli,  
you received the distinctive award one year later  
during that time, the designated committee  
also decorated Dag Hammarskjöld  
with the same honor  
posthumously

Honorable Albert John Luthuli,  
Africa's first Peace Prize Laureate  
a distinguished leader of global peace  
what a privilege it has been for me  
to learn about your exceptional existence  
beyond the death of your empirical presence!

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you have exemplified respect for human rights  
while you were filled with inner strength  
to fight against apartheid  
draped inside the philosophy  
of nonviolence

Honorable Albert John Luthuli  
in how much of a dire need are we of you  
in our indisputably troubled times!



a HAIKU on peace

i despair, i do!  
the world is suffocating  
under evil's chains

## Africa's First Peace Prize Laureate

he is said to have traversed the Earth about 69 years  
Inkosi Albert John Luthuli, as far as his on-paper-identity  
but also known under his Shona name, Myumbi

as a teacher and an activist of South Africa  
he opened his door to the political arena  
the year was 1952, and peace is where he took the people to

be proud, Africa, be very proud!  
you have birthed an exceptional soul  
i wish and wish again against all odds  
that the rest of the world would follow suit  
i have had it with the games of the cruel!

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>***

## Albert Luthuli Impact

Luthuli was a charitable man, intolerant of hatred and persistent in his work for equality and peace. Tribal Chief and president-general of the African National Congress, a leader in nonviolent campaigns for civil rights in South Africa.

The government placed bans on Luthuli's movement because of his work. After one ban expired in 1956, he attended an ANC conference was arrested and charged with treason. He was eventually released and charges dropped.

Another five-year ban confined him to a 15-mile radius of his home. The ban was temporarily lifted for 10 days to permit Luthuli to attend the Nobel ceremony.

He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the non-violent struggle against apartheid bringing more widespread attention to segregation in South Africa.

## What Do We Fear

What do we fear most when  
we step into the day?

A chance encounter with the hounds  
that hold our guilt and shame.  
They may sit at our table and  
feast on our pain.

Or perhaps we may have to own  
the deadly words  
that beat the bed of tears  
our friend shed.

Or perhaps it is the face of grief  
in the stranger's eyes that  
mirror the sorrows we stuff  
in our closet.

Shall we analyze our pain  
on the sharp blade of our tongues  
one slice at a time?

Or shall we move on to face  
the fear that we must pass  
to step into our next life.

## Turning Point

Enormous cold clutches my heels,  
climbs up my legs,  
freezes me in place.  
I send heat waves of love.  
My legs move away from the cold.

The voice of a tragic relationship  
runs up my spine,  
paralyzes my body.  
I relax and let go.  
The voice melts in the wind.

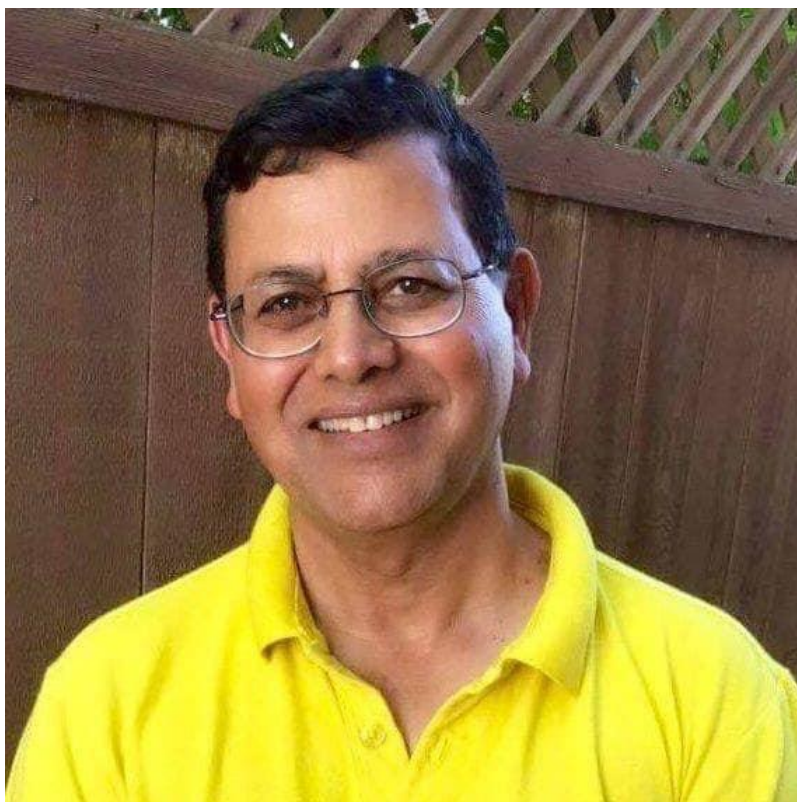
A broken shadow stands in my lane  
blocking my passage.  
I throw a pure kiss of love  
into its face.  
The shadow falls off my path.

The face of lust staggers behind me  
reaching for my tail.  
I drop rose petals on my footprints.  
Lust dissolves into a stream of love.

I walk alone on my trail,  
come face to face with fear.  
It reaches for me with bloody hands.  
I touch the hand of fear  
with the light of love.  
Fear turns into my spiritual guide.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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## Glide Upstream

*life gives unto life  
you, the giver  
and you, receiver  
rise together on the gift  
as on wings – Khalil Gibran*

live in harmony  
be a bold greenhorn

peace begins with you  
it ends with you

float upstream  
be a giver to receiver it forever

rise as on wings  
land on delicate petals

only in the service of others  
to find a meaningful peace

the best way to have peace  
is to be peaceful

*Om Shanti, the ancient hymn has long been used as one of  
the mantras longing peace for the humans, the universe,  
and the whole cosmic manifestation. It serves as a prayer  
for peaceful coexistence.*

## Change is Hope

Salt water becomes sweet  
when transformed into a cloud.

A crater becomes a pristine lake  
after hot magma escape.

Flower becomes fragrance  
when touched by the breeze.

Silence becomes sunshine  
in the unbearable blues of quarantine.

Soul reemerges  
when body turns into ash.

Why can't we see  
beauty of the change?

Life must flame out  
to give new light

to guide a cocoon  
from a moth to a butterfly.

## Letter to a Friend

I am sad  
I cannot sleep  
I am blue  
and I want to weep.

I am abandoned by  
the relatives and family  
I have no lover to help me  
in a calamity.

They envy my job  
reputation and pay  
they blame me for their troubles  
now what can I say.

I think I should leave everything  
without hesitation  
to attain happiness  
and liberation.

Can you confirm  
aptness of my decision  
that detachment is the answer  
in precision?

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

Among her poetic belts include 7 th Prize Winner in the 19 th and 20 th Italian Award of Literary Festival; Writers International Network-Canada "Amazing Poet 2015", The Frang Bardhi Literary Prize 2014 (Albania), the sair-gazeteci or Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She's a featured member of Association of Women's Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

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

Links to her works:

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## His Name Is Liberation

*For Albert John Lutuli*

you are a crossbreed  
of thoughts, ideas,  
knowledge and freedom,  
in a multi-stage  
of higher creative and reasonable thinking  
if "ego" is not the absolute value  
it will create harmless bitterness,  
you remain calm, just, humble and sincere,  
the emergence of selfless acceptance,  
you see more rooms of trying,  
to liberate oneself from  
discrimination and rejection  
even your character has been  
killed many times,  
you'd see things beyond structure  
and beyond new sprouts  
you are called laureate for peace—  
a full grown hybrid of wisdom.

## Seed of Change

the colossal growth  
of each vision  
is coming together  
as one seed of CHANGE,  
remain steadfast  
amidst contagion,  
as Nature bloom,  
we rise for tomorrow  
while making heartprints  
to those we know  
and we don't know.



## whispered silence

i am nowhere  
nameless born free dragonfly  
dressing my found wings  
with my optimistic sun  
holding new and old hours  
of embryonic flames

i am where i would like to  
host of outnumbered stars  
in the timeless sky  
where rainbows bleed  
within my flight  
to reach you

i am just around here  
your most gentle wind  
of unspoken vermilion rings  
here-there of now, for us  
i am everywhere, in every you  
my love, like there's no tomorrow

Swapna  
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of Gold Cross of Wisdom Award, the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE AWARD 2018, Ambassador De Literature Award 2018, Global Literature Guardian Award, International Life Time Achievement Award and the Master of Creative Impulse Award. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government accredited Literary Society LLSF. Her one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 50 languages. She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union, Kazakhstan 2018. Italy, the National President for India by Hispanomundial Union of Writers (UHE), Peru, the administrator of several poetic groups, and the Cultural Ambassador for India and south Asia of Inner Child Press U.S.

almost everyday .....

almost everyday  
I enter into the fire to melt ;  
to bleed and sweat  
alphabets hop on my fossil

I reinvent my inner space  
sprouting the blisters  
wonderfully invading presumptions and assumptions  
I become an orphan bagpiper  
I chase the silence

almost everyday  
my story and history barricaded  
I try to speak unspoken dialects  
I walk on the national highways  
as a migrant labourer  
hungry and thirsty  
yet  
dreaming my courtyard with hazy eyes  
the murmuring sound of my village stream  
echoes in my ears  
I swim in hallucination ;  
build my imaginary house with a strong roof  
that can withstand disasters

almost everyday  
I dig a well to drink water  
but then who cares....?  
I die to live and let you live .....

autograph.....

be assured my autograph  
you are present  
here or there ;somewhere

to allure the melody of my grinning soul  
my skeleton squeezed in the captive land  
why should I cry ?

every land has its own fragrance  
each pollen grain can cross your boundaries  
each dust particle has enormous dialogues  
perfect rhythm loves dignity and democracy  
invisible metaphors explode

be assured my darling autograph  
you are the ray of hope  
you are still living under the national flag  
you are the ceremony of a journey  
you survive in every buffer zone  
on grass blades

yes, dear autograph  
your silence is the anthem  
in every language  
be assured .....  
love is in the air ...

## all about a peacemaker

a zulu leader he was  
in a distant village of southern Rhodesia  
who knew how to protest  
a teacher, a preacher, and passionate educator  
his dreams were for his own people  
his heart cried for they were treated differently  
had no access for education or health  
the humiliation ,the policy of no rights to vote  
a visible battle against apartheid he fought  
with non violence  
for he knew  
love is more powerful a weapon  
and stronger than hatred.  
collectively they raised the voice  
a winner he was  
a noble peace laureate  
Albert Luthuli  
we remember you  
today ,tomorrow and forever

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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## Albert Lutuli

Born in 1893, Died in 1967

The Nobel peace prize of 1960 went to Albert John Luthuli,  
Otherwise known as Mvumbi.

Albert Luthuli was born in Rhodesia,  
Which is now Zimbabwe in South Africa.

Mr Luthuli wasn't just a Nobel winner,  
He was an activist, a politician as well as a teacher.

In 1933 Albert was asked to be chief of a Zulu tribe that  
were Christian,

Two years later he became a chieftain.

In 1952 Albert was elected to be president of the African  
National Congress,

He continued serving until 1967, the year of his accidental  
death.

Albert Luthuli was devoted to turning tides of apartheid.

The government arrested him for no reason and claimed he  
committed treason,

Almost a year later he continued his movement after being  
released from prison.

Before Albert Luthuli returned to the essence,  
South Africa felt his humble presence.

## Before I take a sip

I don't drink often but when I do I pour out a bit for those that R.I.P before I take a sip. Salud my kin. Infinite went from the bricks to cages, from the bricks to stages, from the bricks to pages, been going thru it leveling up makin power moves, ya know boss life phases.

I'm always going to rep my genre hard like a body when it's soul returns to the father... I've always been around gangsters, drugs and guns growing up in a hood where parks were full of chalk marks outlining a murder. The only people out we're hustlers, killers, fiends and undercovers, I walked on shells of all calibers, needles with blood all over, old stems clogged with cut/baking soda and caps of all colors, got caught up young and left my mark like crayola, the block knows what is, bust everything from hands to shoulder stocks and went thru the entire spectrum... Roy G Biv. There's a million ways to die, if ya crossed me in these housing developments you'll be the million and one experiment. Had to stay alive by any means necessary whether it's a jagged edge or a pointy tip you're gonna get done dirty, don't start none won't be none, all I was doing was trying to get out of poverty by stacking my money to get out the slums.

## Covid-19

Our bodies are under attack, some are home self quarantined, others are in icu praying for that miracle vaccine. There's a Red Cross naval ship, tents, buildings and warehouses filled with beds for the sick, because hospitals are packed and there's not enough space for newest covid-19 patient's to fit. Without bullets flying by and bombs bursting in the air healthcare workers are seeing flatline after flatline like our soldiers see during wartime. I've spoken to a lot of doctors and nurses, their tears run down their faces as they try to paint pictures of what they're seeing. Al so many are coming in and not leaving, respiratory organs are failing causing patients to stop breathing. Family and friends can't visit to try to prevent the spread of covid, so before they flatline healthcare workers are letting them use their phones to say final bye's through FaceTime. Rest In Peace to all that couldn't pull through, blessings to all the survivors... Infinite is now one too

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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Eliza Segiet - A graduate of Jagiellonian University, The author of poetry volumes. *Romans z sobą* [*Romance with Oneself*] (2013), *Myślne miraże* [*Mental Mirages*](2014), *Chmurność* [*Cloudiness*] (2016), *Magnetyczni* (2018) *Magnetic People*- translation published in The USA in 2018, *Nieparzyści* [*Unpaired* ] (2019), A monodrama *Prześwity* [*Clearance*] (2015), a farce *Tandem* [*Tandem*] (2017), Mini novel *Bezgłośni* [*Voicelless*](2019). Her poems can be found in numerous anthologies both in Poland and abroad. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The World Nations Writers Union. The laureate of The International Annual Publication of 2017 for the poem Questions, and for the Sea of Mist in Spillwords Press in 2018. For her volume of Magnetic People she won a literary award of a Golden Rose named after Jaroslaw Zielinski (Poland 2019 r.). Her poem *The Sea of Mists* was chosen as one of the best amidst the hundred best poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada. In The 2019 Poet's Yearbook, as the author of *Sea of Mists*, she was awarded with the prestigious Elite Writer's Status Award as one of the best poets of 2019 (July 2019).

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

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

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

In November 2019 she is a nominee for Pushcart Prize.



## Brethren

*In memory of Albert John Luthuli  
Nobel Peace Prize laureate for 1960*

He objected to racial segregation,  
violence, persecutions.

He knew,  
that if anywhere in the world  
were people oppressed,  
there wouldn't be peace.

Reaching a hand out  
towards a Human  
means more than  
aggression or hatred.  
Not skin color,  
but respect  
should unite people.

It's love towards brethren  
that permits survival.

*Translated by Ula de B*

## Human Tragedy

A cry for nothing,  
everyone nearby became deaf.  
No one can hear calls for help!  
Nobody wants to hear anymore!  
Who else can react?

Only a watchful rat  
who emerges from his burrow  
to taste human hatred!

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Hallucinations

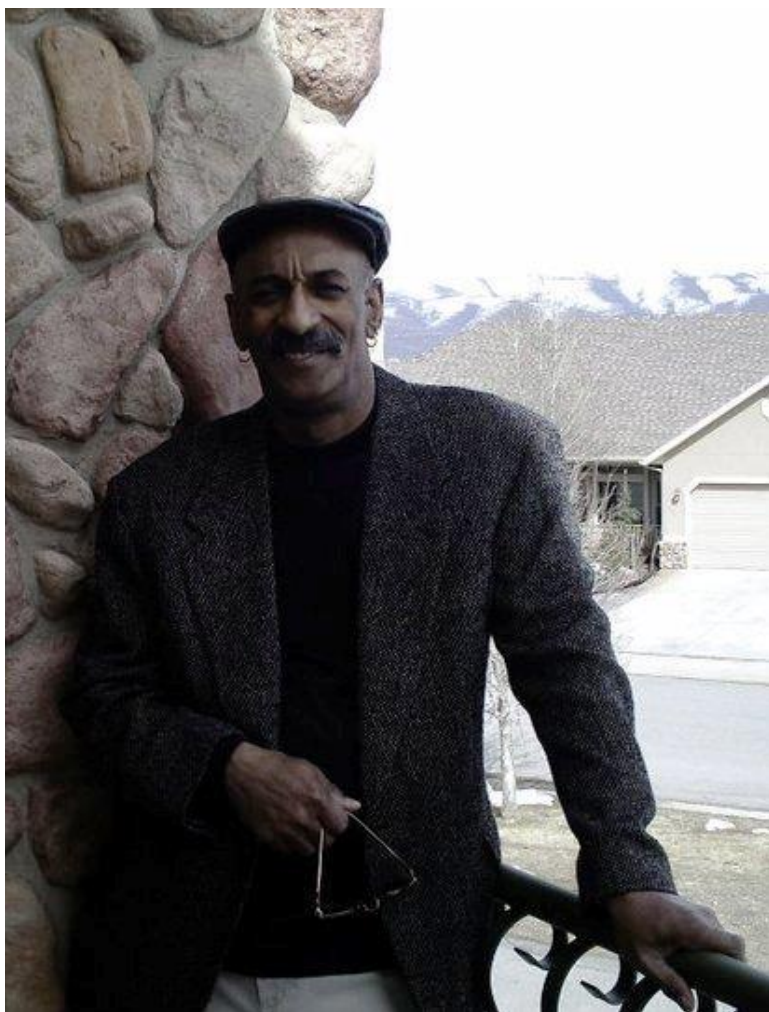
I do not remember myself from yesterday.  
Maybe some demon swirled in the mind?  
Maybe  
the past of those such as I  
does not exist at all?

We were created  
to hide our origin  
from serial killers.  
And at night  
– hidden  
in the moonlight  
we feed ourselves with hallucinations.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## For you Albert John Lutuli

From the land where Kings and Queens,  
Chieftains and Griots  
Are borne naturally,  
Passing through the halls  
Where generations of soul  
Are taught,  
Cultivated,  
That they may become learned  
In the ways  
Of the 'au-naturale' man  
There came he,  
A man of reason,  
A man of peace . . .  
Albert John Lutuli

It was not an easy road to travel,  
When there was so much occupation  
By those who transplanted themselves  
To gather the riches  
Of the indigenous man's lands

Still he searched for a way,  
A resolution  
To establish  
A peaceful co-existence,  
But parity of the equity  
Was, as it still is  
An elusive impish conundrum . . .  
Still he strived

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Yes, he had to strive . . .  
That's right, STRIVE  
For Civil Rights  
In his own land.  
Swallow his innate pride  
Of being a noble independent African  
To seek a peace  
That would protect his people  
From the racist bias  
That infected the homeland

Because he chose a peaceful way  
Instead of the outright  
Purging,  
Bloodletting  
Of the lesser populace,  
The greater populace  
Of the European  
Recognized him  
With a prize . . .  
a Nobel Peace Prize.

They call that 'Civility'



## Silence no longer cries

The 'Sound of Silence'  
Has changed the color  
Of its clothing . . .

It is no longer cloaked  
In the solemn hues  
Of greys and blues  
That whispers compassion  
And understanding

For many years  
It waited  
With an anxious patience  
Waiting,  
Waiting  
For the pendulum to swing  
Back,  
Back  
And balance this mechanism  
We call  
Humanity,  
Civility,  
And Righteousness  
With a blind integrity  
That was  
All inclusive . . .  
It did not

So, the silence  
Went to the closet  
And dressed itself  
In blaring, flaring

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Reds and oranges  
Denoting the fury  
That was allowed to manifest  
Amongst us

Unrest,  
Is never civil  
When it  
Involves  
What we have devolved to  
In the seeking of justification,  
And answers  
As to what is wrong  
When we unjustifiably wrong  
Those who are doing no wrong  
Except in the delusional perspectives  
Of the few  
Who seem to like  
To operate  
On the wrong side  
Of that delusional history book  
That is filled with  
Mis-truths,  
Incomplete truths,  
And lies

Herein belies the problem  
And trust me if you will,  
As we continue  
With the blood-letting,  
More blood will be spilled,  
For . . . .  
Silence no longer cries

## En-Masse

Like a thick blanket  
Covering the moon,  
Obscuring the light  
Of the stars,  
It is becoming increasingly difficult  
To see any light  
During these dark times

We struggle,  
Rage and rale  
Against the  
Thoughts of others,  
And the corporatocracy,  
For we know  
That delusion,  
Preclusion,  
Seclusion,  
Exclusion and inclusion  
Is the sign of the times

An ever-growing conundrum . . . of truth

Information,  
Dis-information campaigns  
Pains our spirits  
For the need to know,  
As words are freely sown  
Amongst we,  
The ignorant,  
The unknowing.

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News, fake  
Is like  
An old yeast,  
It does not help the bread rise Momma,  
It only is still yet  
Unleavened . . . yet  
We consume it  
Just the same  
In the name of 'Need'

The GMO seeds  
Of malcontent  
Have been planted  
On good soil,  
Bad soil,  
And any other soil,  
Mental, spiritual and otherwise . . .

And I ask,  
"So what shall the harvest be?"

Will we ever see again,  
Or will we forever have to peer  
Through those kaleidoscopic lenses  
Made just to upkeep  
And maintain  
The illusion . . .

.....  
Confusion,  
Yes,  
Is this all but a test  
To see who has the right  
To cross-over  
From this long night

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Unto a true Sun-Light  
That is bright and clear  
That has done away with fear  
Of the out come ?

My penchant  
To want to know  
Is driving me looney,  
Just like the toons  
I used to watch  
On the idiot box . . .

It worked I think,  
For the ability  
To distinguish  
The various levels and dimensions  
Of reality  
Are slipping away . . .  
En-masse

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Hussein Habasch

Kosh K Mathew

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Eftichia  
Kapardeli





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## ΤΟ ΘΑΥΜΑ

*Οι άνθρωποι της γενιάς μου  
Ήχοι μοιάζουν πνιχτοί  
Έτσι που διέσχισαν  
Στην μέση της Ερήμου  
Τις ζώνες του χρόνου  
μόνοι και ξεχασμένοι*

*Λαβωμένοι, αθώοι αμνοί  
Στην βοή της θυσίας  
Με τα σημάδια στις πέτρες  
από σώματα βασανισμένα, ζεστά και ολοζώντανα  
σώματα τρυπημένα*

*Ο νέος άνεμος , μοίρασε τα ανυπεράσπιστα χέρια  
τα άγρυπνα μάτια μας με ιαχές οδύνης  
Στο θαύμα  
Σμήνος μέλισσες ολότητες  
της δοκιμασίας μας  
της δύναμης της πίστης και της ελευθέριας μας*

## THE MIRACLE

The people of my generation  
Sounds look like choked  
So they crossed  
In the middle of the desert  
The time zones  
alone and forgotten

Bloody, innocent lambs  
In the roar of sacrifice  
With the marks on the stones  
from bodies tormented, hot and alive  
bodies pierced

The new wind divorced the defenseless hands  
our watchful eyes with screaming suffering  
In the miracle  
A bunch of bees , totals  
of our test  
the power of our faith and liberty

## ΜΥΣΤΙΚΟ ΖΩΗΣ

Το παγωμένο λουλούδι  
τρύπησε την πέτρα  
μοναχό  
και εκεί αποκοιμήθη  
Πέρασαν αιώνες  
δακτύλιοι χρωμάτων  
ξεδιπλώθηκαν και  
θριάμβευσαν σαν  
φωτός μεθη  
\*\*\*

Με την ρίζα σφηνωμένη  
στης ένωσης το  
μέτρημα βαραίνει  
τρυφερά γεννιέται και ανθεί πάλι  
σε κρυφή αρμονία  
το μυστικό της ζωής  
Ξοδεύει

## SECRET LIFE

Ice flower  
pierced the stone  
alone and there dozing  
They spent centuries  
rings of color  
unfolded and  
they triumphed as  
drunkenness light  
\*\*\*

With the root  
wedged of  
the union  
measuring weighs  
the secret of life  
spends in hidden harmony  
tenderly born and flourishes again

## Η ΛΕΥΚΑ

Όταν ο Ήλιος από τις μεγάλες  
αδιέξοδες νύχτες και τα μυστικά των αστεριών  
ξεφεύγει και γλυκά ανατέλλει  
για γέρινη μοναχική Λεύκα  
γεμίζει άστρα λευκά και με στερνά φιλιά  
Βουλιάζει στο φως και μεθά

Τι κύκλος !!! μιας άγραφης συνθήκης  
Το περίσσιο φως ανάσα μοιάζει της γης Θεάς

## An solitary poplar tree

When the Sun from the big ones  
deadlocks nights and the secrets of the stars  
escapes and sweetly rising  
an old solitary poplar tree  
it fills white stars and kisses  
Dropping down to light and drunk

What circle !!! an unwritten treaty  
breath looks like her  
Earth goddess the overwhelming light

Husszin  
Habasch



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**Hussein Habasch:** He is a poet from *AFRIN/ KURDISTAN*, lives in Bonn-Germany.

Born in 1970. He writes in Kurdish and Arabic. Some of his poems were translated to many languages such as; English, German, Spanish, French, Chinese, Turkish, Persian, Albanian, Uzbek, Russian, Italian, Bulgarian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Macedonian, Serbian and Romanian. A selection of his poems have been published in more than an international poetic anthology. He wrote these books: **Drowning in Roses/** Azmina Publishing House, Amman, and Alwah Publishing House, Madrid 2002. **Fugitives across Ivros River/** Sanabel Publishing House, Cairo 2004. **Higher than Desire and more Delicious than the Gazelle's Flank/** Alwah Publishing House, Madrid 2007. **Delusions to Salim Barakat/** Alzaman Publishing House, Damascus 2009. **A flying Angel (Texts about Syrian children)** Moment Publishing House, London 2013. **A flying Angel (Texts about Syrian children)** in English, Bogdani Publishing House 2015. **No pasarán**, in Spanish, the book published by the International Poetry Festival in Puerto Rico 2016. **Copaci Cu Chef**, in Romanian/ Ars Longa Publishing House, Bucharest 2017. **Dos Árboles**, in Spanish, the book published by the International Poetry Festival in El Salvador 2017. **Tiempos de Guerra**, in Spanish, the book published by the International Poetry Festival in Costa Rica 2017. **Fever of Quince**, in Kurdish/ Sersera Publishing House, Berlin 2019. **Peace for Afrin, peace for Kurdistan**, An international poetry anthology in English and Spanish/ Sersera Publishing House, Berlin 2019. **The red Snow**, in Chinese, published in Taiwan 2019.

## Snow Man

I give you a sweater,  
Gloves,  
A hat,  
A coat,  
And a vast field of snow.  
Make a man from snow,  
Put a carrot for nose,  
Two cherries for eyes,  
Your lipstick for mouth  
Make the mouth smiles  
Put the hat on  
Wrap your shawl tenderly around his neck.  
If you can't find him a name  
Name him as mine.  
Then gather the neighbourhood's kids  
And tell them  
That is my sweetheart  
Come play with him!

*Translated by Muna Zinati*

## Five women in black scarves

Five women in black scarves  
Lined up in front of missing people's desk!

The first said  
I am looking for my husband's name  
Missing two years ago.

The second said  
I am looking for my son's name  
Missing five years ago.

The third said  
I am looking for my father's name  
Missing four years ago.

The fourth said  
I am looking for my sweetheart's name  
Missing three years ago.

The fifth said  
I am looking for my country's name  
Missing hundreds of years ago!

The five women came out of the line  
Crumbled on each other  
As a tent, a horrible massacre happened upon it

And started the slapping and crying!

*Translated by Muna Zinati*

## The Lazy Pupil

They told him  
Draw the school  
He drew an amusement park.

Draw the teacher  
He drew a rose.

Draw the lake  
He drew a swan.

Draw Autumn  
He drew a green bud.

Draw the sky  
He drew his father.

Draw the earth  
He drew his mother.

All the time  
The lazy pupil  
Was drawing his heart.

Kosh  
K  
Mathew



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Dr.K.K.Mathew is a renowned physician and medical scientist of international repute. He is also a reputed poet and novelist. He has done many innovations in medical science, of which eight are first of its kind in medical science. He has published nine collection of English poems.

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## BLOOD

Me in the depth of despair, wrote on my heart  
with the pencil so faint, that dim is my future  
so hurtful, me see my name scribbled on my heart  
the name fades with heavy rain that it is washed off  
the heart weakens that it flutters to be written on  
it with blood that oozed out, very beautiful the writing  
that the blood sweetens my heart, it becomes rhythmic  
the blood clotted on heart, inseparable that my name  
engraved on me that nothing wiped it as it is blood-written,  
not written by pencil which faded and the bond  
unbreakable.

## THE RHYME

The solitude in me in rhythm, the rhythmic heart,  
the rhythmic circulation of blood, respiration  
in rhythm, intestines rhythmic, the man in rhythm,  
with each rhythm, the rhyme of divinity comes out  
rhymed by heart and soul, too faint to be picked  
by the ears but internal senses grasp it, too sweet,  
it condenses to honey that sweetens my heart  
and soul, me absorbed in the divine chorus, sung  
in the flow of love from Heaven to Earth, the solitude  
filled with the murmur of flow that echoes in my heart.

## ABSORBED IN

The heart suffocates, the soul strangulated  
me in despair, no fresh air to breathe, moon  
peeps through the window, me alone in my  
room, looked at the moon, my interior shakes  
a moment, a new rhythm, new tune, rhyme  
arises from my interior, spontaneously comes  
out, sweet poem, me wrote long ago, it fills  
every cell in me, that too jumps in exuberance  
heart starts beating, arteries pulsates, brain  
sharpened, the poem fills in me, each word  
sweetens my soul, me absorbed in it for long  
it dawned when me opened eyes, me energized.

Metin  
Cengiz

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Metin Cengiz: Poet and writer (b. 3 May 1953, Göle). He attended to Göle primary School (1964), Kars Alparslan High School (1972), and graduated from Erzurum Atatürk University, Faculty of Basic Sciences and Foreign Languages, Department of French Language and Literature (1977). When studying at the university he worked as a civil officer at the Turkish Statistical Institute for a short time (1973). In his youth he has been arrested many times for publishing political journals and engaging in political acts. He worked as a French language teacher between 1977-1987 in the provinces of Erzurum, Kars, and İstanbul. Meanwhile, he completed his studies at Marmara University, Department of French Language. He was sentenced for two years by the military government of 12 September 1980. During his service as a teacher he was exiled many times. Finally, when he was exiled to Muş, a rural province in the eastern Turkey, he resigned from civil service. He turned back to İstanbul and began to work as a proofreader, editor and translator at several publishing houses. In 1993 he returned to public service as a French language teacher and retired in 2002. [...]

## ROSE

This well-shaped garden of you in my image  
Like the past into which I couldn't go and come back  
There it is always going to blossom like that

It is going to blossom in eternity  
That garden in my image

*Translated by Müesser Yeniay*

## Night

Vibrant image of life, night  
Spilling across the breadth of the earth  
To its calm caressing flow, I have abandoned myself  
In the wave where the stars fall to sleep  
It scatters like gold dust  
Tautens a chain of silver over the far shore

I reach my hand out to its face

The sun retreats yet again into the caves

*Translated by Neil P. Doherty*

## The Lamp

Still as a lake the scent of your body  
So dense I am swimming through it

Its depth rising with the flickering of the flame  
Its tongue like the swollen sea  
At every stroke I come a little closer  
At every stroke the lamp's shadow welcomes me

Sleep will not come, back and forth over  
the sea of flickering flame thousands of stars trail  
Round it the moon a tiny shadow  
I must tread with caution, one could drown in the  
Deeps

Carefully I reach out and dim the light  
As though it were not me stretched out tired from head to  
toe  
But the lamp that drew Aladdin out of itself..

*Translated by Neil P. Doherty*



## What Time Has Us Say

Like a snail,  
On dry leaves leaving trails,  
Time slips through me

I have had my share of this world-  
The sorrows that come with mud, pitch, and wave,  
Leave no place for love.

What then I am the son of-  
Around me like sand darkness abounds  
And the sun and a desert of ice

The roof of words cracks  
The mountains I entrusted collapse  
As if I were a cavern made of doubt  
The wind inside me howls.

*Translated by Övünç Cengiz and Neil Patrick Doherty*

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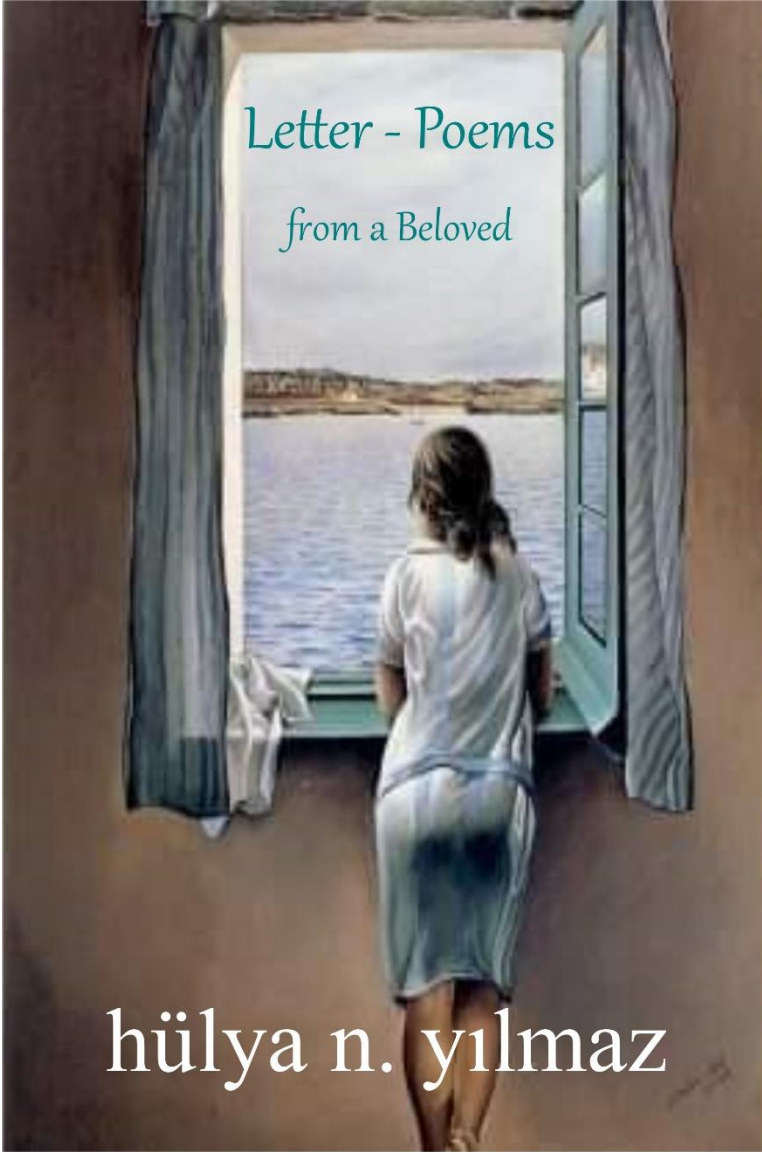
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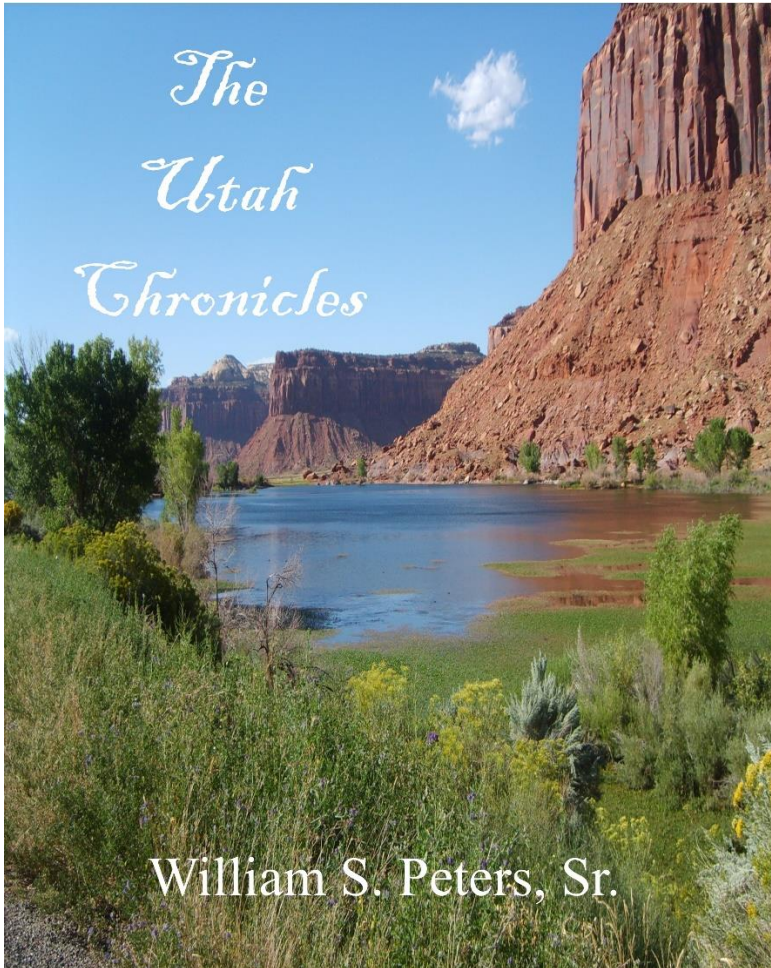
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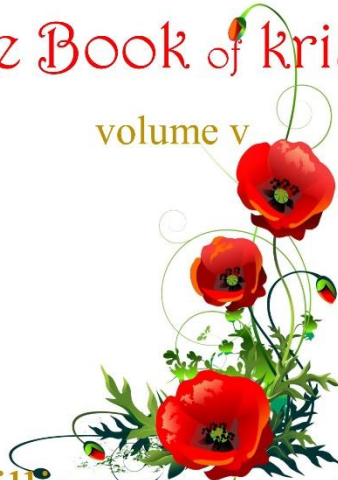
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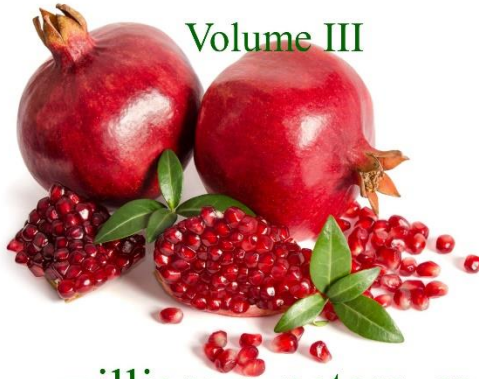
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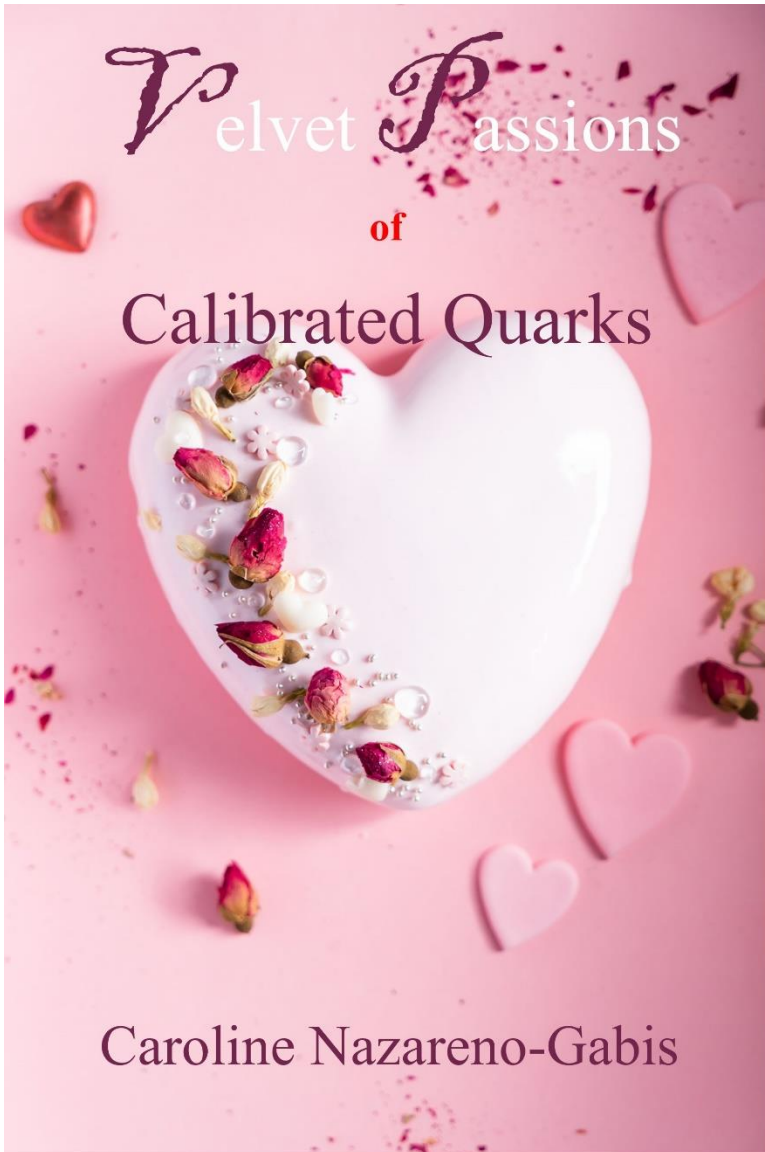


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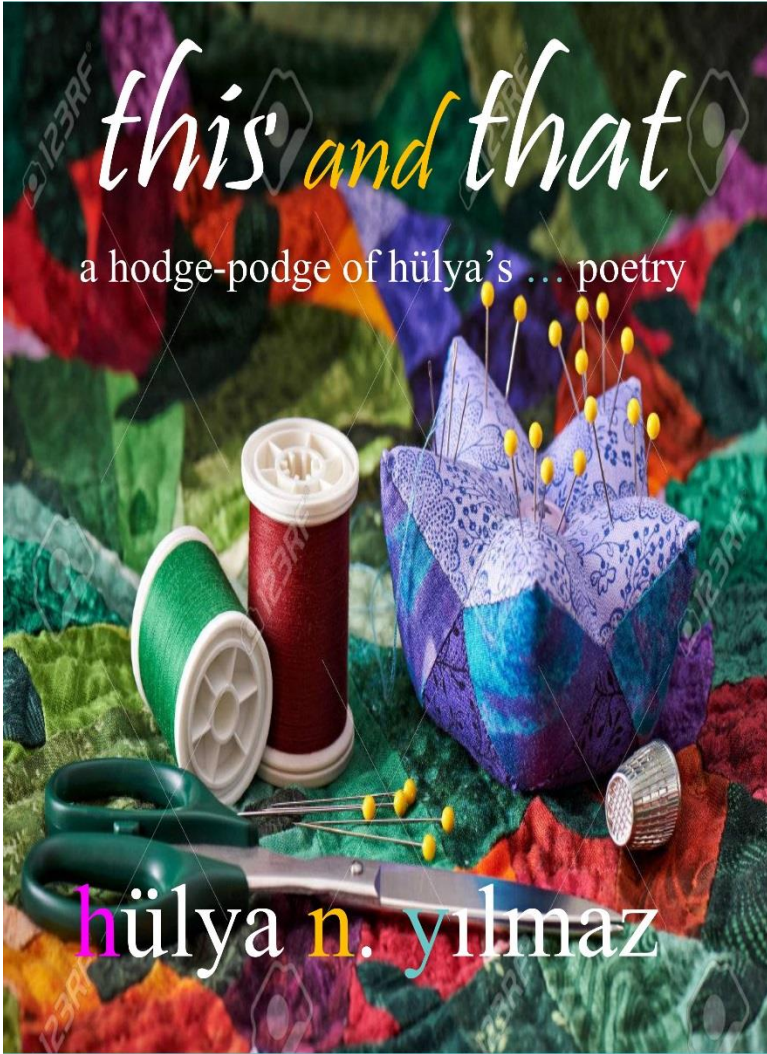


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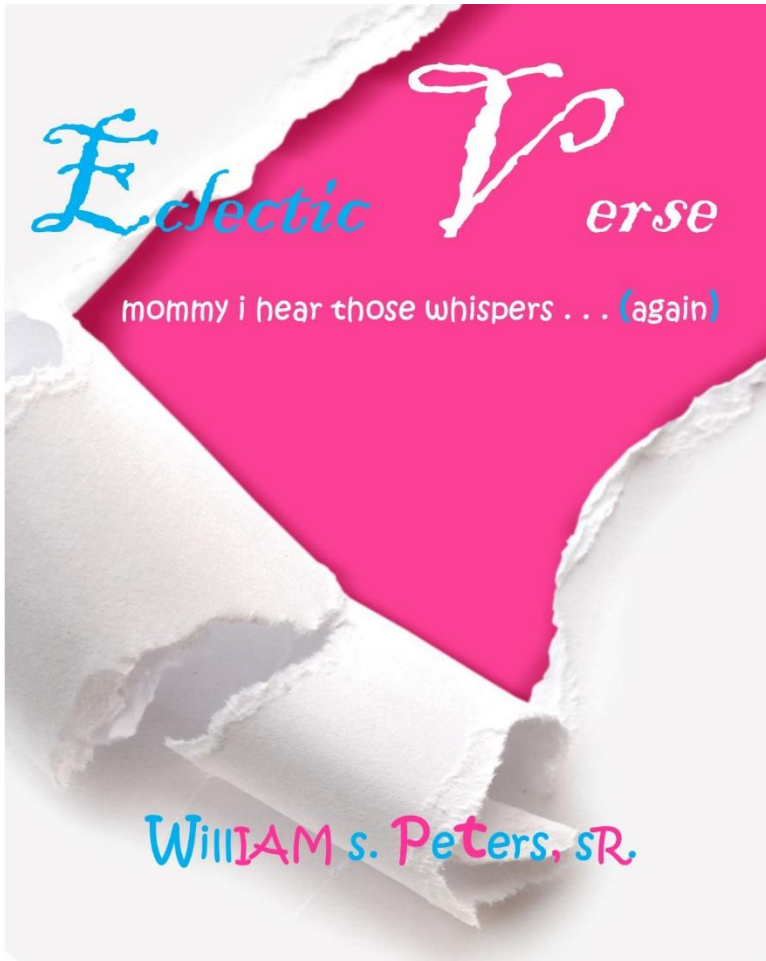
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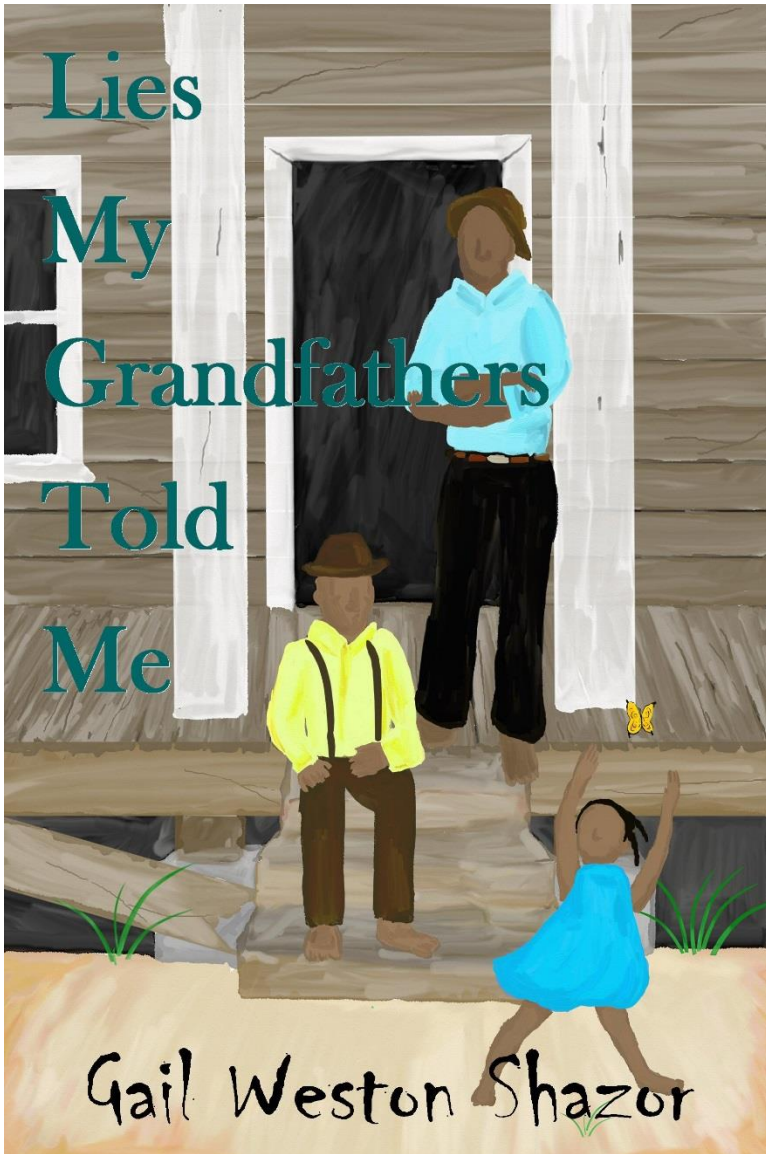
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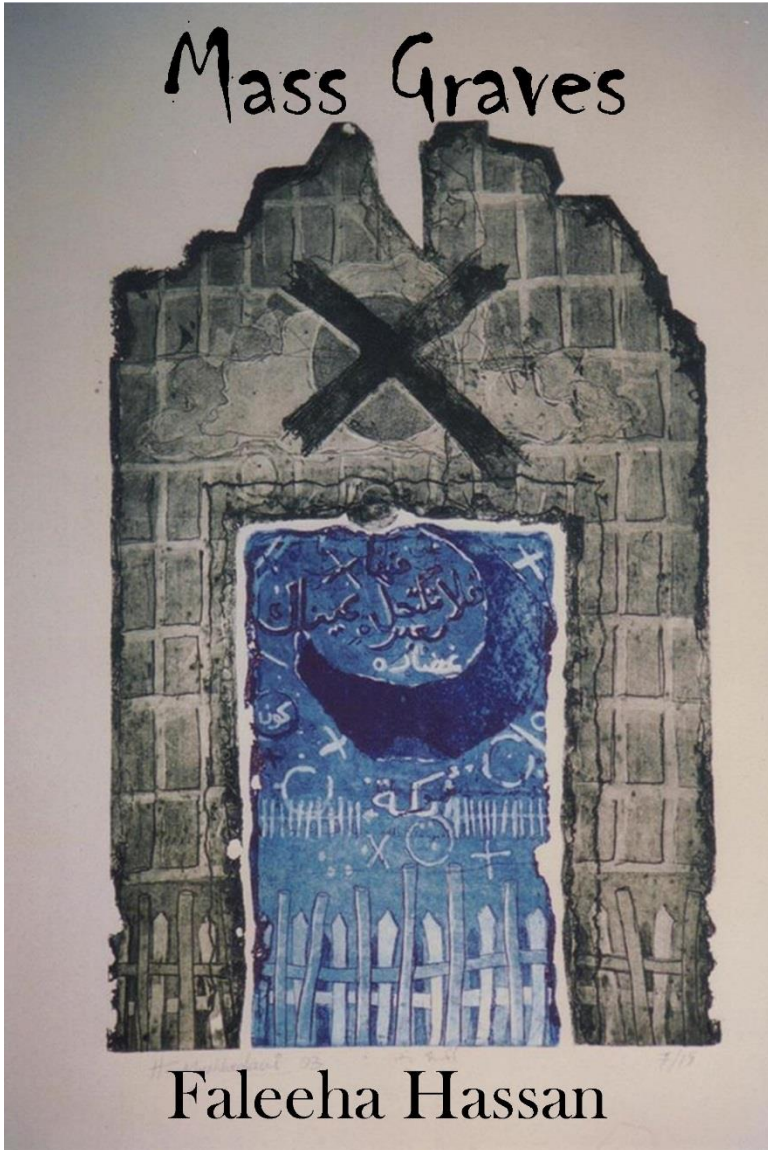
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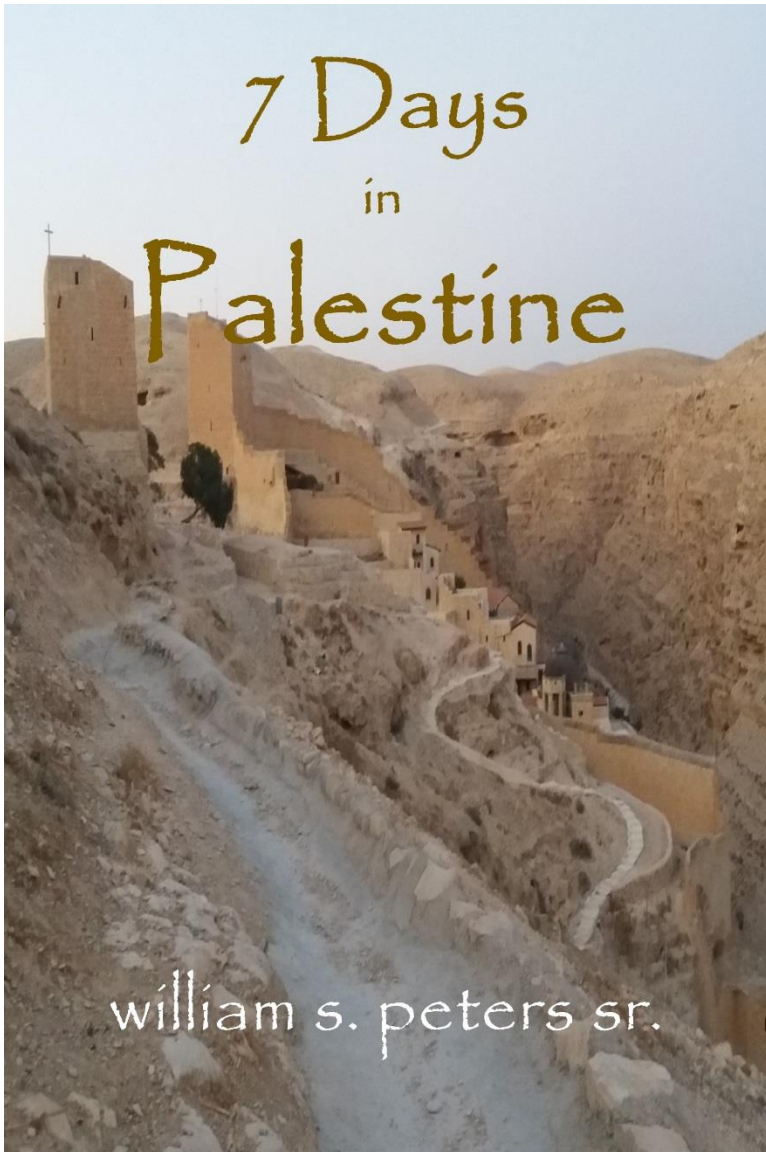
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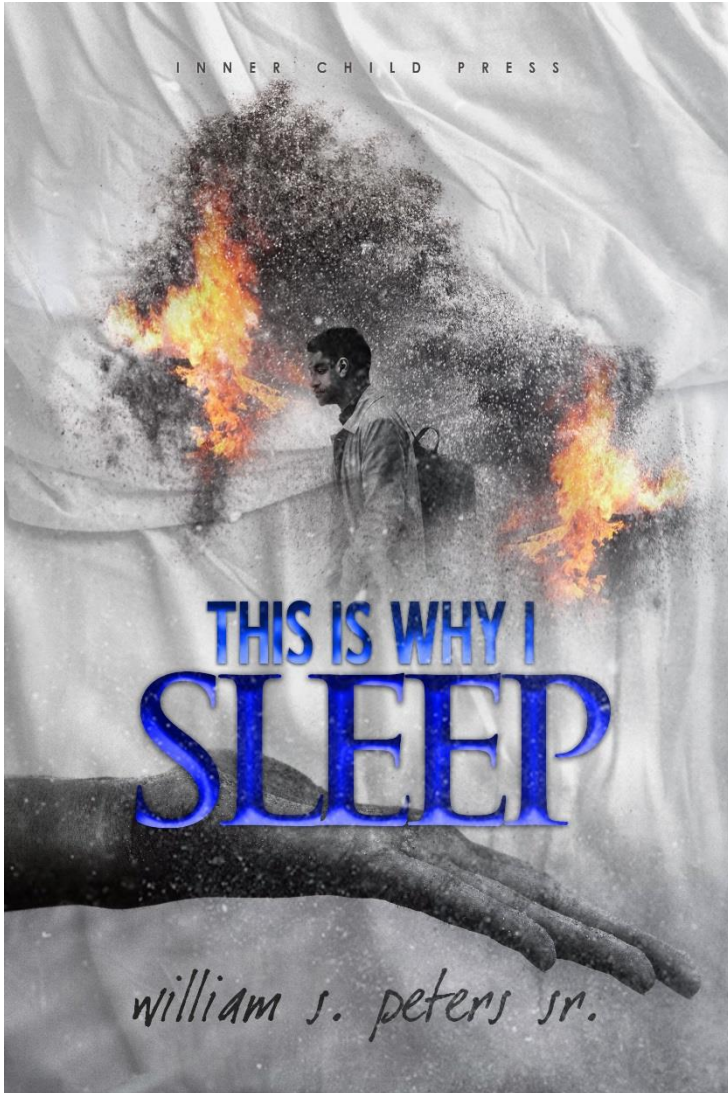
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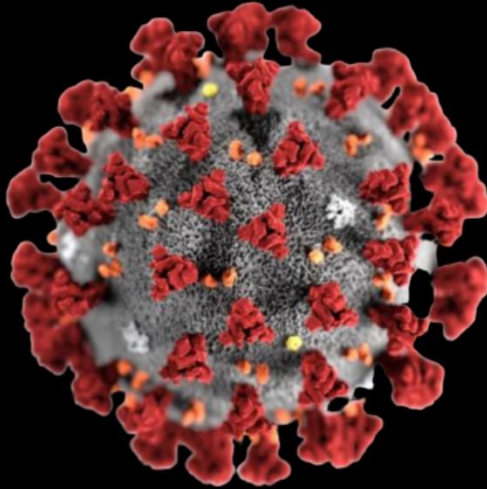
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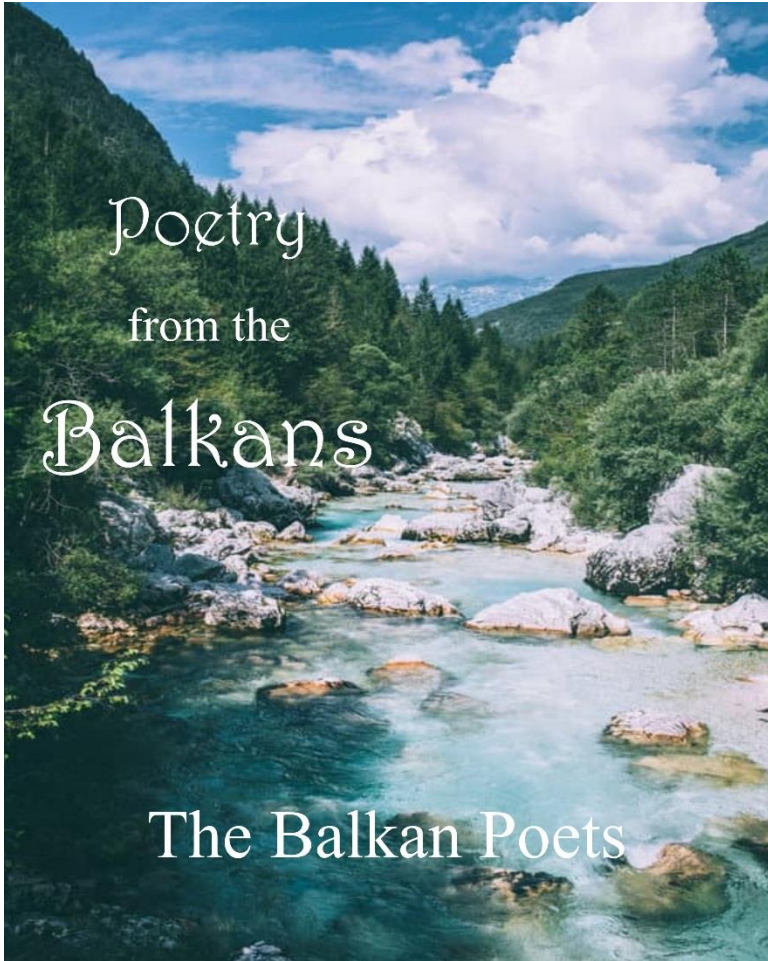


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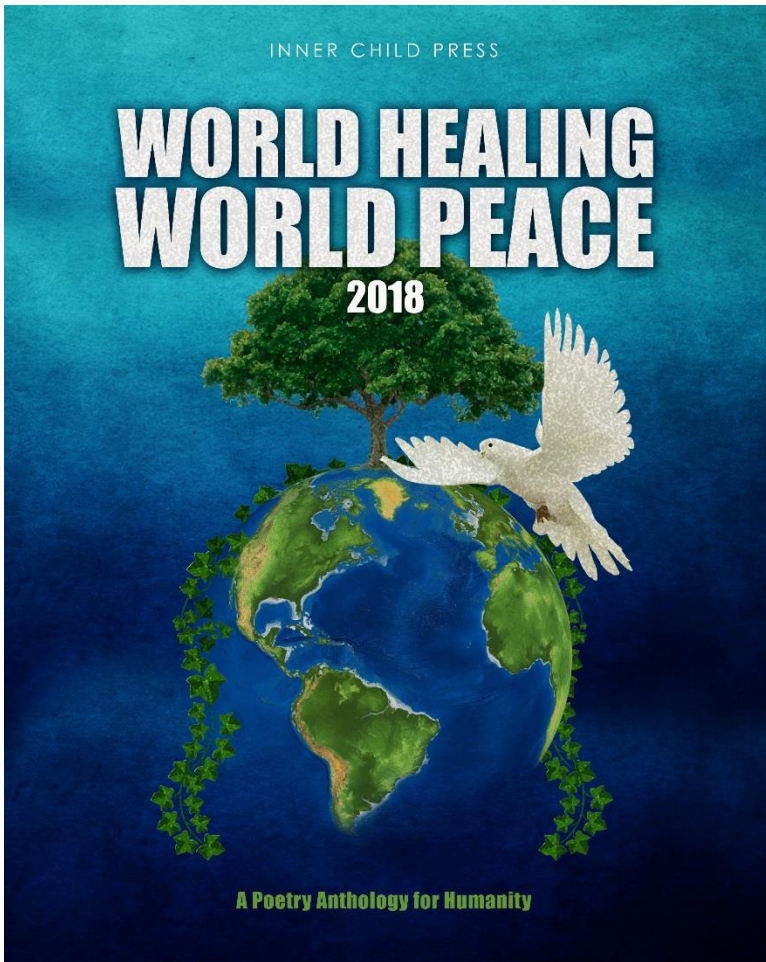
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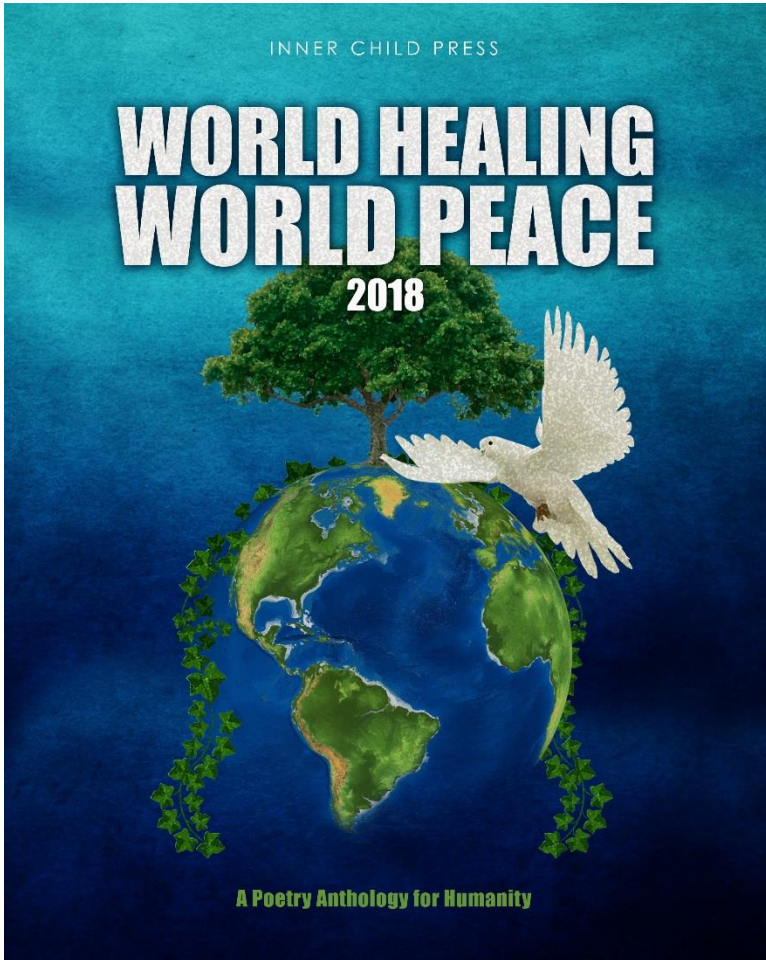
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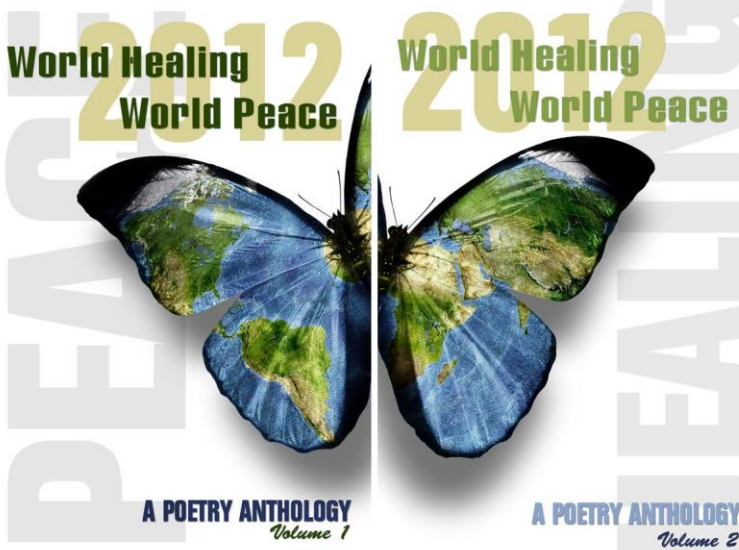
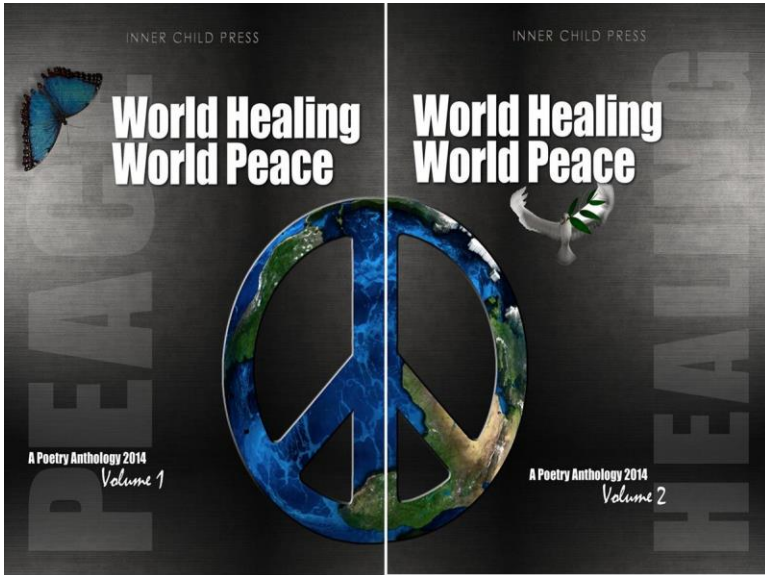
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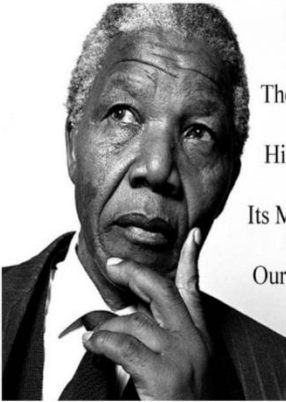
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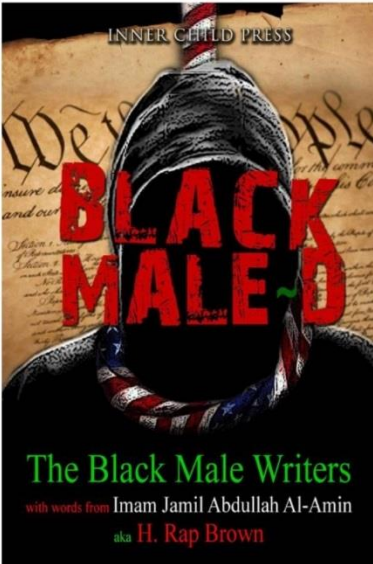
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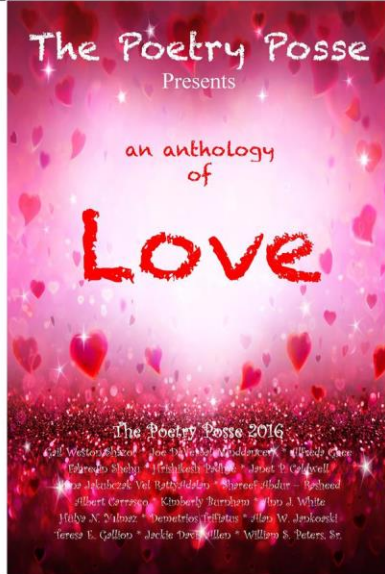
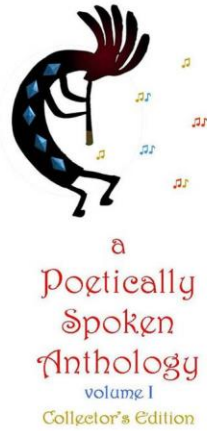
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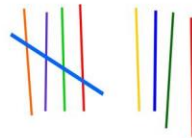
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*Carnation*


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**Our January Feature**  
Terri L. Johnson

## the Year of the Poet

February 2014



*violets*

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**Our February Features**  
Teresa E. Gallion & Robert Gibson

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March 2014



*daffodil*

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**Our March Featured Poets**  
Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

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April 2014



*Sweet Pea*

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**Our April Featured Poets**  
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**May's Featured Poets**  
ReeCee  
Joski the Poet  
Shannon Stanton



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**The Poetry Posse**  
Janie Bond  
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**Lily of the Valley**

**the Year of the Poet**  
June 2014



**Love & Relationship**

**Rose**

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

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July 2014

**July Feature Poets**  
Christiana A. V. Williams  
Dr. John R. Strum  
Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom



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**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

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August 2014

**Gladiolus**



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Aster Morning-Glory



Wild Garden of September Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

The Poetly Pass

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October 2014

Red Poppy



The Poetly Pass

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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaJendra Padhi • Elizabeth Castillo

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November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Pass

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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Roseman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

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December 2014

Narcissus



The Poetly Pass

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**Garnet**

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**January Feature Poets**  
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**Amethyst**

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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima • Bob McNeil • Kerstin Centervall

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March 2015

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



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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



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Akin Mosi Chimners  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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June's Featured Poets

Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



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The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



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Featured Poets

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Ann Chalasiz  
Christopher Schultz



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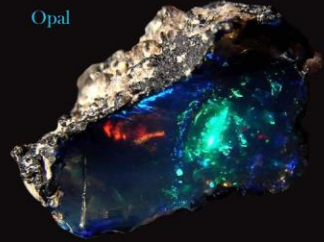
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 October 2015

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


Opal



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 November 2015

**Featured Poets**  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore




Topaz

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 December 2015

**Featured Poets**  
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Turquoise

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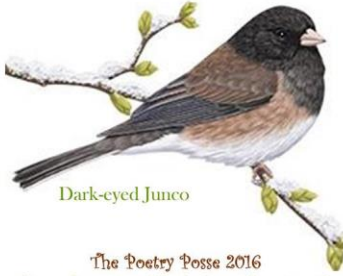
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Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christina Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

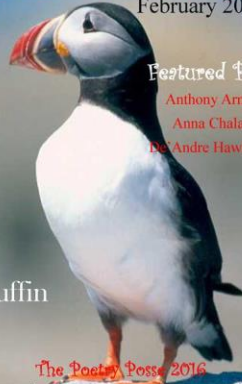
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

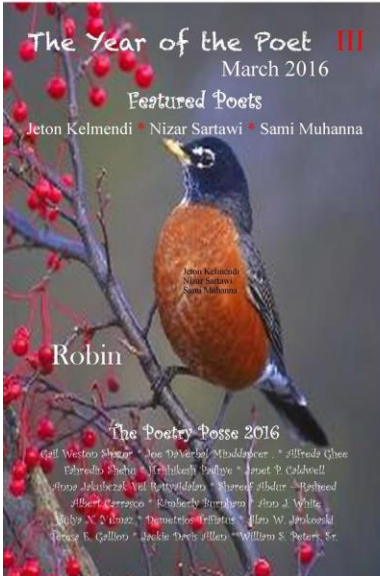
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

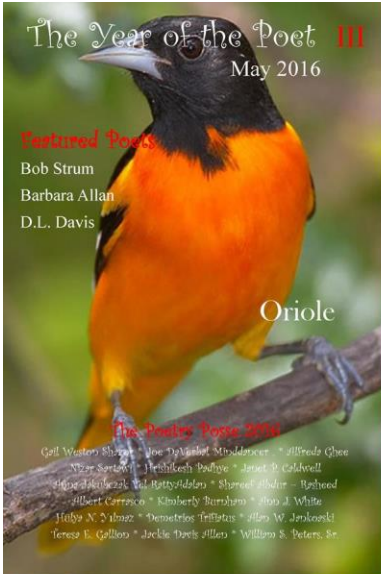
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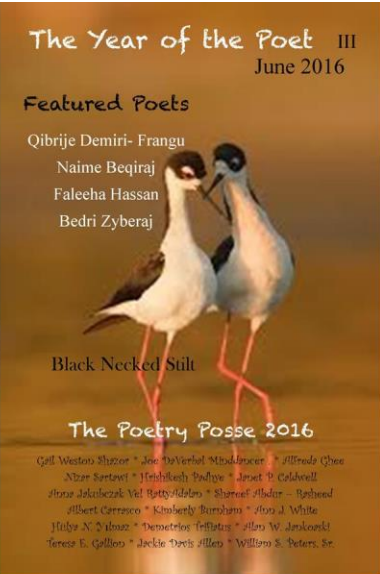


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May 2016

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Bob Strum  
Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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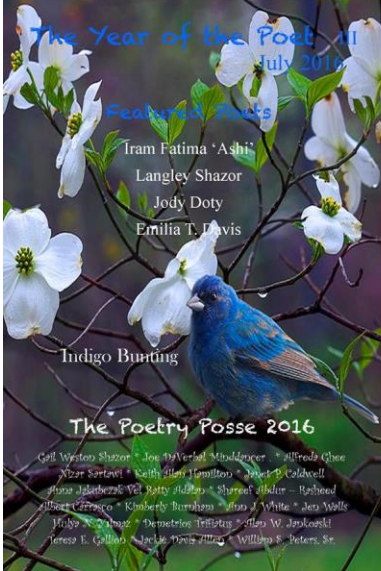


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June 2016

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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu  
Naime Beqiraj  
Faleeha Hassan  
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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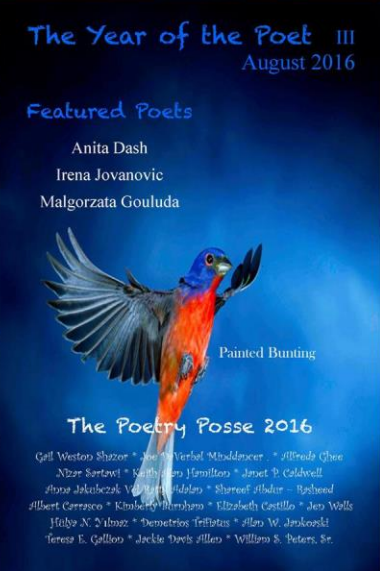


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July 2016

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

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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

Painted Bunting

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novick



Long Billed Curle

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October 2016

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Lana Joseph  
Tasha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore




Barn Owl

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November 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badle

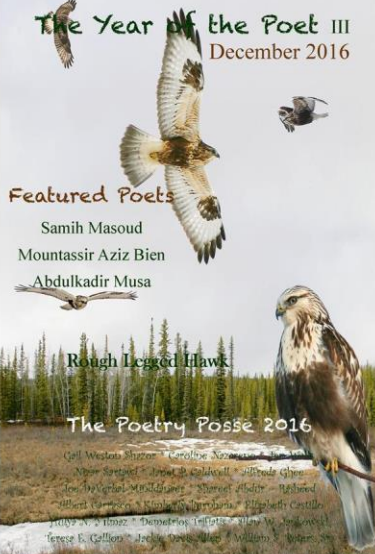


Northern Cardinal

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December 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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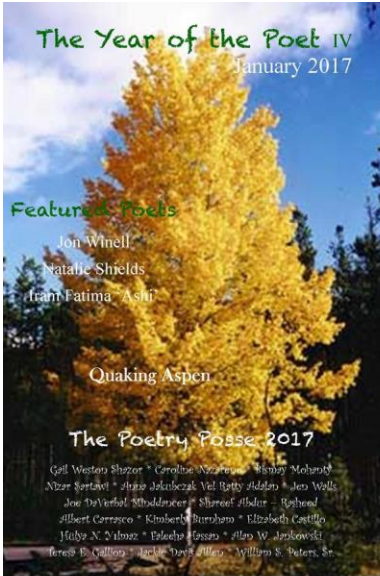
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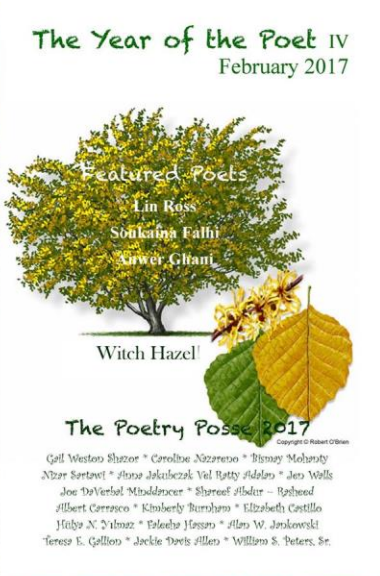


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Fran Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

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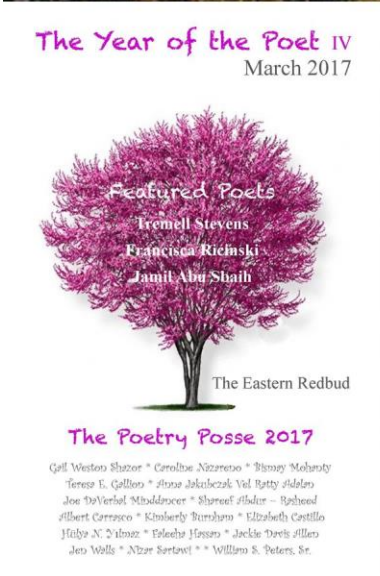


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Lin Ross  
Sobkaina Falhi  
Gower Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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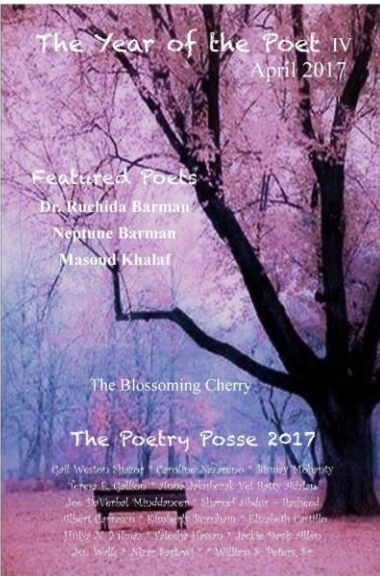


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaib

**The Eastern Redbud**

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April 2017



**Featured Poets**  
Dr. Kuchida Barman  
Neptune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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### Featured Poets

Eliza Seglet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## 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

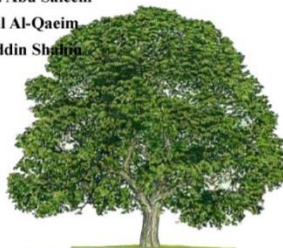
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## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Acry

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March 2018



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Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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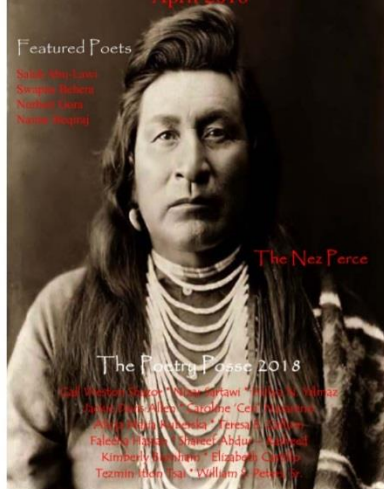
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April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Lays  
Suzanne Belcher  
Nathan Dean  
Nancy Hoagmy



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Laudita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians

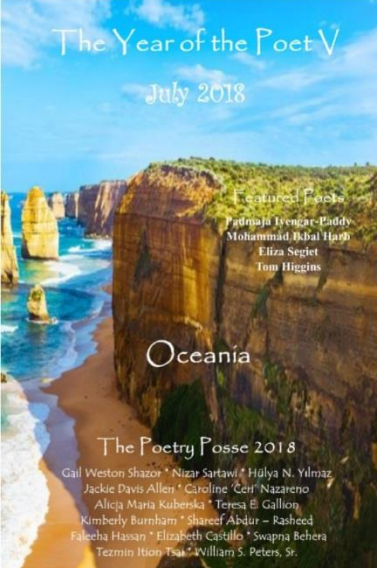


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July 2018

Featured Poets  
Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Ikhbal Harb  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swarn

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdul - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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Krystyna Konecka \* Nassira Nezzar

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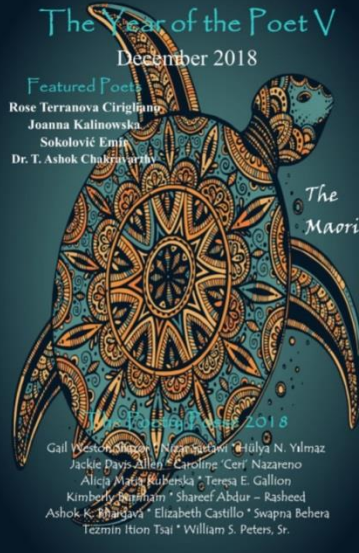
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December 2018

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Joanna Kalinowska  
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Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarti



The  
Maori

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

*Dream Catcher*

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Aida G. Roque \* Jean-Jacques Fournier



Meso-America

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### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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



Central & West Africa

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 Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer

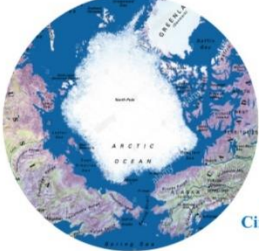


Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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 Iwu Jeff \* Mohamed Abdel Aziz Shmeis




Arctic Circumpolar

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 July 2019

**Featured Poets**  
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 Fahredin Shehu \* Alok Kumar Ray


**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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 Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* Mbizo Chirasha



Southwest Asia

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**The Caucasus**  
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October 2019

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



**The Mile Valley**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
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**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Simriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida




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

**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujana Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Efbichia



**Oceania**  
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Andy Scott \* Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



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## The Year of the Poet VII

February 2020

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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

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 – Gustav Stresemann



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## The Year of the Poet VII

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### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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