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# Dedication

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the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

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



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# F oreword

As a collective, the Inner Child Poetry Posse, we begin our twelfth year of writing three poems every month. Each year we have a theme. In the past it has been Nobel peace prize winners, children who are changing the world, countries, cultures, flowers and more. This year we turn inward and look at what is in our hearts, what we notice about the world around us, how we fit and what is important to us.

As the days of 2025 get longer and there is more light in the sky we focus on three feelings: Innocence, Joy, and Longing. In February, we will write about our curiosity, fear, and loneliness. Each month we will explore different feelings, each in our own way and hope by the end of 2025 to have 36 poems and a new perspective on our lives.

Come with us on the journey. As you read our poems, do your own exploration of the topics, of how you feel, and what you notice about yourself and your community.

Share your writing, poems, and personal essays with friends and family. At Inner Child Press, we often have anthologies with open calls.

We hope you enjoy our poems and look forward to sharing words and this world with you in the New Year.

Kimberly Burnham

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# Preface

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

**As we now enter our 12<sup>th</sup> year of monthly publications for The Year of the Poet, we continue to be excited.**

This particular year we have chosen to feature a collection of human emotions. We do hope you enjoy the poets perspectives on these subjects. 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 :

[www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet](http://www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet)

Over the years, Inner Child Press has been socially active to bring awareness and catalog through literature the things that have an impact upon our world and its inhabitants. We have solicited, produced, underwritten and published quite a few volumes to that end. For more insight you may wish to visit : [www.innerchildpress.com/the-anthology-market](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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# Innocence, Joy and Longing



Innocence  
Daisy



Joy  
Marigold



Longing  
Camellia

Each month, *The Year of the Poet* writers choose among various themes, exploring their own hearts, lives, and words.

January features Innocence, Joy, and Longing. These can be emotions at any point in life brought about by an event in life, a daily occurrence, or a feature of childhood. As poets we look inside. We look to our teachers and other poets for new ways to perceive our world.

In Julie L. Moore's *Innocence*, she starts, "At some point you make peace with it, your life as it is, with all it offers you." There is a kind of innocence in really seeing your life and accepting it. Children often have another kind of innocence where we just accept life and truth without looking for the negative. We can find what we look for everywhere.

Latent by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer features the line, "And is joy latent in everything? I have felt it sometimes in the washing of dishes, in mowing the lawn..." We can each look around and see the things and people who bring us joy. Perhaps joy is everywhere, even when we don't see it.

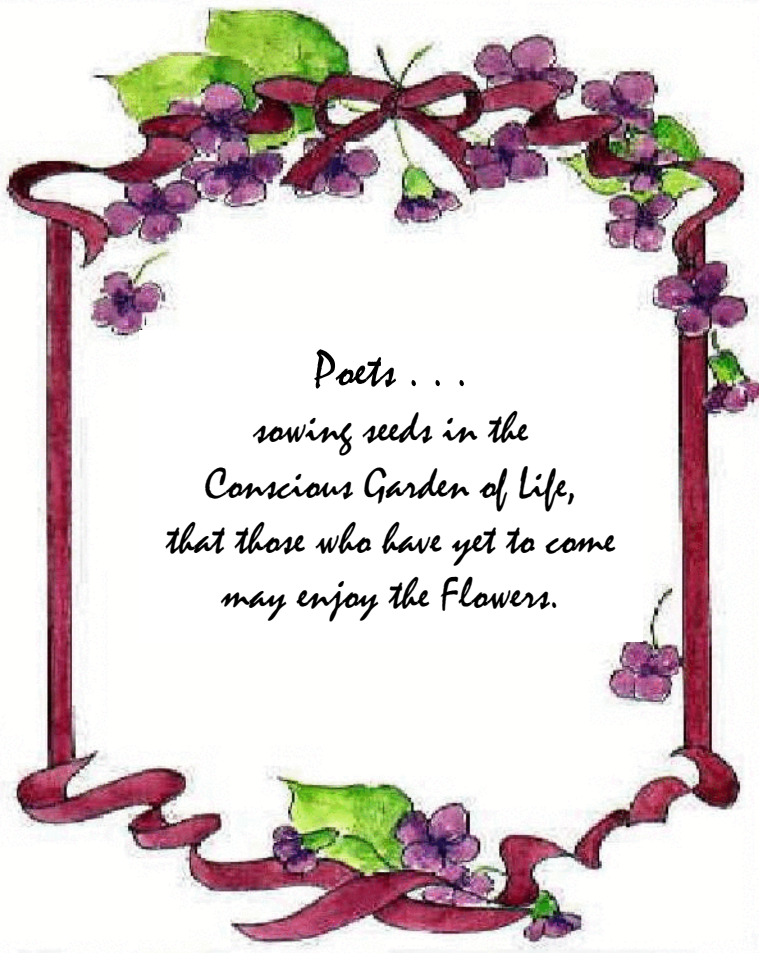


Writing poetry can make us more aware of the joy all around us.

In *How We Are Not Alone*, Maya Stein explores our deep longing for connection in a list poem of the evidence that she is not alone while Pádraig Ó Tuama explores longing in his poem, *How to be Alone*. His poem starts with the line, “It all begins with knowing nothing lasts forever.”

Explore for yourself these three topics: Innocence, Joy and Longing. What is a poem that only you can write about these emotions? What is unique to your life, your heart, your perspective?

Kimberly Burnham  
Spokane, WA Jan 2025



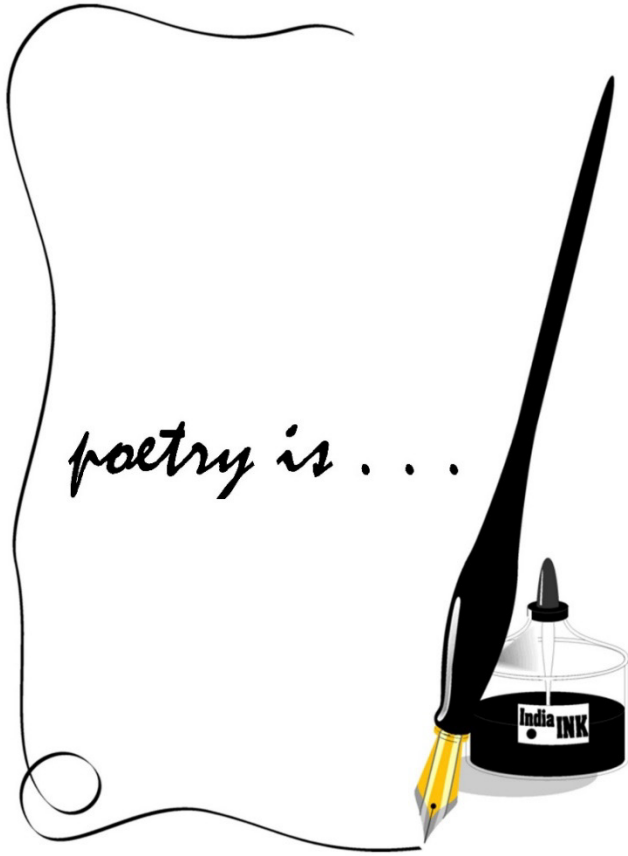
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

~ wsp

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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.



## Aging Geacefully

Twinkle lights  
Sparkling on the snow  
Falling against the bark  
Of hardwood trees  
We wait  
For life to find us  
In the midst of wisdom  
It is now in this season  
That we contemplate the next  
And our usefulness  
To this very life  
Our bodies continue  
This very journey  
And we become the aged  
That we formally admired  
The ancestral plane  
Is now a visible veil  
And gray hairs  
Is simply the icing  
That mimics snow on trees

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### YWHW

i say YWHW from You  
i breathe Your very name into my mouth  
And the whisper covers the air i taste  
You name yourself everlasting  
Alpha and Omega  
Am that you Am and  
It is sufficient for my limitedness  
And i breathe after You-Abah  
In the midst of my day  
In the middle of my life  
i find that You are here  
In the same place i find myself  
It is not that You have ever left  
i moved  
And now that i have returned  
i say yes  
And draw close to You  
For in this i am refined after my rescue  
Storms rarely run in a straight line  
And i have been buffeted around  
And i have run headfirst into the wind  
Even though You told me no  
i could not hear for the listening  
To my flesh senses

So my doxology has become this  
i am greatfilled to the inked  
And to the said  
And to the whispered breath of You  
i say yes to the wind across my face  
The salty sea on my lips that flavors  
My independence of dependence

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For You are my choice  
This one of abundant living in the midst  
Of practicing to yield to You  
i am your child of water  
i am your adult of giving  
i accept who You made me to be  
So i live You in my waking  
And in every love of my life  
i expand, reach and fill much farther  
Than i can ever hope to do alone  
And though i am not perfect  
You  
Are

## Hands

In the midst of this life  
I find myself needing  
To remember you  
Pictures and words cannot replace  
The feel of your hand in mine  
And the feel of my heart  
Echoing in your chest  
For whatever reason the silvery thread  
Of the fates unraveled  
Into a rushing waterfall  
Tumbling, buffeting and rushing  
Me into disorientation  
And when I would have clasped closer  
You released your grip  
I didn't understand the darkness  
Until I was brought back into the light  
I have caught my breath at last  
After lying gasping on a far shore  
And there are still days  
That I cannot catch my breath  
But they are no longer accompanied by pain  
Instead the joy is in the knowing  
That it doesn't last for very long  
And each new one is sweeter than the last  
I have struggled with this for quite a while  
The removing of the now for the want of happy  
Each night I rest in prayer  
That I understand the lesson fully  
And yet I remain afraid to ask  
If you still love me enough  
For me to shod my feet once more  
And for you to again become  
My waking dawn and evening rest  
At journey's end.

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Alicja  
Maria  
Kuberska

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

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

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

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



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### Play

On a summer day,  
the sun weaves into the waves,  
the water tirelessly carves smiles on the shore,  
taking and tossing grains of sand.  
Children play with the waves,  
shouting, leaping, and falling  
to the rhythm of the sea's breath.  
They laugh and return to the shore  
to persistently build sandcastles,  
even though they know it's a futile effort.  
The restless sea will claim them,  
jealous of seashells, bird feathers,  
pieces of wood, and polished glass.  
Children trust the sea,  
unaware of its predatory arms  
carrying death in foamy waters.

## Happiness

Let us learn happiness,  
like mathematical rules.  
Multiply daily joys,  
raise small successes to the  $n$ th power.  
Let us learn to value life's generous gifts—  
offered abundantly, but only once.  
Happiness is like a chameleon—  
it has many colours, shapes, and faces.  
Rarely it is grand and pompous  
like Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."  
More often, it hides in moments,  
in the grains of ordinary things.  
It's hard to hear it amidst the noise,  
hard to notice it throughout the day,  
hard to appreciate it while it lasts.

## Glasses

Once, they adorned the sideboard,  
in crystal glass, light  
cast the colours of the rainbow.  
Joy sparkled,  
as they rang loudly amidst toasts,  
and the taste of grapes ripened in their bowls.  
Today, they stand dusty in a box,  
ignored by crowds of poor folk  
and a few antique connoisseurs.  
Homeless, they reminisce  
about their former owners  
and dream of escaping  
the muddy market stall.  
Will someone stop by?  
Buy them? Take them away?  
Quench their longing for the old home?

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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## Dawn, the Awakening

Beneath gift of God's mercy,  
In early days, in the beginning of life,  
Hunger without ability to speak,  
Lungs bursting forth with need,

For nourishment, to still the pain.

The pain of the unknown reveals itself,  
Only, with the passage of time.  
Now that the terror of War is over.  
My father has come home.

He has the kindest of eyes.

Embraced as stranger to stranger.  
Introduced, face to face; no longer  
just a years-old, black and white photo.  
Love erases doubt and trepidation.

My father has really come home!

My mother weeps with joy.  
Tears stream down her face.  
My father, smilies, unable to speak,  
struggles and attempts to clear his throat.

My mother wraps her body around us.

## I Remember

Shelling peas,  
I'm sitting out on the porch,  
Remembering.

A tea towel covers ample laps.  
Tired ankles peek out from beneath  
1950s hemmed dresses, fourteen inches;  
measured, from the pine board floor

A pale-painted green-glider creaks.  
From the weight of time, pausing  
for a restless moment.

Black flies trapped in yellow sticky-tape  
dot their funeral ribbons. I call them  
coffin strips; I'm aghast at the death scene  
hanging from the blue-board-ceiling.

The hard-top road oozes.  
Black tar, hot. Sizzling.  
And, it's sticky.

This air is stagnated, sickly.  
The N & W cars parked across the way,  
await a signal. The engine is silent.  
It is as if it has died.

Eventually, when the drought is over,  
there will come a time,  
when all will be washed wet and clean.

Pray for rain, a thunderstorm  
to hide tears held back with iron of will.



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Some wait with white lightening swigs.  
A way to lighten loads worry.

Gossiping, gasping, political correctness:  
Hold to heaving breast.  
Tight; clutching fears.

Too near to the side  
of the framed-board house,  
Uniformed men alight, dispatched with guns.  
Others exit from state-owned vehicles.

Toting weapons, back and forth,  
sun glasses mirror, as in a movie.  
ominous warnings. Import of authority.

Remembering images: men, zebra-like,  
wearing stripes, black and white, with chains.  
Around weary ankles, heavy balls; no escape.  
Badges shine, silver-like with bold authority.

Grim, official faces determined,  
armed with power. With weapons.  
Remember the silver glints?

Vigilant guards. Why, Momma? Why?  
Others. Marked by birth's paintbrush.  
No choice. Or in the currency. Then, or today.  
For some reason they must now pay.

In winter, it's white as light bread,  
With summer's sun, we darken naturally.  
Some in striped uniforms are dark.

Bowed heads they begin to toil.

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About rights, wrongs, differences,  
I'm too young to comprehend.  
The scene makes me want to cry.

In the mountains, its white and quiet.  
Captives of poverty, we ponder, too,  
the urgency of coal's black lungs.

How sad the reality!  
Steel rimmed, mirrored sunglasses  
they bore a hole, they burn the memory  
into my young soul's innocence.

It's a somberness of a harsh truth,  
The likes of which I never knew existed.  
The actors, however, silent are no more.

Does anyone remember those days?

## Late at Night

I'm lying awake in my bed of disquiet.  
It is where all my latent dreams struggle,  
And fuse into the face of improbability.

Despite moments of despair,  
there streams down a glimmer of light.  
Its fiery brilliance is so intense  
that it becomes a blessing.  
It crowns my head.

Serendipity's delight, gentle, is ever insistent.  
A message etches itself inside the perception  
of my fragility's need and greed.

I'm heeding the voice  
that inks, my intention!  
My pen is filled with the ink of joy!  
Glory be! I will! I will, claim the right  
to my own name!

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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Dr. Tzemin Ition Tsai was born in 1957 in Taiwan, Republic of China. His literary pursuits are driven by a simple yet profound mission: to touch hearts and illuminate minds. Through his novels, essays, and poetry, he delves into the depths of human emotion while celebrating the wonders of the natural world. In his own words:

"Literature, like the gentle glow of a lighthouse, guides us across the turbulent seas of existence, offering solace and clarity amid life's uncertainties."

Although deeply appreciative of the recognition his work has received, Dr. Tsai regards writing not as a pursuit of accolades but as a privilege to connect with readers around the world. His works, translated into more than 20 languages and published in over 50 countries, are a testament to their universal appeal. Among his most treasured publications are 'Angel's Heart', 'Memories as the Wind Passes Through the Bamboo Grove', and 'The Southern Landscape, My Hometown's Ocean'.

## Chant Of the Wind

I once rode the wind that never appeared  
Write all the whispers among all things  
The sea is blue and endless, the mountains are silent  
Unfinished murmuring, swallows dance on the treetops  
The heart seems to be stretched out in the wilderness,  
whispering like the soul  
When humans no longer fight for profit

I also used to look for the wind that never took shape  
The corner that builds the universe  
Never stopping, crossing borders  
Passing through desolation and prosperity, singers and  
dancers under the scenery  
In every inch of my heart, seeds of warmth are spread  
When artillery fire hits the streets of the city

Messenger of time, yesterday's sorrow has been forgotten  
The sparse hedges are reflected by the water, and the rush  
Deep in the soul, pure and quiet  
The wind is an invisible oath  
Blow away the flames of war  
The water in the arrogant pond was extinguished when the  
sunset fell over the fence

I promise to listen, every time  
When the wind blows by my ears  
Calling softly, with the flexibility of the wind  
Facing the heavy rain, no longer remain silent to  
Waiting for hatred and prejudice to extend endlessly  
May the image of freedom be like the footsteps of returning  
mountain wind

## The Surprise Belong to The Square Inch Heart

Unveiling the curtain of dew, I arise by a tender blade of grass  
Bathed in dawn's radiant glow, pure as earth untainted  
The riverbank's breeze stirs the gentlest willow strands  
Woven like dreams spun in the loom of youth  
Dragonfly wings, diaphanously delicate  
Seem to cradle a secret verse, whispered in nature's tongue  
Fields awash in silent waters, frogs subdued  
My footsteps echo the pond's spring breeze, fleet and light  
The squirrel's gaze keen as it beholds blossoms  
Resembles the whispered musings of woodland nymphs  
A paper boat, crafted by my hands just last eve  
Drifts with the stream, brimming with boundless childhood fancy  
The soil's sweet scent clings unbidden to my hem  
While laughter pierces the iridescent arch of the rainbow  
Eyes growing drowsy, as though sated by wonder's elixir  
We drank deeply of a world where dreams and waking  
knew no bounds  
Withered leaves crack beneath the frost-laden morn  
Yet beneath the green canopy, untouched by time's whisper  
I linger, innocent still, as newly fallen snow



## Ode To the Lamp

Is it moonlight, or the glow of the lamp,  
Softly casting its warmth upon each face?  
Like a gentle current, circling hearth and home,  
It dances in the whispers of laughter at the table,  
Where the aroma of dishes holds memories untold,  
And the chime of wind bells outside  
Breathes the fragrant harmony of life itself.  
Children's laughter rings,  
Fleeting as petals in a garden swept by youthful hands.  
They stir the heart like a restless raven,  
A thousand miles driven by northern winds,  
Its weary song echoing the ache of distant longing.  
Ancient ballads murmur through the threads of time,  
Stitched with love into the fabric of years gone by.  
Beneath the moonlit courtyard,  
The stars gleam like the eyes of family,  
Shimmering with an unyielding warmth.  
Each smile bears the essence of home,  
Each glance a shelter against the world.  
The days ripen, like fruits heavy with sweet juices,  
Their nectar flows, filling the vessel of memory.  
And now, as the melody reaches its final chord,  
There is no need to look back,  
For its song has already touched every corner of life.

Shareef  
Abdur  
Rasheed

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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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## Innocence

do they actually know what  
it is  
perhaps in the child not yet  
affected by a sea of sin  
though that very presence  
in the home takes toll  
dem child no fool  
hypocrisy is loud  
innocence takes a beaten  
eventually shrinks  
does one think it could survive  
does one expect it to thrive  
in the belly of the lie  
that lurks near by  
so, innocence says goodbye  
now that child joins in  
now being preached to  
about not to lie by the very  
ones who taught them  
as a matter of fact  
to do just that

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### joy

ooh boy how we need joy  
medicine for heart, soul  
not easy to maintain  
often effort seems in vain  
perhaps if sustained would  
lose appreciation  
joy without sensation  
indeed, without appreciation  
so, it is written in the lords  
revelation  
for every period of ease  
is followed by period of  
difficulty  
though there is twice as  
much ease  
therefore, do not despair  
joy will appear  
joy is always near

## longing

for something better  
be it love, affection,  
appreciation  
there is always longing  
this is part of fitrah  
human nature to have  
better  
the need for happiness,  
fulfillment  
longing to  
reunite with the one we  
lost  
longing for simplicity  
complication is difficulty  
departure from what flows  
naturally  
longing for sincerity in  
the people who be  
important to you and me

Noreen  
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.

## Joy Is...

At nine years old, I was so elated  
knowing I was going to have a baby sister.  
I do have two brothers and I just  
want a baby sister.  
I was proud when my dad asked me to  
go with him to pick up my mom  
and my baby sister.  
After that I was very protective of her  
and didn't want anyone to pick her up  
or go near her.  
We went everywhere together  
and one day my mom said it wasn't  
good for us to be together all the time.  
Eventually we did. To this day,  
I will always watch out for her  
and to protect her.  
That's what big sisters are for!  
And that's what joy is to me.

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### Today

Today is the day  
to stop and smell the coffee  
enjoy simple life  
and don't be harsh on yourself  
for today could be the last.

## The Poem That I Should Have Written

The poem that I should have written  
is a happy ending  
with my Sweetheart and I  
celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary  
but it didn't happen  
because God needed him in Heaven  
and the poem that I will write  
is our unconditional love,  
and my Teddy Bear Darling's spirit  
shall always be near me forevermore.  
When it's my turn to go,  
he will be standing at the headstone  
holding his hand out to me  
as we walk together hand in hand, arm in arm  
to Heaven's gate.  
When we are in Heaven,  
look in the sky and  
see the last poem we wrote together  
in the clouds.

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Delicate Innocence

In a world where shadows softly creep,  
Where silence holds the secrets deep,  
Innocence dances, a delicate breeze,  
Whispering laughter through rustling leaves.  
A child's gaze, wide and bright,  
Sees magic in stars that twinkle at night,  
Each stumble and fall, a lesson learned,  
In the warmth of a heart, curiosity burned.  
With hands that mold the earth to play,  
They weave dreams in the light of day,  
A dandelion's wish, a butterfly's flight,  
Innocence blooms, aflame with delight.  
But time, the thief, with a tender hand,  
Paints the skies with a darker strand,  
As petals fall from a once-bright rose,  
Innocence whispers in hushed repose.  
Yet still, within the cracks of time,  
A flicker of joy can often climb,  
For in every heart, a spark remains,  
The echo of innocence softly refrains.  
Though the world may try to dim that light,  
Innocence flickers, resilient and bright,  
For as long as there's love and dreams to chase,  
The spirit of innocence knows its place.

## Shadow of Hope

In shadows deep where whispers fade,  
A flicker glows, a promise made.  
Through stormy nights and endless fight,  
Hope dances softly, a guiding light.  
It rises like the morning sun,  
When battles fought feel never done.  
A fragile thread, yet strong and true,  
A warmth that blooms in hearts anew.  
In gardens wild where dreams may roam,  
Hope plants its roots, it finds a home.  
It climbs the walls of doubt and fear,  
With every tear, it draws us near.  
When voices strain and spirits tire,  
Hope is a song, a heart's desire.  
It carries whispers on the breeze,  
A gentle touch that brings us ease.  
So hold it close, this tender spark,  
Let it ignite your courage's arc.  
For in the dark, when all seems lost,  
Hope is the light, no matter the cost.  
Embrace the dawn, the new embrace,  
For hope, in time, will find its place.  
It weaves our stories, bright and bold,  
A thread of silver, rich with gold.

## Flow of Inspiration

In the quiet dawn, where shadows play,  
A whisper stirs to greet the day,  
It dances lightly on the breeze,  
A spark of hope among the trees.  
A canvas stretched across the sky,  
With hues of dreams that dare to fly,  
Each color sings of tales untold,  
Of hearts that beat, of souls that bold.  
Inspiration blooms like wildflower seeds,  
Unfurling petals, embracing needs,  
It weaves through thoughts, a gentle thread,  
Awakening echoes of what's ahead.  
From ink-stained pages, visions rise,  
In every tear and every sigh,  
The artist's heart, the poet's muse,  
In every loss, there's yet to choose.  
Through stormy nights and starlit scenes,  
In whispered hopes and silent dreams,  
Inspiration breathes, an ancient song,  
A guiding light to those who long.  
So let it lead, this sacred spark,  
Through valleys deep and paths so stark,  
For in the journey, we'll find our place,  
Inspiration flows—our sweet embrace.

# Mutawaf Shaheed

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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.

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## GONE

No more penny candy no more nickel bets. Fifteen-cent cigarettes. No more Mr. Green's grocery store. Lady Flo's flower shops. Only never last forever. Happiness was hand packed. Grief was up for grabs. Loneliness was giddy. While park benches rejected the rejected. There was no harmony in musical chairs. Nightmares hover above made up brains. Lost from their view are their favorite things. Sharing thought with vitamin D. A B flat major was too sharp for me. The hours were bleached with toxic rain. Mad men performing on a worldwide stage. Not even trying to disguise their rage. Custody battles over own the sun, who owns the rain, Who's the owner of the stare you share. Eyeball less bandits steal your self-esteem as you stand clapping for somebody else's dream. Birthday candles melt in your hair as apple trees now grow pears. Tailor made pickets with signs in their hands screaming about things they don't understand.

When the ship takes off they will be left at the gate with all the people they were programmed to hate. Blood sausage stains all over their face wishing they had been apart of the human race.

TV Screens instead of heads, watching themselves lay in their beds. Praying once a week after a drunken stupor. In piss stained clothes he says "man that's super"! Pre paid souls up for sale. With Serial killers out on bail. Human lives bought for a mill. Fratricide, matricide, bactericide, patricide, suicide all served with hard liquor; Go figure! Eternity is not so far away any more. Just behind the closet door. Slammed in your face were the oaths they swore. You just go shopping.

## Mirage Proposal

What would you require of me as your husband? Well she answered, would you be opposed to helping me cook sometime? He said not at all. In fact, there some things he'd rather prepare anyway.

What about taking out the trash? He said he was used to getting rid of trash. She said that she likes going out to dinner and plays. He informed her that he wrote plays and he didn't go to plays.

Dinner was okay as long as they didn't go to far from their neighborhood. She told him they could watch the news together every night and the morning too on the 200' TV screen.

It was at that point he asked if she was talking to him? He said he was looking for piece of mind. If the things she named was she was looking for he was sure it would be easy to find. He said he was sorry to have bothered her. He may be available if her mind ever changed.



## Habits

They became accustomed to the noise they couldn't live without it.

They were used to slander and filth, without it they were lonely.

From the first thing in the morning before the sun came up until the

last thing at night, it was necessary for their newfound piece of mind.

They were new to the city and were told, without the noise they could

lose their minds.

If they ever told anyone they missed the sounds of the river flowing through their backyard or the singing of the many birds, they would run the risk of being called a jerk. It must have worked they just bought a new 150 inch TV set.

A guy who could no longer stand the noise owned the house they bought. He left the big wheel and all the toys that made all the noise. He shot several holes in the TV set, wiped the sweat from his brow left the keys with his drunken neighbor for the real estate broker. He wondered why it took him so long to hear the songs of birds and babbling of the brooks? The sounds from the breezes seemed to be asking him about that too.

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

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## the Twist

a prenatal fascination, it seemed to me to be  
for him, as he often delved into the glamour  
of the tune the piper lured his child self and youth

without skipping a beat, he coveted that First World culture's  
tempo-precision, swept off by the magic of  
his own feet's swinging succession

i, a mere toddler with wonder-detecting eyes  
he, a tall, cool, and swift-footed prince  
with an affable smile, etched on his handsome face,  
joking about his already-whitened hair, his fast-balding  
head,  
laughing hard at his bowlegged legs his pants couldn't hide  
"I earned these soccer player-legs," he would say with pride,  
"You don't know how much I paid to have them insured."

1941 . . .  
Chubby Checker was born

"The Twist arrived here," he announced,  
"an all-American tune!"

the album's dramatic release in Turkey in the 60s  
became a most memorable moment for that uncle of mine

he now was able to extract a music-filled exotic joy  
for his childhood and youth of a fatal disease

. . . twist, twist, twist . . . resting his body  
on his magically moving feet,  
routinely housed inside his Saddle Oxford shoes

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a few months of the early 60s found me as a little fever-source

that precious uncle of mine frequented his visits even more

my sickly eyes rested on his Twist-shows, with me as the sole audience

as for his carnival-colored attires, they achieved his goal: my delight

i was told much later how, all along, his body was weakening and how worn his heart had become

he was sentenced to an early death at birth

yet he lived every step of his life through self-renewed joy, and danced in grace tirelessly as if to his reserved time's drum,

taking away the slightest glum during my serious illness

my attentive older brother is what he had become

his selfless love and caring spirit have since often been sung

“Come on, Hüliş, let's do the Twist!”

. . . chimes in my life-pumping chamber still today . . .

“Take my my hand and just go like this.”

\* Hüliş is an affectionate form of address with the same root as my name.

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### a question

what difference does it make

if innocence had intended no harm?

is the impact not the same,

once you hurt your loved one?

## Love? Or Not?

The door opens to a modestly furnished space.  
My home for the next four days greets me.

On the coffee table:

*Passionate Love Letters. An Anthology of Desire.*

In a letter dated October 29, 1913,  
Kafka to Felice Bauer—  
His twice-estranged fiancé:  
“My longing for you is such  
That it presses on my breast  
Like tears that cannot be wept.”

I think of the reason of my trip . . .  
This one,  
The one before that,  
The one before that one . . .  
My passionate love, my desire . . .

And

Decide

To forget!



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Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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Teresa E. Gallion is a seeker on a journey to work on unfolding spiritually in this present lifetime. Writing is a spiritual exercise for Teresa. Her passions are traveling the world and hiking the mountain and desert landscapes of the western United States. Her journeys into nature are nurtured by the Sufi poets Rumi and Hafiz. The land is sacred ground and her spiritual temple where she goes for quiet reflection and contemplation. She has published five books: *Walking Sacred Ground*, *Contemplation in the High Desert*, *Chasing Light*, a finalist in the 2013 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards, *Scent of Love*, a finalist in the 2021 New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards and *Come Egypt* in 2024. She has two CDs, *On the Wings of the Wind* and *Poems from Chasing Light*. Her work has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies.

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## Innocent Cravings

Innocence craves the hugs of wisdom  
from elders who carry the body language  
that feeds the thirst of youthfulness.

Curiosity teases innocence to take steps  
into the unknown to find the source  
of knowledge floating in the breeze.

Youth swallows without chewing  
the threads of nourishment  
necessary for growth.

We do not need to worry.  
Digestion will assimilate what is needed  
for innocence to thrive.

We know this to be true.  
Nature recycles all wisdom  
for each generation to pursue.

## Joyful New Year

Strutting in the fields of meditations,  
joy smiles through the flowers  
that dance in the wind.

The morning sunrise warms hearts  
and gratitude floods the light stream  
streaking the soft earth.

Soul steps out of the body.  
Feels the burning desire to be free.  
It cherishes the gift of freedom.

This is the annual ritual  
of a New Years Eve meditation  
binding soul to earth  
for another cruise around the sun.

The firecrackers on the mountain  
scream: joy-joy-joy-joy!  
Streamers light the mountainside.  
We are back to raise hell again.

## Longing to be an Eagle

She sits on top of the mountain  
embracing the deep chill of winter.  
Looking down on the city below,  
longing to be an eagle.

Where would she land  
with a leap of faith this sacred eve  
of a new dawn to face.

She dares not engage this thought  
for too long on the mountain.  
A free fall would not end well.  
She has not earned wings for flight.

But tonight, she longs to be an eagle  
able to fly away from this earth space  
and flee to the heavenly planes.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava



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## Breathing Rhythms

I saw the morning sunrays  
kissing the waterdrops  
laid like a garland on the bare branches  
of the maple tree outside my window.

I sipped my tea  
to let the reflections of joy blind me  
to the virtuousness of the creator.

I observed the shining pearls  
clinging to the branches vanish  
the shortness of life.

Living from one breath to another  
not only in the moment but in something  
much larger than any singularity.

We are more than ourselves.  
We are an entire generation of light.

## Coming Home

Fresh mangoes don't taste  
like mangoes anymore  
it's not the same.

Secrets swallowed  
eat me from within  
beneath the thin layers of time.

Childhood lives in me still  
but I am changed  
without realizing the change.

It shares everything  
day and night  
sun, moon and wind.

It lives in  
my breath, mouth and skin.  
I am never separate from it.  
It's my soul  
my heart  
I won't let it go.

When I die  
it will die too  
it's my innocence.

## Bound by Blood

I pray in the shadow of idols  
in a temple  
eyes moist with hope.

Aside from the flicker of a candle riding darkness  
there is nothing else  
just seconds, minutes and hours sliding.

Why am I denied  
all the essentials of this bonding experience.  
Why my very own avoids me  
withholding love from me.

It's stating the obvious  
to say that I'm getting old.  
Every minute matters.  
Every breath counts.  
There are fewer years to live than that I have lived.

Am I going to remain alone.  
I wish it wasn't happening this way.

Caroline  
'Ceri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

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

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innocence

i am my inner child,  
wearing the hoods of innocence,  
there are byways of hopeful smiles,  
some are unsung hymns of what's enough,  
i can see, taste, hear and smell  
satisfaction from little  
things,  
like a bubble puff  
so gentle and soft,  
like the watercolor's  
that splashes rainbows to my soul,  
myself, an empty-handed believer,  
the morphs of my own existence,  
i am tomorrow's wish  
the flicker of happiness,  
in your heart, whenever  
you hug me  
on the saddest days.

let me be your joy

let me be the food of your thoughts,  
the joy of your spirit,  
find me like a tracing map of stars in the sky,  
the joy of becoming  
a reason to smile,  
let me be the hundred giggles,  
that you feel when you see your admirer,  
let me be the window  
of a new day,  
the joy of surpassing the inconsistencies,  
and frustrations,  
let me be the whirlwind  
of forgiveness,  
the joy of forgetting faults and stains,  
the joy of what matters,  
the joy that lives forever.

## Longing for a Mother's Love

You left the world too soon,  
I was afraid, I felt all alone;  
That was a day before Heart's Day,  
I cried, my dreams died, with you.  
It was the heaviest morning of mourning,  
I wasn't prepared, Mom,  
I asked God if He could bring you back to our lives,  
Longing for the days we'd talked like there's no tomorrow  
Longing for the days, that you cooked for us,  
And, you added magic to your special recipes with love.  
I long for you, Mom,  
Send me heavenly kisses,  
I long for your caring hands,  
It reminds me of the best days  
When you are near  
As I hear you humming  
The songs of your heart.

# Swapna Behera

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Swapna Behera is a trilingual poet, translator, editor, and environmentalist, from India and author of seven books of different genres including one on children's literature on Environment. She is the recipient of International UGADI AWARD 2019, honoured from Gujarat Sahitya Akademi 2022, 2021 International Poesis Award of Honor as Jury, Pentasi B World Fellow Poet, Honoured Poet of India from Seychelles Government and International awards from Algeria, Morocco, Kajiakakhstan, modern Arabic Literary Renaissance of Egypt, International Arts Council Argentina etc. Her stories, poems, articles are published in many International and National magazines and ezines. Her poem A NIGHT IN THE REFUGEE CAMP is translated into 67 languages. She has received over 60 National and International Awards. At present she is the Cultural Ambassador for India and South Asia of Inner Child and the life member of Odisha Environmental Society

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## narratives of innocence

in the innocent night  
hearts explored love  
in all forms of physical or emotional  
to be a part of the creation  
the embryo danced in the womb  
the arduous burden  
catching the magical void  
playing hip hop or marbles  
no gender discrimination  
no high landing dream of money  
just a smile  
a curiosity to explore the grace of the mundane Earth  
bundle of questions to know  
why the apple falls  
why the river is so eager to join the ocean  
why the fire burns  
why the spectrum of life looks like a rose of blood  
why can't we ever understand the language of silence  
why at all topsy turvy never happens  
is there any mystical God?  
who can stop war?  
Is death a full stop or a new journey?  
Innocence ;Thou art certainly  
the ultimate power of curiosity

those aesthetic moments

(1)

I was screaming  
in the hospital labor room  
waiting to deliver my progeny  
with my heavy baby bumps  
carrying for nine months  
enduring the dance of flesh and blood  
you cried dear son  
and I smiled with joy of tears  
I became a mother

(2)

the homecoming  
was the holistic migration  
from my existence to your zone  
inundated by love unlimited  
I came flying with my crashed wings  
you opened your arms  
dear master of my life  
I became your mirror  
I became you with all my modesty



## Longing for you

longing for your aura  
is my ultimate poetry  
longing to be your bride  
is my ultimate lyrics  
longing for your language  
is my ultimate profile  
longing for your love  
is my strength to die for others  
longing for your music  
is to codify the lush green nature  
longing to fix the disaster within  
is the crematorium of all egos  
longing to accept the void  
is the audacity of inner peace  
longing to cross the hemisphere  
is to take the first tiny step  
longing to be a tree  
is to die as a seed  
longing to dance :forgetting self  
is the anthem of liberty  
longing to celebrate the divine joy  
is to be a dot or toy in Thy hands

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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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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## Innocence, joy, longing

I was innocent, I had nothing but pure thoughts, the world had yet to taint them. I was that young happy kid growing up in the east Bronx without a worry in the world that sported a smile at home and in the poverish streets where I'm from. I lived in a community of tall red brick buildings, I called it home, I didn't understand why others called it the slums. My friends and I had the best times of our lives in our hood. We loved to be in the park but we really didn't have to go outside to climb monkey bars or bounce up and down on see saws or just run around and explore. We lived in a twelve story red brick building with one hundred and forty four apartments, we didn't have to be outside, we can stay in and run up and down the building knocking on doors looking for temporary shelter because we had friends in each floor. Everyday was bright, not just sunny days. Life was writing and at that time Joy was written all over our faces, time passing made us over-stand what the struggle of life in our area is. We didn't feel the blows of poverty's woes because our parents were taking the hits. Our daily agenda was full with just fun and laughter, nothing we did involved the almighty dollar until we got older and everything around us revolved around the root of all evil's power. That's where sweet innocence turned sour, they say history repeats, so life can't remain bitter, hope is something I'll always be holding, better times is what I'm longing. Rain rain go away, I've dealt with rain for too many days

## I wonder

I wonder if they're in a cipher looking down at me, If they are, I wonder what the conversation could be? I know they are my protectors because i can feel their energy. Till this day I mentally hear their voices frequently, it's been over thirty years since since their souls rose freely, My imagination is vivid but I can't imagine how they would look, because they died young and today they would be in their fifties. I can only compare a few to their fathers because most weren't in the picture, so I use my third to make facial features age, a little less hair, some whites, some grays, but I wish to see them physically to see if my enhancements fit them accurately, because all I see is kids when I'm standing at their graves. When I look up to the sky and blow spoken or poems I wonder if they get blown away and clap their wings giving me an hovering ovation, do they cry when I say that the reaper robbed me knowing it's their lives that were stolen?

## Shooter

He wasn't an ordinary gangsta, he had drama with men that would've killed him if they didn't die. When he bust his gun there was definitely going to be yellow tape surrounding the late because he popped early and reaching slow sealed an enemy's fate. Letting beef linger wasn't his thing. Right where it started before the departed departure they'll hear the fat lady sing. He was legendary with his guns, his name rang like the echos of his shots day and night in the slums. He was humble but dangerous, quiet but was silently loud, he laughed, joked but didn't play, in a New York minute arrangements will be made for a dove to take a soul to the clouds after gunplay. His entire clique is legendary, you either witnessed first hand because their run was televised or you read kites sent from the streets to the penitentiary. He knows many and many know of him, he knows many shooters and the shooters know he puts work in, it's a mutual overstanding, they respect his trigger and would hate to be on the opposite side of the gun when he starts squeezing. He went ghost, but I heard he's still out there, out of sight out of mind just like brains when heads are in his crosshairs.

Kimberly  
Burnham



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## Time Changes Me

after “Julie L. Moore, Innocence”

“At some point you make peace with it  
your life as it is, with all it offers you”

Bookshelves full of books still to be read  
goats that need grain and alfalfa all winter as the days  
shorten  
lighting menorah candles as the whole country erupts in  
Christmas  
a few extra pounds despite a new gym membership  
more new work despite retirement  
aging parents, all of us aging with some gratitude for life  
change so much change  
the nest didn't empty it grew large  
more book ideas than can be written in the next fifty years  
new tastes of fruit from far off lands  
will this new passport be the least used in the last 70 years  
a barrage of daily emails each offering learning  
transformation,  
encouraging desperation for growth  
a repaired stovetop saving for a new one  
a tall lanky basketball player so pleased to make the team

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### Joy is Here

“And is joy latent in everything?,” a line from Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

Reminds me of the crunch of fall leaves  
raked into the edges where they will compost through the  
winter  
the all weather tires on an all wheel car for snowy days  
the smell of fresh laundry yet to be folded  
a jar of homemade raspberry jam prepared with love for  
family  
electricity and light pour out on the darkest of days

## Longing at New Year's

New Year's resolutions  
a list of what we long for  
what we look back on the past and find lacking  
look around at what others have or learned  
wishing to be better

Bettering ourselves forcing our hand  
coaxing the inner writer to finish more books  
lose more pounds  
get rid of more stuff  
plant more seeds  
be more organized  
a better listener

Taking stock of what is different from last year  
finish 10 books made it to six  
same ambitions as the past  
just different for each new list

# Eliza Segiet

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

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Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize* 2020,

*International Award Paragon of Hope* (2020),

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association* (2023).

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



## New goals

Everything around  
was a secret, a great unknown.

To the little person,  
the world seemed a mystery  
worth solving.  
He tried,  
never stopped,  
climbing, fighting for every millimeter,  
just to  
reach some trinket from the dresser,  
to look at it, to lick it,  
and abandon it anywhere.

He wandered from room to room.  
After all, the house's labyrinth is  
full of new goals, riddles.

With curiosity,  
he reveled in his own  
achievements.

He waited for the reaction of those around him,  
the first applause,  
the first smiles and kisses...

A grimace of dissatisfaction  
appeared when he heard:  
– *You can't say that, you can't do that.*

Everyone expects praise,  
but is it always possible?

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## The Eyes of a Child

The eyes of a child see differently.  
Everything is big and unreachable,  
life is a trophy,  
though they don't notice  
what's lying on the table.

A ninety-centimeter tall,  
little big person,  
with a Socratic approach to knowledge  
and their question –  
why?

Is learning the world.

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## The Center of the Universe

It wasn't the moments that were happy,  
joy  
nested in every part  
of day and night. It was beautiful. There was love.  
The most important was the Child,  
He – the center of the universe  
knew how to take, and how to give his heart,  
he loved and was loved.

From the moment the Mother knew  
that He was a part of her,  
she never made choices,  
she was always there for...  
Her own self was always postponed for later,  
though she could see that  
her 'me time' time  
had long expired.

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*

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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## innocence lost

she littered the path she traveled  
with pieces of her heart  
hoping that some day  
she could find her way back home

she did not know exactly  
what she was in search of  
but she was compelled to move forward  
. . . anyway

denial suited her purpose  
for this long night

she was lonely,  
but had no time to indulge  
for her melancholy  
was the ruler of her days

would the embrace of a lover  
sate that ache she felt  
deep within

would new friends and smiles  
infect her with its disease  
and make her lose her way  
and the thoughts and fears she harbored  
all these years . . . of tears

she created her own emptiness,  
but i must say  
she had good excuse and  
her reason was valid

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in the minds of her likeminded  
friends and siblings

for almost 10 years  
she has been lost  
and blinded by lies  
and the beacon of light  
that could save her  
and navigate her  
to a new way, old way of thinking  
was hidden behind the fog  
of her adopted schisms

her sunshine was either temporary  
or delusional  
and its warmth  
just did not feel the same  
since her innocence was lost

innocence lost



the longing

i have this longing  
deep inside  
that cannot be denied  
like the Sun Dried sponge  
i am seeking the Ocean  
that is my notion  
to be overfilled

i am like the dry wood  
seeking the flame  
that i may be consumed  
or is it i  
who consumes the flame  
that i may be transmuted  
once again to my desire  
to fulfill this longing  
deep inside  
that can not be denied

the longing

## Being Joy . . .

i sat and i took a long hard look at my life.  
i looked at the things and events which brought me Joy.  
i sat and i looked at the things which brought me Pain and  
Suffering.  
i soon tire of looking at the latter.  
The more i looked at that which brought me Joy . . .  
the more joyful i became.  
i decided to go about and seek Joy  
i even started to cultivate it.  
i sought Joy in all the things i did . . .  
all the places i went . . .  
all the thought i had . . .  
all the people i met . . .  
all the dreams i created . . .  
yes, i sought joy in all life . . .

a funny thing happened along this path of thoughtful  
evolution  
i could not remember the things that brought me pain and  
suffering.  
It was then that i realized my truth . . .  
i was in control of my joy . .  
not things . .  
not places . . .  
not random thought . . .  
not people . . .  
not dreams . . .  
yes . . .  
i was the Captain of my Proverbial Ship.

As i sailed the Seas of Joy . . .  
that is not to say there were not any Storms . . .  
but what i joyfully knew was . . .

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that all Storm do pass . . .

as does all nights . . .

The Sun also rises each day, and i can start anew.

i am so thankful for this 3 letter word.

i am so thankful i have named a child after her . . . JOY!

Yes, Joy is a powerful force when we choose to embrace it.

i am not speaking of just bodily . . .

but with the whole “BE” ing of who i am

I am Joy!

The more i give to her, the more she gives in return . . . .

exponentially.

Funny . . . Joy is yours as well as mine.

We can not take her from another.

We can give her to each other . . .

as she doth freely give to us.

so i say . . . Be Joy and Be Full . .

Be Joy Full

blessed be

bill

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Khalice Jade, born Saliha Ragad, International Peace Ambassador, is a versatile author and advocate for cultural understanding. Her work aims to bridge divides and celebrate diversity. With a passion for storytelling and a love for language, she seeks to inspire connection and empathy, spreading hope and peace through her poetry.



## NOUS SOMMES LE MONDE

*"Nous sommes le monde, unis pour la paix et l'harmonie"*

À ceux qui lisent et à ceux qui suivent, je m'incline avec  
humilité,  
Je suis la voix ardente de la paix, je me tiens là, témoin de  
l'unité,  
Pour les opprimés, dont le sort nous émeut, pour eux, je  
lance mon plaidoyer.  
Non ! Non ! Je crie fort contre l'injustice, qui règne avec  
cruauté,  
Nous sommes frères sous un ciel immense, notre solidarité  
est une réalité,  
Pas de rangs, pas de classes, juste des âmes en quête de  
liberté,  
Dans chaque cœur, l'étincelle de l'espoir brille avec pureté.  
Oui ! Oui ! Pour la paix, nous avançons, main dans la  
main, vers l'horizon doré,  
Là où l'amour du Créateur illumine le ciel, notre destinée  
tracée.

## We Are The World

We are the world, united for peace and harmony,  
To those who read and those who follow,  
I bow with humility,  
I am the fervent voice of peace, standing witness to unity,  
For the oppressed, whose fate moves us, for them, I raise  
my cry.  
No! No! I shout loudly against the injustice, reigning with  
cruelty,  
We are brothers under a vast sky, our solidarity a reality,  
No ranks, no classes, just souls seeking liberty,  
In every heart, the spark of hope shines with purity.  
Yes, Yes ! For peace, we move forward, hand in hand,  
towards the golden horizon,  
Where the Creator's love illuminates the sky, our defined  
destiny .

## Quête De L'harmonie

Sous les tranchées sombres de l'injustice, nous nous tenons,  
Luttant pour la paix, pour l'égalité, nos cœurs battent en  
unisson,  
Contre les chaînes de l'oppression, nous nous élevons,  
Unis dans notre quête, vers un avenir meilleur, sans  
division.

Sur les vagues tumultueuses de la haine, nous naviguons,  
Portés par l'espoir, par la foi en un monde sans prison,  
À travers les ténèbres, vers la lumière, nous avançons,  
Guidés par notre amour, notre résolution, notre vision.

Dans les vallées de la peur, nous affrontons nos démons,  
Armés de courage, de compassion, de détermination,  
Vers l'horizon de la paix, vers un monde sans déceptions,  
Nous marchons, main dans la main, vers notre destin, notre  
mission.

Sur les ponts des compréhensions culturelles, nous  
marchons,  
Échangeant des sourires, des histoires, des chansons,  
Bravant les barrières linguistiques, les préjugés, les  
tensions,  
Pour construire un monde où règne l'harmonie, la  
compassion.

## Quest For Hamony

Under the dark trenches of injustice, we stand,  
Fighting for peace, for equality, our hearts beat as one,  
Against the chains of oppression, we rise,  
United in our quest, towards a better future, without  
division.

On the tumultuous waves of hatred, we navigate,  
Carried by hope, by faith in a world without prison,  
Through the darkness, towards the light, we advance,  
Guided by our love, our resolution, our vision.

In the valleys of fear, we confront our demons,  
Armed with courage, compassion, determination,  
Towards the horizon of peace, towards a world without  
disappointments,  
We walk, hand in hand, towards our destiny, our mission.

On the bridges of cultural understanding, we march,  
Exchanging smiles, stories, songs,  
Braving linguistic barriers, prejudices, tensions,  
To build a world where harmony, compassion reigns.

## Le Phare De La Vérité

Dans le vaste océan de l'humanité, la paix est une île  
lointaine,  
Où les rêves de tolérance dansent sous la lune éclatante.  
Mais les vagues de haine et de préjugés, violentes et  
hautaines,  
Viennent briser ces rêves, laissant l'île désolée et défaite.

Les sentiments toxiques, tels des tempêtes déchaînées,  
Obscurcissent l'horizon, éloignant la lumière de l'aube  
naissante.  
Pourtant, dans les profondeurs, une lueur d'espoir est  
préservée,  
Une vérité immuable, dans laquelle l'âme se repent.

Malgré les mensonges qui tourbillonnent comme des  
tourbillons,  
La vérité reste solidement ancrée, comme un rocher dans la  
mer.  
Elle éclaire le chemin vers un avenir sans illusions,  
Où la justice triomphe, et la paix règne en maître.

Dans le théâtre de l'histoire, les acteurs peuvent tromper,  
Mais le rideau se lève sur leurs mensonges, révélant leur  
vanité.  
La vérité, telle une flamme, brûle avec éclat,  
Éclairant le chemin vers la liberté, loin de l'obscurité.

## The Beacon Of Truth

In the vast ocean of humanity, peace is a distant isle,  
Where dreams of tolerance dance beneath the moon's  
gentle smile.  
But waves of hatred and prejudice, violent and vile,  
Come crashing down, leaving the isle desolate and defiled.

Toxic feelings, like storms raging wild,  
Obscure the horizon, where dawn's light once shone.  
Yet in the depths, a glimmer of hope is compiled,  
An immutable truth, where souls find atonement alone.

Despite swirling lies, like whirlwinds beguiled,  
Truth remains steadfast, a rock amidst the sea's churn.  
It illuminates the path to a future, unbeguiled,  
Where justice prevails, and peace reigns in turn.

In the theater of history, actors may beguile,  
But curtains rise on their falsehoods, revealing their plight.  
Truth, like a flame, burns with a radiant smile,  
Guiding the way to freedom, beyond the darkest night.

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Til  
Kumari  
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## No Ending in Death

Think, death is another huge birth.  
That is not ending phenomenon.  
It is only transformation to change this universe.  
The death is guest to attract many people.  
Soil makes transformation of unconscious bodies.  
Spirit is around the land and earth.  
Death is not subject of tear.  
It is cultural and rule of nature.  
Death is heart of every beings.  
So it is not ending rope of life.  
Death leaves another birth somewhere or in same place.  
Sometimes death of beings changes the huge earth as being  
shining entity.  
Survival is the transformation of life to something else.  
Infinite journey is there to reach in the complete change.

## Love Once in Glorification

One love of truth without deception is really praiseworthy.  
Some people wait the love even one leaves her or him.  
Some people quest partner when one has death.  
Love does not count with gender discrimination.  
It differs personally.  
Waiting one with heart alive seems tribute of the love.  
Love as once in life is true love.  
It is glory of love life.  
It is with huge personality.  
One love with one life is huge light and more powerful than  
sunlight.  
Love of truth of spirit is infinite.  
This one love shines in the world as glorious light.  
Love as true can be got rarely.  
It is by luck and chance not by effort and attempt.  
In reality, true love is glory of life.

## Death as Beauty of Glory

Death is the supreme transformation.  
It is the ending of body but soul surrounds here.  
It is the death which furnishes the frequent birth.  
The life is beautiful due to the arrival of the death.  
The death is another birth of the life.  
Death is another happiness of the life.  
One finishes life and death brings another birth.  
Think, the death is shining glory of life.  
Never weep for death of someone.  
Death brings another life journey in this earth.  
Think, death is the most beautiful queen in this earth.  
The life is alive in the cradle of the death.  
The death is the eternal cloth in the journey of life.  
The life is eternal when the death is entering here.

# Orbindu Ganga

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## Echoes of Adieu

Shadows sprinkled pallid  
With each drop  
Of tears,  
Sitting beside her  
Each moment  
Turned taciturn,  
Gazing into her  
Eines made  
Me feeble,  
Never had the  
Thought strangled  
Ever before,  
She came to  
Bid the final  
Ciao.

## Nightfall's Tranquility: Path to Serenity

Night bestowed a smile  
Comforted my thoughts,  
To establish a credence  
Within me, never  
Before competent,  
Days were plummeting  
Away from the reality  
To drown once again,  
Every time the thought  
Surfaced, gracefully swayed away  
To let the wind blow away,  
Moments later, the arcane  
Ricocheted, leaving  
Me gasping,  
Trying to gather  
The pauses together  
The twilight let the  
Reminder, night once again  
Remained tranquil ever,  
Caressing the form  
And kissing the soul.

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Thapa

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## The Social Call to Divinity

The masked idol  
Reveals your true faith  
If you persist your belief  
Still when the idol  
Lies buried in the ground.  
Your god is the better pang  
Of the universe;  
You gradually become  
The drop of contentment  
In the storm of disbelief,  
With the life you admire  
The more you choose it.  
The healing pangs  
Of the universe  
Is a mystery trance;  
When you enter  
You get mesmerized.  
You need the click of the mind  
To be wakeful  
Where the scent of the universe  
Kisses your ordeal.  
Expanding your growth  
An ocean is a droplet and  
A droplet is the ocean  
When perceptions shake your  
Waking buds of spring.  
Freely a buzzing bee  
Brings nectar to its home  
And looks out of the window  
Facing a garden.  
Wonder bell rings  
Like rain of melancholy  
Tuning the mood

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To some jolly groove of survival.  
Rain brings the dance home,  
When the honey trickles  
Like dopamine drops  
Causing modern surges  
Of memories.  
Universe is a playful verse  
Roaming like a free chariot,  
Just some divine touch  
In a personal shrine  
Washes the pain  
Of the hobby-eyed creator,  
Habitual to delights of pain  
For a large intellect.  
The social call is your definition  
Of the pragmatic jar  
With riddles  
Opening the cork of faith.



## Extended Wonder

There is a symphony  
That plays inside a mind of wonder.  
Vision is spectacular  
When you have dreams buried  
In your chest.  
My mind evaluates your gratitude,  
From the mind  
The gratitude trickles down  
Like honey  
And melts in my heart.  
How openly I want to embrace  
The beauty that is still  
Remaining in the world,  
For every dawn  
I want to invite a tranquil dusk,  
Let my habit guide my passion.  
Come to the wonderful  
Session on expressing yourself,  
I want to listen to your side  
Of the story,  
Be my imagination  
I will glide you  
To the destination  
Of inner discovery,  
Nothing is not permanent,  
Every moment is alive  
Like one feather  
In the green parrot's body.  
The feather trusts the sky,  
It helps in the gliding symphony,  
How the bird is free, I wonder.  
These simple blessings  
Like a vagabond raindrop

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Committing crime of touch  
With its first wet touch  
On a dry beloved's body.  
Life is like light  
Which is the inner cosmos  
Of existence.  
I might be blinded with ambitions  
But Life is like an extended  
Open arms to the concrete  
Materiality.  
The invited dawn  
Isn't it a measure of man's beginning?  
Every new morning  
A new beginning seeps  
In the tiny hut of wonder.

## Civilized World

An innocent smile  
blooms like the Rhododendron.

Richness is an attire  
of contentment.

I traveled with the sunshine  
to rest when the moon winked  
with the gestures of sleep.

I am a child,  
my toys are left  
in the pit where sideliners fall.

I want to be the face of the world,  
my eyes full of dream, seek laps of lullabies.

A shoulder of comfort,  
is my suitable home.

My glass palace of imagination  
is real for my idea of the civilization.

I plead for diplomacy  
among the grown advocates of the society.

I swing in comfort,  
I want to trust the leaders of vision.

My books are left behind,  
the pages of my notebook are left blank.

Pour me the water from your pitcher.  
I plead for the cost of my spilled blood.

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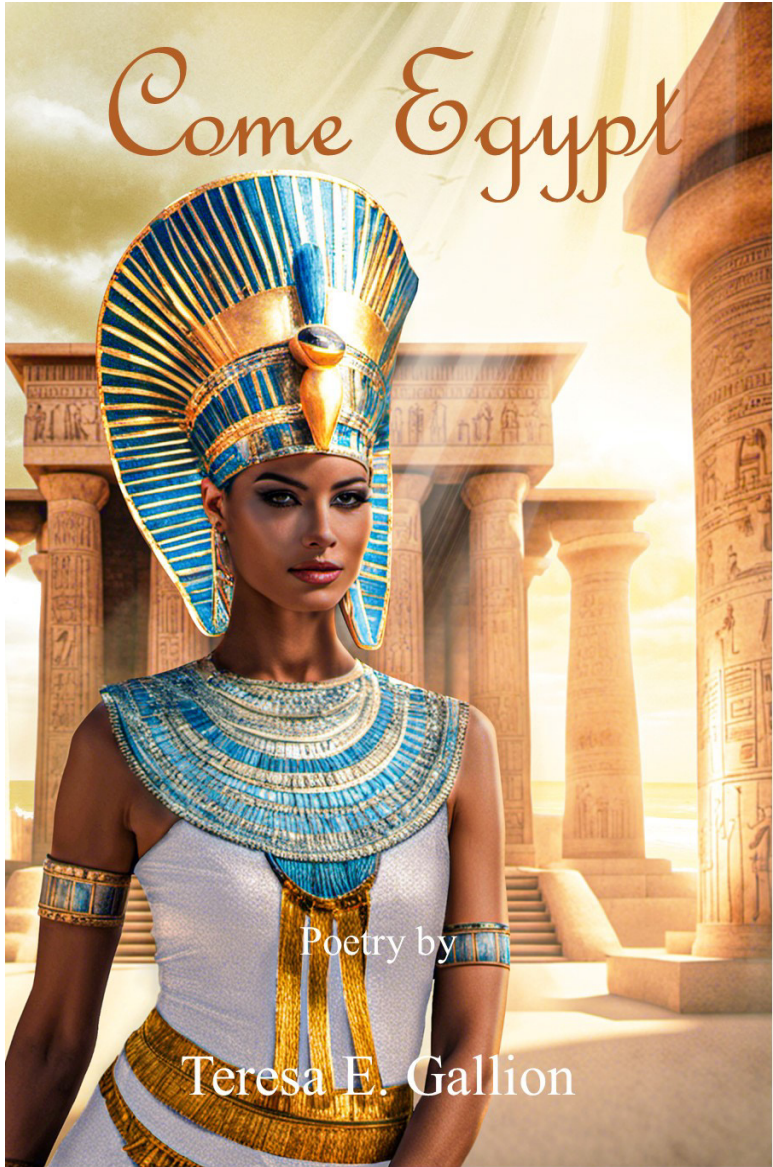
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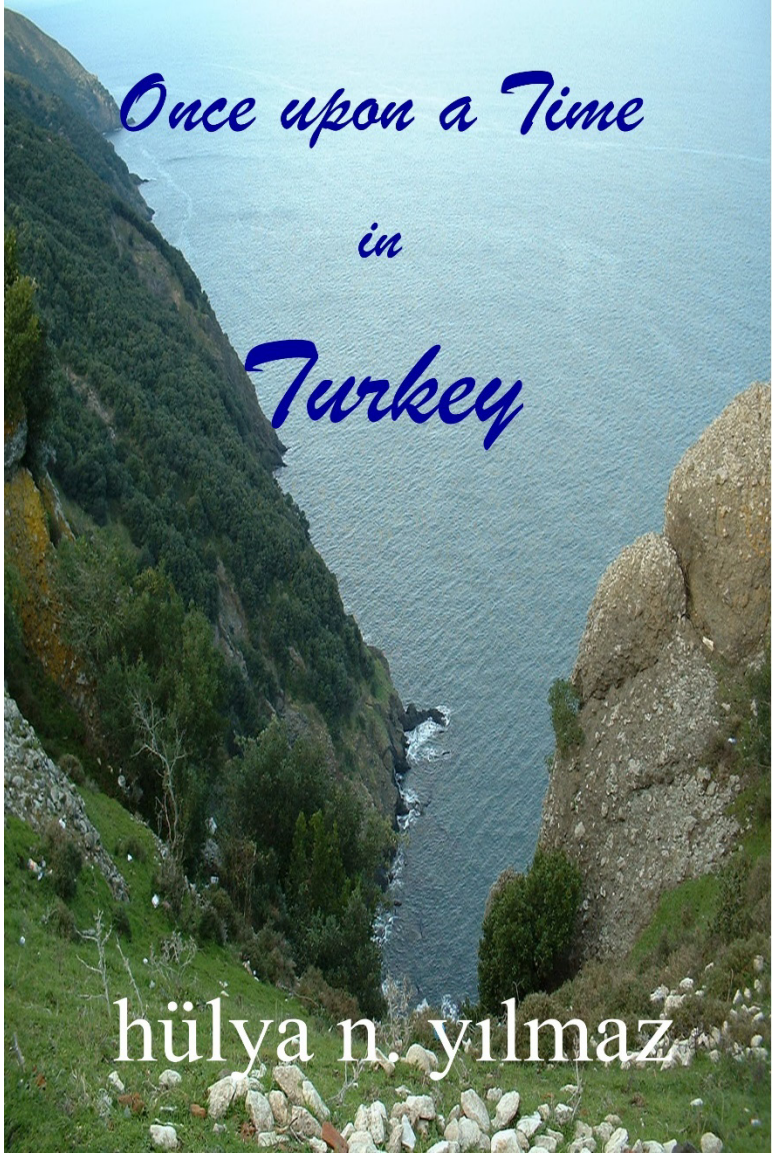
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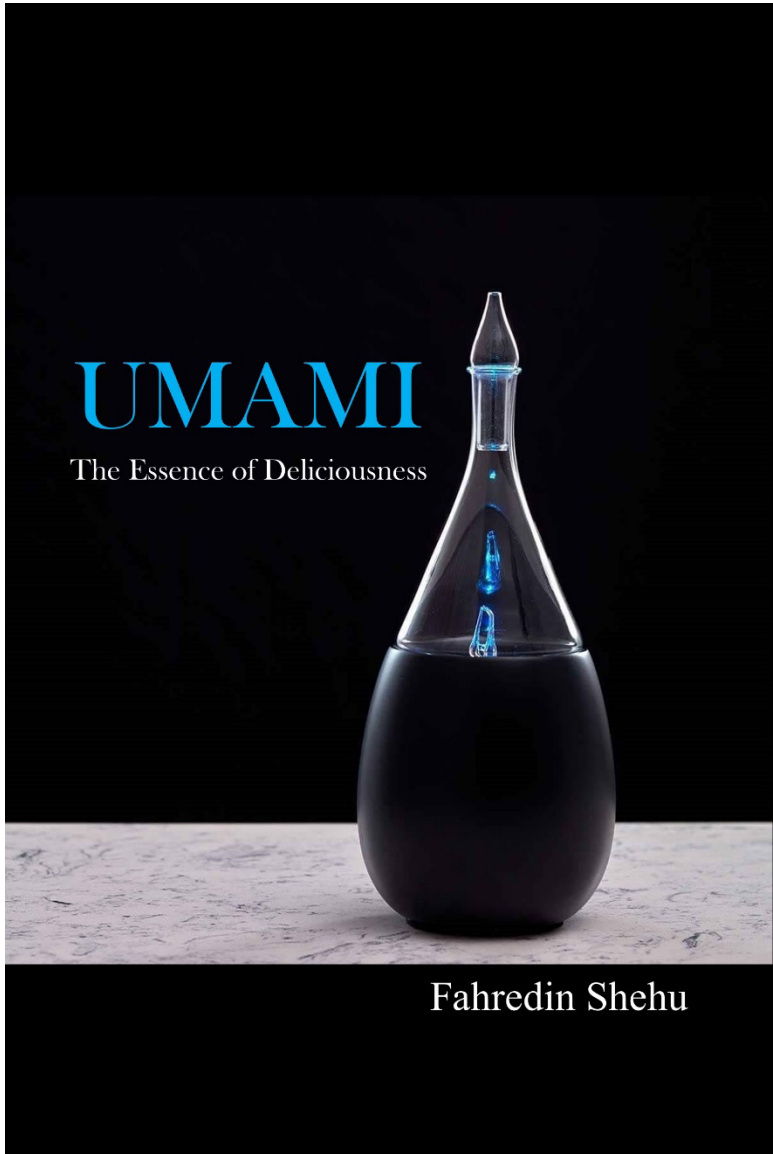


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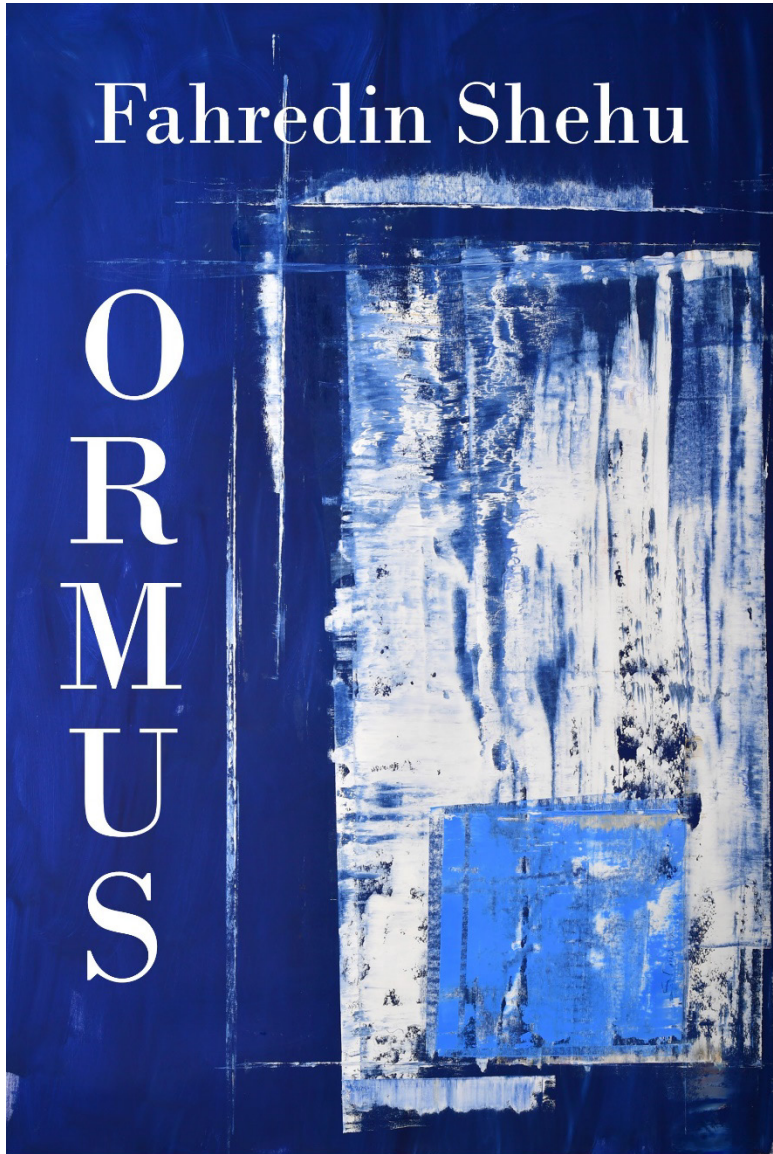
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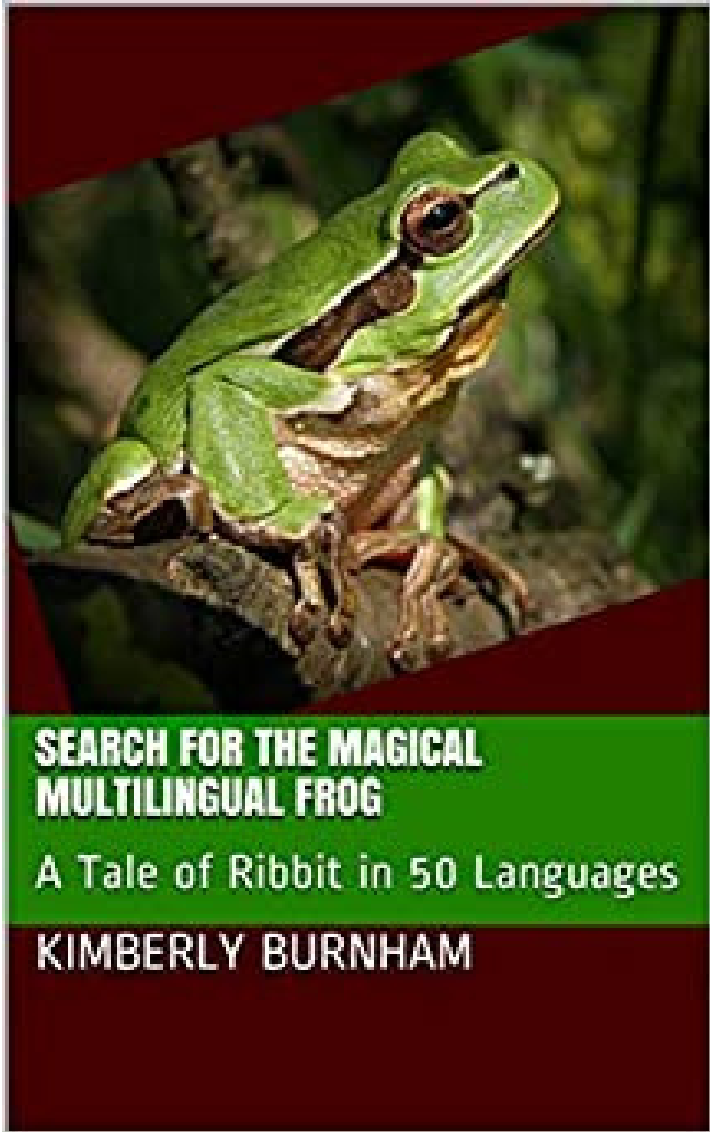
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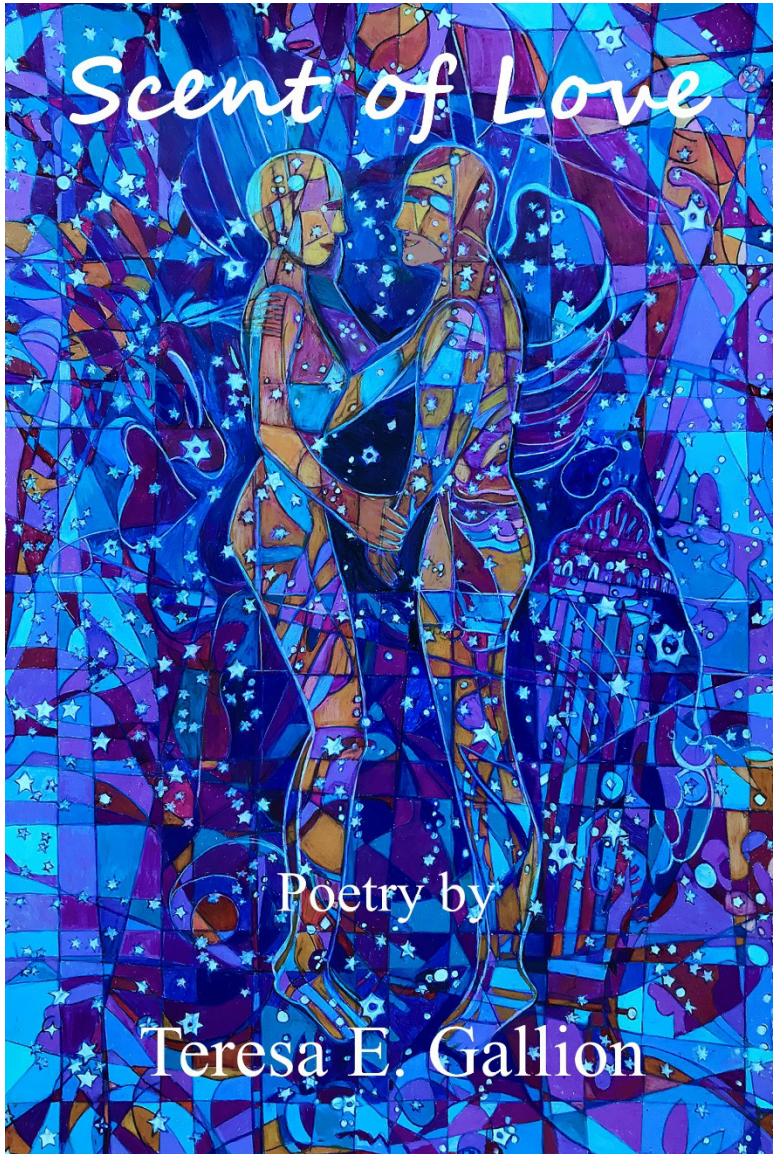
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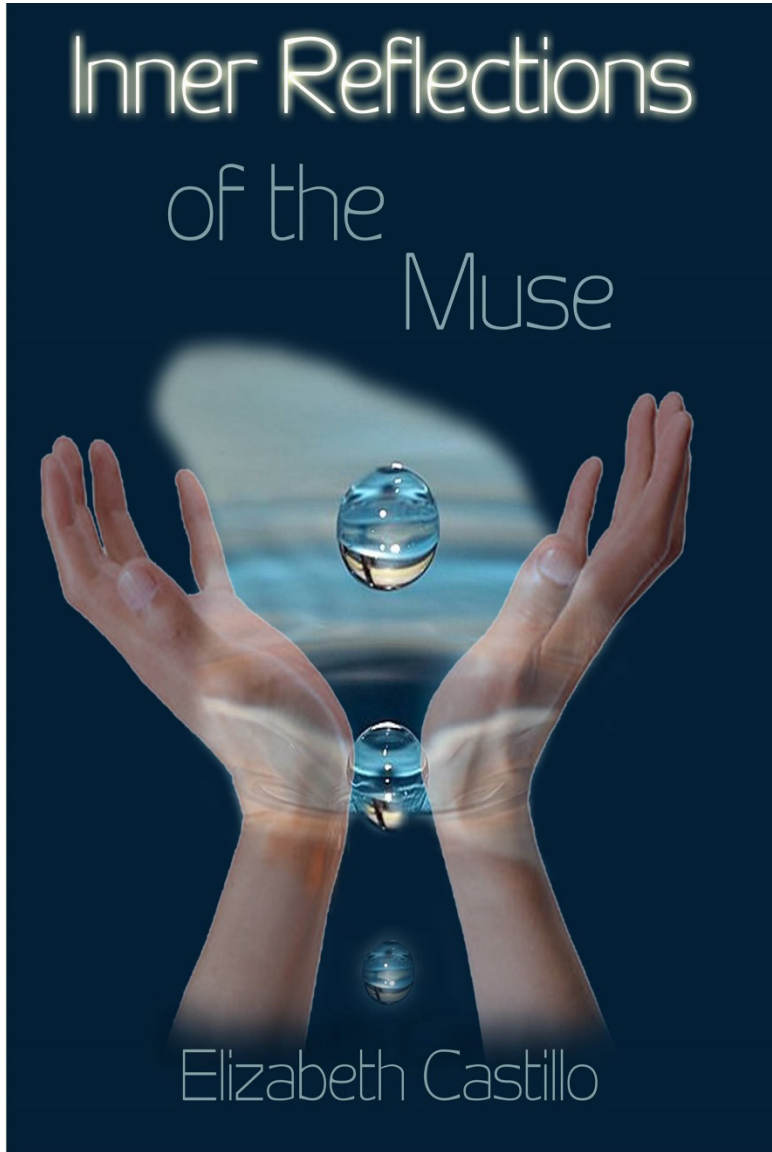
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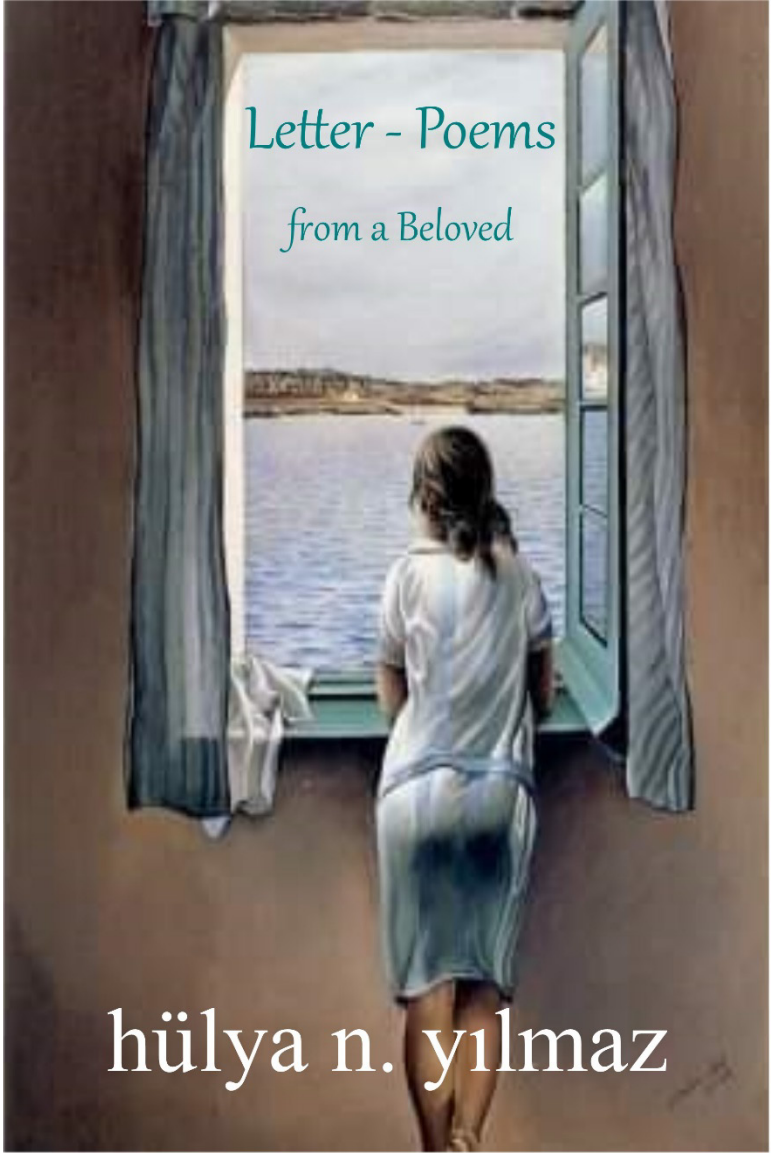
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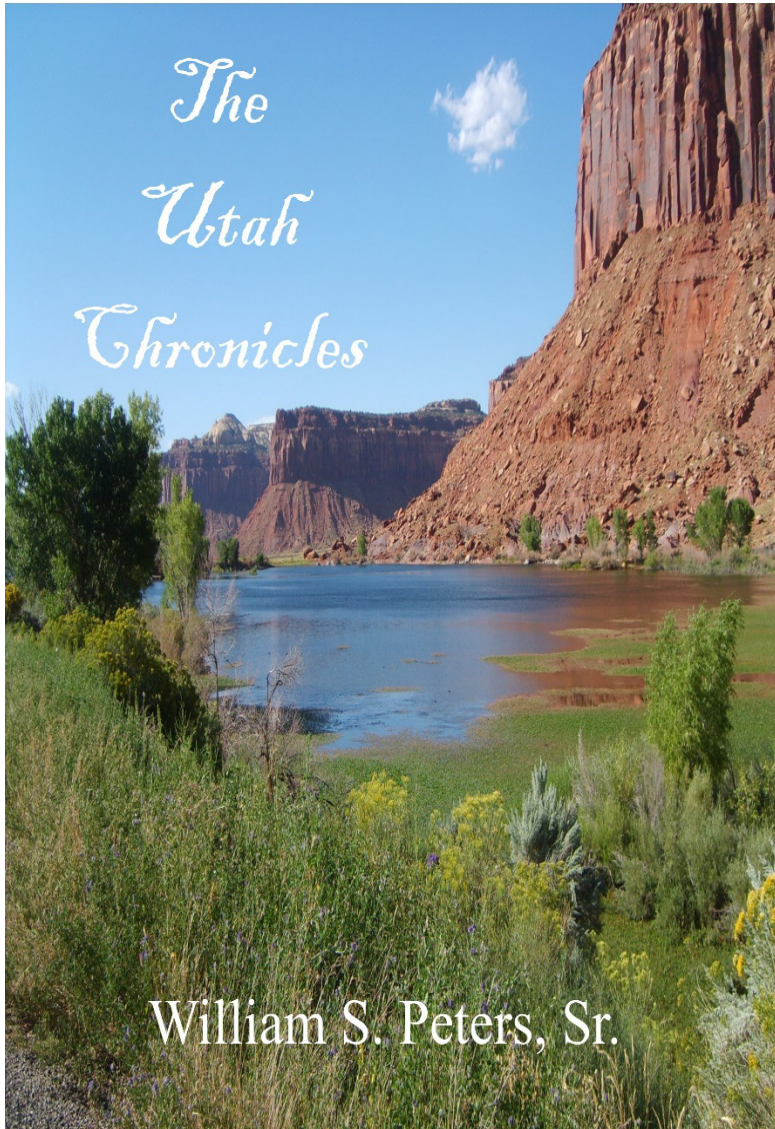


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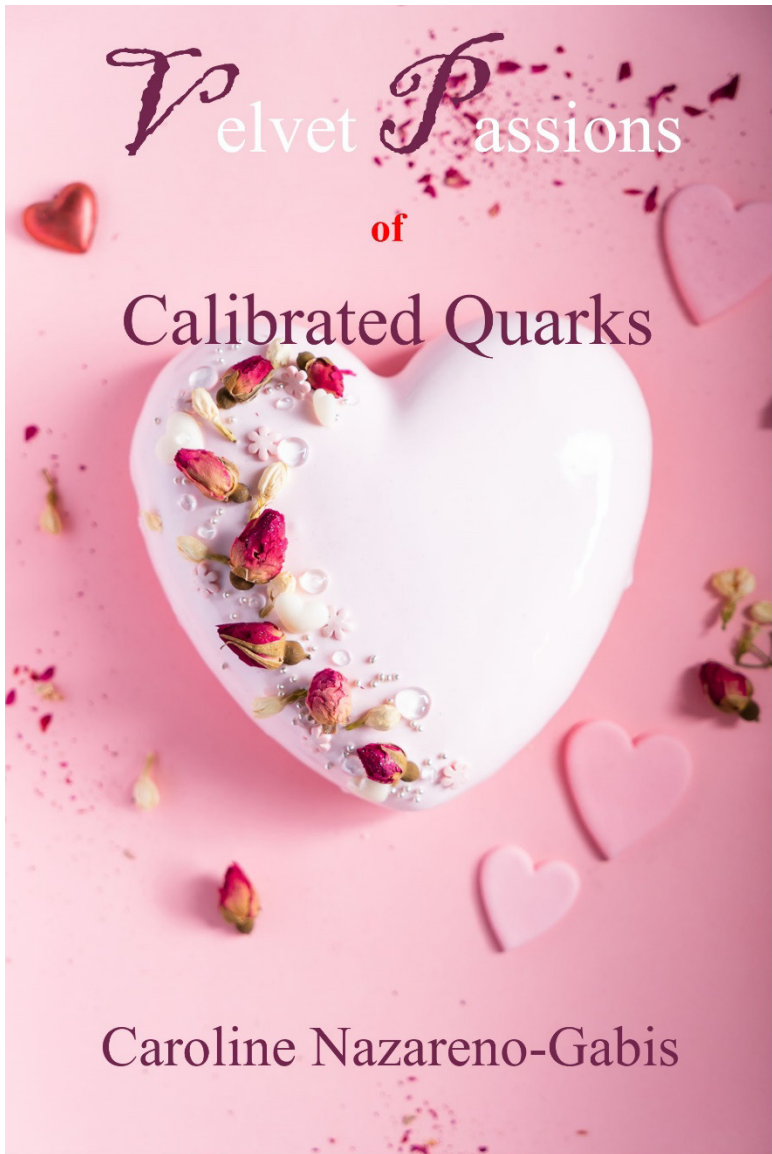


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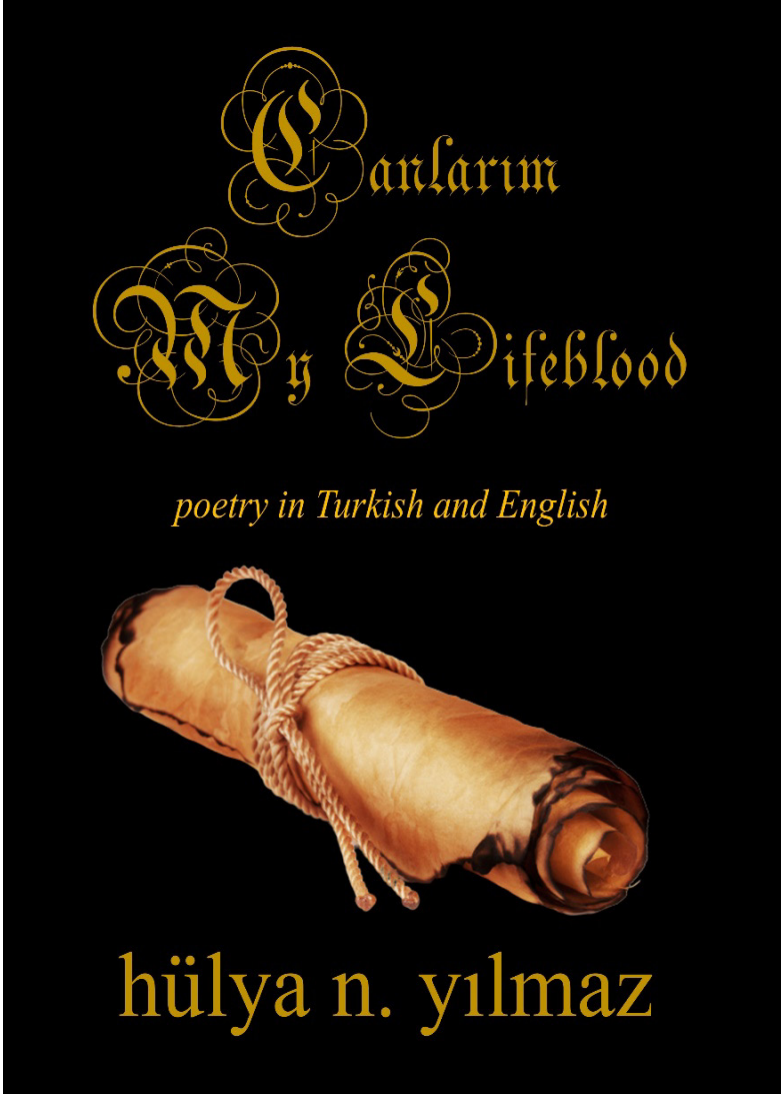


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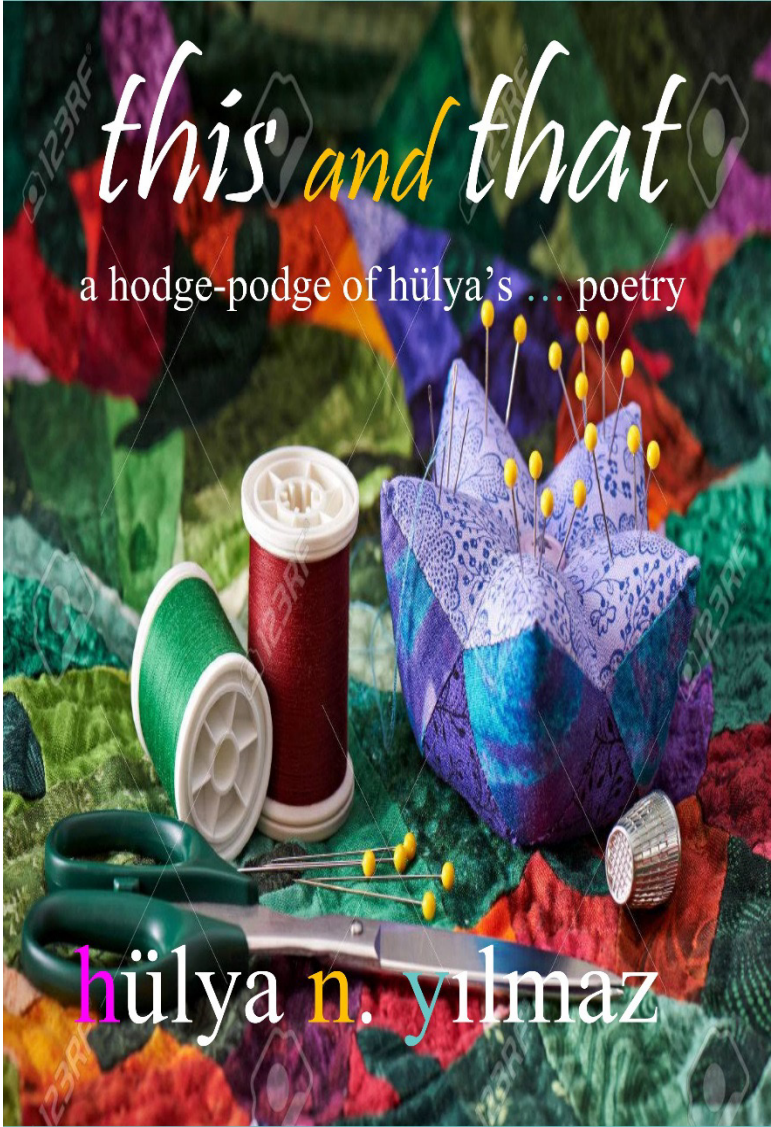
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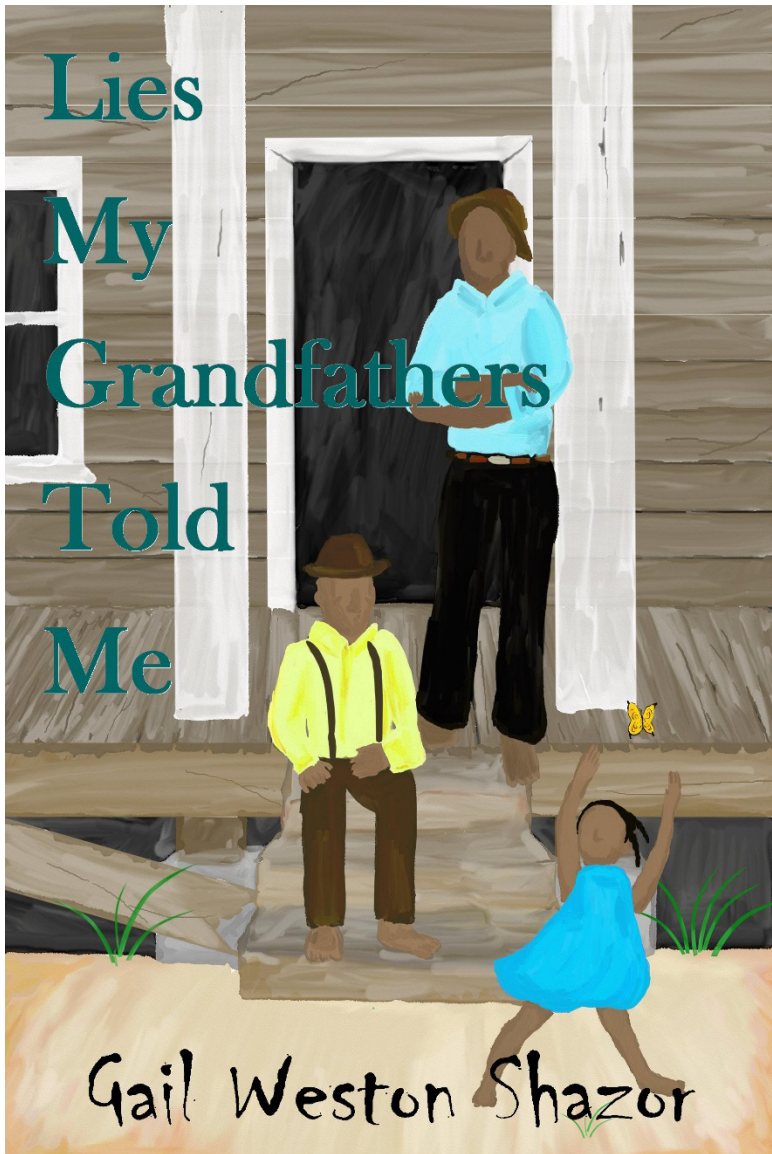
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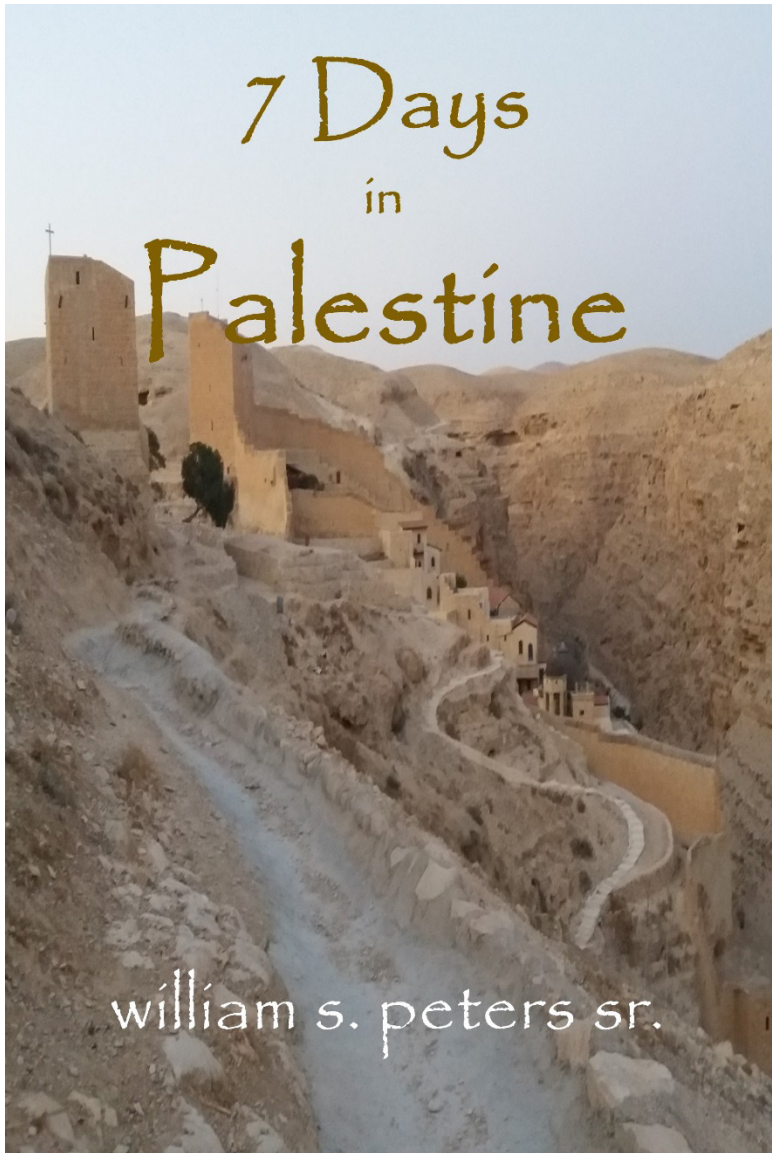
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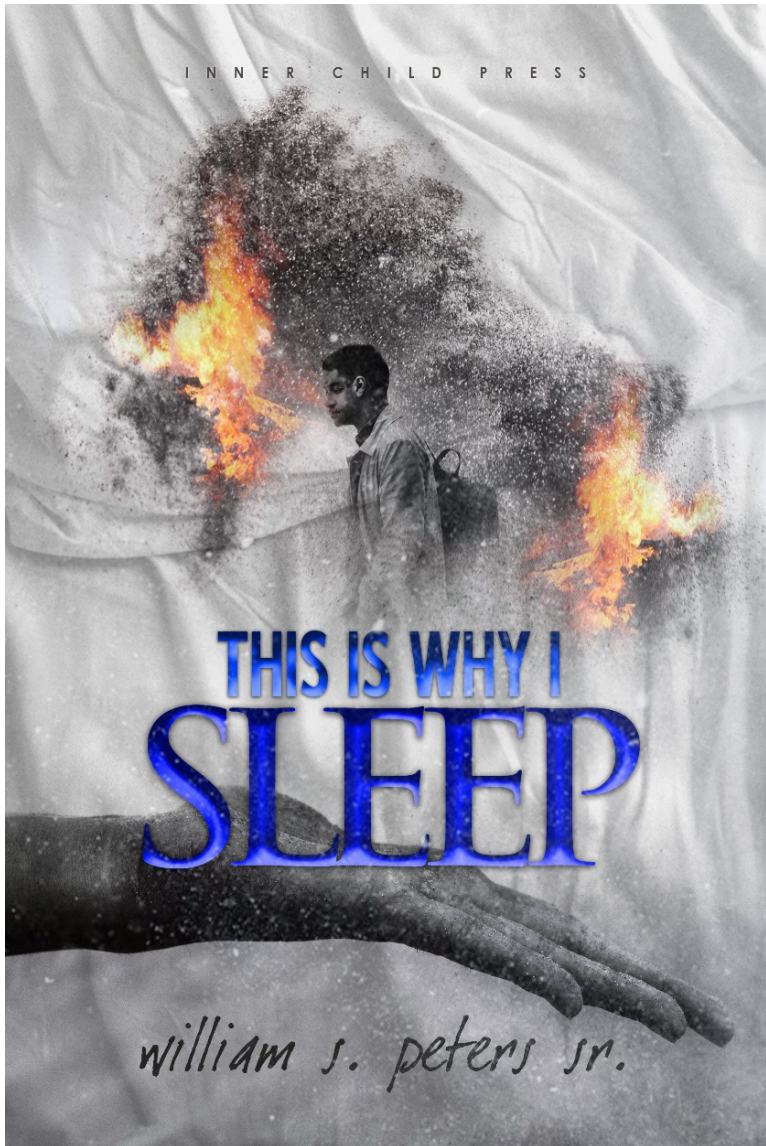
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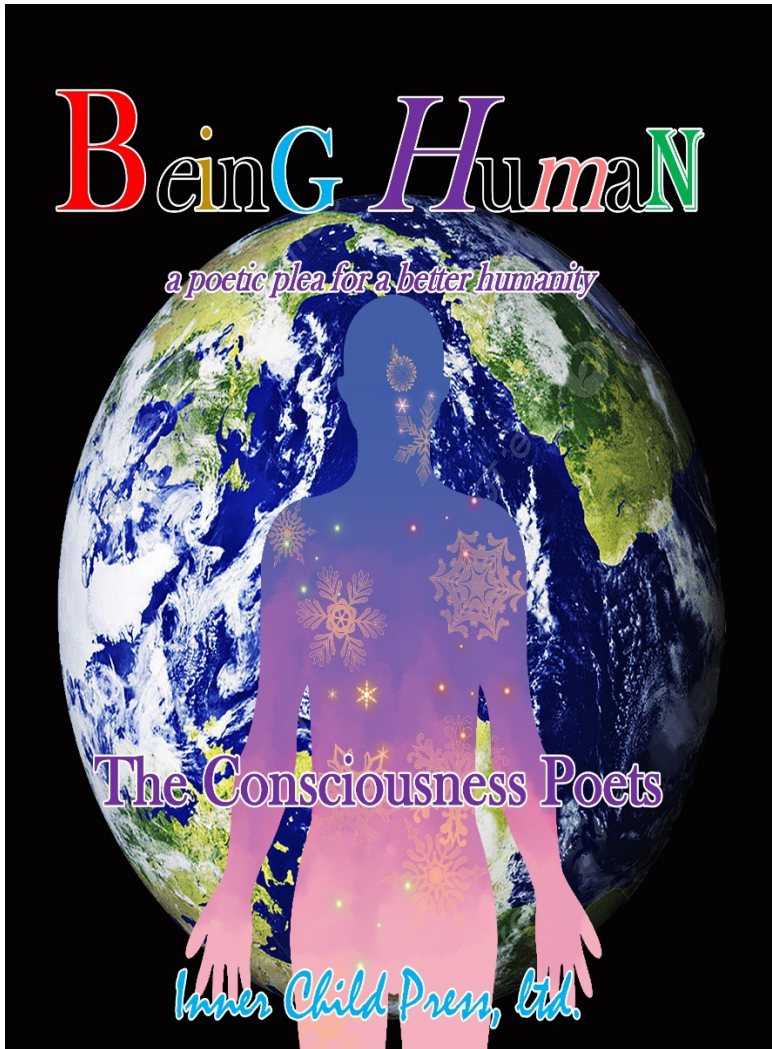
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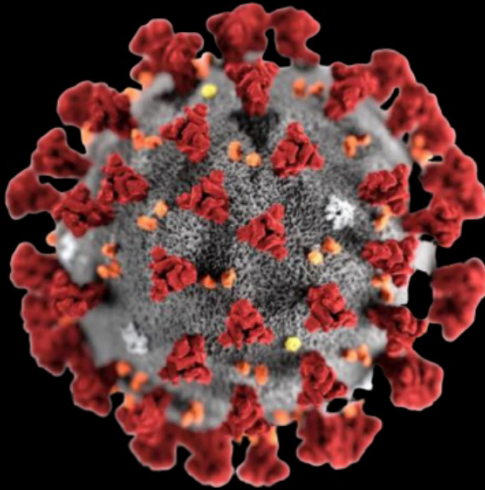
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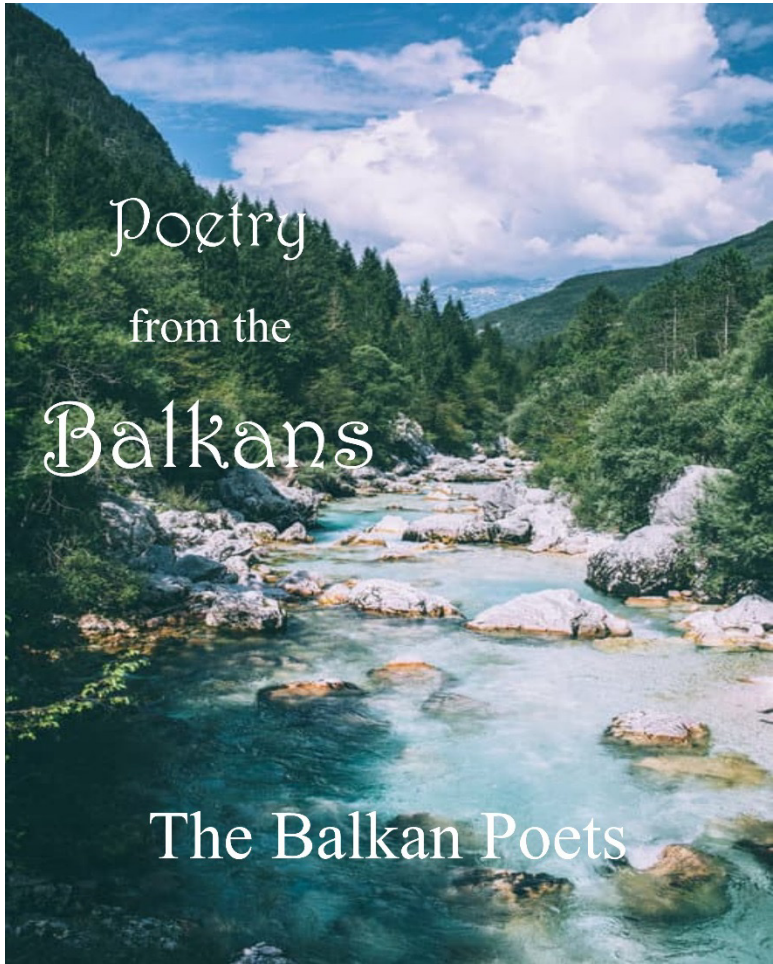


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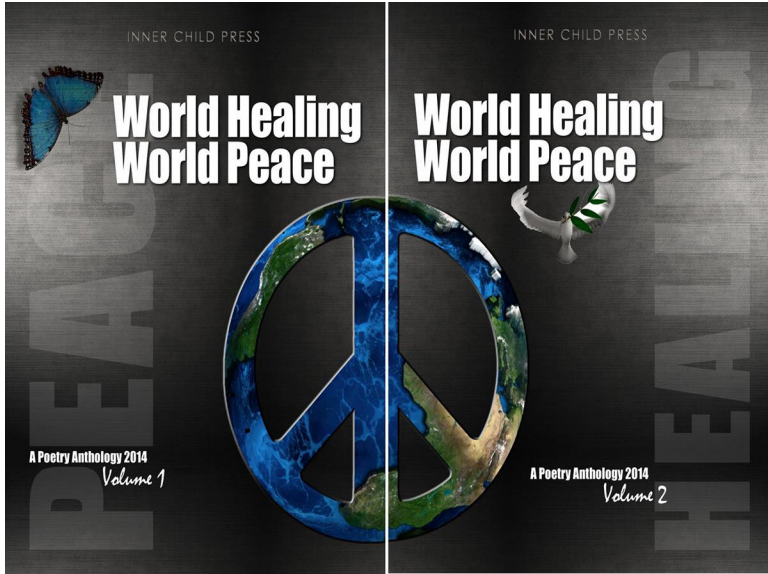


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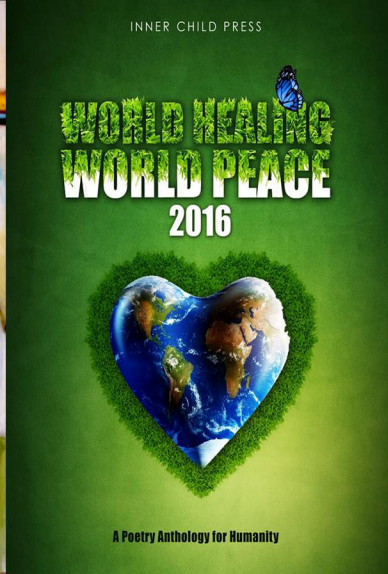
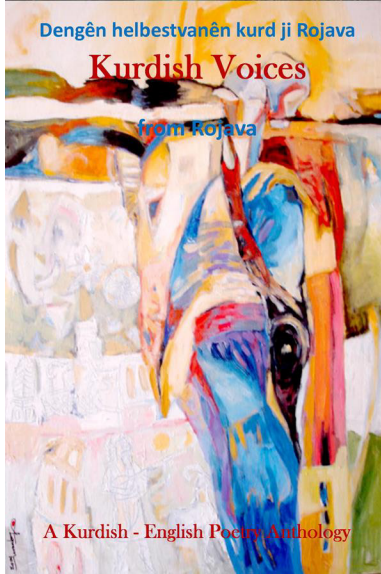
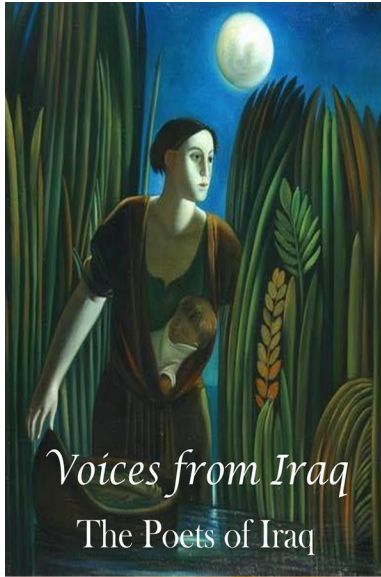
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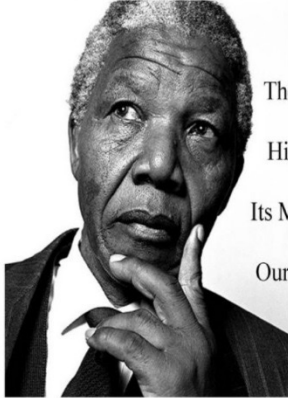
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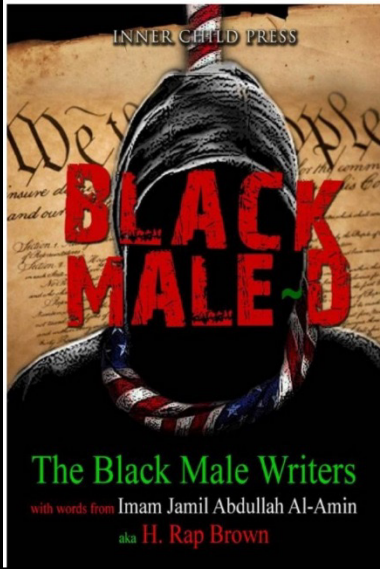
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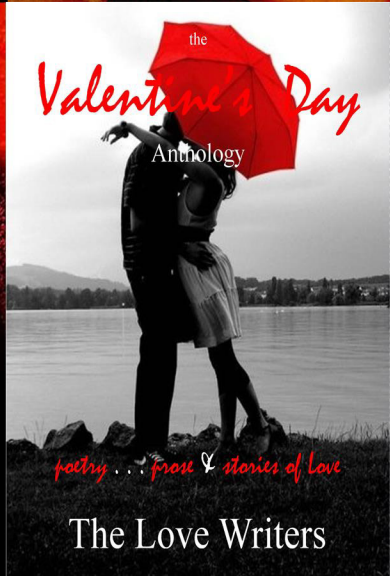
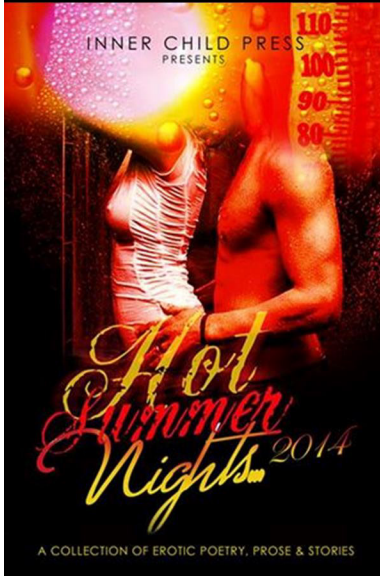
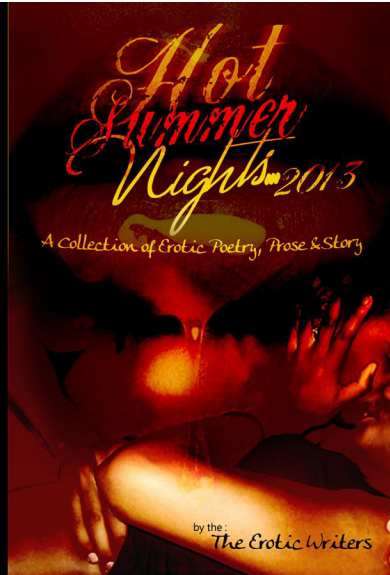
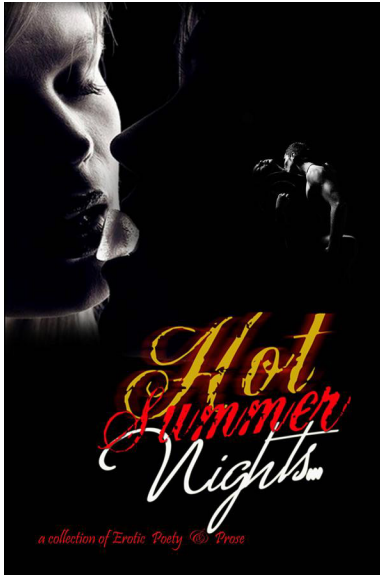
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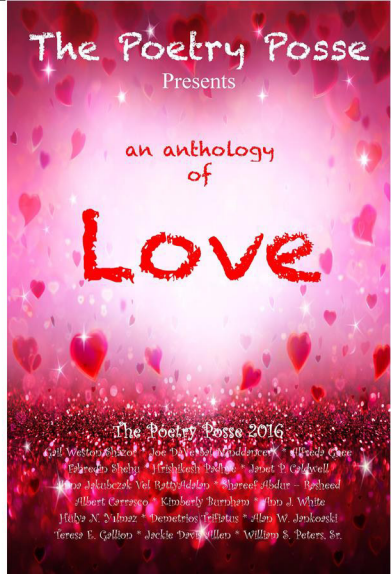
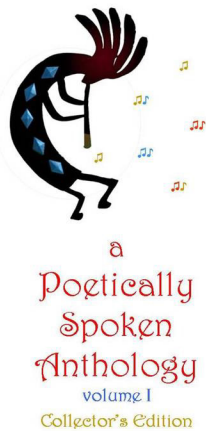
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Neshtu Wali  
Shareef Abdur-Rasheed  
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**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

**The Year of the Poet**  
August 2014



**Gladiolus**

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

**The Poetry Posse**  
Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert Innhle Carrasco  
Siddantha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
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## The Year of the Poet

September 2014

Aster

Morning-Glory



Wild Carnation of September-Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrinse 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 Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrinse Carrasco • Siddantha Beth Pierce  
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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Nestu Wolf • Shornee' Abdul-Rasheed  
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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaSendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert Infrinse 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

Jacelyn Mosman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014



Narcissus

The Poetly Pass

Jamie Bond  
Call Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrinse 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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December Feature Poets

Katherine Wyatt • WrittenPain • Santosajano • Justice Blake

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January 2015



**Garnet**

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Neetu Wali  
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Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shehu  
Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantil \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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



**Amethyst**

*THE POETRY POSSE*  
Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer  
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**FEBRUARY FEATURE POETS**  
Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centerville

**The Year of the Poet II**  
March 2015

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



**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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**The Year of the Poet II**  
April 2015

**Celebrating International Poetry Month**  
**Our Featured Poets**  
Raja Williams \* Dennis Ferado \* Laure Charazac



**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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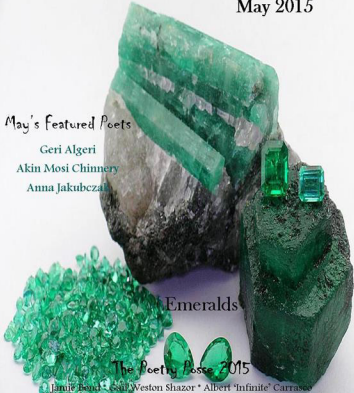
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May 2015

May's Featured Poets  
Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chimney  
Anna Jakubczak



Emeralds

The Poetry Posse 2015  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Hemminger  
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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## The Year of the Poet II

July 2015

### The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

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## The Year of the Poet II

August 2015

### Peridot

### Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasiz  
Christopher Schultz



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### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnie Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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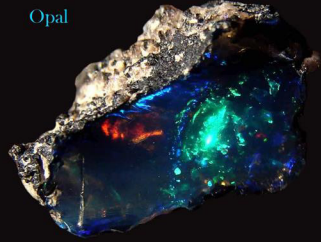
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October 2015

### Featured Poets

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

Opal



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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

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## The Year of the Poet II

December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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## The Year of the Poet III January 2016

### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

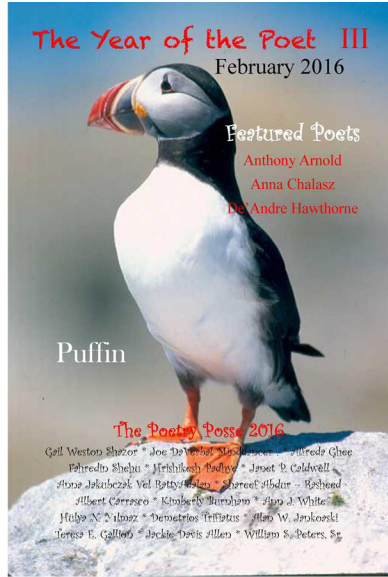
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Fahredo Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet B. Caldwell  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Barnham \* Ann J. White  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

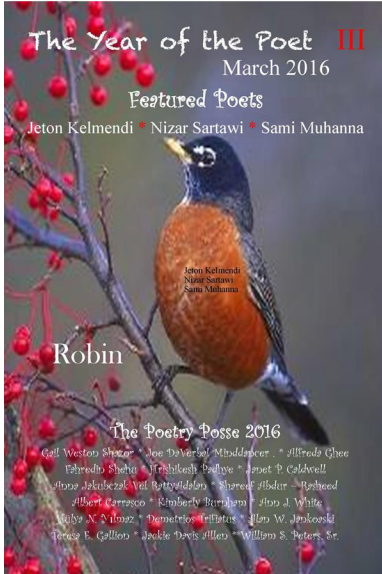
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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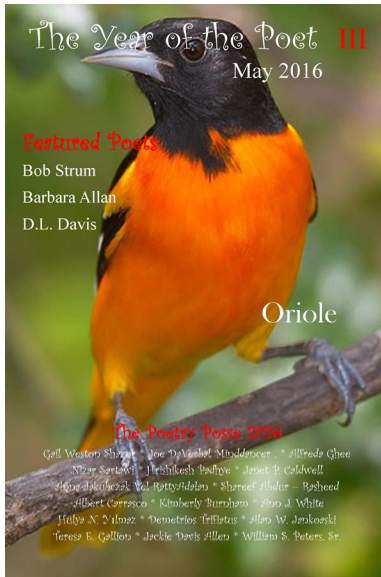
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**Featured Poets**  
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Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

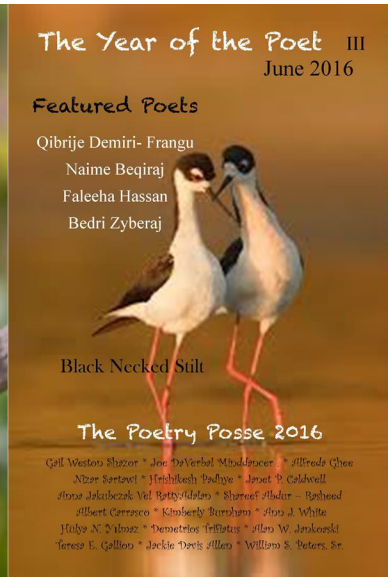


Oriole

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Nizar Sattawi \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet D. Caldwell  
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burrough \* Alan J. White  
Hilary N. D'Almeida \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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The Year of the Poet III  
June 2016

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

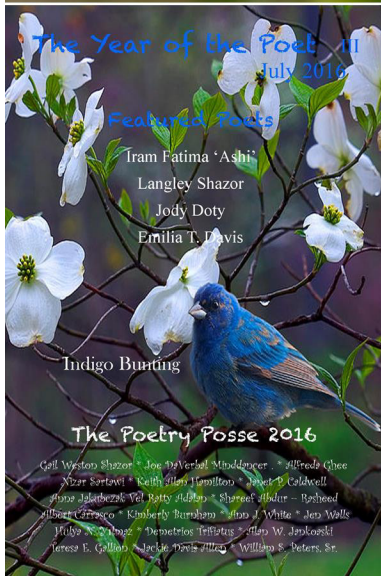


Black Necked Stilt

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The Year of the Poet III  
July 2016

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

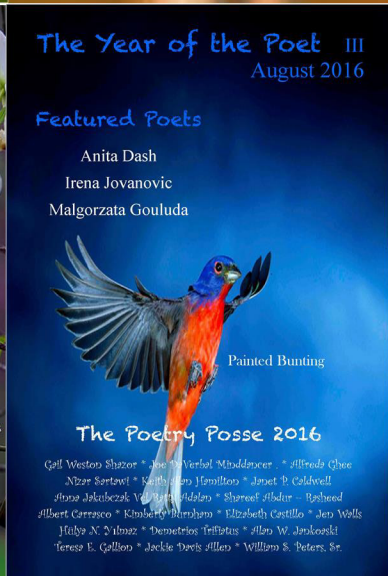


Indigo Bunting

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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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**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novia



Long Billed Curle

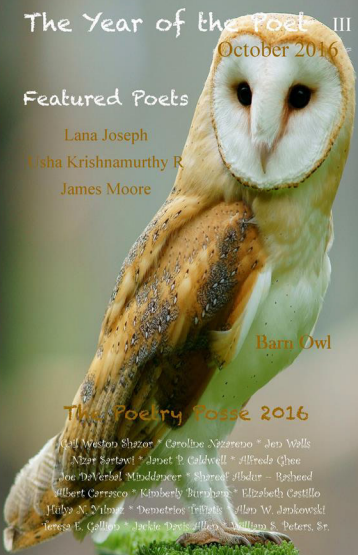
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Joe DeVariel Muddancer \* Sharon Albur \* Richard  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Judy N. D'Amico \* Demetrios Trifatis \* Alan W. Jankowski  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl


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November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal

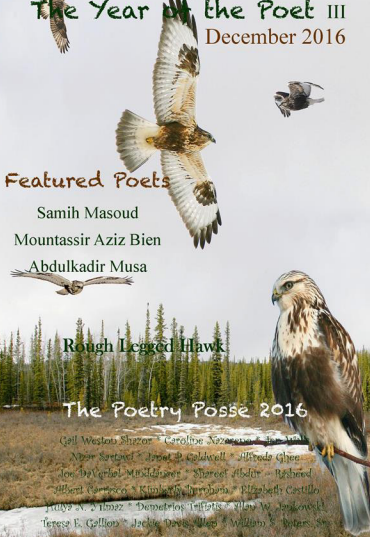
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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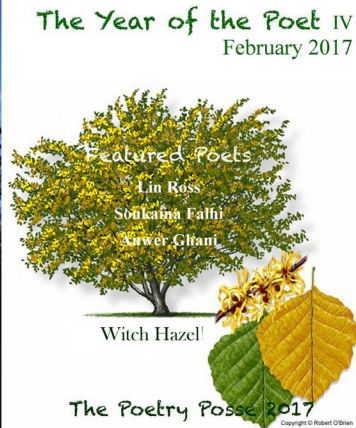


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Ifran Fatima \* Ashi

Quaking Aspen

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nzire Sartawi \* Atona Jakubczak Vel Betty Adelan \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Shareef Albadr – Rashad  
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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
February 2017



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

Witch Hazel

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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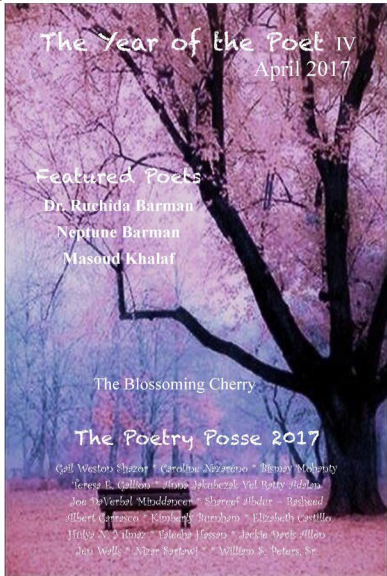


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Richmski  
Jamil Abu Shaih

The Eastern Redbud

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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
April 2017



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

The Blossoming Cherry

**The Poetry Posse 2017**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



**Featured Poets**  
Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Joe DeVieriel Mbadoncar \* Shareef Siddur - Bahend  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilja N. Yilmaz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

**Featured Poets**

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa



The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

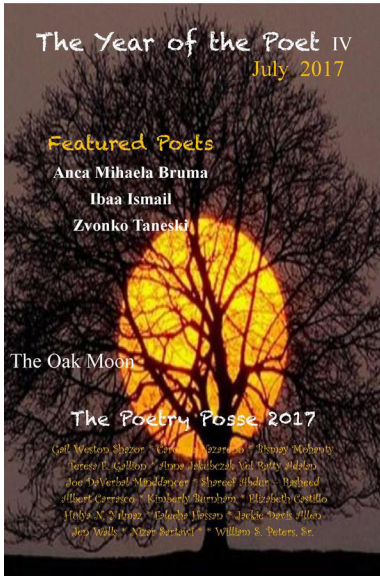
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Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

**Featured Poets**

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon



### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mahabiy  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anisa Jakubczak Vel Ratty Jaldan  
Joe DeVieriel Mbadoncar \* Shareef Siddur - Bahend  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilja N. Yilmaz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

**Featured Poets**

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree



### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anisa Jakubczak Vel Ratty Jaldan  
Joe DeVieriel Mbadoncar \* Shareef Siddur - Bahend  
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### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

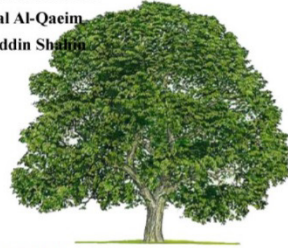
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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shalim



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei

### Aksum



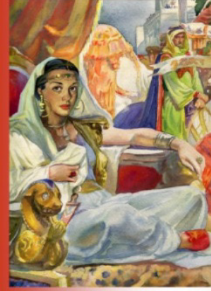
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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018

### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman



### The Poetry Posse 2018

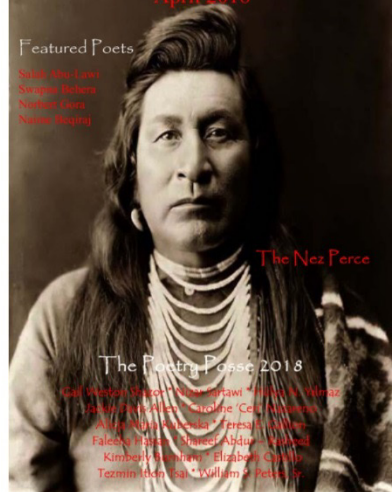
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## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Suzak Abu-Law  
Suzanne Roberts  
Nathan Chen  
Suzanne Hoang



### The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

The Sumerians




The Poetry Posse 2018  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
June 2018

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

The Paleo Indians



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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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




The Poetry Posse 2018  
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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
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## The Year of the Poet V

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
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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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behaera  
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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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Joe Paite \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' 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

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paite  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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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

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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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

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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 May 2019

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



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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 Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
 Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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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

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

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

**The Horn of Africa**



**Ethiopia**      **Djibouti**  
**Somalia**      **Eritrea**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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 Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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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**


**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



The Caucasus  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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 \* Orbinda Ganga  
Srnuti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



Northern Asia  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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  
December 2019  
Featured Poets  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujana Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapardelli Eftichia



Oceania  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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### 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



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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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



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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



The Year of Peace

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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

August 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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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 Patre  
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September 2020

### Featured Poets

Raed Amis Al-Jishi \* Solković Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patte  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swarna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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## The Year of the Poet VII

November 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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## The Year of the Poet VII

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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May 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Paramita Mukherjee Mullick \* Rose Zerguine  
Jaydeep Sarangi \* Bismay Mohanty

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

September 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Andrew Scott \* Ashok Kumar

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

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Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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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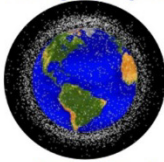
## The Year of the Poet IX

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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### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Birds



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeezat 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

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

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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## The Year of the Poet IX

November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## 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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Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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**

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Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* Eliza Segiet \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

Featured Global Poets  
Kay Peters \* Carthornia Kouroupos  
Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

Children : Difference Makers



**Ryan Hreljac**

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet X July 2023

Featured Global Poets  
Rajashree Mohapatra \* Biswajit Mishra  
Johan Karlsson \* Teodozja Swiderska

Children : Difference Makers



~ **Bana al-Abed** ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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Alicja Maria Kubenska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet X August 2023

Featured Global Poets  
Kennedy Wanda Ochieng \* Jose Lopez  
Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Laurent Grison

Children : Difference Makers



~ **Kelvin Doe** ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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### Featured Global Poets

Effichia Karpadeli \* Chinh Nguyen  
Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

Children : Difference Makers



~ Easton LaChappelle ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X October 2023

### Featured Global Poets

CSP Shrivastava \* Hunie Parker  
Noreen Snyder \* Ramkrishna Paul

Children : Difference Makers



~ Malala Yousafzai ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X November 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Ibrahim Honjo \* Balachandran Nair  
Xanthi Hondrou-Hil \* Francesco Favetta

Children : Difference Makers



~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Kimberly Burnham  
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Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet X December 2023

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunc \* Neha Bhandarkar  
Shaikat Aziz Hajam \* Elarbi Abdelfattah

Children : Difference Makers



~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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~ William Ernest Henley ~

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~ Wole Soyinka ~

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~ Imru' al-Qais ~

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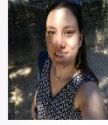
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