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# Dedication

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the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

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our Patrons and Readers &  
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell



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# Foreword

## Renowned Poets

### Lǐ Bái

In this August Issue offering of the Year of the Poet, we bring you Li Bai, eminent Chinese Poet. Li Bai, also known as Li Po, remains one of the most revered figures in Chinese literature, celebrated for his profound contributions to Tang dynasty poetry. Born in 701 AD during a time of cultural flourishing and political complexity, Li Bai's life and work encapsulate the spirit of an era marked by artistic innovation and philosophical inquiry. His poetry, characterized by its emotional depth, vivid imagery, and mastery of language, transcends time and cultural boundaries, resonating with readers both in China and around the world.

As an itinerant poet, Li Bai's experiences influenced his writing, recording not only the beauty of the natural world but also the nuances of human emotion and the longing for freedom. His unique style and bold themes often challenged conventions and invited readers to explore the interplay between nature and the self. This article delves into the life of Li Bai, his literary achievements, and the lasting legacy of his work, exploring why he continues to inspire generations of poets and admirers alike. Through an examination of his most notable poems

and the historical context in which he wrote, we gain insight into the artistic genius of Li Bai and his profound impact on Chinese literature and culture.

Let The Poetry Posse engage your poetry readings by their wonderful, poignant pieces all depicting their own perspectives about the world we live in and their varied experiences.

My congratulations again to The Poetry Posse for coming up with another brilliant display of poetic prowess!

Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo

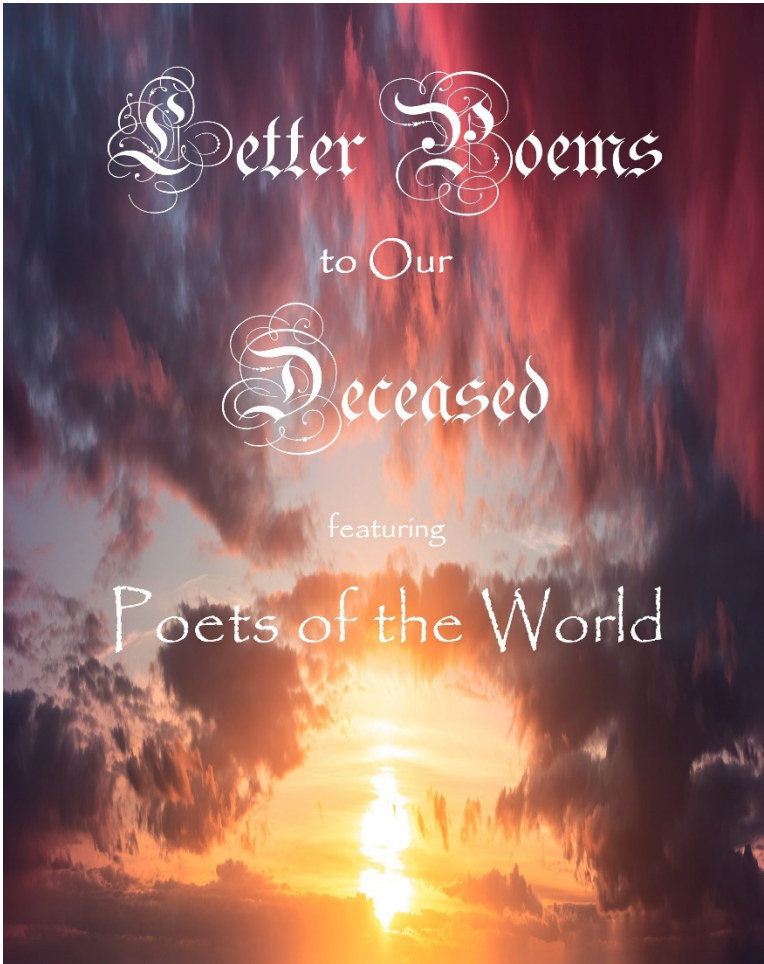
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# Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Renowned Poets

Lǐ Bái

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Li Bai, with the courtesy name Taibai who rivaled Du Fu for the title of greatest Chinese poet and earned such recognition as one of the most influential poets of the Tang dynasty and in Chinese history as a whole. He regarded himself as being a part of the imperial family, but in actuality, he belonged to a lower-ranked family of the same surname.

After several nomadic years, during which time he was already composing poetry, he gained acceptance from a group of distinguished court poets at the age of 41. Two years later, he began his wanderings again. Prince Lin, the sixth son of the emperor, granted him the unofficial title of “Poet Laureate” to his military expedition when Li Bai was 55 years old. Being accused of an intent to establish an independent kingdom, the prince was executed. Li Bai was arrested and imprisoned at first, then banished to Yelang (in the present-day western Guizhou province).

A story revolves around Li Bai’s death in eastern China. It is a popular belief that he died drunk by drowning while he tried to grab the moon’s reflection in the water. When China’s tradition of imbibers is concerned, he belonged to the most renowned wine drinkers. The fact that in his poems he celebrated the joy of drinking frequently could have been a factor in the spreading of that folk legend about his death.

“Quiet Night Thought” below is considered Li Bai’s most famous poem, in which this poet’s focus is not on wine drinking, but rather on nature and his contemplative tendency.

### Quiet Night Thought

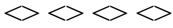
At the foot of my bed, moonlight  
Yes, I suppose there is frost on the ground.  
Lifting my head I gaze at the bright moon  
Bowing my head, thinking of home.

The diversity of the themes displayed in Li Bai’s poetry is reflecting on “Seeing Off a Friend”.

### Seeing Off a Friend

Green hills above the northern wall,  
White water winding east of the city.  
On this spot our single act of parting,  
The lonely tumbleweed journeys ten thousand li.  
Drifting clouds echo the traveler's thoughts,  
The setting sun reflects my old friend's feelings.  
You wave your hand and set off from this place,  
Your horse whinnies as it leaves.

\*Also known as Li Bo, Li Pai, Li Po, Li Taibai, Qinglian Jushi according to The Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica. His literary name was Qinglian Jushi.



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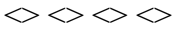
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Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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 . . .

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Gail  
Weston  
Shazor

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

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

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

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## Tang

In the quiet  
I seek the roads  
Leading from Janmin Pass  
To the forever curves  
Of life's travels  
The brilliance of the moon  
Covering the mountains  
I have seen beauty  
I have married beauty  
From the Yellow Crane Tower  
I sought more  
Difficult roads  
Settling on coaching  
The bounty from the earth  
I raise a toast  
To life itself

## The Measure of a Woman

What's the measure of a woman  
Is it the way we move  
To unheard music  
Or carry the pain of indifference  
Under our skin  
Can you add weight to  
My fingertips  
To make me more sorrowful  
Or even hold me to  
A standard that you cannot  
Bear the wanting of  
Are my feelings not valid  
In the day to day moments  
Of the reconciliation of  
Intentional hurts by others  
That you view as histrionics  
And thus the measure of wanting  
Sits squarely on my shoulders  
Should I bite my tongue  
Is my waist too wide  
Or my shoulders too broad  
And how do you measure  
The pressure of a spine  
Bent under hateful words  
Mitigated by the humor  
And gentleness required  
To hold your hand when  
You need it  
Some folks say we should  
Be this smart  
So I can fly to the moon  
And still make cornbread

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On the way back down  
Fallen  
Short  
Where is the hope written  
In the stars  
That you would love me  
Just because I am worthy  
And not measured against  
Another ideal of what is  
Attractive  
Why is the measure  
Of a woman  
Why is my measure  
As a woman  
And please tell me  
Where I fall short  
Of being beautiful and desired  
What is the measure of a woman  
And will you let the Maker know  
Of his latest failure  
So that I can  
Be born again

## Compline

Water caresses psalmody  
Wearing the rough edges away  
Smoothing weariness into the  
Curves of the porcelain basin  
A gurgling cacophony of clean  
Blends with twilight cricketsong  
Pooling into the deep recesses  
At the hollow of my spine

The quality of my pleasure  
Outweigh my need to rush  
The sensual distillery of lavender  
And the smell of your memory  
At the bend of my knee  
My heart stills to prayers  
I am not daunted by unfinished chores  
Nor am I troubled any longer  
By the rush of daylight minutes

Quietness fits across my shoulders  
Like a favorite afghan  
Against the summer breeze  
An anthem rich in coolness  
And solemn in need  
My absolution is committed  
Into your breast  
For I remain eager to see your hue  
In iridescent hummingbird wings  
And the azure of open seas

Miles stretch into dismissal  
A solemnity of confession

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Ancient is the desire for comfort  
And the completion of togetherness  
I would have the feast and the rest  
As I enter into this night's slumber  
My soul longs to bridge the distance  
And finally unite our lives  
As I have committed my heart to you



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).

## Li Bai

### *Immortal poet*

He found the essence of the word  
hidden at the bottom of the chalice.  
In the city of Xuan  
he completed his journey of a thousand miles.  
He closed in his eyes  
the beauty of the passing landscapes  
and in the mouth the sweetness of wine  
and the bitterness of sadness.

A brave wanderer,  
an eternal one by choice  
Sometimes the emperor's favourite,  
sometimes an exile  
but never a sycophant  
or a man eager for honours  
gold, court glitter, academic triumphs.

A poet banished from heaven,  
created for another world.  
He speaks through the ages  
in the words of a thousand poems,  
where realism  
intertwines with romantic nature,  
existence is a great adventure  
and time travel.  
Today his poetry takes root  
in everyday speech.

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### Write a poem...

Let the verses  
be full of peace, sadness and longing,  
encourage contemplation of silence and beauty.  
Let them whisper about life,  
transience, eternity,  
death and rebirth in the eternal cycle

Give the world a little bit of yourself.  
Talk about emotions  
coming from your deep inside  
like sparkling wine  
from a crystal goblet  
full of unexpected flavour

Write a poem...

## Turning around

- How is Peter feeling? – my mother asked  
once again today.

- He's not well. Peter is in the hospital.  
This news once again caused astonishment  
and painted sadness on her pale face.

Time creaked  
and changed the trajectory of movement.

She thought back to her parents,  
happy moments of childhood,  
the non-existent dolls and a teddy bear

She played  
with the dog and the kitten again,  
stole unripe fruit  
from her neighbour's orchard,  
and talked to the bees  
and her favourite cow.

The memories faded away  
and she came back to the present time.

- How is Peter feeling?  
Is he okay?

There are no more dolls, teddy bears  
and today.  
I am sad and helpless.

Time creaked and rushed forward.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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## In Brief

He lived his life's goal.  
This, the critic, editor, poet.  
Despite great pain, he persevered.  
For many years,  
As from adolescence.

Until the end, he continued on.  
Across the British landscape,  
With pen dipped  
Into the deep well,  
Of poetic ink.

And, of his voice,  
Its record remains.

Imagine a red bearded poet:  
Hobbling on one leg,  
Navigating around the obstacles.  
Of pain and physical limitations,  
Was his jolly smile but a mask?

Tragically, due to an accident  
(Falling from a railway carriage),  
He was unable to heal, to recover.  
And, with latent disease resurrected,

William Henley passed away.  
Far older than his actual age.

## Painful

Like second skin,  
Silent as mute  
Like a hermit,  
Dementia resides inside.  
It consumes, confuses,  
Follows, meanders.  
Inside, outside,  
Both night and day.  
He wonders  
As he wanders.

The unexplainable.  
Lost.  
At a loss, too,  
A way to find the words  
To relay  
What once  
Was easy to say

His star,  
No longer  
Bright and keen  
Has dimmed.  
Faded. It has gone away.  
Surrounding him,  
Still, his loving family,  
His friends,  
Loving, caring,  
Despite not knowing  
What to do.

## The Reckoning

Bright is the dawn when pitted against a night  
long spent in turmoil's dark tossing and turning.

To clear her head, she strolls down the hill,  
seeking to find the key that leads back home.  
To where she belongs.

A circus of characters, she meets, as in a scene;  
uncertain as it is, she's wandering as if in a dream.

Over there, she spies a stray gray cat, bedraggled.  
Unkempt, bereft of her kits, she is, mewling, wailing.  
She, too, is alone.

In pit of idleness, huddle a few disheveled men.  
With poker chips and faces, their cards askew.

Who knows what serendipity might present  
when it is grief that paints the songs she sings?  
It is what sorrow brings.

A canine of uncertain breeding stops. Catches  
a whiff and then is led away. By an adolescent boy.

As in a sordid script, an exhibitionist,  
In dirty cutoffs, sits on a high perch;  
He enjoys plying his wares. Lives to be seen.

Horses graze in the pasture beneath the blue.  
The day smiles as everyone anticipates the race.

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And yet, a part of the surreal landscape looms  
in the knowledge that evil awaits back up on the hill,  
where she dare not ever return.

Burning brighter, despite the flickering candle,  
Hope arrives in the guise of wagging tongues.

A gaggle of girls, young, pretty, in their teens.  
They enflame her temperament. She protests!  
Where did they come from?

With elbows propped up along the split rail fence,  
The Blue Ridge beyond, idly, kisses the sky.

Where, if not for lack of wings,  
She would find a way to forgive, any  
And all, for actions she is unable to deny.

Their gossip makes her want to cry.  
And, yet, they hold the key to her freedom.

These new friends guide her to safe harbor.  
She can never thank them enough.  
No matter how much she tries.  
What miracle is the gift that beams the light  
That shines on the path that leads to safety?

That arrives in disparate and sundry ways?  
That offers rescue, redemption?  
That's given freely? Without recompense?

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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 proeses. 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.

## Eternal Love

At sunset, by the vast ocean's edge  
I gaze upon the lifetime's splendor,  
Whispers, a woman like the spring water  
Her tone unique, incomparable to the sigh of ocean waves.  
She exists beautifully like spring, fleeting as a butterfly,  
Vanishing in a moment, every spectrum of light  
Twirls my love for her into stars circling the crescent  
moon.

Our eyes meet, at the boundary of endless stars and sea,  
Like two constant stars making a pact, blooming in the  
eternal sky.  
She stands by the sea, tears marking her cheeks,  
Wishing to know how much our love remains after parting  
I follow, casting the beauty of fleeting years from my heart,  
even if  
The Milky Way is deep, it can't stop the ripples of my  
profound emotions for her.  
No matter where we silence ourselves, how life fades,

No matter where we silence ourselves, how life fades,  
Her name burns like a torch in my heart's sea, forever  
undying,  
The ocean's depths, like our boundless fate,  
Yet life is like a candle in dreams, briefly dazzling,  
Youth's fireworks extinguish, our love can only linger in  
the eternal,  
Between the boundless heaven and earth, in that moment of  
meeting  
Turning into a momentarily known eternity.

## Fleeting Moments

Since came over autumn's embrace,  
The first rays of morning light intrude in an instant.  
Always, I can't tell you what feeling do it evoke in my  
heart?  
Silently frowning, I find no way to drive them away.  
Suddenly arriving, new scenes, old memories—  
Alone quietly pass through the curtain,  
Musing on how to block the gentle glow on the desk.  
A cold night left the remaining coffee no longer steaming.  
Between the pages, a bookmark records last night's  
chapters,  
As whispered words passed half the night, unaware of  
ghostly visitations.

Time seems to have stopped.  
All noise is isolated outside, only  
Inner thoughts, with the outside breeze,  
Lightly dance, past moments.  
No longer stirring the slightest ripple of remembrance.  
Now, nostalgic thoughts shift inward,  
All worldly worries turn into ephemeral, unattached  
yearnings,  
Becoming so small and insignificant.  
Outside, birds sing urgently,  
Flowering branches teasingly sway, exuding a fragrant  
allure.

## Village Maiden's Charming Attire

Before the village, willows shimmer in green,  
By the brook, apricot blossoms subtly blush,  
Capturing all the spring breezes.  
The village maiden, so elegantly adorned,  
Seems to mourn only for fallen petals,  
Her collar brushes against lotus stems,  
Her gentle voice beckons passersby,  
Who shyly respond with a smile.

Fearful it might be an early report of spring,  
Sitting to hear frogs' calls,  
The old pine tree seems to forget its autumn hues,  
Listening not to the stream's shallow dance.  
Reflections beneath the water, wild bamboo roots and  
tendrils,  
Before the village, the wind dances with green strands,  
Embroidered shoes lightly step, wafting fragrant winds,  
A slight frown exudes charm, a smile intoxicates the soul.

The village maiden weaves dreams diligently,  
A peasant girl painting rural scenes,  
Touched by the red dust but not marred by dust,  
The village path's floral shadows bask in warm spring light,  
Her smile as fragrant as blossoms.  
Why offer you lotus-scented wine on a thin grass bank?  
I see the solitary water flow eastward,  
Thinking of the mist and rain by the bridge,  
Thinking countless times.  
If not for encountering the village maiden so charmingly  
adorned,  
Where else could one listen to the flute's melody?

Sharzeef  
Abdur  
Rashheed

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

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

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

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

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<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## Dive in Wine Lake

Li Bai

B:701 AD D: 762 AD

Tang China

genius poet one of  
China's greats  
loved life's priceless  
gifts abundantly  
distributed  
wind, wine, flowers, wine  
sun, wine, moon, wine  
mountains, wine  
valleys, wine, trees, wine  
yes, as Li loved life  
Li loved wine  
as he wrote of life  
he wrote of wine  
wrote of friends, wine  
Li loved life to the fullest  
and drank to it to the fullest  
wrote creation its beauty,  
pleasures being with friends  
drinking with friends  
looking at the moon alone  
drinking wine alone  
where's my friends  
long gone  
solitude hangs over  
still drink is plenty  
wrote of "Waking from  
Drunkenness on a Spring  
Day" Being in the Wine"  
he wrote of many aspects



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of life in a unique style  
that endeared him to his  
wine guzzling public  
this genius Li Bai  
said to while drunk  
reach from his boat  
to hold the moon's reflection  
and drowned

like holding water..,

in your hands  
so is the sand  
passing through hour glass  
so is the present as it relates to the  
past  
goes ooh sooo ~fast~  
and you remember yesterday like today  
though it may be 40,50 years ago today  
as the creator of time say:  
" By the measure of time, verily man is at loss  
except those who believe in Allah and come  
together in the mutual teachings of truth,  
patience and constancy " \*  
rehearse the verse, be aware, adhere, hear  
and obey  
contemplate what the wahi\*\* say  
how quickly today is yesterday  
how you can remember 40,50 years  
like it's today  
you see yourself and those there  
that long since passed away  
you hear them talk 50 years ago like it's today  
like 50 years from now someone will hear you  
long since passed away back 50 years  
like it was today your standing there  
the miracle that is the mind works that way  
memory amazing memory, how the mind functions  
science can not explain the unseen  
man can only understand what anything means  
if the creator says " Be " and bestow as he please  
who he wants to know but not so if he says no  
just the miracle of the mind's brain flow

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is enough for you and i to know  
it takes the masterplan of other then man to  
make that so  
please while we're alive, strive to be of those that time  
will not render at loss

## Like Dark Clouds...

bring rain, pain can bring gain  
thus mankind must refrain  
from lusting for comfort as  
struggle remains here to stay  
until end of days we must embrace  
another way that includes being  
resolute to endure what pain comes  
our way with faithful patience  
each and every day  
increases faith, strength, endurance  
adherence to commandments  
from lord of all worlds  
pain purges impurities when absorbed  
patiently  
remembering what comes after difficulty  
ease, twice as much as the pain is ease  
manifests merciful reward for passing  
a test  
comes only from merciful lord who's  
majesty and mercy stands far  
above the rest who may profess to be the best  
though creation can not even be an imitation  
of thee creator's all-encompassing domination  
as this short life no matter what's acquired  
can not save you from the hour of his power  
as you take your final breath  
everything man-made will fade just as all  
mankind has limited days to tarry  
nothing here will you take to the eternal  
destination but the deeds compiled  
to be weighed on the scale, then only  
divine mercy will determine if you passed  
or failed.

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either way pass or fail what comfort that  
you sought to soothe will desert you and in  
comparison what award awaits the faithful  
earthly comfort pales, as your efforts failed  
thus universal law made plain to all of us  
No pain, No gain

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# Norøen Snyder

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

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

## Li Bai

Li Bai, a talented Romantic Chinese poet  
of the Tang Dynasty,  
who spent most of his life as a wanderer.  
He left behind a legacy of  
masterpieces,  
'Quiet Night Thought' was one of them.  
He wrote about nature, war and death,  
and of being alone far away from  
his family and friends.

## Peeling Potatoes

You say it's KP Duty  
in the military  
but I say no.  
It's romantic  
when you lend a helping hand,  
we peel and cut up  
potatoes together.  
Now and then, I glimpse  
at you smiling at me  
and I smile back.  
Oh, how romantic it is  
when we do it together.

Afterthought- Now won't this make  
the military Sergeants cry.

## Tune of Silence

The full moon shining on earth  
the stars twinkling  
and smiling  
as you took my hand  
we waltzed to the tune  
of silence;  
just music in our minds.  
We didn't mind for we're still in  
love after all these years.

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## China's Immortal Poet

Li Bo, an important poet of the Tang Dynasty

Wandered to the Yangtze River Valley

Had a colorful life, overcame strife

His verses depict his life

Full of imagery and conversational tone

Became an immortal poet

The epitome of Chinese poetry.



## Loving In Silence

At times, I'd like to utter "I Love You" to you  
But I know they're the three most important words that's  
hardest to say when it's true,  
Words become empty, senseless, emotionless  
When you gather the courage to speak them up,  
But you can't prove it otherwise.

I chose to love you in silence  
For I know in doing this, I will feel no pain,  
It's only me who knows the raging feelings I kept inside  
There's no rejection loving you from afar.

## Supernova in the Night Sky

People come into our lives to hold up a mirror,  
A reflection of who we truly are  
Illuminating the beauty that already resides in us  
Some can be iconic sparks of enlightenment,  
To help us sing back the lost melody in our hearts  
When mere words have gone mad and the rhythm drums a  
different beat.  
There are simply those who amplify the light,  
And reflect where it originated from- the Source  
The angel in the night who rescues us from the darkness,  
Teaching us to love ourselves once more,  
And to bring out the Empathic Soul in us.  
The magical moment when you open yourself up to connect  
the Cosmic Dots,  
When the alchemical marriage of the Divine Feminine and the  
Sacred Masculine takes place  
And this paves the way for you to embrace your Higher Self-  
a destined conduit to the stars,  
The supernova in the night sky where you witness a crusade  
of fireflies with wings emitting Pure Light,  
This is when the Legend of a New World takes its daring,  
mystic flight!

# Mutawaf Shahzad

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

[www.innerchildpress.com/c-e-shy.php](http://www.innerchildpress.com/c-e-shy.php)

## Taking it All Insight

Sometimes waking from stupors,  
only to superimpose what his mind  
saw from being on higher ground.

Sounds brought from unsung songs  
that lasted only for one night. Words  
created from conflict, put in the wrong  
places.

Staggering up winding roads while  
poems form a pathway back to sobriety  
connected to society, where certain  
behavior was expected.

Normal ideas were rejected, the ones  
viewed through rose tinted glasses.  
Falling in and out of favor became a  
labor of love, kind a like...

His mind probably wrote more than his  
hands. Never considering how high and  
fast time flies. He pulled his pen from it's  
quiver and began to spell it all out.

## Searching

My words went missing and  
got tangled up in the thickets.

They got involved with fleas  
and flies. They got lost in the  
weeds.

My thoughts couldn't find them.  
They slipped and fell as they tried  
to hide. They were lost.

All the time they were looking  
for me.

## Thinking that, that's for me.

Knowing that it couldn't be.  
Wishing that it only could.  
Knowing that it would do no good.  
Crying till my eyes turn pale.

Tears enough for a boat to sail.  
With this burden on my heart.  
It has driven life and I apart.  
But only if I, could physically cry;

If I did, it would be a lie.  
My spirit now accepts the fact, as it always does;  
It could never be, because it never was.



hülya  
n.  
gilmaz

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

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

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

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## Saki, Give Me the Cup!

A tavern

19<sup>th</sup> century

In comes a middle-aged man,

Takes a seat enthusiastically,

And signals to the boy, the wine-bearer:

“O Saki, o Saki, fill a large cup of wine for me!”

One of the regulars, mystified:

“How did he know our Saki?”

Another frequent customer, self-composed:

“Don’t you know? He is Li Bai.”

“So?” An elderly wonders out loud.

“A great poet from China. He wanders occasionally.”

Wine goblets raised, all at once:

“Welcome to our part of the world, Li Bai!”

## Mom and Dad

Alcoholic beverages  
On Mesnevi Street  
Apartment #6  
Were aplenty.

Dad had a large collection.  
Not that he drank a lot, no!  
Our guests were always pleased.

My brother and I, of mature age,  
Tasted the different liquors  
Before Mom and Dad.

So that  
We won't be tempted  
To try them whenever with friends.

Their strategy worked superbly,  
To which my daughter could attest.  
Her father and I followed Mom and Dad  
In their footsteps. She is a Mom herself now.  
When her little precious darlings are old enough,  
She might also teach them what my brother and I  
Learned long before this day:  
Home is the best place for everything.

## A Drunk's Death, Or?

Trying to seize the moon's reflection?

On a boat? At nighttime? On open water?

What was going through his mind?

Or, did people weave their yarn of fantasy into the story?

Perhaps he, indeed, died peacefully

In the house of a relative, as some claim to this day.

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>**

## River of Stars

The sun sets on the river.  
Moon beams send light streamers  
across the water.

We become one with the light.  
In the cool wave of darkness,  
holding our souls close.

We hum a reverent tune  
to honor the presence  
of Li Bai dancing on stars.

Red wine floats from his lips  
to yours in the flavor  
of the season we call love.

## To Be You

A tender heart and a pure soul  
comes with loving too intensely.  
You may be temporarily broken  
by souls not able to deal with you.

Respect them and move on.  
Do not intrude on their space.  
You must learn to be yourself.  
That is your super talent.

Always help someone on your pathway.  
Embrace each one with compassion.  
Each contributes to healing  
your broken pieces.

## Dinner of Words

Cup your lips around the words.  
Chew slowly to experience full flavor.  
Swallow the blended words  
and savor the wonderful taste  
as it rolls over the back of your tongue.

Enjoy a dinner of words.  
Divine flavors blend to tease  
and fill the stomach of your soul.

Only a word chef may compete  
for your taste buds.  
Only biting verbs will make the cut  
and dribble down your shirt.  
The stains form unspoken art.

Reserved divine word shelves  
will be able to catch words  
and release phrases that massage souls.

A peasant wordsmith may miss  
this mystical experience.  
Her mouth will be wide open  
ready to take in any word crumbs  
filled with endless possibility.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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

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

## To Li Bai

My sweet delicious  
wine glass is full  
like my life  
full of Now  
full of this moment.  
I drink it to my fill  
without fear  
of this moment  
going out it's relevance.

I empty out my glass  
it can't pour out wine  
anymore  
I keep my Now  
within my heart.



## Morning Walk

Wind, dreamy notes, sings  
its lullaby, gently touching the leaves.  
I let myself be, seduced, immersed  
in song like grass.

Air shivers  
and cools my fevered face  
wrapped in desire.  
Clouds drift by, scatter white,  
sun-stolen light.

The old acacia  
leaves silence  
a trembling tangle of leaves.  
The scents of the earth rise, climb  
and then fall back to me.

## Rover and Wayfarer

In the boundless cosmos,  
From infinity we come,  
To eternity we continue.

By a mere chance, we meet  
Like drifting leaves  
During the short journey of our lives.

Happy days and merry times,  
We share laughter and dreams.  
When sad and low, we share our sorrows.

We go away,  
When the time of separation comes,  
Leaving behind a memory or two.

We hope our paths will meet cross again  
In the morrows,  
Though we do not know.

We have our own roads to follow  
And journeys to complete.

Today  
The rivers flow in our eyes  
But tonight  
Stars will shine  
In our loving hearts.

Caroline  
'Çeri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

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

Links to her works:

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

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

## Immortal Poet

(Li Bai)

The gentle autumn wind,  
Blow ripened dark clouds,  
A heavy downpour  
On your grave,  
A Hundred thousand poets  
Weep upon the fields  
Of erudite and esoteric  
Lamentations and poetic hums  
Of genius Li Bai.  
A rebellion and imperial army  
Up to the modern worlds' play  
On romance, war and natural beauty.  
Your words are like Emperor's legacy.

## Gentle Hearts

Hear the silence of the dawn,  
Where whispers of light begin,  
Gentle hearts beat in rhythm,  
They pulse with kindness, a silent song,  
Like the gentle flipping wings of a butterfly.  
Gentle hearts, like petals under the sun,  
They bloom with compassion,  
Painting the world with hues of love.  
Gentle hearts listen to the stories untold,  
To someone's misfortunes and fears,  
They hold larger space for your tears,  
Gentle hearts are the architects of peace,  
They mend broken hearts with threads of care,  
Weaving a tapestry of genuine embrace.

## Alis Aquilae

(On An Eagle's Wings)

mighty wings in fearless flight  
a guardian spirit, fierce and free,  
in the realm of azure skies,  
where the echo of freedom lies,  
cuts through clouds,  
in a world anew,  
with sharp vision,  
a symbol of power, grace, and poise,  
above the silence, a victorious voice,  
unbound by earth,  
a soul unchained,  
a beacon of goodwill and inner fire.  
a testament to time,  
unswayed by fleeting fads and craze,  
where the old world ends and the new world lies  
your untamed wings, bold and bright,  
giver of dreams, a generous giver,  
bless up, a creature of light!



Swapna  
Behera

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## Tang Dynasty Poet : Li Bai

the romantic poet from China of seventh century  
“Drinking alone beneath the moon”  
wrote on friendship, solitude  
the passage of time and joys of nature  
with brilliant imagination  
shade and light are different in every valley  
Li Bai; the epitome of the classic Tang Dynasty  
his quiet night thoughts  
the cherry blossom party  
prolific he was with  
clear imagery and conversational tone  
the first one to write four hundred sixty-four tourism poetry  
an outstanding tourism master of aesthetics  
nature worship is inseparable as influence of Taoism  
immortal poet he was who influenced Ezra Pound and  
Gustav Mahier  
his witty poetry depicts ethics and death  
a translator and illustrious poet of the emperor’s court  
born in a poor family, married the daughter of the prime  
minister  
travelled from the Yellow River to the Yangtze River  
a Taoist he was  
recognized for his clever and inventive poems  
certainly, he was a bird  
who translated silence

## Stop War

stop war at the courtyard  
children are playing  
mother is worshipping  
the fragrance of Tulsi plant filling the air  
stop war at the war field  
who has allowed you to abuse the vast greenery?  
you throw bombs, kill innocent youth  
millions of refugees are running in search of a home  
the field is red  
smokes are here and there  
the battle field can grow tons of rice and crops  
why do you waste the plasmas and blood cells  
when you can never create a drop of blood  
stop war  
don't destroy mother nature  
don't ever try to fill carbons and toxic poisons in the lungs  
war has multiple tentacles  
it destroys and the aftermath creates fear  
war gives birth to war and again war so on  
stop war  
the baby is in the womb  
it wants to smile  
the school is destroyed devastated  
human rights are violated  
child abuse is increased  
women are panicked  
the strong and healthy youth are killed in the war  
ego, super ego is marching forward  
peace seminars are going on  
inner peace creates and accommodates volumes of  
harmony  
love sustains

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stop war  
don't waste the breast milk  
love calls you from the womb  
death is painful  
premature death is still more aching  
babies need to smile  
can you please sow smiles and love in each battle field?  
someone is crying  
just stop a while  
tears of one are tears of all  
tears echo for millions of years  
stop war  
stop war  
I say  
stop war

## The Loquacious Girl on the Street

she is gob-smacked  
the slum girl  
peeps through the holes of the wall  
of the school boundary  
she imagines alphabets, dreams vowels and consonants  
her palm is warm  
she sings the anthem of plastic democracy  
in every rally she marches with her mother  
the hired head  
useless metaphors hang and bang every where  
slogans are written on each coffin of a martyr  
rivers dry and the fishes are fried on every rich man's table  
the girl needs a frock to hide her dignity  
each night she is barbequed on the screw of hunger  
the aftermath of hunger is mysterious  
the garrulous girl losses the speech  
to carry her baby  
whose father's identity she never knows  
life hangs as dry leaves on the electric wire  
lust wins and  
the vivacious girl bleeds silence forever

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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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## Li Bai (inspired by Bluebird)

I can't let people see me,  
I show them persona.  
Everyone swears they know me,  
I beg to differ.  
Alone I'm free,  
I'm a solo drifter.  
Amongst a crowd...  
My exterior gives shelter.  
My dancing partners have no idea  
that they're dancing with a stranger.  
Most of the time I drink to drown my interior,  
But it just treads in that dark water.  
I guess it has conscious buoyancy.  
My writings are painted pictures,  
Portraits that depict life, love and laughter,  
masking the face of my disaster.  
How can I be so popular and so unknown at the same time?  
My inebriation is also my attraction,  
I drink to pour out artistic expression.  
When I'm alone with peace and quiet,  
I let myself free to incite a silent riot.

## On Stage

When I'm on stage I walk up to the mic and pause for a few seconds as I soak in the scenery. All eyes are on me. I don't have stage fright it's just amazing to me that I'm standing there as an artist preparing to recite what I write. I've always loved the art of storytelling through rhyme but never in a million years would I have thought I'll be up there spitting mine. I guess I had to live it in order to depict concrete jungle imagery clearly. I went through a lot in order to be here, very little sunshine, but lots of rain, joy, but more pain, blood, sweat and a lot of tears. Adrenaline flows, I shuffle pieces in my head and pick a few for the show, I'm so eager to blow that I just go in and let everybody know who I am on the outro. I'm hungry up there, I cook, mix and bust my gun till it's murder 1 up there, I count racks, girl and boy hundred packs and all the funeral cards of those that got sent back up there. The trap is all around me, my words will make you feel as if you was with me in that NYCHA lobby, court room and cemetery.

## Street Dreaming

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

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

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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## Li Bai

Li Bai was a Chinese poet  
He is considered one of the most important poets  
Of the Tang dynasty  
His poems became models  
For celebrating the joys of friendship, nature and solitude  
And the joys of drinking  
It was said that while some may have drunk more wine  
Then Li Bai no one has written more poems about wine  
One of his famous poems was called  
The moon has never known how to drink  
Also, as a skilled calligrapher  
It remains in the Palace Museum in Beijing China  
Li Bai's poetry have been called  
The greatest of all time by the Ming dynasty.

## Losers

These bleeding hearts  
Die from where they rose  
A dead- end town  
Where lover's chose  
A new way of life  
And it's coming too soon  
I cannot decide  
Nor can I consume  
There's just one thing  
I'd like to know  
There's just one thing  
Are we the losers  
Are we anyone at all?  
Are we the losers  
Are we anyone?

*Co-writer: Paul Barulich*

## Inside the Light

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

*Co-writer: Paul Barulich*

Eliza  
Søgiæt

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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

## The Scent of Wine

*In memory of Li Bai\**

His world  
was filled with longing.  
Accompanied by his own shadow,  
which lay down and rose with him,  
in the moonlight,  
he sought consolation.  
Not just when  
he reflected on the passing of time,  
loneliness, beauty  
and emotional anguish,  
but always was there help at hand  
that would cheer him up.

Solitary feasts were a refuge.  
From the standing jugs,  
lurked the guilty smell of liquor.  
When having been drunk,  
it gave him smiles and joy,  
it made him forget.  
It made  
his poems  
intertwine with goblets of wine,  
with the moon, with his shadow  
and with the rhythms of a march,  
which  
– gave him immortality.

*\* Li Bai (701-762) - one of the most famous wine drinkers. He often celebrated the joy of drinking. With brilliance and great freshness of imagination, he wrote about loneliness, friendship, transience and joys.*

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*



## Black Drops

She can still see you  
her dreamed world  
in which  
she gave up dreams for love.

And now?  
On her cheeks,  
like rain  
run down  
the black drops of ink –  
the rain of the soul.

With tears she wanted  
to drown out her longings,  
but she is unable to lose the memories.  
Like a camel with its water,  
and so she –  
carries the weight of the past.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Memories

In your life  
she was just an adventure.  
Her memories  
fade away slowly,  
very slowly.  
Now she knows  
that you are trying the world out yourself  
and as before  
you talk only  
with condensing time.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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## Lǐ Bái

I have found many a spirit  
In the bottom of the bottle  
Of all types of wine

The ambrosiatic flavors of life  
Lay in await  
For my arrival  
That I may consume their essence  
And make it that of mine own

I am inebriated  
For good cause  
For words have been  
The fruit of my labor,  
A noble undertaking  
That I have taken to the grave  
And thus it has become  
My epitaph,  
For I Am  
Lǐ Bái  
The capturer of the light  
Of the moon

## Every

"Every thing must change  
Nothing stays the same"

Every bud which becomes a blossom,  
And thus a fragrant flower  
Has its appointed time  
To wither, die  
And be no more

Every dream  
Accomplished or not  
Can only live  
Its own lifetime

Every thing with wings  
That flies  
Will in time  
Fall to the ground  
And be no more

Every thing ever built  
Will rest in ruin  
As time takes its toll

Every breath  
Dies and returns  
To the ether.  
Every heartbeat  
Is short-lived

Every thought  
In time will be forgotten

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Every vision  
Is blinded  
By the presence  
Of another

Every experience  
Rests in the tomb  
Of memories  
Awaiting a possible brief  
Resurrection

Every lesson  
Is susceptible to drown  
In that sea  
Of 'forgetfulness'

Every hug  
Only has a brief lifespan,  
As does every smile,  
Every frown

Every word spoken  
Mutates into  
Something other

Every gesture of kindness  
Dies to be able  
To live in the heart

Every emotion in life  
Can not be sustained

Every touch  
Is but a moment



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Every life must transition  
And cross that Rainbow Bridge

But every love,  
Lives on forever

"Don't worry about a thing,  
'Cause every little thing gonna be all right."

## Selflessness

Like a determined and driven moth  
Drawn to the flame  
Of the candle,  
So am I  
Drawn and mesmerized  
By that holy and divine  
Undefinable thing  
That burns deeply  
Within me

Before birth  
I was aware of  
That energy  
That I was destined to seek  
Even though  
I have been distracted  
Over the years  
By this thing  
We claim to be  
Life ...  
But is it?

I have uncloaked my consciousness,  
And my soul stands naked  
Before creation  
For in truth  
I am direly in need  
To be embraced once again  
By the 'Giver'  
Of all things

Yes, I do have a Father,  
Who provided the seed,  
Yes, I do have a Mother  
Who nurtured that seed

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In her womb of love,  
But there is more,  
There is that spark  
That lit that candle  
Which at times  
Softly burns,  
At other times rages  
Consuming me,  
Begging me  
To draw unto that  
Which as I say again  
Is undefinable  
By my empirical self

To be selfless  
Is the aim,  
For I tire  
Of the rendered definitions of 'self'  
I have gathered  
During this journey....  
Which is why I am  
Like a determined and driven moth  
Drawn to the flame  
Of the candle,  
So am I  
Drawn and mesmerized  
By that holy and divine  
Undefinable thing  
That burns deeply  
Within me.

Narrative :

*It was evening time, and we were sitting on our porch with a citronella oil lamp burning. As they say, supposedly the smell and burning of citronella will repel bugs. However, this rather mature moth began to fly into the open flame time*

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*and time again. Sure, moths are helplessly drawn to the light, be it artificial, or that, an open flame that threatens their very mortality. You would think that once its wings felt the extreme heat of the open flame, it would avoid it, but it kept coming back again and again until we finally extinguished the torch. ... question .... are moths willful? Do we possess such abandon in seeking and fulfilling our soul-quest for oneness with the light?*

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Ibrahim Honjo is a Canadian/Bosnian 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 is author 24 published books in Bosnian Language, (7 books in English, 3 books bilingually (in English and Bosnian language). In addition, 4 joints' books of poems published with Serbian poets. His poems have been represented in more than 70 world anthologies. Some of Honjo's poems have been translated into 19 languages.

He received several prizes for his poetry.

## Autumn Night In Me

Night butterflies land on my shoulders  
stars like fireflies setting their soft light  
on my sleepy eyes

autumn is sunny and endlessly colorful  
salmon going to hatcheries  
clouds are wearily flying from east to west  
and from north to south

leaves secretly falling from branches  
in the rhythm of the Argentine tango

An evening smell of roasted chestnuts  
imprisoned in the nose  
and a rush of saliva in the mouth

The voice of an owl  
is breaking the silence of the night  
in me, everything is sealed  
as the greatest secret

some new disquietude ravages my soul  
and some new unusual thought  
is breaking my soul

the autumn sprinkled my soul  
I sigh feeling the beauty of the landscape

## Dying In A Poem

No, I'm not dying my darling  
It is me being born again  
in a poem without enthusiasm and wings  
after all cannonades

just keep silent, watch and wait  
for me to start crying or smiling  
wait for me to see off the last great war, weeping  
wait for me to smile to a new life

wait  
just wait  
for a poem to start speaking inside of me  
and let her cry over everything that was  
and smile at everything that will come  
cuddle her lament  
and her laughter on your chest  
hug the winged poem  
and let her fly with the first strong wind  
far, wide, deep and high  
and watch  
just watch  
how I am born frozen in the poem  
and how I'm leaving with the poem  
after the Great War  
to rest from all past and future cannonades

please  
do not cry on departure, like you used to  
we mourned goodbyes long ago  
on the platforms of many cities

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let's smile together  
for everything that has passed  
and everything that is coming  
look around you  
and wait for a bird to sing  
and cheerfully fly to no return

and I want you to know  
everything that comes must leave

and it never comes back

take my hand and hold it firmly  
smile at my last trip  
it's time for the last goodbye  
the devil came to claim his own  
he is the only one who comes, goes and returns

## Insanity

The beginning of all nonsense is in people  
man has nothing to do with it  
insanity has no limits  
it only has a cradle where it is born and nurtured

from the cradle of insanity  
storms and hurricanes are born  
earthquakes, rock falls, landslides and wars  
insanity is the creator of swords, guns, bombs  
and everything that can destroy

insanity is inaugurated in the souls of people  
man has nothing to do with it

in vain my poem talks about truth and love  
they are on their wobbly feet  
and every day they stumble more and more

truth and love are incarcerated  
and slowly suppressed  
in the way that killers cover their tracks

my poem is alone and powerless to stop it  
there is no powerful man to stop the insanity  
there is no God almighty  
and there's nothing to protect the truth  
and love in people

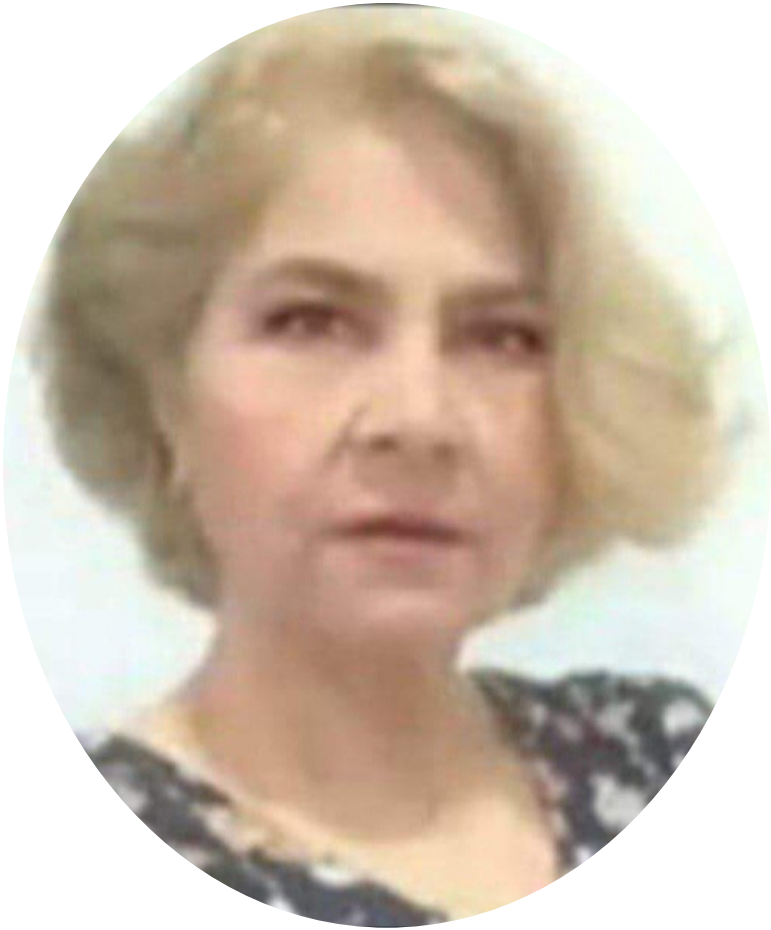
I dread that my poem will become insane  
and agree to the eternal darkness of lunatics  
I'm scared for man and mankind

I'm dying in disquietude

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Jadę

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Saliha Ragad, également connue sous le pseudonyme de Khalice Jade, est une artiste polyvalente, écrivaine, peintre, traductrice et ambassadrice internationale de la guérison et de la paix. Malgré des études administratives, son engagement pour la tolérance et la paix est précoce, reconnu dès l'âge de 11 ans. Elle compte à son actif 30 ouvrages personnels, dont des romans, recueils poétiques, essais et contes adaptés au théâtre. À travers ses 11 anthologies pour des causes humanitaires et sa participation à des projets internationaux en faveur de la paix, elle poursuit son combat pour une humanité bienveillante et fraternelle.



### Biography:

Saliha Ragad, also known under the pseudonym Khalice Jade, is a versatile artist, writer, painter, translator, and international ambassador for healing and peace. Despite administrative studies, her commitment to tolerance and peace began early, recognized at the age of 11. She has authored 30 personal works, including novels, poetic collections, essays, and theater-adapted tales. Through her 11 anthologies for humanitarian causes and participation in international peace projects, she continues her fight for a compassionate and fraternal humanity.

## Les Fils De La Compréhension

*Dialogue entre la Poétesse et le Jeune Drogé Alcoolique  
Nommé Micha :*

Poétesse :

--- Au fil des ponts de la compréhension,  
Je t'offre une nouvelle direction.  
Entre les rives de ton désespoir,  
Trouvons un chemin pour te voir renaître.

Micha:

--- Dans l'ombre de ma peine, je suis perdu,  
Ces ponts semblent lointains et confus.  
Mais si tu dis qu'ils existent vraiment,  
Peut-être que je pourrais les trouver, au bout du chemin.

Poétesse :

--- Regarde autour de toi, vois-tu ces lumières,  
Guidant ceux qui ont vaincu leurs barrières?  
Ce sont des âmes qui ont traversé la nuit,  
Pour trouver la paix au-delà de l'oubli.

--- Micha :

Je sens une lueur d'espoir naître en moi,  
Peut-être que je pourrais me libérer cette fois.  
Tes mots sont comme des étoiles dans la nuit,  
Me montrant le chemin vers une vie sans ennui.

Poétesse :

--- Prends ma main, avançons ensemble,  
Sur le sentier de la rédemption qui tremble.  
Vers la lumière qui brille au loin,  
Où les ponts de compréhension nous rejoignent.

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Micha :

--- Je suis prêt à affronter ce nouveau départ,  
À laisser derrière moi mon ancien état.  
Dans cette aventure, nous sommes unis,  
Par la force de la compréhension, où règne l'harmonie.

*Dans ce dialogue, la Poétesse guide le Jeune Micha vers  
la guérison et la rédemption grâce au pouvoir des ponts de  
compréhension.*

## The Threads Of Understanding

*Dialogue between the Poetess and the Young Drug Addict  
Named Micha:*

Poetess :

--- Along the bridges of understanding,  
I offer you a new direction.  
Between the shores of your despair,  
Let's find a way to see you reborn.

Micha :

--- In the shadow of my pain, I'm lost,  
These bridges seem distant and confused.  
But if you say they truly exist,  
Maybe I could find them, at the end of the road.

Poetess :

--- Look around you, do you see those lights,  
Guiding those who have overcome their barriers?  
They are souls who have crossed the night,  
To find peace beyond oblivion.

Micha:

--- I feel a glimmer of hope arising within me,  
Perhaps I could break free from this time.  
Your words are like stars in the night,  
Showing me the way to a life without boredom.

Poetess:

--- Take my hand, let's move forward together,  
On the trembling path of redemption.  
Towards the light shining in the distance,  
Where the bridges of understanding join us.

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Micha:

--- I'm ready to face this new beginning,

To leave behind my old state.

In this adventure, we are united,

By the power of understanding, where harmony reigns.

*In this dialogue, the Poetess guides the Young Micha towards healing and redemption through the power of bridges of understanding.*

## La Ronde De La Paix

Pour la paix, j'écris, je cris je chante et , je danse,  
Entre les mots, entre les vers, une symphonie d'espérance.  
Cherchant un refuge dans ce monde en transe,  
Où chaque mot résonne en une douce cadence.  
Sous les cieux étoilés de ma quête,  
Je tisse des rêves, des espoirs en fête.  
Comme un phénix, je renaîtrai, tête haute,  
Bravant les tempêtes, déployant mes ailes, sans faute.  
Au fil des strophes, une histoire se dévoile,  
Comme une aurore qui éclaire l'ombre du voile.  
Le prix de la paix , écrit dans, le sable, dans les étoiles,  
Un hymne vibrant, une mélodie qui dévoile.  
En poésie, je m'égare, libre et sauvage,  
Explorant l'âme, repoussant chaque cage.  
Comme le souffle du vent sur une plage,  
Je persiste, je rêve, dans ce doux voyage.

Dans l'harmonie des jours à venir,  
Les enfants du Monde s'unissent, sans médire.  
Une méga ronde, main dans la main,  
Ici, là-bas, autour du globe, elle fait son chemin.  
Pas de frontières, juste la fraternité,  
Une danse de paix, pleine de sincérité.  
Autour du monde, elle se déploie,  
Comme un doux murmure qui apaise et évoque la joie.

## The Dance Of Peace

For peace, I write, I shout, I sing, and I dance,  
Between the words, between the verses, a symphony of  
hope.  
Seeking refuge in this world in trance,  
Where each word resonates in a sweet cadence.  
Under the starry skies of my quest,  
I weave dreams, hopes in celebration.  
Like a phoenix, I shall rise, head held high,  
Braving storms, spreading my wings, no room for denial.  
Through the verses, a story unfolds,  
Like a dawn illuminating the shadow of the veil.  
The price of peace, written in the sand, in the stars,  
A vibrant anthem, a melody that reveals.  
In poetry, I wander, free and wild,  
Exploring the soul, pushing against every cage.  
Like the breath of the wind on a beach,  
I persist, I dream, in this gentle journey.  
In the harmony of days to come,  
Children of the World unite, without scorn.  
A mega round, hand in hand,  
Here, there, around the globe, it finds its way.  
No borders, just fraternity,  
A dance of peace, full of sincerity.  
Around the world, it unfolds,  
Like a soft whisper that soothes and evokes joy.

## Là-Bas...

### *La Quête des sens*

À la lueur des écus, une quête sans mesure,  
Pour amasser fortune, une vie en aventure.  
Mais or et argent, froids, en leur silence,  
N'apaisent point l'âme, ni ne chassent l'absence.

Au banquet de l'existence, où l'argent est convive,  
Honneur réel revêt l'amour qui enivre.  
Les liens tissés, plus précieux que l'or étincelant,  
Forment la trame d'une vie, de jours doux et palpitants.

La table opulente, festin matériel,  
N'est qu'un décor éphémère, un jeu superficiel.  
L'essence profonde, la richesse véritable,  
Résident dans les cœurs, doux et inaltérables.

Écus et billets, froids entre les mains,  
Peuvent acheter des biens, mais non le divin.  
Car la vraie richesse, douce mélodie du cœur,  
Résonne dans l'amour, éternel vainqueur.

Ainsi, ne perdons point l'essentiel en chemin,  
Dans l'ivresse des richesses, gardons notre écrin.  
Force pour aider, amour pour guider,  
La vie prend tout son sens, en douceur partagé.



## There...

### *The Quest for Meaning*

In the glow of coins, a quest immeasurable,  
To amass fortune, a life so pleasurable.  
But gold and silver, cold in their silence,  
Do not soothe the soul, nor chase the absence.

At life's banquet, where money is a guest,  
True honor lies in love's sweet zest.  
The bonds we weave, more precious than gold,  
Form the fabric of life, with days warm and bold.

The opulent table, material feast,  
Is but a fleeting backdrop, a superficial beast.  
True wealth's essence, its domain so real,  
Resides in hearts, gentle and ideal.

Coins and bills, cold between hands,  
May buy goods, but not the divine lands.  
For true wealth, that sweet heart's tune,  
Resides in love, eternal boon.

So let us not lose the essential on the way,  
In the intoxication of riches, let's keep our array.  
Strength to aid, love to guide,  
Life finds its meaning in shared deeds.

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Irma  
Kurti

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Irma Kurti is an Albanian poet, writer, lyricist, journalist, and translator and has been writing since she was a child. She is a naturalized Italian and lives in Bergamo, Italy. Kurti has won numerous literary prizes and awards in Albania, Italy, Switzerland, USA, Philippines, Lebanon and China. Irma Kurti has published 28 books in Albanian, 24 in Italian, 15 in English, and two in French. She has also translated 19 books by different authors, and all of her own books into Italian and English. Her books have been translated and published in 15 countries.

## Disorientated

Early morning.  
My thoughts  
wander,  
disorientated,  
without  
knowing yet  
what direction  
to take.

The sun road  
that radiates  
colors, light  
full of magic  
or the alley  
of a gray cloud?

Early morning.  
Only the echo  
of my thoughts  
is heard as they  
crash with one  
another and  
rotate as in a  
game, trying  
to choose  
between sun  
and shade.

## Ice Between My Fingers

I wanted to hear your voice.  
My heart would blossom like  
a flower; my joy would flow  
just like a stream through the  
long telephone wire.

I would bring the spring into  
my hands, bird songs, a wealth  
of buds. I would watch this  
scary and chaotic world with  
happy and loving eyes.

I wanted to hear your voice  
and touch happiness with  
my hands, but they feel cold,  
so between my fingers  
I now have only ice and frost.

## We Had The Sea Close By

We had the sea close by; wide and infinite  
in its anger, it tried hard to enter our words.  
We had the sea close by; it didn't take much  
to hold the waves in our hands. Only a step  
would be enough, and the particles of sand  
between our fingers would have penetrated.

But I had you close to my soul. The noises,  
the waves vanished at sunset, a thousand  
particles of sand faded, lost somewhere. It  
was your voice that remained; like a cradle  
it rocked me with the tenderness of a wave.



Mennadi  
Farah

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Mennadi Farah, Algerian engaged poet, my writings aim to spread joy, hope and happiness in the world. I also write for denouncing the violence against children throughout the world by using words touching the consciousness and the soul of the man... the human

## Espérance

Si le bonheur était à acheter  
Je me l'aurais procuré et j'en aurais fait des dons .

S' il était des fleurs à cultiver  
J'aurais récolté le nectar en faisant une boisson .

Si le bonheur était à adorer  
Je l'aurais fait prophète de toutes les religions .

Si le bonheur était à aimer  
Venus en toi j'aurais été médaillon .

S'il était à admirer  
Aphrodite , j'aurais porté tes flans .

Si le bonheur était à féconder  
J'aurais été sa femme et mon fils cupidon .

S' il était une terre à peupler  
J'aurais uni l'humanité en une seule nation.

## Hope

If happiness could be bought  
I would have bought it and given it away.

If flowers were to be cultivated  
I would have harvested the nectar and made a drink of it.

If happiness was to be worshipped  
I would have made him a prophet of all religions .

If happiness were to be loved  
Venus in you I would have been a medallion .

If it was to admire  
Aphrodite , I would have worn your flans .

If happiness was to be impregnated  
I would have been his wife and my son cupid.

If it was a land to populate  
I would have united humanity into a single nation.

## **l'Eveil**

Je suis l'éclat du ciel.  
Je suis lumière qui courtise la terre,  
Dans les cœurs, pointe une nouvelle ère.

Je voltige sur monts et nuages ,  
Je saluerai les âmes en quête de repères.  
Je me ferai soleil et rechaufferai les cœurs.

Je serai astres et étoiles sans orgueil.  
Mon ivresse et ma volée n'ont pas de frontières,  
Je hisserai l'emblème de l'humanité entière.

Vers d'autres globes, une prière sans pareille,  
Je repartirai les graines de nectaire.  
Je serai rayons des galaxies et l'univers.

Mon ascension n'a ni degré ni échelle.  
Je serai démon envers Hucifer.  
Je serai harmonie qui désarme l'enfer.

Je tisserai les liens et les rendrai ficelles,  
Les cieux ouverts aux prières sincères,  
Pour une vie nouvelle et prospère.

## Awakening

I am the brightness of the sky.  
I am light that courts the earth,  
In hearts, a new era dawns.

I flutter over mountains and clouds,  
I will greet the souls in search of bearings.  
I will make myself sun and warm hearts.

I will be stars and stars without pride.  
my drunkenness and my flight have no boundaries,  
I will raise the emblem of all humanity.

Towards other globes, an unparalleled prayer,  
I will leave the nectary seeds again.  
I will be rays of galaxies and the universe.

My ascension has neither degree nor scale.  
I will be a demon towards Hucifer.  
I will be harmony that disarms hell.

I will weave the bonds and make them strings,  
The heavens open to sincere prayers,  
For a new and prosperous life.

## Valeureuse Paix

Celui qui cherche la paix, la veut tout entière.  
Ma quiétude n'a besoin ni d'armes ni de fer,  
Ni bataillons ou tambours et bruit de tonnerres.  
Elle est faite de sentiments nobles et sincères.

La paix n'est ni trêve ni pacte ou amnistie.  
Elle se cultive avec tact et modestie.  
Elle se répand partout sans contrepartie.  
C'est une vertu qui n'a pas de prix.

La paix est dans nos abysses et dans les airs.  
Elle n'a ni territoires ni frontières.  
On ne peut la délimiter...on l'acquiert,  
Sans contrat ou argent mais avec un savoir faire.

## Valiant Peace

Who seeks peace wants it all.  
My peace needs neither arms nor iron,  
Nor battalions or drums and thunder.  
It is made up of noble and sincere feelings.

Peace is not a truce, a pact or an amnesty.  
It is cultivated with tact and modesty.  
It spreads everywhere without quid pro quo.  
It is a priceless virtue.

Peace is in our depths and in the air.  
It has no territories or borders.  
It cannot be delimited... it must be acquired,  
Without contracts or money, but with know-how.



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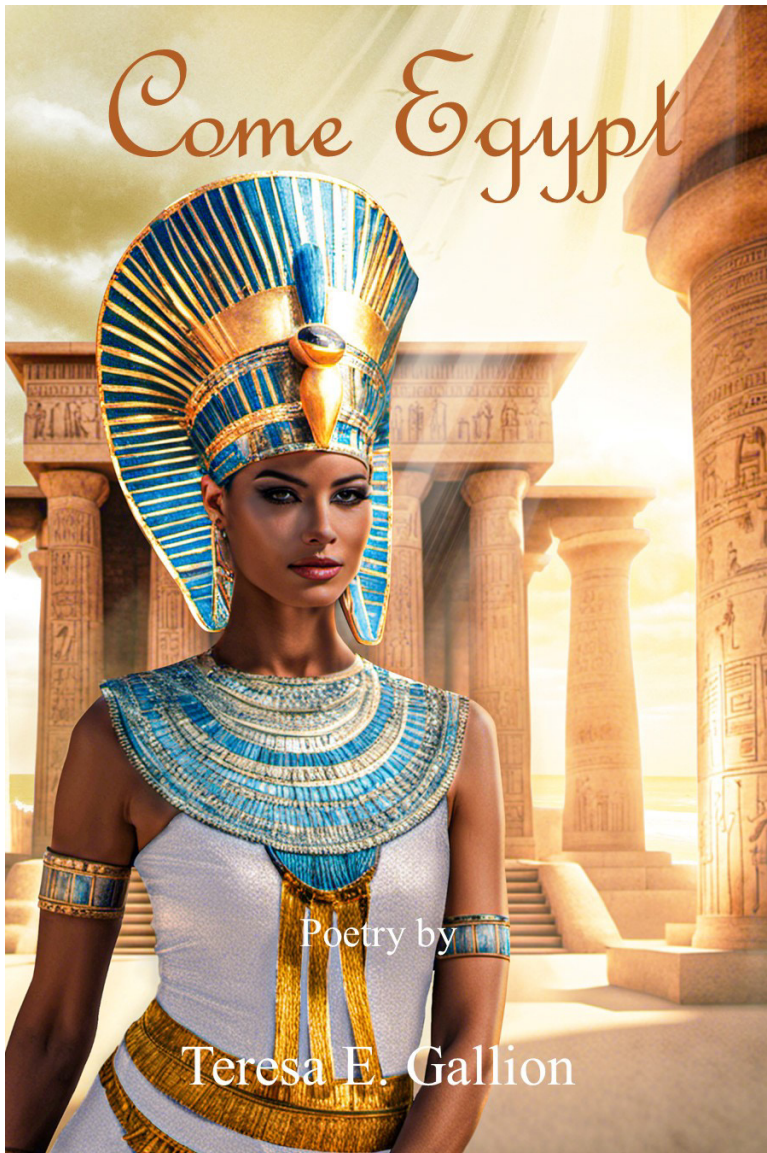
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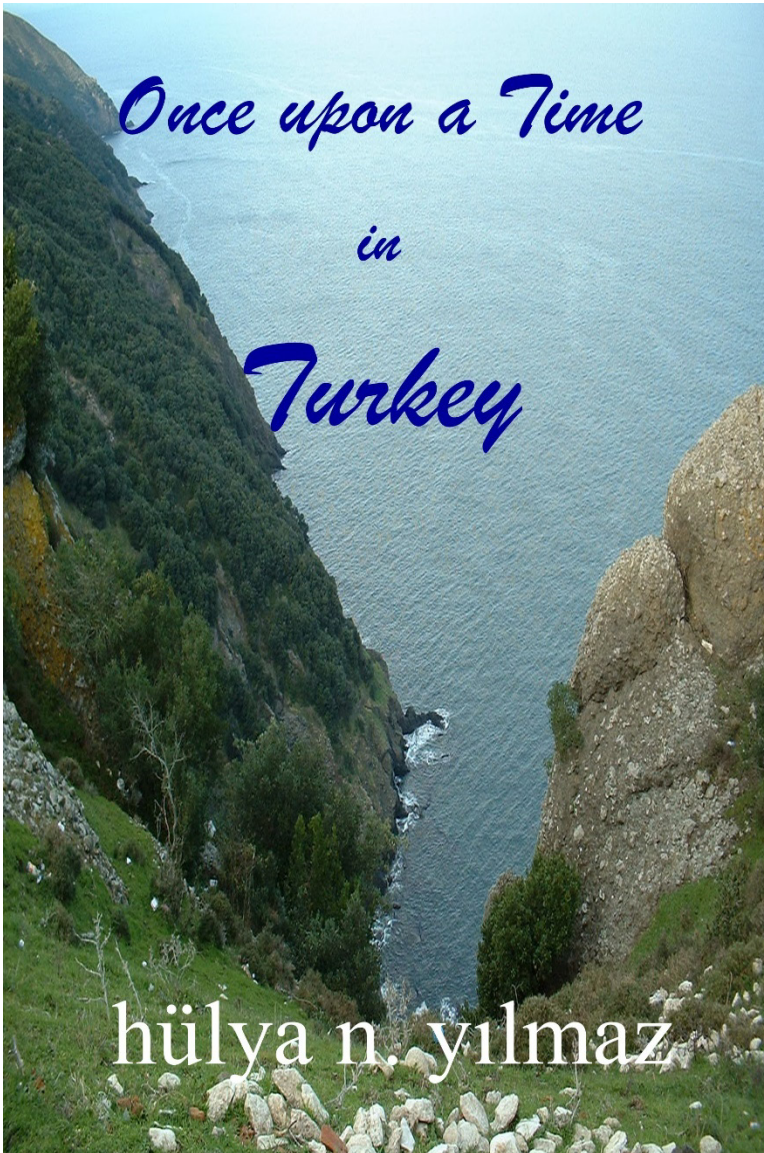
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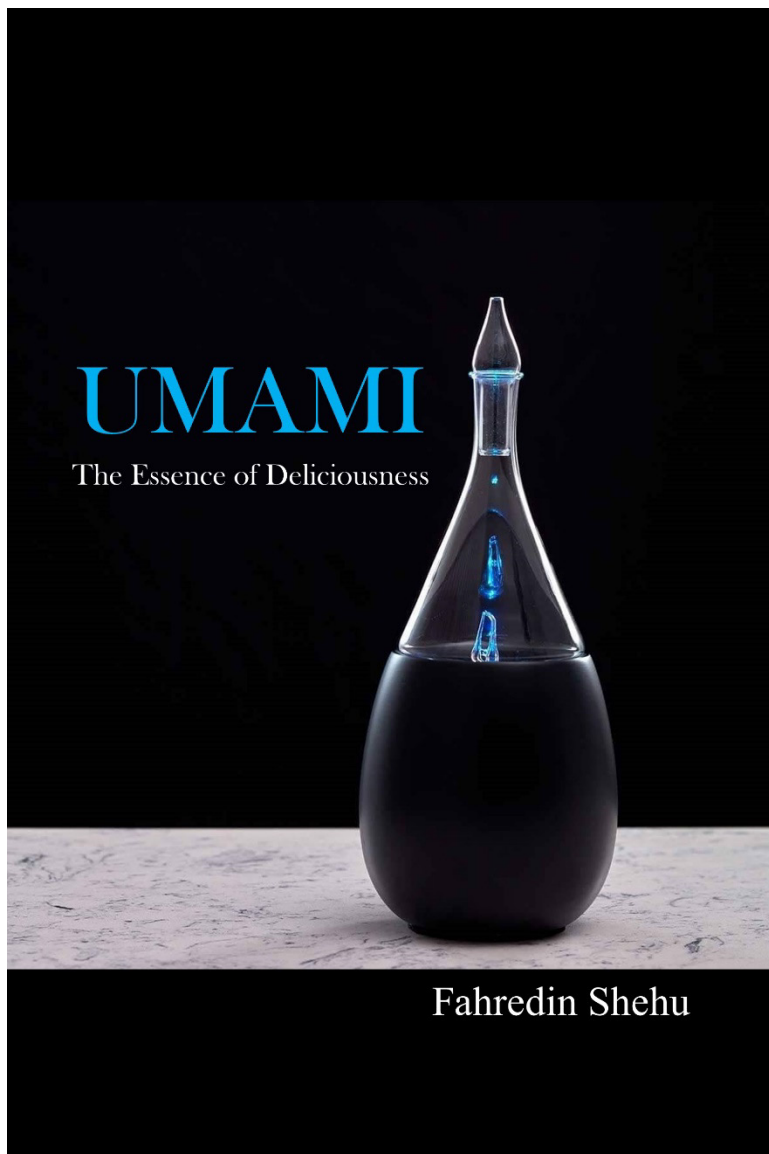
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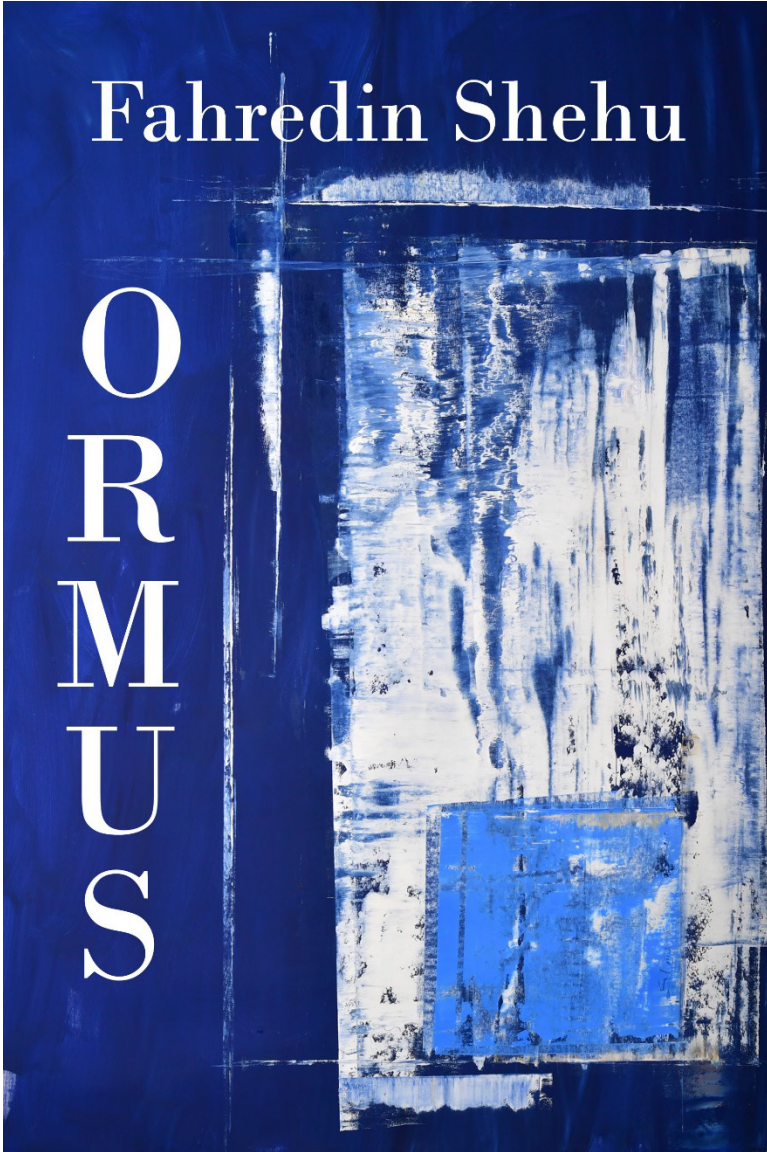
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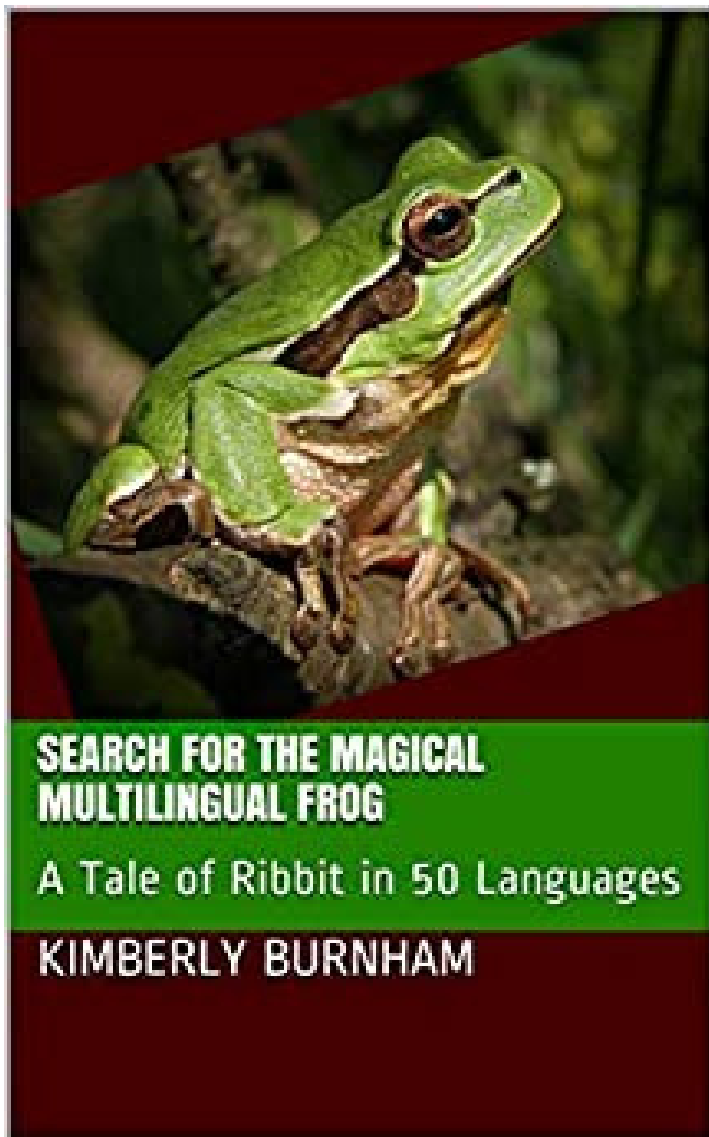


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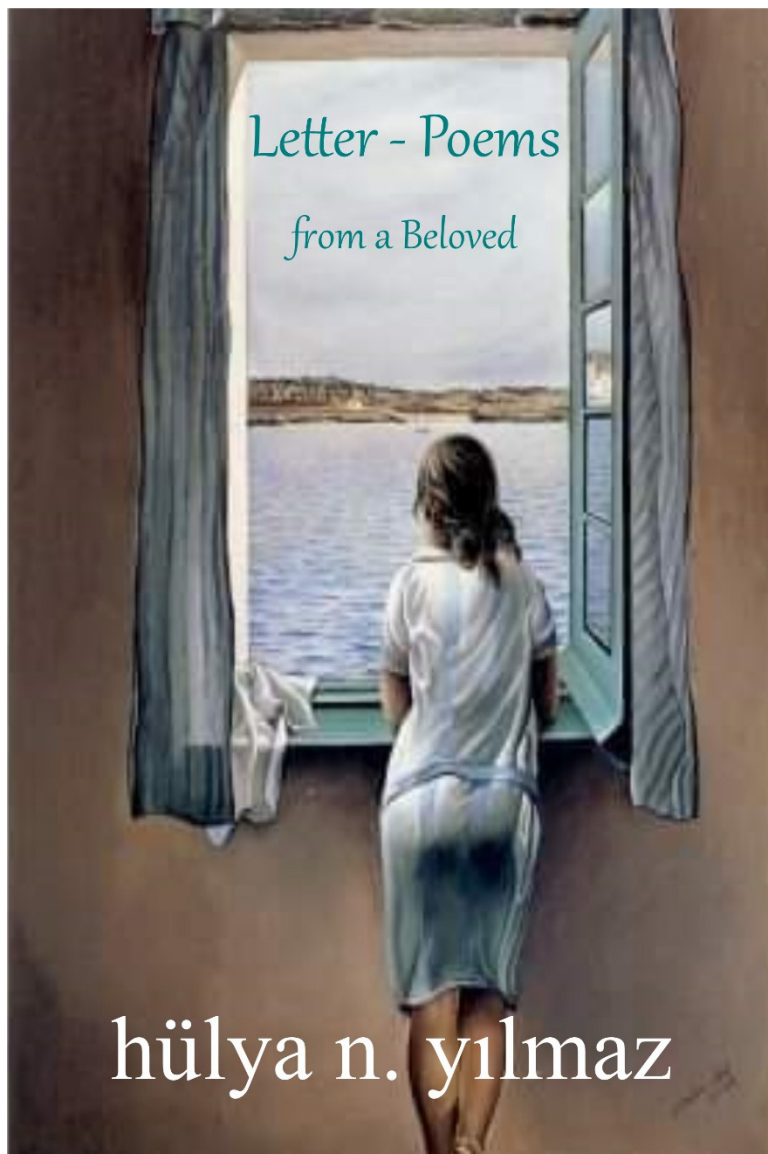
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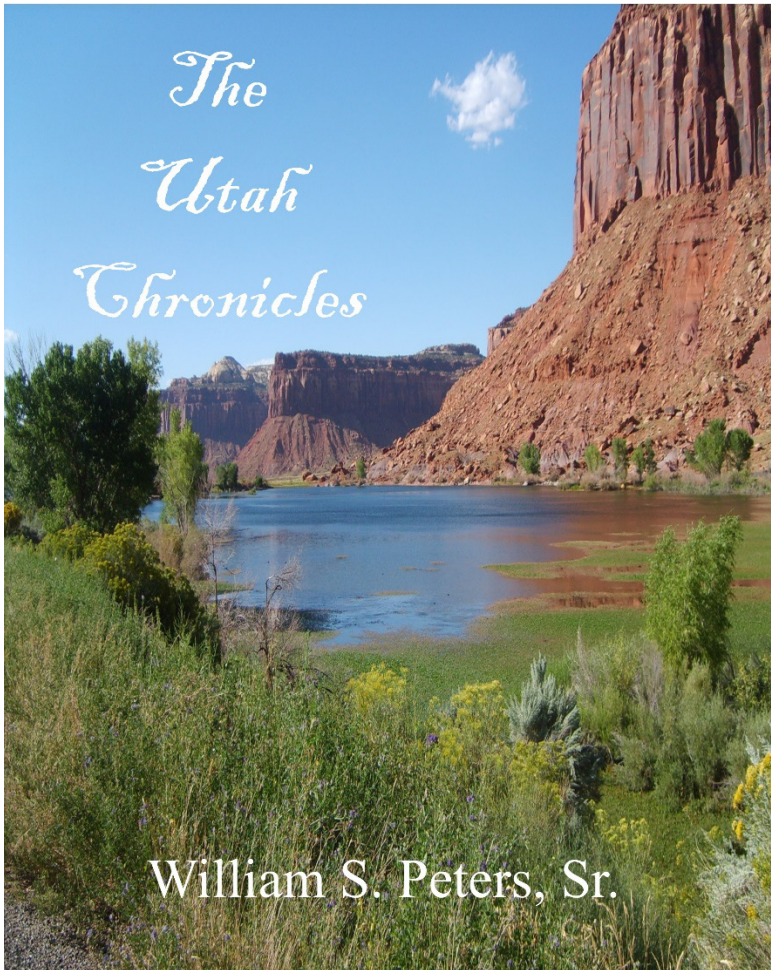
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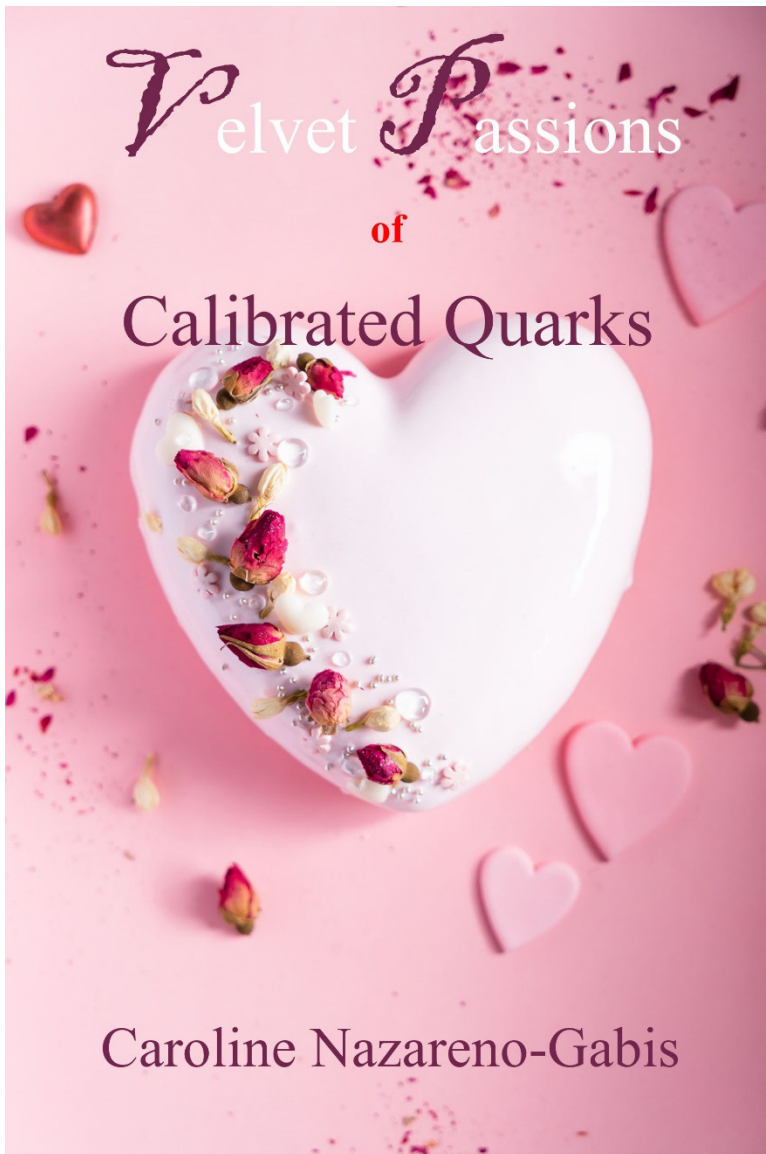


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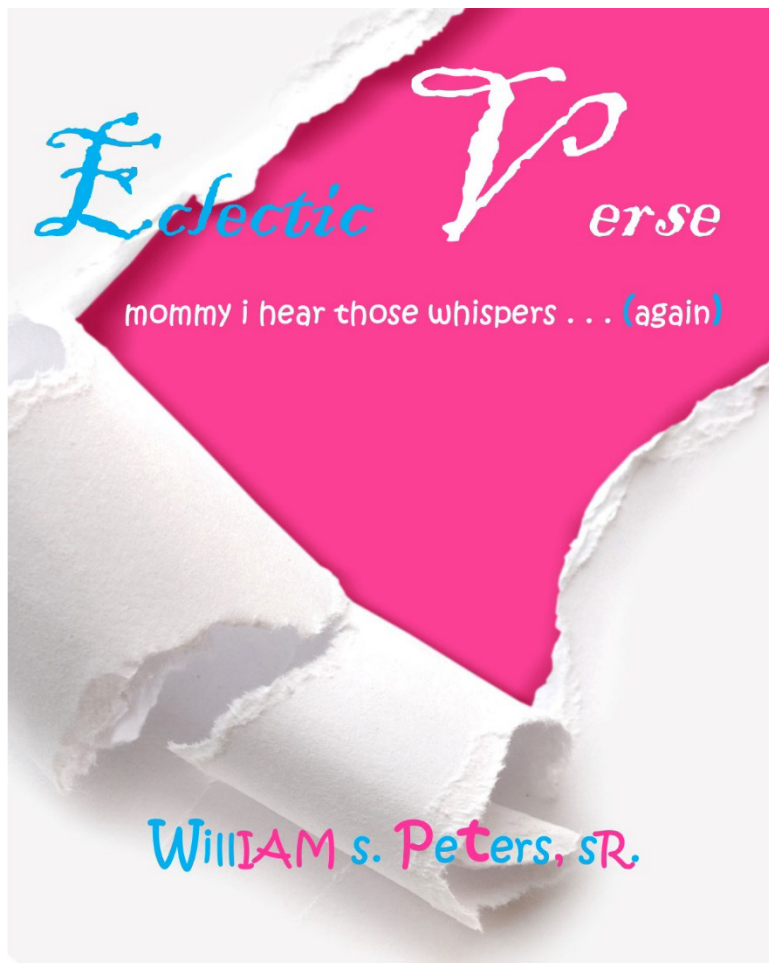
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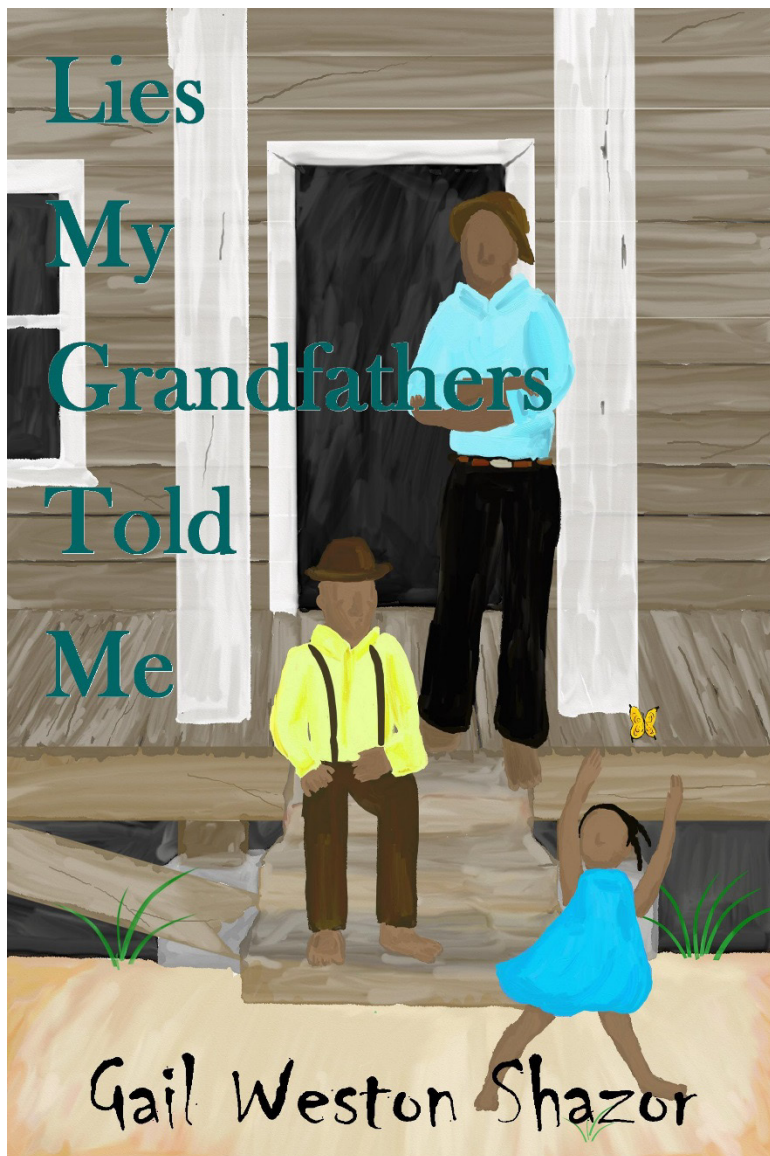
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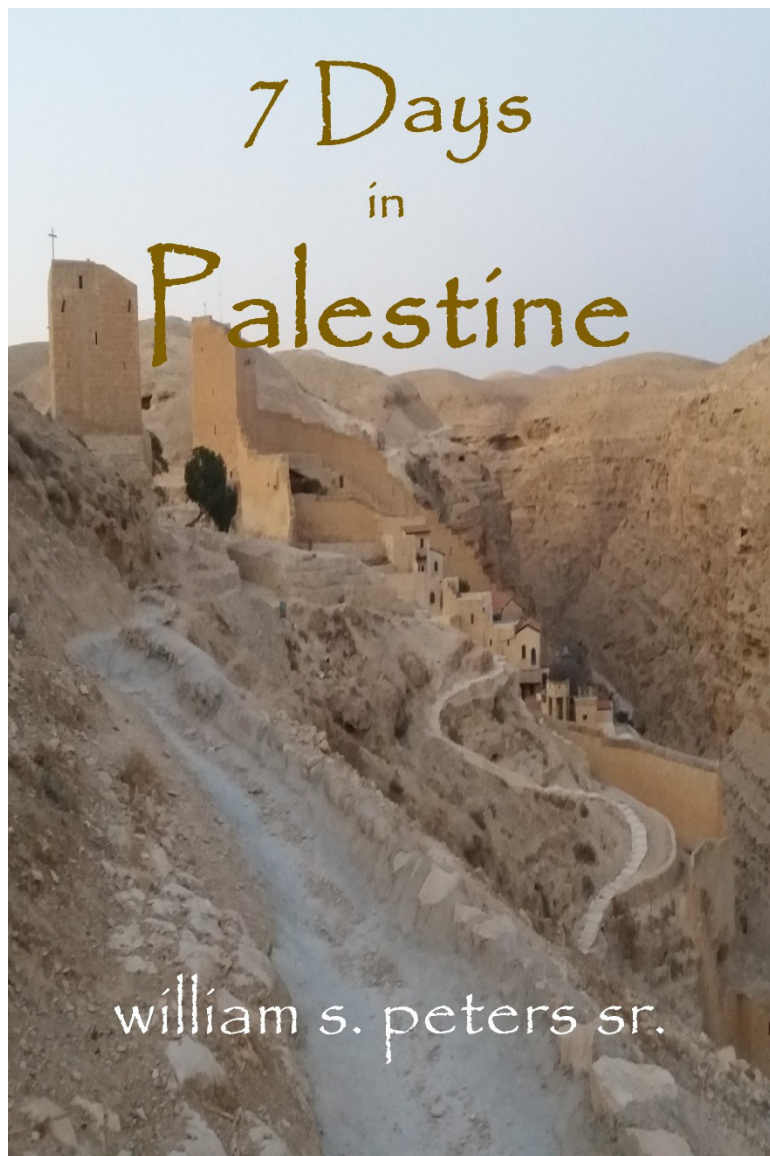
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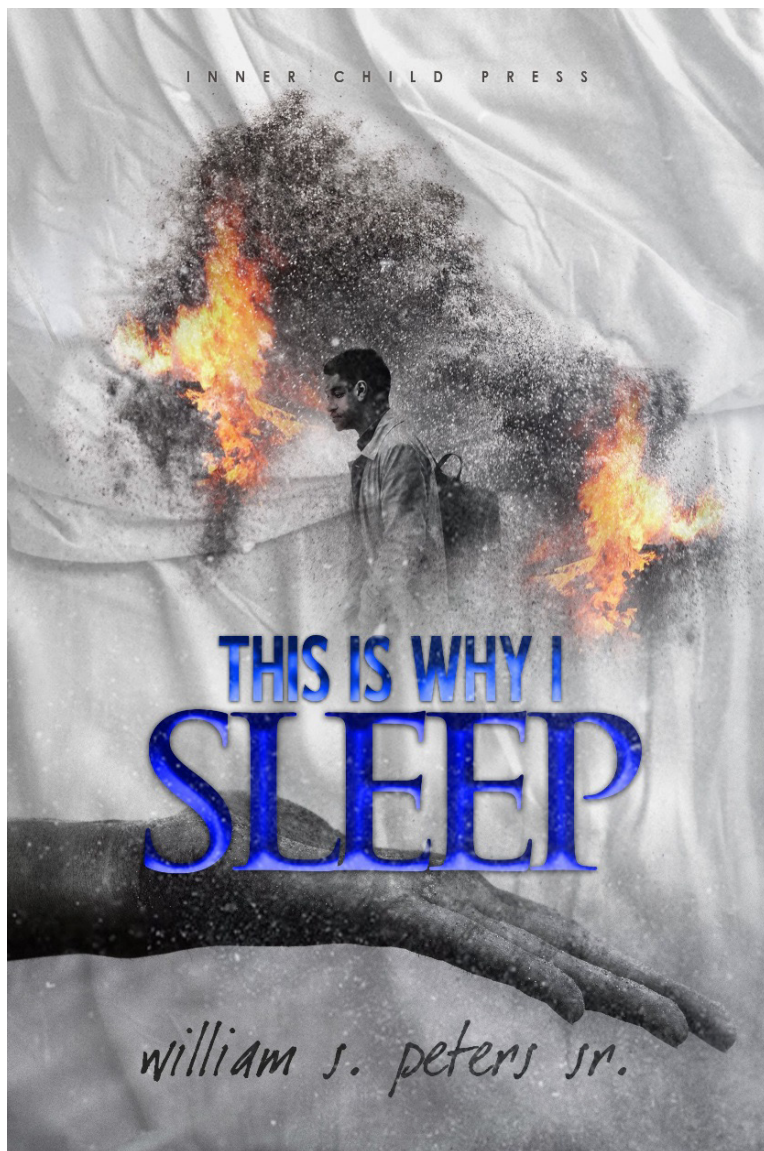
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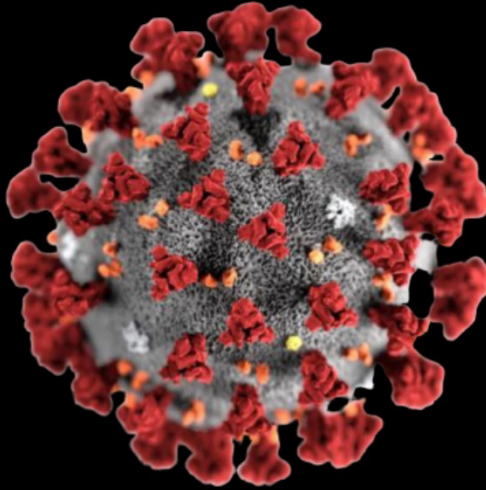
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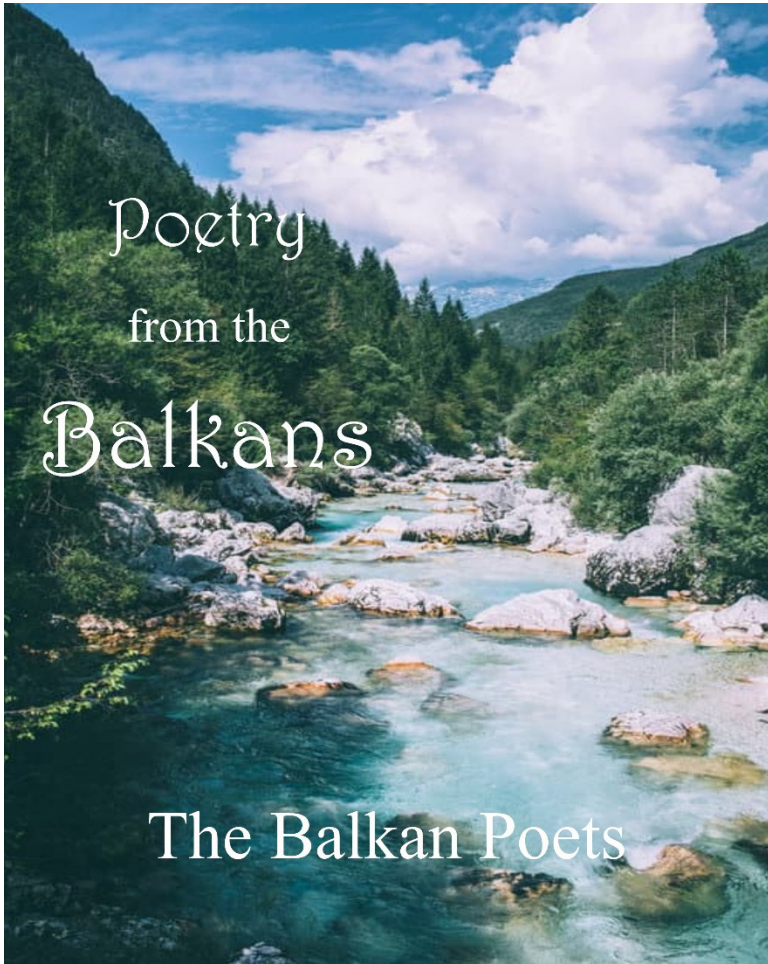


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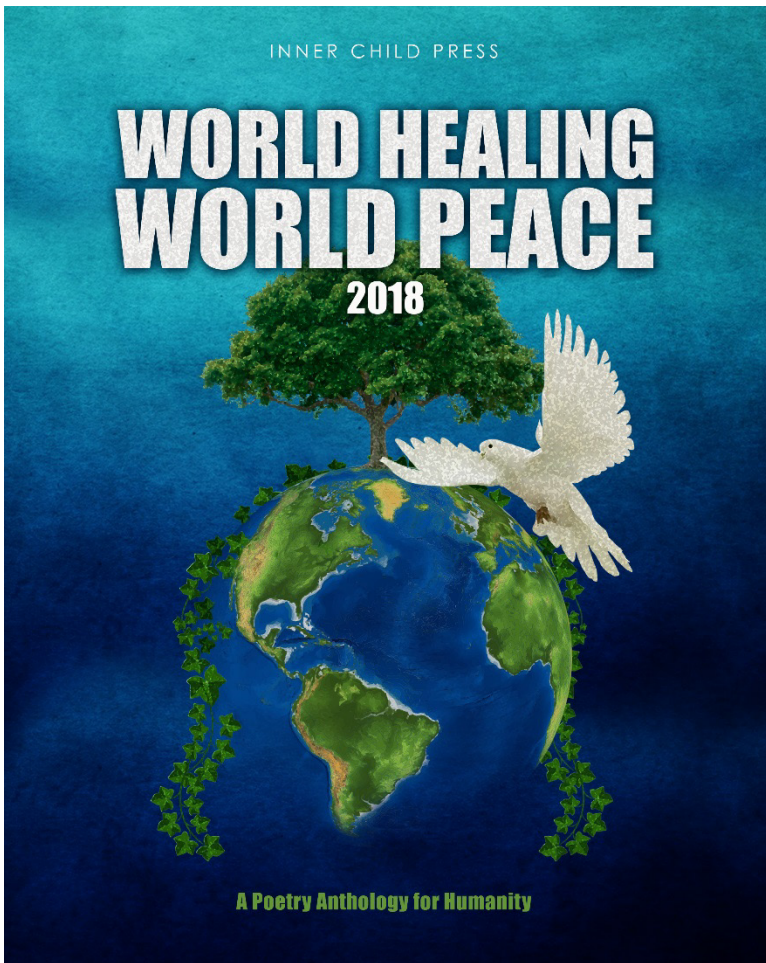
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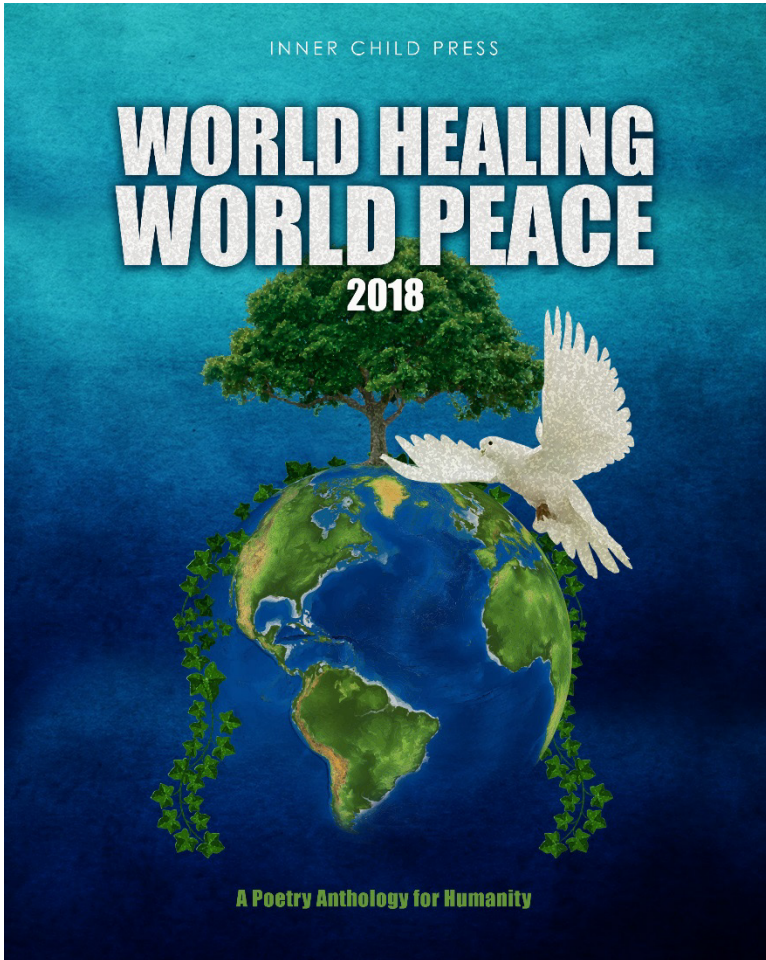


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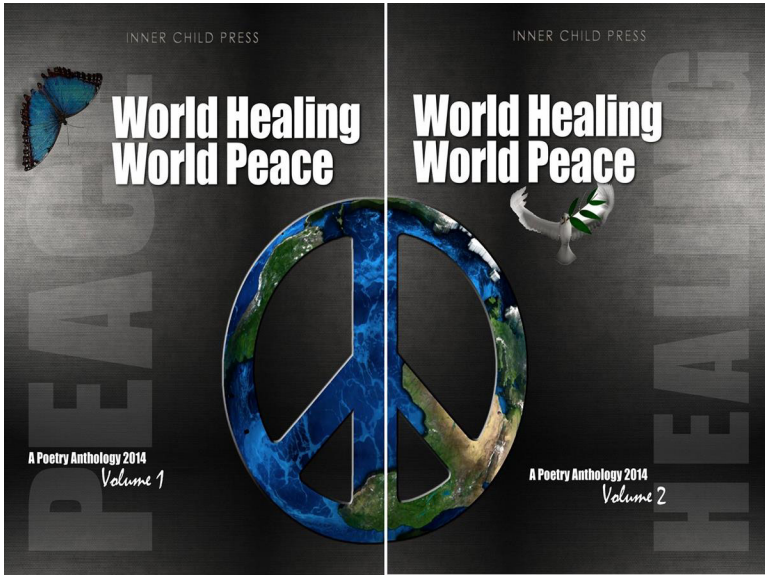
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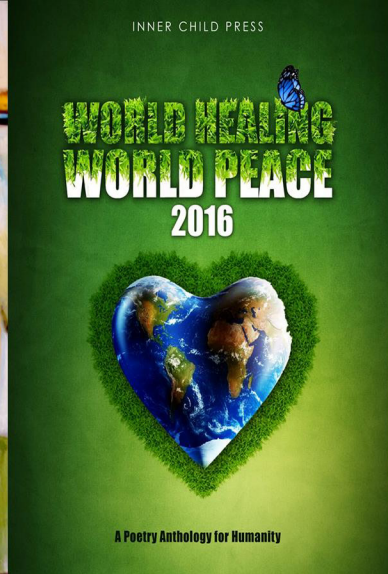
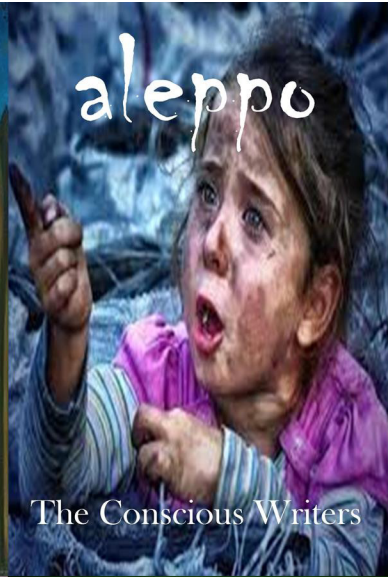
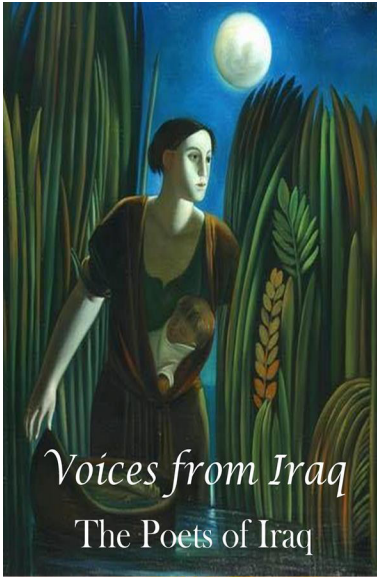
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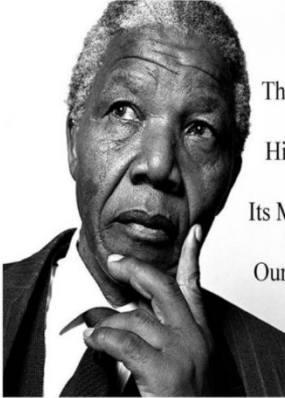
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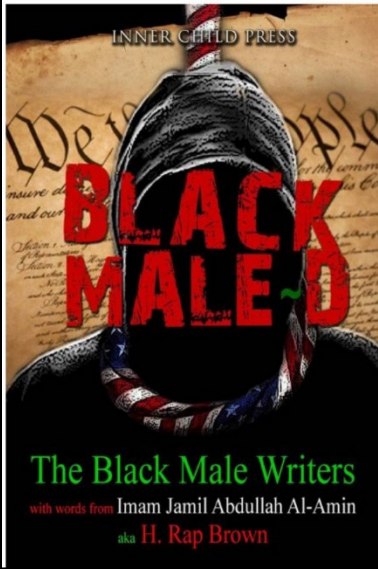
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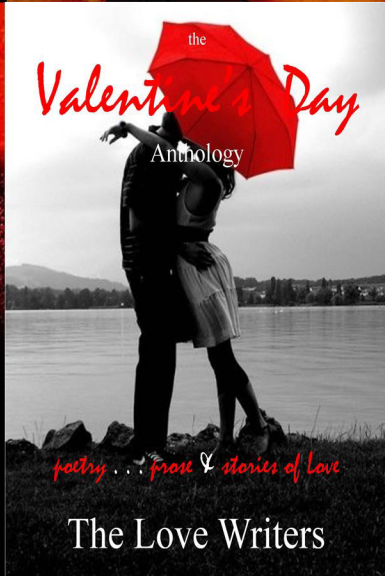
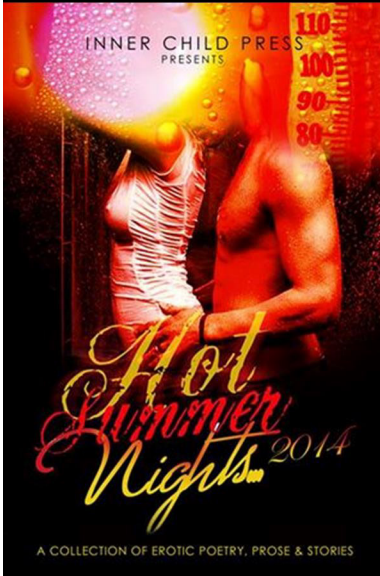
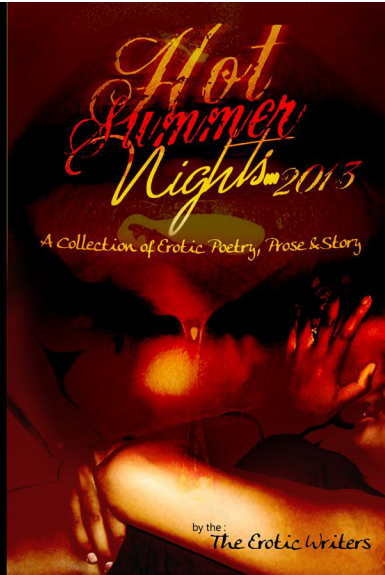
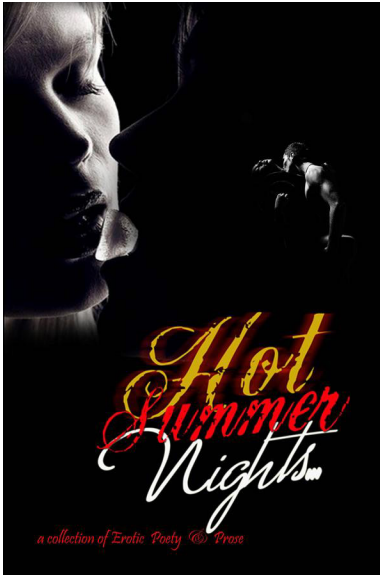
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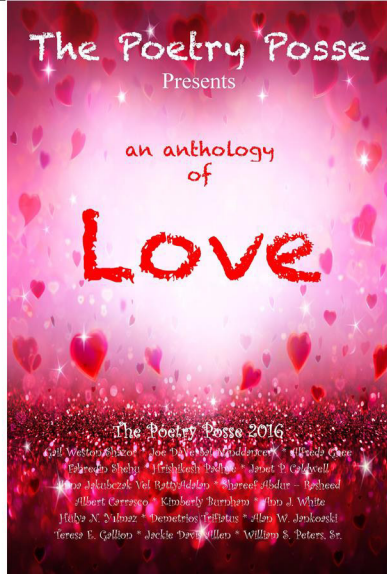
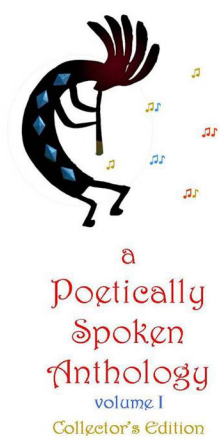
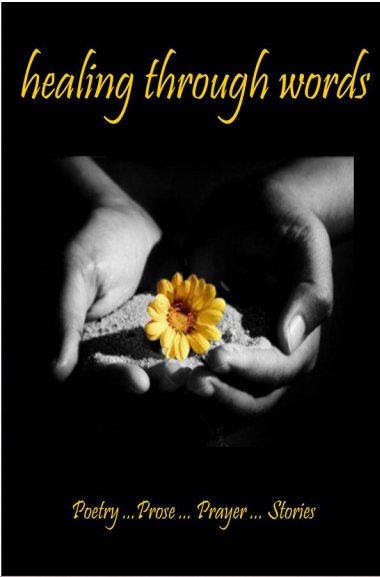
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*Carnation*


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Robert Gibbons  
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**Our January Feature**  
Terri L. Johnson

## the Year of the Poet

February 2014



*violets*

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

## the Year of the Poet

March 2014



*daffodil*

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

## the Year of the Poet

April 2014



*Sweet Pea*

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**Our April Featured Poets**  
Fahredin Shehu  
Martina Reisz Newberry  
Justin Blackburn  
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May 2014

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



Dedicated To our Children

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Jamie Bond  
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Lily of the Valley

**the Year of the Poet**  
June 2014



*Love & Relationship*

*Rose*

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

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July 2014



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

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Albert Infrink Carrasco  
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Lotus  
Asian Flower of the Month

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August 2014



*Gladiolus*

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

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## The Year of the Poet

September 2014

Aster

Morning-Glory



Wild Charm of September-Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrinze Carrasco • Siddantha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonetfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Nestu Wolf • Shornee Abdul-Rasheed  
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## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



The Poetly Poets

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 Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonetfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaSendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrinze Carrasco • Siddantha Beth Pierce  
 Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonetfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Nestu Wolf • Shornee Abdul-Rasheed  
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November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mosman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014

Narcissus



The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond  
 Call Weston Shazor  
 Albert Infrinze Carrasco  
 Siddantha Beth Pierce  
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 Tony Henninger  
 Joe DaVerbal Minddancer  
 Robert Gibbons  
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December Feature Poets

Katherine Wyatt • WrittenPAPA • Santos Jairo • Justice Blake

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January 2015



**Garnet**

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Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shehu  
Hülya N. Yılmaz  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantil \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

**THE YEAR OF THE POET II**  
February 2015



**Amethyst**

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

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March 2015

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



**Bloodstone**

*The Poetry Posse 2015*  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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April 2015

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



**Diamonds**

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Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimney  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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June 2015

### June's Featured Poets

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



Pearl

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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July 2015

### The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

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August 2015

### Peridot

### Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chlasz  
Christopher Schultz



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



Sapphires

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 October 2015


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



Opal

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 Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
 Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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 November 2015




Featured Poets  
 Alan W. Jankowski  
 Bismay Mohanty  
 James Moore

Topaz

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 December 2015

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



Turquoise

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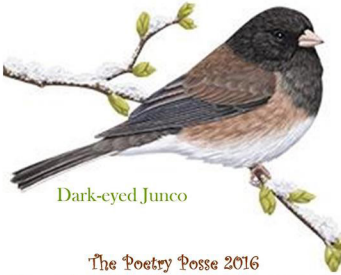
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christina Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

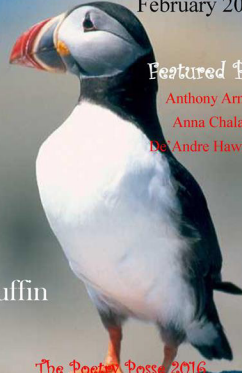
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Huiya N. Yilmaz \* Demetrios Triphantis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
De Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

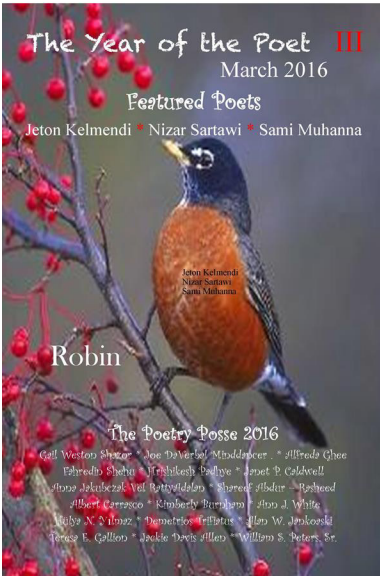
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

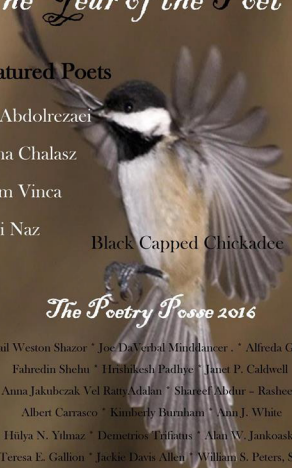
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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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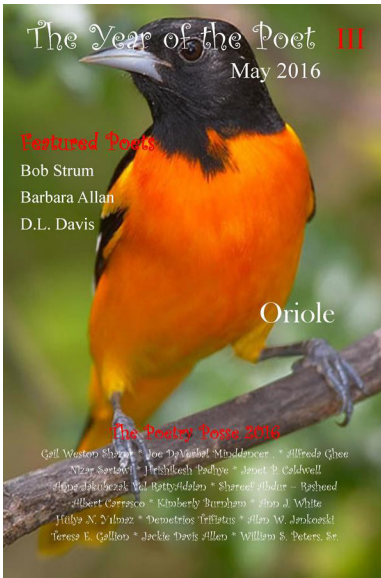
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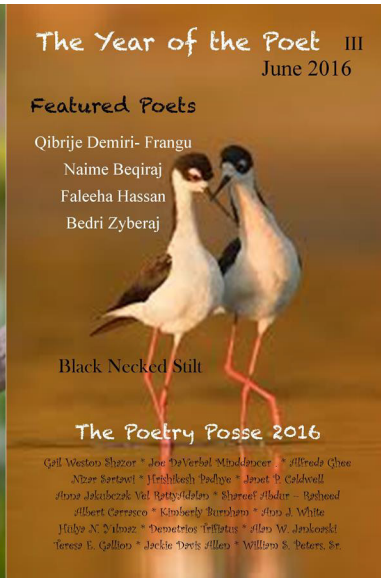


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May 2016

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

**Oriole**

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Nizar Sattawi \* Hershikesh Padhye \* Janet D. Caldwell  
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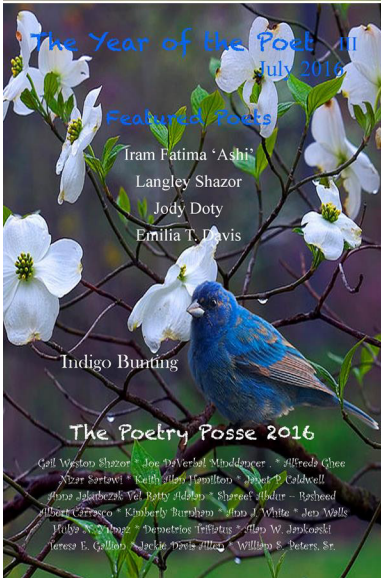


**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

**Black Necked Stilt**

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

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

**Indigo Bunting**

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Nizar Sattawi \* Keith Alan Hamilton \* Janet D. Caldwell  
Ajana Jakubczak Vel Betty Aldran \* Shareef Abdur - Rashad  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
August 2016

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

**Painted Bunting**

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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Nizar Sattawi \* Keith Alan Hamilton \* Janet D. Caldwell  
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September 2016

**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Pao



Long Billed Curlew

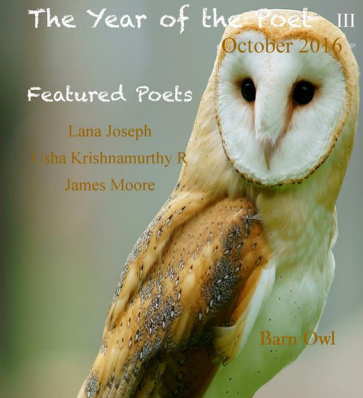
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Joe DeVerbal Minddancer \* Sharon Abdir - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Julie N. S. Abuzz \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

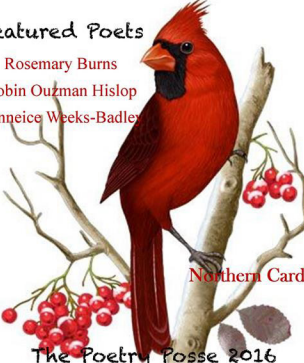
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal


**The Poetry Posse 2016**

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

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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**Featured Poets**

Jon Winell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

**The Poetry Posse 2017**

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Nizar Sertawi \* Ajana Jakubczak Val Betty Adalao \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Alidur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017



**Featured Poets**

Lin Ross  
Sukaina Falhi  
Arwer Ghani

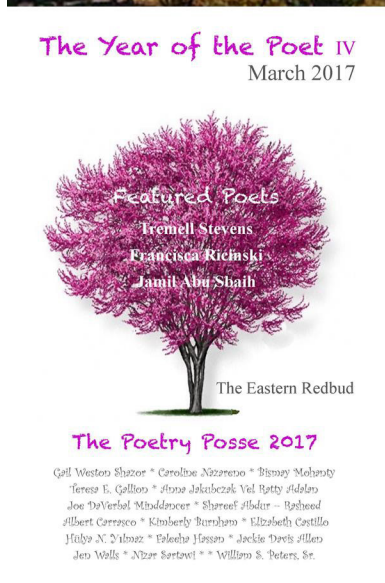
Witch Hazel

**The Poetry Posse 2017**

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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
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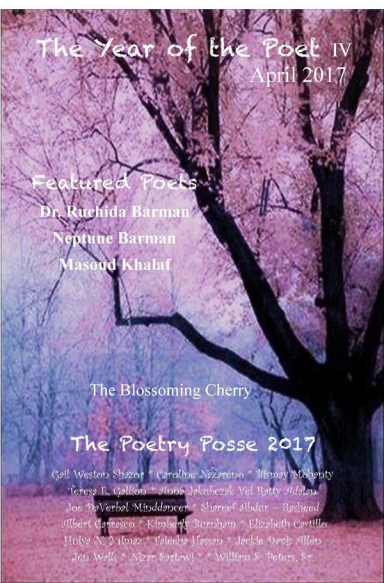
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Richinski  
Jamil Abu Shalih

The Eastern Redbud

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April 2017



**Featured Poets**

Dr. Ruchida Barman  
Neptune Barman  
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

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Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Hilja N. Yilmaz \* Ealeha Hessa \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Surtawi \*\* William S. Peters, Sr.

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### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry

Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



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October 2017

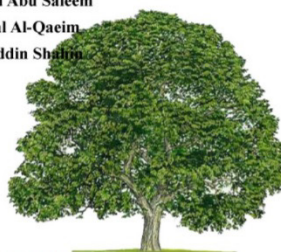
### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qaeim

Sadeddin Shuhin

The Black Walnut Tree



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## The Year of the Poet IV

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



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## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown

The Fig Tree



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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksum



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## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018

### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman



### The Poetry Posse 2018

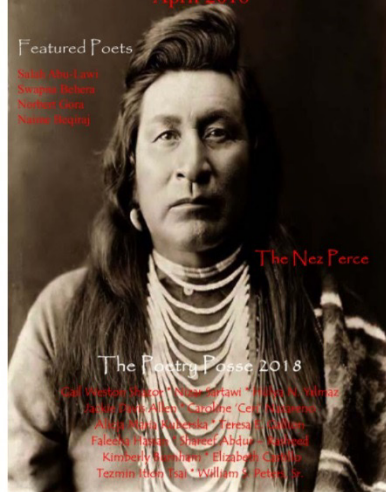
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzak Abu-Law  
Suzanna Bohara  
Nathan Chen  
Suzanne Hojaj



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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The Year of the Poet V  
July 2018

Featured Poets  
Padmaja Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Akbal Harsh  
Eliza Segiet  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

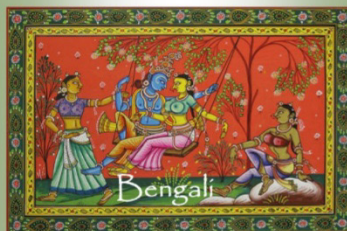
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## The Year of the Poet V October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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## The Year of the Poet V November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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

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## The Year of the Poet V December 2018

#### Featured Poets

Rose Terranova Cirigliano  
Joanna Kalinowska  
Sokolović Emir  
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarti



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January 2019



Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019



Meso-America

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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

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May 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Emad Al-Haydayr \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sherif \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
June 2019

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



Arctic Circumpolar

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
July 2019

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


**The Horn of Africa**




Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
August 2019

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



Southwest Asia


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September 2019  
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Elena Liliana Popescu \* Gobinda Biswas  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



**The Caucasus**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019  
Featured Poets  
Ngozi Olivia Osocha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Nile Valley**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019  
Featured Poets  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Smriti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019  
Featured Poets  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Eftichia



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dumant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



The Year of Peace

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

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



The Year of Peace

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

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Rohini Behera \* Mireca Dan Duta  
Monalisa Dash Dwibedy \* NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



The Year of Peace

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## The Year of the Poet VII

May 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elifichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Koshi K. Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Raed Amis Al-Jishi \* Solkonović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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November 2020

### Featured Poets

Elisa Mascia \* Sue Lindenberg McClelland  
Hatif Janabi \* Ivan Gacina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh \* Ibtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodh \* Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas: 1968 Olympics mural



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



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Jaydeep Sarangi \* Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



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June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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October 2021

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C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



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November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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Ratan Ghosh \* Christine Neil-Wright  
Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

February 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Mountains



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

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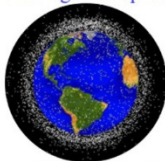
## The Year of the Poet IX

March 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

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April 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oceans



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Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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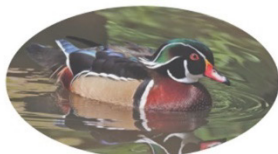
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May 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Birds



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## The Year of the Poet IX

June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeizat Okunlola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioko Abonyi

### Climate Change and Trees



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Animals



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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Ngozi Olivia Osooha \* Biswajit Mishra  
Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Sajid Hussein

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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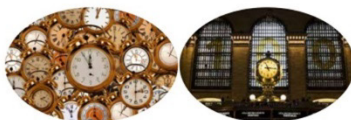
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November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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JuNe Barefield \* Swayam Prashant  
Willow Rose \* Shabbirhusein K Jammagerwalla

### Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X February 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Ruby Bridges

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X March 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Yo Yo Ma

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X April 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Children: Difference Makers



Claudette Colvin

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Csp Shrivastava \* Michael Lee Johnson  
Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown  
Children : Difference Makers



Louis Braille

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

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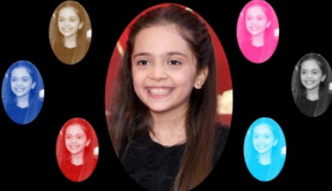
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~ Omar Khayyam ~

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~ Nâzım Hikmet ~

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~ William Butler Yeats ~

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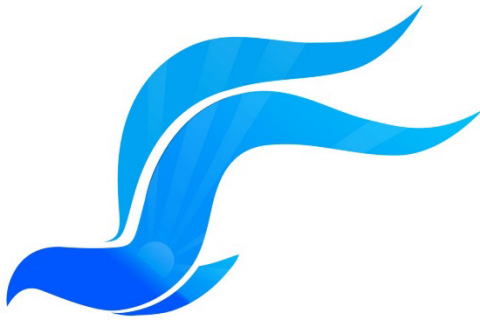
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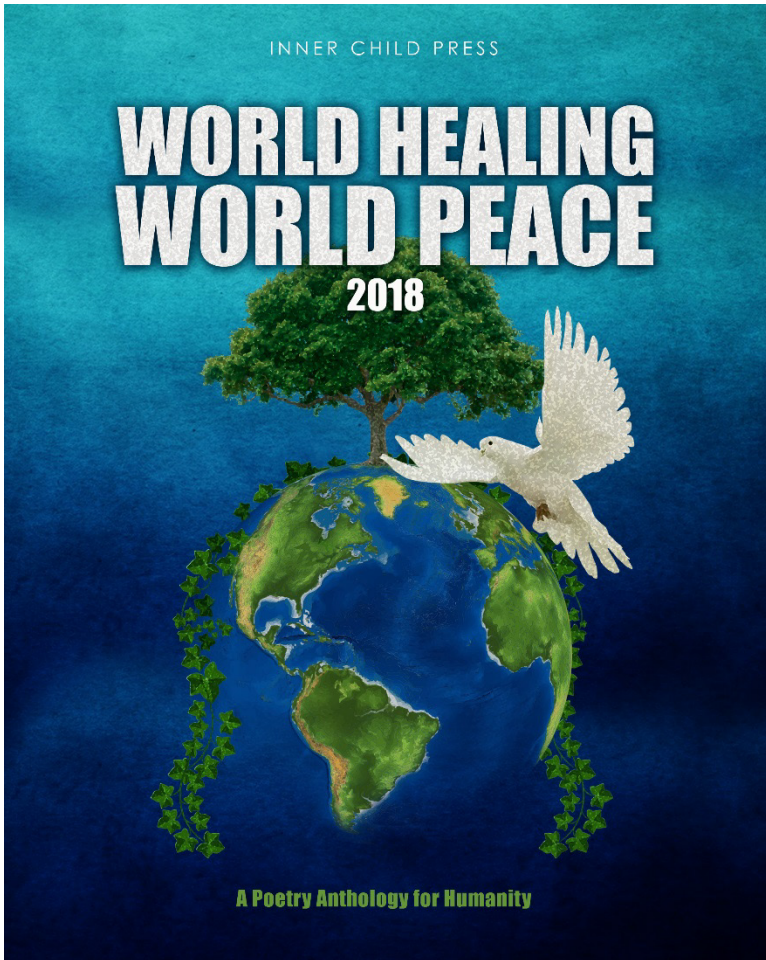


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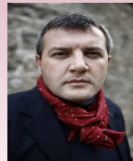
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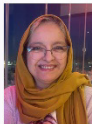
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