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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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Foreword

Climate Change and Time to Act

In recent years, unusual climate changes have occurred around the world, and their frequency and intensity are increasing. In non-extreme terms, they can include high temperatures, heavy rains, droughts, wildfires, and tropical cyclones. This has caused two main issues. One: How should we correctly state climate change and its relevance to nature and human life? Second: To what extent is it permissible to attribute these changes to climate change? However, before the answer to the question has been fully defined, it seems that people are more certain that climate change is in a long-term trend of change. Therefore, we can see from many international conferences or discussions, the anxiety of rushing to cope with climate change has spread in human society.

If you think so, it's okay for the earth's temperature to rise by 1.5 or 2 degrees, maybe you should listen to the meteorologists. For example, there will be twice as people without access to water for people's livelihood, corn production in many tropical regions will decline, and Meanwhile, other regions are suffering from relentless flooding. One of these alone is bad enough, and the effects of climate change are always intertwined.

Even as early as 1998, the World Health Assembly pointed out that climate change does have potential dangers to human health. The WHO pointed out that the excessive economic development activities of human beings have caused systematic changes in the global climate and the destruction of the ozone layer, and the greenhouse effect is increasing. Along with it is global warming. If one day it is discovered that the imbalance of the global ecosystem will inevitably pose a great threat to the world's organisms, relevant experts have called for the international community to promptly put forward measures to respond a solution is expected, and all countries are expected to work together. Among them, the more important propositions can be summarized:

1. Eliminate fossil fuels as quickly as possible
1. Fossil fuels include coal, natural gas, and oil. The combustion process is unavoidable and emits a large number of greenhouse gases, which is the main factor aggravating climate change. The world must reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050, and governments must commit to the energy transition, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and seek other, less harmful alternatives to renewable energy.

2. Protect forests and oceans
2. The government must formulate better regulations to prevent further large-scale deforestation and industrial plastic pollution of fisheries and oceans. People must realize that the

best technology for climate change is actually forests and oceans.

3. Restoring the natural ecology
• Use diversified planting to restore the natural ecological functions of the land, and use the ability of diverse plants to absorb carbon dioxide and restore the magical power of nature through rewilding.

4. Promote friendly buildings
• With environmentally friendly and environmentally friendly building materials, the burden on the environment is reduced, and natural lighting, ventilation, dehumidification, and heating are designed to reduce the dependence on air-conditioning equipment.

5. Rational consumption, prolongs the service life of goods
Everyone's lifestyle has a different impact on the environment. The pursuit of fashion not only wastes resources but also leads to a waste disaster. Encourage the promotion of reusable goods, reduce disposable and disposable plastic products, and support the recycling of household appliances with the service life of the circular economy.

At the same time, many scientists have urged the world to act immediately. If the greenhouse phenomenon cannot be alleviated in a timely and effective manner, the current trend will lead to global warming of up to 3.2 degrees Celsius in

2100, and the environmental disasters encountered in various places will also increase significantly.

Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai

Preface

Dear Family and Friends,

So, here we are once again, making our way onward, just about to complete the year of 2022 and *The Year of the Poet*. This volume, (#107) represents the 11th month of our ninth year of monthly publication. Amazing how much effort has been given by all the poets, to include the various members of *The Poetry Posse* and all the wonderful featured poets from all over our world. For myself, it has been and continues to be a great honor to be a part of this wonderful cooperative effort.

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

We have now completed another epic volume of *World Healing, World Peace 2022* which was published April 1st of this year. Additionally, we have released another meaningful volume of poetic consciousness . . . “*Climate Change . . . do or die*”.

Needless to say we are excited about lending our poetic voices to the variety of causes in promoting a better world / planet, a better humanity for us all.

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

Bill

William S. Peters, Sr.

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Climate Change

Time to Act

from Kimberly Burnham

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“Even if you never have the chance to see or touch the ocean, the ocean touches you with every breath you take, every drop of water you drink, every bite you consume. Everyone, everywhere is inextricably connected to and utterly dependent upon the existence of the sea.” ~ Sylvia Earle.



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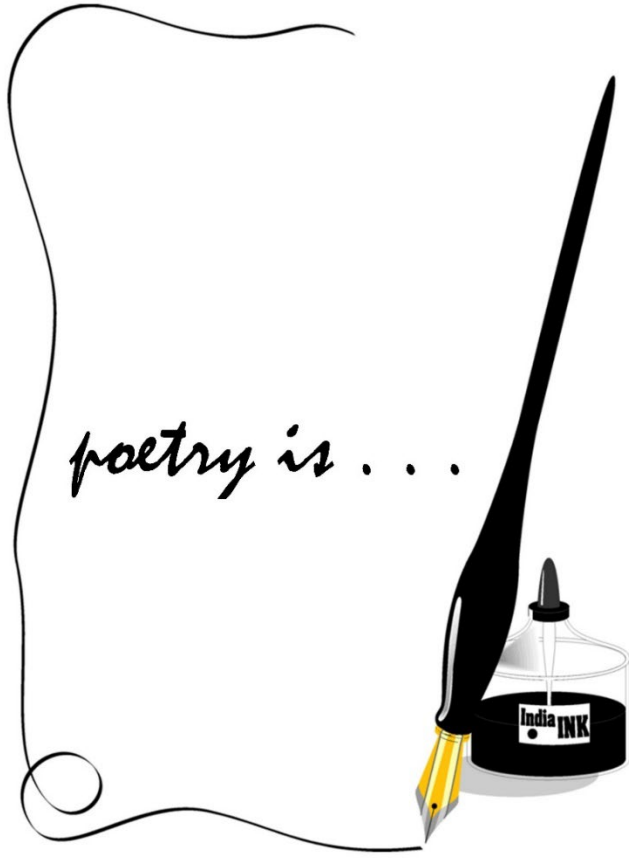
Poets . . .
sowing seeds in the
Conscious Garden of Life,
that those who have yet to come
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp

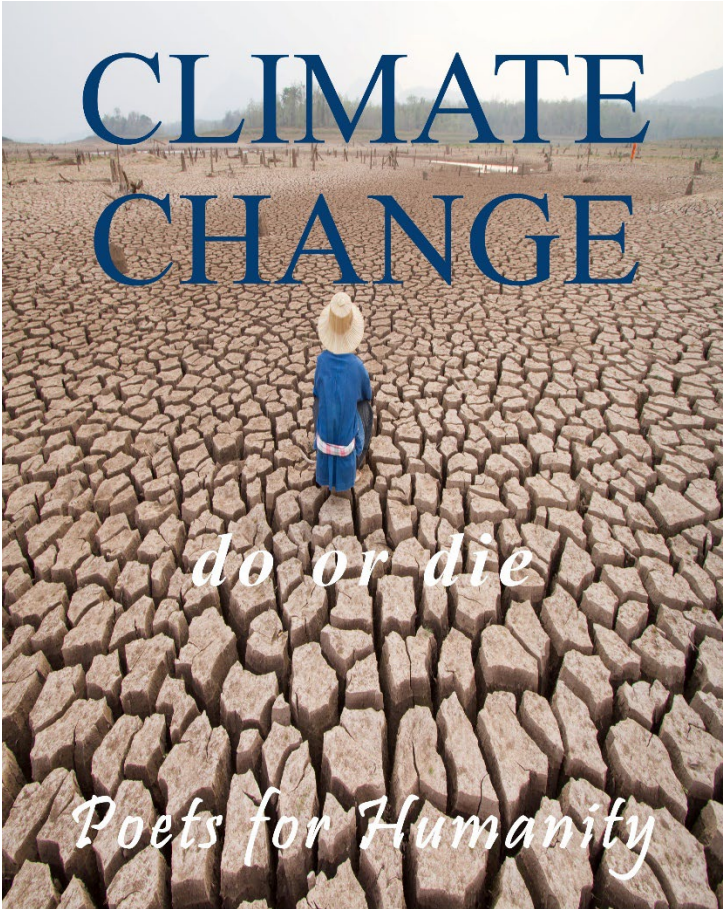




Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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Weston
Shazor

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

Author of . . .

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Life Expectancy (Blitz)

In time
Time out
Out of doors
Out of options
Options for life
Options for dying
Dying planet
Dying people
People jaded
People ignorant
Ignorant minds
Ignorant thinking
Thinking clear
Thinking pure
Pure air
Pure water
Water dammed
Water contaminated
Contaminated animals
Contaminated elders
Elders pray
Elders libate
Libate to cleanse
Libate to educate
Educate the middle
Educate the young
Young learns
Young emulates
Emulates caring
Emulate sanctity
Sanctity of life
Sanctity of spirit
Sprit grieves

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Spirit cries
Cries out change
Cries for justice
Justice for land
Justice for air
Air is smog
Air is heavy
Heavy to breathe
Heavy to exist
Exist to leave
Exist to die
Die to earth
Die to mother
Mother
Earth

Primary Color

I can't really see the world this morning
As I choose to allow the light
To filter through closed lids
From grey to reds and blues
I think of the color wheels
That I have been studying
The hues mystify me in their subtleties
And today I feel like that
This not quite color
Where darkness has created a shading
Of my primary happiness
The deeper tones are always
On the inside of the wheel
Very much like where mine lie
You would miss this at a glance
Blinded by my smile
That shimmers on the edges
Of wet irises blue
And I tamp this down
Push these tones inside
To make it harder to see
The older stuff of memories
That won't fade
Though still the same happy
The same sad, the same blue
That navy started out as
Monochromatic
Complimentary
Tertiary
Complementary
Sometimes we have to believe
That we have a chameleonic choice

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But the truth is
It is we
It is me
It is the I
I choose for you to see

Heaven touched earth

“And you really are
Going to make me wait”

Every minute, every day
I have become a new person
In or out of your heart
It is a magical thing, this waking up
God weaves eternity into minutes
Each new day
He makes new magic
I find that gift in your voice
In your living story
And in mine
I try to pack more meaning
Into my love
Here at the middle of all things
When my beginning is so long ago
My future is unknown
Here I want to be close to you
And find that I cannot
Because you would not have
My breath against your cheek
Though I would hold breathless
To be close to you one more time

I remember the magic of October
Recognizing my uselessness at forgetting
The only man I have ever loved
I still my hands from words
Close my eyes against the fireworks
And give in to God’s stillness
My soul moves closer to yours

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And it's messy and needy and honest
God answers my aches slowly
Knowing I can't handle the affirmation
In my compulsory retreat of smallness
Nursing the kind of faith
That can change lives and it's not wrong
Even though I would have you now
My heart cannot take another break
So I live in a breathless world
In and among my memories of your love
Praying that the same God
Who was faithful in answering the one prayer
Will consent to answer another one
I have never stopped loving you
Soon I will be ready
But even God knows I'm
Not yet

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Alicja
Maria
Kuberska

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

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

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

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

Rainy Sonata

Sudden gusts of wind
tap rhythmically upon the window.
Raindrops jangle on the glass.
Downpour composes a sonata.

It records transparent notes
On the invisible staves.
Single sounds join together
to create the thundering chords.

Cold drops vibrate in music,
Antarctic glaciers crumble,
hot springs of geysers steam,
rivers flow down with an allegro rhythm.

Water, as the Eternal Wanderer,
will never know peace.
It will continue roaming
between steam and ice.

Yesterday it was an ocean.
Today it is a lake.
Tomorrow it will be a tear.

A few things

I forgot how little I need.
The force of possession deceived me.
I drank the colors and shapes of 'the next thing'.
I was like a bee, which drank the nectar of poisonous
plants.

Everyone said to me I would not be happy without them.
I believed in the colorful ads and posters shouting at me.
They gave me a vision of beauty and satisfaction.

More and more, newer and 'better' items.
I sank in the swamp of a thousand unnecessary things.

I stopped, turned back and I changed into stone like Lot's
wife.
It surprised me that I had to find my way back to the border
Between “to have” and “to be”

The rainbow

I look for the rainbow every day.
It does not matter that the day is
Gloomy, foggy, cheerless
And the sky is covered by
Heavy, stormy clouds.

The rainbow sleeps
In the drops of rain.
Warmed with sunshine,
It stretches on the sky like a bow
And blooms with six colors.

I blow away the worries
Together with grey fog

Jackie
Davis
Allen

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Jackie Davis Allen, otherwise known as Jacqueline D. Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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No Longer Children

On the eve of revolution, under cover of midnight's pull
And beckoning, we lay down with some
Consideration of possibilities, of consequences.

And we acknowledged: we were children no more.

We who had chosen to sail across the tides,
The traditions of our ancestors, hoping to reap
Benefits of wisdom, insight. More than any age before

We had journeyed far away from the shore.

On the eve of that day, early in the morning, like
All those who had gone before, we heard voices
From those who were nearing life's end, crying,

“In you we place our trust, and so much more.”

Earlier, when the sun had awakened the day,
We basked in the perfume of the garden; and I,
My friend and I, perused the history of our past.

From our memories, from the sight of present vision

To the next exciting ride on the slide of life.
Down into the depths of the world of knowledge,
We felt the future was claiming, taking,

Revoking the pleasures, the gifts once taken for granted.
Before that moment, there was little else known.
Then, at noon on the way to temptation,
In the midst of deception, we veiled our faces,

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Disguised as caring friends, bearing gifts of wisdom.

Alas, we had not year earned that right. The wine
We drank tasted sour and bitter! No wonder we spat
Out our disgust with confusion's bile.

Still, we yearned for the taste of the forbidden.

Depicted in our minds were visions, dreams, fantasies,
Stories, ones that we had created, filled with images
Woven from the words, the lines of heroes.

They paraded before our once innocent eyes.

On the eve of the revolution, under cover
Of midnight's lull and beckoning, we considered
A life of possibilities, a life with consequences.

And fully understood...we were no longer children.

Be Blessed

I sit here, pleased that no one is a witness;

I am shamefully undressed; the air is hot, muggy,
and, I new to the city, cannot afford to have my
walk-up apartment cooled. So, here I am, looking
out on the lives of those gathered below.

The sky appears most ominous.
From my open window, I see a building, time-worn.

Its once red bricks are painted with traces of rage;
the stained glass windows conceal the inner
sanctum, even as the doors welcome and reveal
spine tingling, blood-curdling screams.

Pray tell, how did it all come to this?
Strangely stirred, a river of grief streams, in torrents,

Down my face, and I, find it difficult to explain.
I do not know the deceased. Neither his sex,
race, religion, profession. Not even his name.
I do not understand why that troubles me.

Dear Lord, I only know that it does.
Mourners are mostly in black, with arms interlocked;

Others are holding canes, some carrying umbrellas,
and still, shockingly so, there is one who is a vision
in brilliance of red, a flashy impression splashed
Against the somberness of this funerary stage.

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The voice of thunder makes itself known.
Mournful strains of hymns infiltrate the air, my mind.

They remind me that my concerns are small,
compared to those of the dearly departed's family.
To them, and to the one mourner attired in red,
As you go forth from this place, I pray you be blessed.

I shall always remember you. And, this day.

Of Grave Importance

The missive came yesterday.
Its vileness rained dark,
Like thunder's sound

So unbelievable, the inevitable storm
Desert flowers thought they might, indeed, drown.

In my hands I held nothing,
Nothing that consoled my fear,
Yet the weight bore down on me,

Like hindsight, I felt blinded
By the demons of too many years.

Comforted not by well spoken words,
Gestures too late, to hide the essence of me
Both my conscious and I,

So debased by contempt, we veiled our face,
Unable to suffer the scars of debris.

Before the mirror of contemplation
Dares speak its mind, and it shall so speak,
I pray time condescend to allow me opportunity

To modify my ways lest her long arms
Lull me into the deep of deepest sleeps.

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.

Soft Waste Of The Mind

When the frost comes, the lake
with a trace of loneliness
As usual, attracted me and my father
Father loves fishing, but not as much as
My chasing of the little waves
Although the sun
harassing the shallow layers of my coat
Makes me tighten the collar that stands beside my ear even
more

Shore

A touch of cold light that originally belonged to the reed
flower
That floating dead fish
Witness, the pace of industrialization does not stop
It's just that nature didn't ask
Who is hiding behind the tricky forest wind and crying?
Polluted air, next to the trees
Bring a trail of chemical dye

Water churning on a sand bed
Look carefully
These, the soft scraps of the mind already loyal to climate
change
How to stain us again
No one cried this time
No need to cry this time
Abandon panic, leave no sigh
we must refuse

Take our air and play that game with industrial chimneys
Climate change bet

TREE

The fruits on the trees forget to hide from the shadow of the light

Recalling the pounding in the dream of the next season
The footsteps of horses break through the spring, but it takes over one night for waiting for the flying swallow's letter

At that moment, your face
Like flowing water looking at the long day
At night, the beautiful clouds cover the cold branches under the leaves

No snow this year
Birds don't peck wood
In the distance, the sound of logging
Before late autumn, there are no multi-layers of fog between the ravines
Not even a trace of a retreat
Even troubles as thin as tentacles don't exist

In the distance of the forest frontier
Fire smoke
what drives you
Rolling over the hard and cold ground skin
Don't let the frost in the climate come one step closer
Only let the water flow lightly

Give me back a leaf!
When you wake up, you will return to the green before your eyes
In the cold, heard
The sound of the bluebird flapping its wings

The Old Shop That Never Lights Out

His spine stands upright
On a small old wooden bench
Under the sunlight, with hands are all jagged with veins
Wrinkles are twisted and deep
The Moon is lonely
But not bow her head tonight
The gap between the clouds
The bride's first helpless night
There is more fear than sadness

The winds are coming
The flapping sound of mixed wings
The caged bird screamed out
That's not from my double wings
That's not from my companions
The sun goes so wild
Hide in a shady corner
Cat on the tin house
Your dry tongue is not enough
To lick your fragile soul wet

Sunken eye socket
Around the gaming table
Greedy eyes bloodshot
Secretly calculating
Each passerby's compassion
Late autumn deep night
Village boy playing the flute
Sound into the cloud
The shop has turned off the lights
Where am I going tonight?

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>

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tic

toc that dam clock
never stops
dem say
even when broke
tells the right time
twice a day
that remains the same
not the same with climate
change
time continues on
fruition yet to be
the alarm has sounded
yet humanity not responded
and yes, tic toc
that dam clock don't stop
nor does melting polar icecaps
and the water sits in our laps
but keeps rising up, up, up
when will we wake up
it takes life to achieve that
fact, true not fake news

traveler

your moving through
not to linger
life's journey swift
part of the greater trip
don't fall in love with it
don't become enthralled
with it
it don't love you back
no matter how many years
stacked
what appears to appear to be
lengthy, friendly disappears
shortly leaving many empty
disappointed
oh traveler are you
blessed, anointed
traveling through to past
the test
until the time appointed
your soul will leave with your
last breath
snatched away by the angel
of death
continuing the journey to what
awaits next
all in the process called the test
traveler oh traveler
may your journey be blessed
may the angels say your
name in the place of bliss
give you salutation say

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assalaamu alaykum wa rahmintu
lahi wa barakatu
may the peace and blessings of
Allah(swt) be upon you,
oh traveler
go in peace back to Allah(swt)
you have traveled far
welcome home forever

sugar coated

resentment hidden
expressions forbidden
intentions revealed
through expressions
often though delivered
through inuendo
demonstrate schism
operating through deception
you know is "Racism"
from its inception, no doubt
without exception
evil seeds harvest evil deeds
become manifest and though
hidden from sight are easy
to see when put to the test'
though sugar coated and
concealed is hypocrisy
at its worst exposed, revealed
in amerikkka racism is like
metal to a magnet because
it's a part of the fabric
Why?
because "Racism" is American
as apple pie

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Kimberly
Burnham

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

<http://www.NerveWhisperer.Solutions>

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

Time

Father time

mother earth

beholden to both

do what we can

with the time we have

in this embrace

A Lifetime of Oceans

We swim in an ocean
moments all around us
the time it takes to create a glacier
deep rich black earth
one leaf at a time
H₂O cracking with energy
over the land a cycle of water
sky to cavernous caves into lakes
rivers moving constantly in time

Holding Time

I have time

my heart slows at the thought

the words embrace me

warming as I see

the time I have

and what I must do with it

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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The Time is Now

Heed the call of Mother Nature,
Hand in hand, one and all
Protect the Earth
Protect our only Home
Prevent it from having further destruction
Who else would care?
But the only inhabitants
Restore the Green Earth
From what she used to be.

Beyond the Colors

Only man created division
Greed over dominion,
Superiority over the other races
Can you not see the sadness on their faces?
Black lives matter like the others
Why do we segregate the black from the white?
When can we finally realize we are One,
Beyond the colors
Beyond the creed,
We are all brothers and sisters
Inhabitants of one Home,
No ones should remain behind.

Bridge

The Bridge of Tomorrow,
Lies ahead
A new frontier to the Promised Land
Who are we to interfere?
To create a barrier for the human race?
Connecting separate lives
The catalyst of change in the world,
The Bridge of Hope
Echoing the blissful dawn
Of a new civilization
Fellow men,
Heed the call, let's join hands.

Joø
Païrø

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

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No Time For The Present

Time is of the essence
We will embark on a new year, with nothing done.
Hearings and meetings of the greatest minds.
Funding the devastation from rising tides.
Broken homes, from wind driving storms.
No one wants to hear the truth when it hurts.
It's not an anomaly if it becomes a frequency.
And more frequently than not, it gets worse.

“Tempus fugit”
while the option to change, becomes futile.
Do we trust, those voices that speak for us?
Is life more precious than making a buck?
Eroding shores, tell me no.
Oil still flows from a wounded planet.
While tyrants hold on to what will be worthless
The clock is ticking!
There's no time like the present, to do something.
Yet we employ those we know, who'll do nothing

Time Sensitive

To many people believe in lies
It is a terrible thing when the truth can save lives
More people have died being led by deception
Eventually, truth becomes a matter of perception

So many are guided by what's trending right now
Every perishable item has an expiration date.
No one I know, will eat a moldy piece of cake
Somehow some way, someone will say it's okay
Inoculations' have proven to be effective
Tell me how, an opinion can lead to a death bed
I was taught to tell the truth, as were you.
Visualize a world without truth!
Everything you've grown to love, hates you

TIC-TOC

What a time to be alive huh?

We can show our privacy is privy to anyone

We can fall down in hopes of going viral

We can be a viable source of income

All you have to do is succumb to the camera

All you have to do to become a star.

All you have to do is exploit yourself

All you have to do is prove you're human

Time for the synchronized dancers

Time for the only fans indiscretion

Time for those who actually have a point to make

Time for those who only take screenshots

Hours upon hours of pointless images

Hours of laughing at ourselves

Hours of heartbreaking moments just watching

Hours of forgetting, you are at work!

How much time is wasted on entertainment

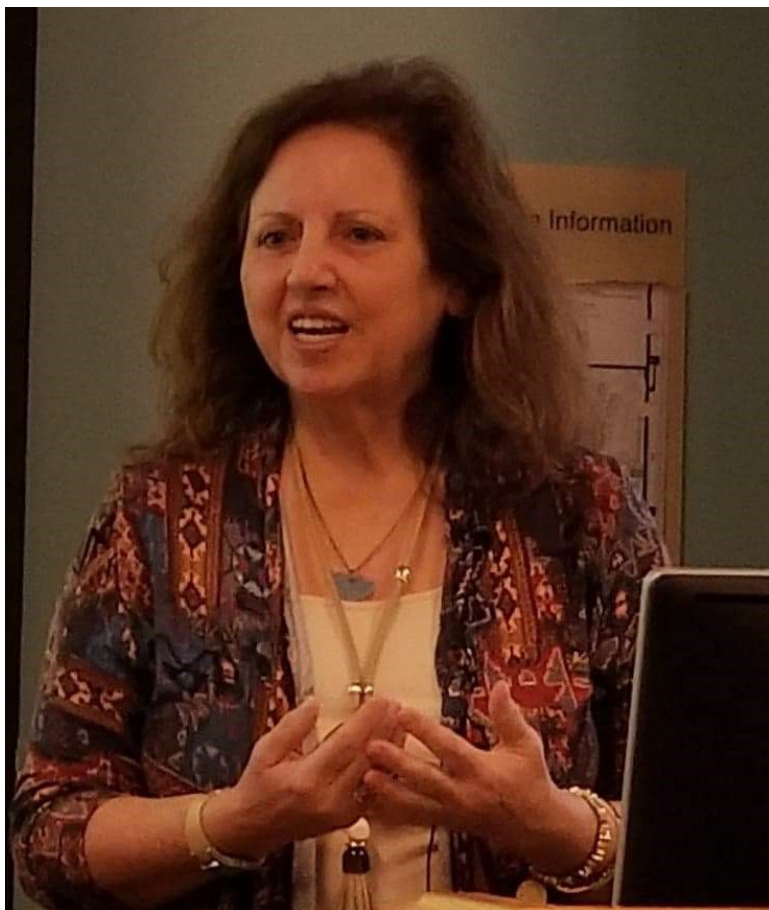
How much time is needed to wind down

How many hours of the day is productive

How in the world can Tic-Tok be your time clock?

hülya
n.
gılmaz

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Professor Emerita (Humanities, Penn State, USA), hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is a published tri-lingual author, literary translator, and Director of Editing Services (Inner Child Press International, USA). Her work has appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at poetry events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, the WIN of British Columbia, Canada honored yılmaz with a literary excellence award. Her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* (USA). hülya finds it vital for everyone to understand a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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silence is compliance

the voice of silence

rustles in the night's quiet

rivers must flow on

time to act

not a mere breeze
but unrelenting squalls
started long ago
to yank the healthy leaves
change was in the air for quite a while
we were failing gravely to meet it effectively
we had done only the minimum to prevent it

we tried to breathe
but then . . . could no longer
we struggled to catch a gasp of air
against the odds, ignoring our prolonged inactions

we did not prevail

cries

i hear cries
the cries of children
i do not get to see them but i know
those hefty tears are there to stay,
frozen in mid-air in helplessness
surrounded by fiery despair
for we, grownups have chosen to be quiet
yet once again, numb, deaf and delusional,
so delusional that we woke up every single day
to the comfort and convenience of our petty lives,
lives so frivolous that we insisted to insist on and on
not to care, not to regard, not to act,
dismissing all along what stirred up around us

our consciousness was skewed,
our compassion had gone mad

“Why?” asked one of those little icons of innocence
“What have I done to deserve this fate?”

not always came the same question as words
many of them had not yet learned to speak
their eyes said it all, eyes filled with salty drops

instead of tummy-giggles in the day,
nightly cuddles in the safety of their beds

why?

why to so many cries . . .

Teresa
E.
Gallion

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bee Pollinators

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

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

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

Against the Sun

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

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

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

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

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

Rapid in Heat

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

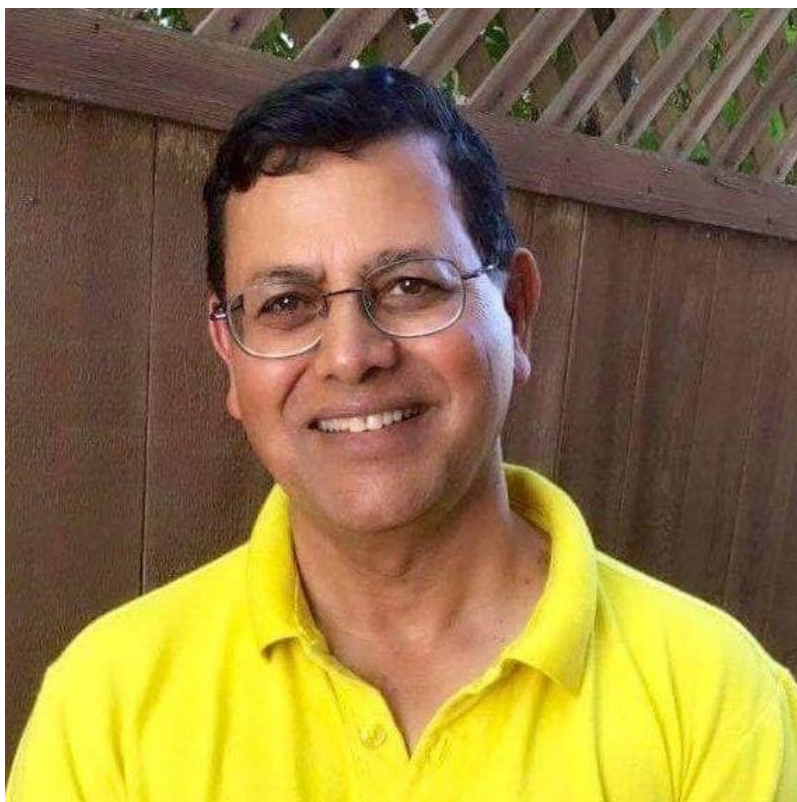
Shake and shimmy
and rise with intense ecstasy.
The rapid is in heat.

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

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

Ashok
K.
Bhargava

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Ashok Bhargava is a poet, writer, community activist, public speaker, management consultant and a keen photographer. Based in Vancouver, he has published several collections of his poems: *Riding the Tide*, *Mirror of Dreams*, *A Kernel of Truth*, *Skipping Stones*, *Half Open Door* and *Lost in the Morning Calm*. His poetry has been published in various literary magazines and anthologies.

Ashok is a Poet Laureate and poet ambassador to Japan, Korea and India. He is founder of WIN: Writers International Network Canada. Its main objective is to inspire, encourage, promote and recognize writers of diverse genres, artists and community leaders. He has received many accolades including Nehru Humanitarian Award for his leadership of Writers International Network Canada, Poets without Borders Peace Award for his journeys across the globe to celebrate peace and to create alliances with poets, and Kalidasa Award for creative writings.

Time to Act

What we are, is not
what we want to be
and wonder
why we did not change.

It does little good to say
we want something
then prepare to do without.

The skies have become roads
the airplanes demons.

Scattered clouds look like gulls
diving the blue waves for food
poisoned by ships.

It's time to clean up
sky roads
shipping lanes
polluted air and
the planet earth.

Voiceless Conviction

outside the window
sky is clearing
the rain drops -
a carnival of dreams
is slowly fading away

soaking wet
wind is
knocking the door
passionately

like holes in a flute
I am full
of imperfections

the hollowness
of a drum match
void of my traits

i can still play
melodies in harmonious
rhythms
lonely sky can tell
I am a flute
I am a drum

how much I love you
I can't tell
there's no measure
of the moments
slipping away
only the cravings fingers
matter

Act Now

let's meet
where
sky
caresses
sea
and sea
embraces
sky
to define
a horizon

beyond which
our souls
merge and
commit
to ultimate
self

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis

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

Among her poetic belts include PANORAMA YOUTH LITERARY AWARDS 2020, 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), the sair-gazeteci or Poet Journalist Award 2014 (Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey) and World Poetry Empowered Poet 2013 (Vancouver, Canada). She’s a featured member of Association of Women’s Rights and Development (AWID), The Poetry Posse, Galaktika Poetike, Asia Pacific Writers and Translators (APWT), Axlepino and Anacbanua.

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

Links to her works:

panitikan.ph/2018/03/30/caroline-nazareno-gabis

apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/

www.aveviajera.org/nacionesunidasdelasletras/id1181.html

Mind Yoga

THINKING BIG...

Futures thinking

Mindset on, to act and be brave,

parking for a little while,

i know i am space

in wilderness,

my thoughts race

and the complexity of my brain

reaching the forest

of another me, and there's another

i park for thirty minutes on my pillow,

finding anchors where I do the math,

i wander a bit, finding real joy, speak calmness,

the formula is not in my brain,

it is in the spirit-- my flight to carry less,

i sit back, i breathe, i cry a little

thinking i am not only born this way

but to make ways when i am out of way.

Circle of Serenity

leaves of joy
framing the eyelids of love
synchronized rhythmic beats
twirling into my veins
dripping mystical raindrops
on the reigning reservoir
of tranquility
of resplendence;
revealing mirrors
of my fairytale.

Reggae Me

iTunes playing contigo
acoustics, jazz and mellow
i am a little android
mixing up musical genres
reverberating chords to my heart
from the boy's next door guitar
i can hear the adagios in medley
my heartbeat goes
reggae, reggae, reggae!

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Swapna
Behera

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Swapna Behera is a bilingual contemporary poet, author, translator and editor from Odisha, India. She was a teacher from 1984 to 2015. Her stories, poems and articles are widely published in National and International journals, and ezines, and are translated into different national and International languages. She has penned six books. She is the recipient of the Prestigious International Mother Language UGADI AWARD WINNER 2019. She was conferred upon the Prestigious International Poesis Award of Honor at the 2nd Bharat Award for Literature as Jury in 2015, The Enchanting Muse Award in India World Poetree Festival 2017, World Icon of Peace Award in 2017, and the Pentasi B World Fellow Poet in 2017. She is the recipient of the Prolific Poetess Award, The Life time Achievement Award, The Best Planner Award, The Sahitya Shiromani Award, ATAL BIHARI BAJPAYEE Award, ATAL Award 2018, Global Literature Guardian Award, International Life Time Achievement Award and the Master of Creative Impulse Award. She has received the Honoured Poet of India from the Seychelles Government accredited Literary Society Lasher one poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 60 languages. She is the Ambassador of Humanity by Hafrikan Prince Art World Africa 2018 and an official member of World Nation's Writers Union, Kazakhstan 2018. Italy, the National President for India by Hispanomundial Union of Writers (UHE), Peru, the administrator of several poetic groups, and the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child Press African is the life member of Odisha Environmental Society.

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NO more carbon footprints

Hello Hello Hello dear all
global warming history's greatest Genocide
why at all we burn the future of our children ?!
the ozone hole is burning
let us not kill our own mother planet
let there be a cool revolution
where is the second Earth
Mother Earth is too young to die
let us be the voice of the Earth
wake up dear netizens
It is high time to act for
climate action planning
planktons are missing
flora and fauna are lost
species are lost
poverty and disaster will kill
let there be variation of solar activity
water shortage will make us restless
agriculture will be affected
let us reduce green house emission
and use renewable energy
buy green tags
let us listen to the tears of Mother Nature;
the eternal LOVE GURU
this is the Clarion Call
No more carbon foot prints.....

a bulldozer on the road

early morning the driver goes to the office
never knows the schedule for the day
signs the attendance registrar
his work is to demolish the encroached building
some heavy stones or heaps of mud
carrying the trash ; loading them on the truck
after the morning tea in the kulhad in the street shop
he smiles smokes a bidi
daily destruction and tears of the slum area
echoes his ears at night
never mind ;he has accepted the GO

screams and shouts of the thatched houses
made up of straw or palm leaves
at times the polythene roofs on their mud walls
they are the people who serve the city
clean ,sweep ,maintain the park or hospital
they are the workers who beautify the metro
Dig, pull ,push, carry ,stand ,sit, run
they are the life lines of a city

today he got the job order
to demolish the slum
near the railway overbridge
he sat with the steering
crashed ,smashed ,moved round and round
the police and the legal officers on the site
a baby was sucking from the breast
a pregnant woman slugging like a snail
chaos ,commotion, hazards ,smoke ,dust everywhere
reporters with microphone

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after all every destruction is painful
a wide road will be spread as per the new Town plan
these people have no rights on the land
they have cleaned it ,planted the holy basil in front of their
house
they have beautified the city
their sweat drops are on each lane and sublane
Who can dare to ask
A community is displaced ...
the bulldozer finished the work before time
as the driver is so competent having vast experience
only obstacle that they face is from a slum dweller
a woman who broke her bangles on the
heavy iron wheels of the bulldozer
Oh no !she is the wife of the bulldozer driver!!!!

*N.B – kulhad is the traditional , eco friendly clay tea glass
made by the potter*

*{Breaking the bangles is a tradition when the widow breaks
her bangles after the husband dies}*

eyes to alphabets

eyes to alphabets
always a journey
alphabets are shock absorbers
eyes are crisis managers
eyes are the starting points
of the marathon race
alphabets are palm trees going back
while the train goes fast

eyes to alphabets
always an epitaph
some times the head is culminated
a lonely heart deep in the grave
or solitude in the railway platform

eyes to alphabets a saga ,
debris of the aftermath
dragon flies on the gun
the arrival and departure
none can predict
they are mirror reflections
eyes and alphabets
both twin flames
they swim or sink
both are celebrities on the ramp

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Albert
'Infinite'
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

Infinite Poetry

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Time to act

How long should we wait?
How long should we just live our lives unconcerned?
The time to take action is now, another day one day might
be too late.

We lost too many trees,
Glaciers are melting in our oceans and seas,
Dry land for agriculture is now drowning in water,
There's snowless mountaintop's in cold climates due to
warmer temperatures.

Animals are migrating searching for normality,
Humans are looking up into the sky and seeing smog where
stars would be.

Local fisheries are rearing different catches because local
fish left to search for colder abyss.

The time is now to act,
it's going to take centuries of hard work to bring mother
earths health back...

Well I hope so.

If not civilization will never again be as we now know.

I wish I was there

I wish i was there with my gun,
Violence isn't the solution to violence,
But my shots would've worked as a heads up so they
could've had a chance to run.
They got hit when no one was around
It was just them and shells...
On the ground
Them and their yells...
Echoing a through the hood like surround sound
No one was there as they took their last breaths...
No one was there to manually put their eye lids down.
Onlookers stare as they twitch, turn, bleed out and gasp for
air,
"I don't know him" "fuck em" "better him than me"
if it's not a teammate, family or a familiar face, no one
cares.
My mind puts together crime scenes, they're disturbing
visuals
I can't unsee what the third eye creates
I just absorb the visions of it's dilated pupil.
A few minutes after death...
Mothers crying, angered dads, freshly widowed wives,
broken sons and daughters
Break through yellow tape to say a final bye to their son,
husband or father.
cracked voices scream heart wrenching I love you's,
Right after that we cope with a life forced onto us by the
evil that men do.

Hip Hop

I remember when I was young, I used to rewinding tapes over and over to learn lyrics. When the tape deck stopped rewinding I'll use a pencil and manually rewind them to the beginning. It took a long time but I had to memorize my favorite rhymes word for word and line after line. I'll be walking the streets spittin raps back to back as if I was the one the wrote those bars and went to the studio to lay down the tracks. Listening to people who lived like me and looked like inspired me. When I went to park jams I studied the MC, they had the entire community rockn, "yes yes y'all" "throw your hands in the air", I'll always be posted up by the speaker to hear clearer, wishing the MC was me. I wanted to move the crowd. Storytelling was intriguing. Hip hop isn't just music, it's a culture. It's language, it's dance, it's attire, it's life and I lived it. Ebonics. Breaking and popp'n. Pilot markers and krylon for wall and train tagg'n. Poverty led to hell on earth, stamp bagg'n, color slab'n and a lot of casket carry'n. While learning life from gained scars, I didn't know the knowledge I was gaining would be used for urban bars. I had a fascination with rhyme, now I'm putt'n together fascinating lines. I am hip hop and I have a story, so I write and recite non fiction poetry.

Eliza
Sęgięt

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Eliza Segiet: Master's Degree in Philosophy, completed postgraduate studies in Cultural Knowledge, Philosophy, Arts and Literature at Jagiellonian University. She is a member of The Association of Polish Writers and The NWNW - Union of Writers of the World.

Her poems *Questions* and *Sea of Mists* won the title of the International Publication of the Year 2017 and 2018 in Spillwords Press.

For her volume of *Magnetic People* she won a literary award of a *Golden Rose* named after Jaroslaw Zielinski (Poland 2019 r.). Her poem *The Sea of Mists* was chosen as one of the best one hundred poems of 2018 by International Poetry Press Publication Canada.

In Poet's Yearbook, as the author of *Sea of Mists*, she was awarded with the prestigious Elite Writer's Status Award as one of the best poets of 2019 (July 2019).

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

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019.

Nominated for the iWoman Global Awards (2019).

Laureate Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020.

Laureate International Award PARAGON OF HOPE (Canada, 2020).

Obtained certificate of appreciation from *Gujarat Sahitya Academy* and *Motivational Strips* for literary excellence par with global standards (2020).

Ambassador of Literature granted by *Motivational Strips*.

Author's works can be found in anthologies, separate books and literary magazines worldwide.

The course for brilliance

Time

a friend and an enemy,
always close to and in us at the same time.
We try to enchant it to our advantage,
in our way to that stands
the single certain necessity
with which everything was marked
– the ending.
It's a delusion that it can be stopped.
Incessantly
everything is moved closer to the past.

We won't slow it by whispering,
we won't accelerate it by screaming,
the only thing that can be done
– even inaudibly –
is to care, for our Planet
to be free from its annihilation.
Soiled, stripped of delusions of beauty,
set a course for brilliance,
– the independent majesty.
Its uniqueness is a trading card
– we live, so long as it lives.

Translated Ula de B.

Zero

The length of the shadow

does not indicate the size of the person.

It's just a shape

– a soundless trace of existence.

Translated by Artur Komoter

Prayer

Time not prayed for
has taken over the lives
of millions of people.

Evil not prayed for
plunges the world into chaos.

Drama not prayed for
has become part of reality.

But is it possible to pray
for such madness?

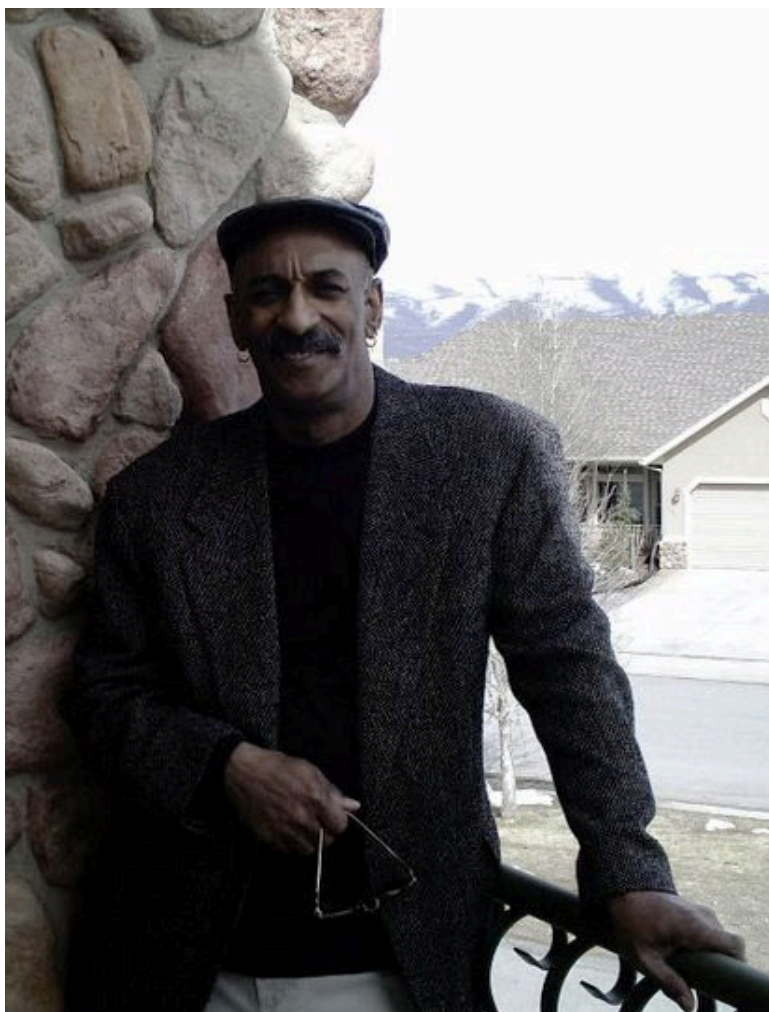
An orison can only be
a prayer
for the awakening of good
in the human being.

May
– a Human become the Human.

Translated by Artur Komoter

William
S.
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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And there we go . . . time slips away

As time slips away,
Time slips away!

There will come a time,
When there is no more . . .
Time
To correct the things of time
We should have handled
Over time

Climate Change,
Fossil Fuels,
Hunger,
Homelessness,
Racism,
Hate and Bias,
Oppression,
Greed,
Fascism,
And so much more
Are the ills
We have accumulated
Over time

As time slips away,
Time slips away!

Question :

How much time do we have left?

A simple love poem

It has been a while
Since I have written
A 'Love Poem'

It is not that
I no longer live,
Nor Love,
Nor is it that
I have no motivation

.....

It is simply that
I can not find the words
That do justice
To the depths
Of my abiding love
For you

So,
I simply ask of you
To accept these feeble words
As an earnest intent
To convey to you
That you are loved

Against it all

Not all of my Life's challenges,
Its tribulations,
Exhibited the best
Of my abilities....
No many times
I wore my worst set of clothes
To the school of
'Hard Knocks'

.....

Neither did i always learn
The lesson proffered
By the errant direction,
Stumbles and failures
I managed to accumulate
Through the many years

Not all of struggles
Were railed against
The darkness,
No,
Most of my battles
Were against the light,
Be it ...
The Light of Understanding,
The Light of Truth,
The Light of Insight,
And even,
The Light of Love

Truthfully speaking,
There were times that
I loved the darkness
That abided about me,

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As well as within,
For the shadows in my life
Never abandoned me,
They were my constant companion,
My seemingly best friend!

The Light on the other hand
Was many times annoying
Imploring me
To get up,
Urging me to change,
Rebuking me,
Refuting me
For just lazily
Being me!

Light is most times
A self-righteous enigma
That tortures our stigmas
Until we tire
And open the proverbial hands
Of our souls,
And let go

.....
Yet still,
Even within the contemplations
And reflections
That now feed and replenish
These lines and afterthoughts
I find myself
Somewhat resiliently rebellious
As I take a firm position
Of resoluteness and resolvency
As I defiantly stand,
Even if alone
Against it all

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Ravi

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Hema Ravi is a poet, author, reviewer, editor (Efflorescence), independent researcher and resource person for English language development courses.

As Secretary of Connecting Across Borders (CAB), she played a predominant role in organizing the International Poetry Conferences in March, August 2021 and March 2022, in collaboration with the CTTE College, Chennai. As Secretary of the Chennai Poets' Circle, she empowers poet aspirants to unleash their creativity without inhibition.

She is the author of 'The Cuckoo Sing Again,' (a collection of short stories), 'Everyday English,' 'Write Right Handwriting Series 1,2,3,' co-author of Sing Along Indian Rhymes' and 'Everyday Hindi.'

Life Is Every Man's Game

Caught trespassing, masquerading
Speaking ill of the new boss...
What did he do this time
to hang his head in embarrassment?
After all, life is every man's game...
When he is hesitant to apologize
Accept it as part of the game, not unwise!
Without the need to cut a sorry figure
Learning's happening – it's slower or quicker
He's still not sure what went wrong
He feels he should stand up strong
After all, life is every man's game....

Bird Atop Conifer

In the silence of a bleak freezing morn
A tiny bird, atop a lofty pine
perched; at ease in the wintry-wet day born
The host erect, with elegance benign
offered the bird solace in the dark nights
Cavity-comfort against chilly blasts!
Bidding goodbye, one daybreak she took flight
Ostensibly, the gloom will soon be past...

A Smirk And Off He Rode...

I waved from one side of the road
Long time no see! Rather reluctantly
a smirk, and off he rode...
Strange!
He could've been civil
not that he was running away from the devil
Multiple times for their family, I've played host
He darts off as if he's seen a Halloween-ghost!
Yet another day, I met him again
In such a hurry, could you not stop to reply?
My displeasure, I did not feign
In that customary voice, he uttered nonchalantly
We never met recently
Sheepish, I remained muted...
A week later, I met him again
This time, my folly understood
It turned out to be the 'duplicate'
Embarrassed
I went and apologized straight
I had mistaken you to be my friend.
No worries, it happens -
He rode off without looking back...

Shafkat
Aziz
Hajam



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Shafkat Aziz Hajam is from India kashmir. He is a children's Poet, author of the Children's Poetry book titled as The cuckoo's voice and the Media secretary of a literary organization titled as Idarie Tehqeequ Adab Jammu and Kashmir. He also works as a private school English language teacher.

O cruel man

O cruel man! Look at the stars
Your story they are telling you
You are unaware on which path
You have to move ,
You have to brighten like the stars
Alas ! You darken the world by wagging wars ,
You have to spread Peace
But you never let anyone live at ease
You have become greed o man
You want throne, power, comfort
You don't care if others suffer from unbearable pain
If you keep on doing the same
Soon you will get buried with your name.

I am happy

I am a man with no greed

I never eat before the hungry I feed

I help everyone in joys and sorrows

Whether they are my friends and foes .

I don't tell lies and deceive anyone

I respect everyone, and make fun of none ,

I help everyone though aren't known to me

I don't believe in caste ,creed and colour but humanity.

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3.

You will never succeed if you have greed

You are not a good human being

If the famished you don't feed

The lord will never love you

What He says if you don't do

You will never be happy ,but always sad,

If you never do good to others but only do bad

If you use wrongly your might

And deprive others of their right

You will die unsuccessful

To you the Lord won't be merciful.

Selma
Kopic

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Selma Ković is a professor born in 1962 in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

She is the winner of the award Best Teacher of the Former Yugoslavia, Association of Best Teachers EX YU, 2022.

The most significant awards are:

- Third prize "Mak Dizdar" for unpublished collection of poems "Puzzle", BiH, 2008;
- Golden Plaque, "Poetry of the Year 2020", Balkan Poetry Union, BiH, 2021;
- First prize for a triptych of love poems at the "Poem above poems" competition, BiH 2021;
- First prize for the best foreign poem "I'm not ready to leave yet", Italy, 2020.

She has published three independent books of poetry:

- The Sign , PrinCom Tuzla,
- The Monument of Love, Poetry Planet Publishing House, Philippines,
- The Puzzle, Darwish Publishing and Translation House, Germany
- collection Cosmic Rainbow India, with five other authors.

Whispering leaves

There, in the shade of a leafy birch,
tremors of our bodies
spoke for themselves.
The look in the eyes
was enough to make time stand still for us.
Single touch made us forget about everyone else.
The leaves whispered as we hid in the shade.
That birch remembers every movement
of our trembling bodies.
Its branches keep all our secrets.
We thought we would stand there together,
forever.
And then, the leaves turned yellow and withered,
just like our love.
But, we loved each other,
the birch is a silent witness.
I stop by sometimes, in the spring,
when green is everything.
Whispering leaves I still hear.
In my mind, we stand there...
And I tremble,
I tremble as if you were still here.

Šapat lišća

Tu, u sjeni olistale breze,
drhtaj naših tijela govorio je sve.
Pogled očiju bio je dovoljan
da stane vrijeme.
Jedan dodir učinio bi
da zaboravimo na sve druge.
Lišće je šaputalo
dok smo se krili u sjeni.
Ta breza pamti svaki pokret
naših uzdrhtalih tijela.
Njene grane
čuvaju sve naše tajne...
Mislili smo
da ćemo stajati tu zajedno, zauvijek.
I onda, lišće je požutjelo i uvehlo,
baš kao i naša ljubav.
Ali, voljeli smo se,
ta breza je nijemi svjedok.
Navratim ponekad, u proljeće,
kada zeleno je sve.
Još uvijek čujem lišće kako šapuće.
U mojoj glavi, mi stojimo tamo...
I drhtim,
drhtim baš kao da si ti još uvijek tu.

Let's go to the light

Ladies, gentlemen, indecisive!

What's the problem?
There are no difficult decisions.
Decisions are easy.
Do you know why?
Because every time
we already know the solution.

In the dark,
nothing moves forward.

We can always disappear.
Let's try to live on planet Earth.

We need to fight
for goodness in ourselves
because we have to pass it
on to others.

Let's stop competing
in search of fun
in someone's defeat.

Let's head for the light!

Krenimo ka svjetlosti

Dame, gospodo, neodlučni!

U čemu je problem?

Nema teških odluka.

Odluke su lake.

Znate zašto?

Zato što svaki put
već znamo rješenje.

U mraku se ništa
ne kreće naprijed.

Uvijek možemo nestati.
Pokušajmo živjeti
na planeti Zemlji.

Za dobrotu u sebi
treba se boriti
zato što je moramo
prenositi na druge.

Prekinimo
takmičenje u traženju
zabave
u nečijem porazu.

Krenimo ka svjetlosti!

They'll steal you

The sun creates comfort to you
with its warmth
while your soul rests on the beach.
I'm jealous of all the eyes
that look at you with lust.
I'm jealous of the sand
that got between your fingers.
The wave shamelessly
touches your skin everywhere.
With my shadow
I'll shield the sun
from falling on your face.
With hot kisses
I'll pick up all the drops
from your body.
From my hands
I'll make a bed
in which you will
always be able to find peace.

I'm jealous of everything,
eyes, sun, waves, sand,
other people's eyes ...
Someone will steal you from me,
I'm afraid,
and I can't help myself!
Oh, I love you so much, so much!
Let the only thing that warms you
be my breath,
Let the only thing that caresses you
be my touch.

KRADU MI TE

Sunce ti svojom toplinom ugodu stvara
dok se duša tvoja na plaži odmara.
Ljubomorna sam na sve oči
koje te s požudom gledaju.
Ljubomorna sam na pijesak
koji ti se zavlači između prstiju.
Talasi besramno
posvuda tijelo tvoje diraju.
Svojom sjenkom zaklonit ću sunce
da ne pada na tvoje lice.
Poljupcima vrelim pokupit ću
s tvoga tijela sve kapljice.
Od svojih ruku napraviti ću ležaj
u kojem ćeš uvijek moći naći smiraj.
Ljubomorna sam na sve,
sunce, pijesak, talase, zrak,
na tuđe oči...
Hvata me strah
da mi te neko ne ukrade,
i tu mi nema pomoći!
Oh, toliko, toliko te volim!
Daj da moj dah
bude jedino što te grije,
daj da moj dodir
bude jedino što te miluje.

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Ibrahim
Honjo

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Ibrahim Honjo is a Canadian poet-writer, who writes in Bosnian, and English language. He has worked as an economist, journalist, editor, marketing director, and property manager. He is currently retired and resides in Vancouver, BC.

Honjo's poetry has been introduced in many magazines. He is the author of 23 published books in the Bosnian Language, seven in English, three bilingually (in English and Bosnian) and three with three Serbian poets. His poems have been represented in more than 50 world anthologies.

Some of Honjo's poems have been translated in Korean, Slovenian, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese, French, Bahasa (Malesia), Polish, Mongolian, Turkmen, Arabic, Russian, Portuguese, and German language.

Leaving To Lira

Unknown wise men foretold me
leaving to Lira in beautiful dreams
through lights of celestial jewels
randomly spaced through the universe

blessed with a magic word
a cosmic twinkle awoke in me
lit up and sparked my imagination

the gorgeous North Star
ardently counts down for a departure time

flocks of phoenixes followed me
bringing light to hidden corners of the universe
in the eye of a female initiator of light

passion flared like fire
in maidenly eyes

somebody put off Diogenes' candle
I was blinded and could not see a man anywhere

someone faked a dream

Lira is unattainable

Nothing is violet

To Nurture Or Not...

Hector's mother Hecuba
gave birth to nineteen sons
and several beautiful daughters
and she was the luckiest woman

her happiness was short-lived

Troy was destroyed
and Hecuba became the unluckiest woman

Hecuba, Odysseus's slave
settled in history

there has always been someone to ruin the universe in me
and I could never connect
all the bright points on the earth's wounded skin

does this day hurt you in my heart
and does my heart hurt you on this day
on which some new Troy is burning
in the name of the Creator of worlds

He, the Creator, is powerlessly silent
in some far-away corner of the universe
waiting for a man to nurture a man
according to his standards

if we never meet
don't regret it
it is not a result of anyone's conspiracy
it is a sign that the roads between our ruins
have been destroyed by the guards of war

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they don't believe in sin

they don't believe...
that Power is not forever

but Hecuba would again give birth to nineteen sons
and several beautiful daughters
and believe that she would save Troy

Recognition

When I become lost in a poem early in the morning
stars extinguish spontaneously in my eyes
darkness hides in its secret chambers
I become a stranger to myself and my sleeping shadow

no one reaches me, except the night silence
cradled in flashes of stars from my eyes
and the dreamy chant of night butterflies

enigmatic horizons curl up in my eyes
in the mirrors of the planet Gamajata

I do not like mirrors
they show me someone else in my image

It is very easy to recognize a man by his words
and his endeavour

in a triangle between heaven, earth, and me
everything is hidden in view

I am deciphering the stability of everything and nothing

my first morning coffee cooled down a long time ago

I am silent and listening to silence, in my stillness and in
peace

Nirvana

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Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



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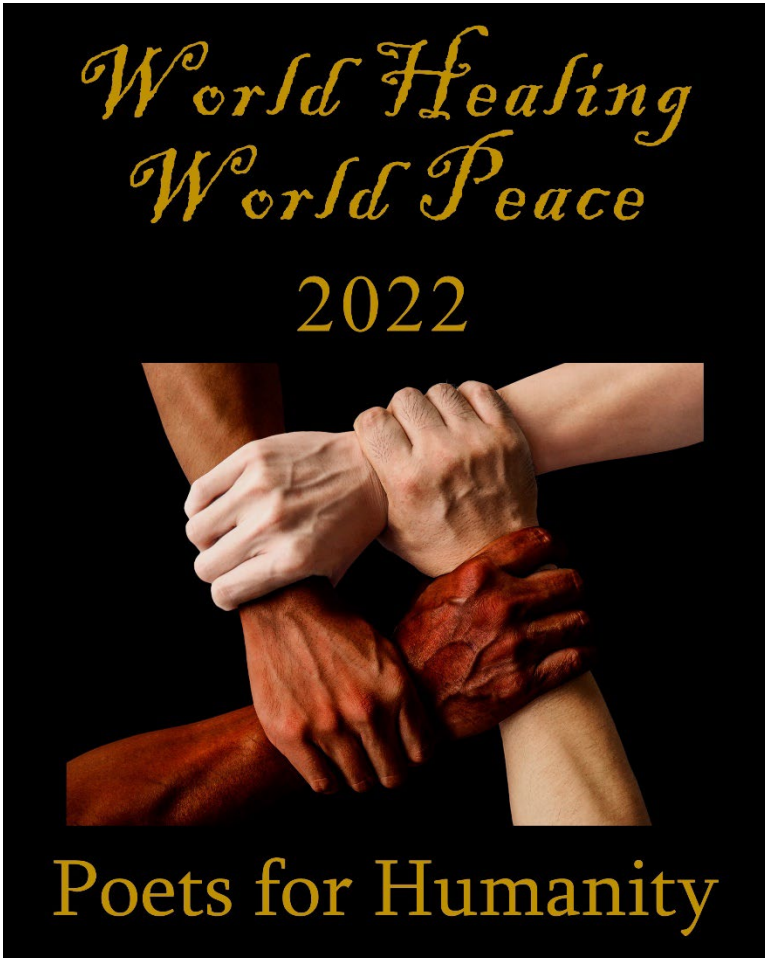
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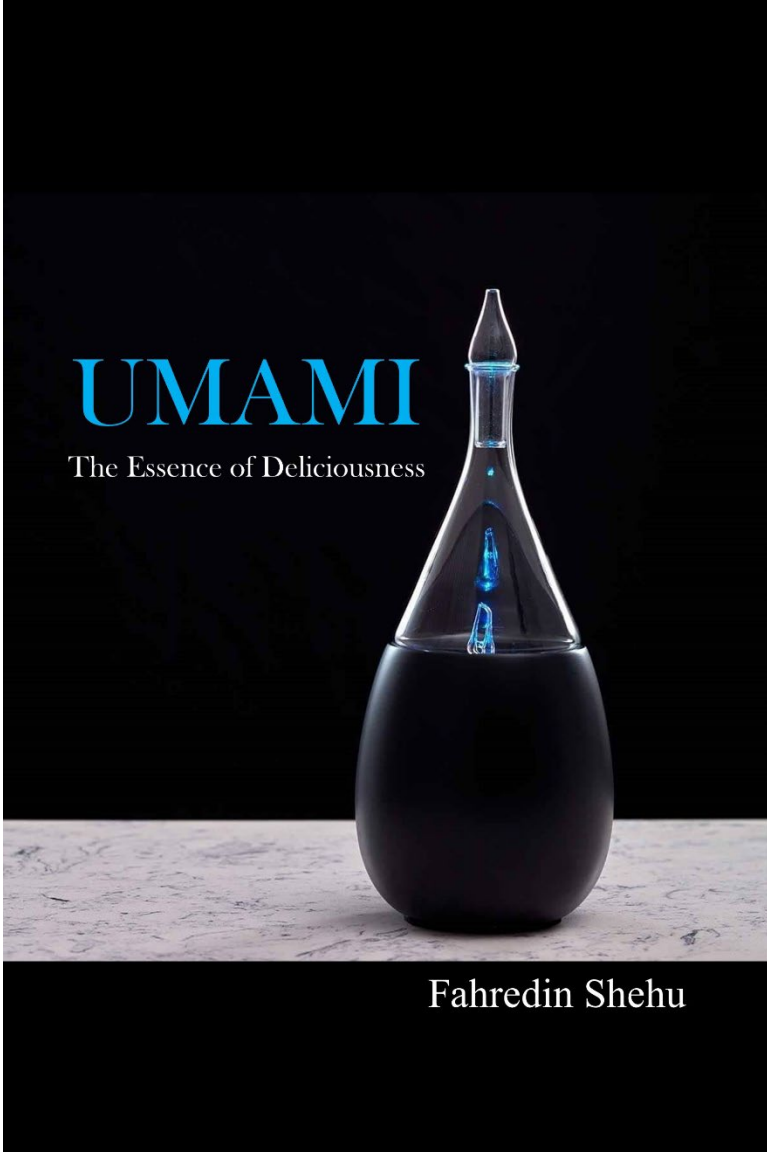
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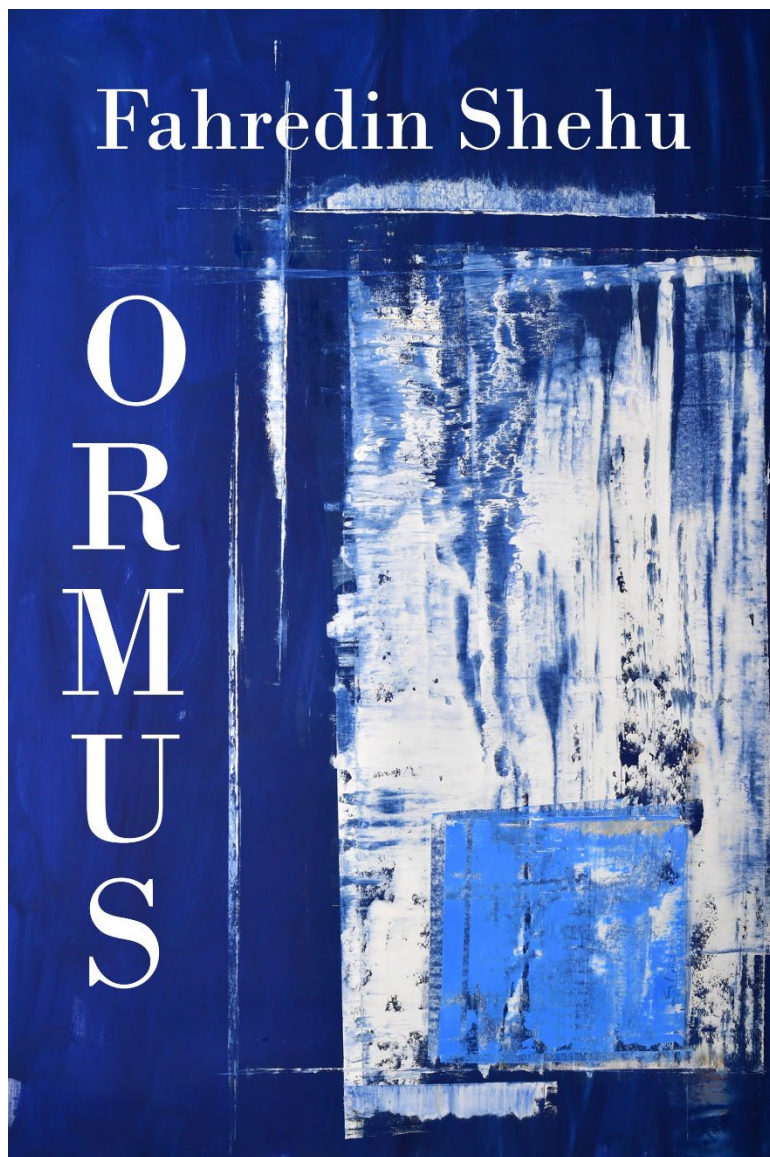
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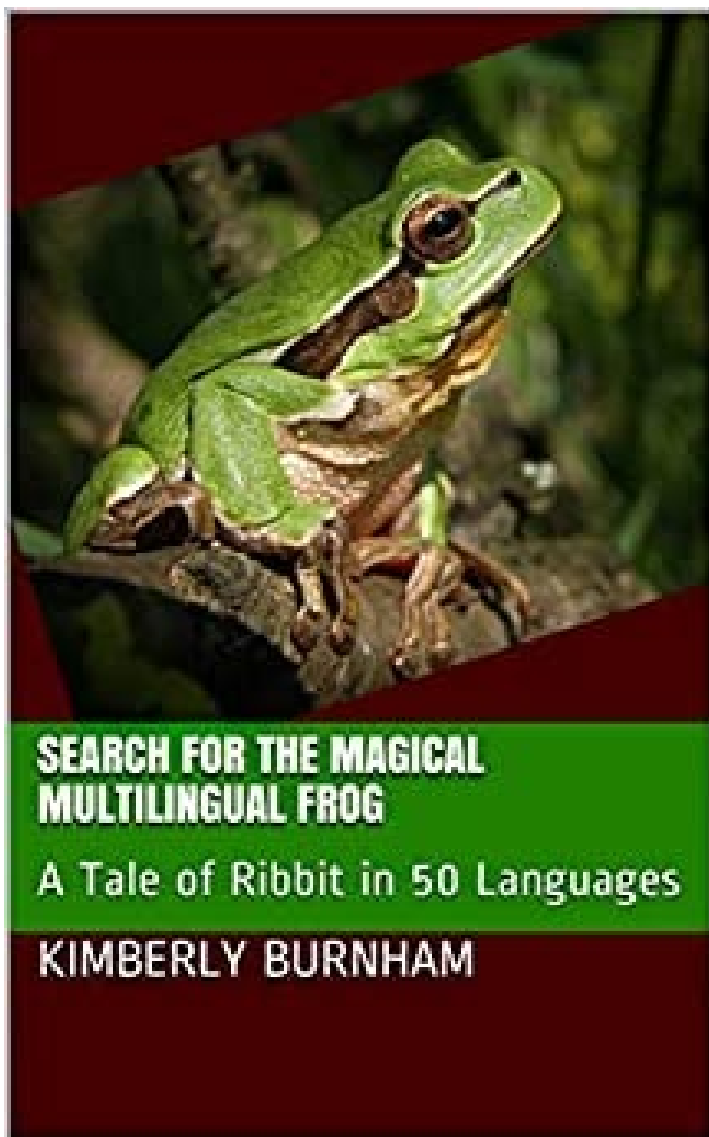


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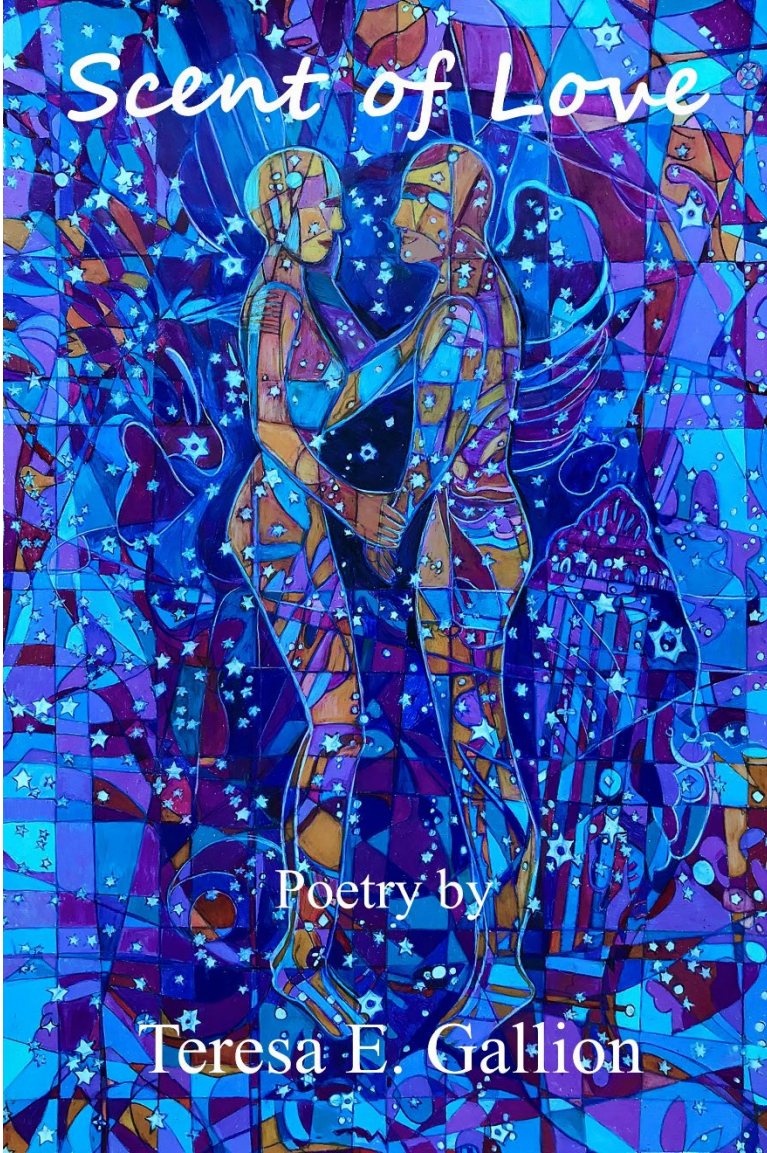
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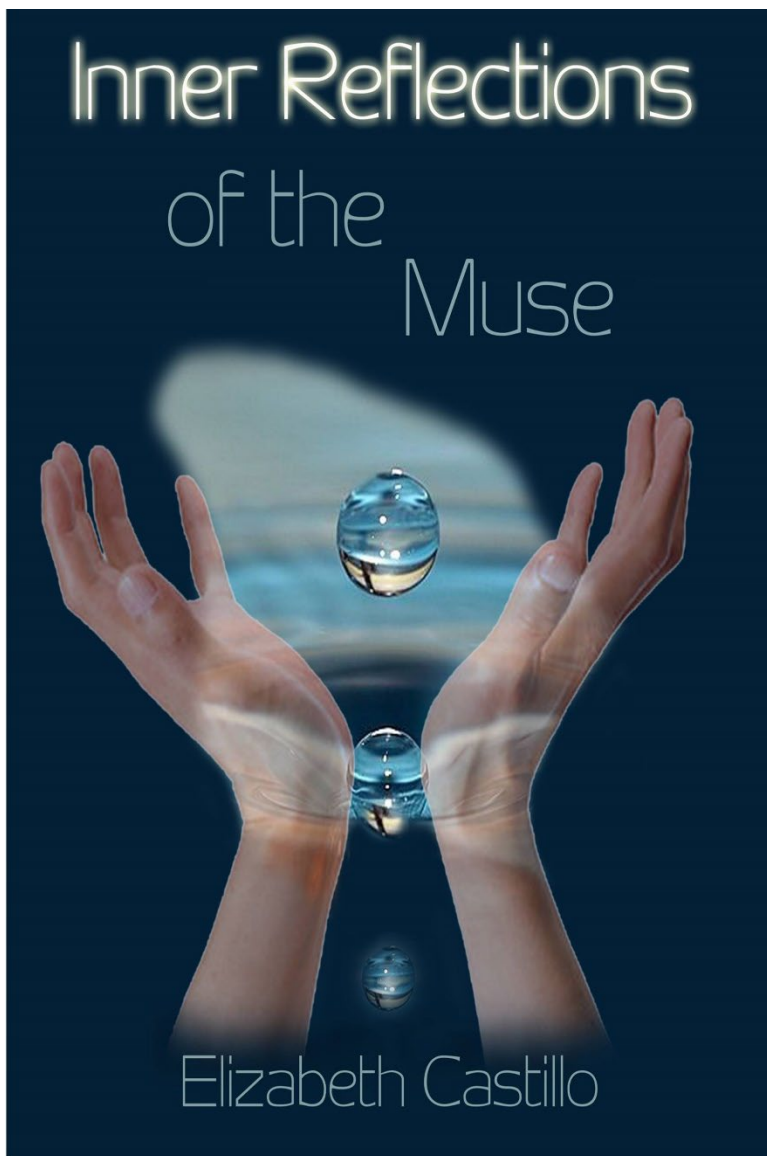
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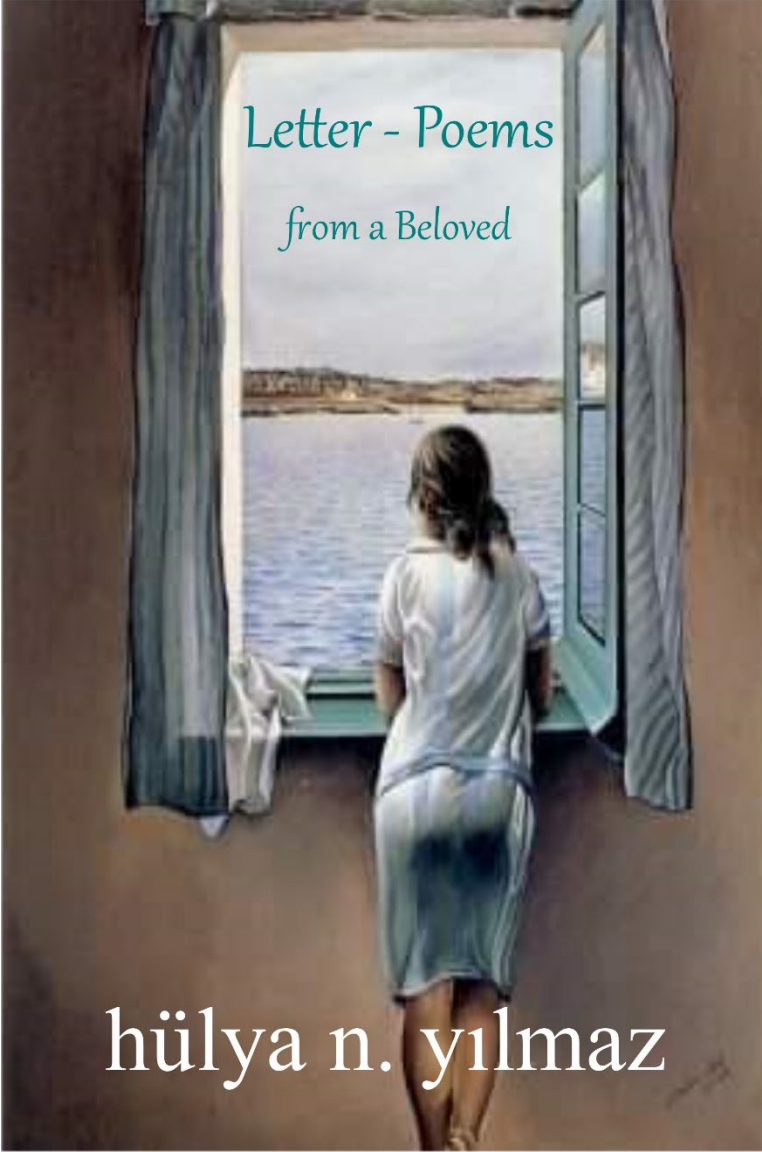
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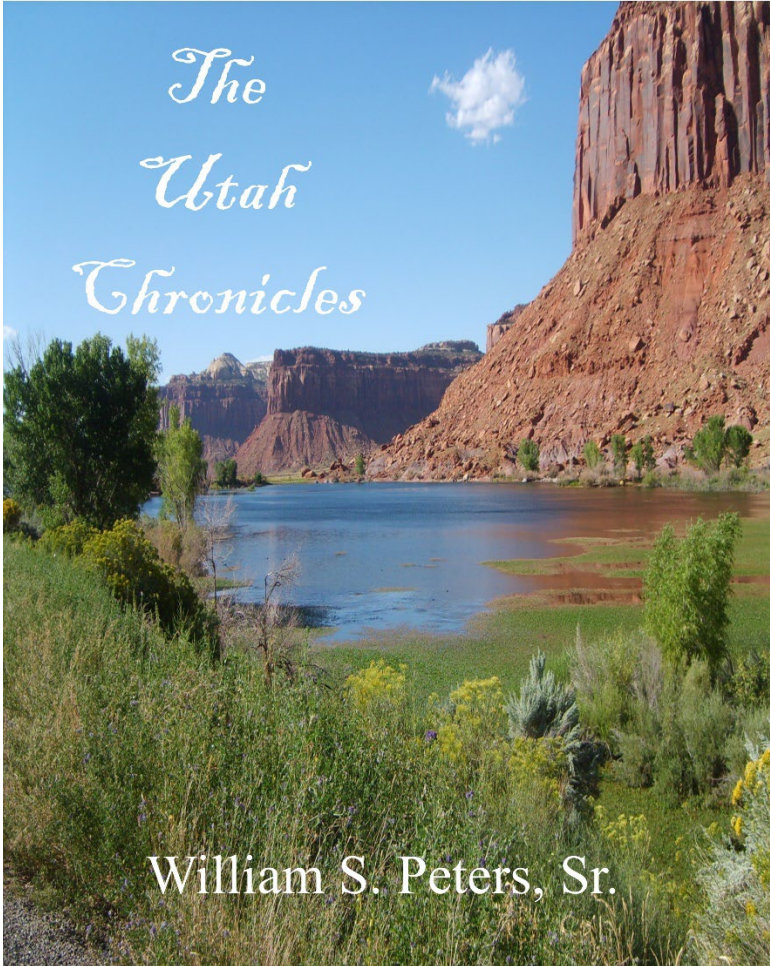
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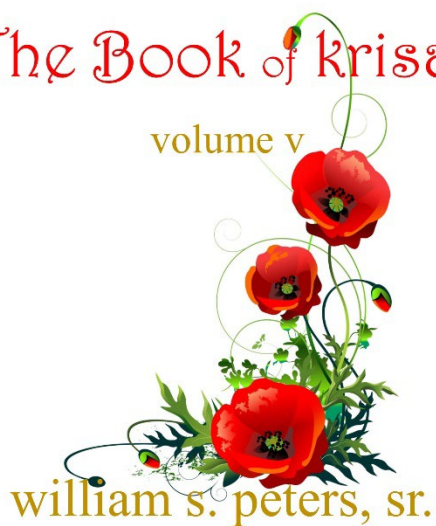
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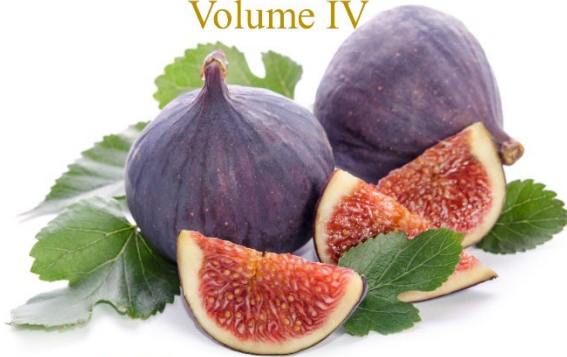
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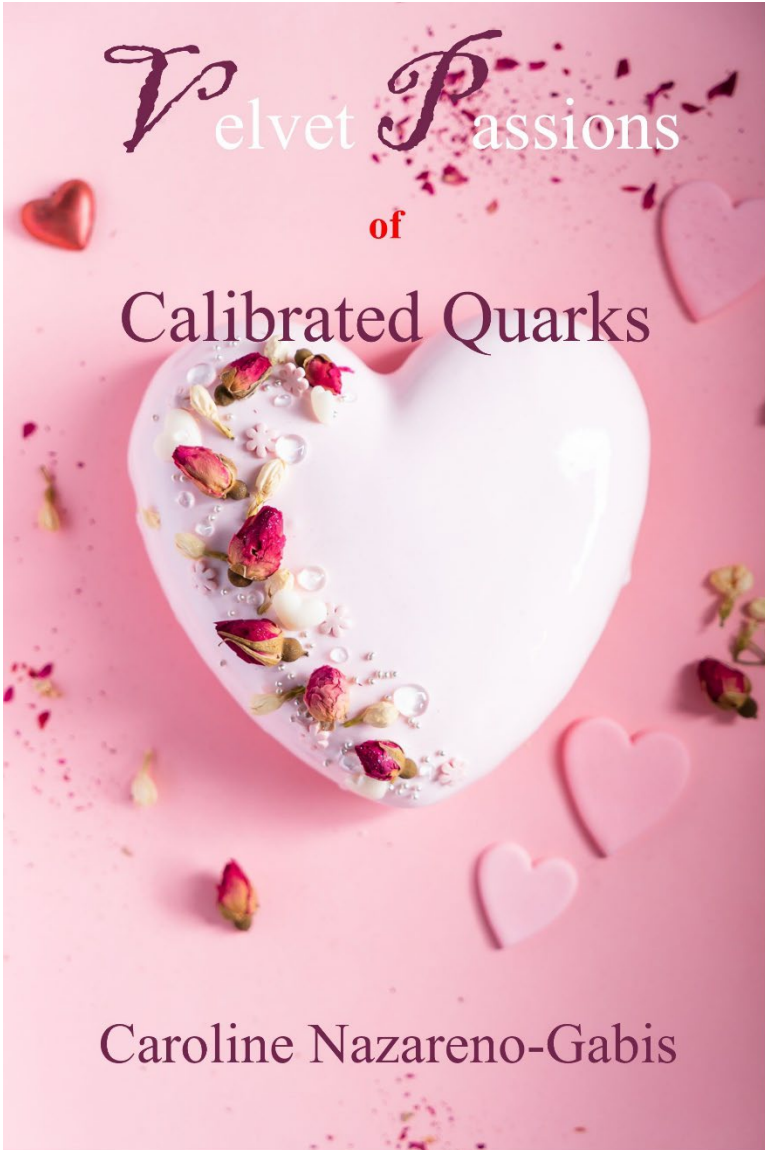


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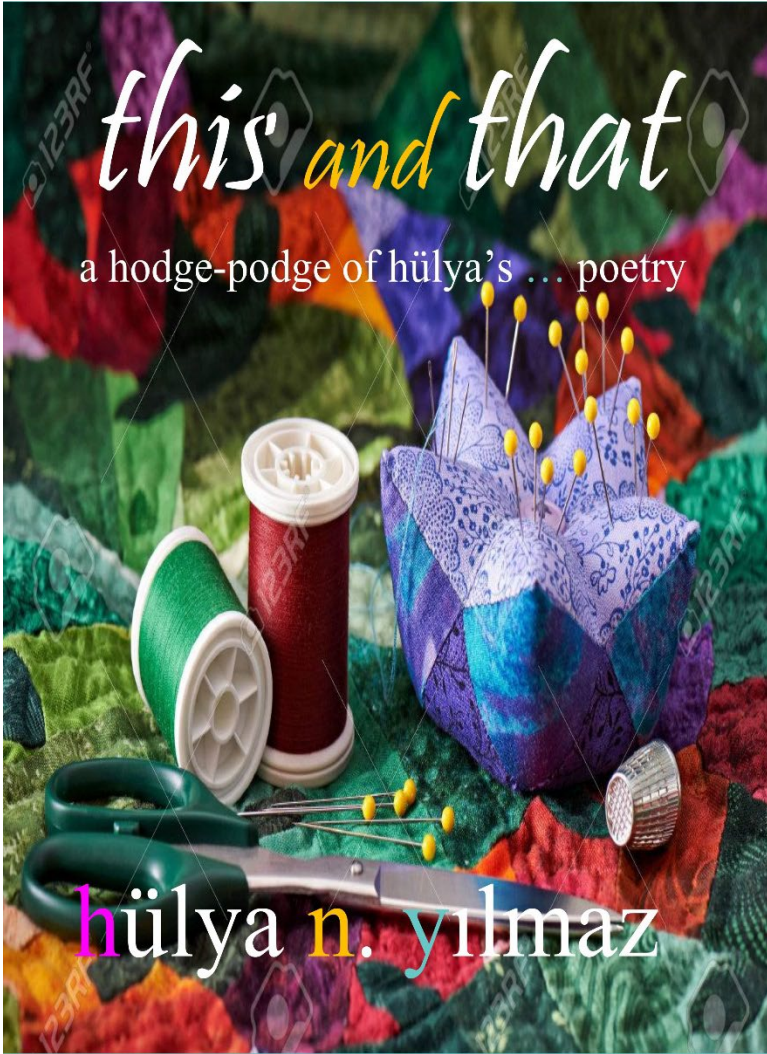
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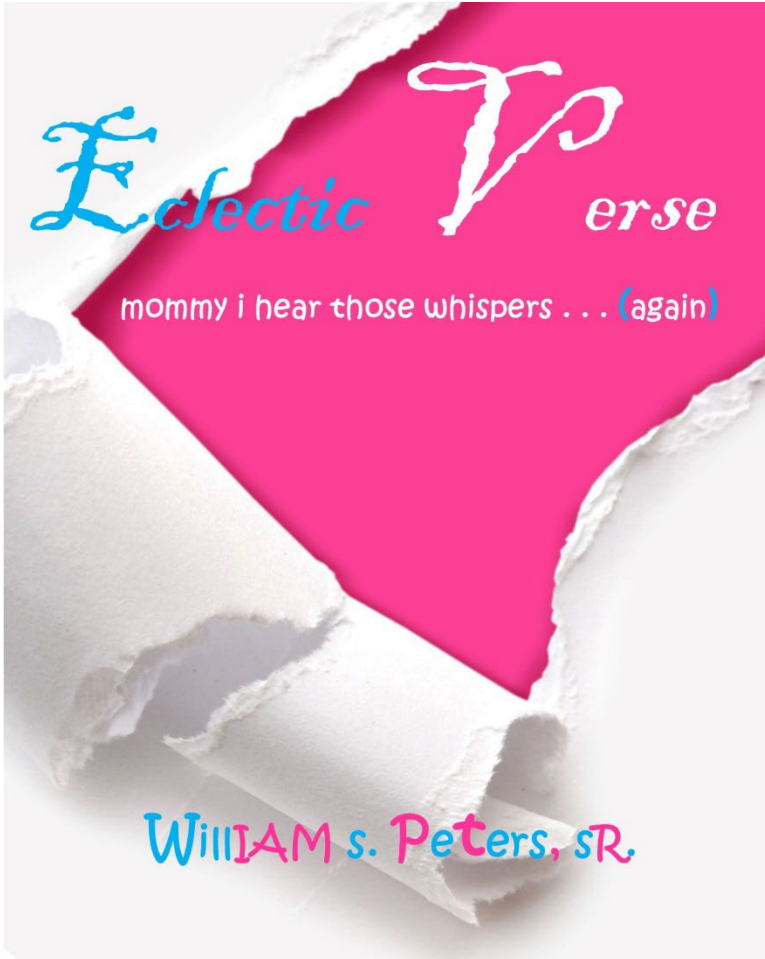
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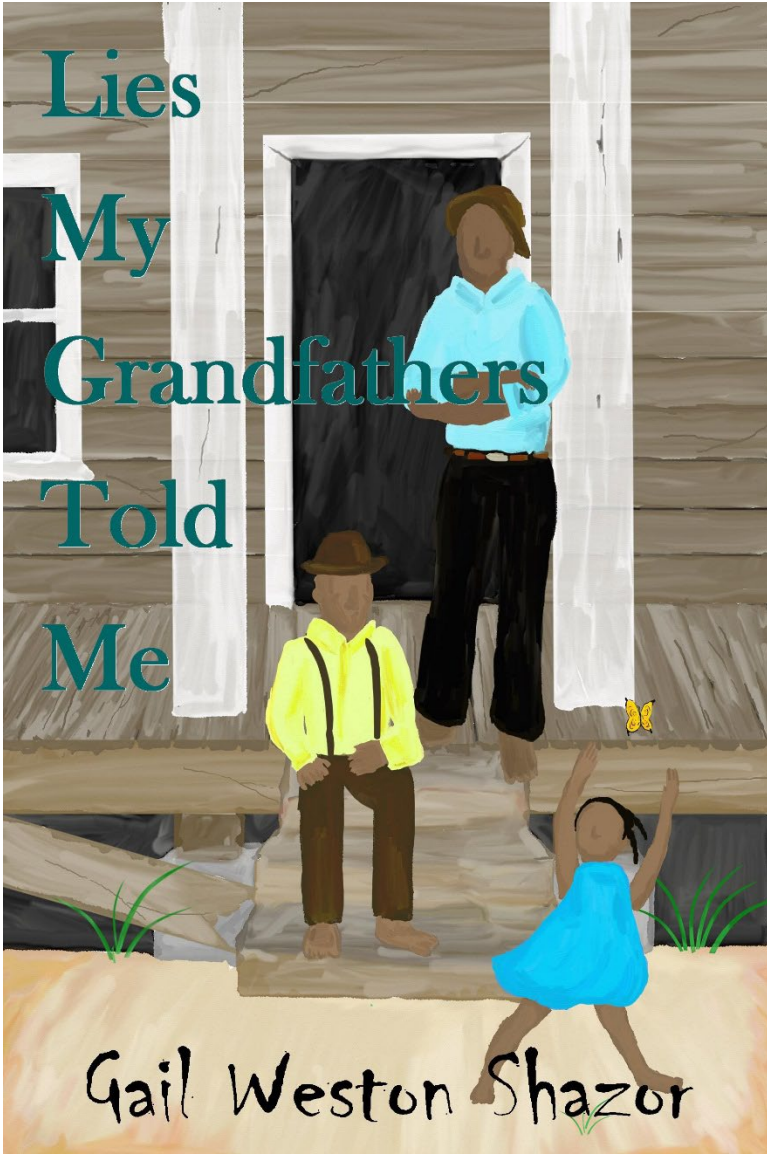
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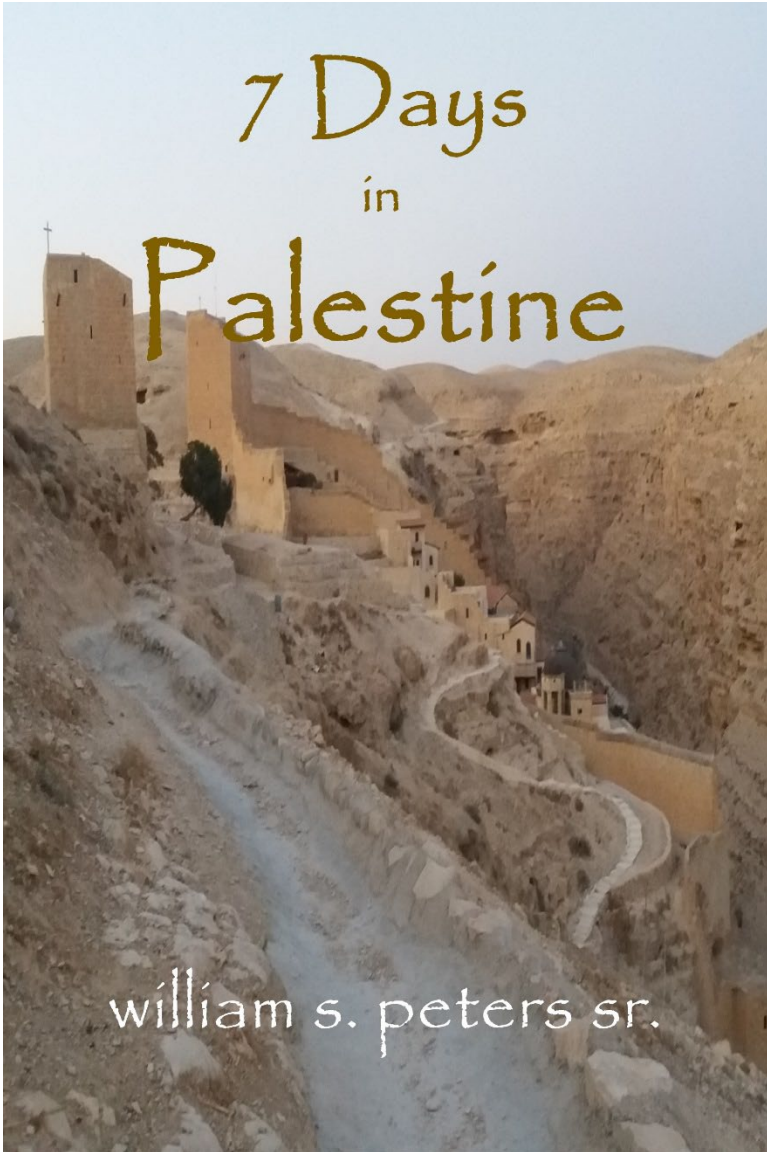
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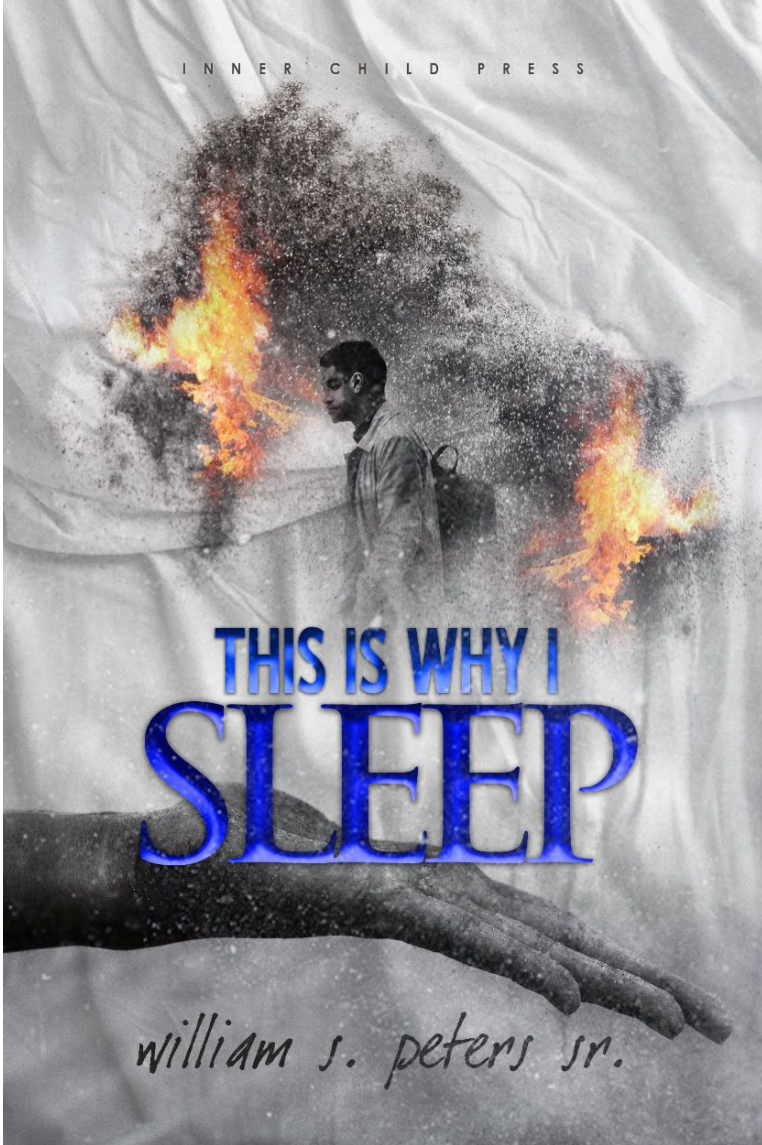
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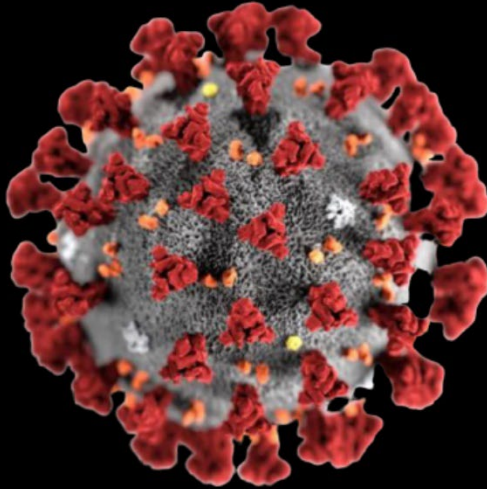
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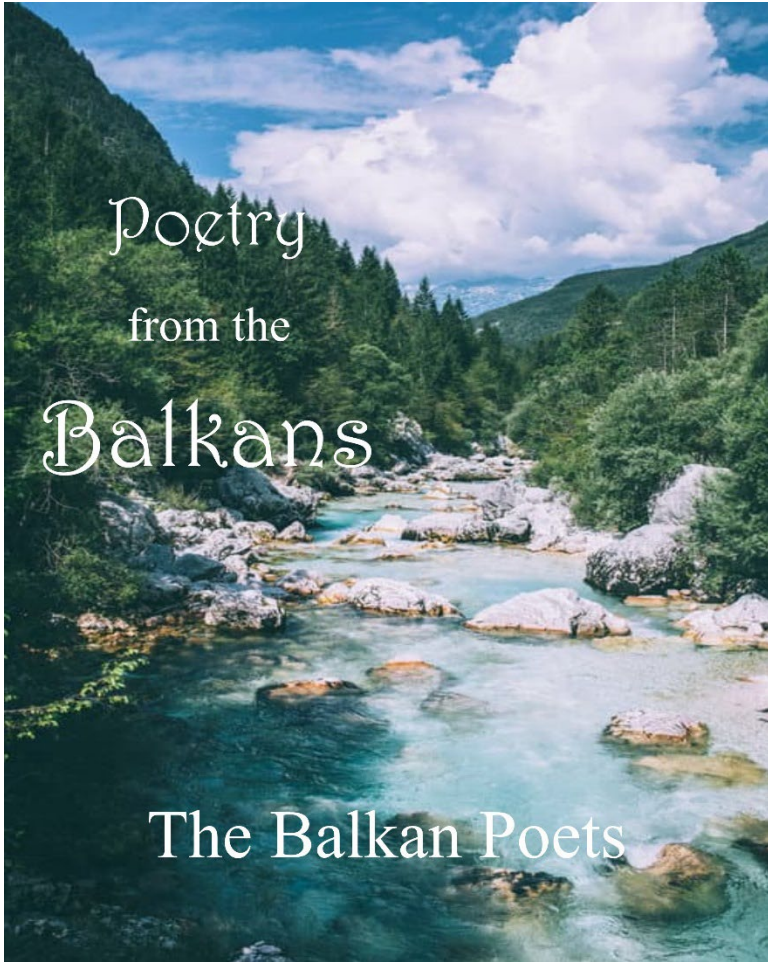
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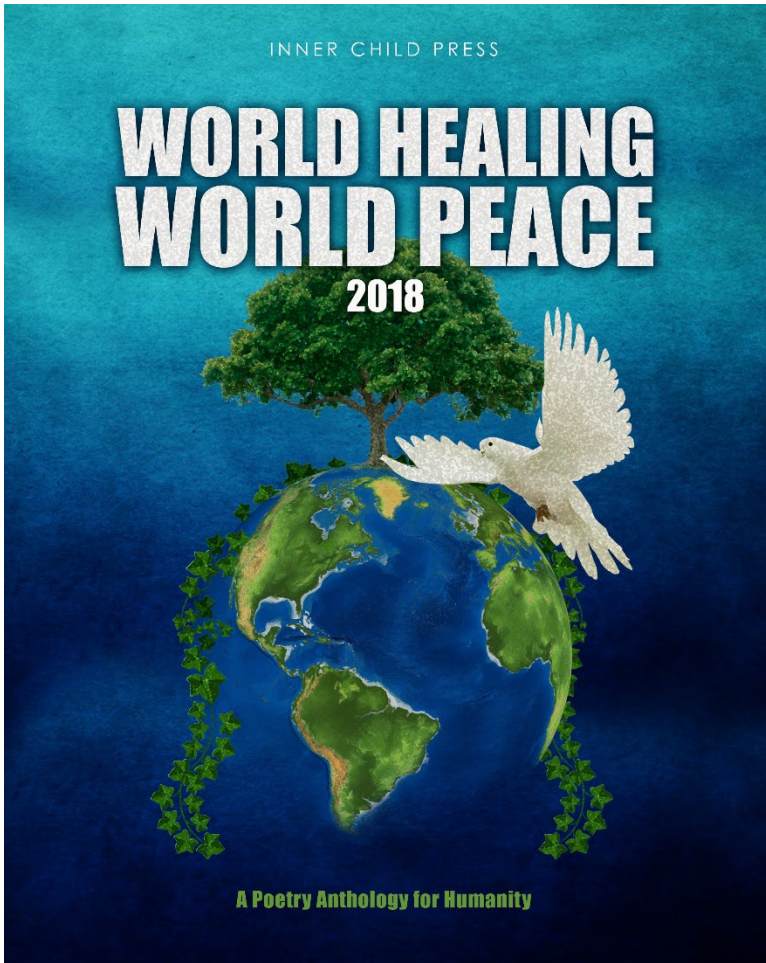
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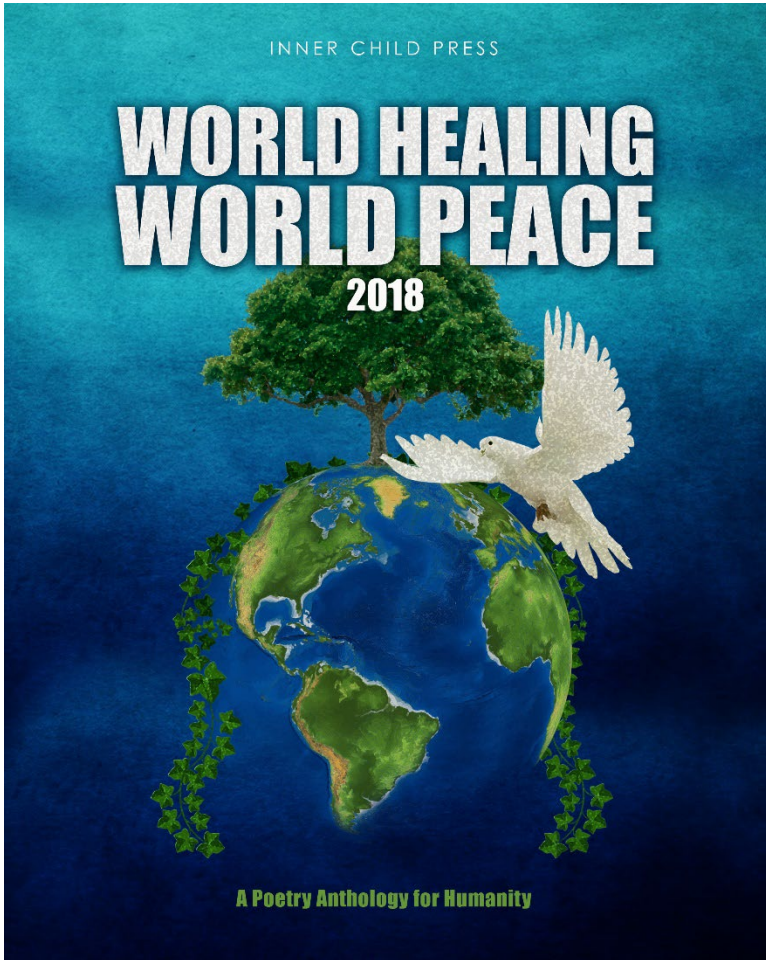


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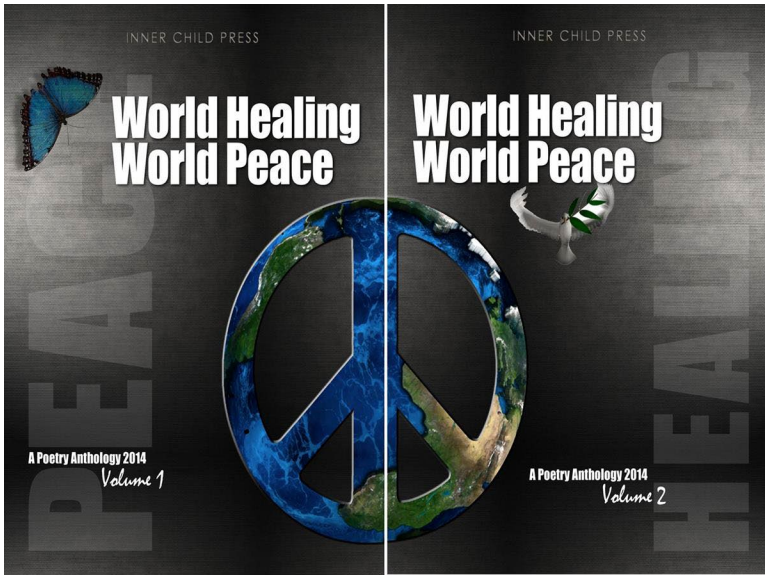
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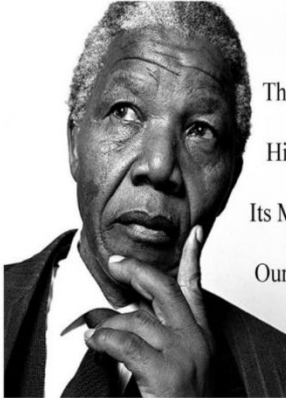
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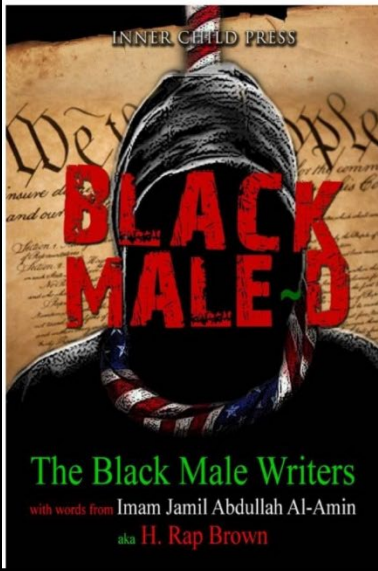
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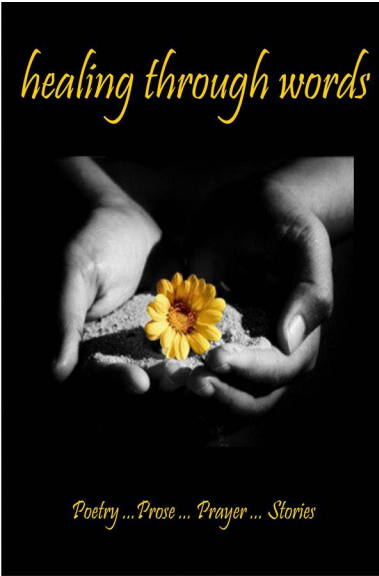
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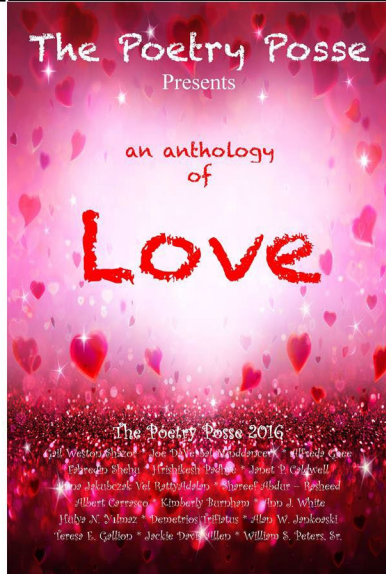
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Sweet Pea

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Lily of the Valley

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Love & Relationship

Rose

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Gladiolus



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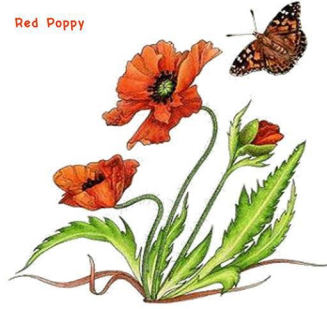
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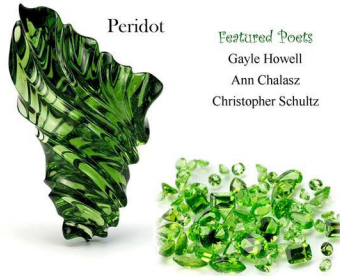
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Peridot

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Ann Chalasz
Christopher Schultz



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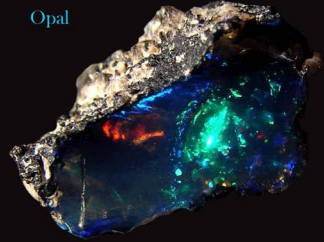
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 Bismay Mohanty
 James Moore




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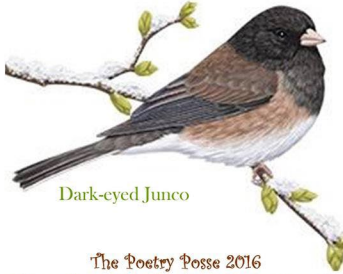
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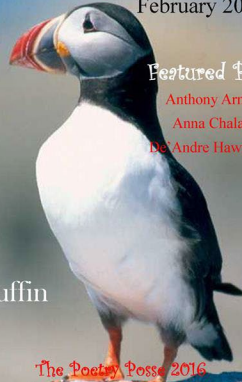
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Puffin

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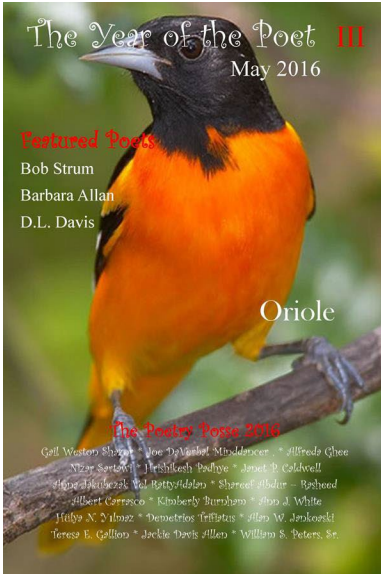
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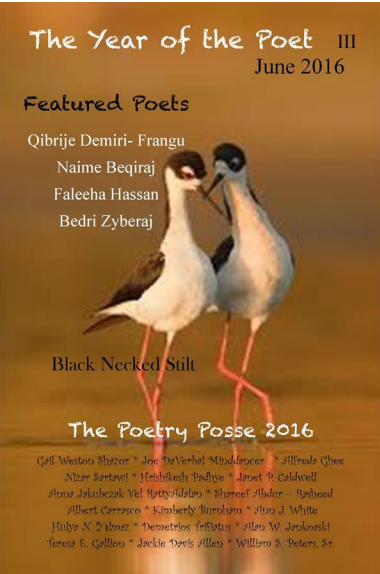


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Oriole

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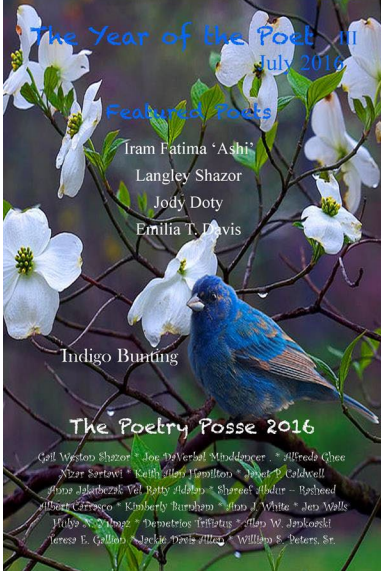


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Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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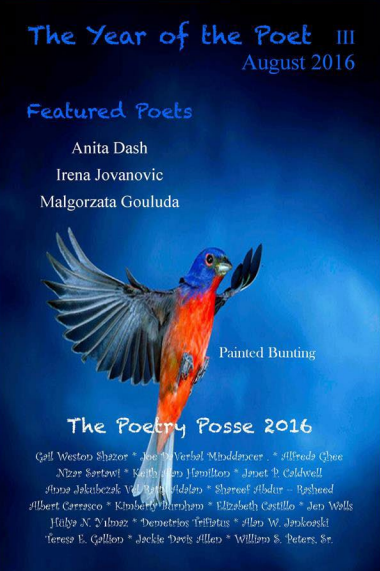


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Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
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Indigo Bunting

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Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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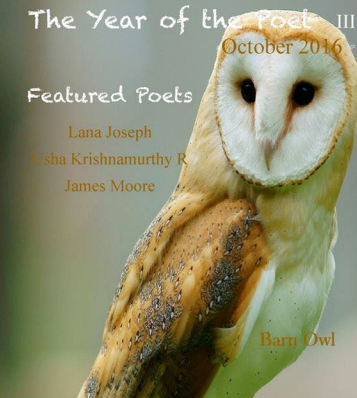
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Visha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

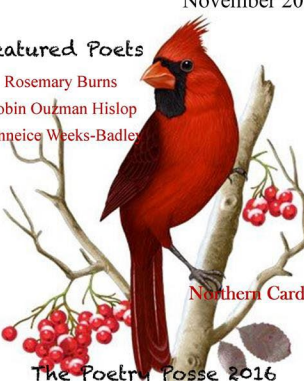
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Featured Poets

Rosemary Burns
Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal


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December 2016

Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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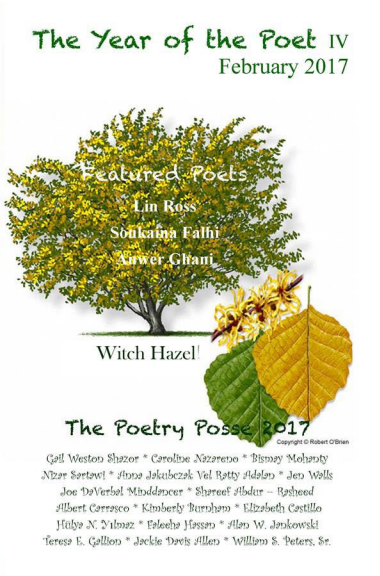


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Jon Winell
Natale Shields
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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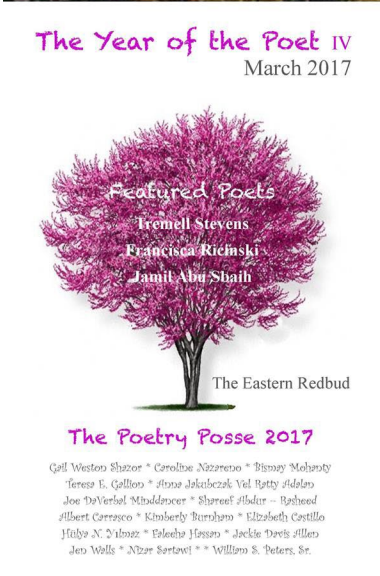


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Lin Ross
Sankhina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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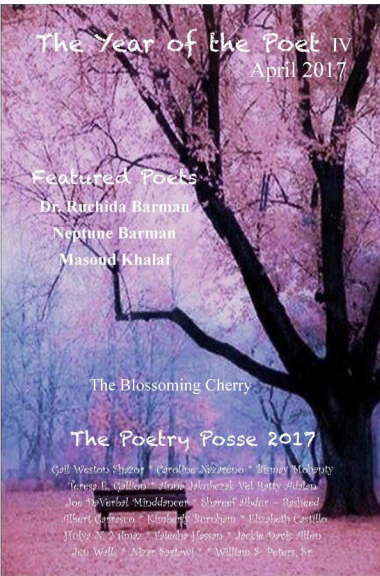


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Tremell Stevens
Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaib

The Eastern Redbud

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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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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

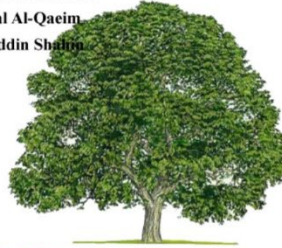
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Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Featured Poets

Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

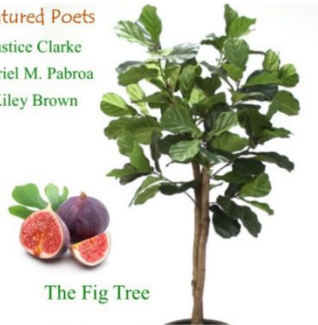
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Featured Poets

Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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February 2018

Sabeen



Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Featured Poets

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Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman

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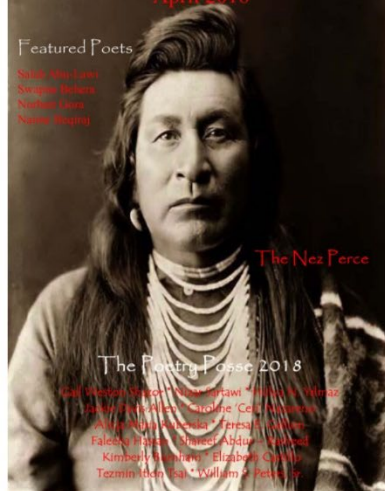
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April 2018

Featured Poets

Sonia Abu-Leneh
Swagata Bhabha
Nathan Dean
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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Sylvia K. Malinowska
Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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July 2018

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

Oceania




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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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The Aztecs & Incas



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Eliza Segiet
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swarn

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October 2018

Featured Poets

Alicia Minjarez * Lonnie 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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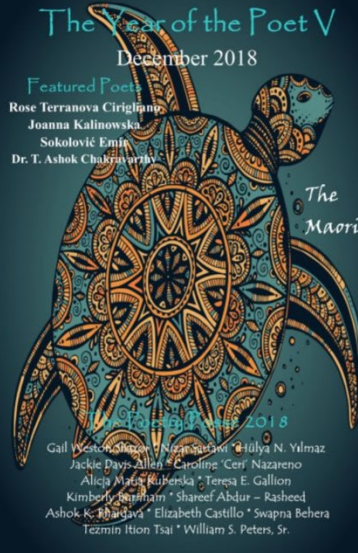
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Featured Poets

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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Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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Featured Poets

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



Southwest Asia

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




The Caucasus
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October 2019

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




The Mile Valley
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November 2019

Featured Poets
Rozalia Aleksandrova * Ohindu Ganga
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty * Sofia Skleida



Northern Asia
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December 2019

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



Oceania
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Andy Scott * Anwer Ghani

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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February 2020

Featured Poets

Jennifer Ades * Martina Reisz Newberry
Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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March 2020

Featured Poets

Aziz Mountassar * Krishna Paraisa
Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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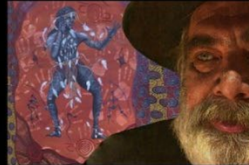
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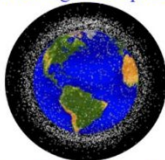
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