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our Patrons and Readers &  
the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse

*in memory of*

**Shareef Abdur Rasheed**

**30 May 1945 ~ 11 February 2025**



Shareef was a brother, friend and confidant to many. He was also one of the original members of The Poetry Posse, and has endured into the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our collective effort. He will be sorrowfully missed by us all.

*Coming Soon . . .*

**Shareef**

**a soldier for**

**Allah**

**Patriarch, Activist & Humanitarian**

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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# F oreword

## **Frustration, Determination, Sorrow**

“Poems can have order, sanity,  
aesthetic distance from debris  
All I have learnt from pain  
I always knew  
but could not do”

- Eunice de Souza-

Life is the permutation and combination of many emotions. These emotions are abstract. Though they are invisible; still, we feel them and react. They perpetually control and navigate our life. They are the determining factors of any human resource and the mental health of a civilisation.

Each year “The Year of the Poet” takes different themes. This year 2025 is a year-long poetry memoir training challenges for the Year of the Poet. Frustrations, determinations and sorrow are the themes of this month i.e., for March 2025.

Frustration indicates the mental health which is a traumatic doldrum situation, a question mark, a semicolon that persuades towards a full stop either in an optimistic way or in a pessimistic way.

Family, workspace, education, economy, relationship, stress management, love are the binding forces and the contours of one’s intellectual existence .as well as the physical dignity. Who doesn’t want peace?

Who doesn’t want a dawn that dazzles with new energy?

Who does not want the basic needs of life? But when the expectations cross beyond the self-made parameter, forced by outer agents we cry. We express to dilute our frustration. At times the narcissist approach and identity crisis accelerates our ego and individualistic super ego.

The linguistic contortions or distortions are the testaments of human life. Peace starts with the smiles. Let us listen to the tears. There are many strategies to overcome frustrations and convert the toxic relations to love. Our perceptions, our priorities our approaches and action plans change. Patience and perseverance win the race. The resurrection after the ordeal brings rainbow smiles.

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

Since the theme of the world Poetry Day 2025 is Poetry as a bridge for Peace and inclusion. We express our respect and gratitude to the trend setters those who have accepted human challenges and set examples.

Literature has undergone a tectonic change as Artificial Intelligence has replaced human creativity in many ways. We express our deep reverence to all the apostles of this time zone who have solved the situations, saved human lives and helped the economic, cultural social growth of society.

Each language is an intrinsic value and literature is a great responsibility towards the Mother Nature and Greater humanity.

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

When the whole world is silent even one voice becomes powerful. We respect the humanity. We respect the voice that stands as a pillar for justice, life, peace and for the growth of civilisation.

Let there be coexistence beyond any disparities.  
We appreciate the designers of literature and language.  
Let our determination delete all sorrow and frustrations.  
Let us listen to the tears  
Long live global peace ....

“Inside the morning is a bird,  
Inside the bird is a song  
Inside the song is a longing.

And the longing is to fill the morning”

~ June Crebbin

Swapna Behera

Poet, Lecturer

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# Preface

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

**As we now have entered 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 :

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Frustration, Sorrow, Determination



Frustration  
Petunias



Sorrow  
Purple Hyacinth



Determination  
Amaryllis

The Inner Child Press themes for March 2025 *The Year of the Poet* are Frustration, Determination, and Sorrow.

Often frustration and sorrow are seen as negative emotions but in managing or overcoming frustration we can accomplish much and sometimes if we are lucky we can do more than we ever thought we could do. Sorrow is not so much overcome but embraced when we try to see what it teaches us about love and our lives on this earth.

In *Ode to My Intestines*, Jon D Lee describes his frustration with his intestines,

“if I gave you nothing you'd do nothing but complain  
and so I must inversely pay you attention to shut you up  
hide your existence to allow my own  
give you voice when only silence is acceptable  
sweet nightmare indelicate mother  
how I abhor being your unwilling parasite”

Determination can go hand in hand with overcoming frustration and embracing love even in the face of loss. Determination helps us not only survive but thrive. Speaking of determination, Jane Hirshfield starts her poem *The Woodpecker Keeps Returning* with this image,

“The woodpecker keeps returning  
to drill the house wall.  
Put a pie plate over one place, he chooses another”

Enjoy the journey through these pages and emotions.

Kimberly Burnham

Spokane, Washington



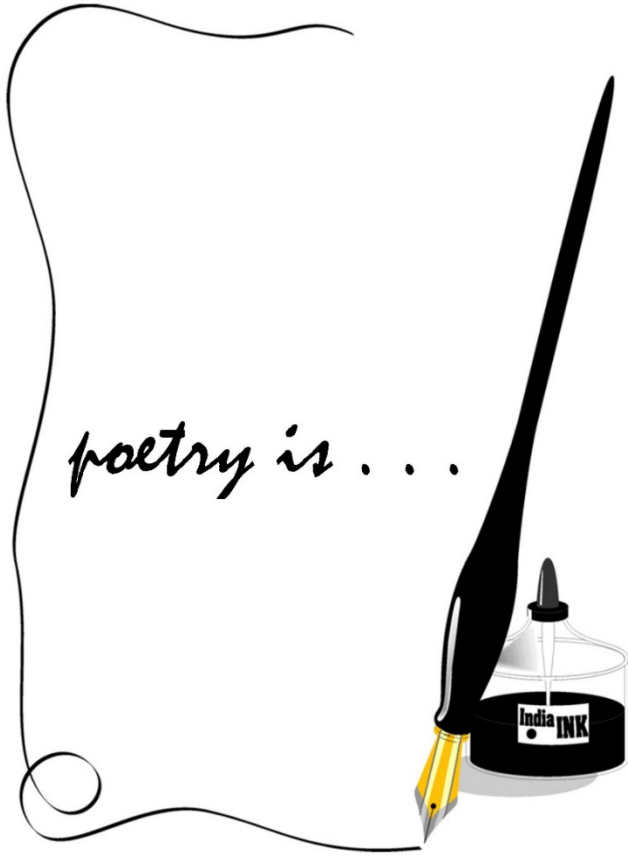




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

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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.

## Koinonia

To receive goodness  
We must first pour out  
All that we have  
All that we are  
All that they have given us  
To make room for the grace  
This is the secret  
Of living goodness  
That the world never shares with us  
This is the secret that only family  
Can teach us  
And even then  
Sometimes  
Our only heart breaks  
In times such as these  
It is a hard thing  
This living broken  
But this, my loves,  
Is when the newly formed spaces  
Shine brighter than the  
Lived through ones  
The simple connection  
Becomes the necessary  
And we have to keep seeking  
The strength of each other  
And in the broken places  
We make room for more  
More love  
More people  
More community  
And love is always a sacrifice  
And love is always intentional  
And living is the love we share  
Through all our numbered days  
Selah

## The B's

Big B said to lil B  
Let's visit the garden  
So Lil B offered her arm  
To Big B and they walked  
Out the backdoor slowly  
Even though Big B was anxious  
To see her roses  
Lil B sat Big B in her chair  
In the warm afternoon sun  
Watching Big B turn her face up  
And close her eyes against it  
There was a comfort in being outside  
No Ac, No hums  
None of the things that had become  
Who she had grown into  
Lil B selected a yellow stem  
To present to Big B  
Who had reached over to pick up  
The flower basket  
They had purchased at the swap meet  
After the doctor's appointment  
Some months ago  
And so they continued  
Cutting and collecting  
Adding to the basket the ones in full bloom  
Big B said that she wanted  
The ones she could enjoy for today  
As Big B starting dozing  
Lil B took the basket inside  
Leaving the door open against the sun  
She arranged the flowers  
In three of the many vases littering the window seat  
And placed them in turn  
On the kitchen table

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On the living room table  
And a small one  
On Big B's bedside table  
Among the medications and salves  
Satisfied that she was finished  
She cleared the cuttings and stems  
Big B called that she was ready  
To come back inside  
Lil B offered her arm  
And slowly walked Big B back into  
The house  
Stopping briefly at every arrangement  
Big B smiled and said  
"That's good, they are pretty"  
Lil B took off Big B's shoes  
And helped her to lie down  
Fussing and straightening  
Opening the curtains against  
The last of the light

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### No regrets

Today I am wonderful  
Where yesterday I was not  
I have lived in between time  
Where minutes and hours  
Hold no sway to the moon  
Golden seconds shining  
With no true reflection  
For even dust needs light  
In order to be seen by the eye  
For fear that they will never stop  
Today I am wonderful  
For last week I was not  
My heart seat was askew  
And beating irregularly in my chest  
Pressing the tears upward  
Through my throat and lungs  
Into ducts unwilling to shed them  
Today I am wonderful  
As my yesterdays have been  
When covered by your wings  
Beating the time on the wind  
Matching my breath to yours  
To bring me up higher than you  
Though our blood's origin is the same  
As you are in my heart, I will always be

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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).

## House of Cards

One can build a vision of the future—  
just like a house of cards.  
Stacking them layer by layer—  
higher and higher,  
placing longings in every room.  
All it takes is ignoring reality,  
demanding the fulfillment of impossible wishes.  
A slight tremor, like an earthquake,  
shatters the fragile structure.  
What remains is emptiness and amazement  
at the impermanence of an imagined world.  
Unmet expectations, like an avalanche,  
bury illusions, exposing the weakness of the plan.  
Everything must begin anew,  
this time on a solid foundation.  
It is not worth dwelling on the past  
or mourning lost time.  
Often, failure is victory—  
success hides just around the corner.

## Generations

*Hard times create strong people,  
good times—weak ones.*

We, the generation of steel,  
resilient to poverty and misfortune,  
fought for freedom,  
for sunlit days for our children.  
We created Eden,  
but we did not plant the tree of knowledge—  
good tangled with evil,  
lies with truth.  
In an illusory paradise,  
bored people wander,  
dreamless, without noble goals.  
Self-absorbed,  
they stumble over a grain of sand.

## Sadness and I

You entered uninvited  
through the closed door.  
The tight windows and the thick walls  
did not stop you.

You appeared out of nowhere  
and settled everywhere.  
As a thick layer,  
you spread out on the carpet.  
You immediately nestled comfortably  
in every corner.

Later, you sat down in an armchair  
to mix the bitterness of coffee with tears.

In the evening,  
you curled up on the couch  
and froze motionless.  
Only a draft flipped listlessly  
through the pages of favorite books.

In eyes full of melancholy,  
the emptiness grew.  
The last signs of a smile  
disappeared on the pale face.  
Worries bent the figure to the ground.  
The silence sounded like an intrusive small bell  
Even the phone was tacit / silent  
as if it had forgotten  
about the existence of good news.

Take what's yours and go away

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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## Frustrated, Sorrowful, Determined

Frustrated, no vacation for me, babysitting,  
Moving no farther than front porch  
To back porch, shelling peas;  
Chopping cabbages, and washing

Those blasted canning jars!

The dread of a school assignment:

“What I did on my summer vacation”.

My imagination heightens, an idea

Festers, determined, I lance

The opportunity, mail my resume.

To the radio station: WNRG.

“Hardworking”. I hear my application

Read on the Swap-Shop, me giving

No-never-mind to: What if I’m hired?

Late afternoon. A rattletrap-truck

Pulls up, parks across the road!

Oh, mercy me, oh mercy!

My goodness!

My parents unaware. I’m reluctantly

Released into the stranger’s lair!

What happened to their usual NO’s?

Ensnared into the dark confines,

In back of the truck, two little girls.

And one fearful, young teen.

Who are these people? Oh, God!

Silent prayers, no way to escape!

Tires screech, truck stops, parks.

A warning, don’t move! Stay put!

Between the cracks, a sliver of light,

A sheriff’s parked car before the bar.

Help just steps away. I’m paralyzed!

Scent of alcohol, the fear increases. .

The truck makes its way, meandering

Into the unknown, a holler, uphill,

Dirt road, coughing, sputtering.

I’m awake, a nightmare’s sorrow



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Of ever thinking, planning; of parents  
Who didn't put their foot down.  
Sad for my disobedience's lesson.

A single lightbulb dangles ominously,  
Husband and wife in one bed,  
Their two girls, me, in the other bed.

Fitful sleep, plentiful prayers, fear.  
Pretending calm, bedtime stories,  
For precious, innocent girls. Noise,  
Background: love-making-protests.

Morning arrives. I arise, prepare  
To make breakfast. Wife appears,  
"Go for a walk." Surreal the scene.

Laughter, a man plying his wares.  
Cutoffs, broad smile, he delights  
In revealing unmentionables; my  
Little charges, much accustomed.

Laughter, a gaggle of teens, close  
In age, point, giggle, snicker.  
They've just come from church.

Emboldened, from who knows where,  
I bring them to task. Apologies,  
Accepted. An answer to prayer.  
I am rescued! The nightmare is over!

## Seasonal

In the mirror of the frozen moment,  
White of cold's ire kisses  
the landscape's face.  
Wait now, if you please,  
the passing of the night.

From sunrise, midst the misty and rosy dawn,  
Breath catches like sting of hammered steel.  
Icy garb of breeze, still caressing,  
but with warning.

Bleeding tears, conspicuously comes the melt.  
Sun's passion kisses,  
observes time's repose,  
Meeting, greeting, once again,  
winter's from embrace.

Heart's molten-warmth releases, delivers  
Loving nourishment; liquid pearls, spring from breast,  
Mother Nature's own expression  
to insatiable earth.

Soften now land's  
frigid countenance,  
Yield the blue of sorrow's memory,  
to provident grace.  
Unfurl the buds and blossoms.

Green grow, now the grass!

## Weep for the Truth

Disingenuous excuses cover a multitude of convolutions:  
They disregard the face of truth, create a maelstrom  
Whose intent is as to the thunder of roars  
That proclaim, "We want, we want, we want!"

They place blame;  
and gore those who disagree.

Their literal, liberal wrongs stand naked before the nation;  
It is the illegals who need clues to native's heritage pledge.  
Spouting socialist agendas to a congregation  
Who have dishonored the brave, fallen blue,

The parade of grief, stain scent  
of grief, and truth weeps.

Consider the consequences; determine if you will, what the  
meaning  
of is, is, or the meaning of what difference does it make.  
Then,  
understand, that when a people violate laws, when  
propagandist  
machines give credence to lies, they expose themselves  
naked,

They believe that no one knows,  
or sees the truth.

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Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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

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

## Woven in Time

In the western corner of the attic, I weave,  
Threading through a fabric faded by years—  
A relic of my mother's dowry,  
Its embroidery a tangle of broken clues.  
Golden threads, once radiant,  
Worn thin by time, surrender to gray.  
Silver strands entwine in knots unseen,  
Unraveled stitches—unfinished,  
Or merely undone again?  
Like a poem lingering on the edge of time,  
Waiting to be forgotten.

Here, my mother's hands once moved,  
Weaving moonlight into morning dew.  
Now, only the faded motifs remain,  
Telling stories that time could not erase.  
I trace the interwoven patterns,  
Each stitch pressed close to my father's murmured  
lullabies,  
Each thread whispering a fate  
No warmth could smooth away.

Some loose ends will never find their home,  
Just as life leaves wounds that cannot be mended.  
I touch the fabric,  
As if I might still feel my mother's warmth within its folds.  
In its creases, I hear her sighs.  
This tapestry, never truly complete,  
Is fate we share—  
A dream forever left unfinished in the river of time.

Gently, I fold it and place it back where it belongs,  
Letting the dust settle once more



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Over its unanswered riddles.  
The attic light fades,  
Its woven patterns dissolve into twilight's embrace,  
Leaving only  
The needle of time, stitching on in darkness,  
Spinning threads of sorrow  
Too old to forget.

## The Ballad of Fallen Leaves

What drifts from the boughs is not merely leaves,  
But the shattered fragments of time,  
Scattering in the dusky air,  
Dissolving into the dust of passing days.

When night's veil descends,  
We are but wandering leaves,  
Swept by the winds of fleeting years,  
Scattered at the crossroads of fate.  
What night is this, what hour unknown?  
Who can discern reality from the dream?

The clamor of daylight  
Shall yield at last to silence,  
And we — no longer borrowed glimmers of earth—  
Shall return to the embrace of dust.

Where the moonlight shimmers faintly,  
Behold the drifting leaves—  
Whose remnants of a past life are these?  
Whose prelude to the life beyond?  
In this eternal hush of night,  
They wane and wander, soft and slow.

## Wasteland

Let's start here, with the tools of a tired soul  
The wind blows, the moors walk heavily, carrying the  
whole past  
Once, he thought he was going to be a world-changing  
painter.  
Brush strokes, brilliant sunlight and endless mountains

Failure comes one after another  
Dust covers his paintings  
The lights of the exhibition never lit up for his dreams  
The paintbrush has gone far, the flustered deserter

On the road of wandering, accompanied by loneliness  
In the rainy night, the station is deserted  
The cold wind blowing down the mountain road took away  
his remaining warmth.  
Friends go away one by one, the journey becomes lonely  
By the roadside, the flowers are still there

A little flicker in the wilderness, a little remnant of faith  
It was a night, lost.  
Ruined huts, kerosene lamps struggling to light up  
The remnant color on the curtain wall, unable to call the  
nameless traveler  
self-portrait.

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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 :

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

<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

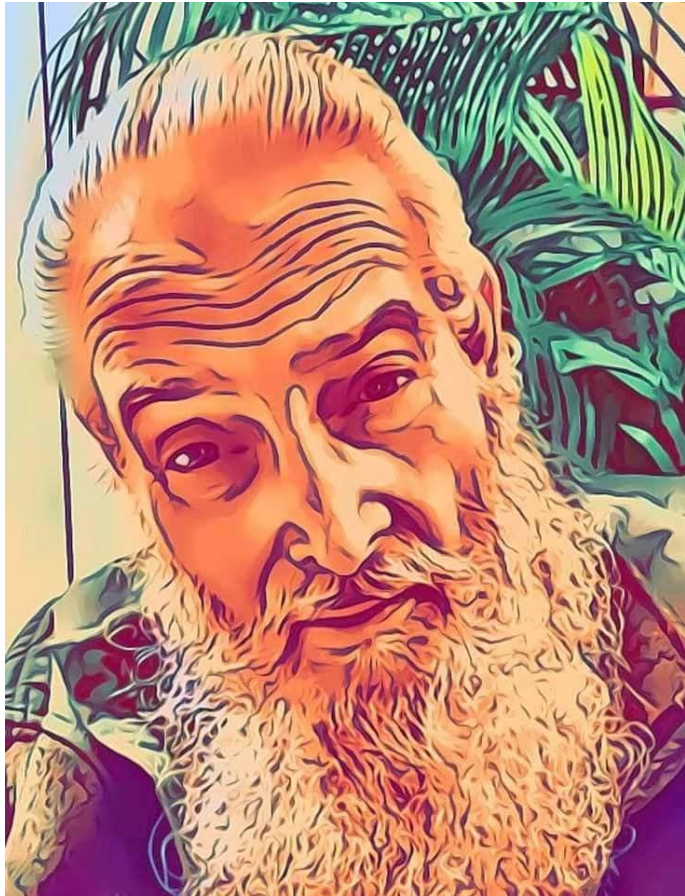
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*in memory of*

**Shareef Abdur Rasheed**

**30 May 1945 ~ 11 February 2025**

**Patriarch ~ Activist ~ Humanitarian**





**Shareef's Last written poem**

so they say

Boko Haram kidnapped young  
girls taken from home  
leaving their families alone  
to mourn and moan  
how many Africans Europeans take away  
from mother Africa  
ripped lives away  
young and strong  
men, women, children  
husbands, wives  
taken from home  
stripped of identity,  
language, name, religion,  
family  
never to see them again  
was and always will be a great sin  
crimes against humanity  
rape and plunder of  
mother Africa  
goes on and on  
plots 'n' plans, continue  
to steal whatever they  
want from the land  
and they try to hide,  
strive to conquer, divide as we speak  
keep African nations deplete  
make it a perpetual state to seal a  
never ending fate seduced and  
reduced to the role of the needy  
a continent, rich earth  
its inhabitants turn to the same evil greedy  
feed me, treat me

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like humans need to be  
Instead compromised  
are the weak dependent  
eager to take whatever  
they sent ya  
not talking 400 years ago yesterday's  
We're talking today  
genocide up and down  
Palestine, South Sudan,  
Syria, Myanmar to name a few  
That's what fascist, apartheid, oppressors do like what  
Nazis did to the Jews  
now flip the script to today apartheid  
Israel doing Palestinians the same way  
increase in droughts,  
wild fires, earthquakes,  
floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanoes,  
landslides  
what i'm talking about  
Shortage clean water  
while the corporations gobble up  
never stop  
with the cooperations of the corrupt  
nations in their back pocket  
telling the people  
“ so what f^#k it and you”  
shed light, raise big hype  
on what they claim to do  
This is how and what they do  
yesterday and today  
lots of plots as the bodies pile up  
'n' rot  
Until the day Allah says enough

**29 January 2025**

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## Another Soldier

*Dedicated to my dear Brother Shareef Abdur Rasheed*

I remember our last phone call  
And we mutually ended it with  
“I love you Brother” . . .  
I will miss those days

The memories of our communion  
Shall never go away,  
Even when it is my turn  
To begin the next journey

The world, your family  
Has lost a great Patriarch

.....

The wisdom you shared  
Gave cause for me to think deeper  
And thus search within my self  
And beyond  
The gifts Allah has  
For us all

I offer prayers for those of us  
Who now must endure  
The absence of your presence,  
Your brotherhood,  
Your comradery,  
Your love

My Brother,  
You are a soldier,  
One for all to model

Soon we shall meet again,  
Embrace in love and memories,  
Be it this day, that day,  
In the time to come . . . I Love you Brother.

## Gone

Sun shined, moon shined, stars  
Shined. We smiled we cried and  
tried to make a difference.  
They lied when trying to hide  
what was done.

The outcome came out anyway.  
Traffic jammed weapons too  
small to get rid of the truth.  
Seasons came and blamed  
summer time for problems they  
had at arriving on time.

Writing ranked near the top  
dropped when I stopped.  
Rivers ran clouds filled them.  
I slept woke up a lot of times  
eyes opened drank water to  
drink some later that day.

I was tried and denied kept alive  
to survive as the victim thrives. I  
remained the same the circumstances  
changed.

The sun set clouds dried water and  
the went away plastic ticked like a  
clock that time left a trace on the earth's  
face. Got away from the debtor's prison.

Religion left the minions in the lurch.  
Finally, couldn't figure how to commit

murder, in the sanctuary in some body's

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name. It will still be there when I'm gone,  
even if the circumstances changed.

**Verbalist / Proet: M A Shaheed**  
**Friend, Brother**

## Fate Don't Discriminate

The only constant  
in life is death  
Mankind's been assigned a test, try your best  
Wiping sweat until our final breath  
Light reflects  
then fades to darkness  
I pray Allah is pleased with me  
and my grave's a garden  
Taken hostage by angels  
Tranquil, calming  
Confined to a spacious coffin  
I'm saying all this to say  
fulfill your purpose and pray  
Yearning to stay but the soul goes away  
Indeed they don't belong to us anyway  
May we take heed  
before our bones decay  
Could be tomorrow, today  
Whether your old and gray  
Even children at play  
Healthy, sick, wealthy, or poor  
Fate don't discriminate nor will it wait  
to kick in the door

**Khaleel A.**

**Khaleel Abdul-Lateef**

**Grandson**

## Every Day Since

Every Day since  
I have been inclined to dial your number  
To give you a call,  
Knowing that you will not be there  
To faithfully answer  
As you have done  
In the past . . .  
God knows how I miss those conversations

Every Day since  
Your face  
Has been etched indelibly  
In my thoughts  
Day and night,  
Night and day

Every Day since  
There is a longing  
For yet another embrace,  
Another conversation,  
Another exploration  
Of ideas  
And their creation

Every Day since  
I picture you  
In your White Kufi,  
Your White Thaub,  
Reminding me of your Taqwa  
As you rest peacefully  
In the Barzaak . . .  
May my prayers be heard  
For your safe journey  
To Cennet

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Every Day since,  
There is an abiding numbness,

An emptiness,  
For apparently  
Allah had a plan for your presence  
That was not in accordance  
With my understanding

Every Day since  
My eyes begin to water,  
But shed no tears  
To run down  
My cheeks  
To cessate this grief  
I bear silently  
As I seek a thing,  
A light of forbearance  
That escapes the grasp  
Of my cognizance

Every Day since

*For my Brother*

**Shareef Abdur Rasheed**

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**Willam S. Peters, Sr.**  
**Friend, Brother, Publisher**



## My Father

Strong as an Ox Gentle as a lamb Firm as a rock My  
Father

My Father Loved Allah Loved the Prophet Muhammad  
(Peace and Blessings be upon him)  
Loved the Quran Loved his family

My Father

My Father

I miss his laugh I miss his jokes  
I miss him hiding in area praying Tahijjid  
I miss his sneeze that the whole block would hear I miss  
making his coffee

My Father

Abu I love you and miss you and till we meet again in  
Jannah  
I will see you again Inshallah

My Father

**Rasheeda Abdur Rasheed**  
**Daughter**

## Shareef

There's a saying " live up to your name"  
I think you lived up to yours

### "Shareef"

a name that means " honored"  
An honored member of the Muslim community  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
An honorable man, husband, father, grandfather  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You gave me my first Quran  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You taught me my fatiha and 4  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You took me on my first plane  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You always reminded me how beautiful I was  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You made me laugh  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You officiated my nikah how honored was I  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You made me feel loved  
I was honored to be your granddaughter  
You introduced our whole family to Islam  
How honored were we to have you  
I hope Allah reunites us all in Jannah.  
I love you tremendously, immensely, forever.

### Khadijah (Sadona)

Shareefs Granddaughter  
Rasheeda's oldest child

For Shareef . . .

Some news catches  
The hearer by surprise  
It ought not, but mortal we be  
At the end of all things  
We hold this truth in our palms  
Any day, any of us may be called  
And was such a day that was  
Our brother spent much time  
In preparation for himself  
But more for us  
Raging against injustices  
Speaking peace into turmoil  
And a few listened  
And a few learned

Such a voice is never silent  
Those with an ear  
Will still hear him speak  
On the wind  
In the trenches  
In quiet whispers  
For love cannot be contained  
In the body  
It is a matter of the heart  
We give him flowers  
More flowers than before  
We give him Poet words  
That only comfort us  
We can only wait to be home  
With him  
Upon our return

**Gail Weston Shazor,**  
Friend, Fellow Poetry Posse Member

## Shareef Abdur-Rasheed

Shareef is a phenomenal, outstanding poet.

He has many talents.

A very wise man who we all  
can learn from.

An activist who cares about people,  
justice being served,  
a caring, loyal, honest man  
who I regret for not getting to know  
him as a friend.

He will truly be missed in this world.

**Noreen Snyder**

Fellow Poetry Posse Member

## The Poet and the Ocean of Verses

(For Brother Shareef)

In the twilight's grace, the poet writes in the ocean's face,  
His heart sang the waves of ancient verses,  
He whispered lines woven to the tides,  
The sunlit moans the reflection of the sky,  
'Brother, you are to me, brother to all men'',  
The poet listened and his heart attuned to the depths below,  
The symphony of life's mercy and pure stanzas,  
With his quill on his hands, poetry floating free,  
A never-ending sacred trance,  
Captured through the tempest roar,  
From the journeys of the past, the present and the future  
Poetry Posse's boundless sea of minds,  
Built the poet's compass,  
To the eternal solitary rhymes.

**Caroline Nazareno-Gabis**

Friend,

Fellow Member of The Poetry Posse

## Remembering You

You were already gone,  
when I found your last message to me:  
January 14 in this unfortunate year of 2025.

“The Negro Mother” by Langston Hughes . . .  
You knew how my heart ached for children’s ills  
but more so for the pain and suffering Black children  
endure.

“Oh, my dark children, may my dreams and my prayers  
Impel you forever up the great stairs -  
For I will be with you till no white brother  
Dares keep down the children of the Negro Mother.”

My esteemed brother, Shareef, our souls were an open  
book to each other.  
What a privilege it was for me  
that I never needed to explain myself to you!

You knew. I didn’t have the hue.  
I was, however, Black in every way possible.  
Neither one of us could care less about my facade.

Oh, dear man of incredible spirit, I will remember you!  
I already miss your gentle voice, your endearing “Salaam.”  
I shall miss you for all my remaining years to come.

**hülya n. yılmaz**

Friend,  
Fellow Member of The Poetry Posse

Noreen  
Snyder

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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 ofThe Poetry Club on Facebook.

## Determination is...

Never give up  
no matter what your goals  
or dreams are.  
Keep pushing forward.  
You got this!  
The world is going downhill  
but don't let that happen to you.  
Be determine to make it.  
Move forward  
one step at a time.  
We all can help each other  
in achieving our dreams and goals.  
Don't let any obstacle stop you!  
You got to believe in yourself.  
You are good enough.  
I believe in you.  
So what is stopping you from  
believing in yourself?  
Anything is possible through God.

## Where Memories are Best Kept

Make memories while you can.  
Take photos, videos  
where memories are best kept.  
Snap away!  
Click! Click! Click away!  
Ka-chick! Ka-chick! Ka-chick!  
Cherish them forever.  
Store them in your brain,  
in your heart, in your photo album  
where memories are best kept.  
Be bold! Be fearless!  
Be daring! Be creative!  
Be adventurist!  
Be your own photographer!  
Please don't forget to  
Click! Click! Click away!  
Ka-chick! Ka-chick! Ka-chick!  
Where memories are best kept.

## To Depression

Depression, you don't live here anymore.  
You have been in my life too long.  
I have almost forgotten  
what the sun looked like.  
I have been under these dark,  
dark clouds too long.  
It can be so scary.  
I'm so tired of you.  
You almost ruined my life.  
Now I'm taking control of my life  
and I'm kicking you to the curb.  
Don't want to see you anymore.  
I want to see the bright things in life.  
I want to stop, smell, and see  
the simple things in life  
that are good for me...  
like wild flowers in my yard,  
the sun shining, fresh air,  
and all the good things in my life.  
I gave God the rein of my life.  
It feels so good  
and it feels soooo  
awesome good!

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## The Veil of Sorrow

A shadowed veil, a whispered sigh,  
Sorrow's embrace, beneath the sky.  
A tear-stained face, a weary heart,  
A silent grief, a distant start.

The sun descends, a fading hue,  
Reflecting pain, a somber view.  
Lost dreams and hopes, now turned to dust,  
A heavy weight, a silent rust.

The world moves on, a vibrant scene,  
But sorrow lingers, a hidden queen.  
A whispered plea, a silent tear,  
A heavy burden, year by year.

Through darkened nights and sunlit days,  
Sorrow's shadow, in countless ways.  
A phantom touch, a haunting sound,  
A constant echo, all around.

Yet, in its depths, a fragile bloom,  
A quiet strength, a whispered room.  
For sorrow's hand, though cold and stark,  
Can mend the soul, and make it mark.

A lesson learned, a path anew,  
With sorrow's grace, and colors true.  
A quiet strength, a whispered prayer,  
Sorrow's embrace, beyond compare.

A whisper soft, a fading sigh,  
A tapestry of moments, reaching high.  
Through generations, threads entwined,  
A legacy, a truth defined.



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From childhood dreams to whispered fears,  
A tapestry of joy and flowing tears.  
The echoes linger, faint and low,  
A legacy, a gentle glow.

## Legacy

A craftsman's hand, a painter's art,  
A sculptor's grace, a beating heart.  
Each stroke, each touch, each whispered word,  
A legacy, forever stirred.

The stories told, the songs they hum,  
A legacy, a guiding sum.  
Of kindness shown, and battles fought,  
A legacy, in shadows wrought.

From humble start to shining height,  
A legacy, a guiding light.  
Through trials faced and victories won,  
A legacy, beneath the sun.

The seeds we sow, the fruits we reap,  
A legacy, that time will keep.  
A timeless gift, a precious hold,  
A legacy, a story told.

For in the hearts of those we leave,  
A legacy, forever weave.  
A whispered promise, soft and clear,  
A legacy, held ever near.

## Autumn

The sun, a molten coin, descends the sky,  
A fiery blush upon the fading day,  
As summer's warmth begins to sigh,  
And paints the leaves in hues of gold and gray.

The air grows crisp, a gentle, rustling breeze,  
Whispers through the trees, a mournful tune,  
As nature's vibrant tapestry, it weaves,  
A symphony of autumn, 'neath the moon.

The crimson maple, ablaze with fiery grace,  
Reflects the light in colours bold and bright,  
The oak's deep brown, a steadfast, timeless space,  
A canvas painted in the fading light.

The scent of woodsmoke, carried on the air,  
A comforting embrace, a rustic charm,  
While squirrels amass their winter's store with care,  
And gather nuts, a hidden, whispered alarm.

The harvest moon, a pearl in velvet night,  
Observes the world in amber, golden glow,  
As nature's bounty, bathed in silver light,  
Prepares for slumber, soft and low.

The world transforms, a masterpiece of art,  
From verdant green to autumn's vibrant hue,  
A fleeting moment, etched within the heart,  
Autumn's embrace, forever, fresh and new.

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# 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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## Lovers

She was in love with the them she found in him.  
It was the way he held the liqueur glass, the way  
she was whisked away by smell of the whiskey on  
his breath when he kissed her organic lips, that was  
coated with GMO gloss. She was indeed the boss.

It was exciting to her the way he followed her plans,  
how he cow-towed to her demands. Sometimes she  
thought he was her daddy. She loved this kind of man!  
He was never raised to have a spine, one time he asked  
me if he could use mine.

He was six foot two and could bench press 400 lbs.  
He talked, real loud, well, until she came around.  
There were brothers in his family who had been  
trained well too. They worshiped so many women,  
they didn't know what to do.

She and their mother became best friends. The father  
worked in the coal mines until he was dead. I heard  
it was only the dog that had a tear in one eye. By then  
the system had rolled out many new genders.

She found her guy in a newspaper ad. He was wearing  
Suspenders. It stated that he was confused and sad, that  
was just the kind of thing she had to have. It said, he  
smoked reefer and drank Old Grand Dad. He was a lot  
different than the last guy she had.

He prayed too much, and only had one God, plus, as  
hard as she looked, there was no trace of them, that  
could be ever found in him. He wasn't just a thing, he  
was a real man.



## Sad Sacks

Perfect examples of a soliloquy on the stage of life.  
An anachronism led by the mentally ill and a dope  
fiend whose connection to reality is like a bad dream.  
Spending too much time re-routing the square pegs to  
round holes.

Taking suggestions from their unseen friends.  
Attempting to cleanup a rotten apple to put  
on display, then say, we came up with a real  
winner. What spiritual derelicts. Circling the  
circus wagon, bragging about the zeros they  
been collecting. Playing like they something else,  
in a corner of some obscure stage.

Taking bows in front of cows and bulls without a  
tiny bit of shame. Following an act that faded a long  
time ago. Waiting on FedEx to deliver a new brain.  
Listening to Bill as he still sits still, on what black man  
next for them to kill.

Lost their minds, because their heads suffered from of  
overcrowded conditions. The smoke got more than in  
his eyes, he doesn't know no mow if he's coming or going.  
Changed his name to, Question Mark. Then there is the  
one who wears an Ace bandage. You know, he thinks he  
speaks for Jesus!

It makes the blood flow slow as he continues to gibbers  
and jabbers. Using worn out slogans hoping to gain, who  
the heck knows. Constantly on the go heading to a psyche  
ward where he can be the king of fairy tales.

Having opinions delivered by vanilla shakes, while time  
and dates eat him alive. From pillar to post, to see who is  
the most ridiculous and verbose. In a race nobody is in  
accept them. Hey my man you win! Sad sacks!

## Working on the Memories

Sometimes I hear the muse of Russell Atkins and Langston Hughes.

Hearing the difficulties being recited of former times.

Leaving now

back to then. I wonder if the flowers smelled the same? If his words

pointed fingers at those who were to blame.

Dealing with the conflicts with pen in hand. Finding a kind of peace

then a soft place to land. Being a part of reviving all our artistic skills.

Showcasing them against an oppressor's will. Slow walking , tip-toing

through the maze of mad men trying to lift your gift, then saying that

it is his.

The streets of Harlem filled with the rhythms of the times.

Bringing

grandpa and grandma's blues back alive. Minds sharpening minds,

trading quips and lines. Never allowed to forget the demons laying in

the shadows, whose IQ, you knew would love to destroy you and the

rest of our kind.

hülya  
n.  
yılmaz

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## Reason

When reason is non-existent,  
One cannot have a rational exchange with another.  
Today's social media blurbs compellingly evidence this  
claim.

Imagine, there is a matter. Fatally vital.  
For it is about a human being's survival.  
Let's assume, you still make the effort  
To shed light on the mind  
Of the irrational one.  
You see it all clearly, yet the mindless one  
Pushes you to an impasse.  
Round and round you will go on that dead end.  
If, that is, you are willing to waste precious time.  
Precious . . . for that energy would be far better used  
To enable others in dire need to undress the imminent  
danger.

In such insurpassable situations,  
You encounter that infamous chokehold again.  
In utter frustration.

When reason is non-existent,  
One cannot have a rational exchange with another.  
Today's social media blurbs compellingly evidence this  
claim.

## A Mother Without Arms

A video footage had caught my attention years ago.  
An armless woman was washing her baby in a plastic tub.  
She went through her feet-ritual with such speed and  
efficiency  
That her infant looked snugly and was all smiles.

When did I last smile, I asked myself.  
No recent memory of it came to my mind.  
On the contrary! I had been feeling sorry for myself  
For long . . . for suffering through a chronic disease  
For too many years.

Did I become as determined back then?

Bear with me. I am trying. To change is quite hard.  
However, I house that amazing mother deep inside my  
heart.

## mourning

the evil of the human species  
is often too difficult for me to bear  
my mourning spirit, thus seeks comfort  
in the gentler dwellers of the Earth

. . .

lions, tigers, pumas, hyenas,  
vultures and their kins;  
i.e., those that kill only to survive,  
and are not like us humans  
who frivolously feed on others



Teresa  
E.  
Gallion

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## Random Thoughts

We walk the road of despair.  
Sorrow walks across our chests.  
A fire of destruction  
shadow dances in the valley.

We refuse to acknowledge  
a river of flames.  
We kiss misery's whip  
as it rubs across our faces.

We bow in frustration.  
Helplessness grips our hands.  
We freeze in steps of disbelief.  
This pain cannot be real.

The illusion we hold  
is blinding in the moment.  
A second breath comes  
from deep within the soul.

We clench our fist.  
This burn will not destroy us.  
Willpower is alive  
swimming in our inner temples.

## Revoking the Negative

Heartache sleeps in her bed sometimes  
determined to break her down  
to indefinable pieces.

She wrestles in bed with  
those long arms of negativity  
and they rumble all night.

She wakes up wet from a furious fight  
that defeats shadows of unhappiness.  
Determination is a hold card  
she keeps close to the breast.

Seeds of joy may bloom from pain.  
A new day is another opportunity  
to grow and listen to chants of healing.

She is committed to survival  
and will not be denied rites of passage  
into the zone of grace.

## Commitment

Determination is a resistance ban  
worn by a heart intent on reaching its goal.  
A soul with a committed dream  
does not waiver its steadfast intent.

Against the waves of tsunamis and hurricanes,  
a tide of tenacity lives in muscle memory  
that bows, bends and never stops moving  
toward its destination.

Determined souls seek the way  
and find the road to awakening.  
The vision is fulfilled  
through dedicated persistence.

The dream blanket is woven  
in the sands of hardship.  
It may become worn with time  
but never wears out.

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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

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

## Frustration

I cannot keep messaging  
through the digital heartbeats.  
The binary signals  
have gone as far as they could go.

Apathy is diminishing us.  
Our hearts remain an open wound.

Tell me what traditions you follow  
the gods you believe in  
the ways you treat elders and  
the words you use to describe love  
in a perpetual relationship.

You know what time can do to us?  
Transform us into callous stones  
devoid of feelings.  
Make rivers out of tears  
damage the bridges  
far beyond repairs.

I have a version of you in my mind:  
resolute, transparent and kind.  
Are you still the same  
capable of healing  
the open wound.

## Against Silence

*We are heirs of nothingness, zero.*

In the darkness of night  
all the others have gone  
and you remain in my mind  
alone.

In this time of need  
won't you stand by me  
against the silence of others.

Now is the time  
to break the vicious circle of sorrow  
the way a pebble skips the surface of a lake  
creating concentric circles  
like the undercurrents of the heart.

Let go off the past.

Life is for sowing  
hope  
tending new sprouts  
in the spring of new air  
a new morning.

## Sparking Light

Slow down  
let the mist guide you  
to moody views  
that beg to be cherished.

Don't rush to the end  
magic awaits on the way.

Stretch your legs  
breathe in  
breathe out.  
Discover why

every leaf is the forest  
every flower is the garden  
every moment is the life

every drop is the ocean  
every ray is the sun  
every cell is the universe.

They speak of a spark  
that cannot be seen.  
Do you know  
anything about light.

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.

Links to her works:

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

[https://apwriters.org/author/ceri\\_naz/](https://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/)

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

Dear Me, For Me and From Me  
(Frustration in Fruition)

In silent prayers,  
As I entangle myself,  
From fire, too fierce to bear,  
Heartbeats create hope,  
I race to the desires unmet,  
Trembling with the weight of fate,  
I am fighting for the desires  
I lost many times,  
Here, peeping to the another window,  
Of going back,  
To be calm and meet,  
The other side of me.



## Who Fears the Night?

Fear,  
Shadows cast  
In stifled dread,  
In darkness grip,  
In a coward's door,  
The night spread,  
A breaking dawn,  
A blind's cry,  
In the darkest room.

Fear lives  
In The Lonely Soul,  
But seeks once more  
To rise after the big fall.

## Sorrows Bent

When tears flow,  
For moments lost,  
When the heartaches  
And grief for the one you love,  
suddenly fades.

A breath of quietude,  
The tales of woes in the woods,  
The beauty finds its song,  
The silent strength blows  
In the path where one should be  
The grace of living a world,  
Less of sorrow,  
More happiness with you.

# Swapna Behera

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Swapna Behera is a trilingual poet, translator, environmentalist, editor 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 Gujurat 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, Kajahkstan, 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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## Frustration

*Every emotion has a story to tell*

my verses reflected the blood  
pen was ready to be a ballot or bullet  
the paper spread its chest  
my fingers were playing  
marbles to decode the passions  
The anecdotes of past with a fusion to present  
I had an action plan ready  
alphabets were data based  
I feel detoxifying my cells  
my anger, my pain, my insult, my sorrow volatilised  
my eyes desperate to see the green crop field  
the melody of the tribal women  
kids opening the yellow cells of the jackfruit  
my thirst was quenched  
I was pregnant with an eternal wave  
perhaps I became the queen  
of the Universe  
I sat on the pertinent throne  
I was tenacious to be the radical rhythm  
not with the synthetic juice or robotic salads  
but with the fresh water of the oasis  
not with drooping eyes  
but with my pen to culminate  
I sat in between  
the kids with dyslexia or visually challenged  
girls with Rett syndrome;  
the rape victims; child or women  
I was rotating in my axiom  
yes ,I was audacious  
to scribble a melody for them  
the Anthem of victory over frustration

## Determinations

("And still, I rise."-Maya Angelou)

I don't walk alone  
the mountain holds my hand  
Mother nature gives me energy  
I never sing alone  
the birds sing within the cage of my Skelton  
every day I write new songs;  
create new rhymes  
I never dance alone  
the cosmos adorns me  
I twinkle as a star  
I never consume the resources alone  
millions are waiting in a line  
I am determined to be a source and resource  
I flow as a river and glow as the Sun  
I am a dot that travels miles and miles  
with my smiles  
I am the Living Light

## Sorrow

sorrow is the lava of the volcanic heart  
a coffin; a resurrection  
it does not have gender or colour  
all confront sorrow  
old or young; healthy or martyr  
may it be for a second or for years  
yet it is a phenomenal feeling  
that emancipates and baptizes the soul  
to celebrate an illuminated zone  
sorrow is the unlimited package of mystery  
a necromancer that is both thematic and pragmatic  
an authentic document of all memories  
voices of diaspora and missing love  
sorrow an umbrella, a stalactite glass  
beyond the vertical or horizontal zone  
sorrow the Anthem of MAYA  
a hide and seek game  
rumination with expectations  
that ends with tears  
yet, the slogan goes on  
“And this shall pass away .....

( e.g maya is the illusion )



Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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Momma, what is there to eat? She'll give us the option of rice and eggs or corned beef hash, i would prefer steak or baked chicken but since mom holds down the fort alone, we have to make sure our food stamps last, same goes with the cash if want a roof over our head to call home. She was taking care of five of us. All boys too, I know life was hard for her, I saw her frustration build like our bills, to her, if there was a way to keep our heads above water it'll be done, because she had the will.

As a little kid, it was okay to see mom take care of the household, as a bigger kid I realized that the world moms lived in was so cold. Everyday was a hustle for her, I don't know how she did it, But she did, thank God she had that fighter spirit. So did i. Adolescents make mistakes all the time, at twelve I made a big one, i was made an offer that'll help my brothers and my mother, I took it thinking about all the money I could make as the newest drug dealer in the Bronx slums. I might of been young but I was focused, ambitious and full of determination.

Twelve to thirty I was lost in the streets until I was found by poetry.

During those years I was faced with back to back tragedies, had to stand toes down while standing face to face with adversity, momma constantly told she didn't want no part of blood money but that sounded absurd, when blood shed had yet to occur and when our lives were lived depending on the first and third. Money was made, living conditions changed, lifestyles were rearranged. It was smooth sailing, I didn't see the in coming rough waves, my house got raided by the cops taking my mother away to jail for about fourteen days, my brother went to jail for about fourteen years and the reaper made visits to most of my hustling peers. All I wanted was a better tomorrow, not to have my heart filled with sorrow.

Kimberly  
Burnham

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A brain health expert (PhD in Integrative Medicine) and award-winning poet, Kimberly Burnham lives with her wife and family in Spokane, Washington. Kim speaks extensively on peace, brain health, and *"Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind, a Daily Brain Health Program."* She recently published *"Heschel and King Marching to Montgomery A Jewish Guide to Judeo-Tamarian Imagery."* Currently work includes *"Call and Response To Maya Stein an Anthology of Wild Writing"* and a how-to non-fiction book, *"Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets."*

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## Secrets and Spiders

This is what life does ... a line from Ruth L. Schwartz, *The Return* makes me pay attention  
to reminders, to life, to the sensations I experience, to gifts  
from my subconscious

The boy in the pew behind me at a friend's baby's baptism  
talks of spiders  
"Don't remind her," my partner says  
"Why," asks the 9-year-old

I spent two days in a hospital because of a black widow bite  
but looking back to my college days I realize  
the lesson is not—avoid spiders  
it might be secrets kill  
I was hiding myself from a friend visiting for the weekend  
I slept in the bed away from my girlfriend  
a bed that lay unused for months  
the pretend we aren't together bed for anyone who came  
over  
the bed a black widow crept into and set up her home

Woke up itching, I looked down  
saw her there between my breasts  
bits of her crushed into my T-shirt  
recognized her right away  
didn't go to the hospital  
didn't want to create a fuss, be a bother, go to the expense  
until I started losing feeling in my arms

This is what life does  
it forces us out of hiding  
forces us to embrace who we are  
admit we can't go it alone  
can't pretend anymore

Like the painful break up that crushed me



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my mother said, "I feel like there is something you aren't  
telling me"

I could hear the pained expression through the telephone  
lines

I knew I could hurt her by lying and saying everything is  
fine

or by telling her the truth about my life and love

more than seven years after the spider bite

not connecting with family because of my own fears of  
rejection

what a waste I think now as I sit in a Catholic church with  
my wife

along with sadness that I didn't see the love earlier

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A Long Weekend with a Blanket of Snow  
after How We Are Not Alone, Maya Stein

Waking up to a blanket of snow over the silent world  
icicles dripping from the roof  
I feel alone until I am greeted  
by my wife, four dogs, a cat and two stepchildren

Sunday the catholic church for Tommy's baptism, a  
friend's baby  
an African priest saying all are welcome  
two celebratory cakes  
out lesbians assisting the priest, a sense of inclusion  
words in Swahili African music  
refugees from Venezuela baptizing their baby Isabella  
the priest's sermon the goal is not happiness but to embrace  
life  
the happiness and sadness  
wealth and poverty  
successes and failure  
welcoming all  
many here see themselves represented

Saturday the day before at the synagogue  
Shalom to the policeman at the door  
the kippa with musical notes on it  
the music that drew me in  
the sermon the ten commandments  
the contract the foresight  
the gluten-free food at lunch  
welcoming all to join

Sloshing through the snow covering my ankles  
the college women's basketball game  
fans from both sides  
winners losers  
all doing their best  
Sunday the new rings

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celebrating our 10-year anniversary  
with diamonds and gold  
a parking space near the door

The swimming pool with an open lane  
comradery in the hot tub  
the last orange juice in the bottle  
the dogs barking  
a bottle of Pellegrino

A day to notice, feel, and write on President's day  
a full life with community

## The Survival of Trees

"You work with what you are given," a line from Jane Hirshfield's *Rebus* makes me think of trees and all the yellow and red leaves falling in my yard of how in four years most if not all the trees on my land will still be standing, giving off oxygen and producing fruit losing their leaves in the fall waving naked in the bitter winter weather maybe a few will lose some big branches but in the spring they will set on green leaves and hope for a wet summer for birds and wind to carry their seeds their offspring, their future to fertile ground

Trees won't complain when the wind blows knowing it will make them strong they will press against the wind and reach for the sunlight rain will nourish them and they will survive in the security of my land reminding me how lucky I am to be surrounded by earth and trees and love even when my heart is breaking

# Eliza Segiet

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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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

## 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?...



## 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.

## 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.

## A Ball

The desire for shared play  
clashed with the autumn's  
gloomy aura.  
It was hard for him to convince himself  
that in such bad weather  
someone might knock on the door.

He whispered to himself:

*– But what if...*

Into the room  
rolled a beautiful  
four-legged ball.  
Right behind it, his Mom followed.

*– Are you happy? – she asked.  
Tell me, please, what will you name it?*

Kissing 'the ball', he said:

*– I don't know! I don't know yet.  
We'll have each other. That's what matters most!  
When you say: kitty, son, sweetheart...  
I know that you always speak to me!*

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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!

to connect with Bill, he is all things Inner Child

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## Frustration, Sorrow, Determination

Dancing through the process,  
When I am thwarted,  
Frustration comes to visit  
And sits upon my chest

After a while,  
Sorrow comes to keep us company,  
Singing the 'woe is me' song,  
But I am not a fan at all, NO!!!!  
So I refuse to sing along

I gather my-self,  
At least that part of me  
I still recognize  
And alas  
The transformation begins

My determination is spurned  
And awakens my fortitude  
To press forward  
Only for the cycle to begin again

Such is life.



## Unique

I consider the flowers,  
The thoughts,  
The skies  
And all that there is,  
And i realize  
That we shall never come this way  
Again

How i feel this day,  
Yesterday,  
Tomorrow  
Are each unique  
Unto themselves

Where i am now,  
I shall never be again,  
Save in the faintly fleeting reflections  
Of my memories

I choose to embrace the moment  
By moment,  
For they each are unique treasures  
And each do hold  
Their own significance

When I attempt to look back,  
Remember,  
There are times  
That resonate  
With an aura,  
Shining brightly,  
And some dimly  
Reminding me  
That there are special footsteps  
I have taken  
From time to time

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Through this wonderful,  
Fruitful garden  
We call life.

Sure, There were bitter times  
Dark times as well  
As lonely times,  
But here I am,  
Here  
An embodiment of  
The many times  
I was blessed to experience ...

The fair skies,  
And the storms  
Each offer unto our souls  
The opportunity  
To embrace the uniqueness  
Of each day

You my friend,  
You my reader,  
You the thinker,  
You, the hearer of the word,  
Should celebrate,  
Yes celebrate,  
Yes dance and sing,  
And shout if you must,  
For your beauty is abound,  
Even if you can not see it.  
Yes, you, YOU,  
Are unique,  
And I am grateful for your presence  
For this is a gift  
You are a gift  
That adds unto myself,  
For I am UNIQUE

## Final Days

Cast my ashes  
In to the hands of  
Brother Wind,  
By the Sea,  
And let him carry me forth  
That I may finally embrace  
The horizons  
For which I pined for  
In the duration of my life.

In my final days  
I often thought of this journey  
That swept me away  
From my weakness  
Into my strength

At times I did live nobly,  
And oft times I failed to do so,  
But somewhere I left a few footprints  
Of which i advise  
No one to follow  
For there is a quicksand about  
That will surely consume you

My thoughts were focused  
My thoughts were random,  
And my life path ambled  
To and fro,  
Here and there,  
And anywhere  
I had a mind to go

Knowledge is a malleable, transient  
An unverifiable thing,  
As is the many faces of what we deem to be  
Truth . . .

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There are personal Truths,  
Universal Truths,  
And  
Ultimate Truths,  
But who amongst us  
Can distinguish the difference

Are the lessons  
I think I learned here  
during this journey  
Put on deposit  
Drawing dividends  
That I may be enriched  
To some degree  
In the next lifetime?  
Or am I to remain  
This poor lost waif  
Continually seeking in the ether  
Some enigma  
I faintly remember . . .  
Home

There is something inside me  
That has been yearning  
Since the dawning  
Of this thing I call  
Consciousness.

This source I call 'Soul'  
Leads me,  
Abandons me,  
Blinds me  
And at times gives me a vision  
Of what is to come,  
What has been,  
And ofcourse 'what is'  
But am I wise enough

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To understand the promptings,  
Can I decipher the faint whisperings  
That offer an ambrosia-like fragrance  
To guide me to the source  
Where all things  
Blossom and bloom

Where is this fruit  
That I may partake of  
In these 'Final Days',  
That I may sit and indulge  
In the inebriating sweetness  
That all souls long for?

Will the 'Final Days'  
Finish the story being told . . .  
Or usher in  
Yet another beginning?

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Featured Poets



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Deepak Kumar Dey, son of late Dr. G. C. Dey and Late Surama Dey, hails from Bagdia, Angul district of Odisha, is an ardent lover of nature and avid worshipper of poetry. He was a student of chemical engineering but passion of poetry attracted him to search divine bliss in nature. Since he has crossed many ordeals in his life and hazardous brusqueness yet he finds supreme God's benevolent presence and prudence. He never looks for social status or recognition. Through soulfulness he seeks Almighty's abundant grace and mercies. In arrayed words he weaves the magic of mirthful munificence and glory of God. He gives in before the God to be in His pupillage. His poems have been published in 65 national and international anthologies and many UGC approved journals; in both Odia and English.

## Forget Not

If, perchance, I am remembered wheresoever,  
'Forget not, in quick succession do promulgate,  
And from time to time continue to gore slander  
Hence upon, I am not bothered, I won't regret '.

Carry on vilifying, fling this hither and thither,  
Herewith by slow degrees spit on to spoil,  
As spilling on smelly ditches, venerable dear!!  
In constant consent, I will not bewail.

Through harsh mouth do talk whatever you like  
Even if it would be inimical or utterly perilous,  
With sense of self-respect then you will rethink:  
Unexpectedly time-circle will turn, forget not thus!!

'Do keep it in mind', thereby don't supplicate,  
Someday, when thrust will make you inelegant '.

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### I am a soldier.

I lack words, may not scribe more, O' Creator '  
To pay you gratitude for obvious reason my eyelids flutter.  
A prospective accountability and radical state religion and  
subjoined humanity to restore  
Thankful and grateful to you for making me a  
contemplatively born fighter.

A dust particle I am in your beautiful creation,  
According to your philosopher's stone and adhering  
intention  
I am addicted to your beams of love and affectionate  
momentum  
And as you have chosen my destination for beneficial  
reflection.

Absorbing in to your guidance, O' Lord, I am a warrior.  
I won't be affected by enemies' boisterous behaviour, O '  
creator,  
Till my death I will keep fighting for I am a dauntless  
soldier.  
I will adopt any bitter circumstances; nothing will harm me  
either.

No matter how beset with difficulties or hilly glaciers I will  
be fighting.  
To serve my nation my higher status ambition will be till  
my last breathing,  
When you are my guide, invaders can't be piercing or  
bothering,  
On the border, for beloved country the tri-color will be ever  
flying.

Attentively I will keep to be aware of ungrateful,  
treacherous invaders,  
For security and predominance and for national brother and  
sister,

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No horrifying burdensome situation nor any hazard will be a terror,  
To boost nation's credit, I will keep fighting for, I am a dedicated soldier.

Neither biting cold's temper nor red eyed scorching summer-  
Will dissuade from my dedication at any doubtful disaster,  
Nor any unpredictable misfortune will enforce me to shed tear,  
I am wakeful and will engage in grueling conditions throughout whole year.

Sword, mortar, rockets or grenade may not bring wound,  
I will rise again to fight if I fall on battle ground,  
To endow with submission, I will guard over battle ground,  
The simple truth "Jai Bharat, our mother " sounds so profound.

The utmost concentrated skills I am dedicating to our mother,  
Freed from hate and no fear to fall if there any fracture,  
Conscience is my strongest treat taught by teachers  
O' Almighty your bestowed blessings and grace is my conductor.

Having embodying placidity, cognitive encompassing reverberation  
I won't be confounded by heavy disquietude and uncertain incursion.  
I have the heart for any fate destined to rambling expression

And I will be proud, if on duty, you bless me to meet my salvation.

## Far from Flappery Ferocity

Bidding adieu to brutalized humdrum,  
Artificial shouty show down,  
Far from flappery ferocity, gruesome,  
Traumatic and smoky crown.

I have thrust the toxic burden  
The immense silent torture,  
A certain beseeching consolation-  
Unerringly awakens, far farther.

I am no more scared  
Nor confounded to worry about,  
I will not be flabbergasted  
For unimportant gnawing doubt.

I know the right way which  
Will never belong to your,  
The weight of eldritch screech  
I'll lift on my own shoulder.

No more wish to look back again-  
To trickery of sputtering truculence,  
To grab crevice smudgy shame;  
Nor i wish to lose in fatal turbulence.

Being fair and square for no fear  
I'll stand to be circumspect  
No matter how the crinkly corner  
Will blow the teeth of tempest.

Keeping up with heard inner voice  
To be firm against termination,  
My soul seeks to taste solace  
Not to be twirling in trepidation.

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Standing aside my aseptic mind  
Will pelt no jeremiad to lodge,  
Against you, in front or behind  
I'll have no personal grudge.

Undoubtedly, i'll go on a lonely-  
Journey on the cosmic pavement,  
An intention of promised spirit wholly  
will guide me from hurling effect.

Don't be dazed, i'm forgotten,  
I'm a steady tickle visitor.  
For you i'm unheard and unknown  
No wonder; i'm taking a detour.



# Binod Dawadi

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Binod Dawadi, author of *The Power of Words*, holds a Master's degree in English Literature and is based in Kathmandu, Nepal. With over 1000 anthology contributions, he aims to enlighten society through his writing. Binod is also deeply involved in digital photography and painting. His work has been showcased in prestigious exhibitions, including the International Art Festival in Korea in 2023. Combining literary excellence with visual artistry, Binod is dedicated to societal transformation through creativity.

## You Are Not A Poor ?

You have knowledge,  
You have skills,  
You can do anything,  
Today you fall down,  
But you don't worry,  
There is a good time,  
As well as bad time,  
There is a night and day,

There is happiness as well as sadness,  
There is a new time always,  
Waiting for you,  
So know who you are,  
Others can hate as well as dominate you,  
But you should bear that all,  
You should work hard,  
As well as win in your life.

## A Lover

A lover may come,  
Out of the painting,  
She may be alone,  
As well as searching for someone,  
To love,  
As well as to pass time,  
She may travel far away with you,  
So, what you are thinking,

Fulfill her dreams,  
Love her so much,  
That no one has,  
Done such kind of love,  
You can make her happy,  
Just try it once,  
In your life,  
She is always waiting for you.

## You Can't Become Like As Others

Don't compare as well as,  
Judge yourself to others,  
Don't think that you can't fulfill,  
Your dreams,  
You can't become like as others,  
Everyone has their own,  
Values and skills,  
Don't keep yourself a head of everyone,

Let others earn as well as,  
Live happily,  
Don't be sad or happy by seeing their life,  
You are a God,  
A piece of God,  
You have wealth and powers,  
Be enlighten man,  
As well as live happily for forever.

Faleeha  
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## My dear old man

How many times have I told you  
There is no point in the plastic roses  
For a woman who lives in the pulse of a forest  
Her balcony overlooks the breath of the waves  
She feeds butterflies with scattered poems  
Her neighbours are deer and squirrels  
Whenever she stands to prostrate  
Under the majesty of spring  
She is surprised by flecks of snow  
Like a spray of a unique perfume  
While your heavy bouquet  
Since morning  
Wasting a lot of time  
Sitting  
On the edge of the table.

## Me and your picture, one lonely person

Like a boat shadow stuck in the memory of a drowning  
man

I vanish waiting

Watching the boys stoning a river shackled by the weight  
of its bridge

they laughing but the waves moaning under the sound of  
their stones

The passersby are too busy with their nothingness

The banks are unable to think about the fate of the fish

The trees as usual green and stupid

The air faded away

Everyone here needs something

And all I need is you.

## An Autumn Picnic

Like a relaxed blonde teenager,  
The lake appears in this sunset,  
We were imprisoned by each other,  
Sit on two-facing chairs,  
Waiting for a moment that never happens.  
The gazes of passersby sting us like feverish flares.  
"I am yours," I wrote on a dry yellow leaf, releasing it to  
the wind.  
Though you owe me your happiness,  
And I owe you my hope,  
The separation has its own game.  
It sneaks through the pores of waiting,  
Tempting us.  
We rise, wrapped in dreams shorter than a willow dwarf,  
And more hollow than it is in the fall.

# Kapardeli Eftichia

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## Madre Terra

Nella valle dorata dal vasto cielo  
nella terra dell'innocenza  
dove le nuvole di polvere  
si scioglievano alla luce del Sole,  
dove l'acqua del fiume  
ricopriva il mio corpo nudo dei segreti e dei sorrisi  
del mondo intero  
E un bel seme di fiore  
della madre terra, alle radici di un albero  
mi chiama ..... là  
Ed ora la distruzione, l'invasione, l'inquinamento  
La Terra rossa, scavano le tue fondamenta  
brutti tempi, e bruciano le tue viscere  
cenere e polvere, animali spaventati  
radici morte, montagne deserte, il calore del suolo che  
brucia  
I meli non daranno più frutti,  
la rosa non s'aprirà più  
le melodie saranno silenzio, con uccelli stanchi e morti  
E l'albero, che cambia  
ogni stagione, ci inviterà a viaggiare  
con le foglie che il vento prese all'alba  
In freddo silenzio è condannata  
morirà tra le mie braccia  
la mia prima amata madre, la Terra.  
Traduzione di Giovanni Campisi



## Μητερα Γη

Στην χρυσή κοιλάδα με τον απέραντο ουρανό  
στη γη της αθωότητας  
Εκεί που τα σύννεφα της σκόνης  
έλιωναν στο φώς του Ήλιου  
Εκεί που το νερό του ποταμού  
σκέπαζε τα γυμνό μου σώμα με τα μυστικά και τα  
χαμόγελα  
όλου του κόσμου  
Και ένα πανέμορφο λουλούδι  
σπόρος της μάνας γης ,στις ρίζες ενός δένδρου  
να με καλεί .....εκεί  
Και τώρα η καταστροφή , η εισβολή ,η ρύπανση  
Κόκκινη γη ...τα θεμέλια σου σκάβουν  
άσχημοι καιροί ,και τα σπλάχνα σου καίουν  
στάχτη και σκόνη ,ζώα φοβισμένα  
ρίζες νεκρές, έρημα τα βουνά ,η ζέστη το χώμα καίει  
Οι μηλιές δεν θα έχουν πια καρπούς ,το τριαντάφυλλο δεν  
θα  
ανοίξει πια  
οι μελωδίες θα έχουν σιωπήσει, με κουρασμένα και νεκρά  
πουλιά  
Και το δένδρο ,που αλλάζει  
κάθε εποχή θα μας προσκαλεί να ταξιδέψουμε  
με τα φύλλα που του πήρε ο άνεμος την αυγή  
Στην ψυχρή σιωπή και την καταδίκη  
στην αγκαλιά μου αργοπεθαίνει  
Η πρώτη αγαπημένη μου μητέρα ,η Γη

## Mother Earth

In the golden valley with the vast sky  
in the land of innocence  
Where the clouds of dust  
melted in the light of the Sun.  
Where the river water  
covered my naked body with secrets and smiles  
of the whole world  
And a beautiful flower  
seed of mother earth, at the roots of a tree  
to call me .....there  
And now the destruction, the invasion, the pollution  
Red earth, your foundations are digging  
bad times, and your bowels are burning  
ash and dust, scared animals  
roots dead, mountains deserted, heat the soil burns  
The apple trees will no longer bear fruit, the rose will no  
longer  
open  
the melodies will be silent, with tired and dead birds  
And the tree, which changes  
every season will invite us to travel  
with the leaves that the wind took at dawn  
In cold silence and condemnation  
in my arms he dies late  
My first beloved mother, Earth

## Άγονες Γραμμές

Άγονες γραμμές γεμάτες ταξίδια  
άγονες γραμμές χωρίς αγκαλιές  
οι σκιές μας μοιρασμένες  
οι διαδρομές μας πετρωμένες  
και οι ρίζες μας κομμένες

Άγονες γραμμές ,απολιθωμένες  
σε συνθήκες ματαιωμένες  
σε μέρες που τρυπούν και κολλούν  
στο σώμα με πνοές, ματωμένες

Έρημη χώρα η ζωή μας  
πάντα θρηνεί την αποχώρηση μας  
και για τα βελούδινα αγγίγματα θρηνεί  
που στριμωγμένα ,σε ασταθή  
ορίζοντα βυθίζονται ,μοιάζουν αγριολούλουδα ξεριζωμένα  
στο πλήθος για μένα και για σένα

Στην κούραση άνθρωποι σμίγουν ,μας μιλούν  
και με γυμνά βρεγμένα χέρια μας χαιρετούν στην άμορφη  
μάζα των χρόνων με την Ηχώ της Άρνησης ,στα φώτα της  
Πόλης που  
στολίζουν τα σπίτια και τις κάμαρες  
μας προσπερνούν

## Infertile lines

Infertile lines full of travel  
Infertile lines without hugs  
    our routes are stony ,our roots,  
cut off and  
our shadows, are divided

Infertile lines, petrified  
in aborted conditions  
on days that pierce and stick  
in the body with breaths, bloody

Our life is a desert country  
always mourns our departure  
    and for the velvet touches he mourns  
that squished, in unstable  
horizon they sink, they look like wild flowers uprooted  
in the crowd, for me and you

In fatigue, people come together, they talk to us  
and with bare wet hands they greet us in the formless mass  
of the years with the Echo of Denial, in the lights of the  
City that  
they decorate houses and chambers  
they pass us

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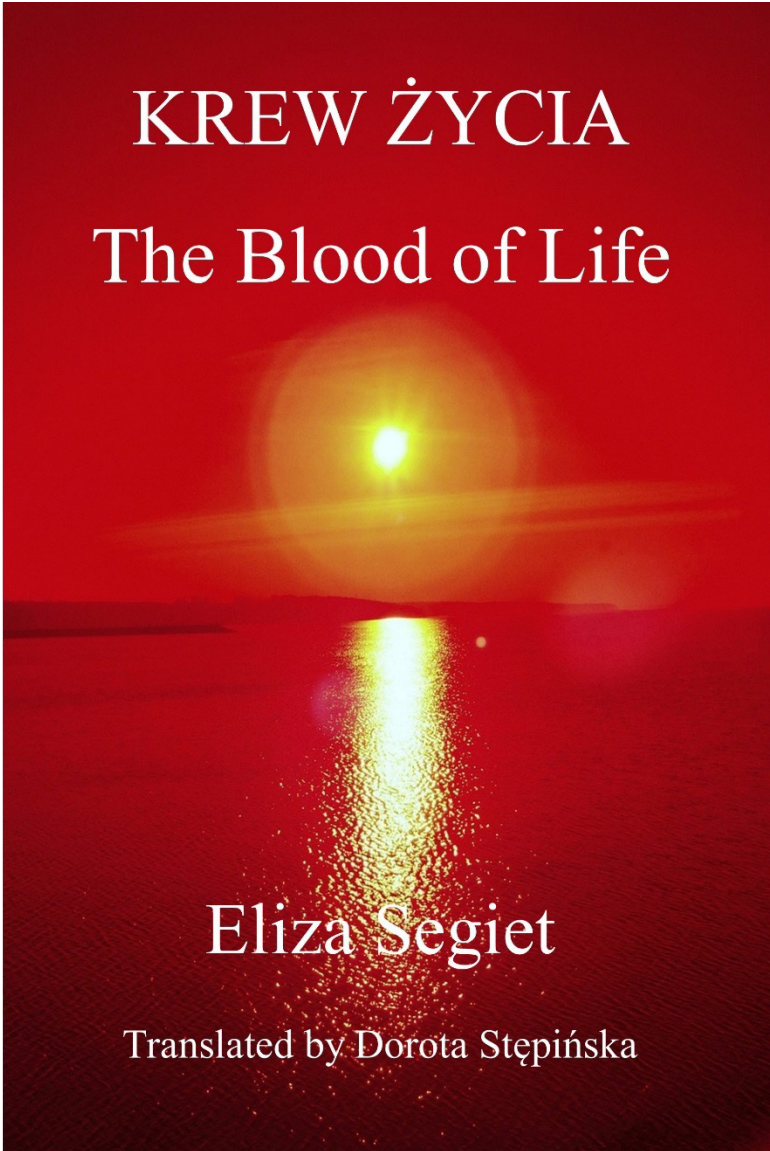
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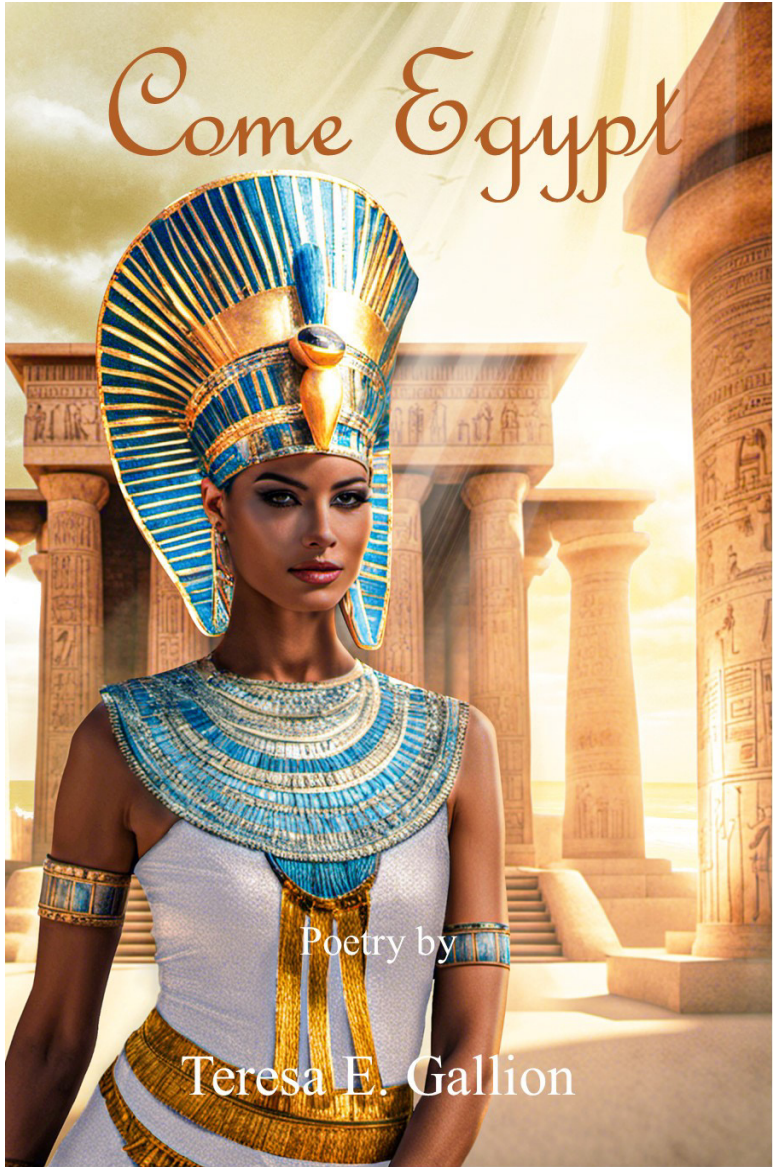
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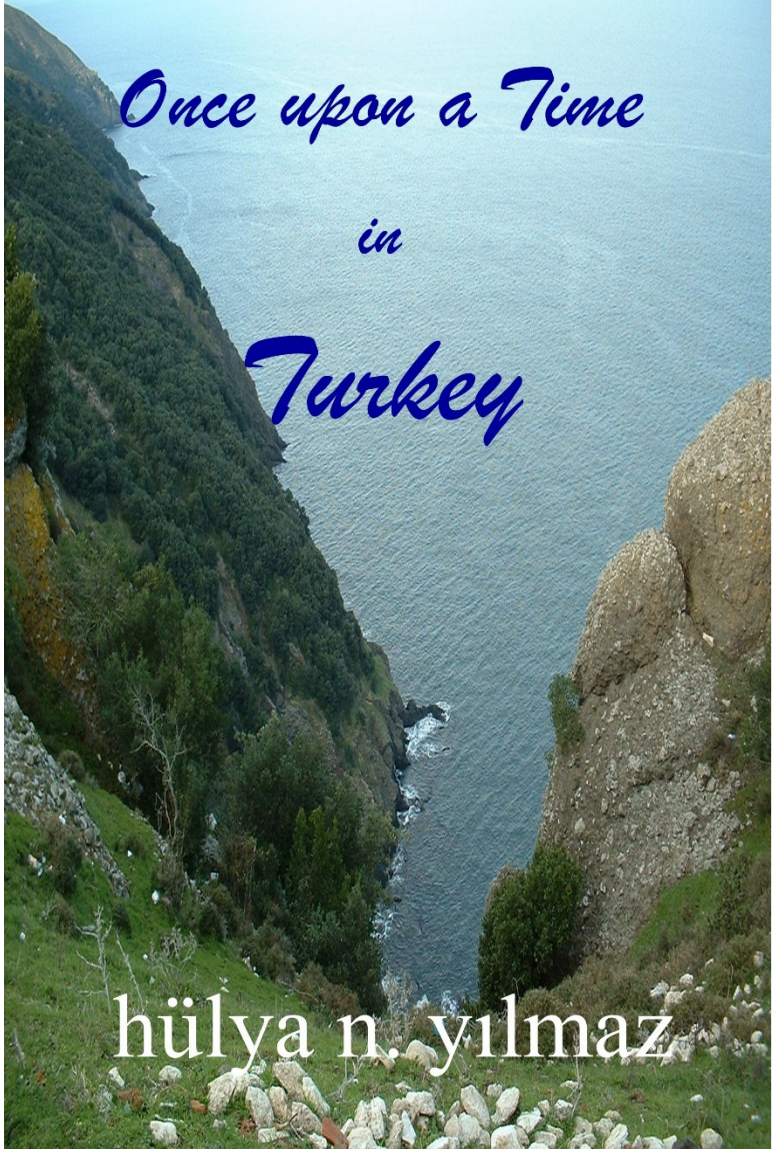
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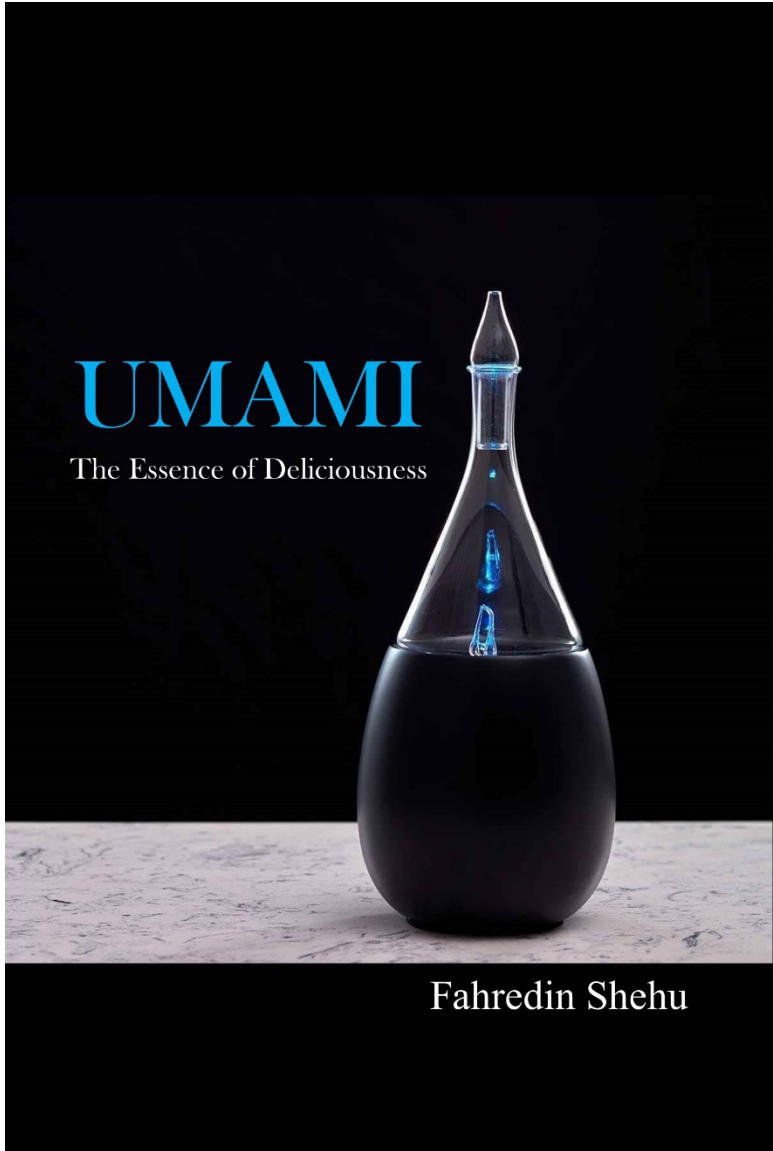
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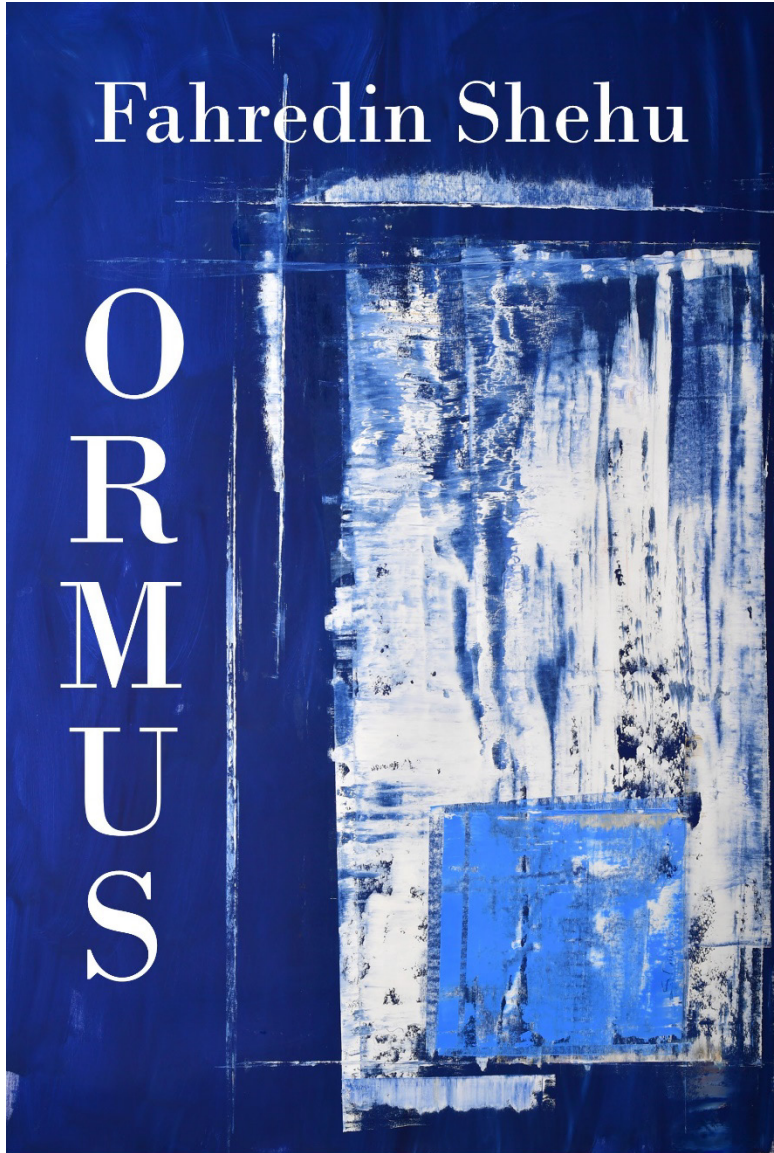
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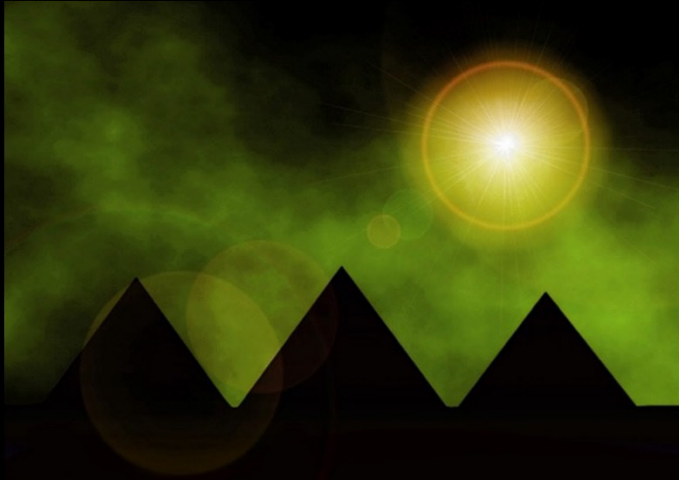
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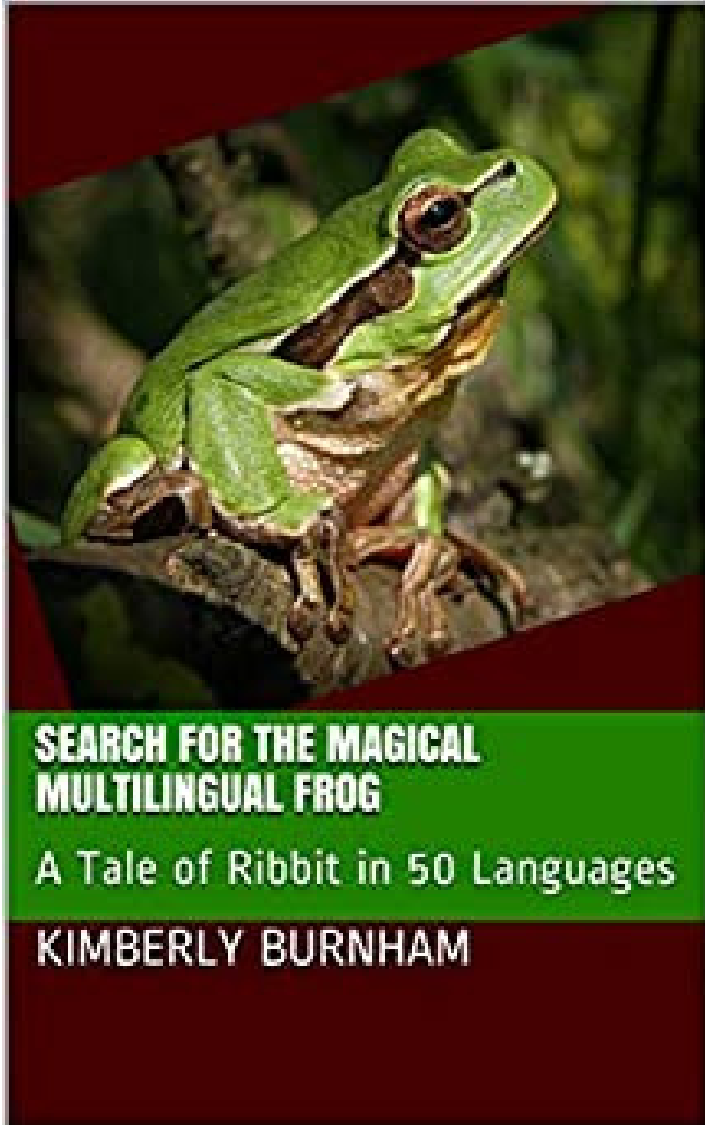
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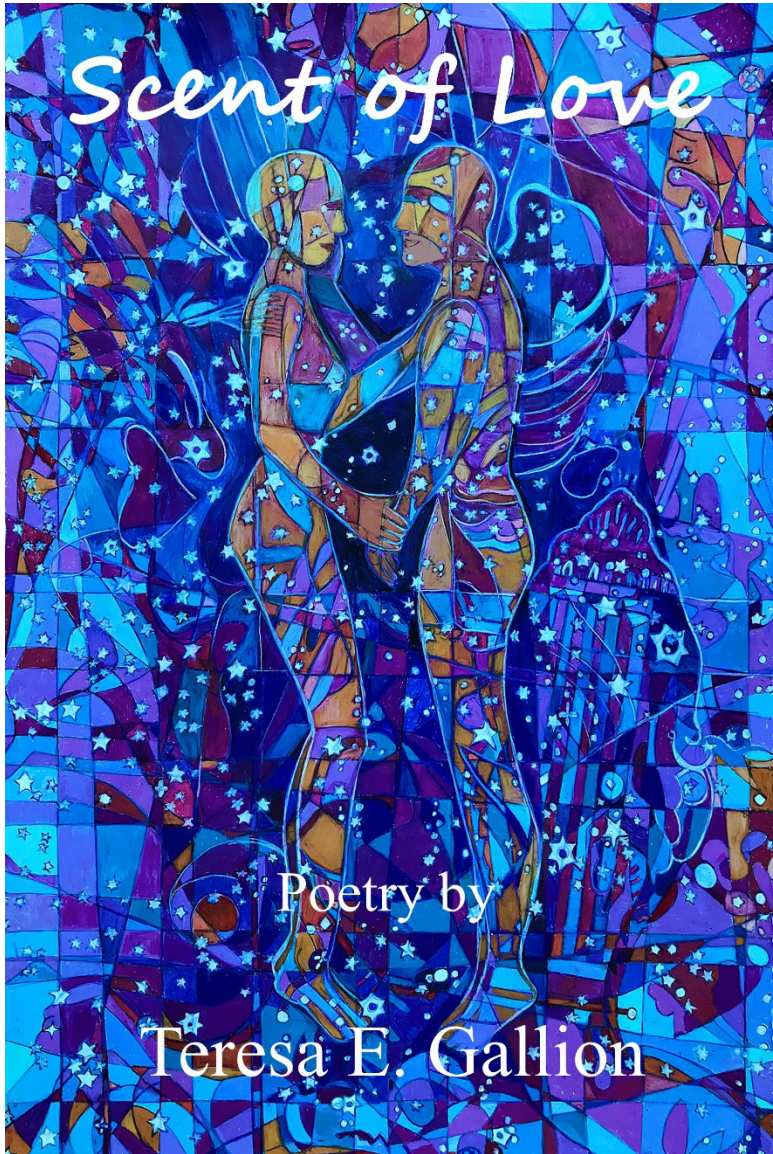
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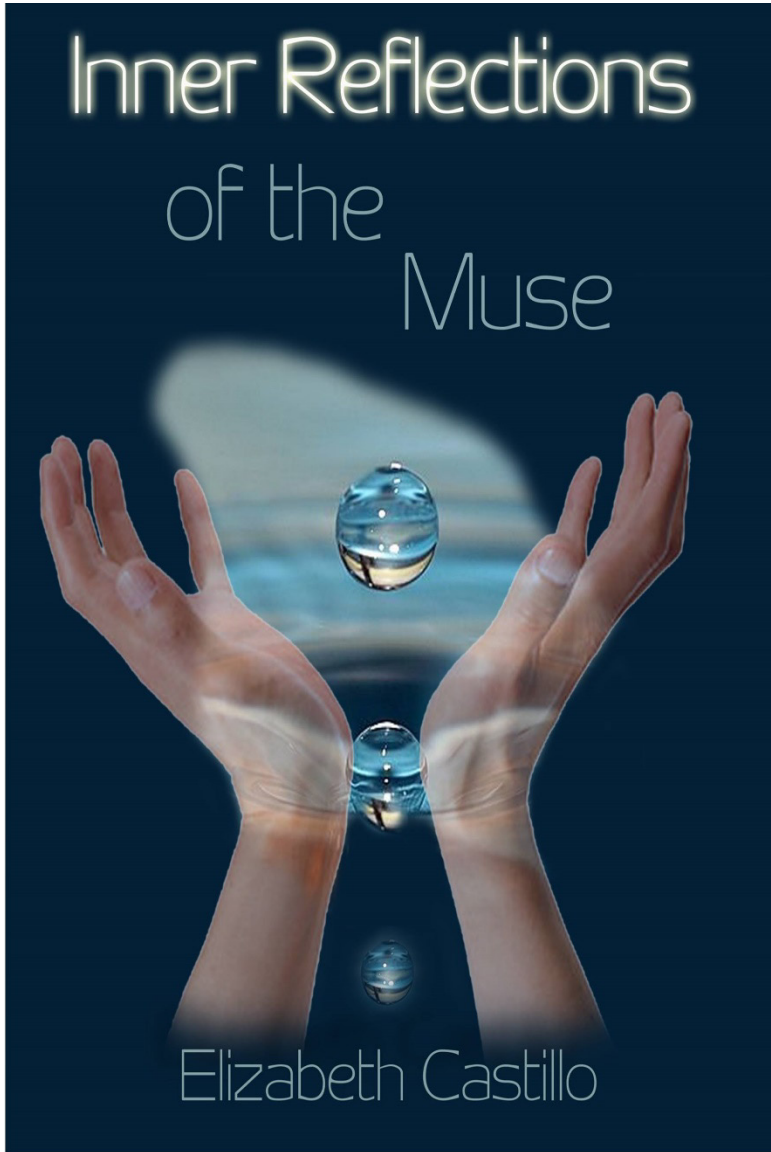


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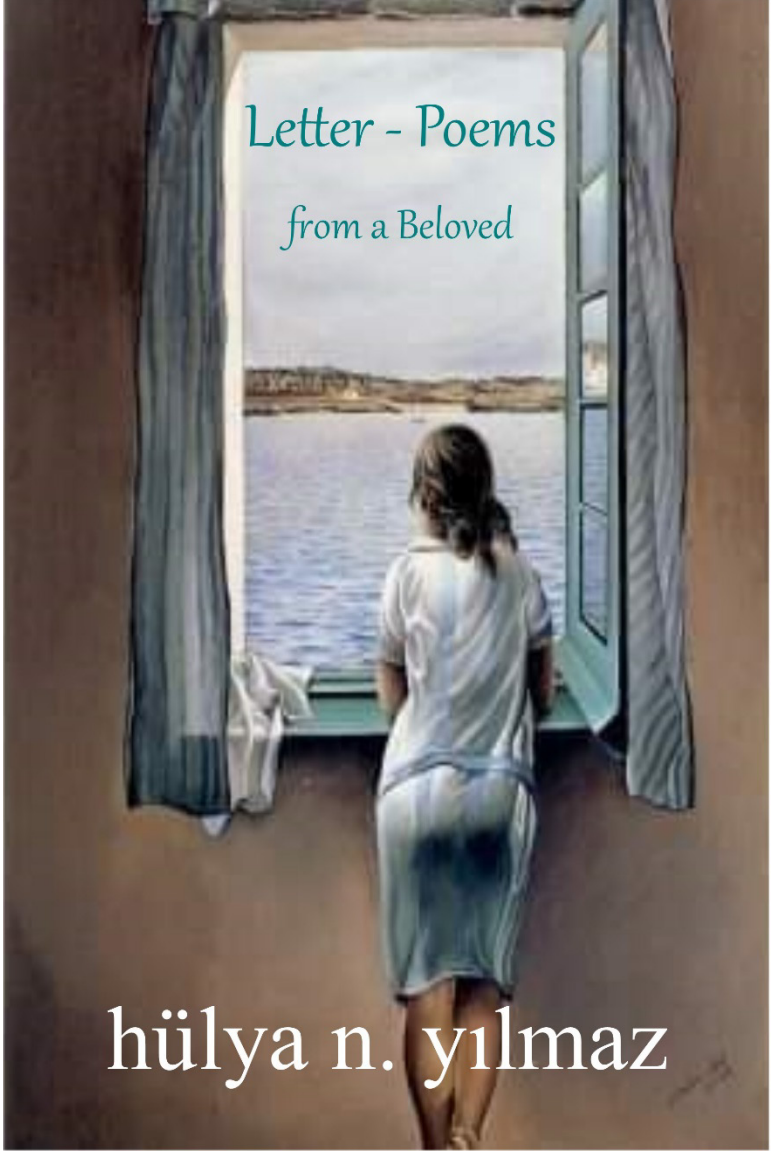
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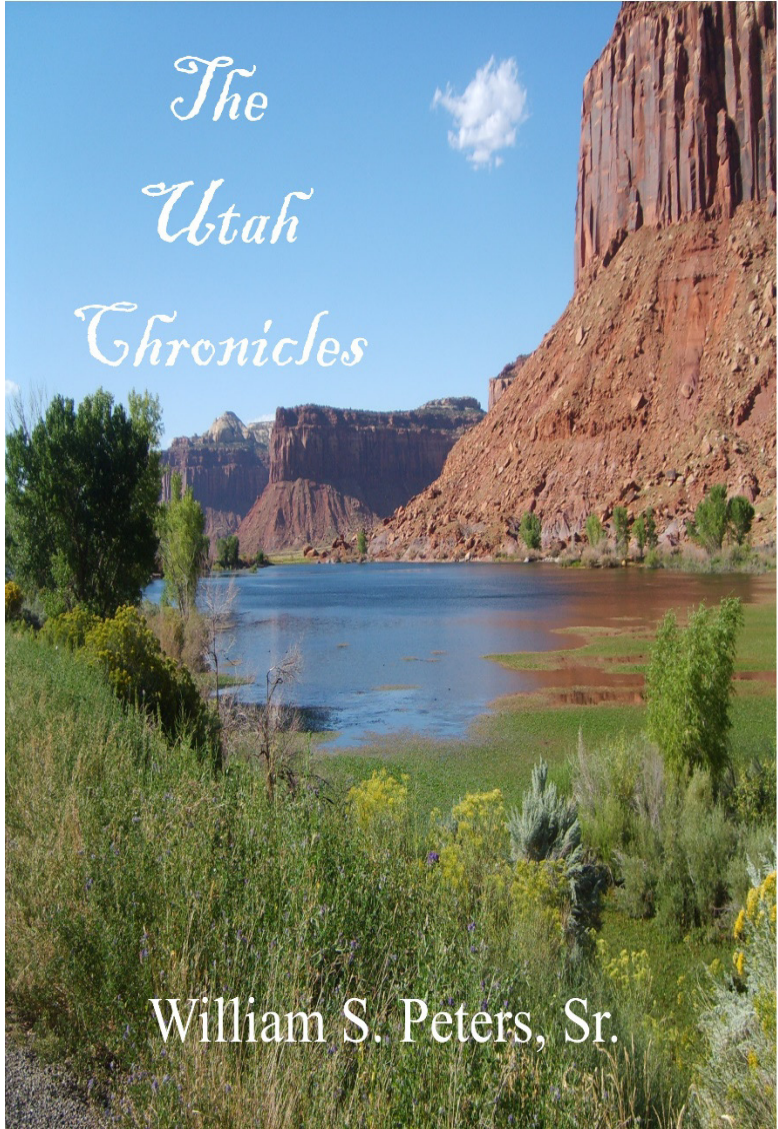
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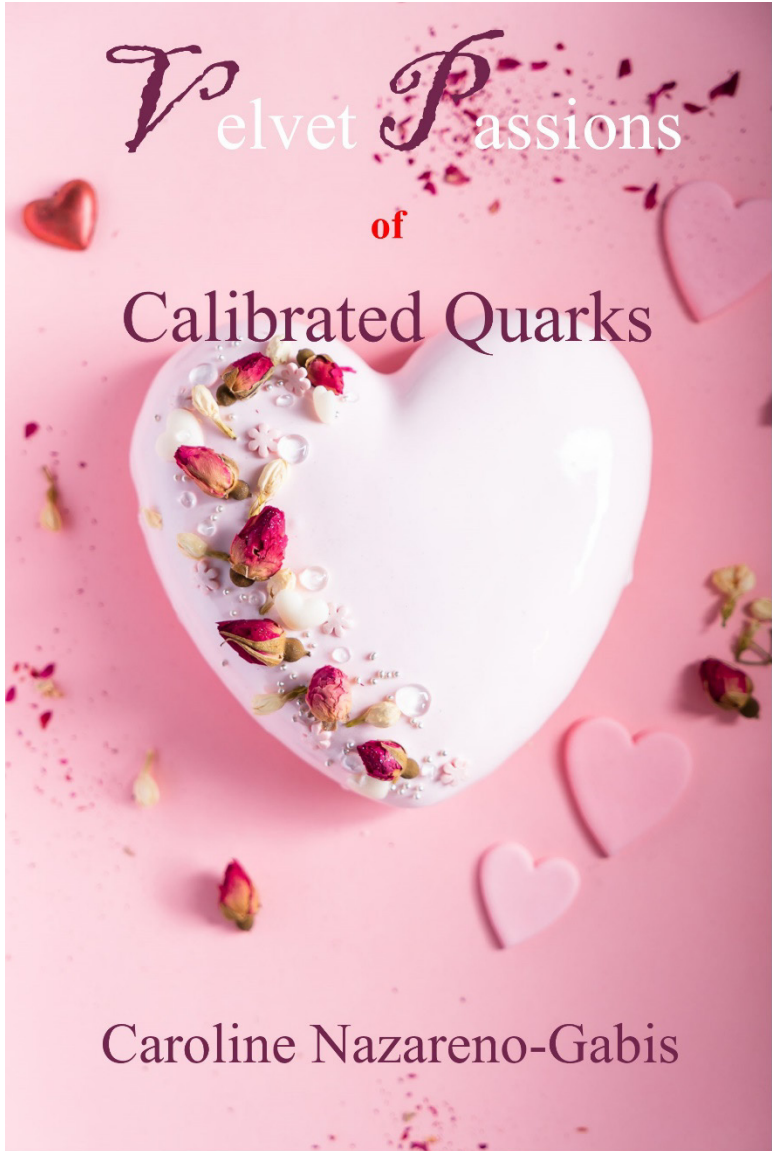


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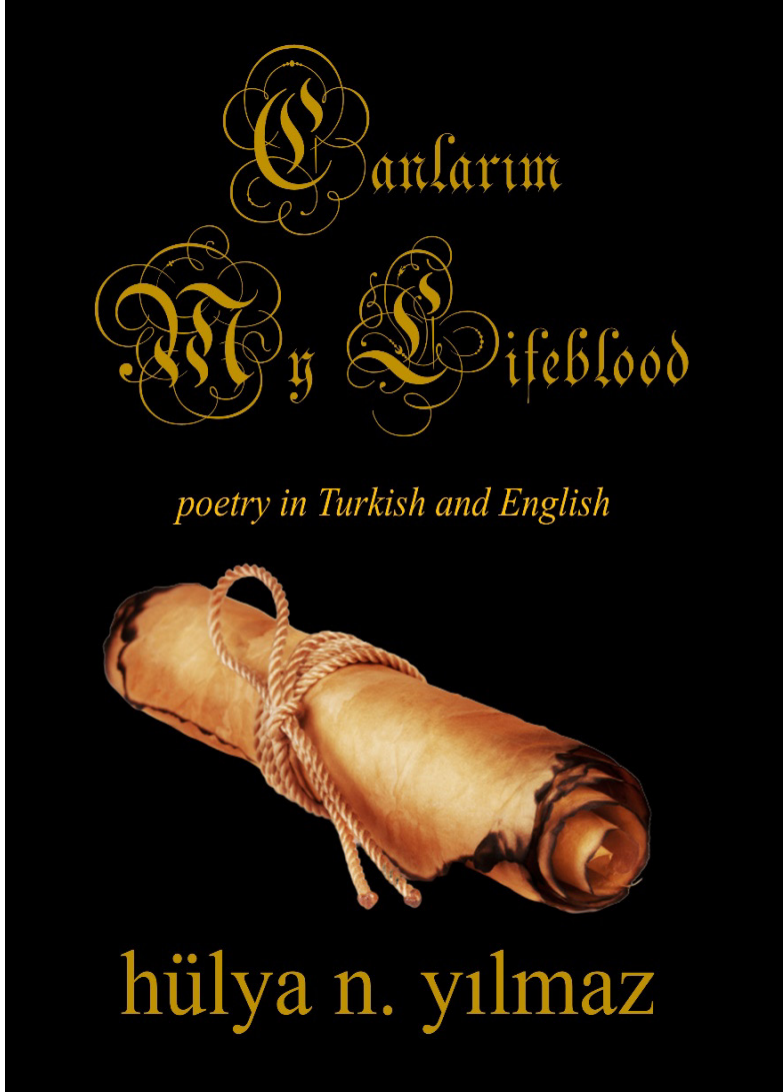


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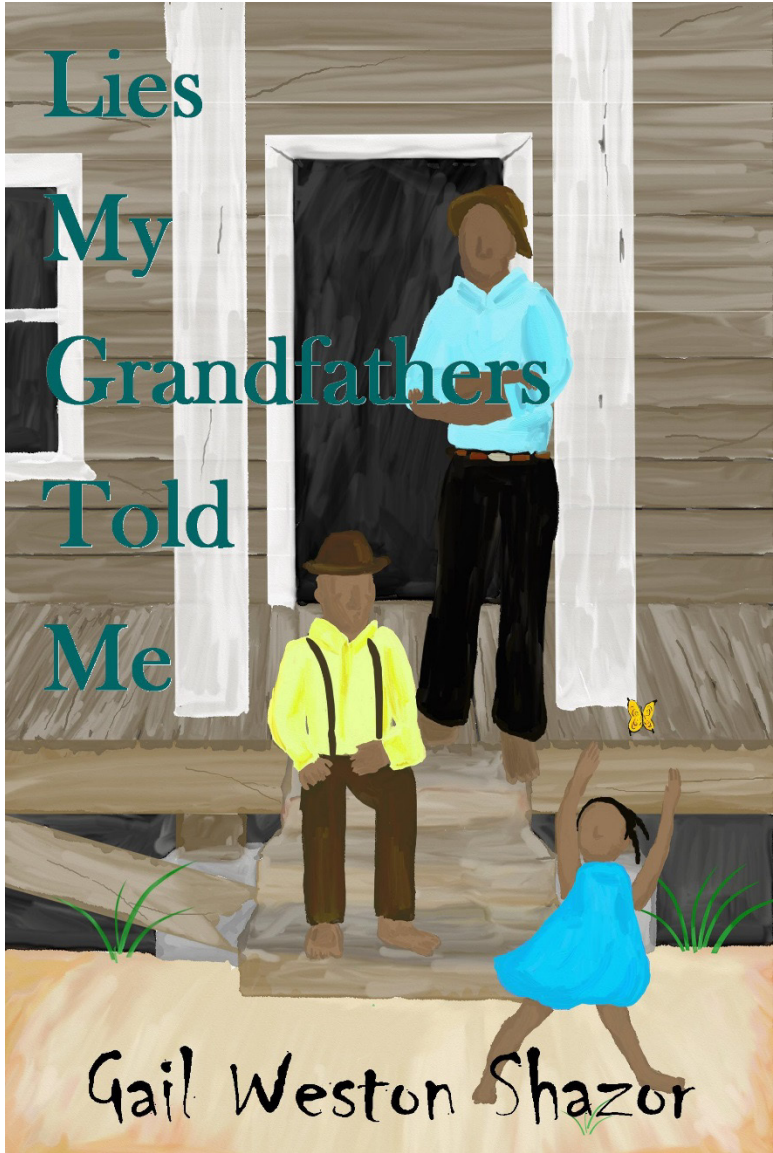


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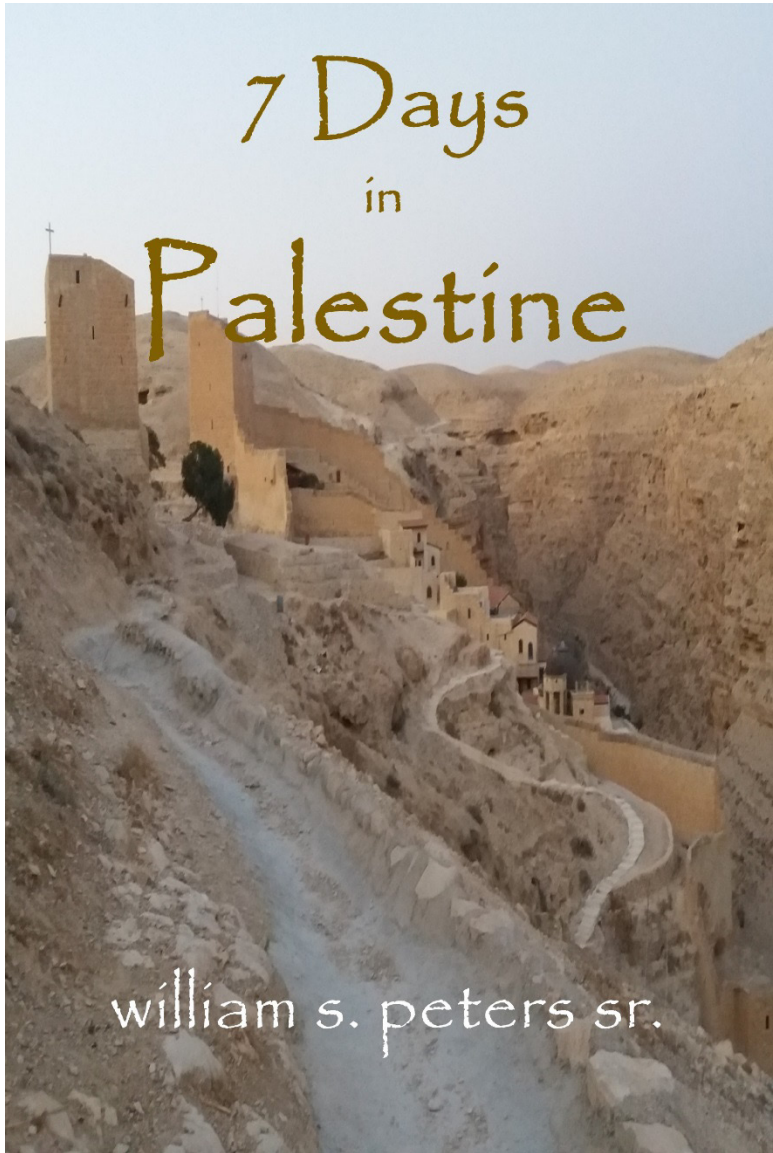
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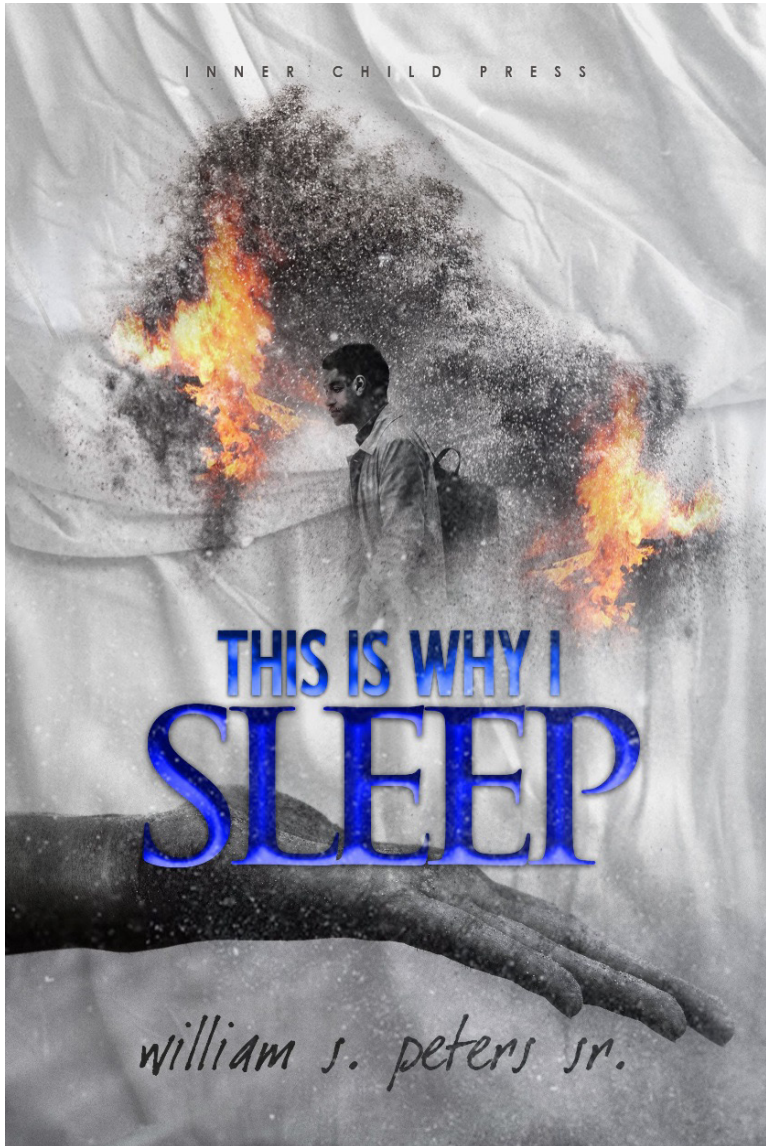


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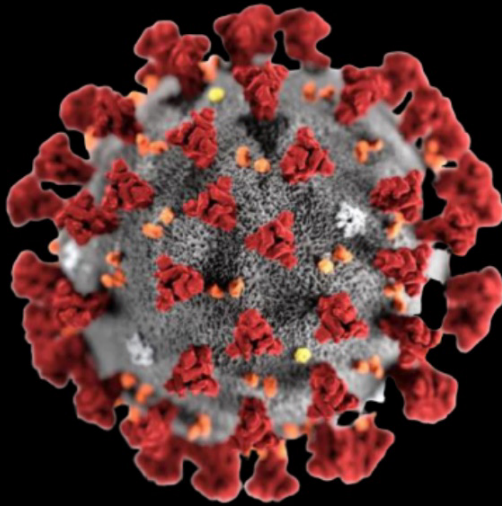
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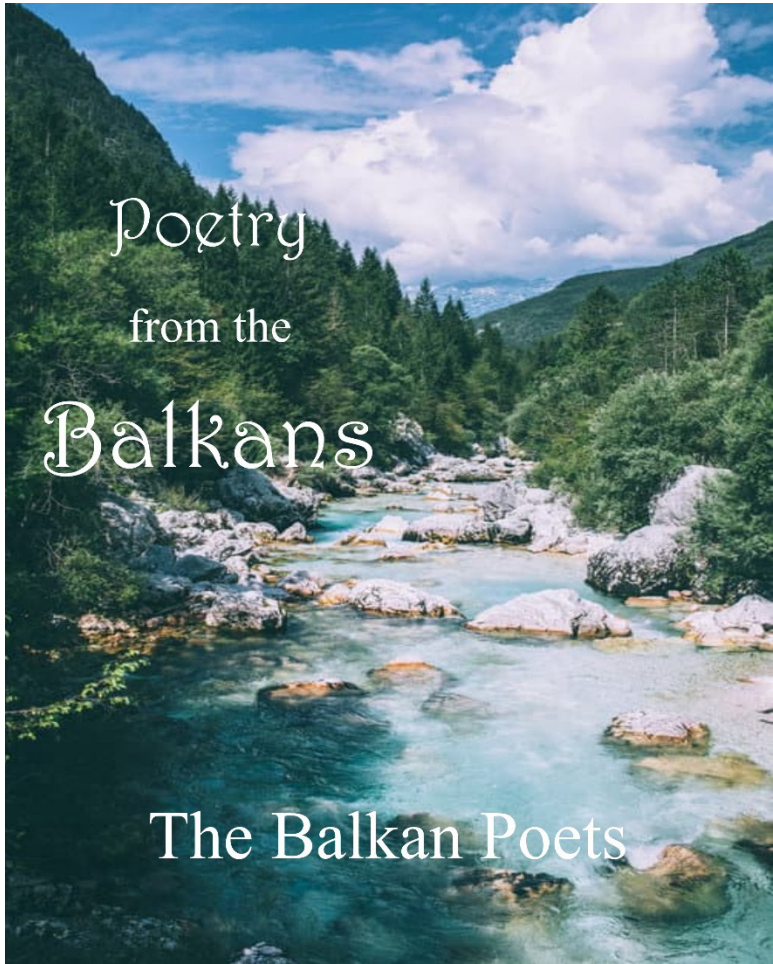


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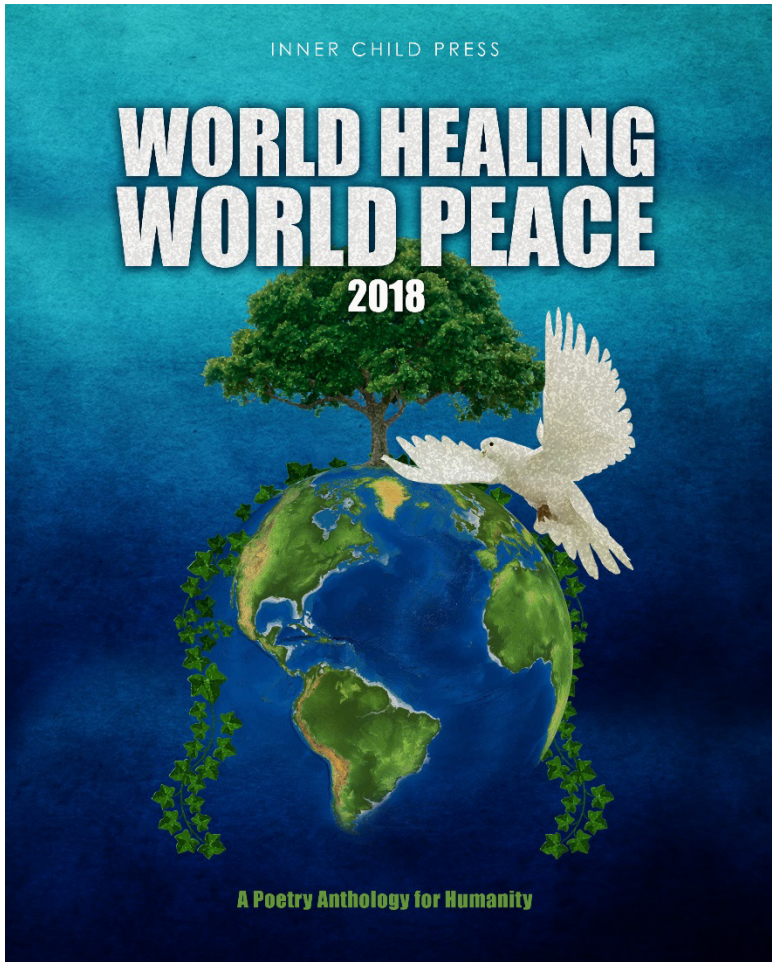
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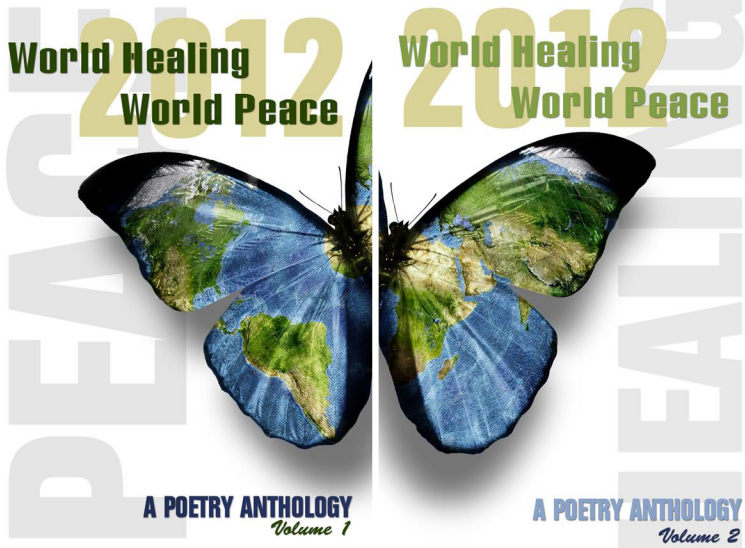
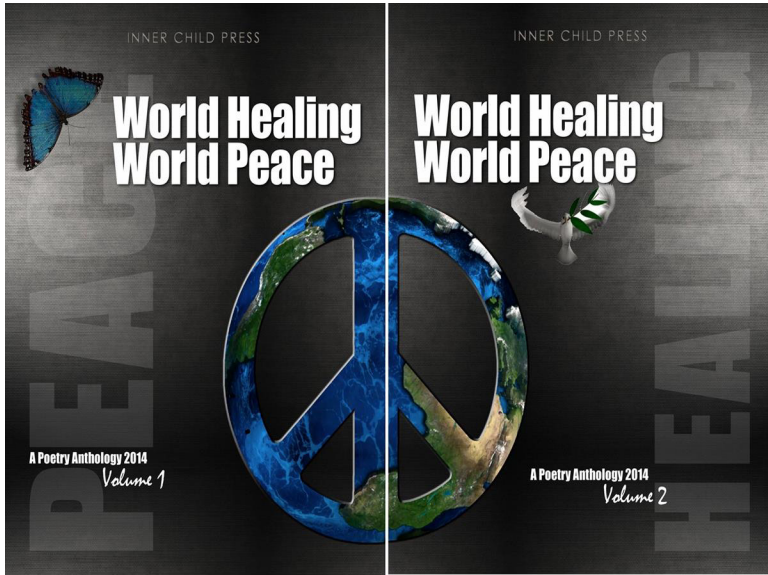
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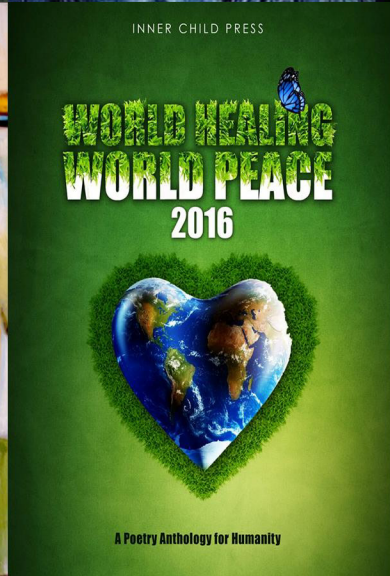
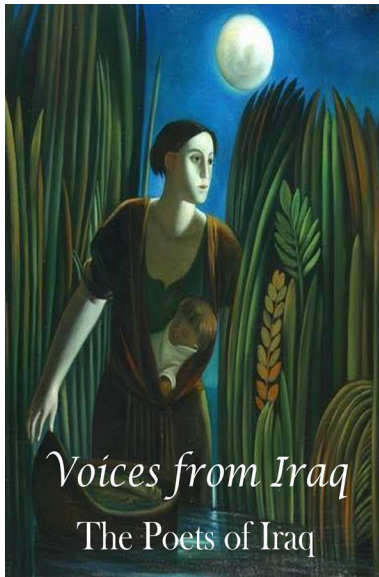
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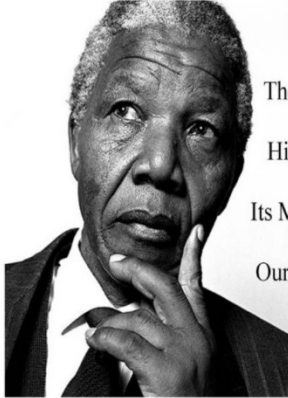


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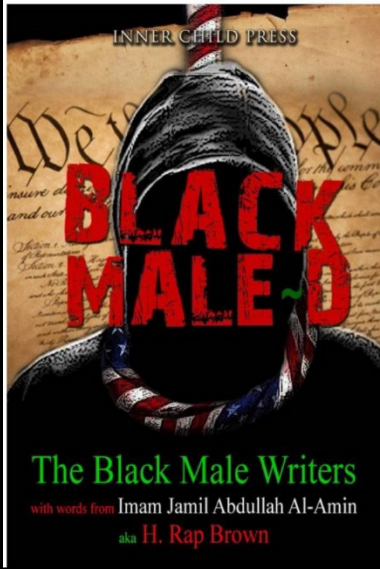
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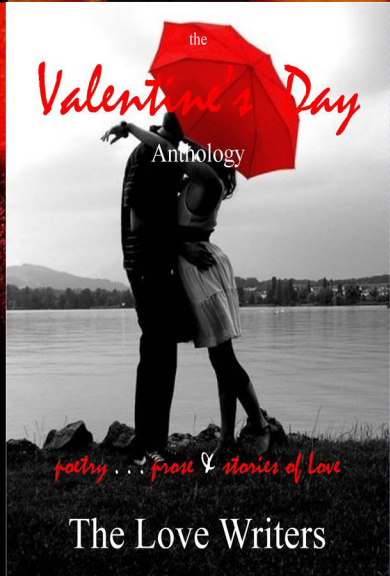
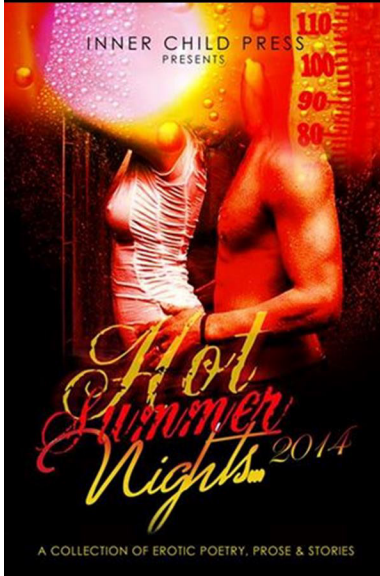
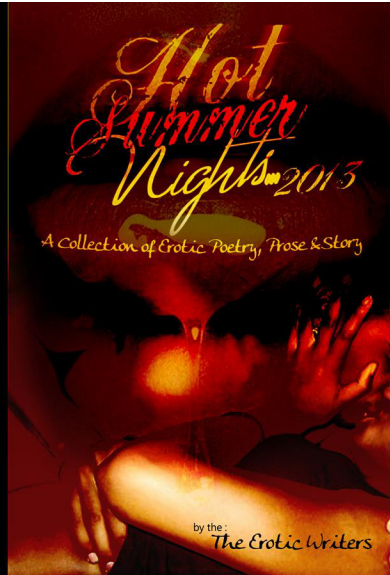
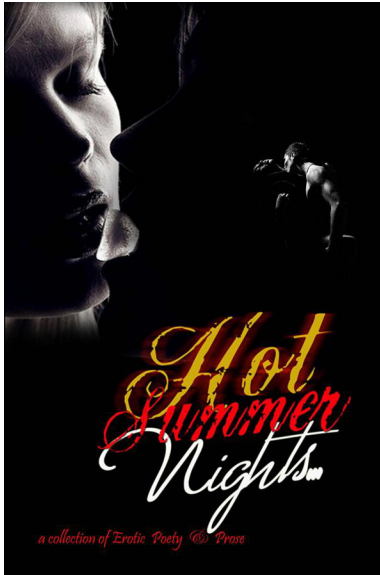
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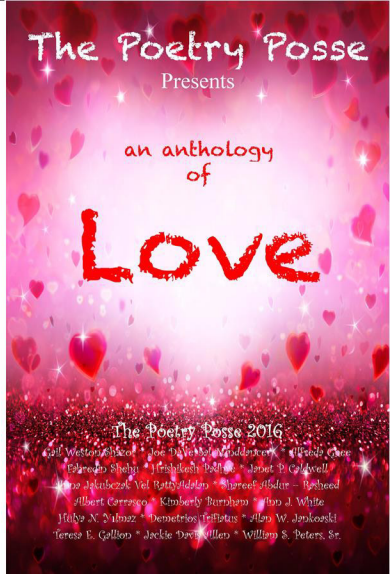
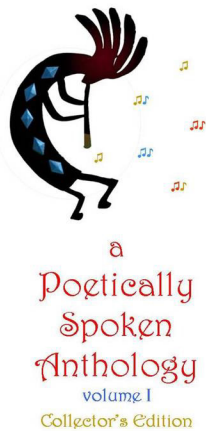
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February 2014



violets

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Sweet Pea

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ReeCee  
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Lily of the Valley

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June 2014



**Love & Relationship**

**Rose**

**June's Featured Poets**  
Shantelle McLin  
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**July Feature Poets**  
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**Lotus**  
Asian Flower of the Month

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**Gladiolus**

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

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Aster

Morning-Glory



Wild Carnation of September-Birthday Flower

September Feature Poets

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October 2014

Red Poppy



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October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • RaSendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

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Chrysanthemum



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November Feature Poets

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December 2014



Narcissus

The Poetly Pass

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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantil \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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February 2015



**Amethyst**

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Iram Fatima \* Bob McNeil \* Kerstin Centavall

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



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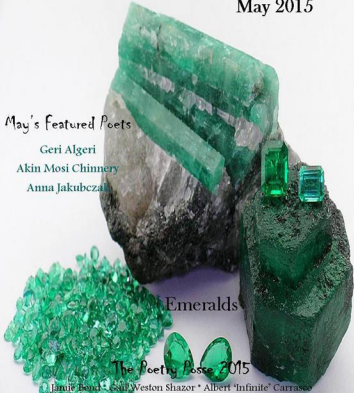
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Emeralds

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### June's Featured Poets

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



Pearl

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July 2015

### The Featured Poets for July 2015

Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies

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### Peridot

### Featured Poets

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Sapphires

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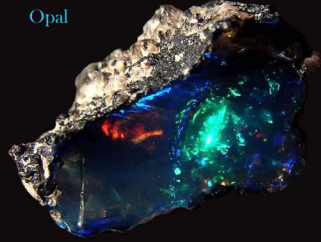
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### Featured Poets

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

Opal



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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

### The Poetry Posse 2015

Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet II

December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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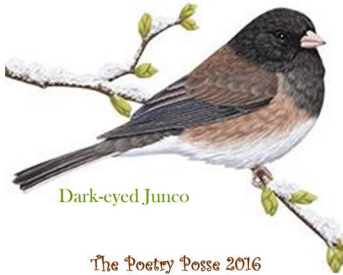
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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

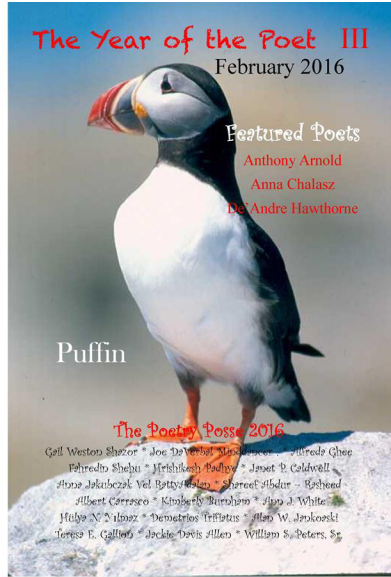
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalasaz  
Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

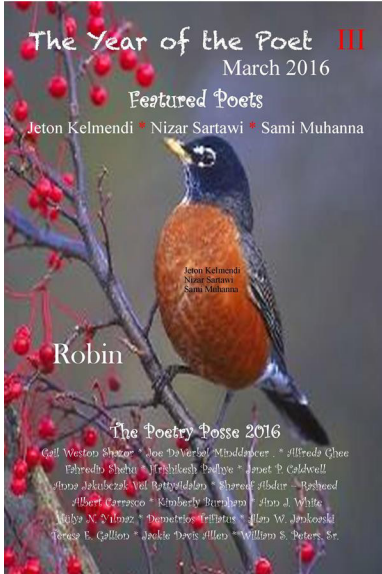
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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## The Year of the Poet III

### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalasaz  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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May 2016

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Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

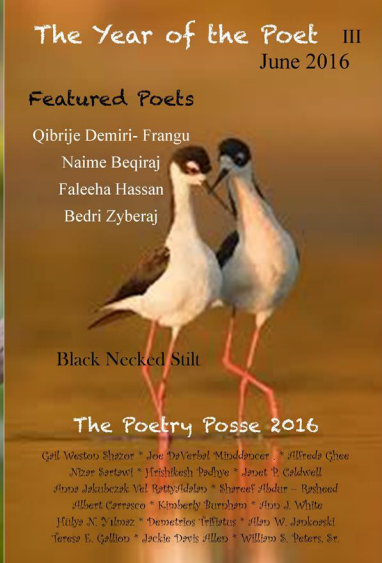


Oriole

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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alan J. White  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

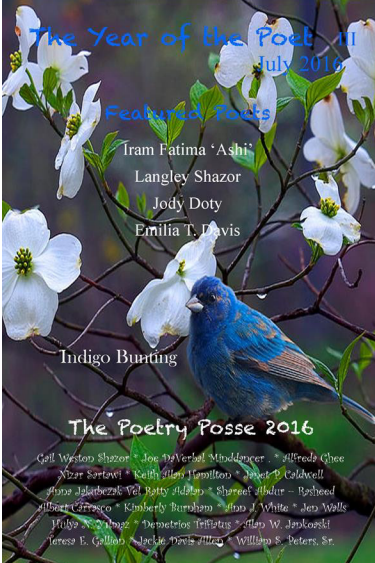


Black Necked Stilt

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July 2016

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

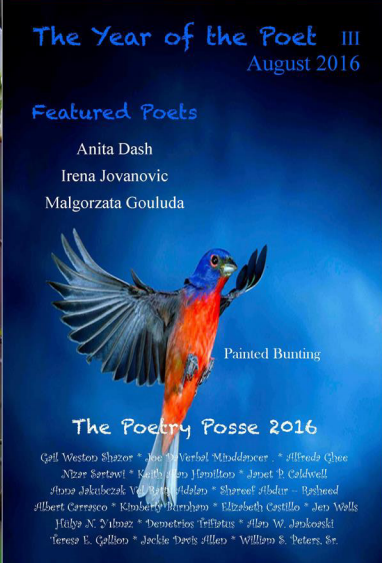


Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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



Painted Bunting

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September 2016

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Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novicio

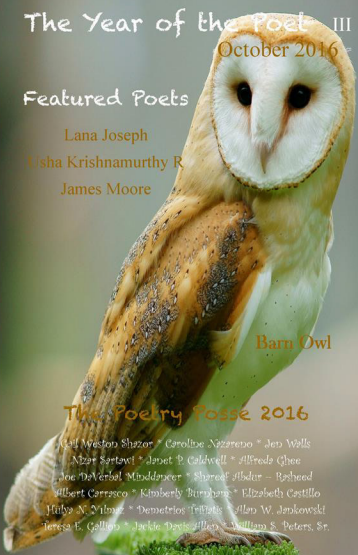


Long Billed Curlew

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Joe DeVariel Muddancer \* Sharon Aldrich \* Richard  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Lana Joseph  
Visha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore

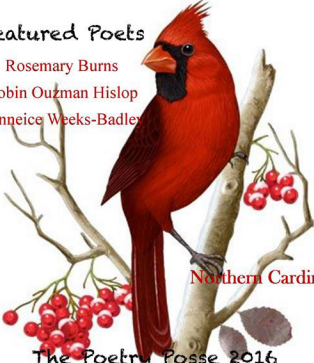


Barn Owl

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

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

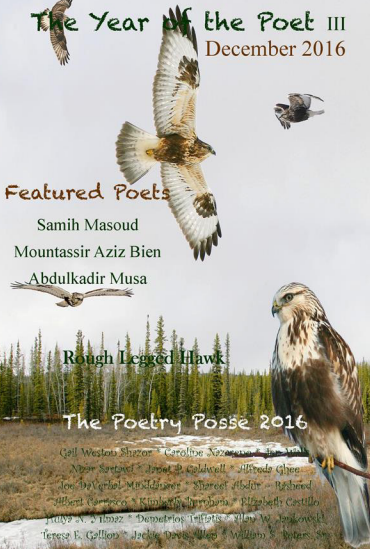


Northern Cardinal

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December 2016

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



Rough Legged Hawk

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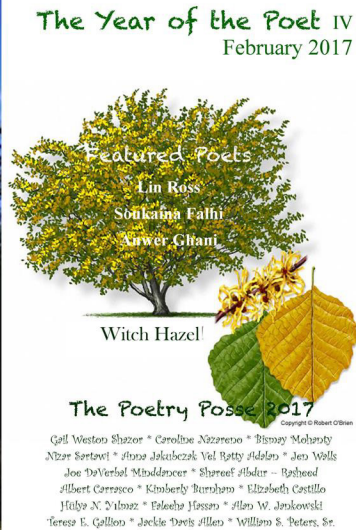


**Featured Poets**  
Jon Winell  
Natale Shields  
Ifran Fatima \* Ashi

Quaking Aspen

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Joe DeVerbal \* Minddancer \* Shareef #badr - Rashad  
#bert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burgham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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February 2017

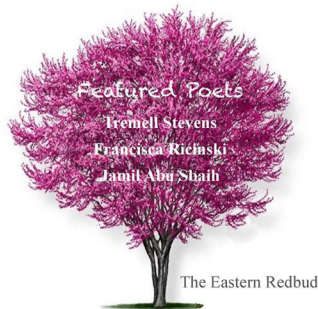


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Soukaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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March 2017

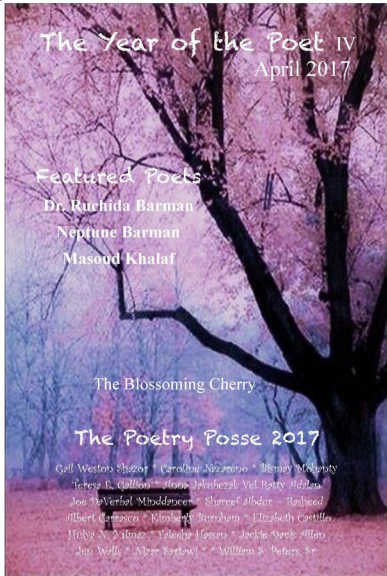


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricmski  
Jamil Abu Shaih

The Eastern Redbud

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April 2017



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

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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

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Joe DeVieriel Mbadoncar \* Shareef Siddur - Bahend  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hilja N. Yilmaz \* Faleha Jasson \* Jackie Davis Allan  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV June 2017

**Featured Poets**

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV July 2017

**Featured Poets**

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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## The Year of the Poet IV August 2017

**Featured Poets**

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal



The Elm Tree

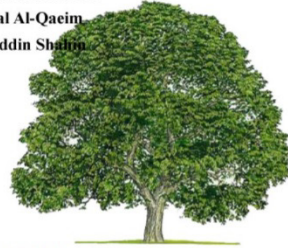
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Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \*\* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shalim



The Black Walnut Tree

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## The Year of the Poet IV November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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## The Year of the Poet IV December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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January 2018

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Iyad Shamasnah

Yasmeen Hamzeh

Ali Abdolrezaei

### Aksum



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## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018

### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'

Cassandra Swan

Jaleel Khazaal

Shazia Zaman



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April 2018

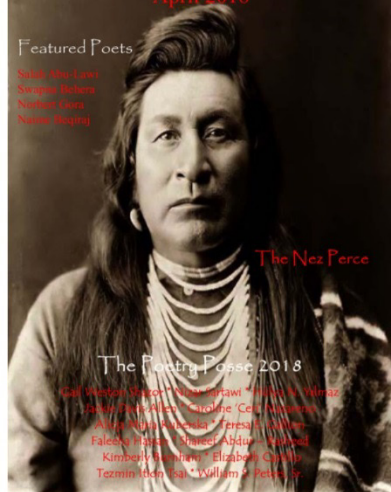
### Featured Poets

Suzak Abu-Law

Suzanne Roberts

Nathan Chen

Suzanne Rojany



### The Nez Perce

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May 2018

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

The Sumerians




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

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

The Paleo Indians



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Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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July 2018

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

Oceania




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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

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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 Sirtawi \* 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 Behaera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* 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 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 Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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January 2019

Indigenous North Americans



*Dream Catcher*

### Featured Poets

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

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

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. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### 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  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

DI. Davis \* Michelle Joan Barulich  
Lulëzim Haziri \* Faleeha Hassan



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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May 2019

**Featured Poets**  
Emad Al-Haydari \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sheriff \* 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 Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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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 Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
July 2019

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

**The Horn of Africa**




Ethiopia Djibouti  
Somalia Eritrea

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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. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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September 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Elena Liliana Popescu \* Gobinda Biswas  
Iram Fatima 'Ashi' \* Joseph S. Spence, Sr.



**The Caucasus**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Ngozi Olivia Osuoha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams



**The Mile Valley**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rozalia Aleksandrova \* Orbindu Ganga  
Smruti Ranjan Mohanty \* Sofia Skleida



**Northern Asia**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujata Paul  
Bharati Nayak \* Kapurleli Eftichia



**Oceania**

**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
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 Dunant 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 Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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 Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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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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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 Paire  
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 Dwivedy \* NilavroNill Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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May 2020

### Featured Poets

Atok 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  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Elfikhia Kapardeli \* Metin Congiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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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

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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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  
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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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September 2020

### Featured Poets

Raed Anis Al-Jishi \* Salkonović Snežana  
Dr. Brijesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paine  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna 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



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Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paine  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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 Poetry Posse 2020

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

December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh \* Ibtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodi \* 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

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

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2021

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### 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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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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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

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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September 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire  
Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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

### The Poetry Posse 2021

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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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



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### The Poetry Posse 2021

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem  
Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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January 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change : The Ice Cap



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

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February 2022

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

Climate Change and Mountains



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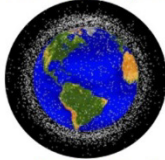
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March 2022

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



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April 2022

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

Climate Change and Oceans



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Ajanta Paul \* Monalisa Dash Dwibedy

### Climate Change and Birds



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June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeezat Okunola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioke Abonyi

### Climate Change and Trees



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July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Animals



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August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Agriculture



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Sylvia K. Malinowska \* Sajid Hussein

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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

Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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February 2023

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

Children: Difference Makers



Ruby Bridges

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March 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



Yo Yo Ma

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April 2023

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

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Claudette Colvin

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Taghrid Bou Merhi \* Yasmin Brown

Children: Difference Makers



Louis Braille

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Kay Peters \* Carthornia Kouroupos  
Andrew Kouroupos \* Falecha Hassan

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Ryan Hreljac

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### Featured Global Poets

Rajashree Mohapatra \* Biswajit Mishra  
Johan Karlsson \* Teodozja Swiderska

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~ Bana al-Abed ~

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

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Nigar Agalarova \* Carmela Cueva

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~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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## The Year of the Poet X October 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



~ Malala Yousafzai ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

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### Featured Global Poets

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

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~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

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### Featured Global Poets

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

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~ Melati and Isabel Wijsen ~

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Daniela Marian \* Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskon

### Renowned Poets



~ Phyllis Wheatley ~

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February 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Caroline Laurent Turunç \* Julio Pavanetti  
Lidia Chiarelli \* Lina Buividavičiūtė

### Renowned Poets



~ Omar Khayyam ~

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March 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Francesco Favetta \* Jagjit Singh Zandu  
Carmela Núñez Yukimura Peruana \* Michael Lee Johnson

### Renowned Poets



~ Nâzım Hikmet ~

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April 2024

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Hassanal Abdullah \* Johnny Takkedasilala  
Rajashree Mohapatra \* Shirley Smothers

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~ William Butler Yeats ~

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Rayees Ahmad Kumar \* Solomon C Jatta

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~ Makhn Lal Chaturvedi ~

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June 2024

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Moulay Cherif Chebih Hassani \* Swayam Prashant

### Renowned Poets



~ Langston Hughs ~

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July 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Barbara Gaiardoni \* Bharati Nayak  
Errol Bean \* Michael Lee Johnson

### Renowned Poets



~ Pablo Neruda ~

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August 2024

### Featured Global Poets

Ibrahim Honjo \* Khalice Jade  
Irma Kurti \* Mennadi Farah

### Renowned Poets



~ Li Bai ~

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Ngozi Olivia Osohwa \* Teodozja Świdarska  
Chinh Nguyen \* Awatef El Idrissi Boukhris

### Renowned Poets



~ William Ernest Henley ~

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### Featured Global Poets

Deepak Kumar Dey \* Shalal 'Anouz  
Adnan Al-Sayegh \* Taghrid Bou Merhi

### Renowned Poets



~ Adam Mickiewicz ~

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### Featured Global Poets

Abraham Tawiah Tei \* Neha Bhandarkar  
Zaneta Várnado Johns \* Haseena Bnaiyan

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~ Wole Soyinka ~

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### Featured Global Poets

Kapardeli Eftichia \* Irena Jovanović  
Sudipta Mishra \* Til Kumari Sharma

### Renowned Poets



~ Imru' al-Qais ~

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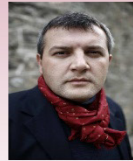
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