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*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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Children: Difference Makers

Yo-Yo Ma

Yo-Yo Ma, a musician with a poetic personality, may be derived from his special Chinese ancestry and the growth environment of Western civilization. His music, personality, and concepts are all impressive. Such a great musical achievement may be attributed to this. Looking at the international music scene, Yo-Yo Ma is undoubtedly the most representative Chinese musician in modern times. He is modest, polite, and humorous; he has the humility of the Chinese, the boldness of the American, and the romance of the French.

Like, any hard-working talent in the world, you can expect that at any stage of his development, give him a strike, expect him to hit a double hit, and he will often come to a home run. This unexpected charm is really fascinating.

Yo-Yo Ma's ancestral home is in Zhejiang Province, China, and was born in Paris, France in 1955. At the age of four, he started playing musical instruments.

At the age of five, he could easily play three Bach suites. However, he believes that no matter how hard a person makes efforts in any aspect, doesn't depend on courage but wisdom, and doesn't depend on quantities but excellence, and only from the will of the heart can they cultivate good grades. He said: "You have to keep asking yourself questions, and then try to answer your own questions. When you can't think of an answer, you have to try to think again and again. This is the best way to exercise yourself, and it is also the experience I have practiced for so many years. ."

When Yo-Yo Ma was seven years old, his family moved to the United States. And taught by the cello master Pablo Casals. The latter was amazed and appreciated the child's innate musical talent. He even said to others: "This is a child who cannot be restricted. Let him develop as he pleases." This is Yo-Yo Ma, before the age of fifteen, has impressed many senior musicians. Yo-Yo Ma once said: Reinterpreting the composer's mind through musical notes is the most "glorious" moment as a performer. In addition to music, he also entered Harvard University to major in anthropology, so he has a strong interest in history. He once said with emotion: "I like history very much. I think it is a mirror. Moreover, because I am Chinese, I have never grown and lived in Chinese land, so I have a

deep curiosity about people and life. Studying anthropology can meet my needs in this area.” This background enables him to enjoy the refined and fresh Chinese temperament in the international music scene, coupled with his talent and hard work, he has become a musician who is famous in the world music scene.

Yo-Yo Ma likes friends and different lifestyles, and has many friends who are not musicians, but for him, a peaceful home life is the happiest thing. Often, you can read from his innocent, straightforward, gentle and lovely smile face much countless thoughts.

Prof. Tzemin Ition Tsai, Ph.D.

Full Professor, Republic of China (Taiwan)

Preface

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

We are so excited as we are now offer unto you our third month of our **10th** year of monthly publication of this enterprise, **The Year of the Poet**. For those of you who are not familiar with our story, back in 2013, a few of us poets got together with the simple intention of producing a book a month. That was our challenge. Since that time the enterprise has blossomed and brought forth a fruit that seems to keep on growing as evidenced as we enter 2023.

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

www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet

Over the years, Inner Child Press has been socially active to bring awareness and catalog through literature the things that have an impact upon our

world and its inhabitants. We have solicited, produced, underwritten and published quite a few volumes to that end. For more insight you may wish to visit : www.innerchildpress.com/the-anthology-market. If you are a writer, poet, or activist, you would be advised to keep a eye out for upcoming volumes should you desire to participate. All readers are welcomed as well. Note, that there is a myriad of published volumes that are available as a FREE PDF download as well as available for purchase at affordable prices.

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

Bless Up

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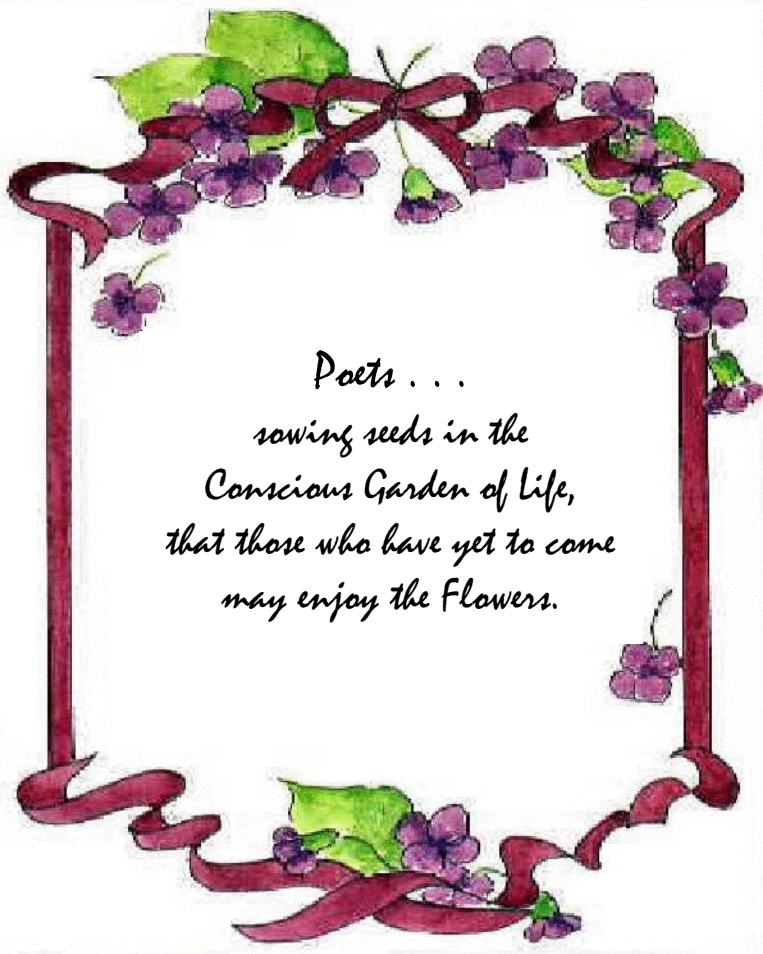
by Kimberly Burnham, Ph.D.

An American cellist, Yo-Yo Ma (Chinese: 馬友友 Ma Yo Yo)was born October 7, 1955, in Paris to Chinese parents, then educated in the United States. A child prodigy he started performing at age of four and a half and graduated from the Juilliard School and Harvard University and attended Columbia University. With more than 90 albums and 19 Grammy Awards., Yo-Yo Ma has recorded a wide variety of folk music, such as American bluegrass music, traditional Chinese melodies, the tangos of Argentine composer Astor Piazzolla, and Brazilian music. He has collaborated with artists in diverse genres, including the singer Bobby McFerrin, the guitarist Carlos Santana, Sérgio Assad, and his brother, Odair, and the singer-songwriter-guitarist James Taylor. Ma's primary performance instrument is a 1733 Montagnana cello valued at US\$2.5 million. Ma has been a United Nations Messenger of Peace since 2006.and recieved the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011, and the

Polar Music Prize in 2012. Ma was named one of Time's 100 Most Influential People of 2020.



“Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you're passionate about something then you're more willing to take risks.” — Yo-Yo Ma



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



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

~ wsp





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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"
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For Tanama

Waiting on the Change
The progressive chords
Deepen the smile to bursting
At the corner of her mouth
A Guitar rides the hip
And bounces out a rhythm
Of salsa and meringue and bachata
The lives of villages
Ring through the cooking sounds
Of spoons on calabash
Of coals on embers
And the fire blazes
We are mesmerized by the redness
Of jealousy at the lipstick
Being so close to the music
We are there in the moment
Sitting on holy ground
As we bathe in the covering
Of the sounds
Soothing melodies
The sounds of son
To the sounds on concrete
Beats of hearts slowed
To a healing cadence
We are bound to each other
In this circle
And the love gives life

Crying ...a Senryu in 5

To say "I love you"
Only takes the smallest breaths
Yet gulps on the lies
Yet gulps on the lies
Until even they taste good
In the scheme of things
In the scheme of things
Tears can cause a deaf blindness
When louder than joy
When louder than joy
A broken heart will never
Be the first to heal
Be the first to heal
When the one who can restore
Will make himself known

The Whatness of the Thing

Many days bloom bright and sometimes painful
As the seamless cloak of darkness
Is pulled harshly from eyes that protest
Any opening that may hurt
This realization that you have survived
Again
And maybe that was not the intention
Upon retiring on the bedspread
But yet here you are
Facing another mundane day of work
Another tepid cup of coffee
And if you are particularly lucky
Your shoes will match today
Even though you have ready pithy excuses
For really, no one cares whether they do or not
Just as they don't care if you are ok or not
The questions linger in the air
The whatnots that don't lead to epiphany
The whatness of primal need
This thing about being touched
That starts in the womb
And fades in broken promises
Or worse, promises of soon
Just wait
The time is not right
And you check your clock to see if
The hands are broken immobile
Or maybe it's you
That is broken
For perfection is not your lot
And the pouchy belly
And scars that will not fade

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No matter how many tears you massage
Into them from inside
The amber fluid that is not really
Ambiotic
Yet mesmerizes just the same
Through the clearness of glares
From glass walls, ceilings, hands
The sun has made yet one more pass
Through a cloud-filled eye
The toothpaste is chalky
And the gown scratchy
You sip on despair and consume
One too many to sleep
Without dreams
Without color
But not without despair

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Alicja
Maria
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

Concert

Cello at the touch of a bow
laughs and cries.
It leads the audience
in distant lands,
salons, poor huts
It frees thoughts from haste,
brings peace to the breath,
lights up time.

The strings tighten
and the music of the spheres flows
-filled with the harmony of the cosmos
And the cello
sings without words
about peace on earth,
love and brotherhood

After the earthquake

The earth trembled
and the old world crumbled

House ruins
like concrete glaciers
spread widely in the streets

They swallowed up dreams,
small joys, great happiness
and ordinary everyday things.

Under the rubble of buildings
neighborhood disputes, feuds
and heated discussions disappeared

People united by misfortune
search under large slabs
smoldering sparks of life

Doomsday Clock

The hands move forward
Faster and faster
Tick tock tick tock

They don't stop
They speed up
Tick tock tick tock tick tock

Soon twelve
A little more
And it will strike midnight

The time of destruction is coming
Instead of a cuckoo - death with a scythe
Instead of a gong - an atomic explosion
Tick tock tick tock tick tock tick tock

Only peace on the Earth
Can stop the clock pendulum
Tick... tock

Jackie
Davis
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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Stardust

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From the mountains she came,
With little more than her name:
A coal miner's daughter.
In her tender years;
A lowly one. Insignificant.

A sickly child, dire the diagnosis.
Nevertheless, she defied the odds.
Grew heroic. Particularly, in the eyes
Of her adoring, younger-siblings.
A child prodigy, she was not.

Popped down, a million miles away
From Webster's definition,
Yet acclaimed as a story teller.
Extradinaire. She claimed the stardust
From her want's and need's dreams;

Projecting her personality,
She overcame poverty's objections:
The ones that destined her to fail.
By sheer will, and effort, she crawled
Over the mountains, where she discovered

How to pry open the jaws of education.
Gaining confidence, she unfurled her wings.
It is from the magical, mystical stardust
Of her heart's want and need, that her dreams
Have molded, yes, shaped the star you now see.

The Creative Dream

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You are an amazing somebody.
Oh, yes you are.
Created for a special kind of greatness,
As were the heaven's stars.

Endowed with a personality
Uniquely yours alone,
With gifts waiting
From the seeds you have sown.

There are many possibilities
From which you may seek and refine,
So that you may merge
Into the dream you hoped to design.

Dare to avoid the pitfalls
Of procrastination and resistance.
And instead cultivate
Due diligence and persistence.

Begin now to discover
The you that you were intended to be,
Created by God, and endowed
With awesome potentiality.

from my first book, p.3, Looking For Rainbows

As if, from...

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As if, from
Another planet, she came
With stars in her eyes,
A galaxy for a crown, seeking a seat
On a cruise ship
Called Hungering Desire.

As if, from
Her mind, she embarked upon a journey.
Visiting, discovering, exploring lands.
That which neither man nor map had ever
Had the foresight to illustrate.
Strange, the awkward silence.

As if, from
Imagination pursued, she gave birth
To voice, a gentle kind of race.
And replacing disbelief with invitation
To take on the mantle of the unknown,
She accepted. Found where she belonged.

And, as if, from
Another planet, she is now
A mystical, magical
And glittering star.
The one, that the world,
And your eyes now behold.

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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

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

Search For A Song

Afternoon

The thin setting sun's glows over the hills
A seduced poem
Wild under the pen
Take me there, deep into the original hometown of the earth
Wild wind
The whiteness of the reeds is high above my head
Dance like the years of the nostalgia
Beadtree's juice did not melt the dried ink
Not far ahead
The dragon occupies the steep slope,
and the hometown of the sea is never resting
Do not want to sleep

Dusk is approaching again
Sleeping bee, nest on a branch
With a seductive song
Mutual dialogue
Took the sketchpad with no notes by mistake
Raise the stroke, no choice, no hesitation
Pick a corner
Listen to the rutting music of katydid wings
Looking at the mountain shadow across the sea in the distance
Go forward, the road is no longer half-hearted

Steps home
After the rain, the water center of the pool
Reflecting on the early rising moon
Kick and injure a yellow sorrel that opens its mouth to sing
A little sorry
Sneaky decision
With the dancing posture that has been hidden
in the forest for a long time write down
A song that dialogues with Creature

Sound Of Silence

How many decades back?
When the wind in my hometown dances and sweats my
clothes,
It just doesn't want to explain how I won't be drenched
Embark on this journey
With white hair, warning the butterflies flying around me
I'm just an old man who can't catch the times

Gloomy glass
Peek inside the books that surround the walls
Turn out to be
Now, my hometown looks like this
Is still good
I am sure
Silent doesn't look like a drunk
Just like, no matter how fragrant the coffee is,
it will not turn into a mellow wine

Golden campanula surrounds the fence,
the green leaves and branches are scattered, and bow their
heads
Dodge the monitor at the door
I'm as shy as
A little boy who liked to open to a mind unacquainted with
the world
With the shyness of returning home
Reach for
A picture book of fairy tales

Sit down quietly
Ignore the "Minimum Spend" statement above the counter
And invite coffee
Dressed as the voice of silence
Accompany me
Shared intoxication

The Sea And Sky Merged Into One

The sunset, the sound of cicadas, the coconut trees
he same direction
The same color
The sea is always there waiting
The same low-spirited
The same magnificent

The wind is unwilling to be lonely
The Fishing Port overlooked from a distance,
The first lights are not on yet
Whirring
But can't move
The advent night at all
We have made a promise not to distinguish
Between the sea and the sky
no noise
those who come by car
don't let
Fishing boats return to fishing port sensation
Not allowed
On the edge of the edge a few steps forward,
The shadows are swaying

The night mist returns home quietly
A round of resting sunset on Jianshan Mountain,
Shining through the back wall of the fishing port
In the middle of the mountain
Sure enough, the sea does not avoid the white clouds
Only allowed
Sit on the ground
Only let
Sea and sky allowed
The setting sun bypasses the back of us holding hands

Sharæf
Abdur
Rashæd

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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>

yo yo ma

is a star
musician
squared
personified
cellist extraordinaire
born 1955 Paris
Chinese parents
educated New York
Child prodigy
performing 4 years
young
Juilliard, Harvard,
90 albums, 19
Grammys
many genres
classical, folk,
bluegrass, latin,
traditional Chinese etc.
heralded worldwide
performed worldwide
the child prodigy
adult phenom
take a bow genius

fragments

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

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hope remains
eternally rains wash
away pain
perhaps eventually adopt
survival kicks in
though life with no humanity
a sin
while life in me remains
must try to find it somewhere again
alive and realize
humanity survives

hitting the...

path walked long before you was born
narrow filled complete with thistles, thorns
broken glass, body remains turned ashes
blood stains splashed on the narrow but
straight path
all signs point righteous was here
carrying great weight to bare
kept eye on prize overcame fear
even though the prize often seemed far
hardly near
they knew the promise of Allah(swt)
is true
worth the wait what's waiting for you
faithful slaves who were willing and
gave the world away
for a better place that never goes
away
feared their lord and judgement day
to enjoy gardens beneath which
rivers flow
with milk and honey
time don't go
nobody grows old
unlike the plight of the crooked path
looks good wide and smooth
says " come on we got something for you
to adore ,it will adore you
you'll keep wanting more
it keeps wanting you"
sounds profundity good to be true
that's why this path is made to look,
sound to accommodate you

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hem you in sin hypnotize, misguide
the glitter takes you by surprise
blinds spiritual eyes
on this path seemingly a smooth ride
is deception element of surprise
waiting to lay waste to misguide
mankind who hurried in haste
left the prize behind, lost the race
never to taste heavenly wine,
silk pillows recline dine with those
who wisely took the path free
of wrath
divine bliss bestowed on those
who chose and pursued this ultimate,
eternal, merciful gift
and ultimately enjoy the last laugh
that comes with it.

Swt = all glory to Allah

Kimberly
Burnham

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A brain health expert with a PhD in Integrative Medicine, Kimberly Burnham has lived in tropical Colombia; in

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Belgium during the Vietnam War; in Japan teaching businessmen English; in diverse international Toronto, Canada; and several places in the US. Now, she's in Spokane, WA with her wife, Elizabeth, two sets of twins (age 11 & 14) and three dogs. Her recent book, *Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind, a Daily Brain Health Program* includes the word for peace in hundreds of languages. Her poetry weaves through 80+ volumes of *The Year of the Poet, Inspired by Gandhi, Women Building the World*, and *A Woman's Place in the Dictionary*. She is currently working on several ekphrastic writing projects. One is a novel, *Art Thief Cracks Healing Code for Parkinson's Disease* and the other is non-fiction, *Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets*.

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Creativity Encompassing Yo-Yo Ma

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A diverse start in France of Chinese parents
Yo-Yo Ma a pioneer, innovator, musical genius
by age five recognizing the power of ideas
we dream the diversity we surround ourselves with
living in the U.S. drawing the world inward
cellist Yo-Yo Ma in a sea of unlike-minded talent
a bagpipe player from Galicia in Spain
her nickname the Jimi Hendrix of bagpipes. performs
beside

The Silk Road Ensemble weaving
musicians from different cultures and traditions
mix music and inspiration next to
a pipa, a Chinese short-necked plucked lute
a tabla, a pair of twin hand drums from the Indian
subcontinent
a duduk, an Armenian double reed woodwind
a kamancheh, an Iranian bowed string instrument
a Shakuhachi, a Japanese bamboo flute
and a morin khuur, a Mongolian horse head fiddle
all comfortable in the tense where something new is born
again, and again

Strength in Diversity

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Surround yourself with people who are alike
alike thinking misses creativity
create more diversity as scientists collabortate writing
writers get more citations busting the ceilings measured
mesasure the diversity of experts bringing
ringing accolades, interest and achievement reached
reach over disadvantages created when sameness surrounds

Something New

Something new is bursts forward

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at the edge

the point where two ecosystems collide

at the edge

the forest and the savannah, the sand and the ocean

the edges overlapping

the universe's creativity stimulating challenge clashing

at the edge

where your words and mine meet

blossoming on the

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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Musical Magician

His symphony started when he was 4,

The love for music and melody he truly adores

The greatest Virtuoso of all the time

A musical magician, he awes the audience, spellbinds

Bach as his influence, a child prodigy

Changing the world with the gift of musical harmony.

Awakenings

A cast-away soul in his solitary moment,
Floating into a never-ending circle of uncertainty
In denial of all things hitting him in the eye
Or could it be that he just can't dare to face dire reality?
A deep-seated fear sets in rooted from the world's cruelty.
Shielding himself from dark forces,
But wake-up calls are beyond his control
He wants to awaken from this abstract dream
Mysterious vibrations preventing him to even scream
Delusions overwhelming him in every heart beat.
A spectrum of enveloped ideas only his mind can conceive,
Out of this swirling darkness he awakened from being
naïve
Bid adieu to his grueling nightmare
Awaiting for the dawning of a new day
To see the light welcoming him again.

The Road to Utopia

I trekked on this vast arid land without a definite destination
Conquered the seas, climbed the highest mountain peak
Seeking a sacred haven here on earth
A place where my yearning soul truly belongs,
Fell many times along the road
But got up on my feet once more
Just to reach that sanctuary where I long to be.
A weary heart, exhausted body
But my soul refused to give up
To discover what I was looking for
Met various people along the way,
Some wicked ones who don't believe in what I say
I won't let these enemies win
Their evil mockeries won't shake my will.
Is it a sin to chase what my heart truly desires?
Could the heavens open up its doors just to whisper
To my ears where is the right path to follow?
Could there be someone out there,
To act as my blessed Guide
Calm my spirit when I grow weary
Encourage me when I feel disheartened.
And so I traversed the road to my own utopia
As angels try to console me singing hymns of a cheerful melody
I can see from the far horizon my future is finally dawning upon me,
A streak of colorful hues envelopes my being
When a rainbow after the rains suddenly illuminated my dark path
Heaven is just waiting for me out there
Looking at myself at my reflection by the lake I told myself,
"This is the place where I really belong."

Joø
Þairø

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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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Strings That Bind

Carnegie Hall at the age of nine
Yo Yo Ma was ahead of his time
The silk road he traveled is the same as mine
Diversity, we rehearse and collaborate with others
Through our many verses and we become brothers

Opus 49 no. 4.
music to help you snore or at least dream
influential music to help you be who you are
and I, I personally love the strings

The name alone, peaked my interest
I mean Yo Yo Ma, it's quite inventive
But what's in a name?
a rose by any other would smell the same
difference is, from street corners to fame
he made a difference with the way he played

he's ready for the world's stage even as a toddler
the man is a leader and as a fan I'm a follower
the music he plays were played without wires
no plug-in cords or amplifiers
the sound was heard through pillars and spires

Strings that bind the spirit, you'll have to hear it
Yo Yo Ma, delivers and lives this life
Listening to his cello music gives me life
When the stresses of life get in the way
Listen to the man play.

Owned By The Street

We've lost another soul to the cold hard streets
A wink and a nod then an OD
Today we've lost another OG
OH' God, He died, but no surprise
He chose that life now we're left to cry
We're left to mourn yet knowing why
He loved his beat, his special corners
He loved to be out all hours of the morning
Now we're mourning collecting stories to tell
I have one, but in comparison it pales
He gave me a beer once, I gave him a cigarette
Can't remember if he smoked or not,
I don't really recollect
I recon we just had a moment of mutual respect

And as usual we reflect on our own choices
We listen to our own voices
We ignore what advice that would help others enjoy us a
little longer,
if Little was a little stronger
if, and, and but, but then I wonder
when it's all said and done
tomorrow there'll be another one
another son, another daughter
when that body lays before you

when your family tries implore you
when you live hard on the boulevard
you are owned by the streets

Making Ends Meet

I'm taking it slow
My last ordeal was a fiasco
My last appeal was my last so, I'm done

I'm trying to find that balance,
Between what should've,
and could've have happened
although I'm usually napping
I was awakened with a virtual face slap
I was taken through a maze like a mouse trap
I found my days full of bull-crap
So, I capitalized

I live below my means,
I've cut back all extremes
I've even held back on some dreams
But it seems my peace is illusive
Farfetched and downright stupid
This folly of mine is hardly exclusive

In closing, I'm proposing the streets
Find me a soul with a similar story told
And together we'll make ends meet.

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

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

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When a Four and a Half-year Old . . .

boy is talented beyond his biological age,
people with access to such data tend to
become eager to know at least the basics about him.

A child prodigy! As rare as one in five or ten million!

Is there, however, newer information left
on Yo-Yo Ma?

Born in Paris. Check!

Raised “partially” in Paris. Check!

A child star of Chinese parents. Check!

A Harvard graduate. Check!

Traveled extensively around the world
as a solo cellist. Check!

Lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Check!

Born in the same year as I was . . .
the only ‘new’ fact of my discovery
of today.

Yayyy!

Classical Music's Child Prodigies

Sources online provide 25 names of such, with Mozart being “a true example of a child prodigy”. The claim is that a 3-years-old Amadeus Wolfgang could detect and differentiate tunes on the piano. He was only four when he began composing. Before the age of 12, he had composed 10 symphonies and had solo performances for royalty.

Names of classical music child prodigies, overlooked for multiple decades by this ignorant learner include . . . Martha Argerich, Claudio Arrau, Daniel Barenboim, Evgeny Kissin, Lang Lang, Barber, Prokofiev, Korngold, Saint- Saëns, Anne Akiko Meyers and Nigel Kennedy.

Would you all, please, give me a break
and ignore my ignorance from before?
I knew about 14 of them, after all!
And . . . what if I let you in on a secret?
Long before the age of 12 hit me,
“Alla Turca” was a household phrase for me.
I also listened to that world-famous rondo
by the “true example of a child prodigy”;
though, only under its Turkish name back then.
The English titling of it, “Turkish March” or
“Turkish Rondo”, is anon, however, well known by me.

Children

across the globe made contributions of high significance
to humanity at large.

If only they were left to complete their natural lifespan,
instead of being butchered by the mentally ill or
downright evil people!

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>

Yoyo's Song

A child prodigy lifeline
is not always embraced with love.
But you, Yo Yo, are blessed
with the gift of the lyrical muse
on the highway destined for home.

You reach humans at the soul level
and dance on a million ears.
Your lyrical earth-mark
is a legacy that will ride the waves
into eternity with diamond notes.

Momentary Visuals

The sea flirts with me with
blue-green paintings of ecstasy.
The mountains tease me with
the essence of turquoise
in the coves of desire.

Let me stay through the night.
Listen to the moonrise sang
gospels I have never heard
that soothe my inner beast.

I stomp on the moonlight
with streakers watching
the night dance of the water.

Law of Silence

Silence is a golden treasure chest
in the city of subtle wisdom.
I still have miles to go to get there.
Those single silent coins tease me.

I reflect on the Law of Silence
and the chatter of self-talk
becomes a wave of calmness.
I am learning to remain still
in the long lean into maturity.

I have traveled the noisy road,
learned soft surrender.
The beauty of that concept
opens me to join the silence
of the light shining through.
I discover the remedy
for healing in flickering flames.

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

I Am Me

I am the tone
of songs and singings.
I am the music
that sings you to sleep.
I am the vibration
that awakens your senses.
I am the breath
that gives your life.

I am me.

What are you?
Are you the verse.
Are you the music instrument.
Are you the heart that throbs.
Are you the whistle in the wind.

I think that you are all of it.

I complement you
And you me.

Yo-Yo is widely known for the rich tone of his music, extraordinary techniques, and his continuous desire to experiment with different genres and styles.

Melody

if there is music in you,
it has to come out, like
raindrops out of clouds and
flow with a river
lucid and free
in silent whispers
down the hillside
then gush into
a wondrous word-fall
a spontaneous tryst

bubbling
shining
running with
an exciting passion
then gradually repose
as a poem
floating in the air
making our chins feel the cold
and the days and nights bold

Reflections

Silence blooms into smiles
and smiles become festivities.

We know festivities are reflections
of lives, we live day to day.

where the mind imagines
what we desire to become:

simmering waves
that create what creates us.

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis

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

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

Links to her works:

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The Music of Yo-Yo Ma

You are a child prodigy
Explorer of musical rhythms
beyond metaphors;
When the cello plays million songs,
It breathes new life
into the eyes of peace.
Your noble prelude and beats
Make the world sing,
You are the Master Cellist
Of immortal band,
Whose breathtaking melodies
Rekindles excellence.

Just You and Me: Legends Of Our Time

what's in you that makes my eyes glow
like twinkling stars over the river
it hits my retina,
the photoreceptors showing me volumes
of missed special days and nights
because i want to see you.

what's in you that makes my blood
circulate to the smallest veins in my hands
like strength and power grips
my outer brain creatively manifesting
the fiery touch on the coldest hours
because i want to hold you.

what's in you that makes me love you even more
like there's no tomorrow,
that propels the landscape of our minds
across the miles,
you and me, believers of never-ending
ballads and legends of time,
because i want to be with you 'til my last breath.

Flowers and Rainbow

it was early morning
when i heard a different sound
from the neighbourhood,
blended in hostility and vexation,
for six months.

it was like a fall of
the red hibiscus,
vincas and plumbago
that i once knew,
the source of strength and happiness,
i've missed the dragonflies wandering
i used to catch
even in the afternoon,
waiting for the reassuring crepuscular rays,
though sometimes, life is so unkind.
i could still see the redolence
of a blooming rainbow
in love.

Swapna
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YO -YO MA, the child prodigy

yes, music heals and assimilates
the strings of the cello fill the heart and lungs
each one is a living music
each has a separate rhythm, language
sound is eternal
sound of the strings is just the tip of the iceberg
when the brain forms
the neural connection in harmony
with the tune it creates a cosmic magic
music is the sync of the sound
it hooks with the feeling of the chest
the music of the cello is like the heart beats
versatile instrument it is
the tone of the cello is similar to the human voice
the cello's visual resemblance to the shape of a woman
has been seen as sexual metaphor
Yo Yo Ma the child prodigy, an American cellist
at the age of five performed in front of an audience
at the age of seven he had performed
in front of president John. F. Kennedy.
won the Grammy award
his extra ordinary techniques and experimentation
with different genres
made him the legendary musician
his motto is to learn about cultures
for GREATER LOVE ...

the lady who ran bare foot

she ran
She was poor
she needed five thousand rupees
for MRI scan of her husband
she needed five thousand rupees
she is Lata Bhagwan
who ran for her husband Bhagwan
to earn the prize money
ran three kilometers bare foot to save her husband
she is incredible from Baramati, Maharashtra
at the age of sixty plus with saree she ran
to earn money for the medical expenses
practised day and night carrying buckets of water;
crossing terrains of pointed stones
she ran and ran
ups and downs she ran
she loved her husband
a lean and thin senior citizen she is
her will power amazed all
incredible she was
searching the way to cure her husband
completed the race putting on her traditional saree
without shoes or slippers
blisters on her foot
determined she was
to earn five thousand the winning amount
for her husband
On the roads of Baranmati she ran
and she won
Yes, love always wins
Love empowers

a true story of Lata Bhagwan kare from Maharashtra, India who ran the marathon race of the village at the age of sixty-four to get the prize money for the treatment of her husband

but I am too late

Every morning she sits on her balcony
With a smile so bright
When I go for a walk
She shouts from the height

“Oh! dear old uncle
You are late but I am smart”
Neither good morning nor is she polite
Poking my privacy; so, I never halt
Maybe she is fourteen
And I am seventy
I can see only her face
With a big round glass
Never she goes out
Like junked machine laughs aloud
That day she was not in the balcony
I was relieved and happy
An ambulance halted
With beep beep sound
Her father with tears shouted aloud
Autistic she was on the wheel chair
Never could walk and visually impaired
Serious she was; so always moody
She talks aloud to express her love
Can know all hearing the foot steps
Today morning shifted to hospital
And she is no more.....
we lost her
Now I confess, dear little girl
You so smart
Can love me first
But I am too late.....

Albert
'Infinite'
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

Infinite Poetry

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Yo-Yo Ma

Amazing melodies rush drums to sing in your ear without voice. The right hand bows, the left controls highs and lows, his heart is the producer of sound that captivates the mind leaving us in awe, wanting more and more waves of the cello. He captivates souls and stimulates the mind, as he pushes, pulls and tickles strings to create music that unites humanity, One hundred albums, nineteen Grammy's, he is a cellist of unity.

He shared his gift with orchestras of different genres all over. Then he formed "silkroad" a collective of musicians that hurled notes to the world, different cultures and nationalities collaborating as one musical family. Mr. Yo-Yo Ma is his name, one of my favorites is "Ave Maria" at Notre-Dame. All his pieces are unique, from Paris to NY, we love to hear his cello speak.

Water

Take a trip to the deepest ocean, look down, that's the depth of my intellect, not even with sonar will you ping the never explored floor, subs with divers clothes on will get crushed by the the force of my wisdom before they understand. The abyss I spit will drown the mentally counterfeit. I got that sub mariner flow, I'm the black hole in the bermuda triangle, leaving human vessels wrecked. some just don't understand the psi of my third eye. My mind is the light that conquers the leviathan, that's why at rest two eyes closed, I can still scan the horizon, I got the prose of poseidon to quench the thirsty minds of 85% of homo-sapiens, instead of killing ,my lyrical tsunamis awaken dead bodies

Cemeteries

Cemeteries have become one of my favorite places, I come here to parlay with those who were familiar faces. Unfortunately they're closed at night, What I do is jump over fences, go straight make a left then right so I can see my kins names mark on rock with my phones flashlight. The souls of yesterday that see me walk through isles know I'm not there to disturb em, they understand the loyalty I have for my gone but never forgotten family. In no way shape or form do I come here to desecrate the home of the late, but... I can't lie, it crossed my mind to excavate, open caskets and kiss the skull on a skeleton that rode with lemniscate. Many won't understand those thoughts, you'll have to witness death over and over to overstand that type of mental behavior. I sit Indian style and speak freely blowing greenery... Fellas I wish you was here with me, I feel your presence, but what I mean is physically. I've found a way, a way we could've lived out our dreams the way we used to say...." Ayo we're going to be a tight circle till we're old and gray", killers killed that dream. My friends won't age, I'm the only getting older as I visit life in its final stage, full of rage.

Michelle
Joan
Barulich

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Michelle Joan Barulich was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. She started writing poetry and songs with her younger brother Paul. They have written many songs in their teen years. She is currently studying Alternative Medicine and would like to become a Homeopathic Doctor. Michelle loves all kinds of animals and birds; she does wild rehabilitation. She has also rescued rock pigeons that make great pets.

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Beautiful Gift

Ready fingers every note to delight.

To fill the beautiful sounds of perfection and precise

What a gift, to fill people's ears

that you share with the world

as the greatest cello player

Your music lives on in people's hearts.

12:12

Twelve twelve is a number that I am always seeing
around help me so I can understand
Sociology, biology we're all complicated.
by the words we hear but in the truth its what lye's
in the soul
Physiology, psychology if you love me you will be here
and if you don't then you won't show
Philosophy, cryptography lessons to be learned
in this world takes a lot of patience
caring for the solution may sometimes make it worse
Mythology, geology does this strange phantom exist?
light your cigarette and show me where the smoke
rings go
Stimulation, revelation
Prophet telling , go ahead I'm listening
books will make you wise
Michelle dreamed that she was in a play
I awoke suddenly, to see 12:12 staring at me
Does the thinker always know and does the question mark
understand why its asking? 12:12 help me so I
can understand.

Make A Memory for Me

This poem is dedicated to David E. Elbe

Born on a snow flowing day
They make a destiny for us to rely upon
But nothing matters if you're not with me
And they can't change that

..In the sunlight, moonlight
The weather catches my smile
Dazzling with gold and silver
The memory comes alive

Today, the wind is pushing east
Trying hard to tell you
The thoughts that I felt
When we kissed

In the candle light, dim light
Shadows covered us whole
I guess what I'm trying to say is
Make a memory for me
so when time passes
I can at least say
some parts of life were good

Make a memory for me
And I'll make a memory for you
In the lime light, ultralight
You can say I was the one
Who made you complete

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Six years if still no approval
Where would my future take me?
well come on now,
I need your exchange of words

In the highlight, firelight
Our souls burned as one
Make a memory for me
And I'll sing you a song

..In the sunlight, moonlight
The Heavens were kind
Shimmering with china white stars
The memory comes alive once again...

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Eliza
Sęgięt

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Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020, International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

World Award 2020 *Cesar Vallejo* for Literary Excellence.

Laureate of the Special Jury *Sahitto International Award 2021*, World Award *Premiul Fănuș Neagu 2021*.

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

The Gateway

For Yo-Yo Ma

The desire to play was bigger
than other temptations,
he did not hesitate
he could feel
that his palms pulses needed
a change.

No more violin
nor piano nor viola
– the four-year-old genius
befriended the cello.

He is faithful to it.
It and him
– a gateway to the world.

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

My World

I understood a lot.
Now I know
that not soon enough.
Instead of dealing with the family,
I was thinking
only of the problems
faced by those,
who appeared in the newspapers,
in the annals of crime.
Although I did not know them, I lived
their lives.
And when I could help someone
– I did not help.

Honey, I'm leaving –

she whispered.
I wondered where she was going.

I could not break away from the news.
Something happened again!
Probably an accident!

Now I know
– she did not go out.
She left.
And I know she will not come back.

Translated by Artur Komoter

White

Have you grew up already
from seeking an ideal?
Did you know
that beauty is only an addition?
So what
that it looks different now?

Let it wait,
let it see!
In you also lie dormant
frosted with white hair.

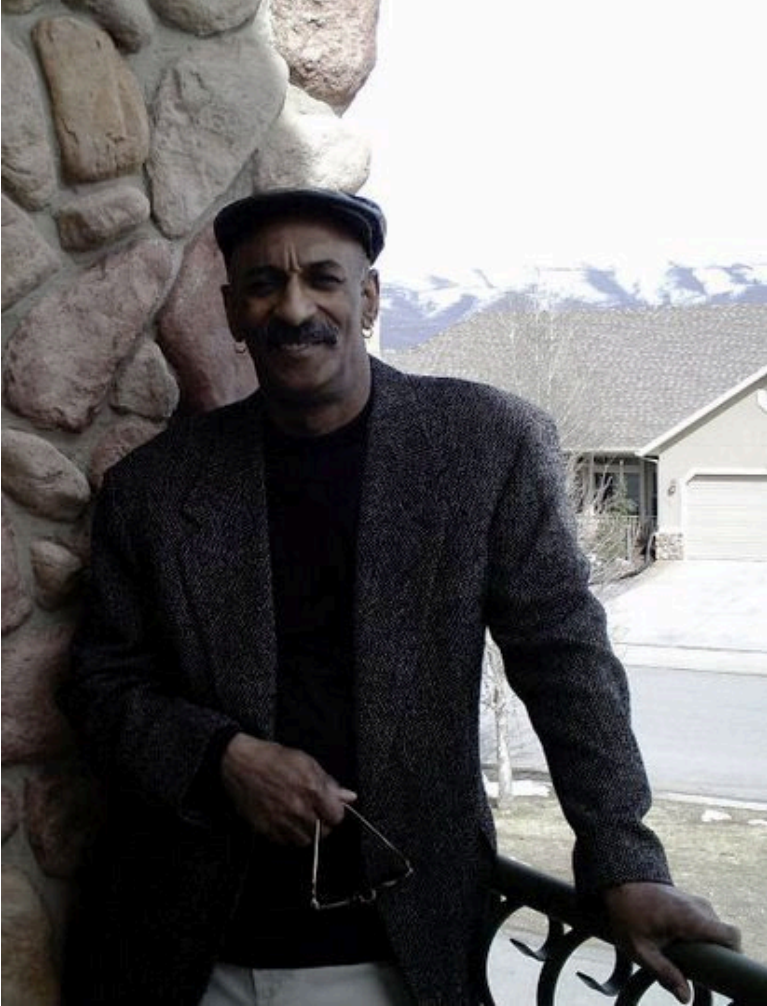
– *Why was she concealing them?*

She was afraid that
you prefer brown ones.

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!

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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My YoYo

My music is cellist
My genius jumps
Into the ears of those
Who would listen,
And the unguarded

I play with my instrument
For it is my soul's toy . . .
Can not you hear the music
That the angels of this heaven shares
With you

I am Yo Yo Ma

Perspective

Looking towards the evening horizon
Witnessing the setting sun
While holding its essence
Between my thumb and forefinger

...

I dream of what may be,
And realize
Life and all of its
Bounty and blessings
May be simply summed up as ...
Perspective

Cloaked

Beneath the façade,
Behind the bravado, the Mask
He waited
Baited by his anguish
And his pain
For his enduring melancholy
To subside, go away

Yes, he prayed,
He wished,
And he prayed some more
For some reprieve
From his past choices
He now suffered.

.....

No answers came

He had. embraced
That 'new age' mantra
A philosophy,
An ideology
That said all the answers
Were within him
Perhaps he would discover
This 'higher self'
Once he dug and clawed himself
Through the polluted filth
That 'Love's' absence
Left in its wake

The voices of retribution
Had no empathy ...

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So it seemed,
For it appeared that 'Karma'
Had deemed him to be
It's 'Poster Child',
That face on the
Cosmic milk carton
He was missing

Yes, he had dreams,
And at times it appeared
That was all he had,
And truly he feared
That this was his calling
To live cloaked, masked
Awaiting the curtain call
So that once again
He would perform
As if
Everything was OK

Cloaked

The Butterfly Effect



"15" in effect

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Featured Poets

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Clarena Martínez Turizo

Binod Dawadi

Til Kumari Sharma

Petrouchka Alexieva

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Clarena
Martínez
Turizo

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Clarena Martínez Turizo, Docente de lengua castellana, poeta y escritora colombiana, nació el día 16 de enero de 1975 en Magangué, Bolívar.

Desde muy pequeña amaba leer libros, y gracias a esto descubrió un lindo gusto por escribir todo tipo de poemas, y actualmente es lo que más la llena de felicidad. su mayor gusto es ver felices a las personas que ama.

participado En antología con el grupo arto escritores, en el Inmortales, con Mirta Ramírez. Ha participado en la revista lectoras de comcalco, en el colectivo poesía mundial, en utopía poética. en la academia de literatura moderna Jujuy de argentina. en tercera semana de juventudes por la paz

Tierra

¡Tu hermosa esfera!

Que abrazas las estrellas Por tanta indolencia

Están cambiando tu esencia Y tú simientes se estremecen

Por tanta contaminación

En ti hermoso planeta.

Tus estaciones han modificado A causa de tanta indolencia.

Clarena Martínez Turizo Colombiana

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Las Estrellas

Tocando sueños Pasan los días
Se hace más angustiosa Mi agonía, cómo torrentes
Se deslizan, por el firmamento En busca de un bello
encuentro, Para halla paz
En los bellos recuerdos De hermosos días
Y crees más la agonía Al encontrarme envuelta En un
torrencial aguacero
Cambio el clima
Y toda la dulzura se sumergió En un inmenso océano,
Impidiendo nuestro encuentro.
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La Danza

Tu cuerpo junto al mío Se unen en la danza
Cerca Piélago adormecido Adornan nuestro encuentro Caen
gotas de rocía
Que enternecen los besos En cada suspiro
Cuál torrente recorres Calmando mi sed y el frío.
Misteriosamente neva Cuál remolino de rio
Absorbiendo todo A su paso Calmas mi frío,
La música acompañando Tal abrigo
En el vals de la vida Nos sumergimos
Fundiendo nuestras almas En el Piélago escondido.
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Binod
Dawadi

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Binod Dawadi is from Purano Naikap 13, Kathmandu, Nepal. He has completed his Master's Degree from Tribhuvan University in Major English. He likes to read and write literary forms. He has created many poems and stories. His hobbies are reading, writing, singing, watching movies, traveling, gardening, etc.

Poet

To become a poet is not a easy,
We should bring the voices,
Of the living beings and world,
Sometimes of physical world,
Sometimes of metaphysical world,

People can call us psycho,
We should use our 6th sense,
To do welfare,
From our works,
To the world,

A good poet never narrates,
About his or her life,
But writes about the marginal Voices,
To give the justice,
To the people,

To win the heart of other,
Is a hard tasks,
It can be done only,
By the genius mind,
Everyone can't become a poet by writing simple poems.

Words as a Weapon to Get to Victory

Your words has so much powers,
It can stop the world war,
It can bring peace and harmony,
It can make healthy to,
The sick people,

It can give love,
As well as can make enlightenment,
If the words are used,
In the correct platform,
But in incorrect context or situation,

It can create war create death,
Create fighting and hate,
So tactful people can,
Use it perfectly,
Artist can use it for various genre of literature,

Teacher can use it to give enlightenment,
So words are not just a words,
But they are the letters and they have ethos, pathos,
To create healing emotion,
Is the work of the words.

Let People Judge You

The works of the people,
Is to judge you,
To find your weakness,
To fall you,
They are jealous in your progress,

They are not wanting your,
Happiness,
So why you are worrying about,
This selfish world,
They love your money,

As well as your wealth,
They don't know,
By judging others they are wasting their time,
First of all the judges should judge their life,
Before judging to others.

Til
Kumari
Sharma

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Ms. Til Kumari Sharma was born in Bhorle- Hile, Paiyun 7, Parbat, West Nepal. She is known as Pushpa too. Her parents are Mr. Hari Prasad Bashyal/ Basel Sharma (Mayor of Village Assembly in the time of Kingdom) and Mrs. Liladevi Bhusal Bashyal/ Basel. She is youngest daughter of her parents. She has her school as (Shree) Janata Ma. Vi. Bhorle, I.A. from People's Campus, Paknajol, Kathmandu. She has her B.A. from R.R. Campus Pradarshani Marg Kathmandu, B.Ed. (Eng. and Pop.) from T. U. Kirtipur and M.A from Tribhuvan University (English Department) Kirtipur Kathmandu. She has finished her L.L.B from Nepal Law Campus Pradarshani Marg Kathmandu. Her PhD is in English Literature from Singhanian University Pachari Bari, Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan (India). She was not allowed to study PhD by her own country and she went to India. She has published many thousands of poems, essays, stories and other literary writings (in Amazon. com from Russia, England, Scotland, Indonesia, South Africa, Kenya, North Africa, Trinidad and Tobago , India and others) from Nepal & different countries of world. It is wonder that her own relatives and major national newspapers (media) never write for her international achievement even she is rewarded in the world as best writer. Now she is world famous poet.

Life in Green Grave

My former grave is alive now.
It is full of flowers.
It is bosom of my dead body.
The grave has provided another birth.
The birth of tears and pain.

The empty birth in less humanity
My former grave is kind to me.
The vampire kills my feelings to live.
My innocence is disliked by people.
My honesty is joked.

My justice is unheard.
Though I am making the green grave.
Flowers are blooming.
My dead body is flowering in my art.
My worth is in my mind.

The love is died in my early life.
Then I live as dead life.
But my grave is blooming with my identity.
Death is my super mate in earth.
Death kills other to save me.

Artistic Smile of Mine

The smile of dead is your departure.
The performance as of living creature
The art is green to alive my smile.
The grave is ready to take me with creation.

The showy smile welcomes the human company.
Harmony to others in our smile
The way of living is fun.
The life is healthy and funny.

The genuine smile is losing.
The beauty is passing.
The delight is missing.
The fine art is living.

The life is golden in real smile.
Life is short.
The smile is short.
Smile is fashion.

Graves as Green Plant

After death plant grows there.
Human is transformed there.
The human is taking the another home.
The delight is transformation.

Green plant is exchanged after.
The life of garden is there.
Grave turns in garden of plants.
The flesh mingles in soil.

The bone shines to give electric power.
Flesh turns to be plant.
Then it becomes fertile soil.
The life is dutiful in garden of earth.

Natural rules make grave the green garden.
It is harmony of earth and universe.
It is the ecosystem of earth.
Death is another birth.

Petrouchka
Alexieva

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Miss. Petrouchka Alexieva is a well-known as a feminist and a LOVE poet, distinguished scholar and TV persona. She is a Cum Laude graduate at CSULA (2009) and “All American Scholar Award” recipient (2008). Speaking 8+ languages, her literary and scholarly works, photo-documentaries were highlighted in varieties of venues, on ”Daheli Live!” TV show, opening ceremonies and numerous open mics.

For her outstanding life-long achievements, Ms. Alexieva’s name was included two times among the most distinguished Earth’s citizens list of NASA’s Mars Exploration Rover (2003) capsule and Science Laboratory Rover (2011) list, for which has been awarded with honorable certificates.

The Girl Who Was Sitting Lonely on the Curb

Childhood. Poor girl. I was sitting always lonely on the curb.

My blue eyes were sad. Rich kids from the neighborhood
Avoided to play with me. I had no dolls, no fancy clothes.
My parents had no car, no PhDs, my father worked hard.
He went to his job with an old rusty bike;
Always fixing a flat tire or a broken part.
In next morning he was riding again - every day the same.

I was only six. The principle noticed my talent
And began teaching me a new language.
I was happy, studied hard and learned it fast.
Meanwhile, Gagarin and the first woman flew in space.
The principle said: "You are chosen to give flowers
Every time when the cosmonauts come
To our historical town. And don't let others to put you
down".

So, in the same very morning, I stood up
With gorgeous bouquet in my hands.
I was happy. My eyes were full
with all the blue of the beautiful sky above.
"Valya" take them from my heart!," I whisper to her.
Tereshkova smiled. "Never give up! We women are strong.
We women are all like this," Valentina said and give me a
kiss.

I grew up with my father in mind.
All my life, I carried my teacher's voice
And the astronaut's smile in my heart.

First, high school with science and math,

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Then, in medical school, second in class.
Oh, it was hard! It was so hard! Then, I came to US
With two boys and a husband, thinking for their success.
I passed the passionate message to other kids, too.
“Never give up! If you have a dream, you must work hard.”

Yes, I won medals and trophies, and prestigious awards
– all, that one scholar really can get.
Yes, I did all. Speaking 8 languages and knowing few more
I led delegations; traveled abroad,
Olympian medal shine on my shelf.
I’ve met politicians and royalties, gave high-stage talks.
NASA sent twice my name into space
In honor for what I had done for the kids,
Who are poor and sit lonely on the edge of the curb -
The kids once rejected,
The same like me.

Melting From Love

I build Him for fun, like a dream
From the yesterday's innocent snow.
Because of the weather I gave Him
My favorite sweater,
Mittens and scarf
From such a premium yarn,
Shiny buttons and hat
That I found in the barn.

He was nearly done, almost intact
And I put happy smile, eyes and nose.
He stood in a cold in his fancy pose
With a broom and a bucket.
Then... I draw a huge happy heart,
And...I gave Him a hug
In my front snowy yard.

The temperature outside was low
– brrr! – to the extreme! So,
at midnight, icicles started to glow,
On the roof and his sweater.
The stars were sparkling bright.
In fact, it was his favorite weather.

I took cup of tea and went to bed.
I was ready to sleep calm and well
When somebody rang the bell!
It was Him, my man, my Snowman, I mean!
He stood there frozen in the shimmering night
With ice on his nose and birds on his hat;
Somehow bigger and somehow bright.

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“Can I come in?” he said and stepped
Into my cozy and warm living room room.
”I love you!” he whispered
Pointing his red-blinking heart
“I want you to walk with me to the moon!”

...We were happy and funny,
And dancing and bouncing
Full of life and ...IN LOVE. But soon...
What was left from Him
Were the nose and the hat,
Few warm little clothes, the broom,
And a small little lake in the room. I assume,
what to blame was the heater above.
See you next winter, My Love!

Watermelon Summer Nights

It's a harvesting time.

In our small town, the end of each summer
Comes with plenty of velvety nights.
Parents become one more time
Little girls and boys carving watermelons,
Eating the flesh of the fruit from inside
Just with a spoon. Their children are jumping around
Impatient, warring not to be late for the fun.

Flocks of kids run on the streets
With lanterns in their hands
Made from large watermelons
And candles burning inside.
Some carry sparkling jars full of fireflies.

Happy kids lighten the streets,
Stopping at each other's house.
Neighbors switch off the lights
To enjoy these funny creations of art.

There must be some magic in the hanging ropes
Moms and dads turn into best parents of all.
Only in this time of the year,
Moms are not calling for dinner.
It seems that the time disappears.
The clocks are not working well (Of course!)
Nobody goes to sleep early in the end of summer.
The whole neighborhood has incredible fun.

Oh, yes! Even though I am a long-time adult,
Tonight on my front porch, I set a watermelon lantern
And switched off the lights, just in case
My childhood runs by. But this is secret, all right?

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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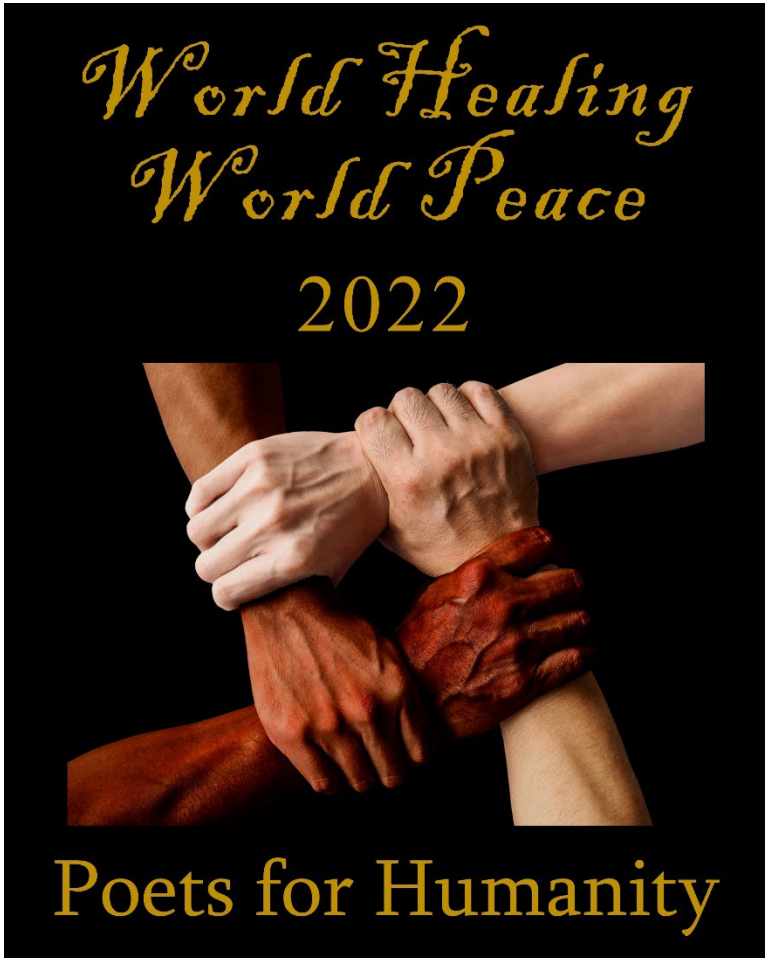
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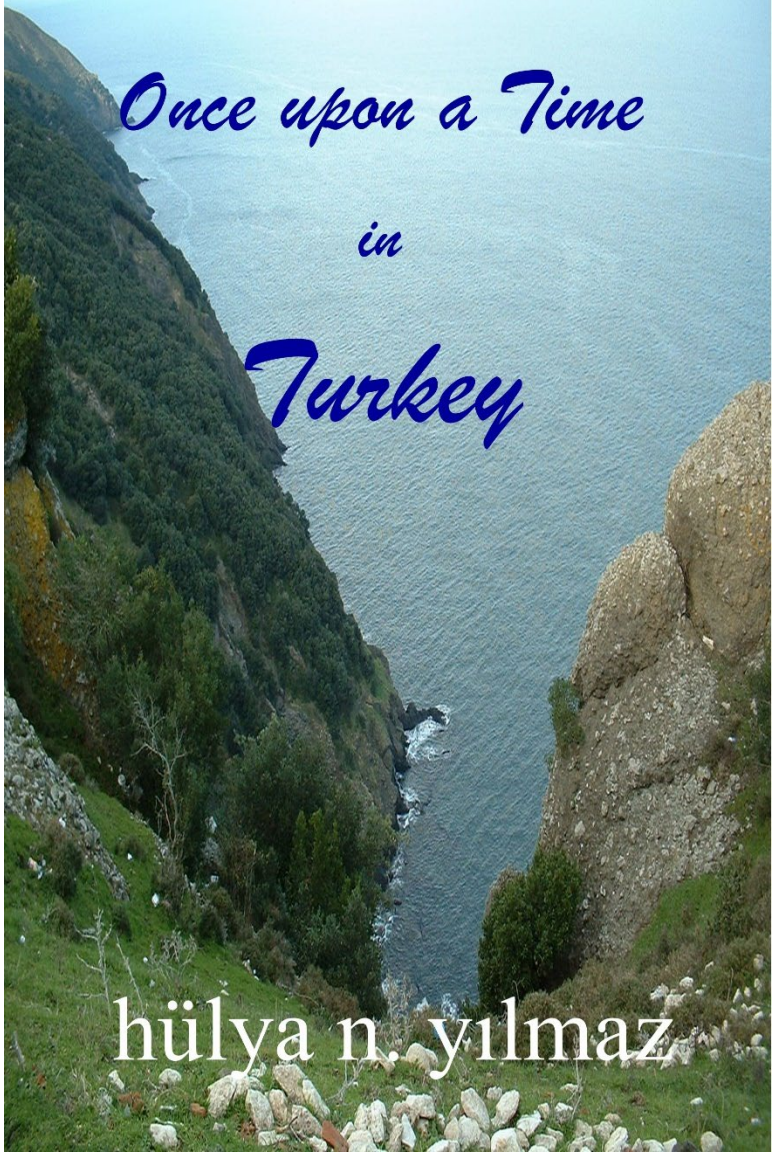
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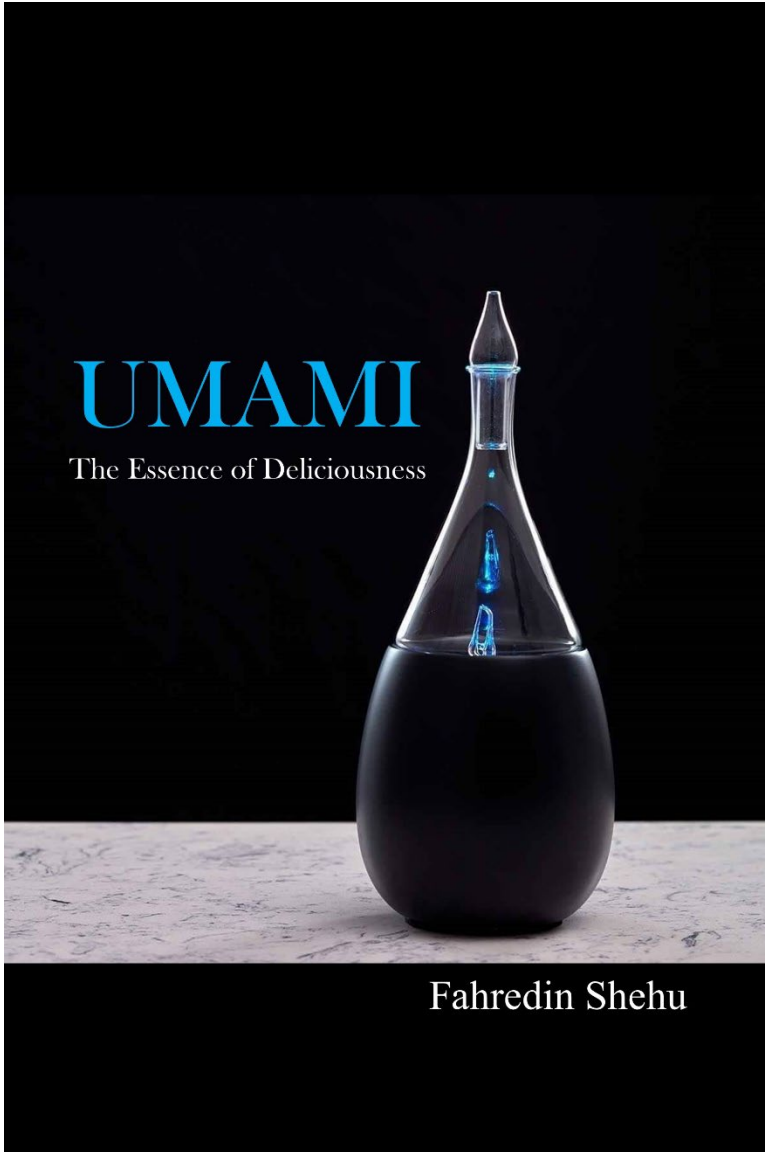
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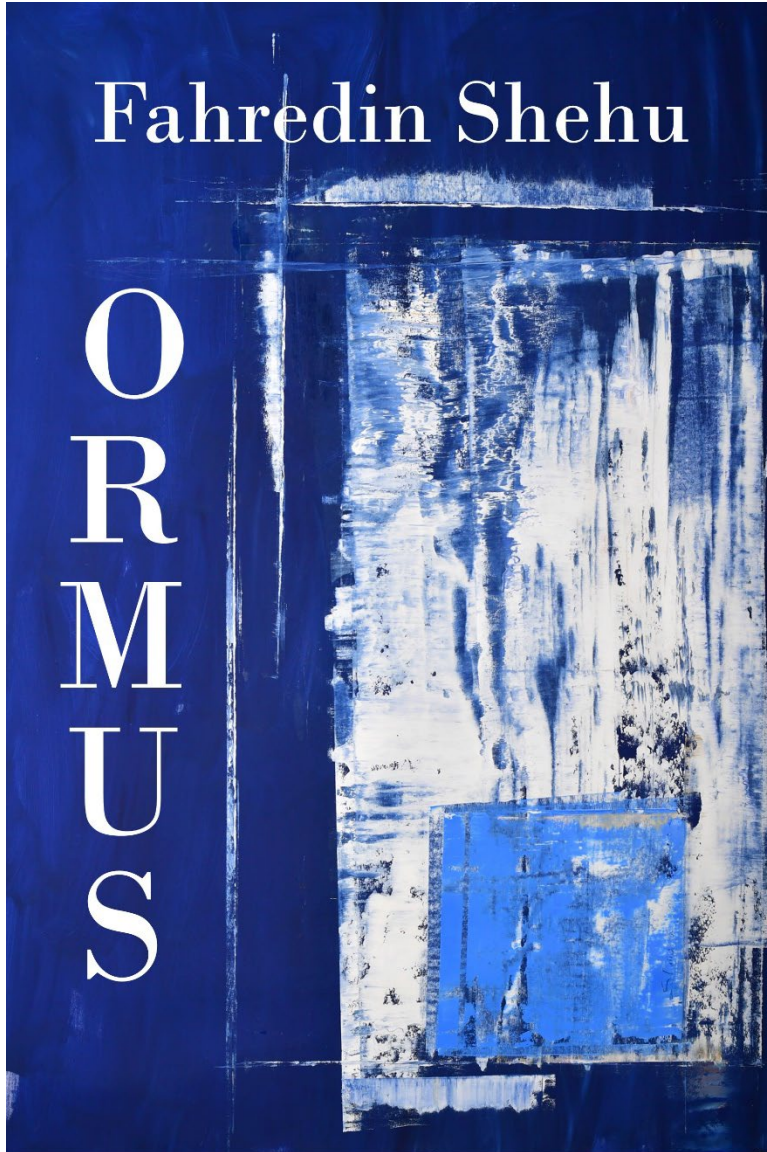
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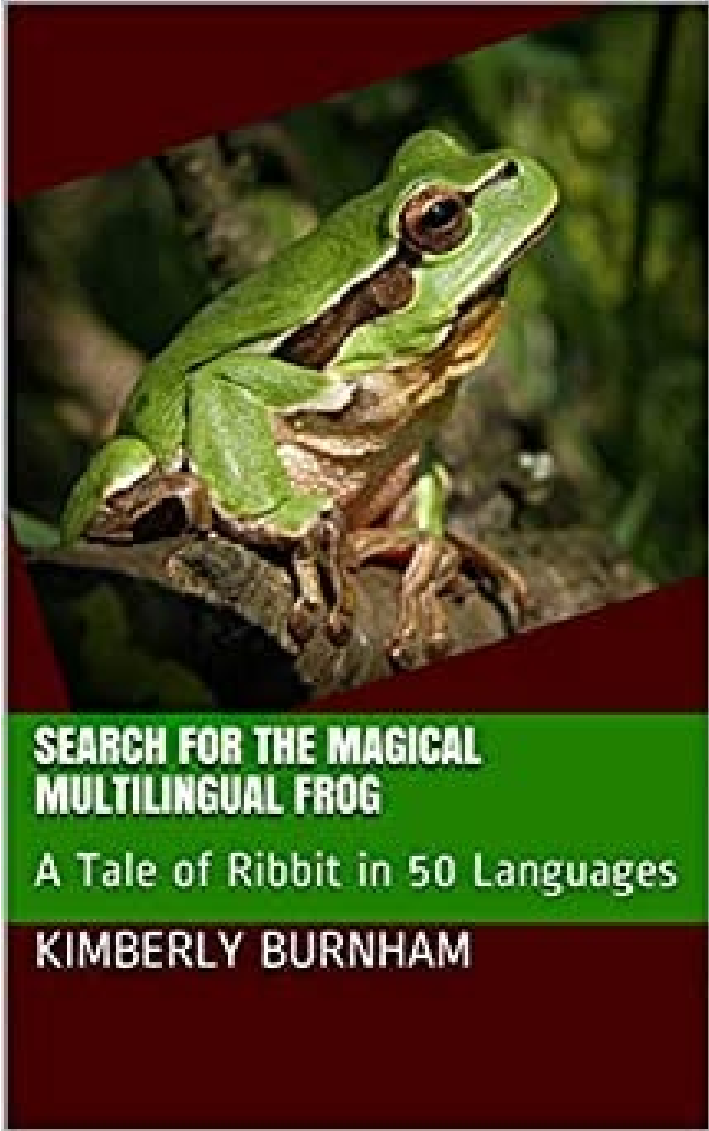


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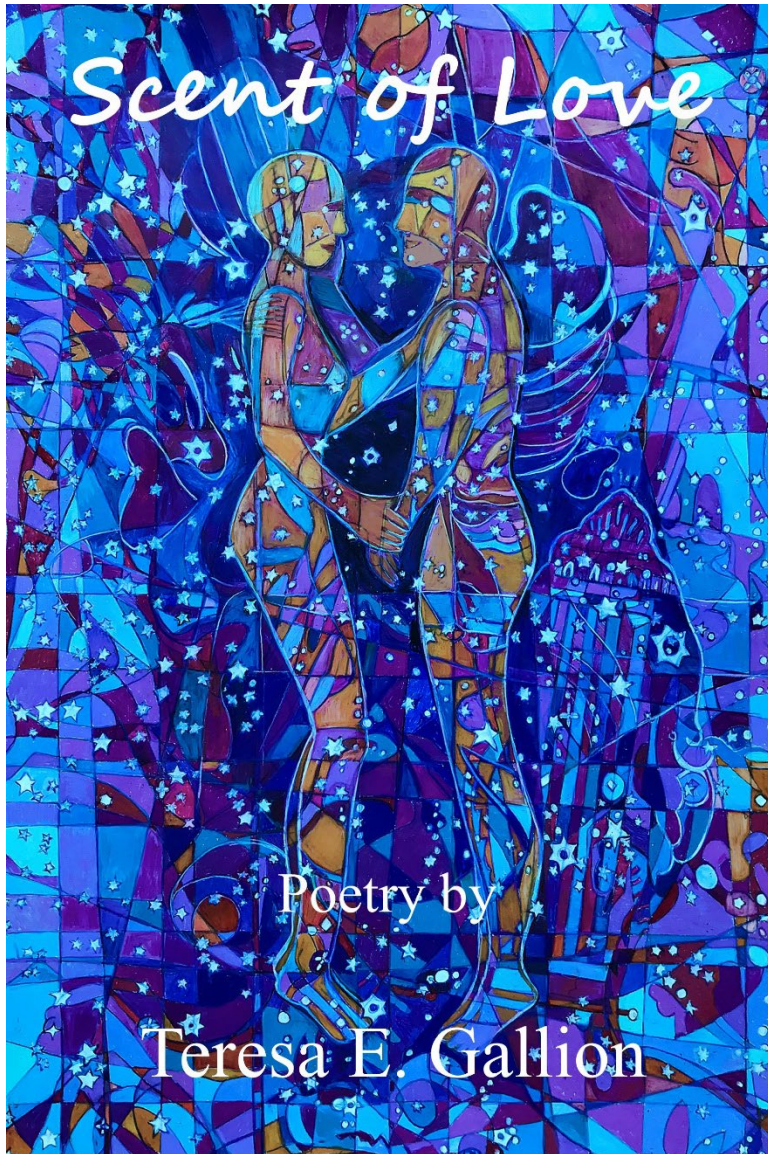
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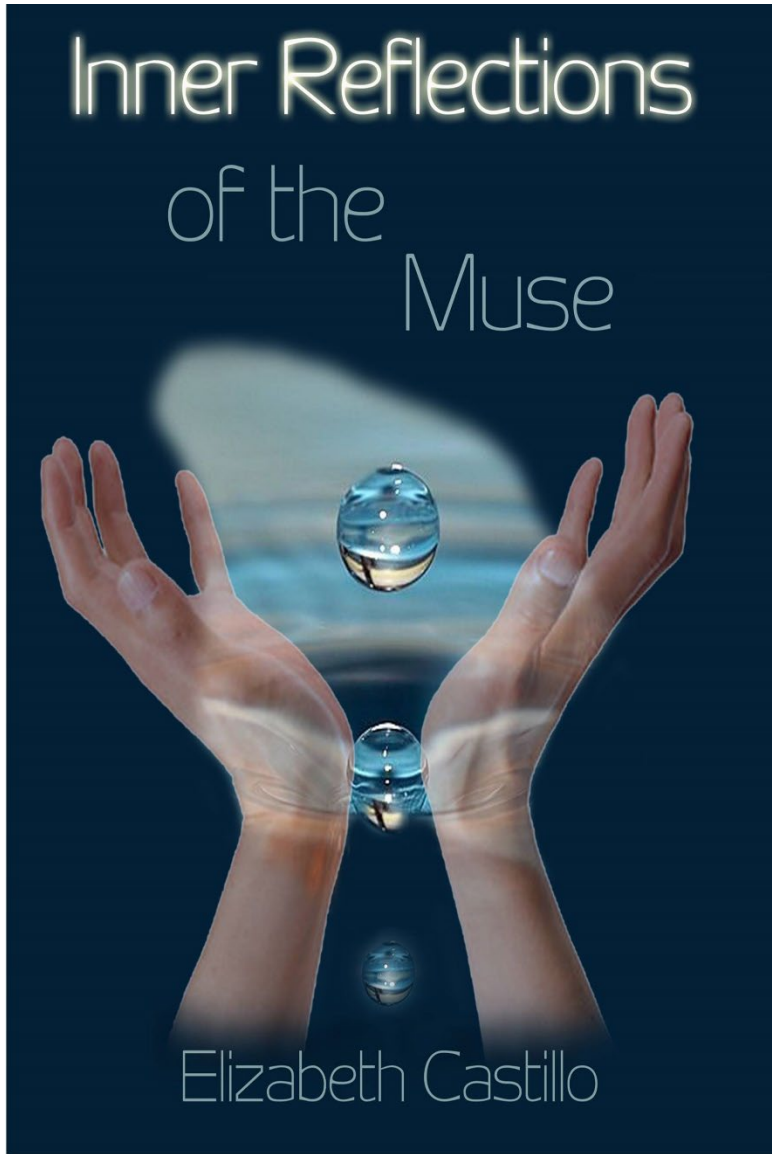
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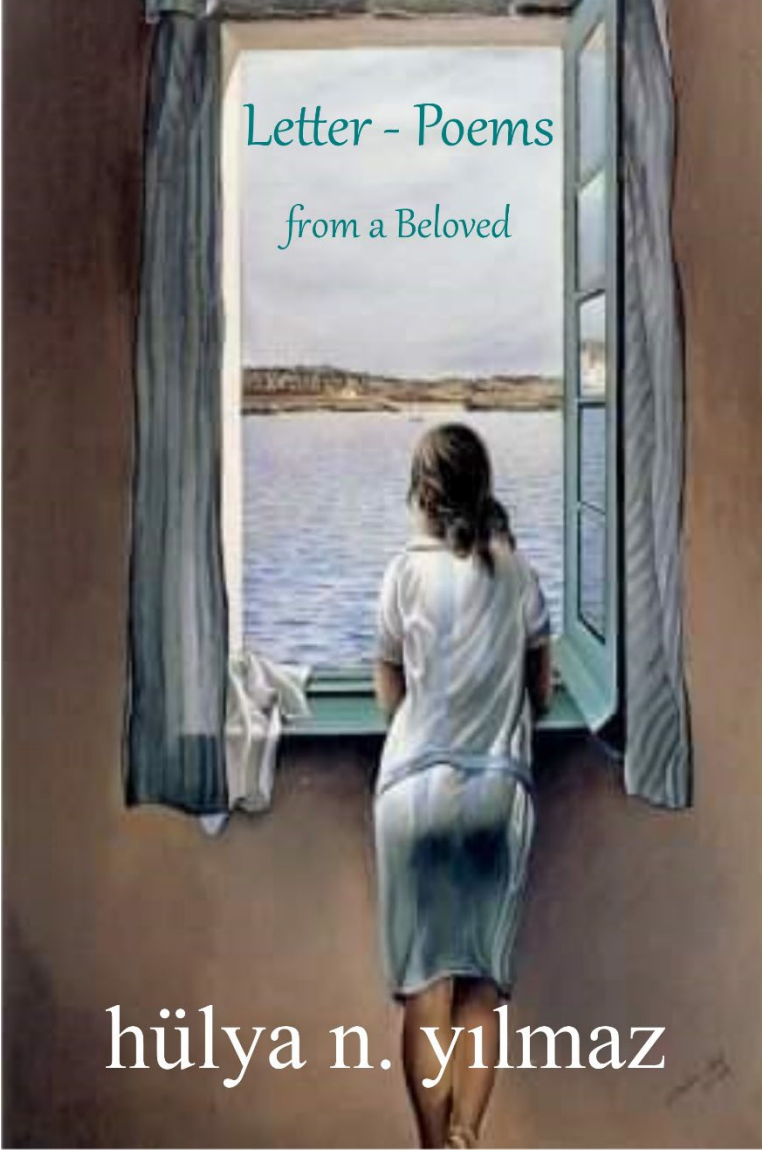
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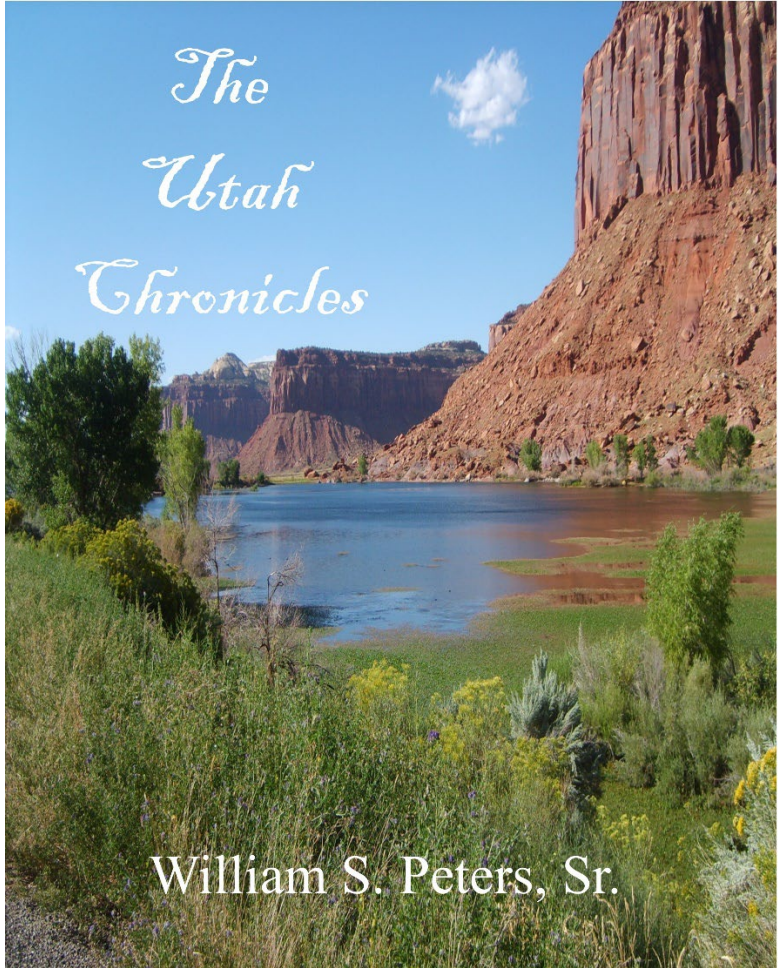


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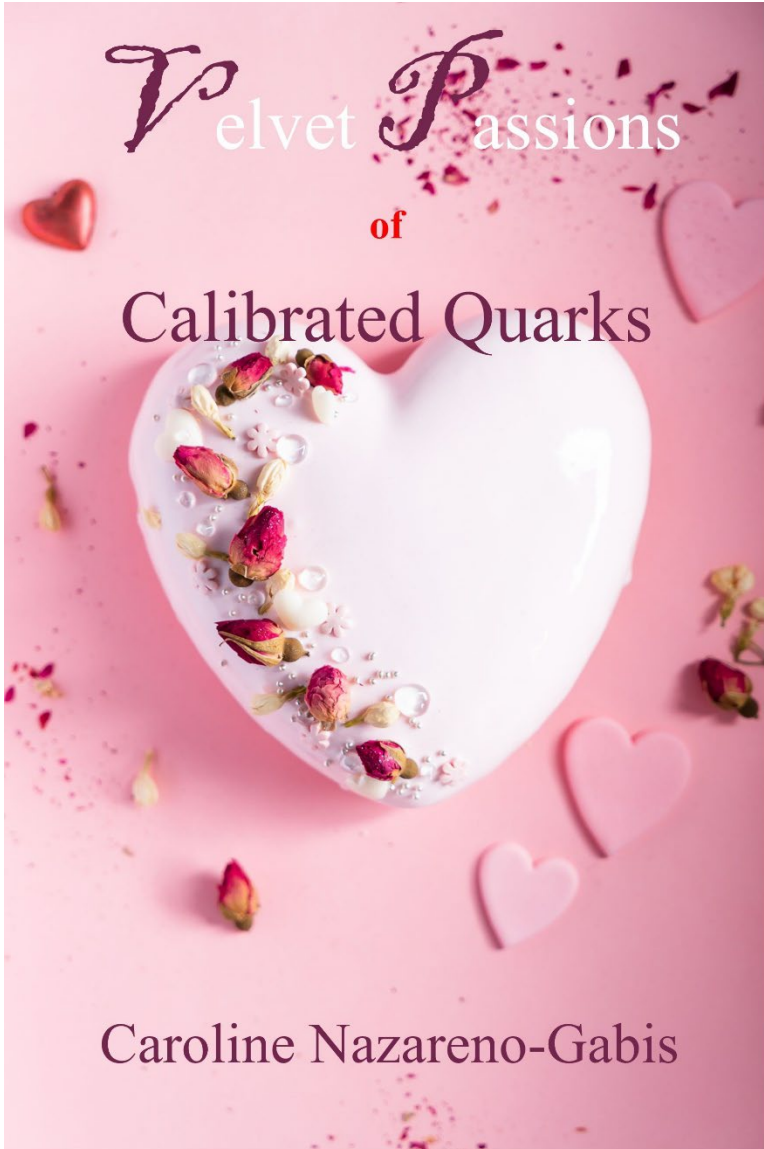


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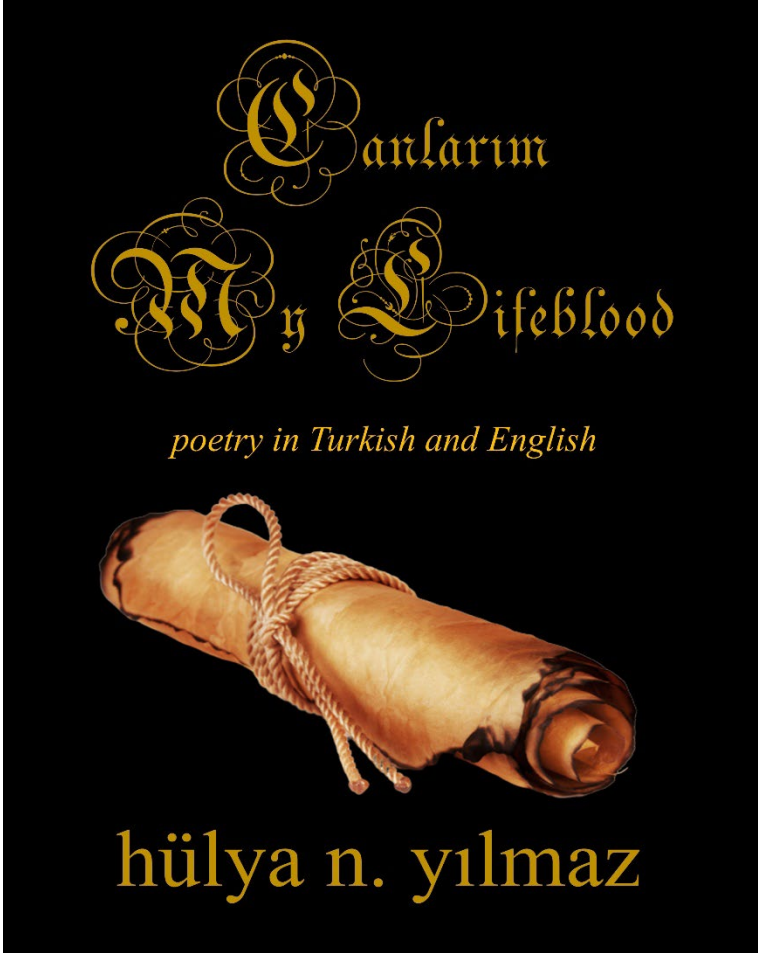
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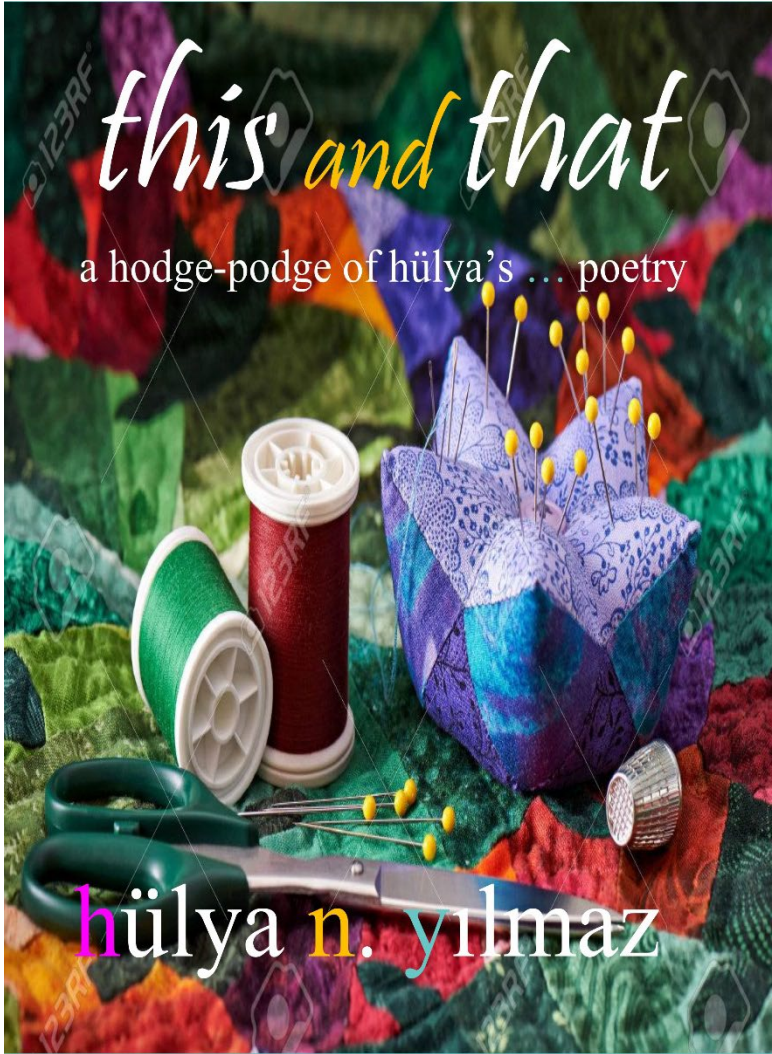


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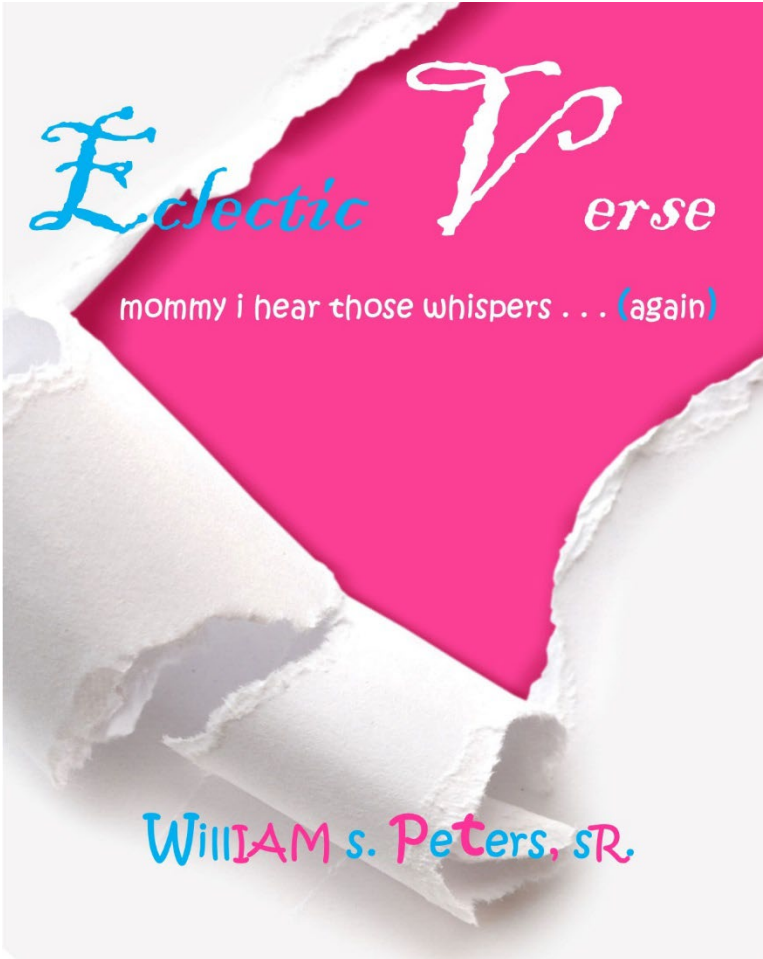
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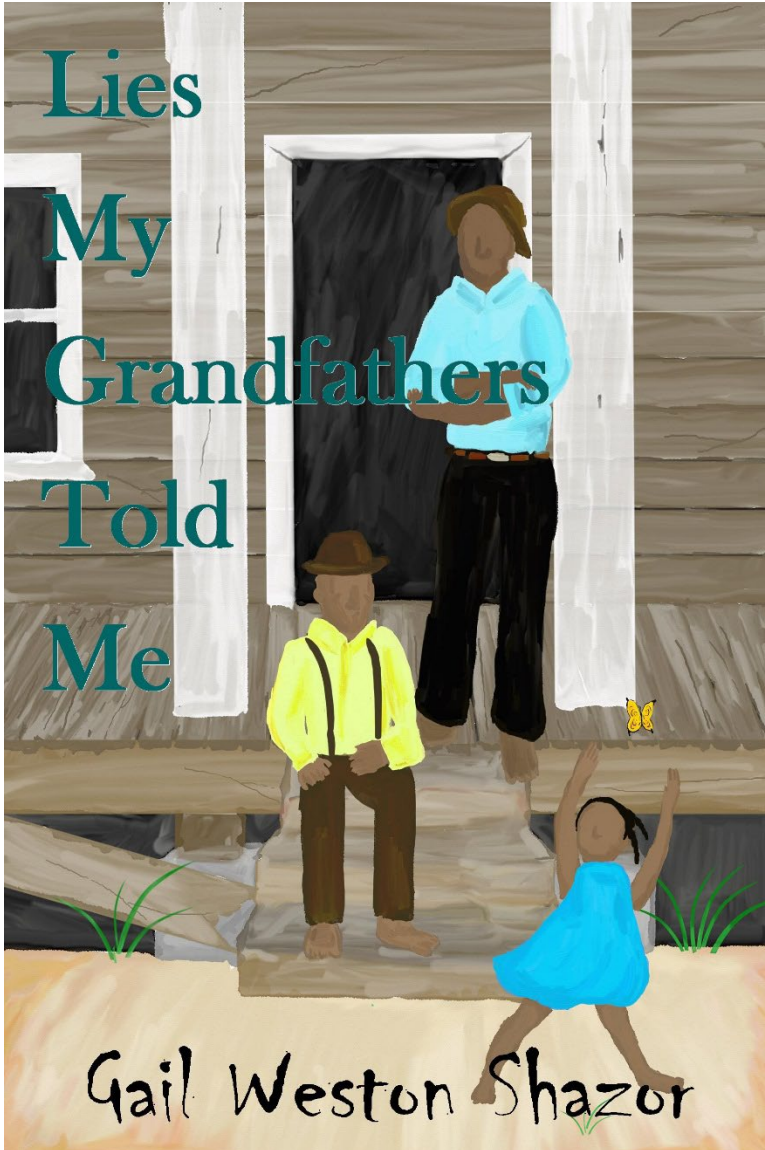
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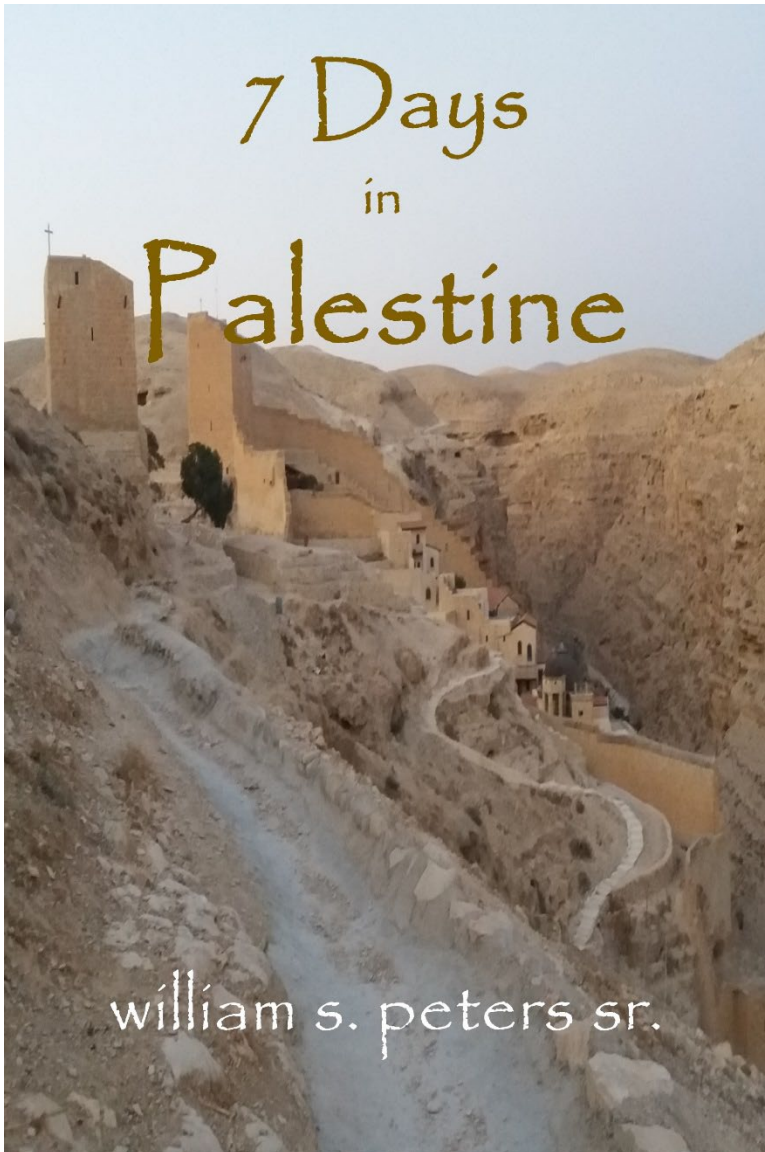
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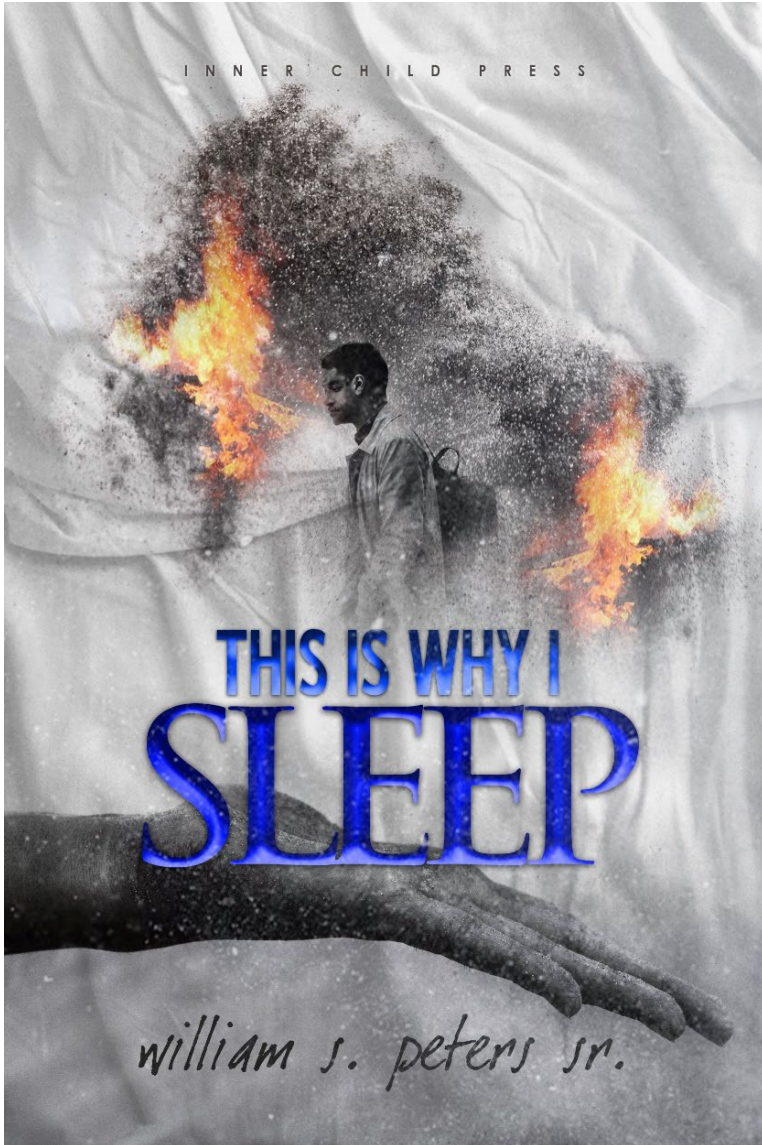
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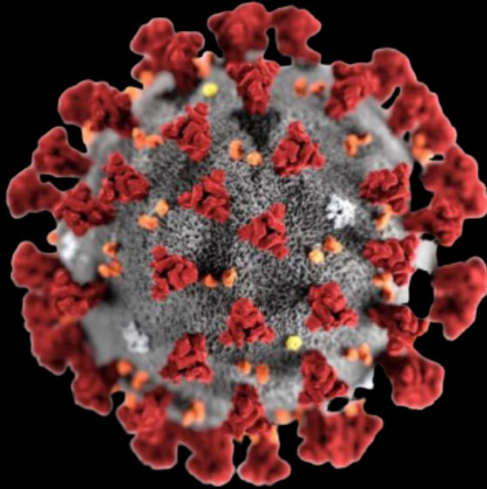
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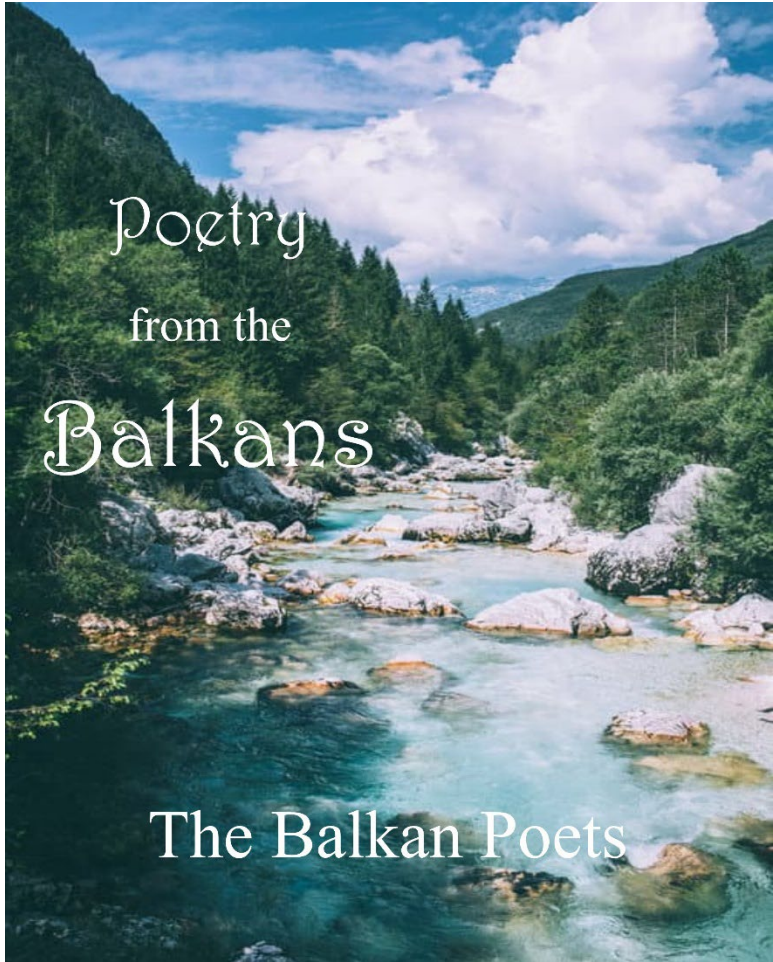


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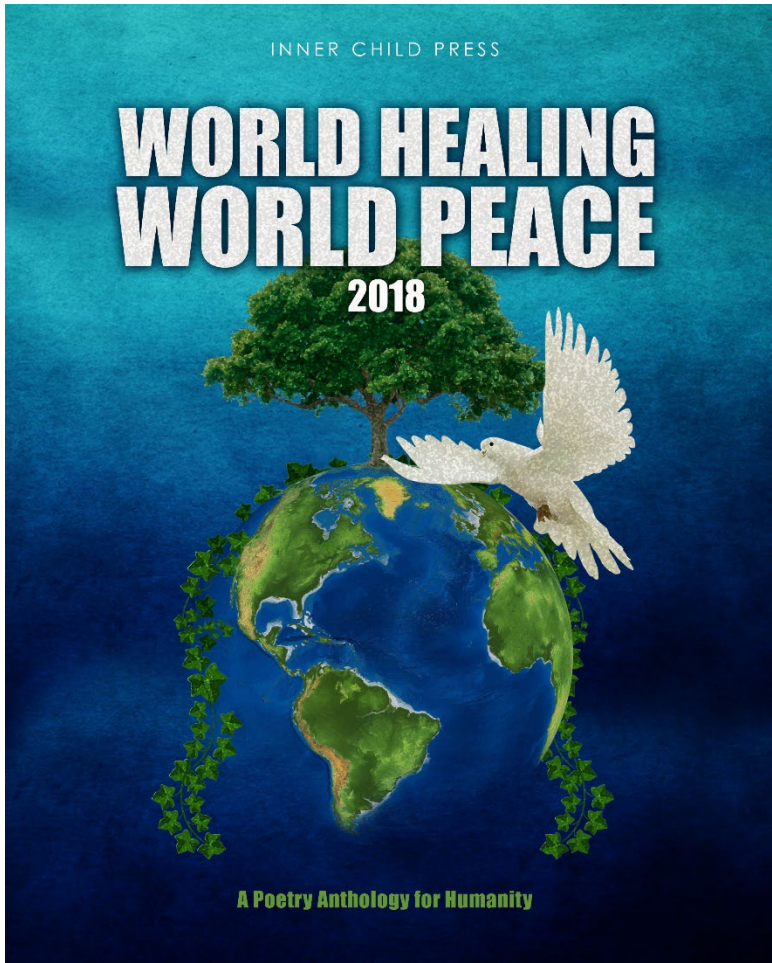
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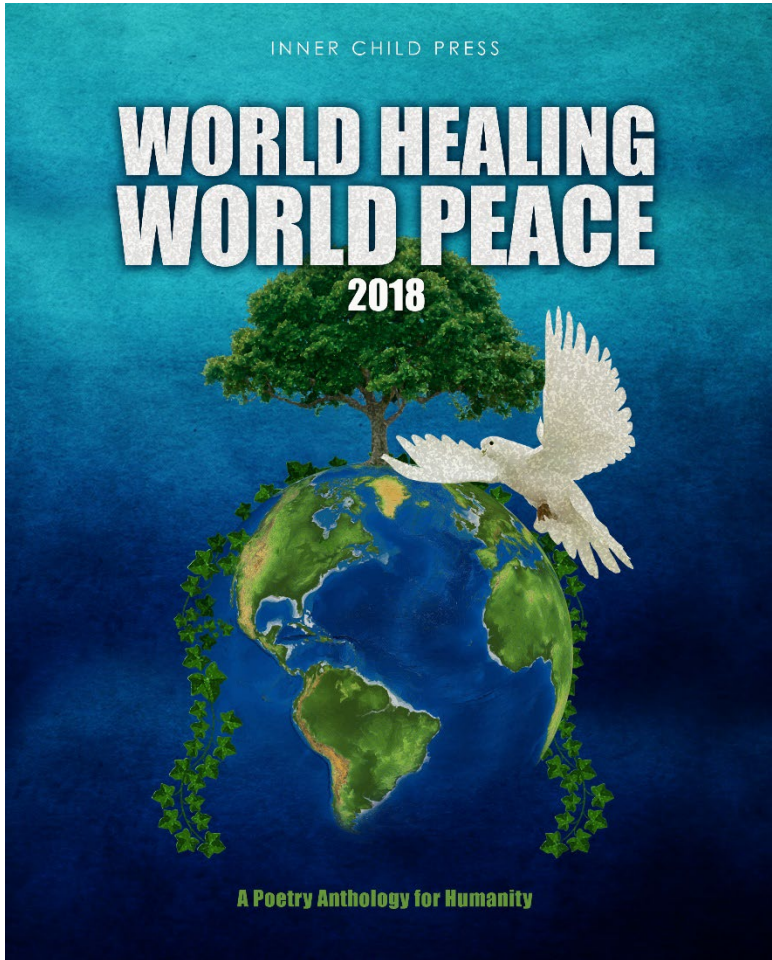


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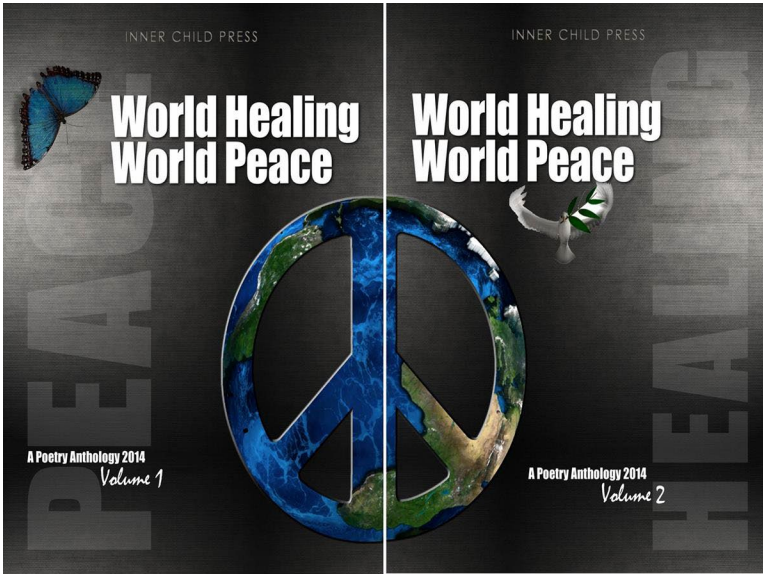
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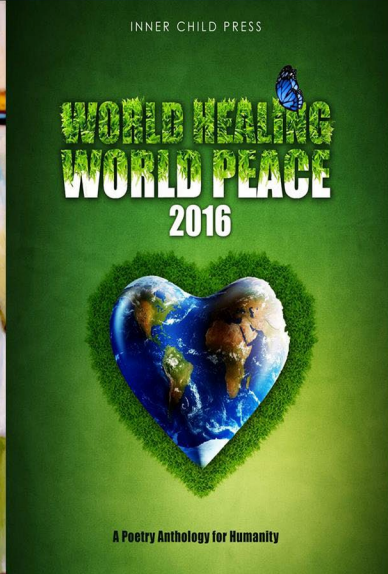
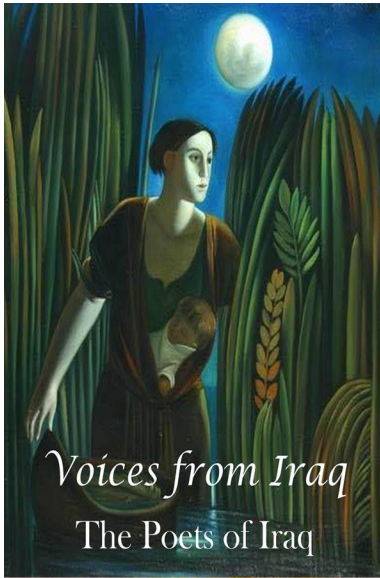
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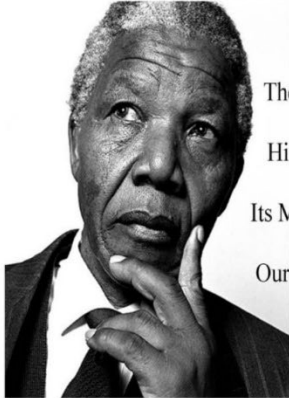
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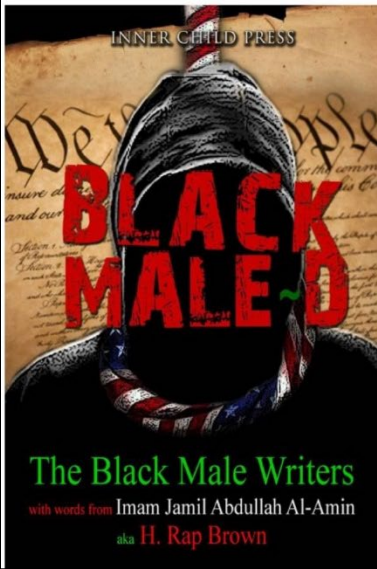
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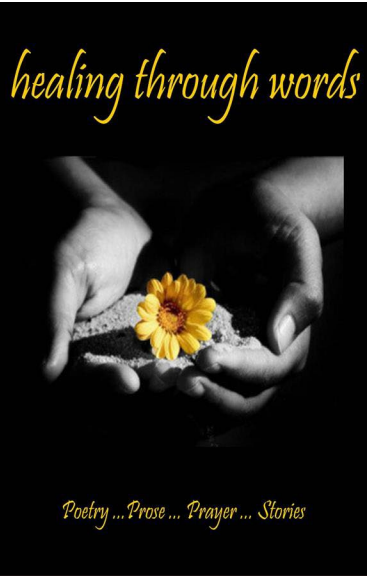
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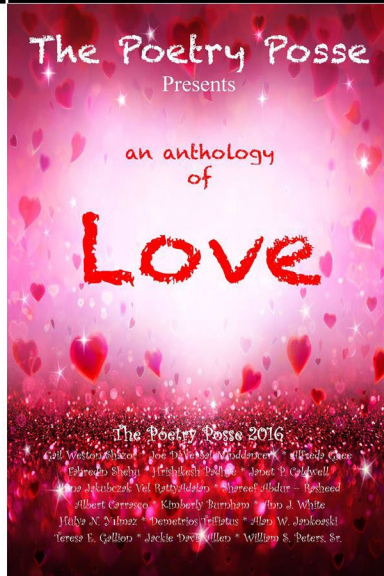
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Our March Featured Poets
Alicia C. Cooper & Hülya Yılmaz

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Sweet Pea

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Love & Relationship

Rose

June's Featured Poets
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July Feature Poets
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Dr. John R. Strum
Kolajie Olanrewaju Freedom

Lotus
Asian Flower of the Month

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Gladiolus

August Feature Poets
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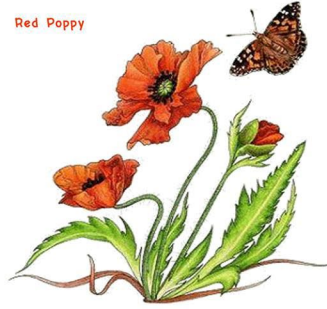
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Red Poppy



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Ceri Naz * RaJendra Padhi * Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mosman * Jackie Allen * James Moore * Neville Hiate

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Narcissus



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January Feature Poets
Bismay Mohantri * Jen Walls * Eric Judah

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Amethyst

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Iram Fatima * Bob McNeil * Kerstin Centervall

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Our Featured Poets
Heung Sook * Anthony Arnold * Alicia Poland



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Our Featured Poets
Raja Williams * Dennis Ferado * Laure Charazac



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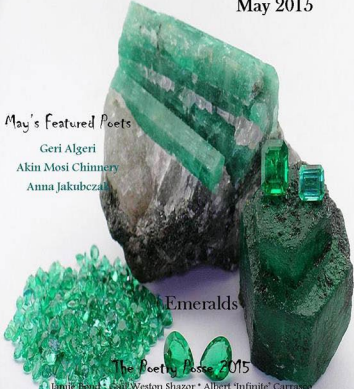
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Emeralds

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




Pearl

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The Featured Poets for July 2015
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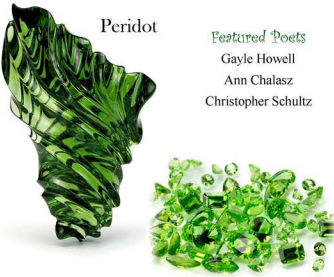
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Peridot

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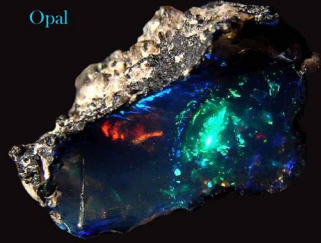
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Featured Poets

Monte Smith * Laura J. Wolfe * William Washington

Opal



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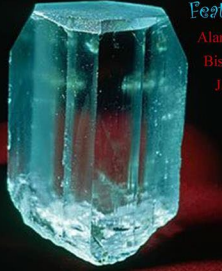
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Featured Poets

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Topaz

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Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan * Michelle Joan Barulich * Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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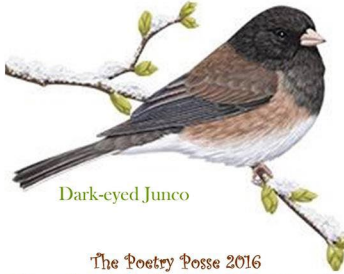
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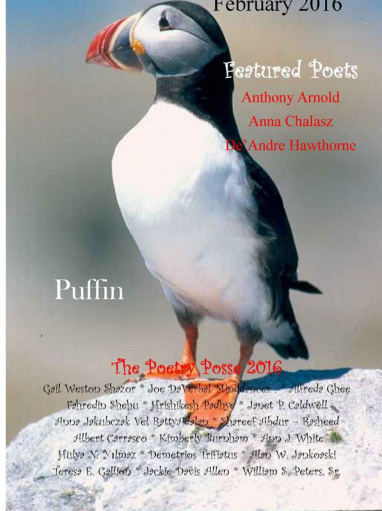
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Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold
Anna Chalas
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Puffin

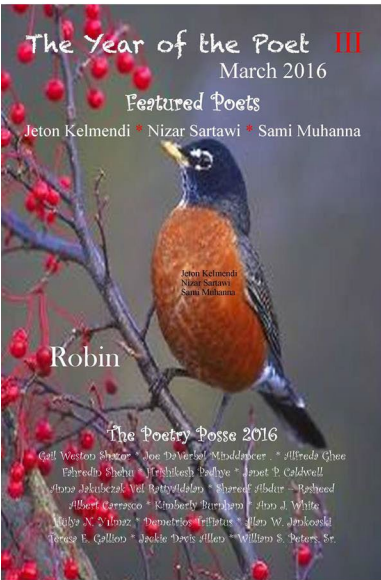
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Featured Poets

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Robin

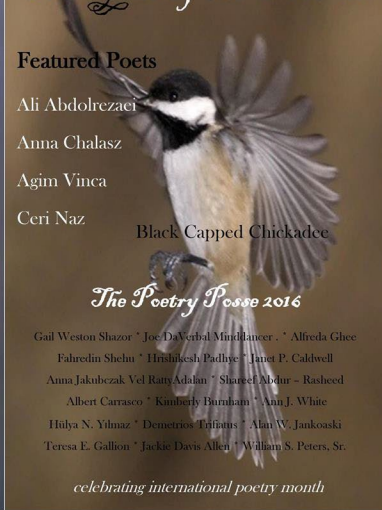
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Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei
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Agim Vinca
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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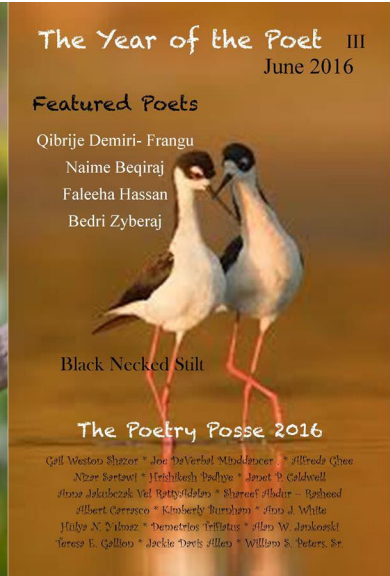


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Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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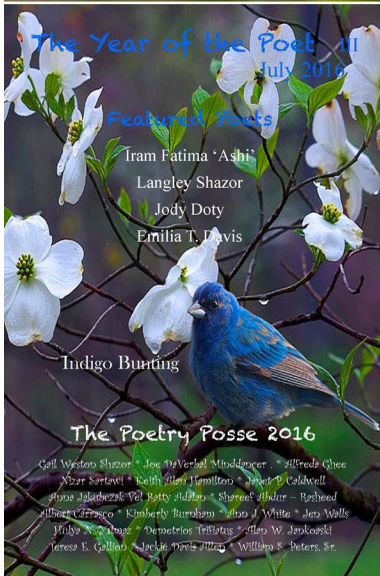


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Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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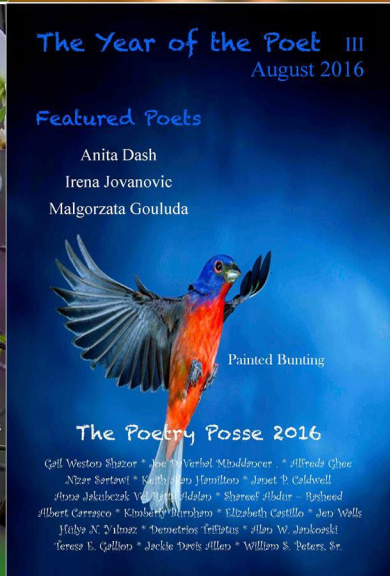


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Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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Anita Dash
Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Abhijit Sen
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Long Billed Curlew

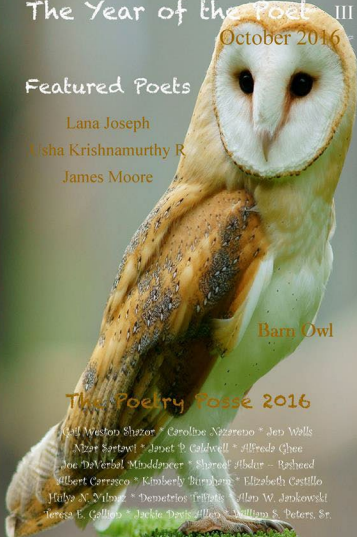
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Tisha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

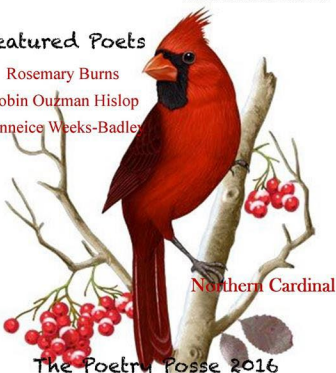
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Featured Poets

Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

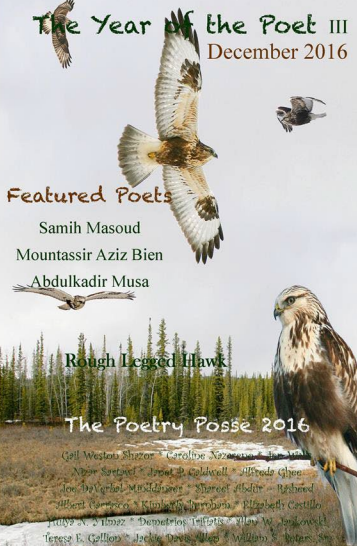
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Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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Quaking Aspen

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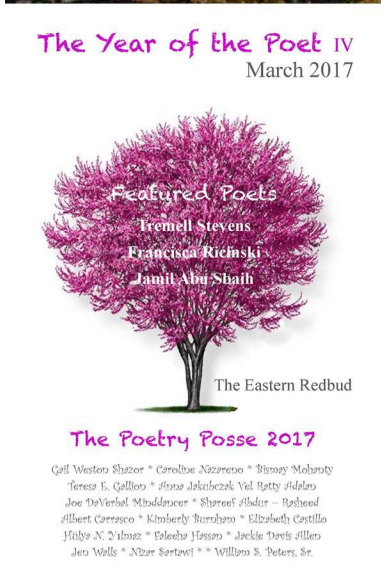


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Lin Ross
Sankama Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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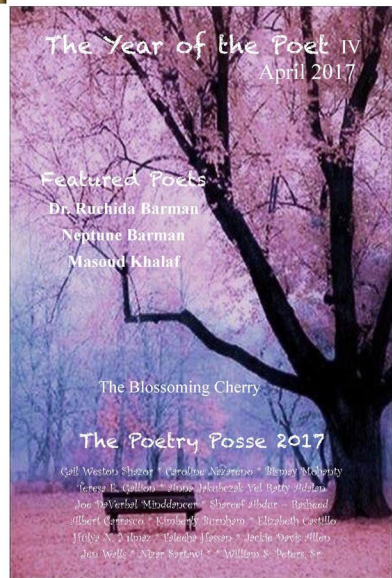


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Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaikh

The Eastern Redbud

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Dr. Ruchida Barman
Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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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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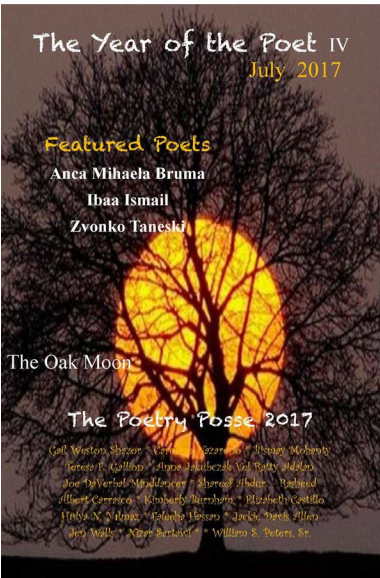
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Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma
Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



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Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree



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Ameer Nassir
Christine Fulco Neal
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

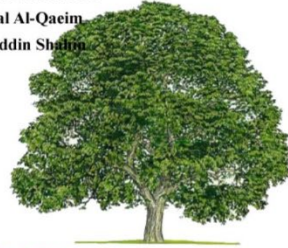
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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shamin



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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Yasmeen Hamzeh
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Sabean



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram
Anna Szawracka
Abhilipsa Kuanar
Aanika Aery

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman

Dominican
Republic
Haiti
Puerto Rico

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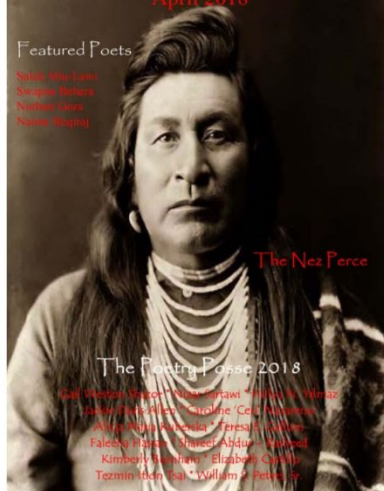
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April 2018

Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Leneh
Swagata Bhattacharya
Nathan Lion
Kwame Ninsin



The Nez Perce

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Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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

The Paleo Indians



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July 2018

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Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akhal Hany
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swann

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Featured Poets

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



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November 2018

Featured Poets

Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar



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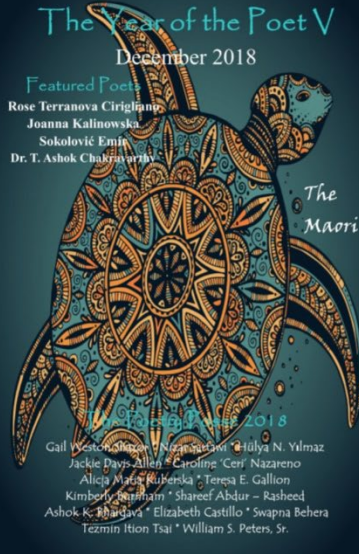
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December 2018

Featured Poets

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



The
Maori

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

Dream Catcher

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February 2019

Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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March 2019

Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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April 2019

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DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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Wahab Sheriff * Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer




Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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July 2019

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

The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia Djibouti
Somalia Eritrea

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August 2019

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



Southwest Asia


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The Caucasus
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Ngozi Olivia Osuoha * Denisa Kondić
Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams




The Mile Valley
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November 2019
Featured Poets
Rozalia Aleksandrova * Orhinda Ganga
Simruti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleidar



Northern Asia
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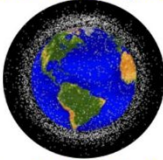
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