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# Dedication

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the Power of the Pen  
can effectuate change!

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the Spirit of our Everlasting Muse



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

Janet P. Caldwell

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# Foreword

## Renowned Poets

### Wole Soyinka

This month, *The Year of the Poet* features the inspiration of Wole Soyinka, a Nigerian poet, who said, "I don't know any other way to live but to wake up every day armed with my convictions, not yielding them to the threat of danger and to the power and force of people who might despise me." Every poet wakes up armed with their convictions, some of us do great and some are overcome by the challenges of the world but each morning we have a chance to start over with our convictions intact. We get to wake up to the world we dream of and work and write towards that. In the dark of night we can get discouraged but fortunately we have poets like Wole Soyinka to inspire us to yield and put our energy towards only that which feeds us and helps the world.

This volume of poetry is meant to pass along the inspiration we have received and share our ideas and dreams of a better world.

Here are some lines quilted together from several of Wole Soyinka's poems in a short Cento:

Conjure up a drawbridge  
of our desires, searing dark longings  
the wall of prayer has taken refuge  
of shuttered windows, I know the heart.  
the air will not deny you  
now roll your tongue in honey till your cheeks are  
Swarming honeycombs—your world needs  
sweetening, child.

As poets we speak up for ourselves to shape our  
dreams, building and overflowing into the world  
around us. We also push back on what we see in our  
neighborhoods that is not right or not helpful. As  
Wole Soyinka has said, "The greatest threat to  
freedom is the absence of criticism."

May we write until all are free and then continue  
writing to celebrate.

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# Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bless Up

*Bill*

William S. Peters, Sr.

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# Renowned Poets

Wolę Soyinka

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November 2024

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The recipient of the 1986 Nobel Prize for Literature, the first black African to be awarded the said prize, Wole Soyinka (Ph.D.), is a Nigerian playwright and political activist. While at times he resorts to satire in his writings when the subject is modern-day West Africa, the majority of his literary works highlights the seriousness of the corresponding struggles. Upon returning to his country of birth after earning a doctoral degree in English in England, he immediately founded an acting company and wrote his first play, *A Dance of the Forests*. Western literary critics and theorists classify it as his most important play.

In *A Dance of the Forests*, which Soyinka has written for the Nigerian independence celebrations, he strips the infantile nation of its status as a romantic legend. By showing the country's present and past states as being identical, he satirizes Nigeria's new efforts. In his non-satirical plays, he stresses his disregard for African authoritarian leadership while bringing forth his disillusionment with Nigerian society as a whole.

Among plays, a novel, and various essays, also several volumes of poetry have been attributed to Soyinka. The following quote, "Lost Poems", stems from his most renowned poem collection, *Samarkand and Other Markets I Have Known*. Whereas his plays and other prose writings seem to be readily available for free use, his poems appear to be cradled under some protective platforms. It is,

therefore, important to be able to read his “Lost Poems” at this juncture in its entirety:

I think sometimes of poems I have lost —  
Maybe their loss it was that saved the world —  
still  
They do get lost, and I recall them only  
When a fragment levitates behind  
Discarded invoices, the black-rimmed notice  
Of a last goodbye, a birth, a wedding invitation  
And other milestones of a lesser kind.

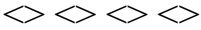
The moment torments — why? Beyond  
An instant’s passion, dubious flash —  
Satori in a bar, taxi or restaurant, an airport  
Waiting lounge — that births the scribble  
On a stained napkin, what cast of the ephemeral  
Once resonates, then spurns the mind  
The morning after? All that survives

Mimics a wrinkled petal pressed  
Between pages of long-discarded books.  
A falling leaf trapped briefly by the passing sun  
It flashes, a mere shard of memory  
But filled with wistful accusations  
Of abandonment. Too late,

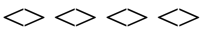
No life to it. The book is closed  
The moment’s exultation or despair  
Drowned in wine rivers, shriveled  
In suns of great wars. I turn

These scrapbooks of a moment's truth  
To cinders, their curlings curse in smoke —  
Once more fugitive beyond recall  
Of usurper's summons by  
The morning after.

I think of voices I have lost, and touches,  
The fleeting brush of eyes that burrows  
Deep within the heart of need, the pledge  
Unspoken, the more than acts of faith  
That forge an instant world in silent pact  
With strangers — deeper, deeper bonds  
Than the dearest love's embrace.



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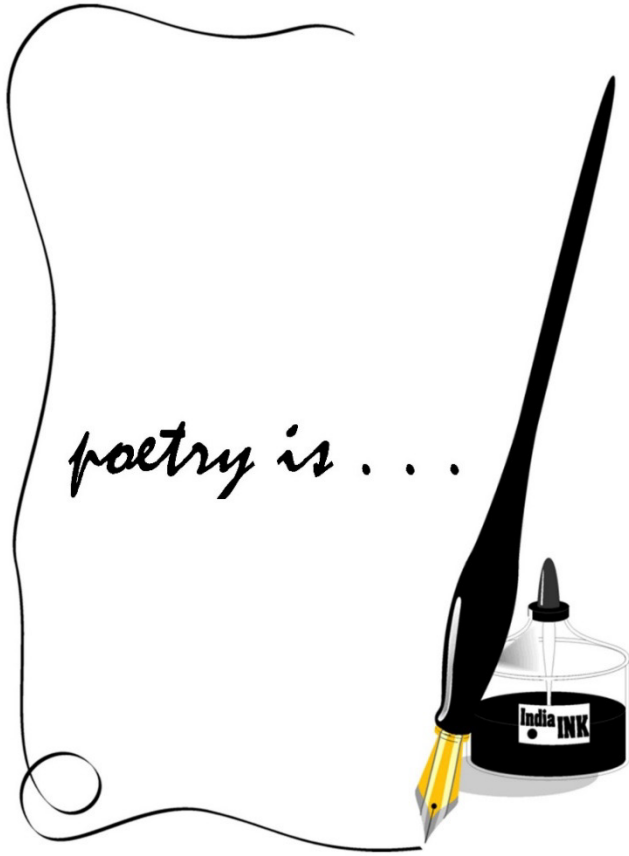
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

~ wsp





*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

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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

## Notes

I found all my notes today  
That had been left in various places  
Trunks of cars, at the foot of the bed  
And in the basket in the bathroom  
I flipped up the sofa cushions  
And there was one there folded  
Beside a shiny nickel waiting to be found too  
That one must have fallen  
Out of my blue jean pocket  
Because it was still crisp  
Unlike the ones in the bottom  
Of my laptop backpack outer pocket  
The edges of which have black ink stains  
And crinkles in the middle  
Even one in my sock drawer  
Tucked beneath the alpaca woolens  
Did I leave that as a reminder of something  
Or a love note to myself?  
I really don't think so.  
Sometimes I imagine that the very thing  
That comes to me in thoughts  
Will disappear at the next whisper  
So I take pen to paper and write  
But then will the ink disappear  
In the wash and rinse?  
I empty my pockets carefully each night  
And stash my dreams and wisdom  
Maybe just maybe this box of paper  
On my kitchen table  
Will help me to remember what I forgot  
In the business of the day  
Or in the darkness of the night

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I will continue to add snippets  
Because somewhere in there  
A poem may be waiting to be born  
A dream that needs a voice  
A memory that needs reclaiming  
My treasure is worthless to you  
And yet priceless to me  
My thoughts disordered and  
I touch each one carefully  
Trying to piece them into coherence  
Each slip fits together in infinite patterns  
Ink stains to crumpled edges  
Margins to commas, semicolons to borders  
Sometimes I turn the verbs sideways  
Before slipping in a participle  
When I have chosen all I need  
I put what's left back in the shoebox  
And on the next gathering  
I will bring them more friends.

## Souls ease, the color i wear

The sun  
It makes me hot  
Unable to find a spot  
To turn around  
To create a breeze  
I swelter  
Against noon

The sun  
It makes me blind  
When I want to see  
What it is that I cannot  
The haze hangs heavy  
Over the horizon  
Across an open plain

The sun  
It makes me necessary  
To those  
Who believe I have baked  
Into inurity  
And thus, can become  
An implement

The sun  
It makes me shine  
It makes my ancestral  
Creation forever  
Regardless of where you look  
The sun  
It makes me a queen

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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).

## Wole Soyinka

### *The Art of Life*

Life is like a drama.

Some people lock their memories  
in a one-act play – a few scenes and no narrator.

Others can't fit into a three-act one.

A Nigerian boy wrote his biography  
in the style of a swashbuckling hero.

It didn't lack trials and tribulations of a prisoner,  
a fierce battle with the regime in words,  
and a wild motorcycle escape to freedom.

The play still goes on  
the curtain hasn't fallen yet.

The main actor delivers more lines.

Applause thunders, and like dust in the air,  
admiration for talent and courage swirls.

## The Jar

In a huge jar,  
grain fills the space.  
It pours.

A mouse climbed to the top of the pyramid.  
It is a pharaoh, lord of the world.  
It settled in a mice paradise.  
The jar assures a carefree life.  
In the land of plenty,  
there are no dangers,  
no hardships, no worries about tomorrow.  
The mouse savours the wheat.  
It grows sluggish and sinks to the bottom.  
It sold its freedom for a comfortable life.

The glass trap closes.

## Dusk

Night slowly approaches.  
Minutes stretch out and pause,  
engrossed in the whispers of the past day.  
Rush dies down – no longer needed.  
Night has its own rules,  
hearts slow their beat.  
Dreams are released from minds  
desires intertwine with promises,  
and oblivion sprinkles dust on memories.  
The moon in its next quarter dances  
above the rooftops of sleeping homes.

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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## An Uncommon Man

His life was, and still is,  
Filled with literature.

The first black man, to win,  
The Nobel Peace Prize for Literature!  
What an honor!

The eloquence of his body of work  
Speaks with voice of passionate zeal.

Son of a pastor, active in women's rights,  
His life included more than marriage, children.  
Ten children, eight with the wives,

Two divorces, three marriages. Arrested, jailed,  
He recently celebrated his 90th birthday!

*Inspired from having read about Wole Soyinka, Wikipedia  
and the internet.*

## Humbled

Restless, sleepless, he tossed and turned most nights;  
Beneath a blanket of fatigue, come dawn, he found  
The fiend of insomnia's personae had blocked his way.

If he were being true to himself, he'd surely confess that  
That fear of failure had rattled the repose of his bones;  
And that he simply wanted to be completely left alone.

And, yet, as a result of an isolated incident, he idly  
Perused a pamphlet that came in the mail. What he  
Saw in the bold print was enough to stir him into action.

How that came about he had no idea. He wondered,  
That if, by a simple seed, sown long ago, relief appeared,  
As from the ensuing great flood of fears and tears?

The impact of that revelation, whether from need  
Or greed, with eyes newly opened and his heart ready  
To receive, he knelt on bended knee. And gave thanks.

## finding one's way

when she went on with her life  
he lost his way  
so detoured  
by the snares and temptations  
life offered  
when she left  
without a word  
he was so bereft he accepted any  
and all available  
attention proffered  
his future sank  
darkly doomed that terrible day  
his character  
unsettled revealed  
and now reviled  
aghast and falling on his knees  
he wearily wept  
over the unceremoniously  
dastardly deeds  
he had compiled,  
the pounding on the door  
of his heart, seemed to say  
take you back your dignity  
with wisdom discovered  
love's worth comes with effort  
with pursuit of your quest  
the price paid in full,  
by not repeating the mistakes  
that once beguiled

Tzemin  
Ition  
Tsai

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

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

## The Shadow of Tyranny — In Remembrance of the Bloodied Day in Lagos

In the dark night of 1980,  
Gunfire shattered the silence of the streets,  
Powerful boots marched over the veins of Lagos,  
An unforgettable square, where blood-soaked memories  
spread like wildfire.  
Voices unarmed were silenced,  
In protest, they sought merely a breath of freedom's air,  
Yet the government's bullets, like icy raindrops,  
Pierced the chests of every heart yearning for change.

A command issued from a distant, cold throne,  
The dreams of the people trampled ruthlessly,  
Like a wall, swiftly under construction,  
Isolating all rays of hope from the dawn.  
The tyrant's serpentine words slithered,  
Weaving through the crowd, leaving venom that consumed  
each breath,  
One soul after another fell,  
On the stones of the square, inscribed in heart's core —  
"We are still alive."

Until the square in Lagos lay silent,  
The fallen stood steadfast in the memory,  
The flames burned fiercely in the hearts of all who  
witnessed that night,  
Their sacrifices became the seeds of future fire.  
Tyranny, like that night,  
Sought to bury everything in silence,  
Yet beneath the soundless earth,  
The roots of freedom were spreading deep, taking firm  
hold.

## The Flame of Free Thought

In the garden of the soul, thoughts flutter and yearn,  
Like wildflowers in fields long forgotten,  
Each petal bears protest, vibrant with life and rebellion,  
Dancing beneath the oppressive heavens.  
The canopy above, heavily burdened by strife,  
With roots entwined in silent communion,  
The earth draws strength in whispered secrets,  
Invisible wisdom reaches forth, rooting toward the light.

The winds of change bring tales from distant shores,  
Like mist entwining with the crimson hues of dawn,  
With every breath inhaled, rebellion takes flight,  
And with each exhalation, a promise emerges,  
For freedom thrives in realms untouched by silence yet is  
as serene as the clouds.

The labyrinth of thought strives to find its way,  
Charting paths once slumbering in reason,  
Challenging the lofty walls,  
Erected from fear and ignorance,  
Demolishing the seemingly indomitable edifice of tyranny.

As the dawn of understanding breaks,  
Dispelling the shadows that once loomed,  
Freedom—the seed of spirit—blooms anew,  
Who can deny that this riot of colors paints hopes upon the  
horizon?



## Echoes of Oppression

In shadowed theater, culture weeps,  
Whispers of shattered heritage adrift,  
Forgotten songs, slow played within the tomb,  
Each note, a thread unraveling the tapestry of dreams.

The tyrant's hand carves the clay of identity,  
Molding masks, one after another,  
Yet beneath the surface, a river of voices swells,  
Awakening tales long buried in dust, and embers that ne'er  
extinguish.

Adorned upon the walls, strokes of the past,  
Cracks deep in stone expose the light of ancient wisdom,  
A phoenix stirs amidst the ashes,  
Her wings woven with fibers of defiance and grace.

In the graveyard, language twists with tongues,  
The air casts spells of liberation,  
Each syllable a rebellion, each verse a revolution,  
The heart of culture resonates in the marrow of the earth.

The sun ascends, not upon the tyrant's throne,  
But upon the myriad hues of the collective soul,  
Art, a lantern illuminating darkened paths,  
Guiding weary travelers back to their rightful home.

Sharzeef  
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Rashheed

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

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

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

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

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<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>

## Wole

Wole Soyinka  
Nigeria's gift to the world  
gifted artist, poet, playwright,  
writer, thinker, activist  
Born July 1934 now 90  
amazing command of words  
English off the chain  
addressed contemporary issues  
racism, totalitarianism,  
colonialism  
spoke out against tyranny  
paid the price  
put behind walls  
never stalled in his stance  
through his incredible gift  
first African awarded  
The Nobel in literature  
abstract style unique  
attacked injustice  
by British occupation  
planting colonial feet  
on neck of black Africa  
Nigeria  
poets of this caliber always  
have been a thorn in the  
neck of tyrants  
many more years of  
creative life my dear brother

## Return.,

cold of winter harsh taxing  
fades into the background  
back in the cycle  
taking its place  
keeping pace  
now comes respite  
earth blooms back to life  
behold the creator's might  
giver ' n ' taker of life  
architect, designer, planner,  
engineer, executer,  
don't need no help  
does it all by himself  
he says " BE " and it is  
wants winter " Be " winter!  
wants spring " Be " Spring!  
wants summer " BE " summer!  
wants fall " BE " fall!  
that simple, that's all!  
and we all enjoy  
do we ponder, wonder in awe,  
or just simply enjoy and ignore  
how we're here every minute, hour  
day, month, year?  
through the mercy and the power  
of he who put us here  
and what's more he who did this  
implores...  
be mindful of the purpose of it all  
from the one who willed it  
comes the command "Fulfill it"!

lifting...

me up,  
burdens stop  
spiritual elevator going  
up  
peace washes over me  
warmth of summer covers  
wounds sustained  
like a sedative relieving pain  
brings new beginnings back  
again  
at least the hope that it can  
release the spirit forces from  
deep inside  
the fitrah(nature) within  
often sleeps, comes alive  
then vibe,  
malaise subsides  
miraculous events  
heaven sent  
fill you with gratitude  
will you more altitude  
to rise from slumber  
welcome summer  
to be in that number  
that you hear  
plays deep within  
when the saints come marching  
in.  
oh, what a feeling to be alive  
comes back to thrive again.  
reviving the will  
something money, materialism  
never will.

# Norøen Snyder



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

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

## Wole Soyinka

Wole Soyinka, a Nigerian poet,  
Playwright, author, teacher,  
and political activist,  
the first African Nobel Laureate  
in Literature.

My favorite poems of his are “Night”  
and “Telephone Conversation”  
and we all should read.

Soyinka is an amazing man.

We all could learn so much from him  
by his words and actions.

When I think of Soyinka,  
I think of a strong, courageous man,  
a man with multi-talents,  
a man...a real man who's not afraid  
to stand up for what's right,  
in what he believes in.

He will stand up for the truth  
and won't back down.

He will expose the evils, the wrongs,  
and the injustices of this world.

We all need to be more like him.

It will be a better world to live in.

## If You Really and Truly Love Me

Even though you can't hear me,  
I can hear you, mommy.  
I heard you talking about aborting me  
and that I ain't a human being.  
How could you be so cruel?  
(Oh, how I cried silently!)  
If you really and truly love me, mommy,  
let me live to see the new world.

I didn't ask to be born,  
but since I'm still in your womb,  
let me come forth alive.  
Let me experience  
and see the new world.  
Let me taste the food and liquids  
that is good for me.  
Let me touch you and the things around me.  
Let me smell and breathe the air  
and smell the beautiful things  
in this new world.  
Let me see you and daddy and the new world.  
Let me hear your soft voice and others  
and the noises that surround me.  
Let me experience the different emotions  
and experience life itself.

If you really and truly love me, mommy,  
give me a chance in this new world  
like your mommy gave you  
that chance a long time ago.  
Listen to my inner silent pleas.  
If you really and  
truly love me, mommy.

## The Four Seasons

Summer was here  
until it became too ornery  
and too hot  
for its own britches.  
Then it had a big fall.

Here comes Fall  
stayed here for a while  
until its beauty  
became too faded  
and too bare.

Here comes Winter.  
It also stayed  
here for a while  
until it became too  
cold, cold as ice.

So now we have Spring.  
Its beauty and warmth  
became too much for it.  
Its ego swelled into Summer  
never-ending cycle of the four seasons.

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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Elizabeth Esguerra Castillo is a multi-awarded and an Internationally-Published Contemporary Author/Poet and a Professional Writer / Creative Writer / Feature Writer / Journalist / Travel Writer from the Philippines. She has 2 published books, "Seasons of Emotions" (UK) and "Inner Reflections of the Muse", (USA). Elizabeth is also a co-author to more than 60 international anthologies in the USA, Canada, UK, Romania, India. She is a Contributing Editor of Inner Child Magazine, USA and an Advisory Board Member of Reflection Magazine, an international literary magazine. She is a member of the American Authors Association (AAA) and PEN International.

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## Soyinka's Dancing Verses

In Nigeria's land of creativity and might,  
A man named Wole Soyinka shines with light,  
A poet, playwright, and inspiring visionary sight,  
His words dance on the page with rhythmic grace and  
might.

With a voice that speaks of hope and dreams,  
He weaves a tapestry of rhymes and schemes,  
His immortal poetry a reflection of his heart's beams,  
A beacon of light in the darkness of the night.

His pen a sword that cuts through the noise,  
His words a balm that heals the soul's annoy,  
With each line, a new world is created, a new voice,  
A chorus of hope, a hymn of joy and noise.

Wole Soyinka, a man of words and art,  
A master of language, a craftsman's heart,  
His poetry a testament to his faith,  
A shining star in the firmament of the human race.

## Hush

In twilight's hush, the world is bathed in gold  
The sun's last rays, like fiery embers, glow  
The dainty sky is painted with a thousand hues  
As day and night, in sweet harmony, ensue.

The trees, they sway and dance, in gentle breeze  
Their leaves, like jewels, sparkle with ease  
The flowers, they bloom, in vibrant arrays  
As if to say, "The day is done, but here's to stay"

The stars, they twinkle, like diamonds in the sky  
Their light, like magic, catches the eye  
The moon, she glows, with gentle grace  
Her beams, like silver, fill the place

In twilight's embrace, all worries fade  
The world, it seems, is bathed in shade  
The colors, they blend, in perfect harmony  
As day and night, in peace, agree.

## Blue Moon

Oh, Blue Moon, you dance in the sky,  
A celestial wonder, a sight to the eye.  
Your light is soft, your glow is bright,  
A beacon of hope, in the dark of night.

Your silvery hue, a sight to see,  
A reflection of the ocean's glee.  
You wax and wane, with the passing days,  
A constant reminder, of the moon's sway.

Your beauty is rare, your grace is true,  
A treasure to behold, for me and you.  
Oh, Blue Moon, you shine so bright,  
A symbol of wonder, in the dark of night.

Your light illuminates, the path ahead,  
A guide for those, who are lost in their head.  
You remind us, of the beauty of life,  
A reminder of wonder, in the strife.

Oh, Blue Moon, you are a sight to behold,  
A treasure to cherish, a story to be told.  
Your beauty is timeless, your grace is true,  
A gift to us all, in the dark of night, I do.

# Mutawaf Shahzad

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

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

## Irritated, Obligated Wole Soyinka

Speaking up and speaking out, he took the chance to get away.

Understanding the artist can't always look the other way.

Looking for beauty is sometimes hard to find. Especially seeing it in the midst of crimes. Writing a play that ain't playing, can put you in the line of fire. Old eyes don't get surprised at what they see. Can seem to count the pens he's been through, just to get to tell the truth. Don't forget that the enemy is also listening and hearing.

## Kiss Off

William tried to get in where he could fit in.  
He really did belong near the top of the ladder.  
He was smarter than all the suckers who were  
there.

He had the wrong kind of hair.  
The color of that skin he wouldn't blend in.  
He had to freeze with all those degrees he  
brought to the table.

He had to start at the bottom rung of the ladder,  
because they said someone gave those papers to him.  
They set a suggestion box right next to where he worked  
and said they would pay \$50 for any thing that they would  
use.

He got the message he wasn't a fool.  
The suggestion he left them was written in bold letters.  
When they opened the box they were aghast, the message  
he  
left them was kiss my degrees, all three. Then said good-  
by!



## The Dust

One by one until there was none, the few that were  
there were many.

He had plenty to play with. He had asphalt burns.

His mother held the iodine.

There were older brothers who played in a  
playground some distance away.

The little kids on his block would talk about their  
fathers and mothers and how many pancakes  
they could eat.

The first of family to go was Joe.

The second one was Phil.

One day Fred fell ill, then it was his time to go.

He was too young to understand.

Jerry and then JoAnn.

By the time life left mom and dad the playground  
was gone too.

There was no one around he recognized.

He had cataracts in his eyes and walked on a cane.

He was barely sane. He was being driven to assisted  
living.

This was his last walk alone in the neighborhood he used  
to call home.

He was the last one left from the theft of his whole family.

The only thing left was the dirt where he used to play.

hülya  
n.  
gilmaz

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Of Turkish descent, hülya n. yılmaz [sic] is Professor Emerita (Penn State, U.S.A.), Director of Editing Services (Inner Child Press International, U.S.A.), and a trilingual literary translator. Before her poetry and prose publications, she authored an extensive research book in German on cross-cultural literary influences.

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

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

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

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## Lost Moments

“I have lost poems,”  
Says the Nigerian playwright  
Of Nobel Prize-fame.

Wole Soyinka, then, narrates  
How the “moment torments” . . .

I have lost moments,  
Countless moments;  
Not for my country of birth  
Nor for my lifeblood.  
Oh no! Just lost moments,  
For which I live in torment.  
As for those lost moments of mine . . .  
They drag me into agony time after time.

## national celebrations

what exactly are we celebrating  
in our blind national pride?

which oppressor cares?  
the one of the past or  
that of the new day?

from one dominance  
to yet another . . .

countries are aplenty, after all  
rule over one, if not the other one

the victorious momentum is miniscule  
while one nation dances to honor it in joy,  
the double-headed oppressor awaits its cue  
to tumble down another nation's blind pride

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## the wind of time

how many moments

does the wind take for one blow?

is it tormented?

Teresa  
E.  
Gallion



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribute to Wole Soyinka

We praise you for your conviction  
to be who you are.

Your philosophy and activism  
is a legacy for future generations.

The mountains carry flowers  
to honor your presence on earth

for speaking your truth without  
fear of other powerful forces.

## Power of your Essence

And morning broke its silence.  
Light glowed around your face.  
Nature gave us

a beautiful and delicate spirit.  
How many hearts will you break today  
with your unyielding beauty?

A slow burn on every heart you touch.  
Were you born to be a heartbreaker  
clueless about the power of your essence?

I yield to your beauty  
as my vow of submission.  
I am tuned to the power of your soul.

## Memory Bank

I have a memory vest  
stored in my sacred bank.  
When things get rough,  
I pull it out to remind me  
of the progress I have made.

When it massages me  
back into balance,  
my steps are lighter.  
I return it to my bank  
to hold for another day.

I never take for granted  
the love of Spirit.  
It is always with me.  
The Master builder walks  
by my side.

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.



## Unbearable Reality

*For Wole Soyinka*

Very often  
a tale of painful and  
severely broken bonds  
wakes me up in the middle of the night  
to make me realize  
how words can bruise a heart deeply.

Life does not mean the same  
to others as it does to me.  
I roll awkwardly  
on past happenings.

I am upset for being ignored  
disrespected and deprived  
to give loving shade  
as an old tree  
to my own grandson.

Desperately  
I ask myself  
what do I need  
to carry on:  
pouring  
tears  
morning sky  
a gray urgency or  
prayers on my lips  
becoming  
soft utterances.

## As if

you didn't know that  
the world  
is not a mirage.

As if  
you have forgotten  
it is an oasis of love  
where dreams come true.

If you don't want  
to love  
don't come to me.

I want to hear  
the silent whispers of the soul  
quiet beating of the heart  
a voice  
ever singing in the silence  
of love.

I want to see  
the falling leaves  
dance on stream currents  
reaffirming we are not lost and  
spring will arrive  
soon.

## Look Forward Always

We are humanity  
on the go  
moving forward  
with open eyes.

Follow love  
pursue nothing else  
lean over and fly.

What a caterpillar may call  
the end of life  
just call it  
a colorful butterfly.

Caroline  
'Çeri Naz'  
Nazareno  
Gabis

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

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

Links to her works:

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

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

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

## Wole of Truth

With his pen,  
He reached the nations,  
He carved new paths  
To guide the humanity,  
His verses kindled fire  
A beacon in the lowly nights,  
His voice have blown magic,  
And wove more inspiration,  
From plays to prose,  
The literary giant stood tall  
His name roared and forever told.

## Solivagant

walking alone,  
wandering, soul searching  
in my dreamy arcadia,  
Nefertem whispers:  
look at the strewn lotuses  
from the murky, grody mud  
you find them unstained;  
evoking beauty, purity and rebirth.



## Redamancy

In solace, our hands and hearts intertwined,  
We dance in the echoes of heartbeats,  
We embrace infinite resonance,  
Reflections of breathing love,  
Two souls etched in the symphony of time,  
We walk to the spaces and silence  
As we create our fate  
Bonded in tender grip,  
As lovers' mirrors  
And shadows of love.

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 Gujarat Sahitya Akademi 2022, 2021 International Poesis Award of Honor as Jury, Pentasi B World Fellow Poet, Honoured Poet of India from Seychelles Government and International awards from Algeria, Morocco, 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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## Wole Soyinka

*the first noble laureate of Africa*

The Nigerian playwright, novelist,  
poet and essayist

A professor of English

The first sub-Saharan African  
to win the Noble Prize in literature

For his wide cultural perspective

An actor in theaters

highlighted the issue of racial discrimination  
defines different stages

in the life of the soul of Yoruba culture

his work echoes legends, tales and traditions,  
an integral part of culture

expressions full in witty dialogue

a radical prisoner during the Nigerian Civil war

wrote poems from prison

a socio-political activist

reflected the cultural conflict

between the African and Western world

yes, you are the Interpreter

a cultural stalwart

## Time is a necromancer

Behind the matrixes  
A mystery  
The mythical silent waves  
An umbilical cord  
At times querulous  
As if a hermit on meditation  
Invisible;  
yet fragrances of flowers on the tomb  
or on the Taj mahal  
Just a lavender with bright petals  
The Hymn that spreads from Alpha to Omega  
A carousel  
containing memoirs of autumn and spring  
Oeuvre of time is the domain  
of past, present and future  
marching forward  
singing  
“catch me if you can” .....

## Cut My Head and Not the Trees

have you ever met any woman breast feeding a baby deer?  
have you ever met any eco warrior?  
who became the martyr for trees?  
have you ever seen the mother of this Indian tribe  
breast feeding a wounded fawn and her baby at a time?  
they are the BISHNOIS originated from Rajasthan  
whose ancestors were chopped off  
for they hugged the trees to save them from felling off.  
their culture and values are eternal  
axes cut their body but history remembers them  
nonviolence was their modus operandi to preserve the trees  
Bishnoi faith forbids the harming of trees and animals  
the tradition of harmony with local ecology  
lush green vegetation, caring for animals  
this religion originated by Guru Maharaj Jambaji in 1485  
Bishnoi is derived from (bish means twenty noi means  
nine)  
The Bishnois follow twenty-nine principles  
Once upon a time there was a king named  
Maharaja of Marwar Abhai Singh  
who sent soldiers to cut the trees in the village of Khejrali  
to provide wood for his lavish palace  
Amrita devi Bishnoi the valiant lady of that village  
with her three daughters hugged the trees  
stood in protest; with a do or die commitment  
certainly, a palace is not so important than the trees  
she hugged the trees and all the ladies shouted proclaiming  
her slogan: sir santhe rukh rahe to bhi sasto jan  
“a chopped head is cheaper than a felled tree “  
the soldiers beheaded all four of them  
enraged the Bishnoi community started a rebellion  
hugged the trees one by one to protect them from the  
soldiers

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who came to cut the trees  
they were beheaded  
that resulted the loss of three sixty-three lives  
people from forty-nine villages sacrificed their lives  
two ninety-four men and sixty-nine were women  
thirty-six married couples including one newly married  
who was crossing the forest when the massacre was going  
one  
the newly married girl with millions of dreams  
walking behind her groom  
never knew that her head will be chopped off by the  
soldiers of the king  
her groom died in front of her  
her head, her beautiful face covered with blood  
looked as red as the morning hibiscus  
the soldiers were under the royal order  
this voluntary martyrdom for the trees and ecology  
continued  
the king got this awful news  
rushed to the village, begged apology for the cold-blooded  
murder  
ordered the soldiers for cease logging operation but it was  
too late  
good number of heads were lying on the ground  
some eyes open, a few closed  
the mascara wrote the first document of fight for the rights  
of the trees  
this voluntary martyrdom occurred on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1730  
the maharaja regretted and protected the Bishnoi states  
no harm to plants, animals or trees  
in memory of those dead Bishnois  
a number of khejri plants are planted around that area  
this sacrifice inspired the Chipko movement, Narmada  
bachao andolan,  
Silent valley movement. jungle bachao andolan, Aapiko  
movement



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Bishnois are tree huggers  
the first environmentalists of India  
the battle of sacrifice for environmental protection  
conservation of biodiversity is remembered by all  
environmental movement may be a broad generic term  
that adds local struggles and conflicts concerned with  
ecological security  
there was a lot of greenery in the Bishnoi villages  
even in the middle of the Thar desert  
the Bishnoi obey twenty-nine principles  
they are the eco warriors of India  
in the dry and arid landscape of Rajasthan  
lies this unique and ecological conscious community  
they deeply love nature and wild life  
and are considered as the first environmentalists of India  
their strategy was to love, hug and embrace the trees  
they worship the black buck to be the incarnation  
of their religious Guru Bhagwan Jambeswar known as  
Jambaji  
ecofriendly social community they are  
keeping away from lust, anger, greed and attachment is  
their main principle  
Amrita Devi Bishnoi wild life Protection Award was  
formed in honour of Amrita Devi Bishnoi  
she is the trend setter and the community followed her  
bravery  
mothers in the Bishnoi tribe in Rajasthan  
have been breast feeding wild fawns along with their own  
children  
people talk about human rights that include life and liberty,  
freedom from slavery and torture  
freedom for opinion and expression  
the right to live a dignified way  
certainly, the palace is a luxury  
but oxygen is the necessity

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These warriors learnt from their ancestors  
the basic science and art of living  
blood drops of our ancestors have codified the language of  
ecology  
each child is a poetry  
each heartbeat is the living poetry  
MOTHER NATURE is our biggest Love GURU  
respect and save environment  
sustain it for future generation  
kudos to our ecological warriors  
who are the martyrs  
history will remember them forever and ever...

e.g., (The Bishnoi movement is one of the first organized proponents of eco-conservation, wildlife protection and green living. The Bishnois are considered the first environmentalists of India. They are the eco warriors and martyrs of ecology.

Khepri means *protopis cineraria*)

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Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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## Wole Soyinka

My mind wonders in memories of life,  
I see pictures and I translate them into scriptures.  
It might be a playwright in the day,  
or a poet at night, or vice versa.  
Either way, I'm in the zone doing what I love.  
In Nigeria and the UK my passion plays out in theaters.  
Independence is also something my gift is used for,  
Speaking out on British Colonial rule sent me to prison  
during the Nigerian Civil war.  
I had to flee from terror by crossing the border,  
by doing so I earned a murder order.  
There was a price on my head for the positivity that I  
spread.  
When civilian rule was restored I came back to Nigeria to  
see  
what was in store for me.  
I wasn't just a writer or voice of a politician,  
I was a teacher teaching awareness as education.  
The visions seen through my eyes,  
earned me the privilege to receive the Europe Theatre prize.  
I wasn't just a staple to my community,  
I was a staple to my country.  
I am... Wole Soyinka.

## Relevance

Since I was chosen to write, i been writing urban poetry. I know I've reached out and touched many but unfortunately my older pieces still have relevance due to repetition of history. I say unfortunately because i been writing about drugs, jail and death and addiction for almost twenty years and the only thing that changed from twenty years ago is the children and grandchildren of the OG's are hustling, abusing, bidding and fulling up cemeteries also. While we was making a path in the pursuit of cash, we left a destructive trail of trial and era in the past not realizing that generations to come will try to make their way through a course of blood, sweat and tears while trying to make a way out the slums. There's not too many of us left from the birth circa that can go back with me in time to the road to the riches and put u-turn recommended, lifetime bidding and dead at the end signs. Since I'm still here, I'm doing my part to bring truth to a facade, only a very few defy the odds, the rest fiend for a fix, rest in bars and bricks or return to God.



## Self preservation

I like to get money and lounge home on some parlay shit, In my younger years, at this time I would've been so fresh and clean putting together my nights outfit, I had to be where it's poppn stutn with the Bellaco clique. Gaudy jewelry had haters sick, they got sicker when shorty I'm riding wit jumps out hella thick, so fine other face dimes shoot their shot for that 3000 face time. I'll walk into any establishment like a fuckn star, I'm surrounded with what looks like the cast of new jack city all over New York City, the world is in my hands was engraved in my blicky, I called it scar. Not just freaks come out at night, so do goons trying to get their paper right, you had to be prepared to put em on a shirt sayn gone too soon as their ace boon coons make sure mural candles stay lit day and night. You can't lounge as if everything is fine because as soon as you sleep urban reapers reap red crime. Going out to have a good night differs, it could be booze, grass and ass or just a blast sober for one and for another it could be catchn a come up by any means necessary meaning use what you got to get what you want which is usually a knife or a gun to commit the ultimate felony for fettuccine. I still go out but very seldom, I stay low key with wifey, no advertising current location because that gives soul thieves information, most of the time I just stay home brainstorming next move preparation while practicing self preservation. Out of sight, out of mind, so I won't be forced to take yours, as you try to take mine

Michelle  
Joan  
Barulich

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

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## Wole Soyinka

Soyinka was a Nigerian playwright, novelist and poet

Awarded in 1986 Nobel Prize in Literature

He studied in Nigeria and then worked with Royal Court Theatre

His work created an ideal bridge between Europe and Africa

With his art he contributed to a renewal of African culture life

He also brought richness and beauty

To the theatre and literature

His talents have reached the four corners of the world

His bridge has touched many.

## I'm Changing (as the leaves are turning)

The leaves are falling  
and the colors of the leaves are changing  
And so am I  
I'm changing for the better  
And I'm falling for you  
I don't know all the answers  
But I'm sure when it comes to you  
I'm falling for you  
and I'm falling fast  
It's cold outside  
But your arms are warm  
When you hold me  
Yes, I'm changing  
just as the leaves on the ground are turning and turning

## Dreams Are a Killer

I can't sleep as it is  
And when I do  
I wake up with burning tears  
Your dreams did it again  
Just when I think the guilt is over  
It comes pouring in  
I've tried so many ways to understand  
You know I'm sorry what I did  
But just when you think you payed the piper  
The sand man throws dust in your face  
As soon as you doubt you begin to slip  
Dreams are a killer  
With you it seems so real  
Am I in this reality world?  
Your dreams are just too much  
I can't sleep as it is and when I do  
I see you standing there  
Your eyes are so crystal blue  
But for some reason we both begin to argue  
It's not what I want to do  
But I have no control  
In what I'm seeing  
You did it again I'm trying to escape  
But as soon as I do you have me cornered  
Dreams are a killer  
I feel low and depressed once again  
Your dreams are just too intense.

Eliza  
Søgiæt



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

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

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize 2019, 2021.

Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020*,

*International Award Paragon of Hope (2020)*,

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

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

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

Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

Award - *World Poets Association (2023)*.

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

## Epitaph

*Wole Soyince* \*

He has always known  
that there is a temptation in people  
for the abundance of the world  
not to be available to all.

The colour of the body  
with which man is born  
must not determine  
his future.

The threat to homo sapiens,  
has been and will always be inequality.

The eradication of racism  
would be the foundation of a new beginning.  
Obituaries,  
and perhaps even billboards, would adorn the world with a  
proud-sounding epitaph:

*Death to racism  
gives life to equality!*

*\*Akinwande Oluwole Babatunde Soyinka (born 13 July 1934), known as Wole Soyinka, is a Nigerian playwright, novelist, poet and essayist writing in English. He was the first sub-Saharan African to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, in 1986, as one who 'with poetic overtones shapes the drama of existence in a broad cultural perspective'.*

*Translated by Dorota Stępińska*

## Raft

To  
drift on the life's raft,  
we need  
a protective side.  
Ocean of existence  
can whisper,  
sing and shout.  
All this  
to sail to the goal.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

## Myth

There is no longer a myth  
that a woman is a home, family,  
dependence on husband's power.

There is no longer a myth  
that the latter are better,  
that they can do more.

The former can also  
make dreams come true.

There is no longer a myth  
that her place is the underground.

Women and men  
are People  
with free will,  
with the right to decide.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*

William  
S.  
Peters Sr.

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

Bill says . . .

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

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Wole, Wole, Wole . . . .

My pen laughs,  
My pen weeps,  
For my people,  
For my nation  
For you,  
For I,  
For me

Liberation from freedom  
And the concept  
Is quite daunting  
And I, you, we  
Are enslaved  
To the pursuit  
Thereof

Nobel, Noble,  
What is the difference  
If it makes no difference  
That can feed the hungry lion  
Or quench the thirst  
Of our collective expectant  
Future

May the voice of my soul  
Dance intimately with  
The needs of your whispering heart  
And its penchant to hear

The wind is blowing

Wole, Wole, Wole . . . .

## Alchemist

With just a little hope,  
And some well positioned dreams,  
A bucket full of will,  
And a heart full of humanity,  
And we can change the world!

## 10 more degrees

Sitting on my front porch,  
It was cold as ....  
Outside this morning,  
So cold that I was inspired  
To do something about it.

As I thought about a solution  
Other than short pants  
And flip-flops,  
I had a brilliant light-filled  
Epiphany

If I rotate the earth a mere 10 degrees,  
Lasso the Sun  
And draw it 1.4 miles closer  
I can elevate the outside temperature  
By 10 degrees ...  
It is still a work in progress,  
And I am working on it.  
.....

Such is the power of the delusional dreamer

10 more degrees

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The poet is Abraham Tawiah Tei from Accra, Ghana. He is a lecturer at the University of Media, Arts and Communications, Accra, Ghana. He loves to write poems that speaks about natural phenomenon, the culture of his people and current social-political issues.



## We Will Remember

We will remember  
When we come together  
That you once came asking us for power.  
That you said you have all,  
The best of solution for our problems.

We will remember  
That with strong faith, you came, begging us all to try you.  
To provide the best of leadership,  
Promising us all that you could.  
Saying you can do all for us.

We will remember  
Your words, sweeter than honey.  
Coming to us in humility, and a gentle approach.  
Welcoming and accepting everyone with open arms.  
Appearing holy and spotless, as a saint.  
Your deeds and words gave us hope, a saviour.

We will remember  
How brilliant your plans were,  
You exhibited great understanding of our plight.  
We were happy you identified with our predicament.  
You drunk the same water and ate from the same pot with  
us.  
So in case you forget all these, we will remind you.  
How you got there.

## Lai Momo

How sweet are your words, Lai Momo?  
From the blue skies as it sparkles  
Down to the sea as it washes every blessed day  
Your face and touch Melts the butter in me  
Like an oil from the olives far from the south  
Dashing beneath the earth

My heart plea. Oh! My love  
That you stay forever, Leaving me not in despair  
Drop not me at the cross road where minds become divided  
As words become shortened as confusion display  
Such a hatred as it portray

Lai Momo  
Perish not from me as the colourful day of great celebration  
dawn out of jubilation to clean all sorrow  
Showing an arrow of hope, As the arrow pierce  
Oh! Lover of my love. So as my heart bleeds  
The land celebrates like a groom seeing the bride on the  
faithful day  
Of true expectation

Announce, Oh my Lai Momo  
That I am and you are but one soul  
The colour of my life, the end of my strive  
Adoring you, my love  
No air between our legs tonight.  
Touching the soft substances in your chest.  
Our lips shall see no dryness, as we swallow each other's  
tongue  
Tonight is our night, Lai Momo.

## Stolen Heart

What love can we have?  
What passion do we hold?  
For a nation as ours.  
Such as we have, possessing all we need.  
But sadly taken away  
By strange love for others.

We all have fallen in love with other cultures.  
Neglecting everything that make us unique.  
Our brains have been washed on our own land.  
That nothing is possible to achieve on the land.  
Our hearts have gone far away.  
Dreaming and wishing to become like others.  
We see no beauty for the beautiful land.

Our hearts are turned against our own  
We have love but too much for theirs  
Our games we used to play, we have sold them  
Only to buy and love theirs  
The food that built us, today we call it primitive  
Only to accept strange mixtures  
That sends us early to our graves.

If we can, which we have to  
And as a matter of urgency, return to our land  
Taken back all that we have but sadly lost  
Where are our leaders, where are our elders?  
Tell us how you did it, teach us how to love again  
Before you leave us, before we are totally submerged  
In this flood called modernity.  
Help us to lift up our eyes again,  
To see the light that is still shining on this beautiful land.  
To turn our hearts back to love the land of possibilities  
again.

Neha  
Bhandarkar

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Neha Bhandarkar is widely published Iconic Marathi Poet from India, embellished with numerous national and international awards for her consummate literary skill mused about in her writings. She is published author of 16 books in various languages. She is trilingual authour writing in Marathi, Hindi and English and also a genuine translator. Many of her poems and stories are being published in many international anthologies, magazines and E Zines. Some of her poems, stories have been translated in French, Albanian, Russian , Italian, Phillipino, Nepali, Greece, Odia, Bengali, Sanskrit Assamese and Brail script etc. She is winner of Central and State government awards from Government of India . She has bagged Hindi state Sahitya Academy Award twice. Her poems has been broadcast on Quichotte Radio, FRANCE and Hindi Radio, CHICAGO (USA). She is a International PEACE Ambassador of Global Nation, Bangladesh. Moreover she is Cultural Ambassador appointed by International Forum of Creativity and Humanity, Morocco. As well as ambassador of Peace and Humanity for IFCH, Kingdom of Morocco.

## Alien

Not yet have been her thoughts nailed down  
alike the crucifixion of Christ

Not yet has she been harassed  
with Mahout's metal hook  
or pointed prickings of Javlin  
She shrugs off all the unconcerned bonds  
alike the cockroach clambered on body

the dominion of her voice  
only she owns  
the monopoly on her body  
only she exercises  
to an extent like a man  
who has not yet won any rights  
over a long distant planet

not yet has her soul being sold  
alike a piece of land on the moon

She would have a recognition  
beyond just a feminine name  
her character's existential consciousness  
would not ask for any recommendations

liberated is she and her thoughts  
She proclaims herself an 'al-fresco entity'  
not yet has arrived such an age  
nor has been traced yet that planet even after discoveries  
We are awaiting her  
an independent on a fresh new planet  
An alien named  
'Nirbhaya'; The Fearless.

## A Sleep

Sleep well, live full on  
We human are lucky on the earth

Have you seen the birds  
Sleep sound ever  
They never sleep peacefully  
Even fishes sleep with open eyes  
Having no eyelashes  
And snakes too  
They should be conscious  
In their slumber

The best bridge between  
despair and hope  
is a good sleep in night  
We always grump  
For our restless sleep  
Though we can sleep safely  
In our homes  
And even those  
who don't have a home

To manage our emotions  
To vent our depressions  
We complain, why?  
Be grateful for what we have

Don't forget  
Life is like an ice-cream  
taste it before it melts



## Secret Of A Lotus

While roaming in the garden  
I sat to the water-side  
the lotus in the water  
set off interacting with a glide

You came to me  
despite there being fancy flowers  
in the garden  
don't you like them?  
in a low tone  
it shot a question

I can't stand by my lover's dereliction  
the lotus apprised me of its pathetic situation  
fragrant flowers' intoxication  
lures the bumble-bee  
it kept cursing its own loving bee  
the pang of lotus made me realize  
black-bee's undue juice suction  
at fancy-fragrant-flowers  
made me it highly criticize

I got to know,  
it falls prey to the insecticide as well  
I felt so touched with thought unwell  
I made lotus understand  
Its power to hit and handle bumble bee  
asked it to seize overnight  
its lover in petal-arms with love and glee  
cuddle it with harsh-looking but motherly feel  
Let it loose post sunrise to freak  
with a strict warning to rest contacts seal

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my comfort made lotus control its senses  
I too came across my life's secret sequences

Give up comparing yourself with flowers for  
aestheticization  
you too get offered to divine feet  
never forget fate what you meet  
you rise up in mud is your destiny  
don't just take it as your ignominy  
don't let mud ever disappoint you  
keep off stain,  
you raise in mud though  
never you give up living in such an atmosphere with  
keeping head high  
never should go down specialty-sacredness-supremacy  
all you just have to try  
don't deprive other flowers of their pleasure  
you too don't let lose your right ever  
don't you denigrate yourself  
never you forget how gorgeous you are

The lotus who thought itself unfortunate  
now owed my vision to live on  
it smiled, it danced, it bloomed  
The lovely lotus got lost in its boom...

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Zaneta  
Varnado  
Johns

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Zaneta Varnado Johns is a Pushcart Nominee and 5-time bestselling author of three poetry collections and the *What Matters Journal*. She is a coauthor in *Voices of the 21st Century* (2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024). Her poems are featured as the Dedication page in these #1 international bestselling publications. Johns' writing offers hope as she stirs the reader's consciousness about life and living. Johns is an editor for *Fine Lines* and an administrator for the Passion of Poetry. Her poems appear in numerous anthologies and international publications. Johns is a Denver Dress for Success "Your Hour Her Power" 2024 Honoree.

## Today's Reflection

I left behind rich yesterdays  
Good times, hard times and why-I-prays  
I strive to keep my mirror clean  
Must not forget the things I've seen

I forgave those who made me sad  
So many splendid times I had  
So many lessons that I lost count  
Love is what this life's about

Long ago voices still speak to me  
Whispers from those I long to see  
I closely listen to what they say  
Their wisdom guides me through the day

Nature speaks to me as well  
The air, the sun, the waves that swell  
I gather it all in the lines I share  
to inspire people everywhere

## Whispering Wall

I hear you Lord  
in the air I breathe  
in fertile fruitful seeds  
in clear waters and sunny skies  
in the hungry baby's cry  
I hear you in cleansing rain showers  
in nature's vibrantly hued flowers  
in Your grace that makes me tall  
in coveted animals big and small

I hear it all  
in the rainbow's arch  
in the protesters' march  
in sounds high above and below  
in the sweet winds that blow  
in the majesty of mountains  
in sandy shores and fountains  
in the desert and the plains  
in all of Earth's rich terrain  
I hear you Lord  
in crickets and birds that sing  
thankful to hear You in everything



## Surrender

Love me like your soul depends on it  
Clinch the tight rope  
Swing by my enchanted rainforest  
where hope blooms  
Be deliberate  
Make today a memorable yesterday  
Cultivate fertile tomorrows

Hear my whispers  
Bite into the lure  
Surrender to your heart's desires  
I see my thirst in your eyes  
I see yearning deep inside  
To wait another minute is torture  
Patience expects our urgent departure

Reveal your true self  
Hold my hand  
Don't let me fall  
Pleasure awaits  
It's our fate  
Here is where you were always  
destined to be

Hasçena  
Bnaiyan



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Haseena Bnaiyan. An Iraqi poet, she has eight poetry collections that have been published. Member of the Writers Union in Iraq, member of the Iraqi Journalists Syndicate, member of the Iraqi Council for Peace and Solidarity, member of the Iraqi Women's League.

She received many certificates of honour, including a certificate of honour from the Iraqi Ministry of Culture on March 8, 2011, With the ten best Iraqi women writers and journalists, published in Iraqi, and Arab newspapers.

## O, RIVER!

While you were dividing it into two halves  
Among dust atoms and insolent thorns  
Did you remember him  
Walking with you  
Wherever he went and landed?  
Did you remember him  
The beautiful and polite one  
That known by the school classes  
Raising his hand  
To utter the resonant answer  
With all the cleverness of the universe  
Did you bid him farewell?  
Have you raised with peace your wave for him  
Dreaming of you  
And lying in the strange land  
That was your youth, O river  
Remember him well  
Whenever the moon is complete  
To tell you  
While he is looking above you  
That tale  
For the youth lying away from you.  
Remember him well and raise your waves in supplication

*Translated by Hamid Alshammari*

## Who are you

Who are you  
To contend my matters  
At the first steps of age  
Or adream that doesn't prepare  
The anchorage  
In my rounds or yours  
Who are you  
To cut the glare of the night 'pray with tears  
Drawn under my eyes  
Amap running. without borders  
And displace the silence of the niche in my breaths  
And I've become, within moment, half-dusted  
To keep the poetic whispers, stray in my soul  
We don't know in which we will born  
And who are you  
To follow me as my shade  
And displace locks from my heart  
To become unlocked for you

*Translated by Hamid Alshammari*

## Because you are part of me

Because you're part of me  
And I'm part of you  
So why to leave me  
The night light me up  
To see you displace the curtain  
The night harbor my absence  
So, open your door for me  
Might I see you  
In that statue of you  
To hug it  
Which is about to leave  
Carry me as a coffin under your remains  
To hold each other accountable  
I'm which accused in madness of sadness  
And sea delirium  
And you are the marvel in your step intonation  
Between the warned time  
And my aorta artery

*Translated by Dr. Baraa Hasan*

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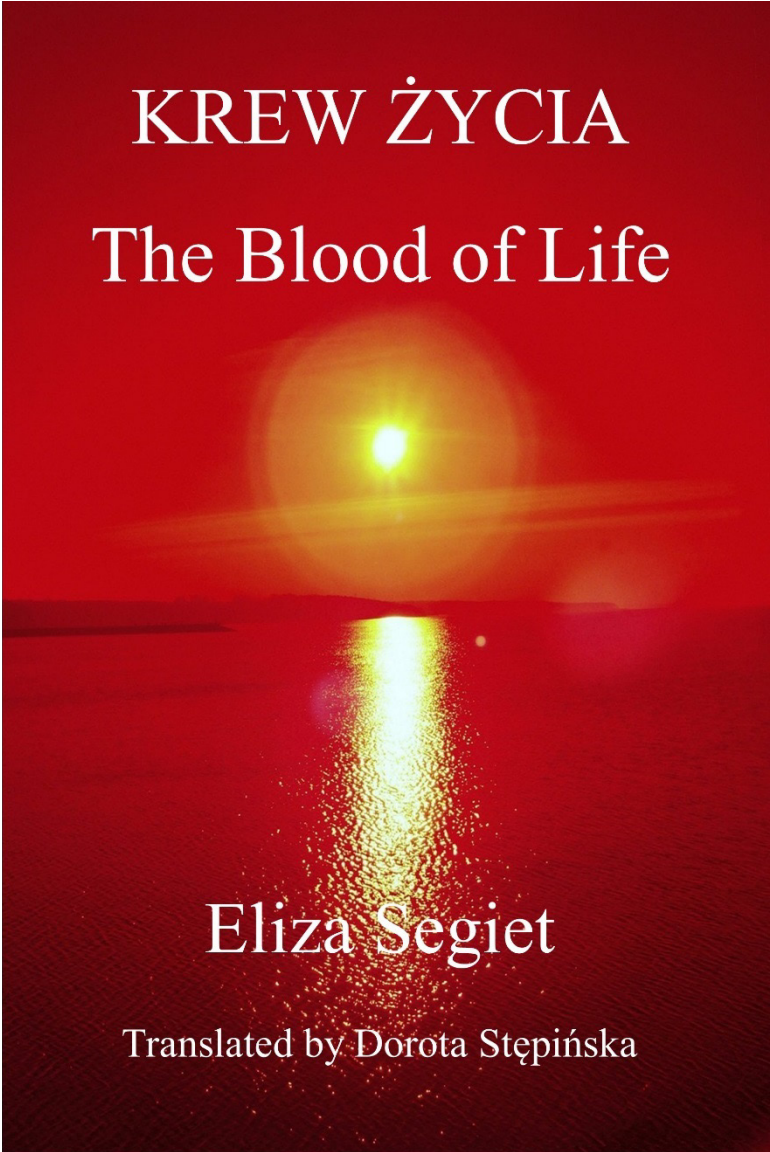
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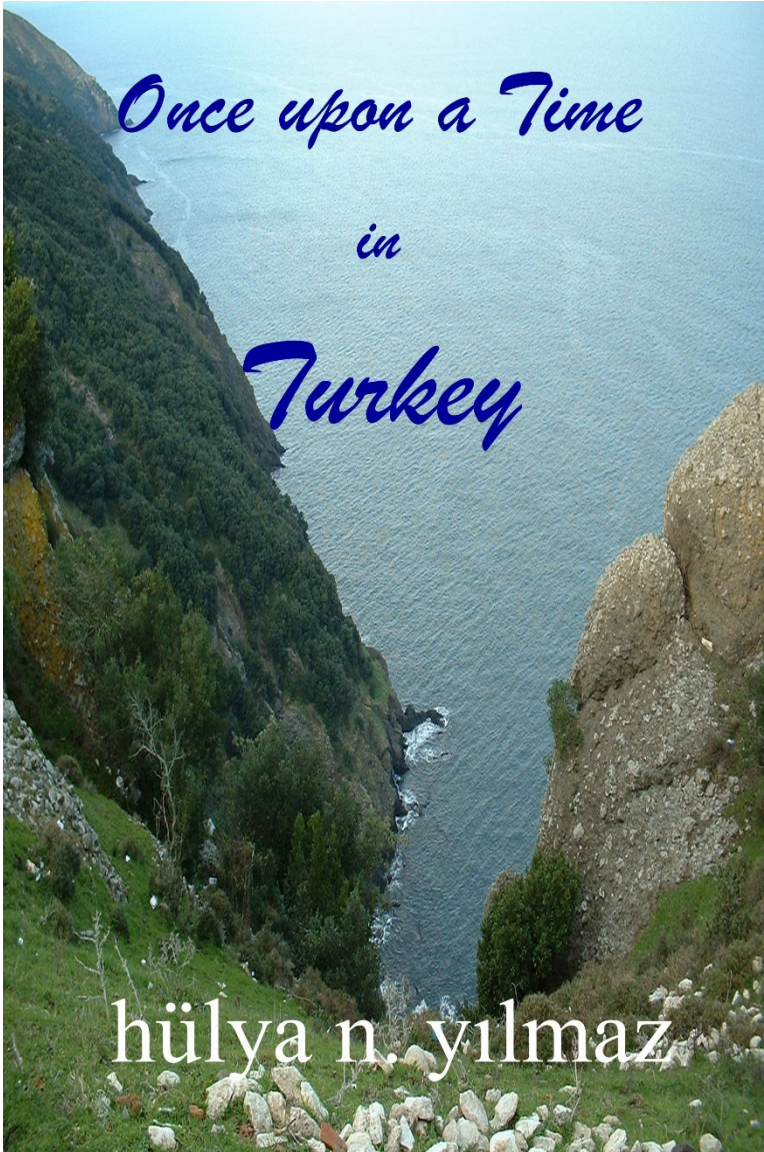
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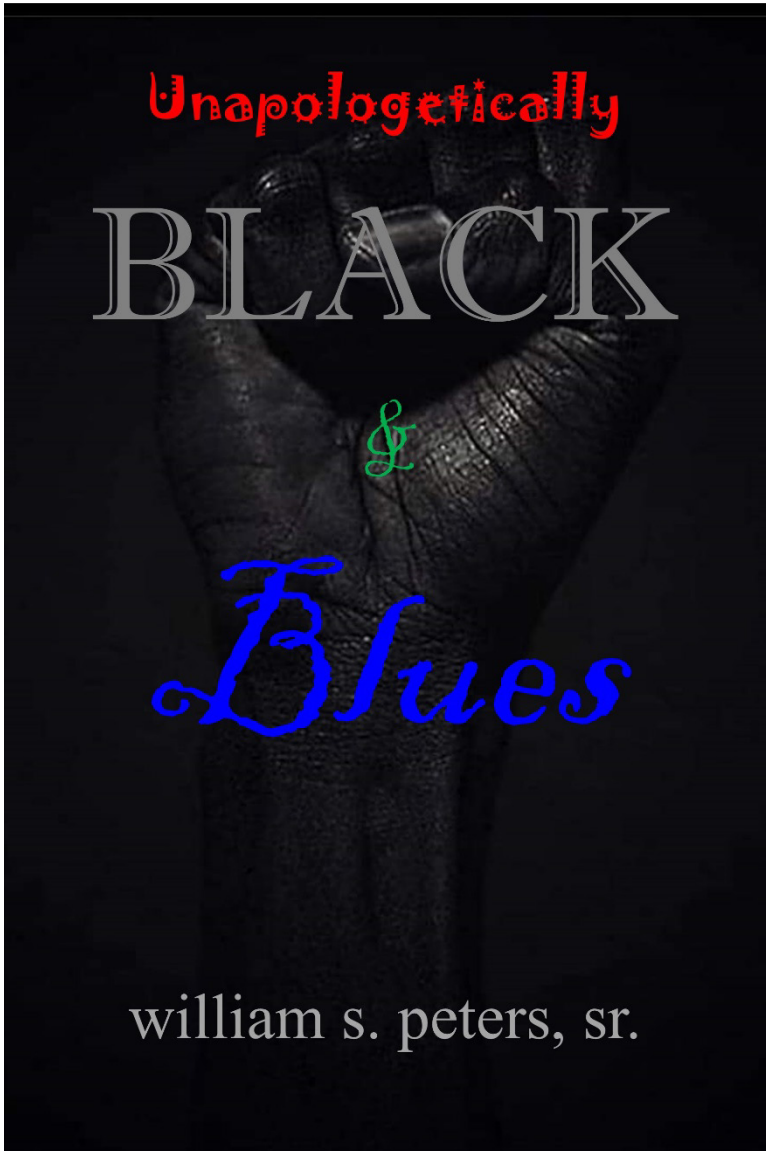
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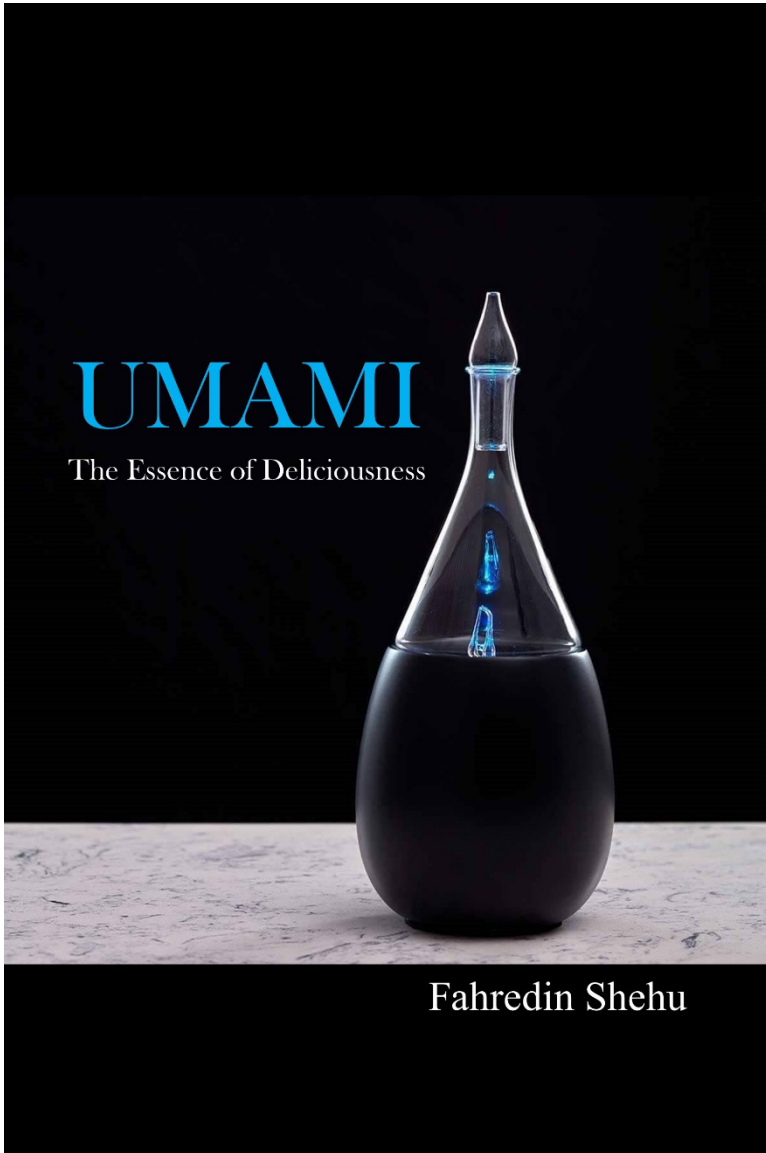
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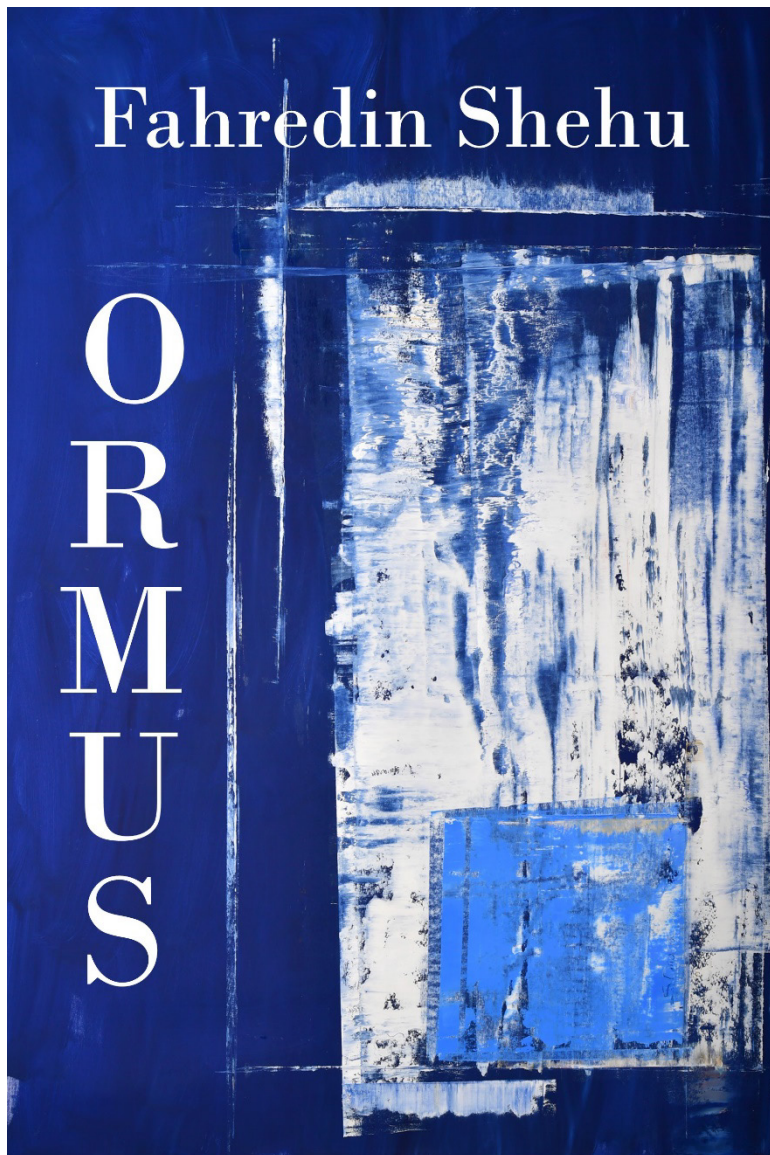


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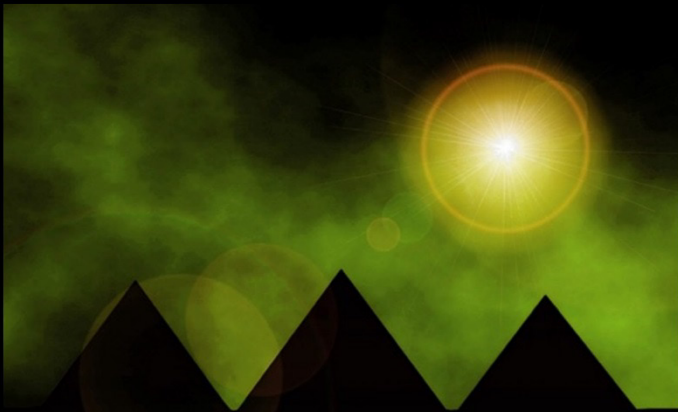
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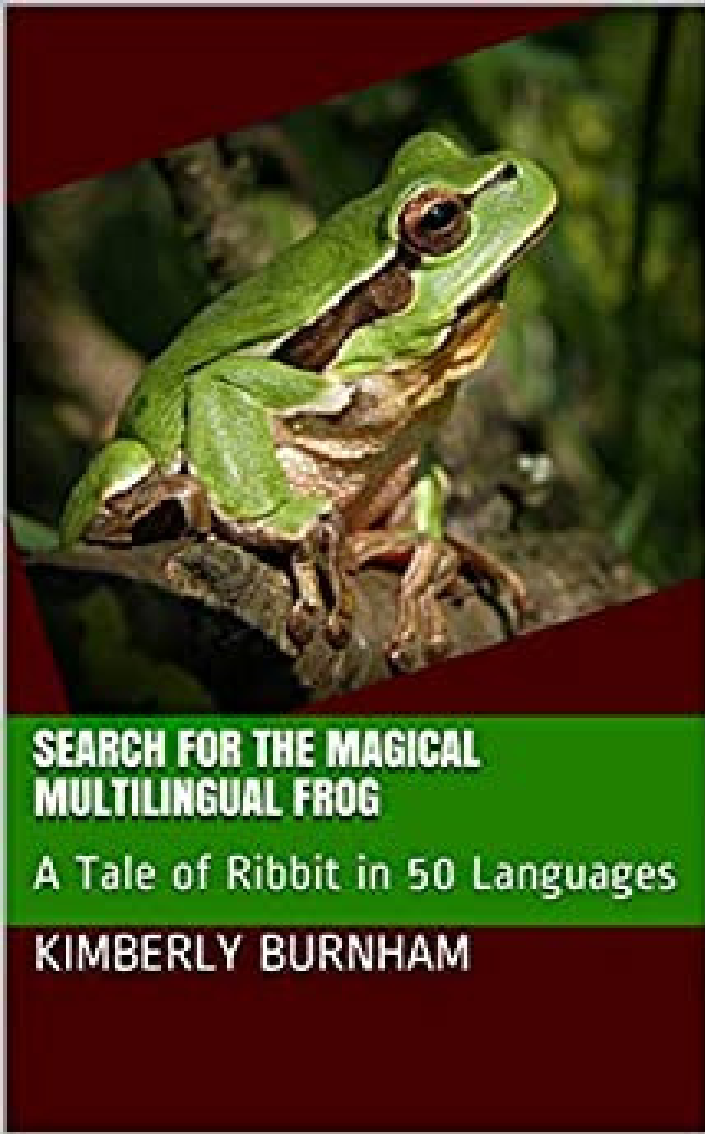
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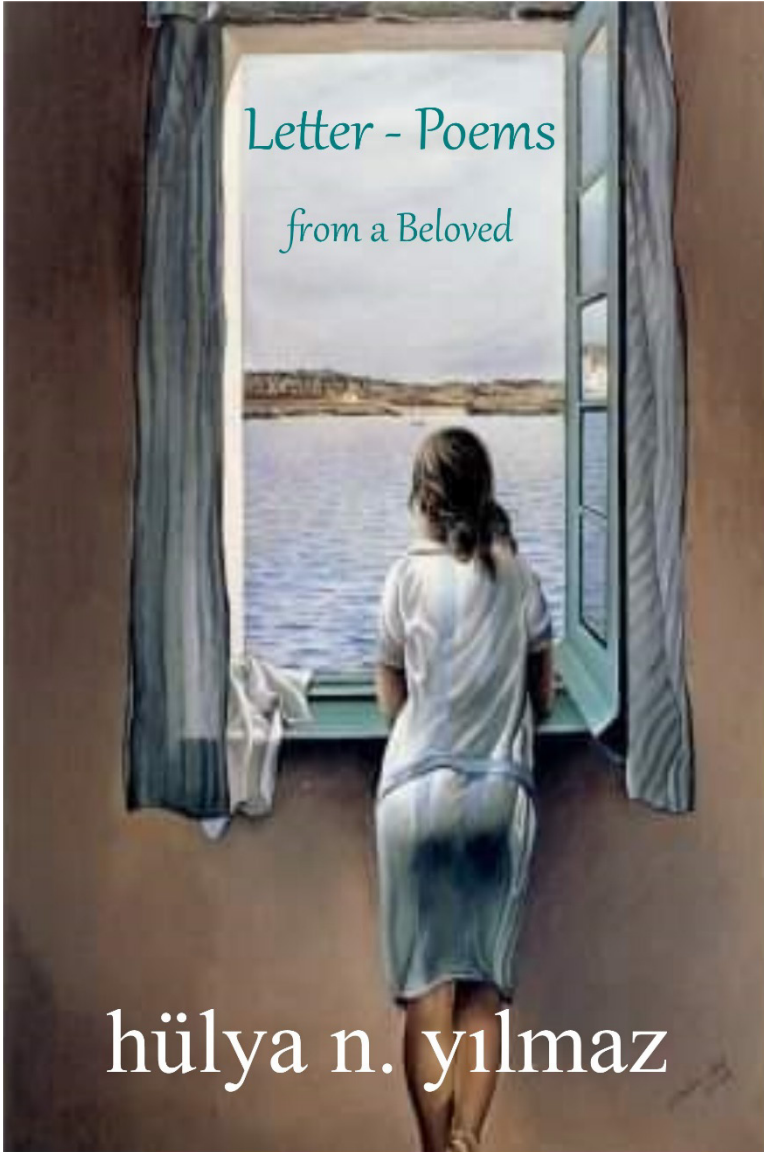
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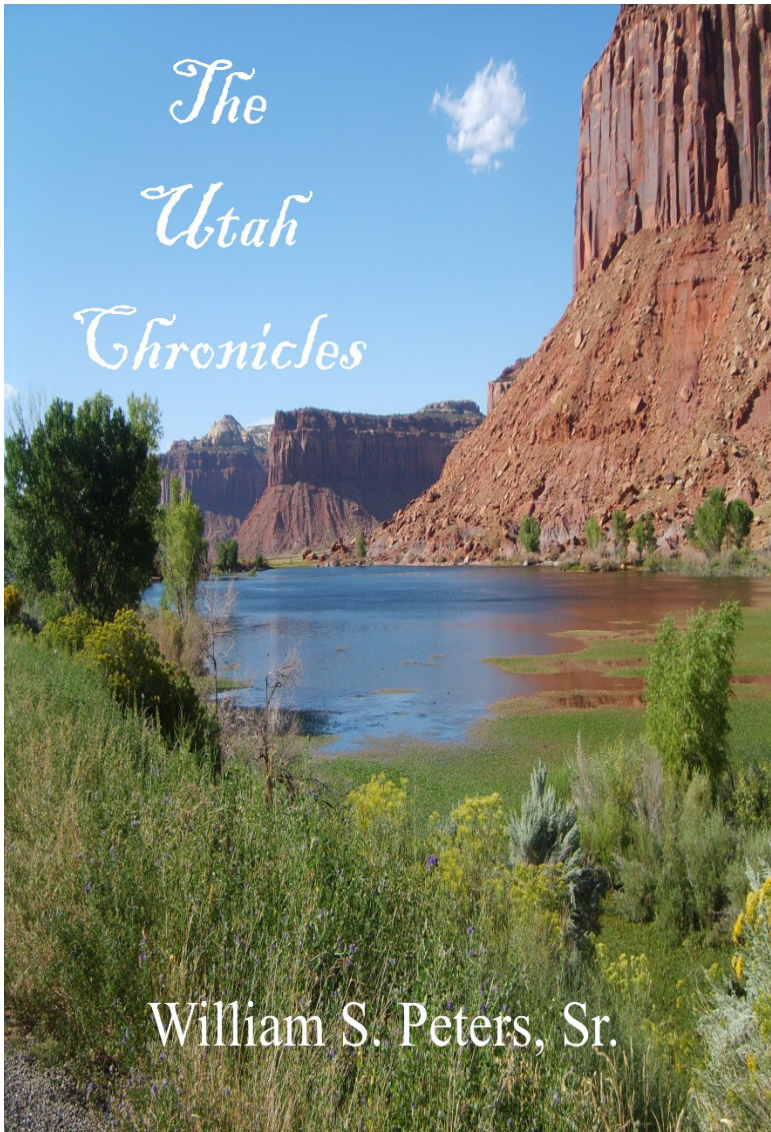
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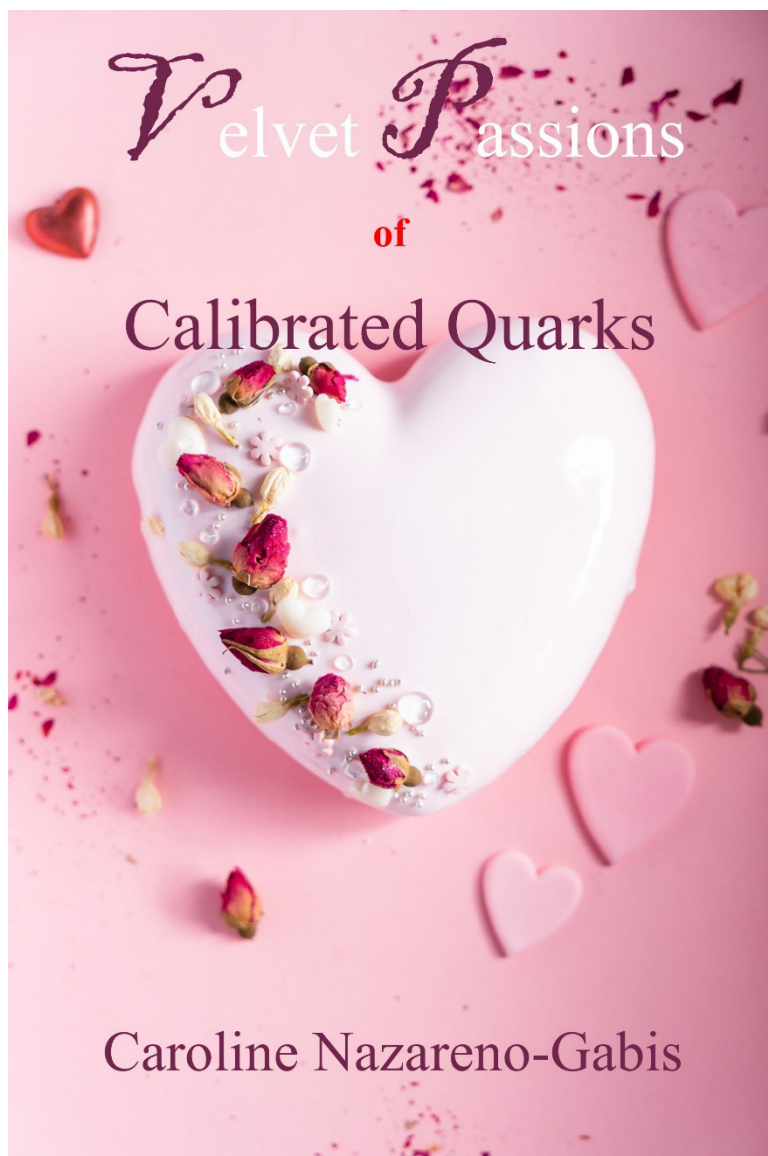


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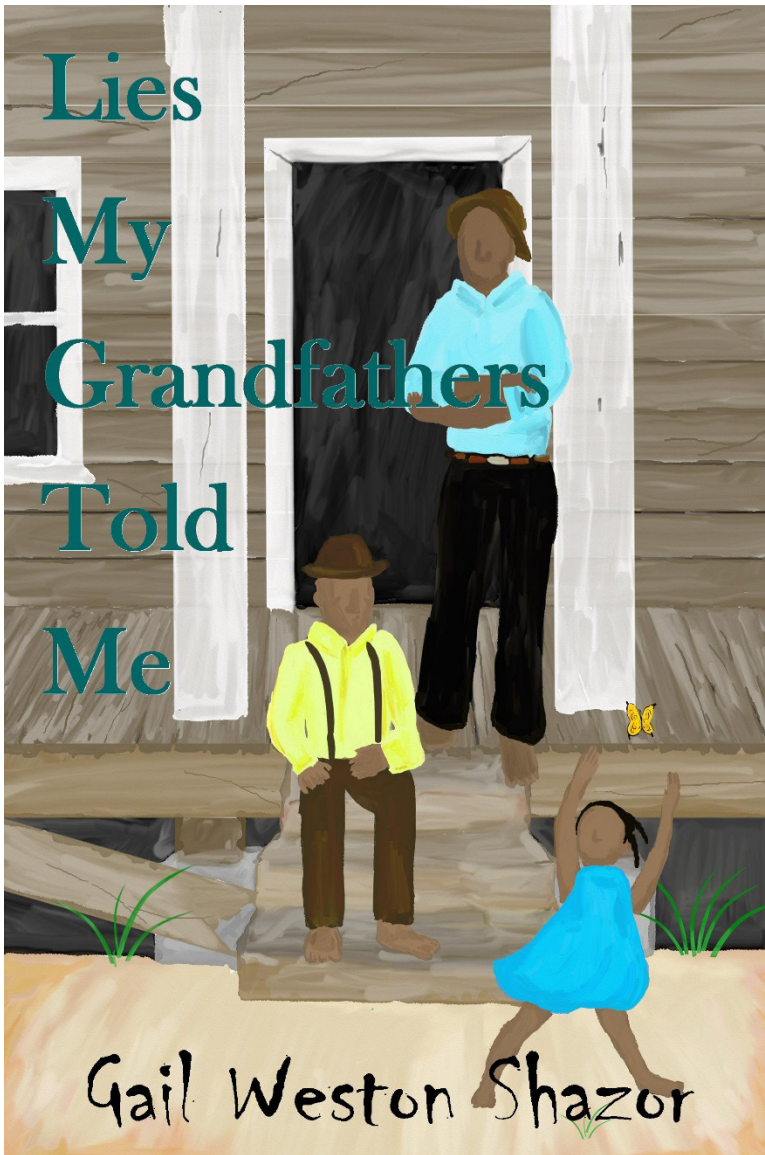
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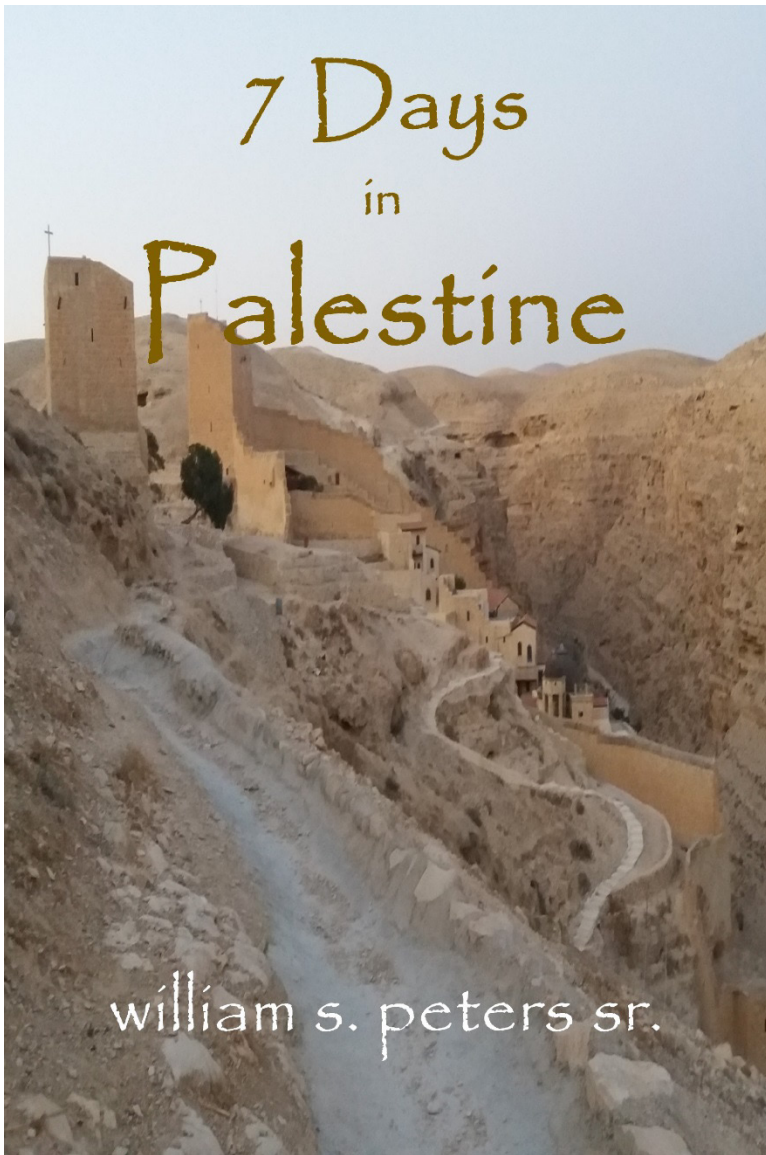


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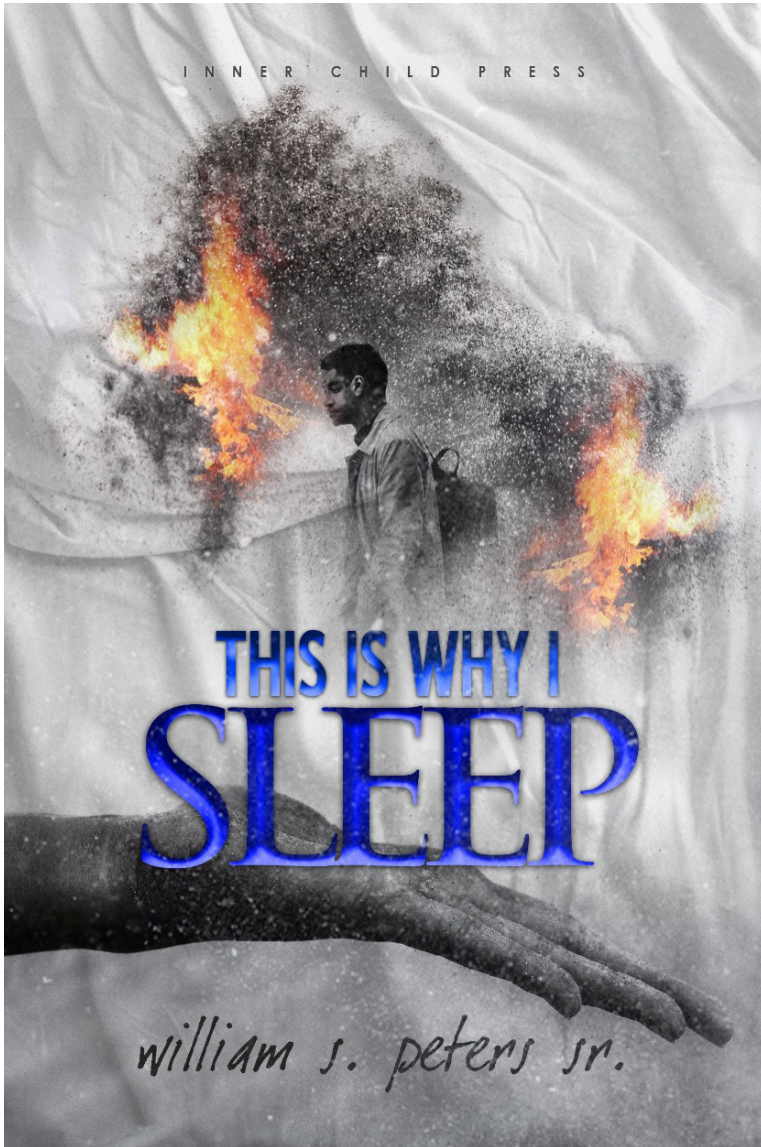
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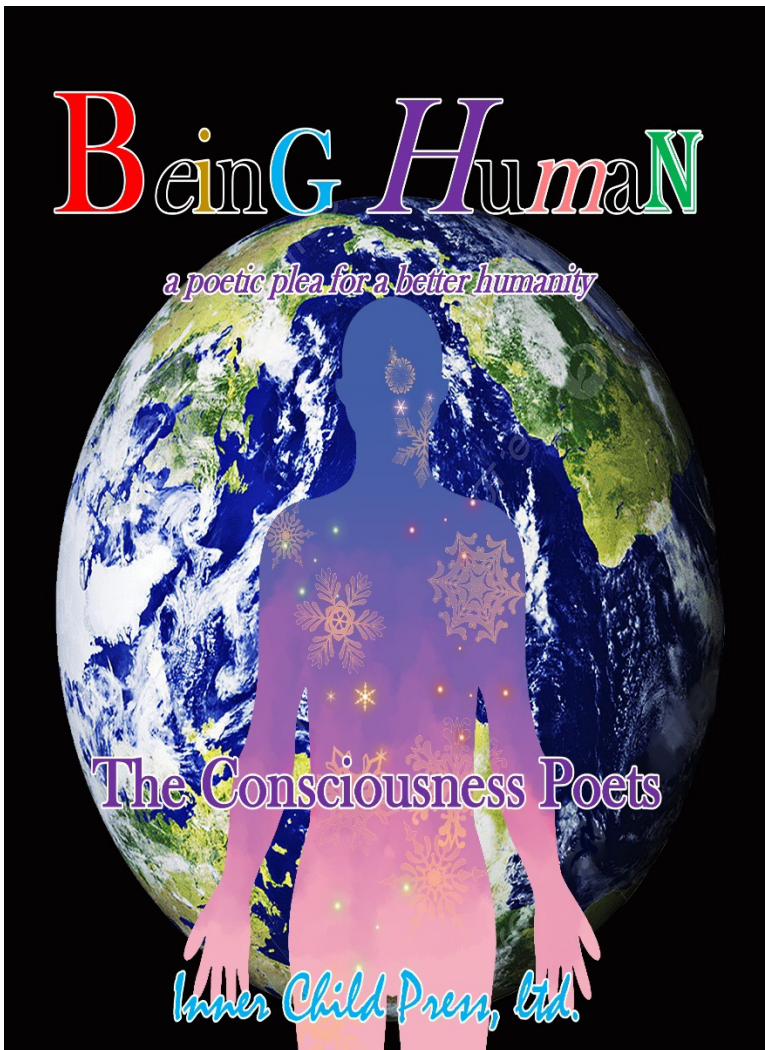
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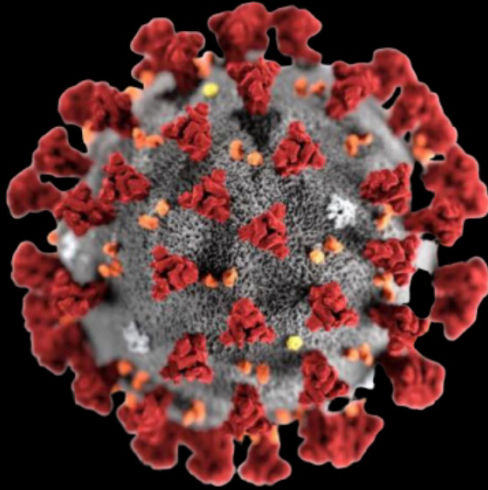
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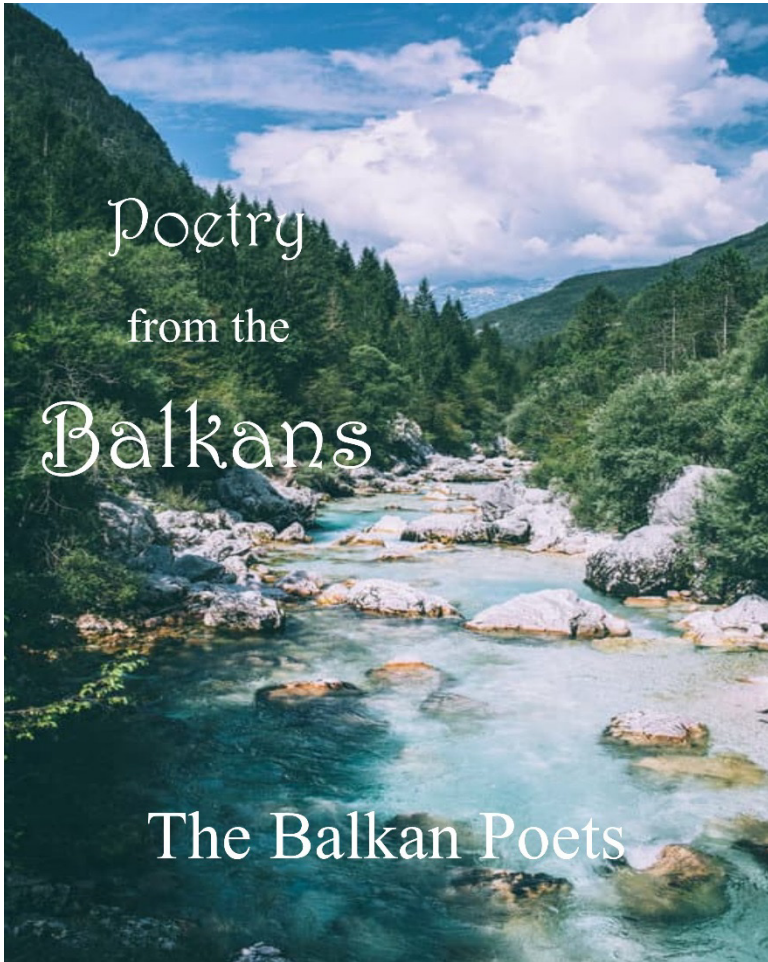


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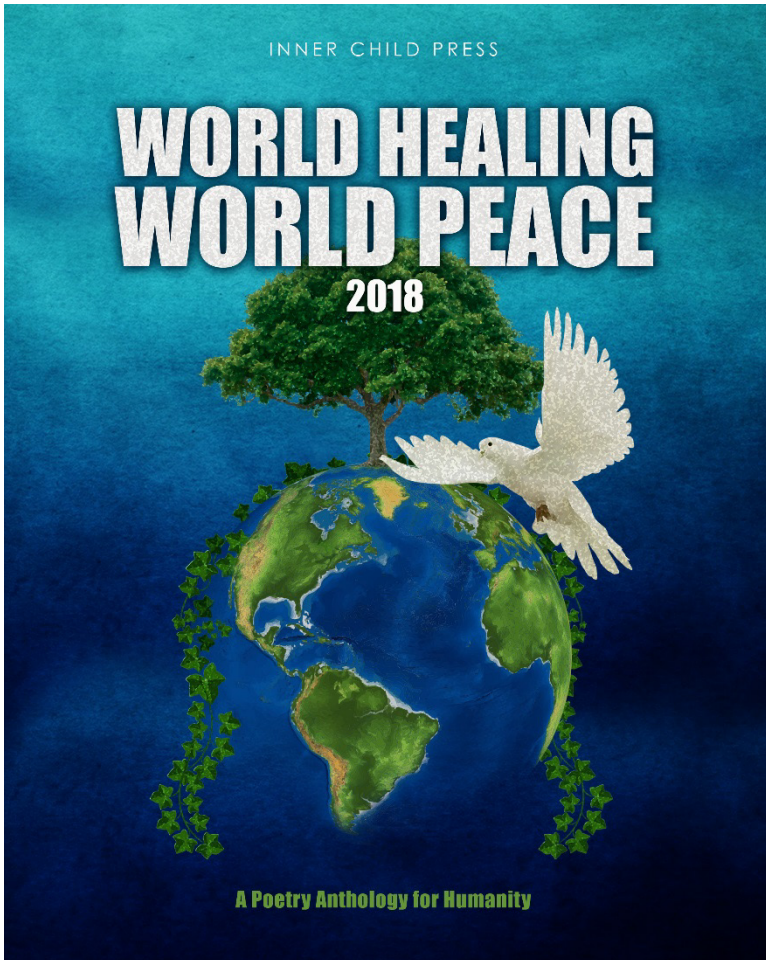


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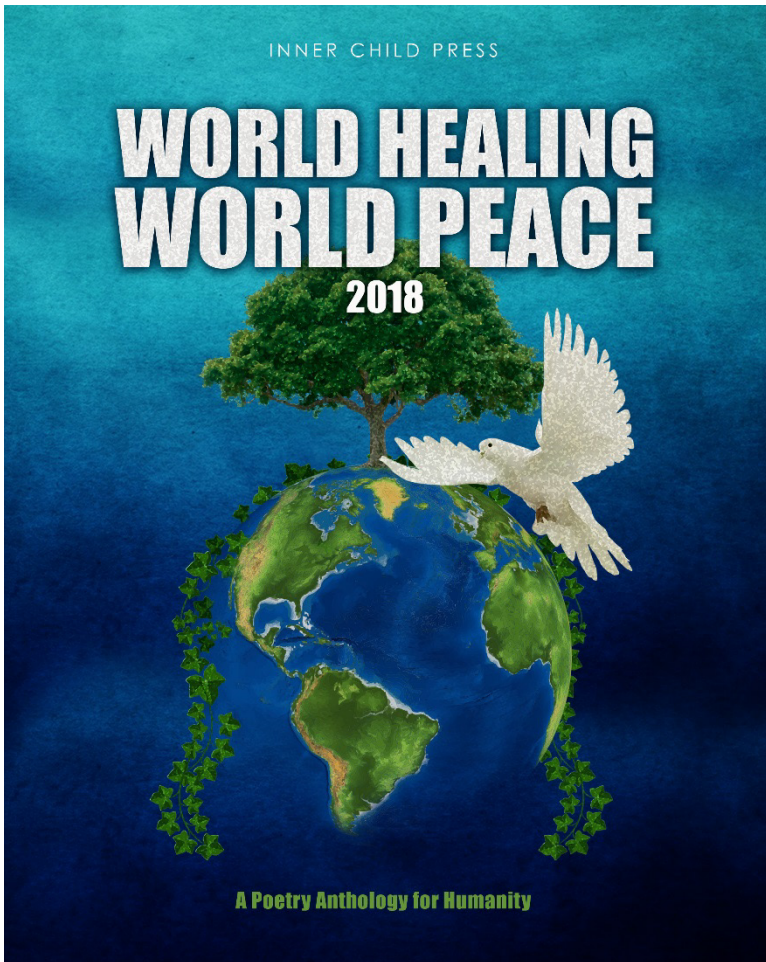


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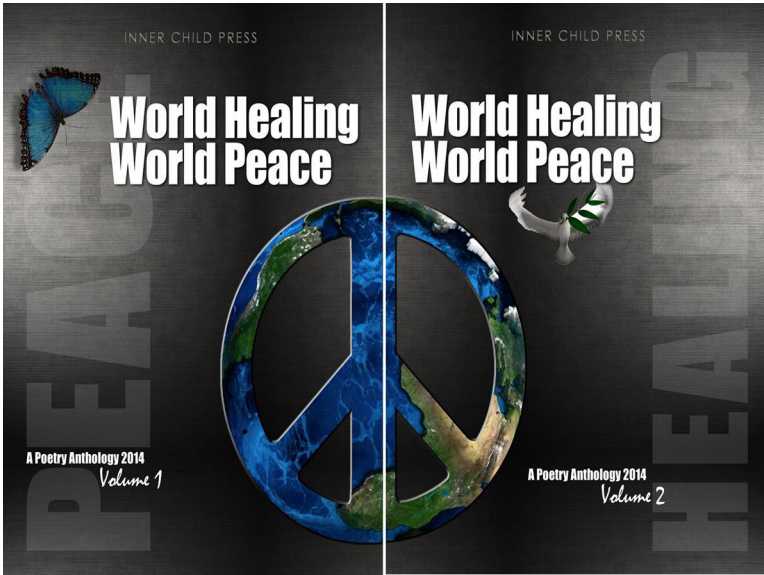
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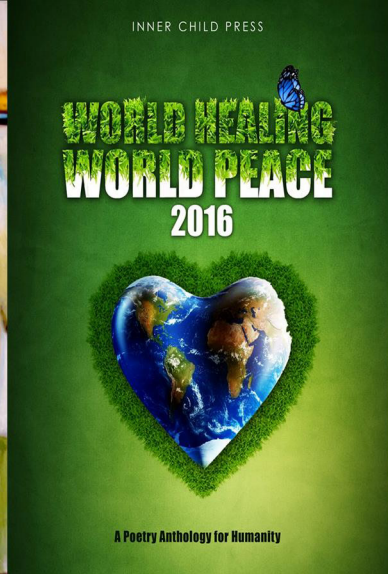
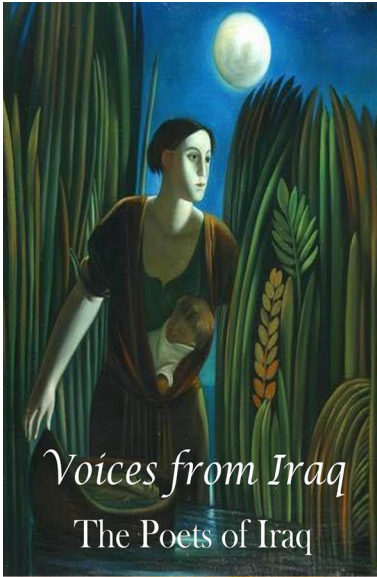
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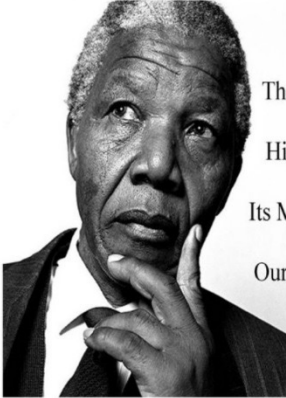
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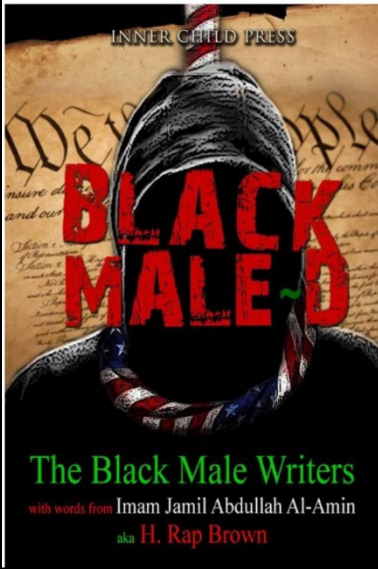
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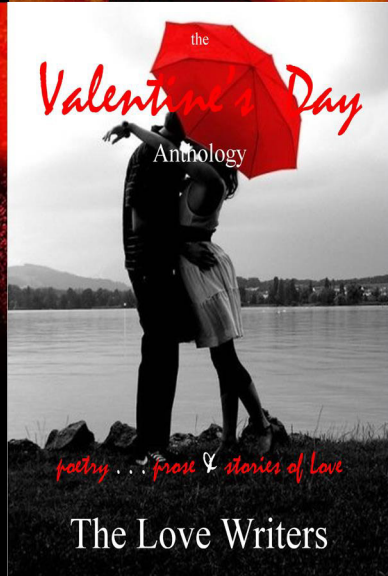
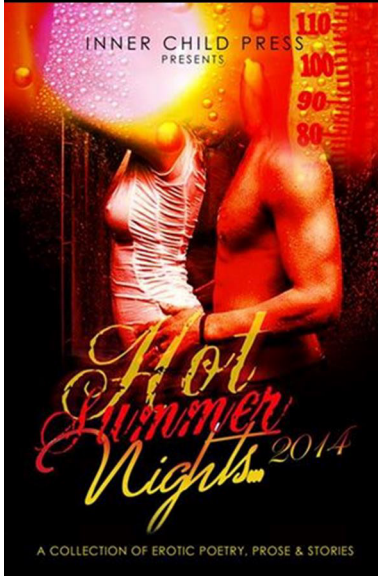
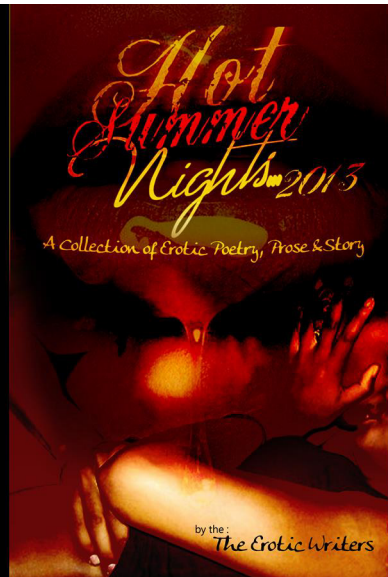
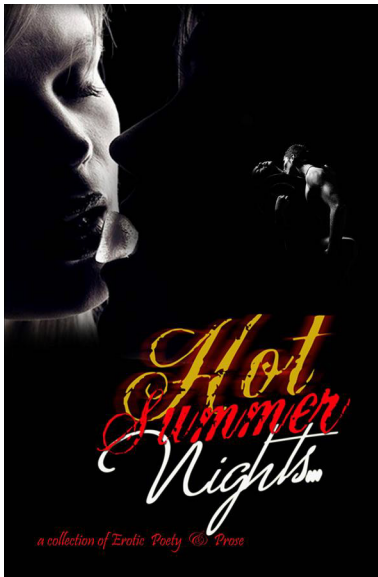
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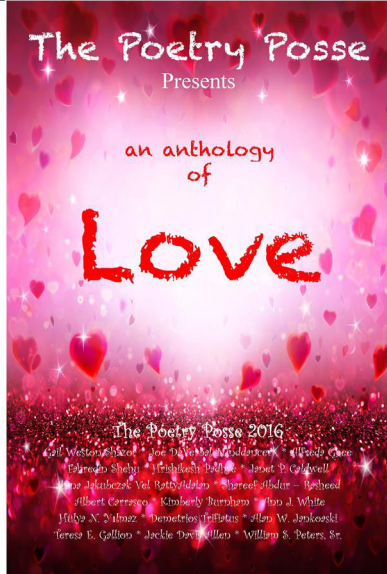
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January 2015



**Garnet**

*The Poetry Posse*  
Jamie Bond  
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Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wali  
Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahreddin Shehu  
Hülya N. Yılmaz  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Mohantfi \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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February 2015



**Amethyst**

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

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

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



**Bloodstone**

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

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



**Diamonds**

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**May's Featured Poets**  
Geri Algeri  
Akin Mosi Chinnery  
Anna Jakubczak



**Emeralds**

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June 2015

### 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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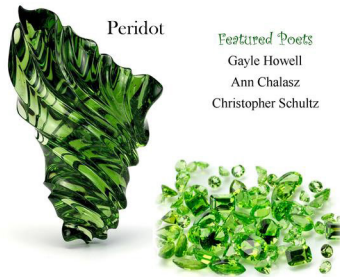
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August 2015

### Peridot

### Featured Poets

Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasz  
Christopher Schultz



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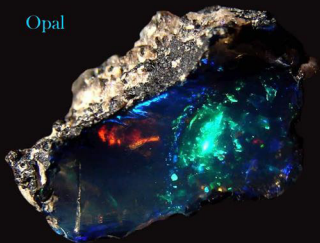
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 September 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifatis



Sapphires

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

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**The Year of the Poet II**  
 December 2015  
 Featured Poets  
 Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

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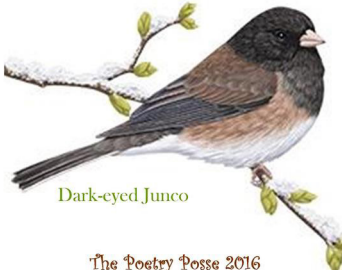


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### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christina Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

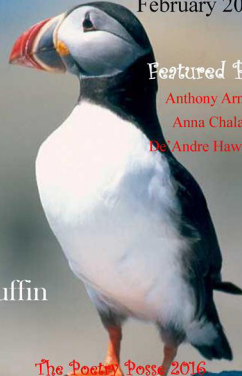
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Fahredo Shehu \* Hrishikesh Padhye \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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## The Year of the Poet III February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
Anna Chalas  
De Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

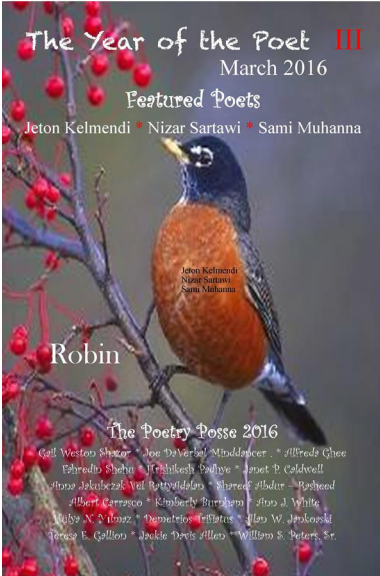
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## The Year of the Poet III March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

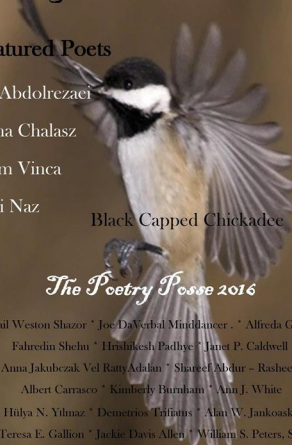
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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
Anna Chalas  
Agim Vinca  
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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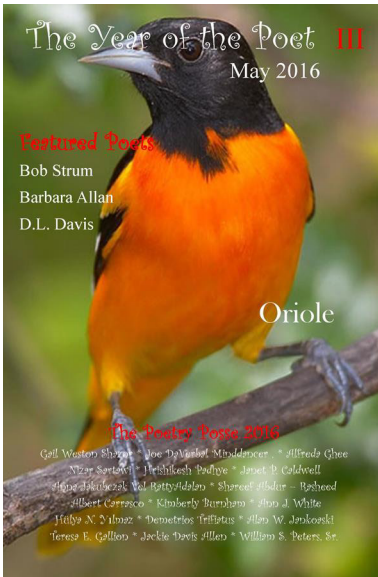
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**Featured Poets**  
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Barbara Allan  
D.L. Davis

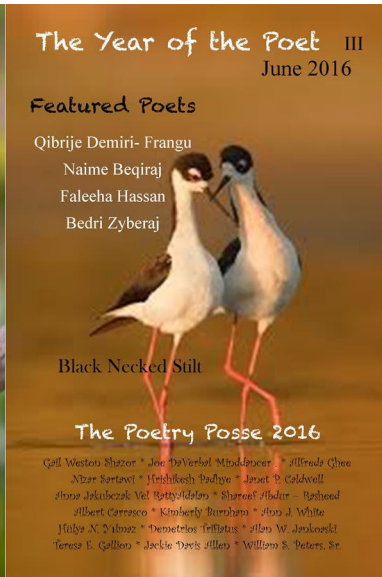


Oriole

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Nizar Sattawi \* Heishikesh Padhye \* Janet D. Caldwell  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

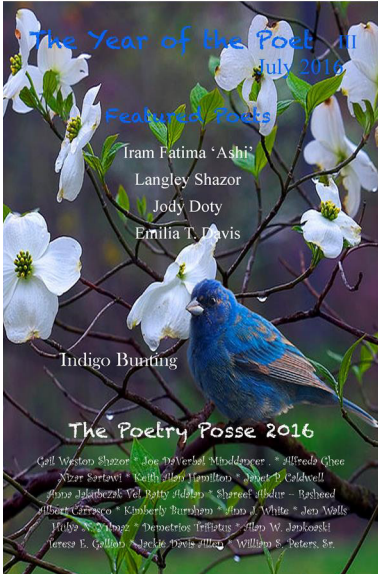


Black Necked Stilt

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July 2016

**Featured Poets**  
Iram Fatima \*Ashi  
Langley Shazor  
Jody Doty  
Emilia T. Davis

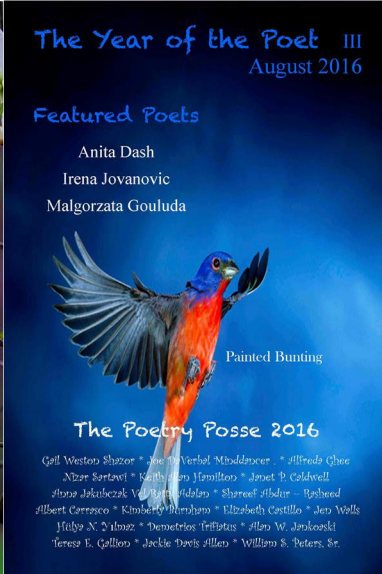


Indigo Bunting

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

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



Painted Bunting

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**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novoa



Long Billed Curle

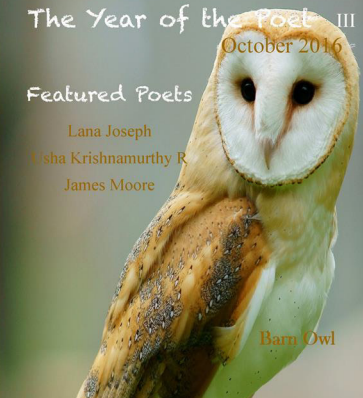
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Usha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl

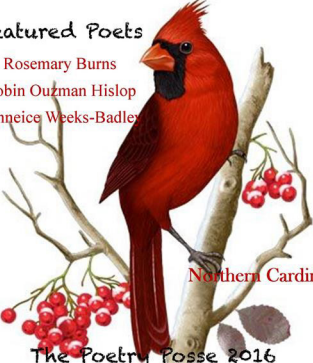
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November 2016

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonnie Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

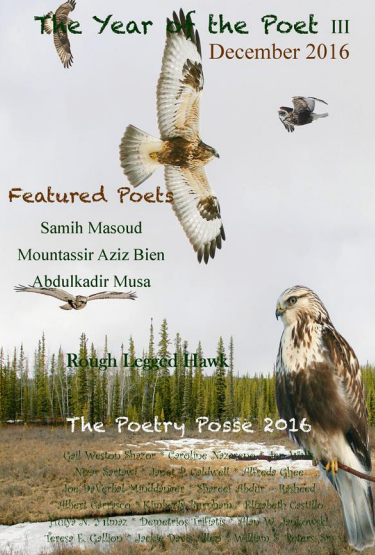
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December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

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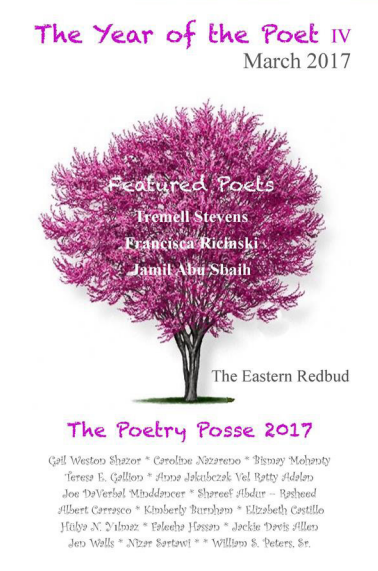


**Featured Poets**  
Lin Ross  
Sukaina Falhi  
Anwer Ghani

**Witch Hazel**

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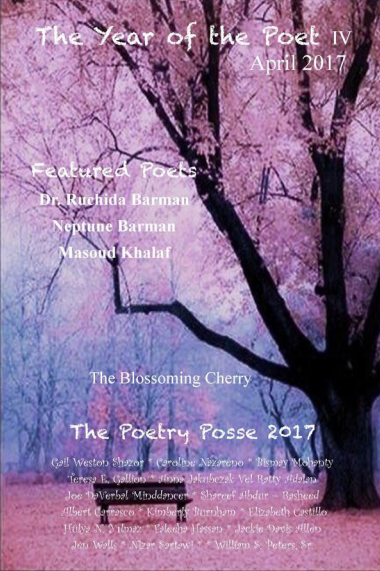


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Ricinski  
Jamil Abu Shaikh

**The Eastern Redbud**

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



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

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Jen Walls \* Nizar Sattawi \* \* 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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September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry

Ameer Nassir

Christine Fulco Neal

Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



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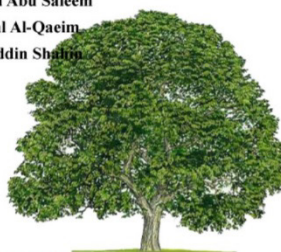
### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem

Nedal Al-Qacim

Sadeddin Shuhin

The Black Walnut Tree



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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yılmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters

Alfreda D. Ghee

Gabriella Garofalo

Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



### The Poetry Posse 2017

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

December 2017

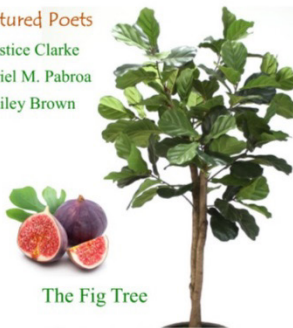
### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke

Mariel M. Pabroa

Kiley Brown

The Fig Tree



### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet V

January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamzeh  
Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Tezmin Ition Tsai  
Hülya N. Yilmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sirtawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

### The Poetry Posse 2018

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Nizar Sirtawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

### The Poetry Posse 2018

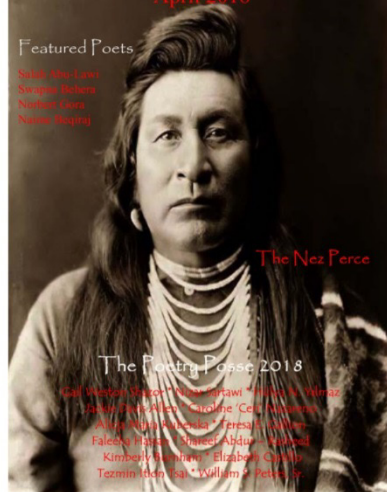
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Faleeha Hassan \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet V

April 2018

### Featured Poets

Sarah Abu-Law  
Suzanne Roberts  
Nathan Coon  
Naima Hoquey



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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May 2018

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

The Sumerians




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

Featured Poets  
Bilal Malqi \* Daim Miftari \* Gojko Božović \* Sofija Živković

The Paleo Indians



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

Featured Poets  
Pádraig Iyengar-Paddy  
Mohammad Akbal Harb  
Eliza Segiet  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sattawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Faleeha Hassan \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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The Year of the Poet V  
August 2018

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

The Lapita



The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sattawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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## The Year of the Poet V September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alejandra Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swarna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
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Indigenous North Americans

### Featured Poets

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

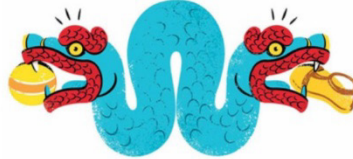
*Dream Catcher*

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

## The Year of the Poet VI

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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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 VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yılmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

May 2019

### Featured Poets

Emad Al-Haydary \* Hussein Nasser Jabr  
Wahab Sheriff \* Abdul Razzaq Al Ameer



Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

### The Poetry Posse 2019

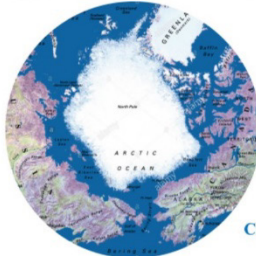
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## The Year of the Poet VI

June 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Arctic Circumpolar

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

July 2019

### Featured Poets

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

### The Horn of Africa



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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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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. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
Tezmin Ition Tsai \* William S. Peters, Sr.

**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019  
Featured Poets  
Ngozi Olivia Osocha \* Denisa Kondić  
Pankhuri Sinha \* Christena AV Williams




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



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



**Oceania**  
The Poetry Posse 2019  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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January 2020

### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dumant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasso \* 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 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 Patre  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

March 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 ~ Gustav Stresemann



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

April 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Patre  
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### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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

June 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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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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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

September 2020

### Featured Poets

Raed Ams Al-Jishi \* Šoljčević Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta \* Umid Najjari

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

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

December 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

#### The Poetry Posse 2020

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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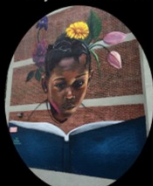
## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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May 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Diego Rivera



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June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Goncalao Mabunda



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

August 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Mundara Koorang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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September 2021

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Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadaïro Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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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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## The Year of the Poet IX

February 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Mountains



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

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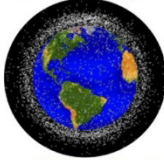
## The Year of the Poet IX

March 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

April 2022

Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oceans



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Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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May 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Birds



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2021

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## The Year of the Poet IX

June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Trees



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX

July 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Animals



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX October 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Oil and Power



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change : Time to Act



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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## The Year of the Poet IX December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

### The Poetry Posse 2022

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



Iqbal Masih

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## The Year of the Poet X February 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



Ruby Bridges

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## The Year of the Poet X 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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## The Year of the Poet X April 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children: Difference Makers



Claudette Colvin

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



**Louis Braille**

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## The Year of the Poet X June 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



**Ryan Hreljac**

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## The Year of the Poet X July 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Bana al-Abed ~

### The Poetry Posse 2023

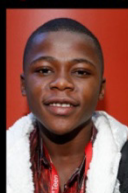
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## The Year of the Poet X August 2023

### Featured Global Poets

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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## The Year of the Poet X October 2023

Featured Global Poets  
CSP Shrivastava \* Huniee Parker  
Noreen Snyder \* Ramkrishna Paul

Children : Difference Makers



~ Malala Yousafzai ~

The Poetry Posse 2023

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## The Year of the Poet X November 2023

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Jean-Michel Basquiat ~

The Poetry Posse 2023

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Melati and Isabel Wijzen ~

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### Featured Global Poets

Til Kumari Sharma \* Shafkat Aziz Hajam  
Daniela Marian \* Eleni Vassiliou – Asteroskon

### Renowned Poets



~ Phyllis Wheatley ~

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Mutawaf Shaheed  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Noreen Snyder  
Michelle Joan Barulich \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhangava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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### Featured Global Poets

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

### Renowned Poets



~ Omar Khayyam ~

### The Poetry Posse 2024

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~ Nâzım Hikmet ~

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~ Pablo Neruda ~

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~ Li Bai ~

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~ Wole Soyinka ~

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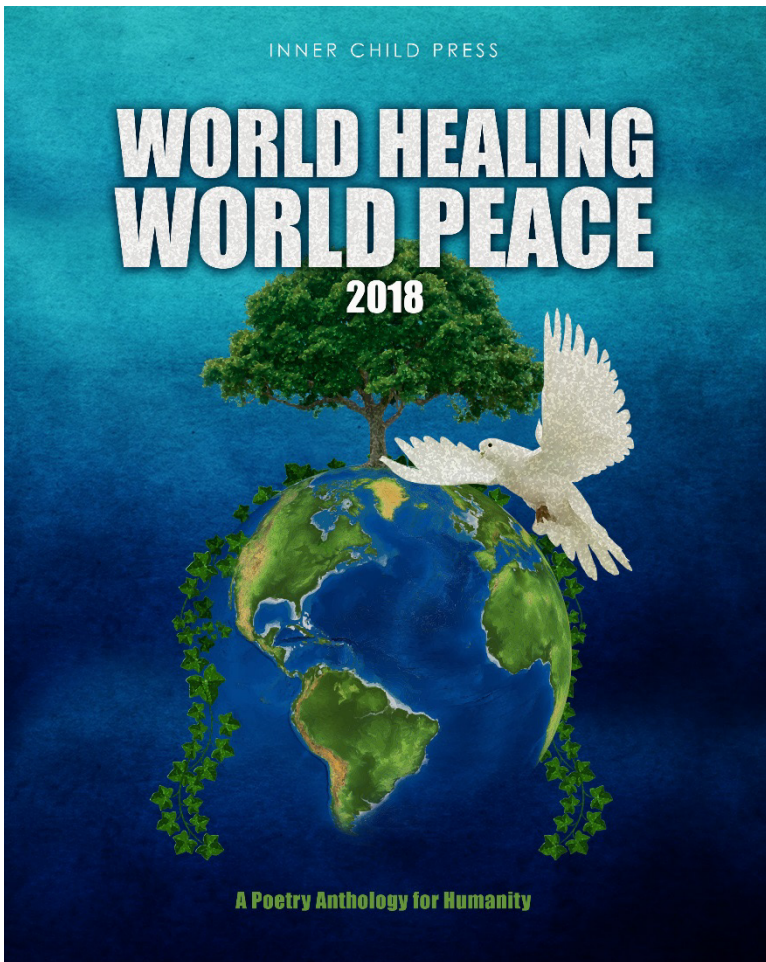


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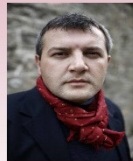
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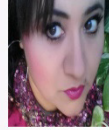
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