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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

### William Ernest Henley

“I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul”

If you quote these two lines from *Invictus*, you are in good company. There are many that speak this, but the ones we remember are the individuals that lived beyond the spoken word to live “unconquerable.”

William Ernest Henley penned this from a well of need. Suffering from a disease that first caused amputation and ultimately his death, he was determined to live life on his terms. The entire piece takes us through this journey of sickness, the dark and resolution. The defining of life.

He authored several books of poetry including “A Book of Verses” as well contributed to many magazines of the time. Henley mainly wrote in an impressionistic style using iambic tetrameter. This was in stark contrast to the Decadent style of writing. It is even said that the pirate Long John Silver was created with Henley in mind and endowed with the same quick of wit and missing leg.



Back to “Invictus”. This short piece inspired Nelson Mandela during his long imprisonment for apartheid resistance. The creation of the Invictus Games giving differently abled individuals a chance to compete after being wounded, injured and sick from their time in the service. This quote is often used in period movies and has been quoted across all genres.

So, this is the lesson from “Invictus” and indeed most of Henley’s writings, we all go through challenges in life. Henley reminds us to choose how we respond to that which has been given to us. As this world keeps on changing, turning, let us keep our bearing on that which we can control and no more.

Gail Weston Shazor

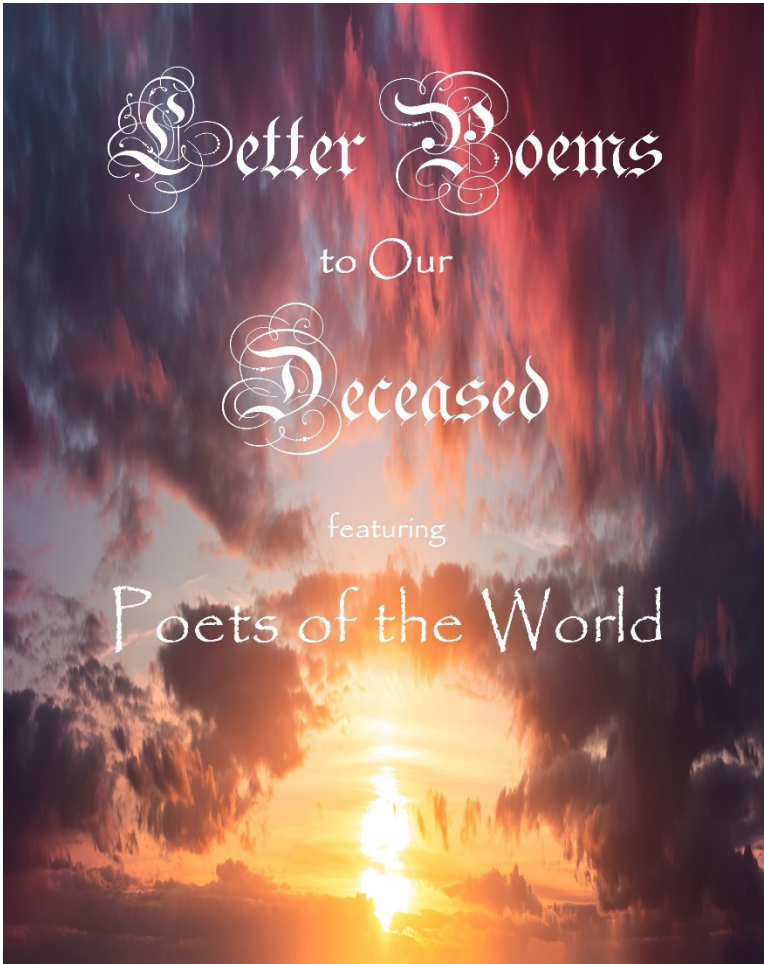
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# Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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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*

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# Renowned Poets

William Eręnst Henley

1849 – 1903

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When a literary creation is introduced to an audience through the art of cinema, its impact expands with great significance, as its exposure reaches large masses instantaneously. One of the most prominent examples is the poem “Invictus” by William Ernest Henley. Chronicling the legacy of the South African revolutionary, president, and world icon Mandela, the 2013 film *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* broke box office records. About which work of literature may the same outcome be expected unless it has been nominated for or received the Nobel Prize in Literature?

Out of the night that covers me,  
    Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
    For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
    I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
    My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
    Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
    Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
    How charged with punishments the scroll,

I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.

Literary circles around the globe signify the poem above as immortal. William Ernest Henley birthed his “Invictus” (unconquered in Latin) after years of suffering from tuberculosis, ultimately losing his leg to the disease. Being one-legged, the poet was a fixture in Londoner literary circles. might have been the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's character “Long John Silver” in his *Treasure Island*. His collaboration with Stevenson, an influential figure in late Victorian literature, on several plays may be seen as asserting such a conclusion. The British journalist and novelist Rudyard Kipling was yet another Henley contemporary.

In the several poetry books Henley had authored, his most dominant stance comes through; namely, his persistent portrayal of human strength in the face of hardships. Another Henleyasque trait was the use of free verse and colloquial language in his poems, which played a significant role in the development of modern poetry. Among writers who influenced Henley, the French naturalist Émile Zola stands out. The elements of Zola's realism and social commentary reflect on Henley's work.

The Henleyasque traits of mention above are succinctly displayed in the following poem:



I am the Reaper.  
All things with heedful hook  
Silent I gather.  
Pale roses touched with the spring,  
Tall corn in summer,  
Fruits rich with autumn, and frail winter  
blossoms—  
Reaping, still reaping—  
All things with heedful hook  
Timely I gather.

I am the Sower.  
All the unbodied life  
Runs through my seed-sheet.  
Atom with atom wed,  
Each quickening the other,  
Fall through my hands, ever changing, still  
changeless.  
Ceaselessly sowing,  
Life, incorruptible life,  
Flows from my seed-sheet.

Maker and breaker,  
I am the ebb and the flood,  
Here and Hereafter,  
Sped through the tangle and coil  
Of infinite nature,  
Viewless and soundless I fashion all being.  
Taker and giver,

I am the womb and the grave,  
The Now and the Ever

While “Invictus” is claimed to be the immortal poem of Henley’s, only one other example from among those the poet composed, “I Am the Reaper,” suffices to portray the claim.

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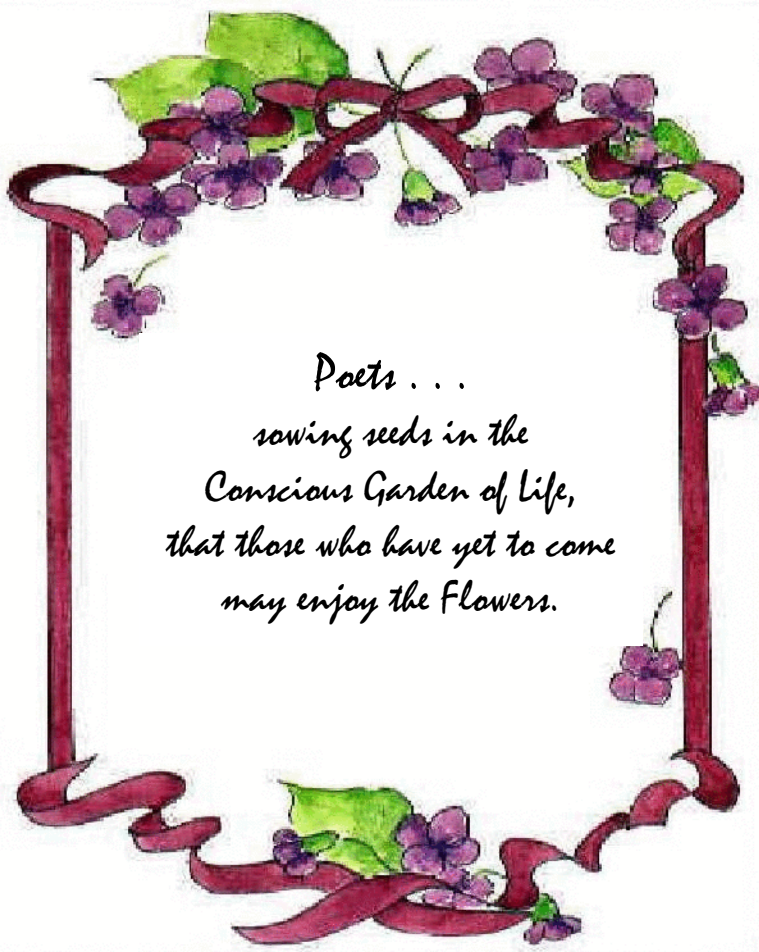
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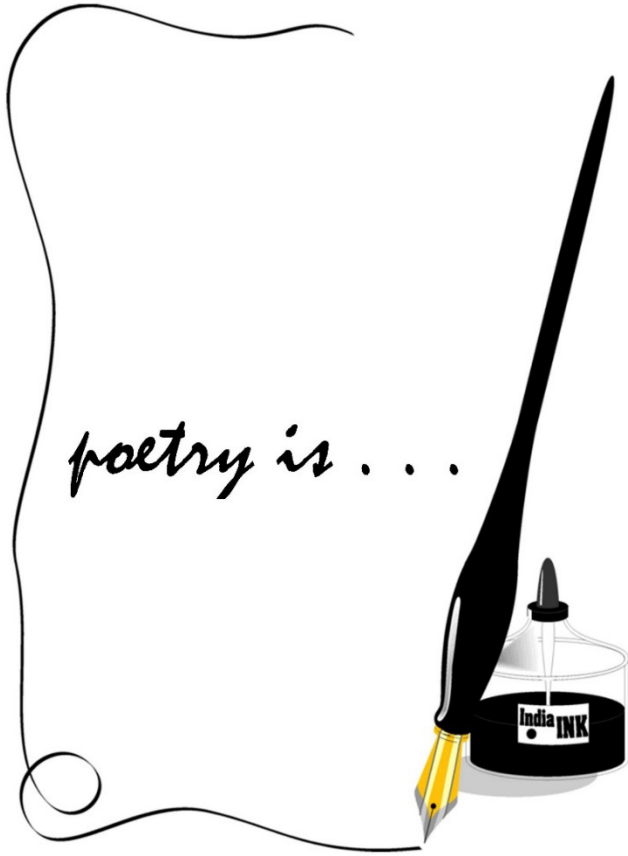
Poets . . .  
sowing seeds in the  
Conscious Garden of Life,  
that those who have yet to come  
may enjoy the Flowers.



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

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*Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.*

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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.

## Evicted

“I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul”

I  
am no  
longer there  
the teary land  
for my sorrows were  
lifted from me in grace  
thus, I lost my tenancy  
the chairman of the board decreed  
that I was too happy to remain

## Pieces

Is my heart enough for your heart?  
Can I wake with you by my side  
Feeling your body's rhythm  
Matching cadence mirroring my own  
Is my heart enough for your heart?

Is my breath enough for your breath?  
Can it warm your moments  
When you are in need of an exhalation  
To see you through the dimming of the day  
Is my breath enough for your breath?

Is my soul enough for your soul?  
Can it match the pulse of two  
Melded into one beat  
Carrying memories between the two  
Is my soul enough for your soul?

Is my mind nimble enough for your mind?  
Can you anticipate my thoughts  
And hear all that is unspoken  
My beautiful thoughts and views  
Is my mind nimble enough for your mind?

Are all my pieces enough for you?  
Time

Can my humble offering be totally  
Acceptable without reservation and taken  
To be shared, split and returned completed  
Are all my pieces enough for you?

“In his heart a man plans his course,  
but the Lord determines his steps.” Proverbs 16:9  
I sat out just to be happy

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On the sideline but looking in  
I watch

And trying not to be jealous  
With everyone smiling near me  
Blinded

Enjoying what they thought to be  
A passionate embrace of love  
Hands held

I once was one of the lucky  
Songs of joy ringing in my heart  
I sang

He took it all away from me  
And so I swore never to love

## Again

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Quietly in my solitude

I nearly missed words in my ear

Of God

You are now ready for My choice

I heard your prayers, and now I

Answer

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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).

## Invictus

When the gray hours come,  
Full of sorrow, doubt, and hopelessness,  
One must find the strength within  
To declare to the world:  
I am undefeated.  
I will make my way into history on one leg.  
I won't sell my soul to the devil,  
I won't whisper a plea to God.  
I will sing in verses  
Echoes carried through life and death.  
I will find refuge in the navy blue of the sea waves.  
Hidden in the depths, I will circle forever  
In the eternal cycle of existence.

I will leave a message:

*I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.  
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.*

## The Grapevine

It doesn't need  
stamps, mailboxes, or postmen  
It races through neighbourhoods  
at dizzying speed,  
finding the recipient  
at home, in the store, at the office.

A quietly whispered piece of news  
echoes loudly through the area.  
It cares neither for truth nor details  
and it feeds on sensation and innuendo,  
swells with guesses, ignites imagination.

It forgets the sender's name,  
yet knows everything  
about the subject of gossip.

## In the Fog

I wander as if in a fog among questions:  
Where does art end,  
and kitsch and contempt for others begin?  
Does pride always come before a fall?  
At what point does tolerance  
turn into passivity and acceptance of evil?  
Why do people dream of planting trees on Mars,  
but refuse to do it on Earth?  
More and more unanswered questions,  
the fog thickens and spreads in silence.  
The voices of conscience have gone quiet.  
Enslaved minds are shaping  
...a new reality.

Jackie  
Davis  
Allen

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

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

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

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

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

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## In Brief

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

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

And, of his voice,  
Its record remains.

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

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

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

## Painful

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

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

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

## The Reckoning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Dancing In Spring Breeze

In the delicate mist of dawn, the wind softly dances,  
Gently sweeping over the fields, as a sheer veil, tender and serene.

It rustles through the green leaves,  
As if composing a melodious song for the earth.

The wind, carrying the fragrance of flowers,  
Weaves its way through the forest, with invisible grace.  
It ripples the lake's surface, stirring wistful longings,  
A lone sail upon the waters, drawing out sorrows, as a fairy  
silently stands, her skirt in gentle folds.

Upon the mountain's peak, the wind howls through the  
rocks,  
Its grandeur as vast as the clouds, overturning the sky.  
In the narrow streets, a thin horse, the rider plays a flute,  
Each gust of wind, a verse from the ancient elegies of Chu.

At dusk, the wind's steps slow,  
Bringing a coolness that calls the rain to the rooftops.  
Before nightfall descends, scattered stars already drift into  
slumber,  
How does the poet, with his mastery of ink and sorrow,  
drink deeply with the sun and moon?

## Beneath The Phoenix Tree, That Unending Game Of Chess

In the tender embrace of the evening sun, the cool breeze  
whispers softly.

The melody of a shepherd's flute lingers as he tends to his  
flock.

Beneath the Phoenix tree, the ancient game of chess lies  
still, untouched, unaltered, awaiting its players...

Facing the stage erected for the village's grand opera,  
The valiant men gather, fiercely debating the fate of the  
king.

Bare-chested, with sleeves rolled up, they defend their  
sides,

Their shouts reverberating through the pavilion.

Who can say how many years have passed? Who can  
discern the truth of victory?

The brave harbor no regrets, yet cannot erase the heavy  
burden of history's sorrows.

The more ferocious the opponent's advance, the bolder the  
players become,

Like a madman charging forward with unyielding courage.

The village square calls out, inviting the setting sun to toast  
the day that has passed.

The returning villagers stagger to a halt,

Gazing at the pond, where the green waters reflect their  
silent wandering...

Thirty years have gone by, the Phoenix tree's branches  
droop low,

Yet the battle on the chessboard continues.

Strategic maneuvers and ruthless conquests give spring no  
respite.

A loud cry resounds, an unyielding spirit,

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As the cicadas awaken from their dreams, singing the  
wind's first song,  
While goslings wander carefree in the rice fields.  
The spring birds no longer perch on the cattle's back; now  
they chirp restlessly from the trees.  
The borders between kingdoms have been drawn, and the  
years away from home become like a tangled, thick dream.  
I cannot bear to see familiar scenes destroyed, even if one  
day,  
My grandfather, once a formidable warrior on this very  
chessboard,  
Now so frail, those hands that once held mine have grown  
so weak.

## Time, In Its Silent Stealth, Has Stolen Much Away.

On the earth, the crimson summer blossoms fall.  
Once victorious heroes now face time's inevitable defeat,  
Youth buried beneath the sands of fleeting years.  
Childhood friends, once steadfast, are altered,  
Like the relentless summer heat that drips from the trees.  
The wind sighs, playing a melody of farewells.  
In the distance, the temple peeks from behind the old  
phoenix tree,  
As a traveler bids his final goodbye,  
Loneliness sinks deep...  
Allowing the distant wanderer to become a guest in foreign  
lands.

By the pond, a pair of mandarin duck's play,  
Their reflections mingling with the sunlight on the stone-  
still water.  
Those whispered confessions of love, long forgotten.  
The newly hung bamboo curtains remain silent, resenting  
most...  
When people depart, leaving the once lively house now  
desolate.  
All becomes a chapter in the shy memories of childhood.  
Seasons shift, the waters of farewell grow cold,  
The red blossoms no longer cling to the trees, as autumn  
slowly turns the earth barren.  
How many memories have slipped away, and how many  
remain untouched, unforgettable?  
Leaves scatter across the pavilion; how, then, can longing  
be hidden away?

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Sharzeef  
Abdur  
Rashheed

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

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

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

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

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<https://zakirflo.wordpress.com>



## Hospital Poet

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William Henley  
B: 1849 D: 1903  
Born, raised England  
Affliction, affliction  
Followed him most  
Of the days of his life  
At 12 he was stricken  
With tuberculosis  
Eventually lead to losing  
A leg  
Whose poetry became  
Highly proclaimed to be  
Exceptional  
One famous friend  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Author of Treasure Island  
Created the famous character  
Long John Silver  
Who had a peg leg  
In honor of his dear friend  
William Ernest Henley  
His poetry reflected on his  
Afflictions  
Called Hospital Poems  
Given the years of he spent  
In hospitals  
In these poems captain he reflected  
His condition in defiance  
Example Invictus

I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul

no lack... ,

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material, stacked in this turmoil  
embroiled planet  
if you need re-enforcement  
rest assured there's always more  
around the corner  
if it's war, it's there and there and..,  
if it's lies therein lies no surprise  
there to many to catch up with  
or even see the top of the pile  
but where's the love based on trust  
that will benefit all of us?  
where's the righteousness?  
where's the uprightness?  
straight no chaser truth  
seems to be a pariah  
Lier, Lier pants on fire  
must realize how dire to avoid  
voids upon voids on steroids  
but try to rely on sincere comply  
beware  
therefore trust the voice from  
soul's depth trying to nudge you  
to be in step with truth  
you know it when it's there  
as the sunshine's bright  
sharing unquestionable light  
when conditions are right  
for the seeker of truth sincere  
unmistakably clear  
explanations, elaborations

no need to b

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you know it when it's there  
as the sun shines bright  
sharing unquestionable light  
when conditions are right  
for the seeker of truth sincere  
of heart need not worry  
Lord of the worlds always  
Does his part

# 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.

## William Ernest Henely

Respected, wise man, strong-willed,  
loyalty, and unforgettable, talented poet,  
what comes to mind  
when I think of William Ernest Henely.  
He had struggles of his illness-  
tuberculosis of the bone  
and amputated leg  
but he kept pushing on.  
Henely didn't let it get the best of him.  
He was going to win this battle  
and he did.  
Read his famous poem, 'Invictus'  
and you'll know Henely as  
undefeatable, unconquerable.  
And you will love him too.  
Just remember when you're  
down and out, depressed  
think of William Ernest Henely,  
his struggles and his pain,  
in spite of it all,  
he kept his humor and laughter,  
never giving up.

## All I Hear

The dogs barking, fan is whirring,  
cars are roaring, birds are stirring,  
I glanced at you as I depart.  
All I hear the sound of your heart.

People clapping, music is loud,  
lightning and noisy thundercloud  
Look at me! Smile, I must be smart  
All I hear the sound of your heart.



## Bandage

I stopped the hurt.

I stopped the pain

I make your cut heal faster

But you still need more help

with the help of my friends-

rubbing alcohol, peroxide,

and antibiotics.

You still need to take care of you.

I'm just a temporary fix

to your problem

for I'm only part of the solution.

I'm just a bandage.

Elizabeth  
E.  
Castillo

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## Henley, A Beacon of Hope

In a world of darkness, he found his inner light  
A man of strength, of courage, of character, and of might,  
William Henley, with a spirit so bold  
His story of resilience will forever be told.

Through pain and suffering, he did endure  
Yet his verses, like a beacon, remain pure  
Invictus, his masterpiece, a testament to his undying will  
A reminder that no matter the obstacle, we can be still.

He fell in the clutch of circumstance and cried,  
But his head remained unbowed, he never died  
Through the bludgeonings of fate, he stood tall  
In his heart, his spirit never did fall.

A warrior poet, his ink is like a sword  
Cutting through the darkness like a phoenix, his message  
soared,  
His words a battle cry for those in need  
A guiding light for those who bleed.

William Henley, a beacon of hope,  
His legacy, like a mountain, impossible to cope  
In every line, in every verse  
His spirit lives on, his words rehearse.

So let us remember this man of might  
A hero, a poet, a beacon of light,  
In the face of adversity, he stood strong  
William Henley, forever among us, his words a song.

## Meraki

In the heart of every artist  
Lies a passion that cannot be tamed,  
A love that transcends mere existence  
And fuels the soul with unending flame.

This love, this passion, this fire  
Is known as Meraki, the essence of creation,  
It flows through your veins like a river  
And spurs the mind to wild imagination.

With every stroke of the brush,  
With every note played on the keys  
With every word penned on paper,  
The artist breathes life into their masterpiece.

They pour their heart and soul  
Into every piece of art they create,  
Their spirit dances with joy  
As they watch their creations take shape.

The painter, with their palette of colors,  
Dips their brush and lets it glide  
Across the canvas, creating masterpieces  
That capture the beauty of the world outside.

The musician, with their instrument in hand  
Lets the notes flow like a river,  
Filling the air with enchanting melodies  
That touch the heart and stir the soul forever

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The writer, with their pen poised  
Crafts worlds with just a few words  
Weaving tales of love, loss, and triumph  
That transport the reader to magical realms unheard

Meraki is the magic that connects us all  
It is the driving force that pushes us to create  
It is the spark that ignites our passion  
And guides us towards our true fate

So let us embrace Meraki  
And let our creativity shine bright  
For in the act of creation  
We find our true selves, our purest light.

## Mystical

In the heart of the forest, where shadows dance  
And whispers of ancient magic fill the air,  
Lies a place of wonder, a realm of enchantment  
Where the mystical and fantastical collide.

Here, the trees are alive with whispers  
Of secrets passed down through generations  
Of faeries and spirits, of powers unseen  
And the realm of the mystical is revealed.

A shimmering pond, with waters clear as glass  
Reflects the moon's silvery light,  
And at its center, a glowing orb  
A portal to the unknown, a gateway to the mystical.

The creatures that dwell here are unlike any other,  
With wings of iridescent hues, and eyes that shine with  
wisdom  
They flit and flutter through the trees,  
Guardians of this sacred place.



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# 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)

## A Few will Do

For me, ten minutes of tranquility  
helps to traverse the reverses  
brought on by a serpent in a three-  
piece suit.

Pious people unable to distinguish  
the asset from the liability. Influenced  
by the scarred stars; the ones on TV.

Gleaning sap from crap, just as happy  
as can be! Spirituality botched, looking  
beyond the decree.

Thinking it's only me. Severely disturbed.  
Focused on the suburbs, hoping in vain  
that the wrath won't fall on thee.

Playing bells so loud, as to please their  
crowds, so not hear the crimes they watch,  
being performed on stage constantly.

Criminals, crooks lying in books waiting to  
spring on the kids. Making grief, relief from  
the everyday grind.

Solace, one can find in bottles of vintage wines.  
It helps to deal with what's next. Drafted into  
the world of delusion, most are volunteers.

Grabbing at straws with claws, that was lent  
to them from friends next door. Deceived,  
by what they thought was more. It's less.

## Dusk Until Dusk

Powdered tears appear as dust on my sideboard.  
A Christmas Goose for a famous sleuth named  
Sherlock Holmes.

It was a happy time when everybody I loved, lived.  
I remember winding watches and wooden toys.  
Paperboys. Bags of cavities sold for one cent.

The TV sighed off at 9 pm. Everybody worked at GM.  
All the neighborhood kids were slim. I could never  
figure out how bluing made white clothes white.

My pal Al hit a ball and broke Mrs. Smith's window.  
Playing Handball on one wall. Making fans from  
popsicle sticks. I did tricks on my Schwinn.

Grabbing marbles and running away. Knowing they  
couldn't catch me. I saw how short their memories were.  
A few days later I'd do it again!

I had to pick the switch for grandma. It was better for me  
to get the right size. I never realized then that all that was  
so small.

Then came the make believe on Christmas Eve. There were  
no  
chimneys where we lived, we figured he'd come in through  
the apartment door.

We always fell asleep before he came. The tears  
The years.  
They never changed a single thing.

## Positions

Looking for the words to fit the occasions, as positions change from right to left. Leaving one to adjust to something one or two never planned. Destiny planned ahead of time. Should I rhyme or wait until more things come to me, I'll just wait and see.

Seeking out something different then speaking out against many things I couldn't anticipate. Not trying to curb my words that come straight from me Writing about what's in front of me.

Learned some time ago to balance my memory. How could I miss fortune? why it's a part of me! The hours of the day are simple numbers to count. It's the word that keep me free. My recollections are part of my collection. Can't you see it ?

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n.  
gilmaz



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

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

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

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on open sea

drifting farther away from the pin-size land  
on a self-made galley of fast rotting planks  
one hole chases another in a vicious race

only quick-sand at my disposal  
the vain attempt to fill  
is strong in me still

as for the welded-in rod,  
it is weighing me down,  
desperately determined  
to make out of me  
a companion for a lifetime  
to repeatedly drown

on  
its  
rusty  
hook  
i dangle  
on and on

## A “Benevolent” Bully

Tuberculosis  
A determined companion  
To the point to claim his one leg

Late Victorian Era  
Londoner circles of literature  
Contemporaries as influential figures

A bully?  
A one-legged bully?  
A “benevolent” bully?

Bully in our times:  
A person who is in the habit of seeking to harm or  
intimidate those whom they perceive as vulnerable.

Bully in Henley’s time:  
Generous in his promotion and encouragement of unknown  
talents and fierce in his attacks on unmerited reputations . .

.  
That is . . .  
In the memories of young writers

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the guide for the self

disregard the boat

waves are not the enemy

guide as the captain

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>**



## Letter to William Ernest Henley

I am triumph over adversity dear Ernest.  
Thank you for the fight song.  
It has traveled with me since my youth.

After many years of reciting Invictus,  
I know here and now  
in my twilight years of wisdom,  
my soul is unconquerable.

My head has bleed but it is unbowed.  
I rode my ship through the storm.  
I am no longer afraid to embrace me.

I know for certain  
“I am the master of my fate.  
I am the captain of my soul.”

## Solitudes One

Sitting on the surface of my happy place,  
listening to the lyrics of water  
in an everlasting cruise downstream,

I pay homage to nature's ways  
for the experience of a Spiritual massage.  
Words cannot convey my joy.

A flood of gratitude flows from my heart.  
Words like majesty, magnificence, beauty  
do not capture the essence of the river's song.

I bend my knees toward the water,  
open my ears to love  
and simply say, thank you.

## Solitudes Two

When I think of all the rivers  
I have had the honor to embrace,  
I know good Karma  
is blazing within me.  
I feel high as a kite.  
No drugs needed  
for this kind of high.  
Just float in ecstasy

A stream of consciousness  
rides the river rapids.  
Only enlightened souls  
feel the intensity  
beyond this earth plane.

The white caps rub rocks  
and try to flow in reverse drive.  
They cannot overpower  
the determination of a river  
to move forward.

I sit here and watch people stroll  
and wonder.  
How many hear  
the river's true call to love?

Ashok  
K.  
Bhargava

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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.

## Martyrs

I always feel  
the wounded or afraid  
fleeing, blood bubbling from mouth,  
limp dead children,  
soon as I turn tv to Aljazeera.

What did I do to deserve a fate like this  
Bombs, bullets  
blown up buildings and roads  
as they  
take shelter in hospitals and schools,  
become a stain on the floor.

Though they might not survive  
their dreams will live on.

*“It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul.” (Invictus)*

They call them terrorists  
but I have already named them  
something else.

## Light

Your soft beams  
touch  
my naked loneliness

a cool-wave embrace  
of a Milky Way.

You are a moon  
that hides dark shame

devoid of innocence  
choking light.

I am hope:  
a crush of crushed

bones  
underneath the skin.

In the end we are  
darkness of monsoon clouds

not the reflection  
of light on the river surface.

Shards of light  
torn and broken

I am not afraid  
of darkness anymore.



## Only Love Flows

your curious glances  
meet my eyes  
softly  
passionately.

I wonder what is on your mind.  
What your heart desires.

Will my presence makes you  
glow  
hold hands  
walk on a narrow path  
brush bodies like soft petals  
intoxicating the delicate touches  
with exotic fragrance.

Will your mouth seek my taste  
sweet nectar  
forbidden apple  
undeniable pleasures  
of milk and honey  
time after time.

Will your dreams  
find an echo in my heart  
an instant  
tied in an embrace  
together  
merge  
vanish

In that moment  
time will cease to exist  
no you and I  
only love will flow

Caroline  
'Çeri Naz'  
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Gabis

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

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## The Unconquerable Soul (William Henley)

An ember glows  
Steadfast, bold and fierce,  
His flame ablaze  
Through darkest nights  
And stormy seas,  
William, the beacon of resilience and courage,  
His strength guides the indomitable spirit,  
His words rise, a tale extolled,  
He is a testament of Honor,  
Humanity and vest of a beautiful soul.

## Unheard

A tapestry of pearls,  
Like unseen ivory constellations,  
Waiting to be drawn,  
Veiled with whispers  
And shadows lost,  
Where tulips bloom,  
From stars at dawn,  
The tears of lovers,  
Dropping like a distant chime,  
Inner voices unheard  
In between the mysterious dew,  
You and me,  
Woven in a symphony of love.

## Waterfalls of Change

The current shift  
Of tides cascade,  
First drop of rhythmic flow  
From lofty heights  
With vision's call,  
The sculptor's hands  
Carve the descent plunge,  
Possibilities swirl,  
Ideas chiseled,  
Realities interlace.  
Every drop, every flow  
Shape the destiny,  
Where the reservoir of change,  
Falls grand ripples,  
Of the growth in time.

# Swapna Behera



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## William Ernest Henley: The Great Motivator

Invictus

the writer, critic and editor  
had the courage to face death;  
strong will power to subsist with dignity and face hardship  
that revolves around resilience and inner strength  
while suffering from tuberculosis  
yes, dear poet  
you are the captain of the soul  
who blew the trumpet of triumph over adversity  
with metaphors, imagery and simile  
you are the master of your fate  
unconquerable with determination  
refused to succumb  
your universal message that motivates  
realism is promoted  
at the age of twelve your left knee was amputated  
in the hospital you wrote “Invictus”  
while suffering tubercular arthritis  
to show bravery and power of the soul  
you are a great motivator and champion  
you know how to win with poems

## before a full stop

before a full stop  
always a few words  
may be a couple of sentences  
a few commas, a little pause  
between the verses or rhymes  
before a full stop  
a poem of passion  
a pinch of life  
a bundle of combination or permutation  
of moments  
the songs are the preludes of heartbeats  
the smiles are the reflection of tears  
a baby swims like a flower in the womb  
there is the demarcation of peace  
the eternal document is written  
with the blood drops of a zone  
who will arrange, borrow or build up the bridge?  
yes, we shall, we will and we can  
there is always a full stop  
that rises as a new sun  
when peace sits as a butterfly  
on the mast of the submarines

## the last nail of the coffin

the last nail was tough  
for it rebuffed to get into the black casket  
beneath slept the rape victim  
her breasts scathed  
skins exploded as volcanoes  
to curse the rapists of the silent night  
the last nail was really tough  
the struggle before the strangulation  
was so vivid on the plasma  
her soul screamed to decode all episodes  
from the street to the post-mortem table  
blood strains of the body without the viscera  
the high voltage screech  
demanded the answer from the civil society  
“When will a woman feel secured  
When will the Paranoids stop stabbings!”  
Shame on your hammers!  
The last nail was really tough.....

*dedicated to all the rape victims of the world*

Albert  
'Infinite'  
Carrasco

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

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

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Infinite the poet on reverbnation

### Infinite Poetry

[www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html](http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/al-infinite-carrasco/infinite-poetry/paperback/product-21040240.html)

[www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco](http://www.innerchildpress.com/albert-carrasco)



## William Ernest Henley

My pen is my crutch I lean on,  
I'm no handicap because one of my limbs are gone.  
My physical situation didn't stop my honorable mentions,  
or stop me from being a literary inspiration.  
Long John Silver character was derived from my wits,  
strength  
and amputation, courtesy of Robert Louis Stevenson.  
I wasn't the only inspiration, my daughter Margaret played  
a hand  
in the creation of Peter Pan.  
I use words to create art,  
My passion opens the mind and wraps around hearts.  
Syllabus like Invictus made history in poetry,  
Even after death and cremation my words are still on  
rotation,  
They've made their way to the states all the way from  
London.  
Sickness may have taken my life but look how far I've  
gotten,  
People might forget me but my work will never be  
forgotten.  
Mr. William Ernest Henley, a staple to the poetic  
community.

## Summer in New York

Nice clean cars showing off their patent leather looking shoes,

Drop tops dropped and sun roofs are open to see the surrounding views.

You hear the sound of bike life as they wiz by one up one down,

Shorties on the back holding on for dear life so their apple bottom doesn't touch the ground.

Fellas out here fresh to death try'n to get their body count up,

Ladies out here enticing the situation with mini skirts and crop tops or sun dresses leaving very little to the imagination.

Blocks are popp'n, music is blaring, meat on them BBQ grills are sizzling and smoking leaving the aroma of steak and chicken all over.

Beach chairs are sprawled out in front of the bodega as the music and food brings the neighborhood together, THC legally fills the air and solo cups hold shots of dark and clear liquor.

Streets are closed and hydrants are open so kids can keep cool,

If the streets couldn't be closed, sidewalks become a place for kids to swim in little inflatable pools.

The sound of Mr softee and the bells on Icy and piragua carts brings the kids to a drool... mommyyyyy daddddy can I have icy\ice cream money!!! When they do get it, they get happy, I got my ice cream, I got my ice cream acting like Eddie Murphy.

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That's in the day time. The night life pops OD, city island flooded, La marina flooded, Coney Island flooded, 125th to the polo grounds flooded, cross town and La marqueta to 96th flooded, take a short ride to the lower east side and Alphabet city is flooded, the south street seaport flooded, night clubs and lounges on the lower east and lower west side are star studded. If you still want to party after 4 you can go eat breakfast at thousands of diners then continue the party at the after hours, after the after hours you can do brunch with unlimited mimosas, after that you go home take a shower/bath and change clothes really fast then it's right back to those BBQs on the ave, the sound the smell the sights the vibe, back to a summer day in New York City where you can have the best time you ever had and make memories that will last.

## Loyal

I still have homies gettn money in the game, I been retired and I'm hoping they'll do the same, I'm showing them outs but gettn rich or die tryn is their aim and I'm no hypocrite so I parlay with them avoiding fire from hell on earths flame. Im still trying to get help for a few homies addicted to doogie and cain, I don't care if they look frail and sick, I jump out wherever I see them hug em, talk to them and try to get the cleaned with no shame, I've always been my brothers keeper and imma continue to do so forever. Infinite is built differently, there's no expiration date on my loyalty, I mingle with the rich on islands in different countries, just as I mingle with the middle class and those struggling to make it out poverty, I never switched, I'm still me. Why? Because I've seen rich people go broke, I've seen the middle class rise and live comfortably and I saw broke people blow and live wealthy, that experience humbles me. If you haven't seen me or it's been a while since we have spoken it's usually because you're movn funny, you know I laugh and joke but I don't play that homie. If my way of living isn't reciprocated, I keep it pushn and let them live to regret it. To my homies still riding with me, I appreciate you, I know y'all don't need me but it's better to have me around, I might not always be there for the good times but when it's up, y'all know how I get down.

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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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## Mr. William Ernest Henely

William was an English poet, writer and critic  
He is most remembered most often  
For his 1875 poem called Invictus  
Henely published many poems in different collections  
He had a battle with illness  
He was a poet and a patient  
Invictus one of his hospital poems that was composed  
During his isolation with strength and courage  
He began living as a journalist and publisher  
His poetry had even made its way to the United States  
Other poets said the following that Henely  
"There was something more than the patient  
Deep in his nature lay an inner well of cheerfulness  
And the joy of living"  
To me that speaks volumes of his character.

## Vast Is the Land

I was dancing under a clear lit sky  
I was dancing under a full moon  
When my mind began to wonder  
How vast everything seems to be  
How vast is the land  
And all the magnificent wonders  
And all of the secrets that lye in stone  
And all the things you wish you could know  
How vast is the land for you and me  
How vast is land for us to behold  
I was singing under a full night of stars  
I was singing under the planets  
When my soul began to search  
How unlimited everything seems to be  
How vast is the sky  
And all of the light years that are so endless  
And all of the secrets that lye in the moon's craters  
If only we could begin to know  
How vast is the land for you and me  
How vast is the land for us to behold  
I was looking above to see the milky way  
I was looking for shooting stars  
When my heart began dreaming  
How the Heavens shook  
And everything fell into place  
And all of the different kinds of animals that used to roam  
And all of the creatures that used to be in the sea  
If we could only begin to understand the foundation  
How vast is the land for you and me  
How vast is the land for us to behold  
..And I was dancing under a clear lit sky  
I was dancing under a full moon.

## What is Love?

I want a friend  
That will always be by my side  
Love is not a feeling or desire  
It's much more than you'll ever know  
Love is giving to each other  
Real love is not even possible  
Without a degree of maturity  
Part of it may be biological structure  
But it won't get us far enough  
We all want a friend  
Philadelphia comes into place  
Time for brotherly love  
Face to face  
Shoulder to shoulder  
We might just make it  
Romance and friends are fine  
But what I need is a total commitment  
But don't marry for convenience  
Don't marry for desire or security  
Not for money or any other reason at all  
Love never stands still  
It begins slowly and grows.....

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)*”.

## Courage

*In memory of William Ernest Henley\**

When illness takes away one's  
arm or leg,  
it may also take away one's will to fight  
– for a life without...

But not always!

The invincible person is the one  
who  
despite any adversity  
fights,  
does not give up  
against the odds  
– has the courage to live.

Steadfast,  
he faces obstacles  
against the reality  
– continues to exist  
– and is the master of his fate.

*\* William Ernest Henley (1849-1903) was an influential British poet, best known for his 1875 poem 'Invictus' ('The Invincible').*

*Translated by Dorota Stepińska*

## Vase

She saw  
that her flowers  
are dying in a vase.  
They bend lower and lower,  
to say at the end:  
*we are no longer an ornament.*  
Vivid beauty fades.  
There remains only  
what is retained.

*Translated by Artur Komoter*



## Duplicate

At dawn you read her body,  
you studied the crannies of pleasure,  
to be able to dance tango  
in the dark.

You wanted to know everything.  
You were afraid  
that once again it will fly away like  
a skittish bird.

Naked love  
does not ask about the rules.  
It shows appetite to the world,  
which also likes mysteries.

*She*  
– he whispered to the stars –  
*was again only a duplicate of desires.*

*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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## Master

What is this fate  
That I vie to master?  
Is it I who dictates  
The road I travel

I affirm it to be so  
For I, and only i  
Know what indomitable spirit  
And its potential  
Abides and prevails  
Within the breast  
That gives home  
To this beating heart

Yes, I am the master of my fate . . . .  
Are I not?

## Life

As the Mother spins about  
While orbiting the Great Light,  
The Moon kisses our consciousness  
As the Oceans undulate  
To its silent music

.....

Man dreams  
And sends forth  
Wishes and prayers  
Towards the heavens  
While waiting a reply  
To ease their perceived angst  
About the life  
They have chosen to live

The children still play,  
Giggling and laughing  
At a myriad of things  
While lightly living  
And believing without regard  
To what failure means,  
For they only embrace  
The scent of the promise of joy  
Within their hearts

There is a sweet ambrosiatic fragrance  
That has the ability to intoxicate  
Each of us  
Through our suffering,  
Through our pain  
Through our indifference  
Through our disdain

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If we but silence the internal chatter  
And just listen  
To the celestial and divine rhythm  
Of our hearts  
And the wonder  
Each breath provides  
.....  
Life

## An Ode to Love

She has been beside me,  
My companion,  
My champion,  
More years and ways  
Than I can remember...  
But I delight myself  
And my world  
When I do try

She has given and shared with me,  
My tears, my fears,  
My heartaches,  
And my warm smiles

She, 'Love'  
Has always been there  
To encourage me,  
Enable me,  
And lift me up  
Whenever I sought to dwell  
In my own private hell  
Telling me that  
Everything  
Was going to be OK

Many times I  
Ignored her,  
Turned my back on her,  
Spoke caustically about her,  
But in the silence  
Where i eventually would come to visit,  
Time and time again



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She held close to her tender breast  
That cloak of humility  
That once again I would don  
While softly whispering  
The words from my spiritual redundancy...  
"I am sorry"

Love is forgiving,  
This I can attest,  
For I have assaulted her  
And the tenderness of her persona  
Countless times,  
In uncountable ways

Love, yes Love  
Has taught me so many things,  
Many lessons  
That I had to repeat  
Over and over again ....  
Some brutal, some gentle,  
Yet all significant  
To the building and molding  
Of my stature,  
And my understanding  
In my admission  
That I CAN NOT  
Live without her.

She is the nurturing  
Of my every breath of life,  
The music that plays along  
With my every heartbeat  
And the ultimate composer

Who helps and directs my thoughts  
That entice me to

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But dwell upon Her, 'Love'

I do admit to my ignorance,  
And my rebellious obstinance  
That gives cause  
To my woeful troubling  
That comes about  
When I forget to put  
Her, 'Love' first  
Even though ....  
Time and time again  
I prove the futility  
Of my ways

Love, I apologize  
Again and again,  
And I thank you  
For not giving up  
Or forsaking my fragile soul,  
For in truth  
I can not imagine  
A life with out you ... Love

You are my object,  
You are my subject  
YOU ARE !!!

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Ngozi Olivia Osuoha is a Nigerian poet, writer, thinker, and hymnist. An award winning anthologist and a graduate of Estate Management. She has authored twenty six poetry books, all published outside Nigeria, and some of her books are archived in the United States Library Of Congress. She has featured in over one hundred and forty international anthologies and has published over three hundred and fifty pieces, articles and essays in more than fifty countries. Some of her poems have been translated into Arabic, Khloe, Vietnamese, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Russian, Romanian, Chinese, Serbian, Spanish, Scots, Polish, Assamese, Macedonian, Farsi among other languages. She has some experience in Banking, Broadcasting and tailoring. She has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and Best Of The Net Awards.



## Close To Hell

I have been here praying for heaven  
Hoping to catch a glimpse of paradise  
But men, mortal men surround the gate  
They chase me close to hell.

I have been here praying for heaven  
Believing to climb up to see God  
But men, mortal men mount guard in dishonour  
And they stone me close to hell.

Men, underworld humans, mortal men  
They swear over their dead bodies  
But I know I will make heaven  
Yes, I believe, I believe I will see God.

## These Tiny Wings Of Mine

With these tiny wings of mine  
I would fly above the world,  
The sky will feel my feathers.

These tiny toes of mine  
They will perch on the clouds,  
Heavenly bodies would perceive their scent.

These tiny nails of mine  
They will cling, cling and cling  
They will grip and hold firm the world.

These tiny colours of mine  
They will paint and shine and glitter;  
With the rainbow to beautify the sky.

This tiny beak of mine  
It will perk and peek at large  
It will sing and wake the world  
Yes, yes, it will sing loud and steady  
It will keep the world awake.

## Serene

I will be silent and listen  
I will listen to myself  
I will listen to my heart speak to me.

I will listen to my mind  
My loud mind shall call the deep.

I will be quiet to listen to myself  
I will listen to my heart  
My calm heart will point to love.

I will listen to my head  
My still head will hear my mind  
I will gather my patches of gold.

Sparkles of diamond, trailing my star  
Shinning angels onboard the train  
Marching in wonderful apparels,  
I will listen to my guardian angel.

Definitely, I will feel the serene  
Of course, nothing like siren  
Angels, only angels on guard  
Peace and tranquil, oh calm still serene!

Teodozja  
Świdęrska

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Teodozja Świdorska, a graduate of Polish philology and postgraduate psychology studies from the University of Opole. Author of four books of poetry: *W błysku chwili*, *W wychyleniu*, *Wytrąceni z biegu* and bilingual volume *Dotyk świata / The touch of the Word*. Awarded and granted honourable mentions in Polish national poetry competitions. She has published her poems in several dozen anthologies (including international ones) and in literary magazines. She belongs to the Polish Writers' Union (ZLP), Association of Polish Authors in Warsaw (SAP), Teachers' Literary Club in Opole and the Krakow Confraternity of Poets. She lives in Opole.

## Compositions

to *Ennio Morricone*

Leaving the gloom with the *Moonlight Sonata*  
trying to fill the emptiness  
with the music of Bach or Beethoven  
nestling in Mozart's requiem

Moving from Chopin's nocturne *cis-moll*  
to the *raindrop prelude*  
to live on –  
to save the sense of human existence

Sometimes only a roadside stone  
knows a pilgrim's path  
feels in the footsteps the weight  
of the mission  
It can be discovered  
in the actions words  
in the eyes of children  
like a song of the soul  
in the composition of someone's life  
like the fate of the man *The Legend of 1900*

What is memory –  
sepia of emotions  
the glow of a creation – unfading  
like Ennio Morricone's *Mission*

*Translation by Anna Maria Stępień*

## Human Project<sup>1</sup>

People build between each other  
barriers higher and higher  
don't want those from behind the border –  
despise them or feel fear

And the sun is one for all  
illuminates impartial days –  
though it must hide behind the wall  
(as if ashamed)  
and it casts its shadow  
on one side – and then the other

Curious of each other children  
of the whole world  
want to play together blithely and joyfully  
like in the pink time of shared seesaws

One always  
looks at them with hope  
that they will grow up to be Human

*Translation by Anna Maria Stepień*

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<sup>1</sup> Teeter-Totter Wall installation. A pink seesaws project at the border between the USA and Mexico. (Awarded in the 2020 Beazley Designs of the Year contest, organized by the Design Museum in London.)



## Towards What

Towards what this leaning out –  
between the sunrise and the sunset  
feet bare – clad  
from journey to journey  
vertical and horizontal relativity  
changing correlation  
in the perpendicularity of arms  
daydreaming – wakefulness in a dream  
and permeating in between  
drifting  
stepping  
here and there  
too early and too late

for good luck

*Translation by Anna Maria Stepień*

Chinh  
Nguyen

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Her true name is NGUYEN CHAU NGOC DOAN CHINH.  
Her pen name is HONG NGOC CHAU,. She is a Master of Educational Administration, a member of the Ho Chi Minh City Writers' Association (Vietnam) and an Honorary Doctorate in Literature and Humanity of the Church and of Priton University.

## The Goldish Autumn On Mother's Hair

1

I suddenly see the goldish Autumn on my mom's hair  
Sad dewdrops contrarily flow into my heart as to share  
The Autumn wind is hidden at the eyes corners  
My bent-backed mom burdens time load quietly as ever

2

I want to come to her with a thousand light kisses  
On her eyes dyeing the afternoon cloud, already  
Sorrowful wrinkles clearly appear on her forehead  
Lots of hair thread turned to sunny color indeed

3

Lots of bitter experience she has obtained  
As in her life river, the ups and downs remain  
Any roses also have a period to be worsening  
But she keeps for children her fragrance living

4

The human Autumn like Autumnal woods changes leaves  
The hair of my meek mom is turned color by ages received  
It is as smooth as silky sunshine dyed brown  
"Oh, mom, you're always great in my soul now

5

"I recall once I had fallen with a big mistaken plight  
"You supported, comforted me with your advice:  
"Oh, my daughter! Though your love fate is false  
"You still have me and your children in the whole

6

"If you live virtue life you'll surpass the thunderstorm  
"Oh, mom! You are like a fairy in any state and form  
"I learn from you the virtue of gentleness to adapt  
"From you how to work, appear, speak, and behave

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“Furthermore my dad gives more strength knowledged  
“I go on learning to make my life progress as a pledge  
“I’m more and more grateful to beloved parents  
“This lunar July festival I still have you at present

8

“I pray the Creator the Almighty  
“Blessing you and dad favor of longevity  
“Blessing everybody of every family.  
“White or red rose we denote our filial piety  
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## Living With Desires

1

God created a person to live only one time  
One time but we should satisfy with this life  
With kindness, virtue, we prove the truth  
With our heart full of enthusiasm as such

2

Living with dreams and aspirations  
The way of life faith keeps options  
Love goes through all over the globe truly  
Crossing the waves of time to the oversea

3

Uniting a muse with beautiful desire  
Promoting peace to the world all over  
Many goodwills are ready in the mind  
Reducing all the resentments of life

4

The sympathy blooms and bears fruit  
Peace is created by love and pursuit  
The colorful life we are cherishing  
The poet's ambition is still lingering

5

Spring comes, life flowers bloom everywhere  
Souls through poetry fly high forever as ever  
Everyone has only one life to live for a glory  
Altruism should help one another in reality

## Human Values

1

Human value is a concept  
Invisible, as vast as depth  
They are so hard to measure.  
By money or even a treasure

2

They can't show the human value  
The true truth of humans, it's true  
The deep penetration with thinking  
His lifestyle is laziness in thinking

3

Altruistic life and you have tolerant expression  
If they love faith they will have fresh affection  
They Ignite their ambition and hopeful life  
All over the world always give them smiles

4

They love themselves first over their affection  
It's an important foundation for a formation  
They realize key strengths and potential  
They upgrade their egos to be immortal

5

They shine wisdom and a personality  
To share and care for a life of worldly  
Giving energy sources of the same kind.  
Human values must create all their life



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Human values must be affirmed  
How love to treat a life long-term  
They spend months and years deep  
Spread the happiness they received

Awatef  
El Idrissi  
Boukhris

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Awatef El Idrissi Boukhris is a Moroccan poet, novel and young readers' tales writer. She studied in an Interpreter's school in Mons, Belgium and works as a teacher of English. She is now preparing a MA in English Studies at Paris West University Nanterre. She has to her credit a novel in French, and four poetry collections; two in English and two others in French. She has been a cultural correspondent for a local cultural paper for six years where she had her poems and articles published. She took part in many international French and English anthologies that were published in France, The USA, India, Morocco, and Kenya.

## Why Do I Write?

I write  
To get rid of boredom  
To seek some freedom  
And to follow the voice of wisdom

I write  
To pour out my wrath  
To find my path  
And from rancor deliver my heart

I write  
To eradicate my obsessions  
To exorcise my demons  
And to put myself in questions

I write  
To make my voice heard  
To feel as free as a bird  
And to enjoy loneliness in my world

I write  
To put in words what haunts me  
To voice other people's plea  
And to draw on faces smiles of glee

I write  
To criticize as I please  
To say everything at my ease  
And to fly with the birds and bees

I write  
To shake off my yoke  
To clear up my sky from the smoke  
And keep standing up like an oak

I write  
To brighten up my days  
To feel the warmth of the sunrays  
And to make the stars in my sky blaze

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I write

Because writing gives me wings  
Suspends me with golden strings  
And quenches me from sweet springs

I write

Because writing is my green space  
It fills me with heavenly grace  
And enlightens my heart and face

I write

Because writing is my air  
It saves me from despair  
And gives me torrents of hope to share

I write

Because writing is my other pole  
It is the scene where I play any role  
And is the balm for my soul

I write

Because writing is my bread  
It gives me energy to move ahead  
And to overcome my doubt and dread

I write

Because writing makes my worries disappear  
It delivers me from my grief and fear  
And prevents me from shedding a single tear

I write

Because writing is my mount without reins  
It is an outlet for my pains  
And makes me break my chains

I write

Because writing is my lawless world  
Where my king is the word  
And my poetry is a sword

## The Drop of Life

The drop of life  
Is the drop of hope  
That resuscitates the dead dreams  
And thus enlightens the face  
Of the desperate  
\*\*\*\*\*

The drop of life  
Is the drop of honey  
Coming down from words  
That heals the wounds  
Of the bleeding heart  
\*\*\*\*\*

The drop of life  
Is the drop of perfume  
That refreshes the gloomy mood  
And enchants it  
With its exotic scents  
\*\*\*\*\*

The drop of life  
Is the drop of dew  
That quenches the thirst  
And restores the wings  
Of the lost bird  
\*\*\*\*\*

The drop of life  
Is the drop of tear  
That every mother sheds  
For the beatitude  
Of her offspring  
\*\*\*\*\*

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The drop of life  
Is the drop of milk  
Given out of compassion  
To save and feed  
Any child in need

\*\*\*\*\*

The drop of life  
Is the drop of water  
Coming from every well  
Dug benevolently



## Ode to Shehrayar

O Shehrayar  
How many tales  
Shall I tell you  
To preserve my life  
How many nights  
Shall I haunt you  
Before you get your right  
\*\*\*\*\*

O Shehrayar  
How many tricks  
Shall I use  
To make you mine  
How many subterfuges  
Shall I have  
To cut the line  
That links you to the past  
And so fast  
\*\*\*\*\*

O Shehrayar  
How many girls  
Have you consumed  
To be relieved  
How many lives  
Have you taken  
To be retrieved  
\*\*\*\*\*

O Shehrayar  
How many crimes  
Have you committed  
To forget your pain  
How many wounds  
Have you caused  
To get your sun shine again

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And to forget your past  
That blinds you with its rust

\*\*\*\*\*

O Shehrayar  
How many tears  
Did your victims cry  
For you to recover  
How many hearts  
Have you broken  
So as not to suffer

\*\*\*\*\*

O Shehrayar  
How much affection  
Do you need  
For your dignity to heal  
How much time  
Do you need  
For your injury to seal  
Far from this past  
That shouldn't last

\*\*\*\*\*

O Shehrayar  
How many chants  
Shall I sing  
To wipe off your tears  
How much assurance  
Do you need  
To overcome your fears

\*\*\*\*\*

O Shehrayar  
How much patience  
Should I have  
To bear you  
How much charm  
Should I have  
To bewitch you...

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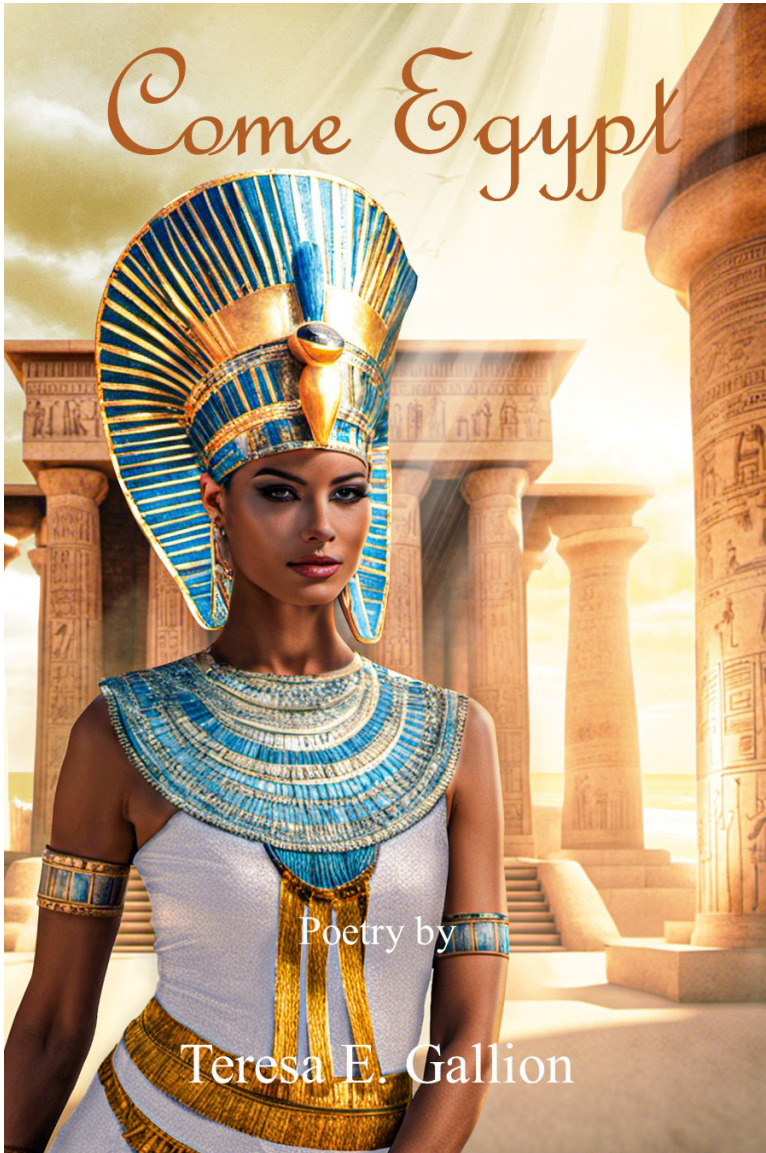
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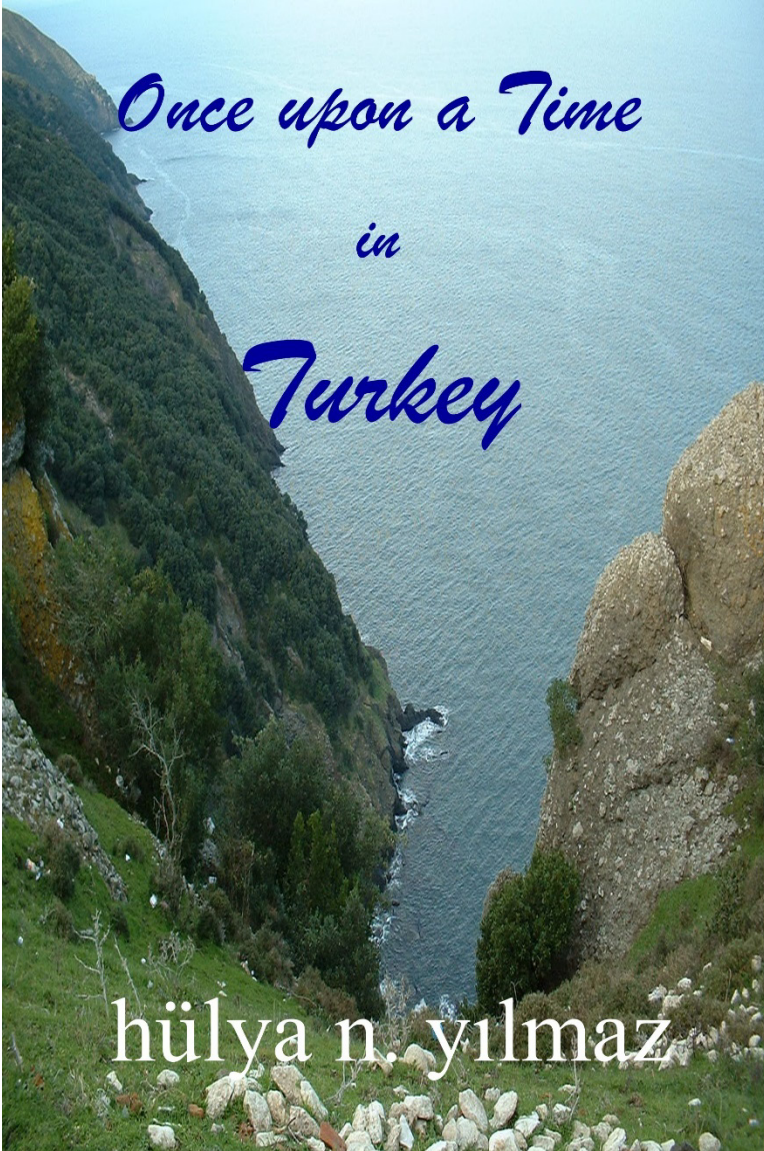
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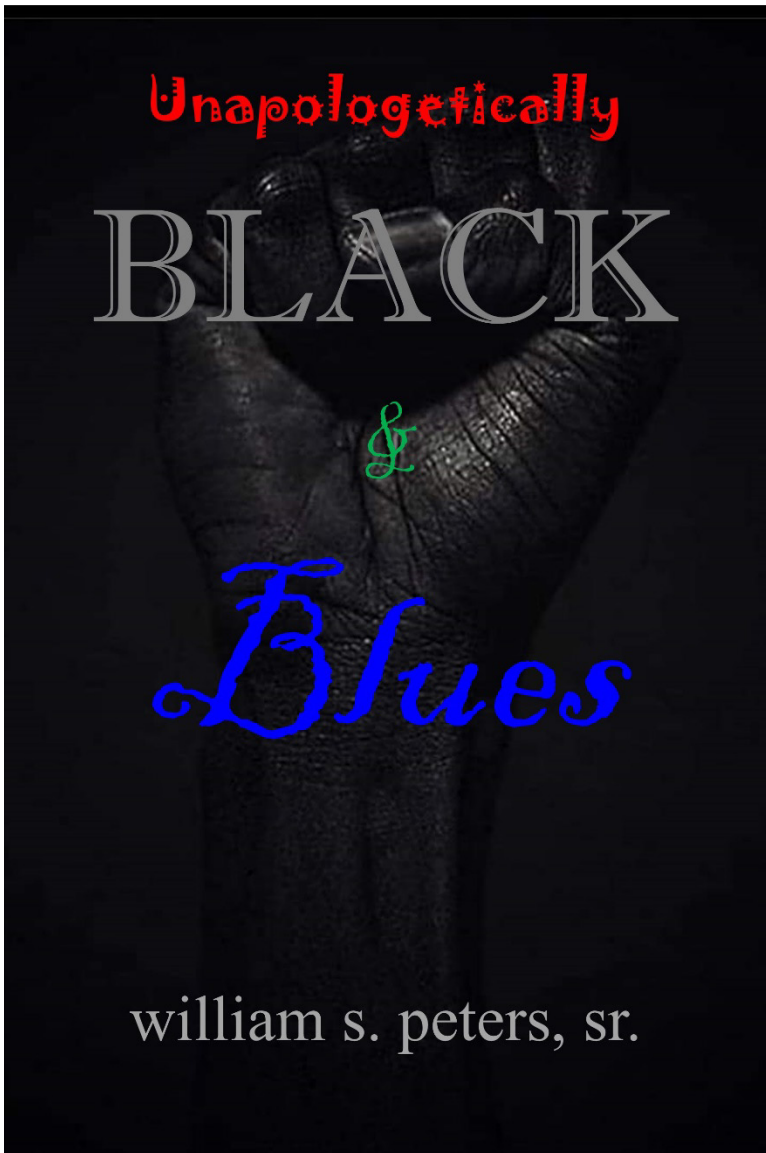


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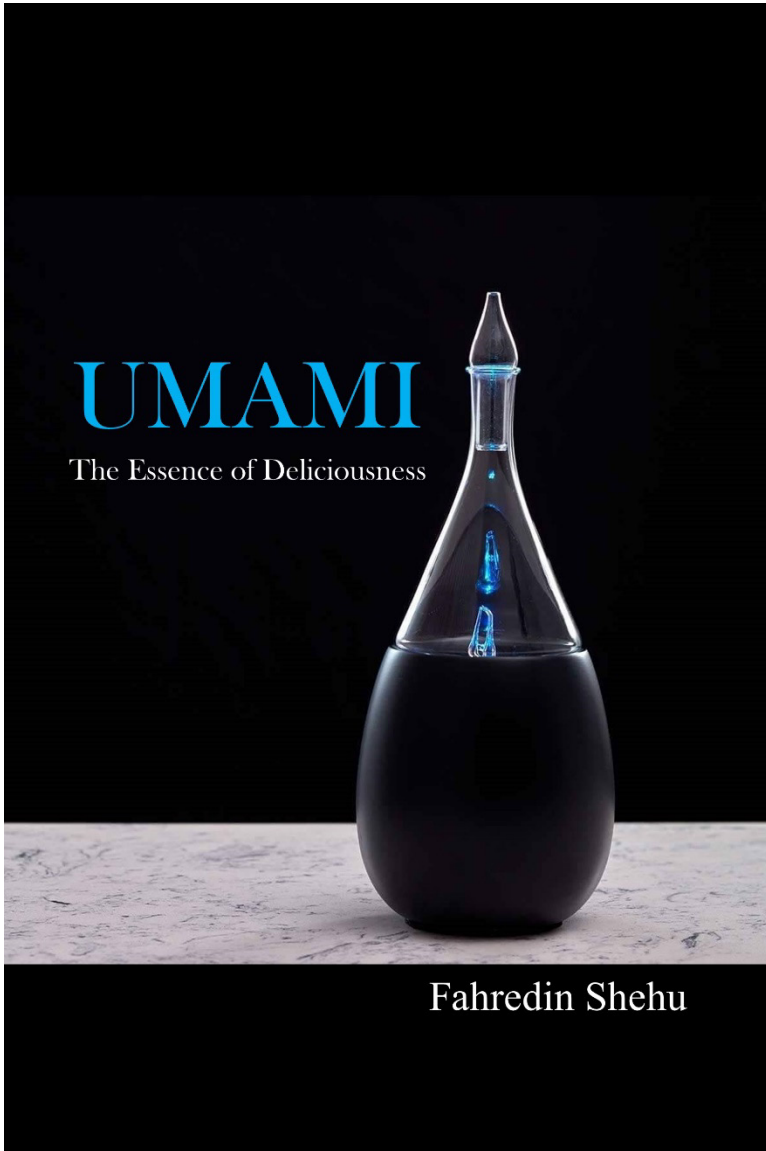
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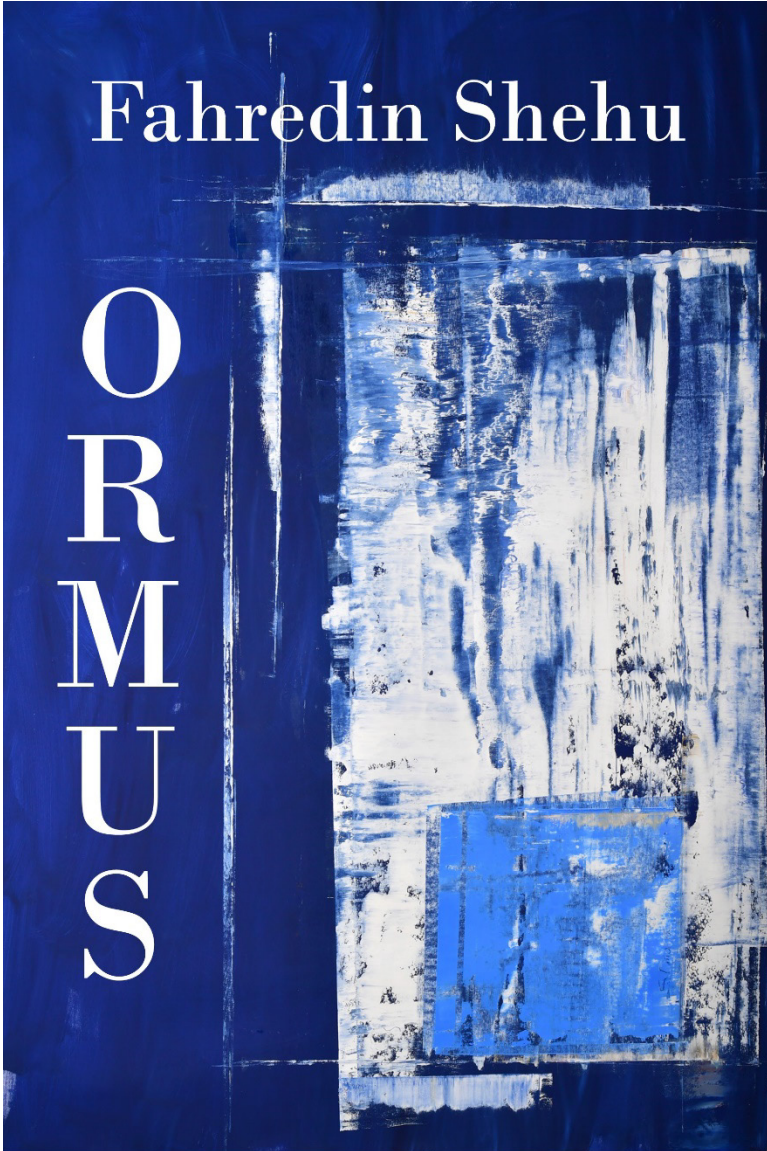
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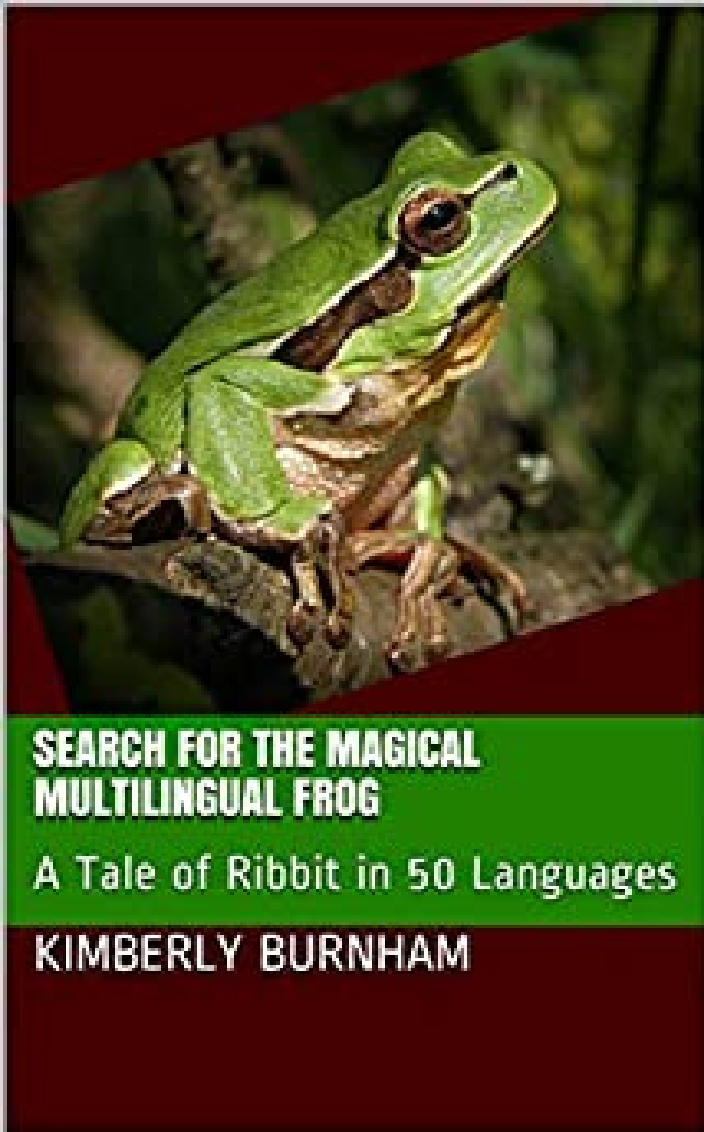
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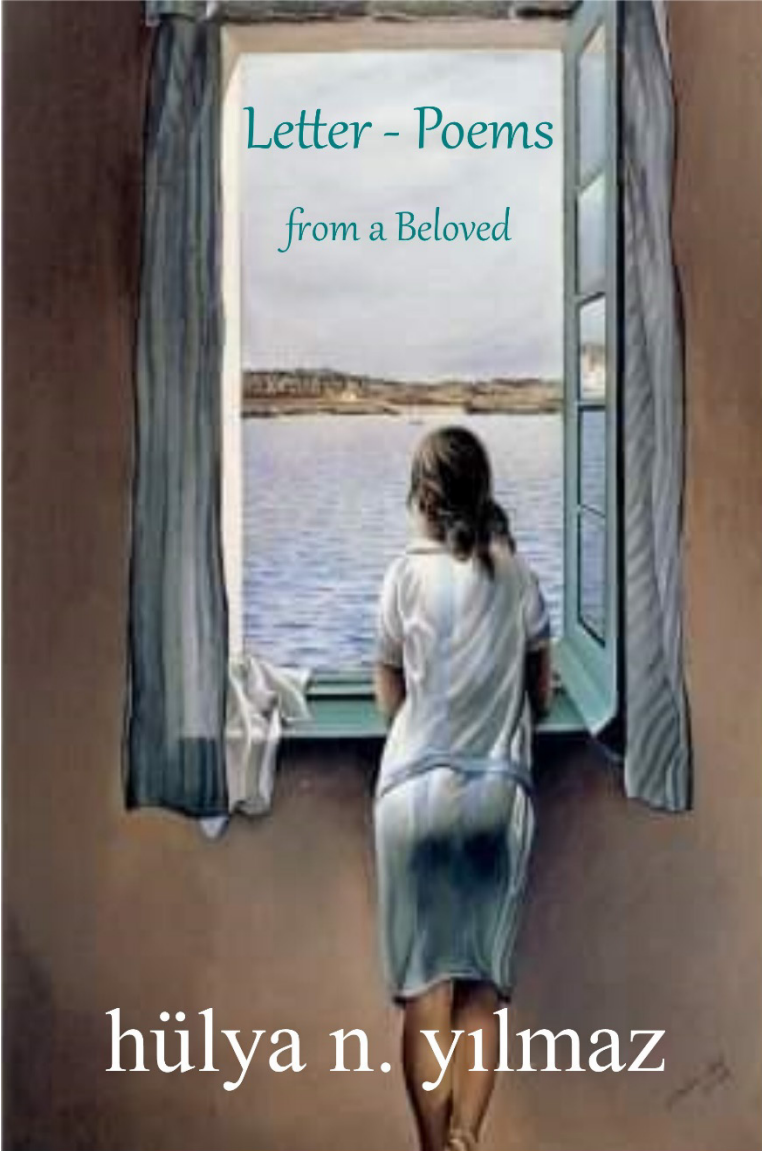
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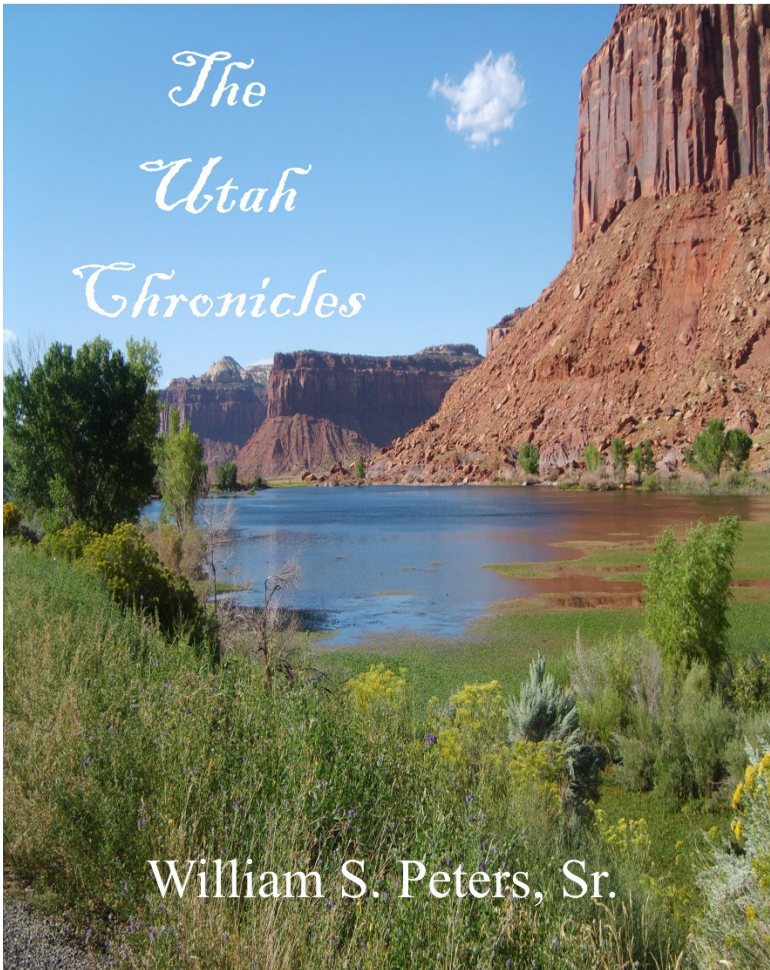
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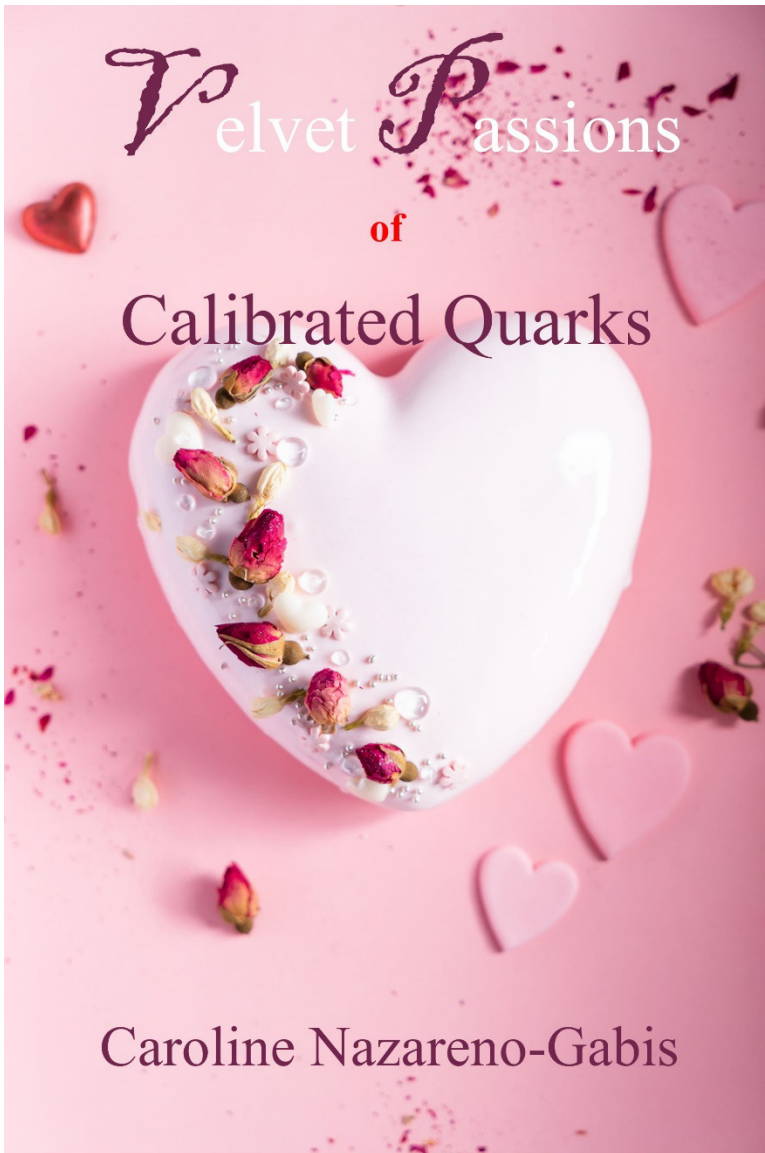


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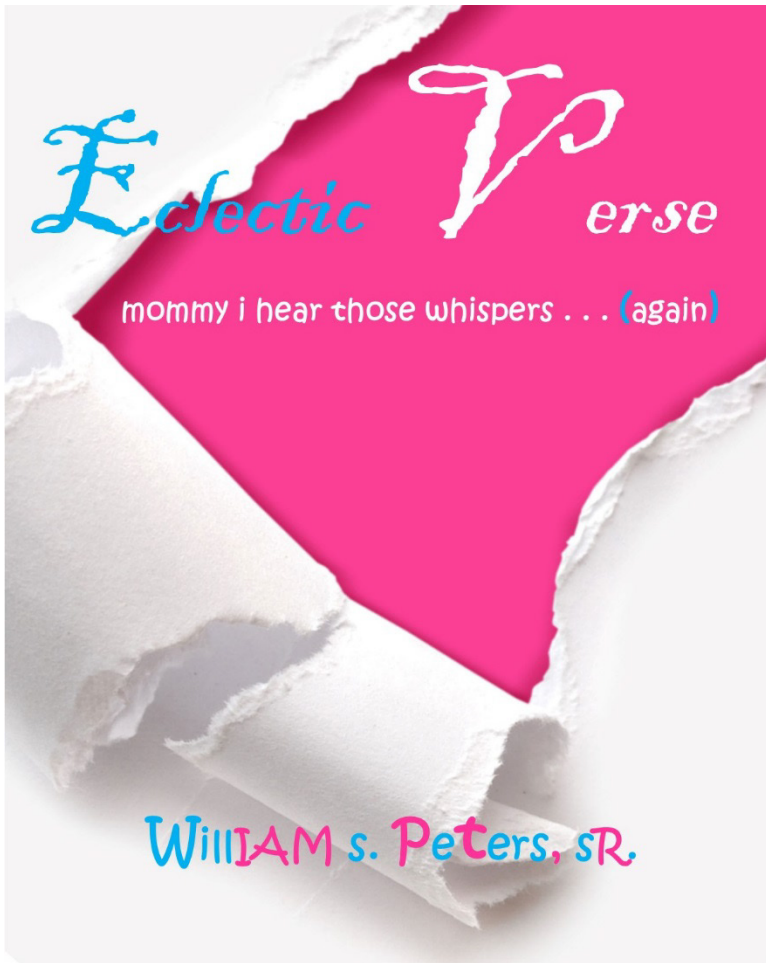
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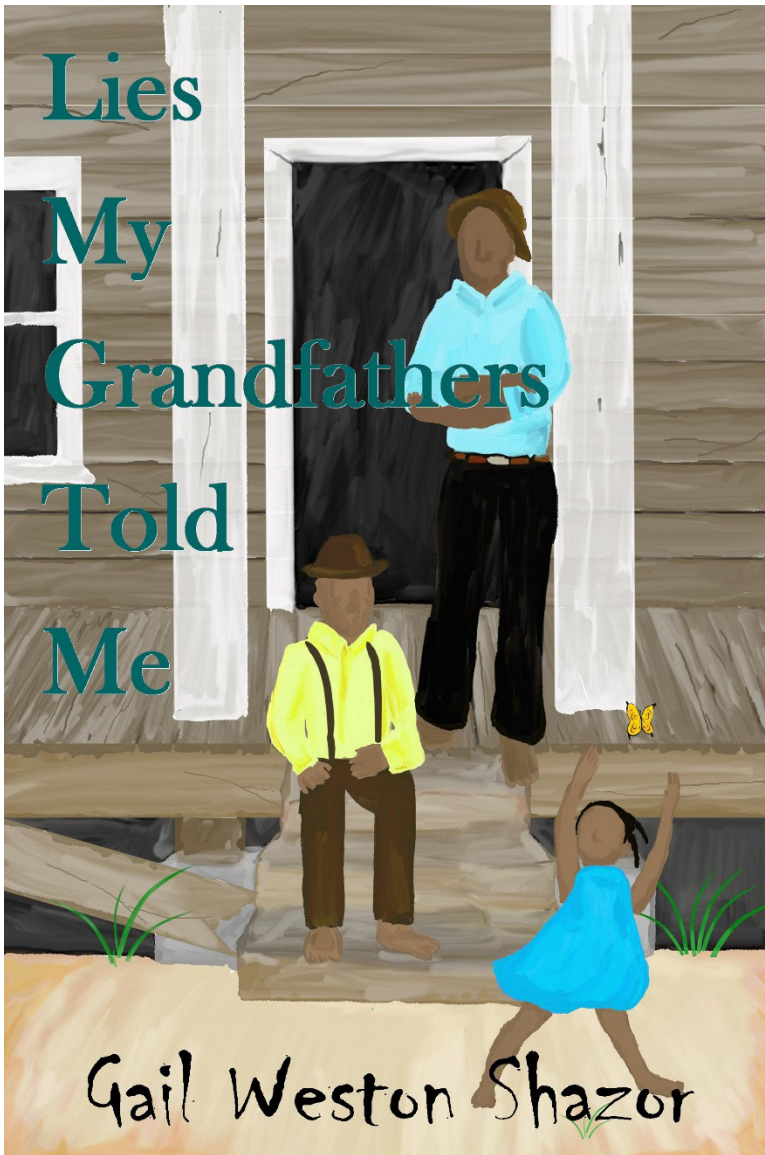


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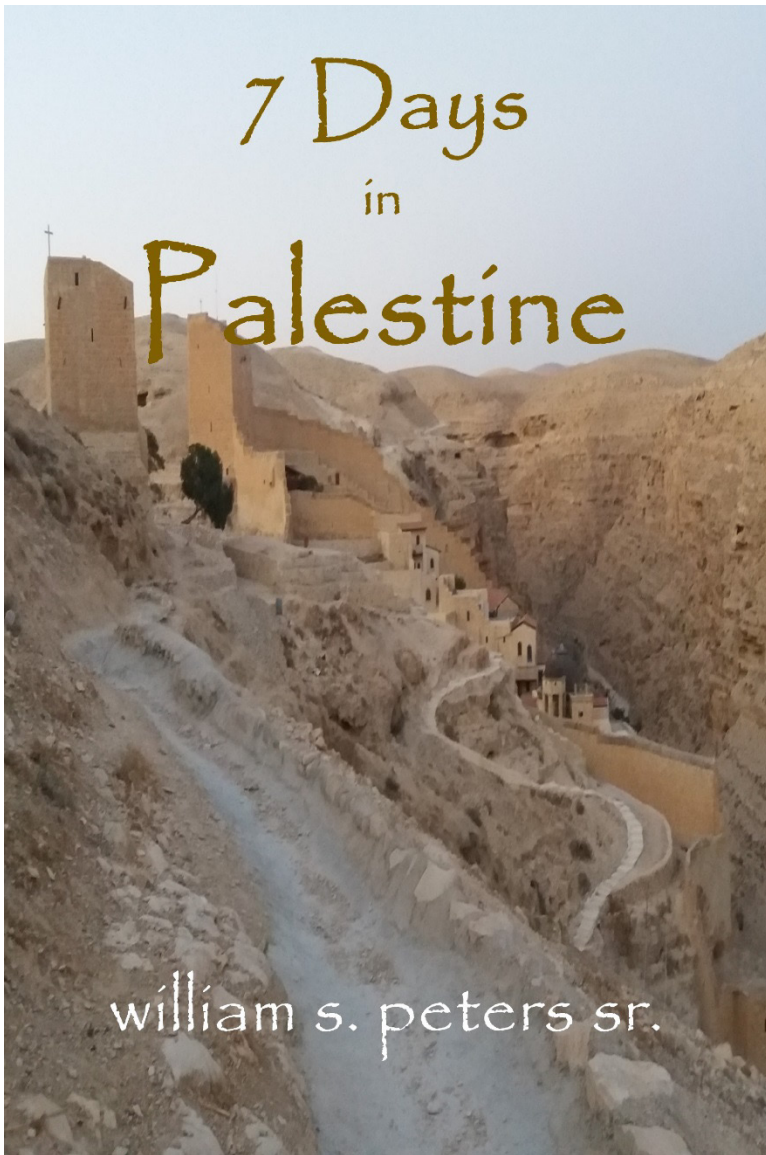
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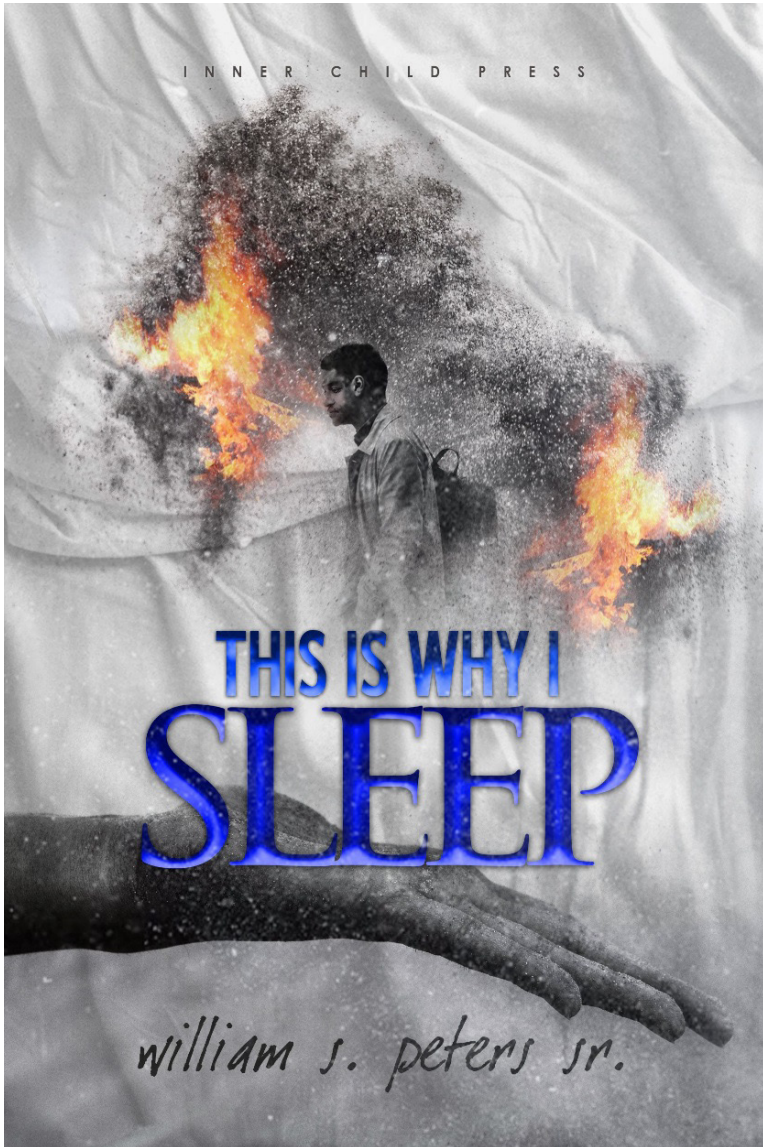


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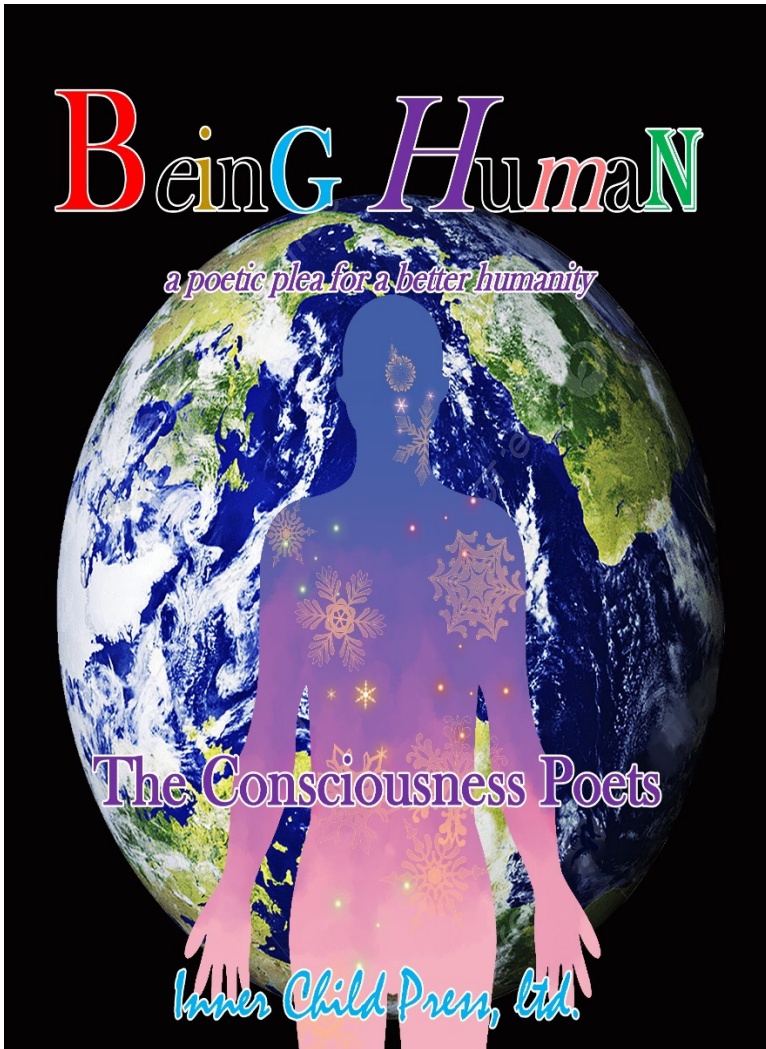
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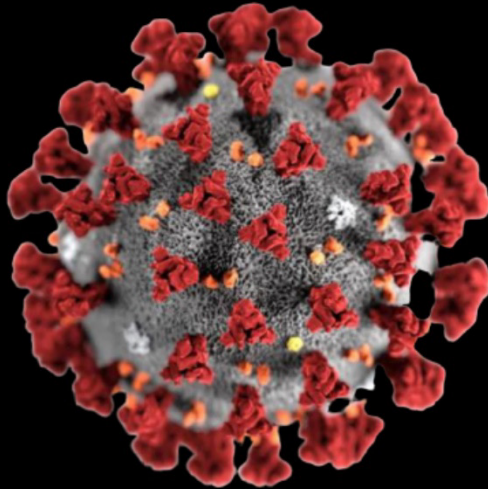
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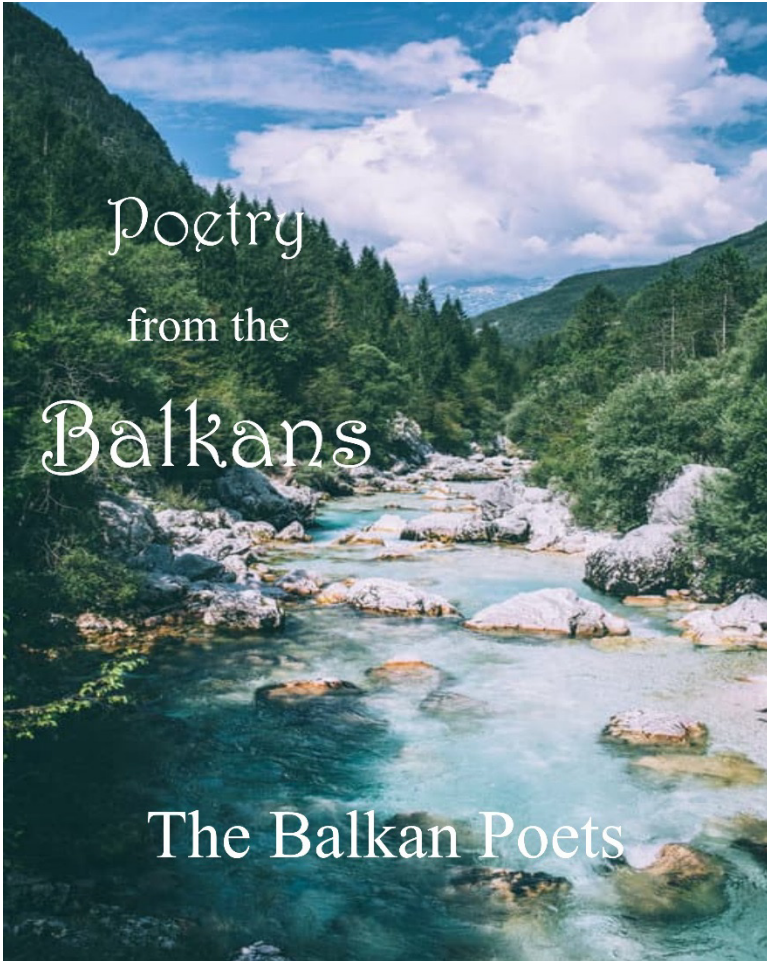
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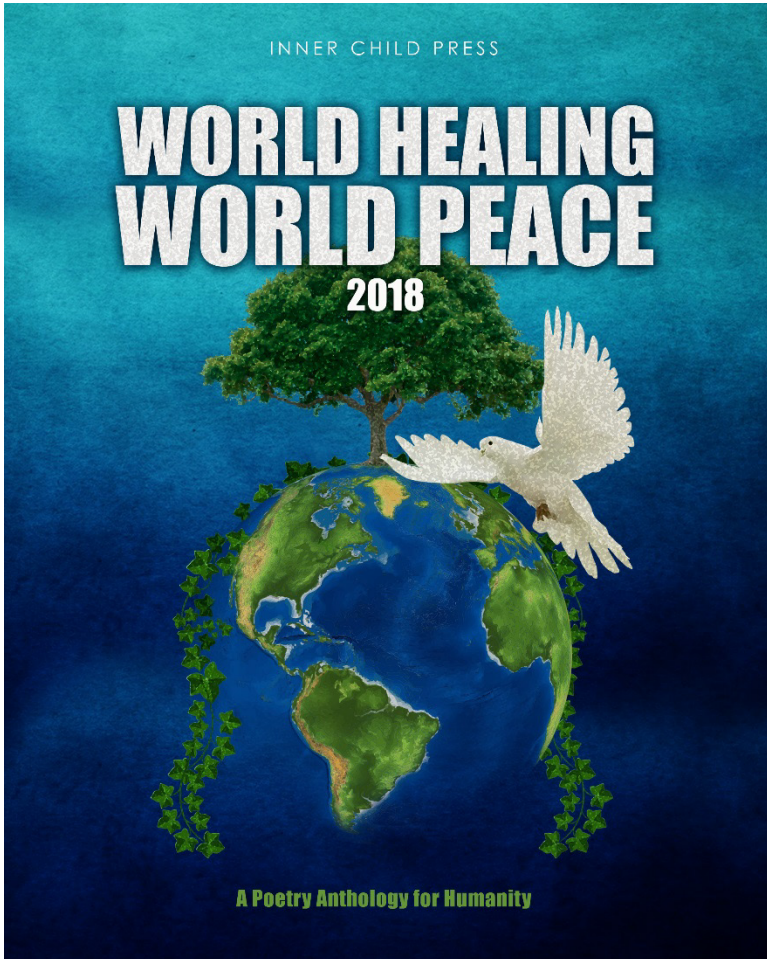
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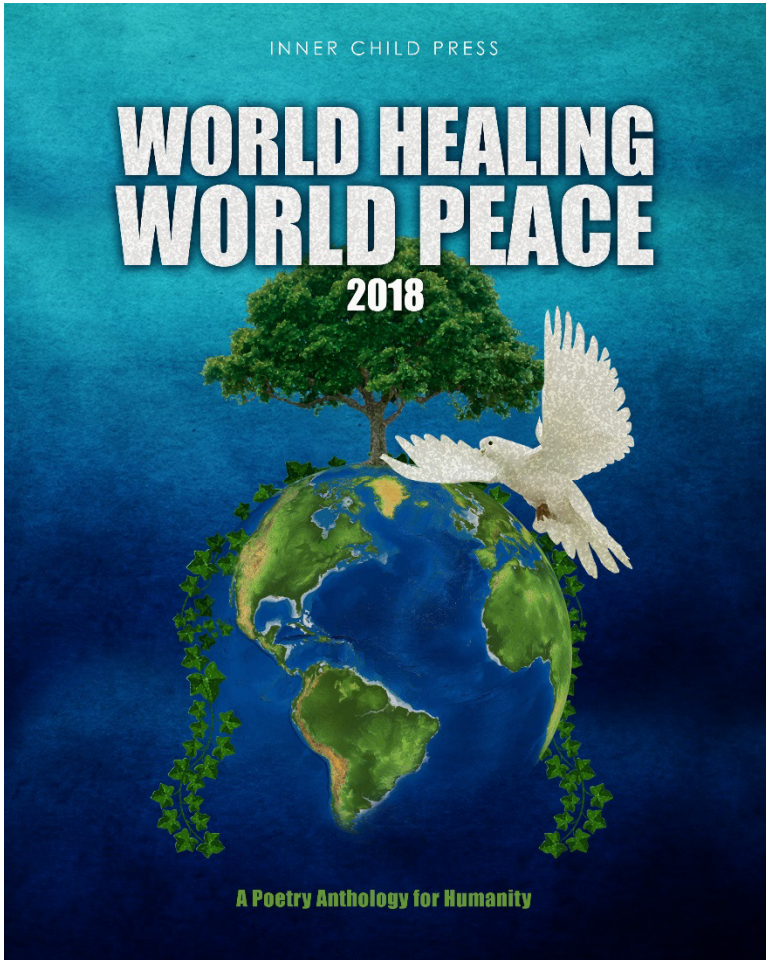


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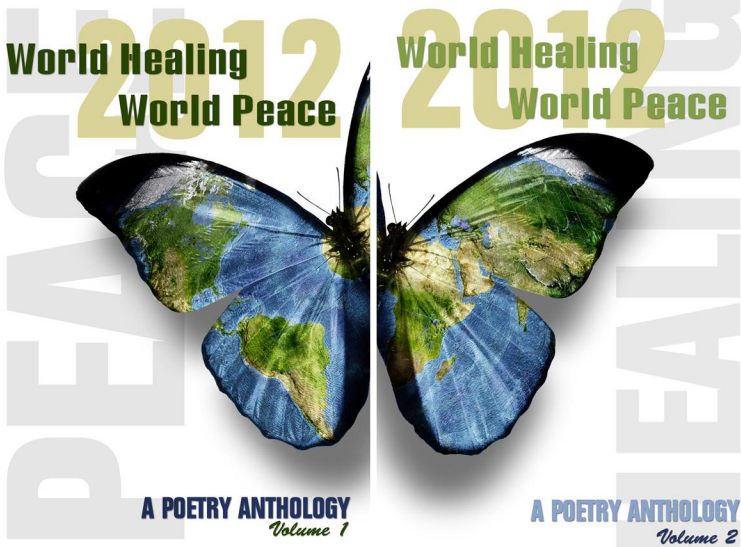
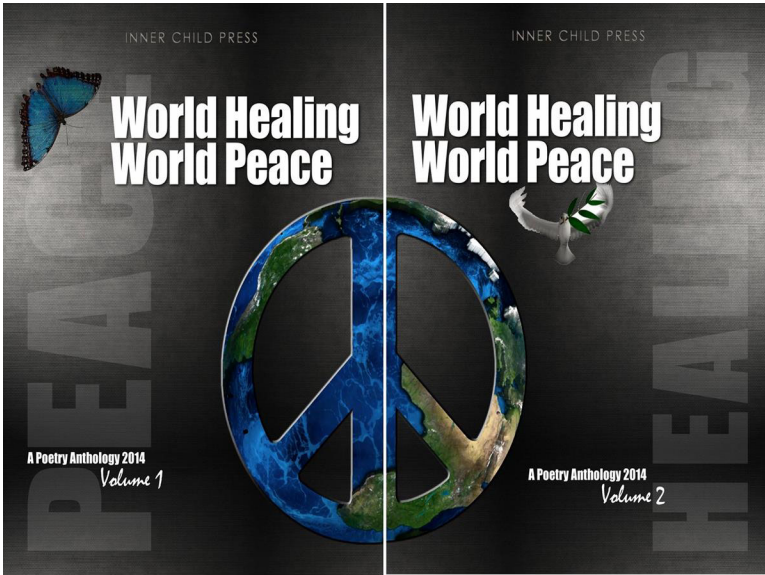
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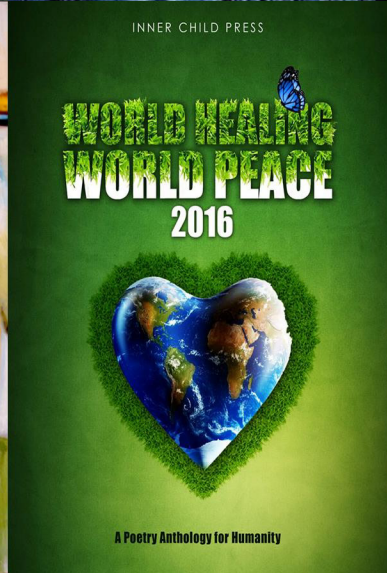
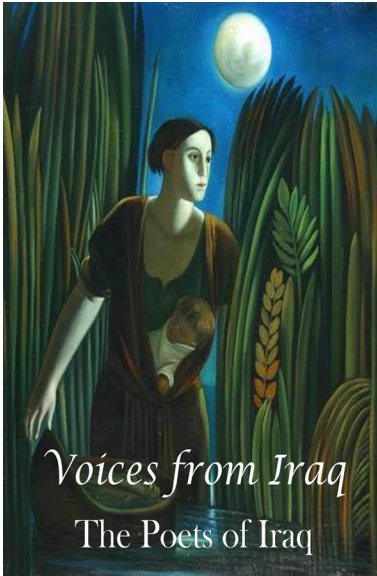
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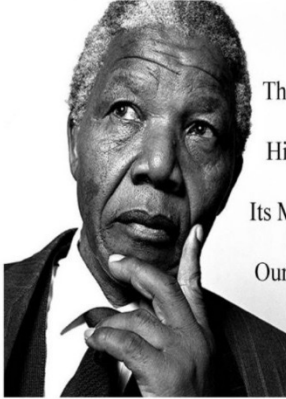


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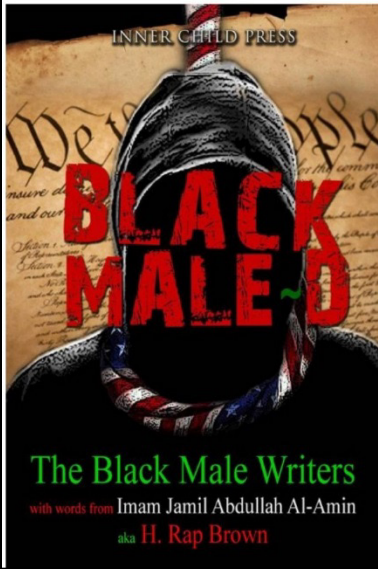
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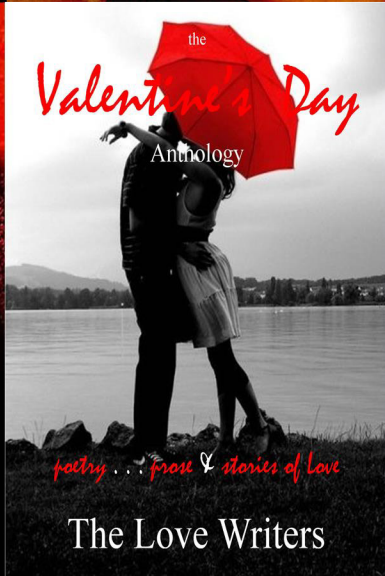
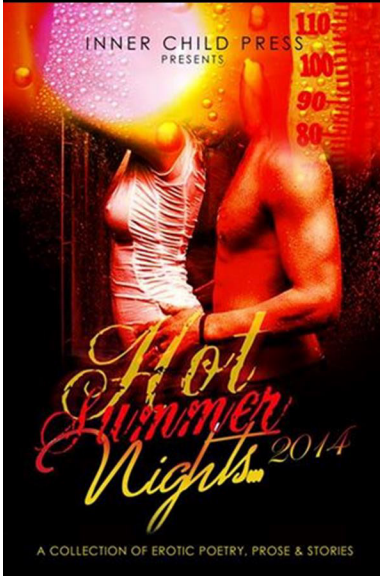
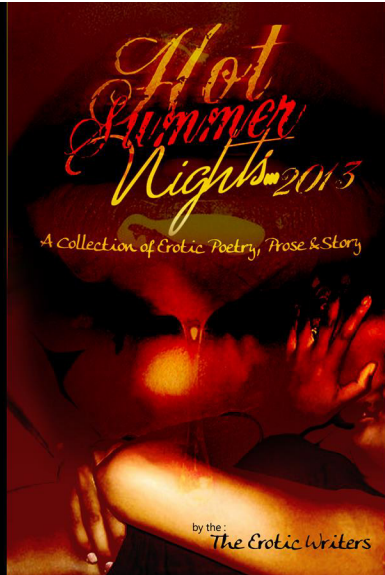
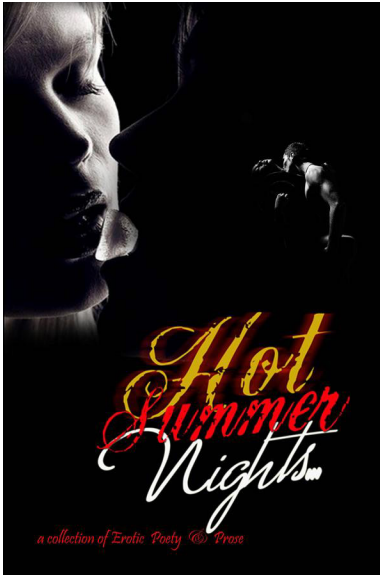
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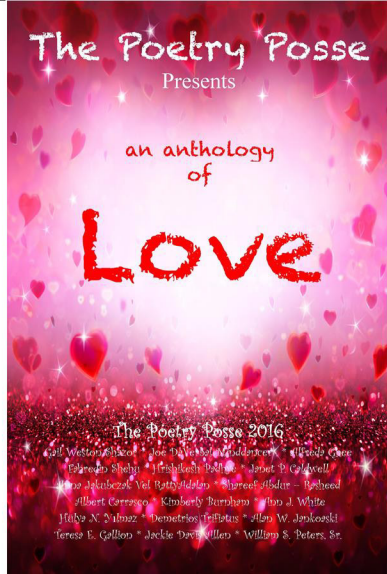
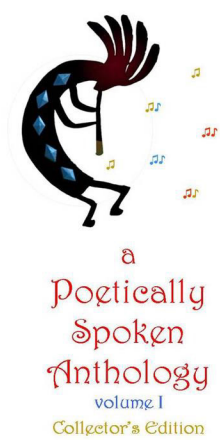
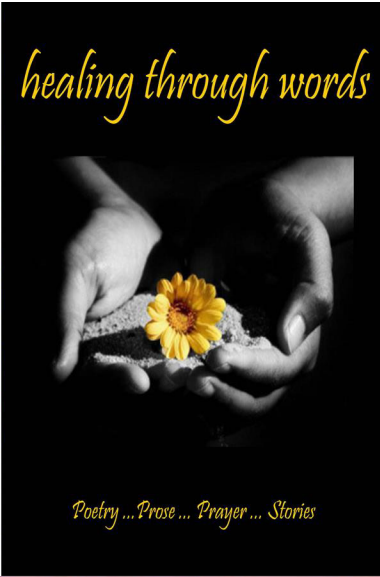
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Shareef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
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*Lily of the Valley*



**the Year of the Poet**  
June 2014

*Love & Relationship*

*Rose*

*The Poetry Posse*  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Buggy Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wall  
Shareef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
William S. Peters, Sr.

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



**The Year of the Poet**  
July 2014

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

*The Poetry Posse*  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Buggy Barefield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wall  
Shareef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
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*Lotus*  
Asian Flower of the Month



**The Year of the Poet**  
August 2014

*Gladiolus*

*The Poetry Posse*  
Jamie Bond  
Gal Weston Shazor  
Albert Infrink Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
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Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Haninger  
Joe DeVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neslu Wall  
Shareef Abdul-Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
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*August Feature Poets*  
Ann White \* Rosalind Cherry \* Sheila Jenkins



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## The Year of the Poet

September 2014

Aster

Morning-Glory



Wild Crown of September Birthday Flower

### September Feature Poets

Florence Malone • Keith Alan Hamilton

### The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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## THE YEAR OF THE POET

October 2014

Red Poppy



### The Poetly Poets

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Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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### October Feature Poets

Ceri Naz • Raendra Padri • Elizabeth Castillo

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

November 2014

Chrysanthemum



### The Poetly Poets

Jamie Bond • Call Weston Shazor • Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco • Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell • June Bugg Bonfield • Debbie M. Allen • Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer • Robert Gibbons • Neetu Wolf • Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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### November Feature Poets

Jocelyn Mosman • Jackie Allen • James Moore • Neville Hiatt

## THE YEAR OF THE POET

December 2014

Narcissus



### The Poetly Poets

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Call Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
June Bugg Bonfield  
Debbie M. Allen  
Tony Henninger  
Joe DiVerbal Minddancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wolf  
Shereef Abdul-Rasheed  
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### December Feature Poets

Katherine Wyatt • WritteninPoet • Santos Galano • Justin Clarke

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January 2015



**Garnet**

*The Poetry Posse*  
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Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
Tony Henninger  
Joe Da'Verbal MINDdancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wali  
Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham  
Ann White  
Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shelu  
Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion  
Jackie Allen  
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**January Feature Poets**  
Bismay Moharrir \* Jen Walls \* Eric Judah

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



**Amethyst**

**THE POETRY POSSE**  
Jamie Bond  
Gail Weston Shazor  
Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce  
Janet P. Caldwell  
Tony Henninger  
Joe Da'Verbal MINDdancer  
Robert Gibbons  
Neetu Wali  
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Kimberly Burnham  
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Katherine Wyatt  
Fahredin Shelu  
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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**

**The Poetry Posse 2015**  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe Da'Verbal MINDdancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Jackie Allen \* William S. Peters, Sr.

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

Celebrating International Poetry Month

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



**Diamonds**

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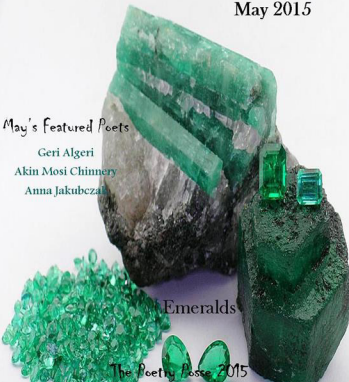
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May 2015



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

Emeralds

The Poetry Posse 2015  
Jamie Bond \* Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert 'Infinite' Carrasco  
Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
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June 2015

June's Featured Poets  
Anahit Arustamyan \* Yvette D. Murrell \* Regina A. Walker



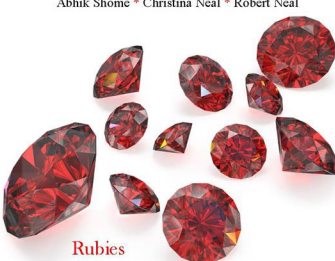
Pearl

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Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shelu \* Hilya N. Yilmaz  
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July 2015

The Featured Poets for July 2015  
Abhik Shome \* Christina Neal \* Robert Neal



Rubies


The Poetry Posse 2015  
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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
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August 2015

Peridot

Featured Poets  
Gayle Howell  
Ann Chalasaz  
Christopher Schultz



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September 2015

### Featured Poets

Alfreda Ghee \* Lonnice Weeks Badley \* Demetrios Trifiatis



Sapphires

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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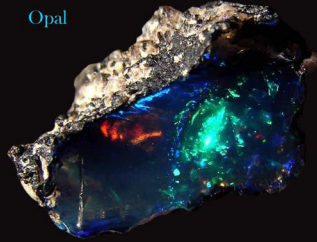
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October 2015

### Featured Poets

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

### Opal



### The Poetry Posse 2015

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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## The Year of the Poet II

November 2015

### Featured Poets

Alan W. Jankowski  
Bismay Mohanty  
James Moore



Topaz

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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Siddhartha Beth Pierce \* Janet P. Caldwell \* Tony Henninger  
Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Neetu Wali \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Kimberly Burnham \* Ann White \* Keith Alan Hamilton  
Katherine Wyatt \* Fahredin Shehu \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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## The Year of the Poet II

December 2015

### Featured Poets

Kerione Bryan \* Michelle Joan Barulich \* Neville Hiatt



Turquoise

### The Poetry Posse 2015

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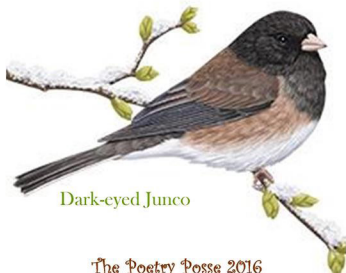
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January 2016

### Featured Poets

Lana Joseph \* Atom Cyrus Rush \* Christena Williams



Dark-eyed Junco

### The Poetry Posse 2016

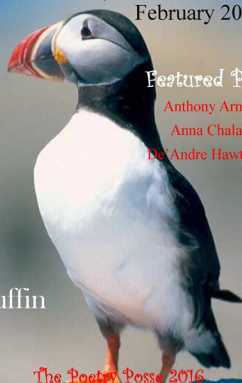
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## The Year of the Poet III

February 2016

### Featured Poets

Anthony Arnold  
 Anna Chalas  
 Dr. Andre Hawthorne



Puffin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

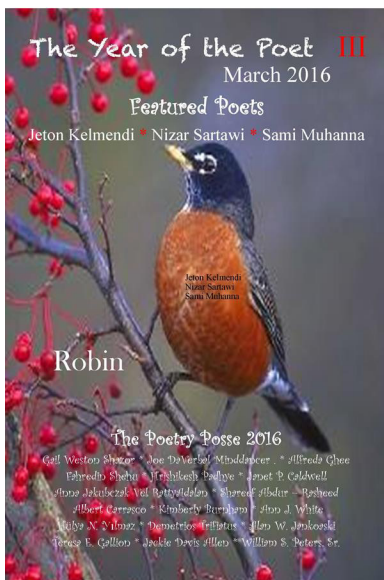
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## The Year of the Poet III

March 2016

### Featured Poets

Jeton Kelmendi \* Nizar Sartawi \* Sami Muhanna



Robin

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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### Featured Poets

Ali Abdolrezaei  
 Anna Chalas  
 Agim Vinca  
 Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

### The Poetry Posse 2016

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

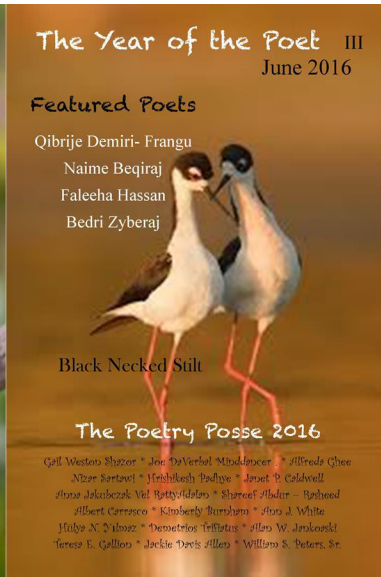


Oriole

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Jirishikesh Badgwe \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Alana Jalabeczek Val Bettyvidlan \* Shereef Abdur - Bushrod  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alana J. White  
Hulya N. N. Ibozo \* Demetrios Trifitatis \* Alan W. Jaykowski  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
June 2016

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

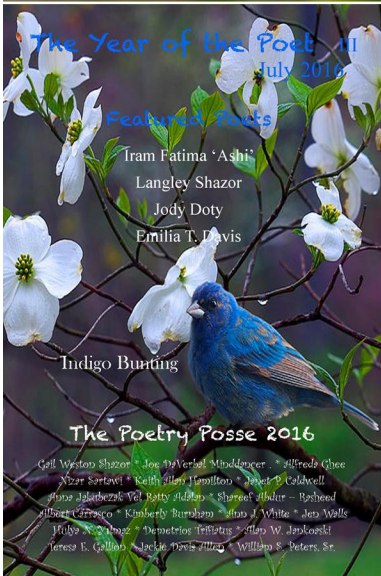


Black Necked Stilt

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Nizar Sertawi \* Jirishikesh Badgwe \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
July 2016

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

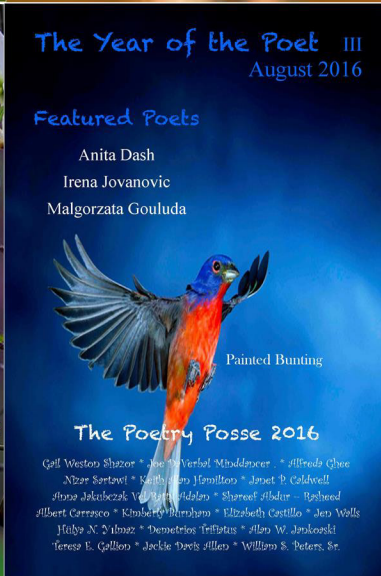


Indigo Bunting

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Keith Allen Hamilton \* Janet P. Caldwell  
Alana Jalabeczek Val Bettyvidlan \* Shereef Abdur - Bushrod  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Alana J. White \* Jen Walls  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
August 2016

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



Painted Bunting

**The Poetry Posse 2016**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Keith Allen Hamilton \* Janet P. Caldwell  
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**Featured Poets**

Simone Weber  
Abhijit Sen  
Eunice Barbara C. Novales



Long Billed Curlew

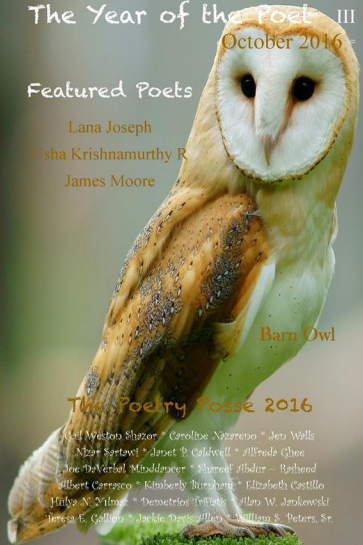
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Joe DeVerbal Muddancer \* Shareef Abdur - Rashid  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burroughs \* Elizabeth Castillo  
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
October 2016

**Featured Poets**

Lana Joseph  
Usha Krishnamurthy R  
James Moore



Barn Owl


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

**Featured Poets**

Rosemary Burns  
Robin Ouzman Hislop  
Lonneice Weeks-Badler



Northern Cardinal

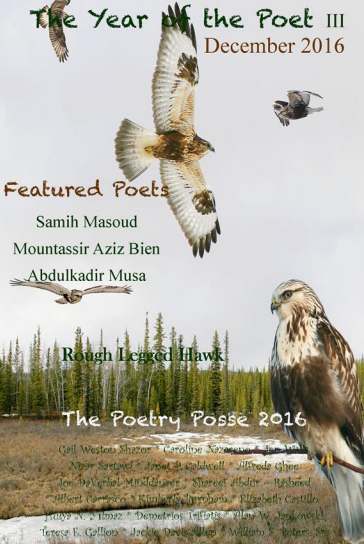
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**The Year of the Poet III**  
December 2016

**Featured Poets**

Samih Masoud  
Mountassir Aziz Bien  
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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January 2017



**Featured Poets**  
Jon Whnell  
Natalie Shields  
Iram Fatima Ashi

**Quaking Aspen**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazareno \* Bismay Mohanty  
Nizar Sertawi \* Ahsan Jaleeluzzak Val Betty Jidalo \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Mubandancer \* Sharaaf Abdur \* Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burdham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilby N. D'Amaz \* Falecha Jesso \* Allen W. Jankowski  
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**The Year of the Poet IV**  
February 2017



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

**Witch Hazel**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Nizar Sertawi \* Ahsan Jaleeluzzak Val Betty Jidalo \* Jen Walls  
Joe DeVerbal Mubandancer \* Sharaaf Abdur \* Rashad  
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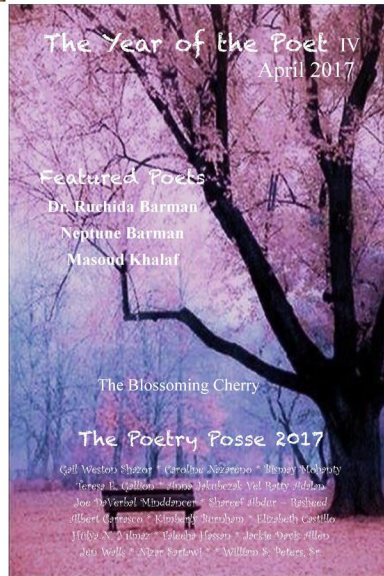


**Featured Poets**  
Tremell Stevens  
Francisca Richski  
Jamil Abu Shaih

**The Eastern Redbud**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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Teresa E. Gallon \* Ahsan Jaleeluzzak Val Betty Jidalo  
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April 2017



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

**The Blossoming Cherry**

**The Poetry Posse 2017**  
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May 2017

The Flowering Dogwood Tree



### Featured Poets

Kallisa Powell  
Alicja Maria Kuberska  
Fethi Sassi

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahamud  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Sidelas  
Joe DeVerbel Mbadinze \* Shareef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilisa N. Ylloz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allan  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

June 2017

### Featured Poets

Eliza Segiet  
Tze-Min Tsai  
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahamud  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Sidelas  
Joe DeVerbel Mbadinze \* Shareef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilisa N. Ylloz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allan  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sertawi \* \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

July 2017

### Featured Poets

Anca Mihaela Bruma  
Ibaa Ismail  
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

### The Poetry Posse 2017

Gail Weston Shazor \* Caroline Nazzareno \* Bismay Mahamud  
Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Sidelas  
Joe DeVerbel Mbadinze \* Shareef Abdur - Rashad  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Bursham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Jilisa N. Ylloz \* Falecha Hassen \* Jackie Davis Allan  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

August 2017

### Featured Poets

Jonathan Aquino  
Kitty Hsu  
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Alana Jakubczak Val Ratty Sidelas  
Joe DeVerbel Mbadinze \* Shareef Abdur - Rashad  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

September 2017

### Featured Poets

Martina Reisz Newberry  
Ameer Nassir  
Christine Fulco Neal  
Robert Neal

The Elm Tree



### The Poetry Posse 2017

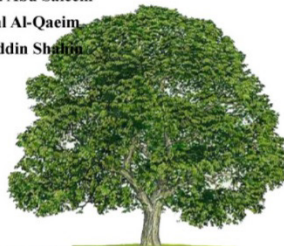
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Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yılmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
Jen Walls \* Nizar Sartaawi \* William S. Peters, Sr.

## The Year of the Poet IV

October 2017

### Featured Poets

Ahmed Abu Saleem  
Nedal Al-Qaeim  
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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Teresa E. Gallion \* Anna Jakubczak Vel Ratty Adalan  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

November 2017

### Featured Poets

Kay Peters  
Alfreda D. Ghee  
Gabriella Garofalo  
Rosemary Cappello

The Tree of Life



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Joe DaVerbal Minddancer \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Albert Carrasco \* Kimberly Burnham \* Elizabeth Castillo  
Hülya N. Yılmaz \* Faleeha Hassan \* Jackie Davis Allen  
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## The Year of the Poet IV

December 2017

### Featured Poets

Justice Clarke  
Mariel M. Pabroa  
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

### The Poetry Posse 2017

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January 2018

### Featured Poets

Iyad Shamasnah  
Yasmeen Hamze  
Ali Abdolrezaei

Aksu



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

## The Year of the Poet V

February 2018

### Sabeen



### Featured Poets

Muhammad Azram  
Anna Szawracka  
Abhilipsa Kuanar  
Aanika Aery

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

## The Year of the Poet V

March 2018



### Featured Poets

Iram Fatima 'Ashi'  
Cassandra Swan  
Jaleel Khazaal  
Shazia Zaman

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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 Rebecca  
Nathan Gray  
Nathan Hooper



The Nez Perce

### The Poetry Posse 2018

Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sartawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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Featured Poets  
Zaldy Carreon de Leon Jr.  
Sylvia K. Malinowska  
Lindita Ahmeti  
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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

Featured Poets  
Bilal Maliqi \* Daim Mifari \* 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  
Palmita Ivenger-Eddy  
Mohammad Iqbal Hash  
Eliza Seget  
Tom Higgins

Oceania




The Poetry Posse 2018  
Gail Weston Shazor \* Nizar Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline 'Ceri' Nazareno  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
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 Sirtawi \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
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Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion  
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September 2018

### The Aztecs & Incas



#### Featured Poets

Kolade Olanrewaju Freedom  
Eliza Segiet  
Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani  
Lily Swann

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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

October 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



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

November 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



#### The Poetry Posse 2018

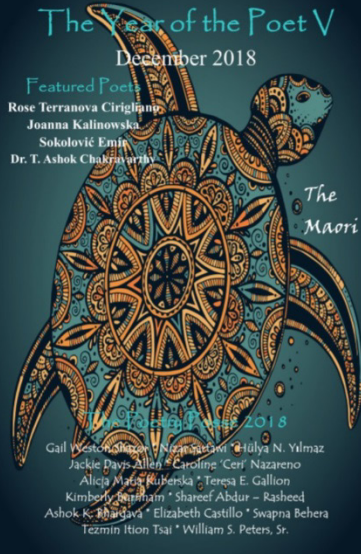
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Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behara  
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## The Year of the Poet V

December 2018

#### Featured Poets

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



The  
Maori

#### The Poetry Posse 2018

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January 2019

Indigenous North Americans



*Dream Catcher*

### Featured Poets

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

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

February 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

March 2019

### Featured Poets

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



The Caribbean

### The Poetry Posse 2019

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carrasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VI

April 2019

### Featured Poets

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



Central & West Africa

### The Poetry Posse 2019

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

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

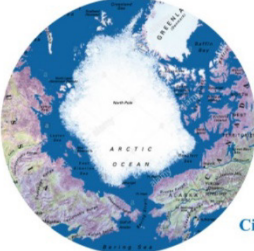


Asia Southeast Asia and Maritime Asia

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

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




Arctic Circumpolar

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

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

**The Horn of Africa**



Ethiopia



Djibouti



Somalia



Eritrea

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

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



Southwest Asia


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




**The Caucasus**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur – Rasheed  
Ashok K. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
October 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Ngozi Olivia Osooha \* 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. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
November 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rozalu 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. Bhargava \* Elizabeth Castillo \* Swapna Behera  
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**The Year of the Poet VI**  
December 2019  
**Featured Poets**  
Rahim Karim (Karimov) \* Sujana Paul  
Dharati Nayak \* Kapardeli Edichin



**Oceania**  
**The Poetry Posse 2019**  
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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Alicja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
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### Featured Poets

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

1901 Jean Henry Dunant and Frédéric Passy



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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

February 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

April 2020

### Featured Poets

Rohini Behera \* Mircea 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 Paire  
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May 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Ralph Bunche ~ 1950



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### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

June 2020

### Featured Poets

Eftichia Kapardeli \* Metin Cengiz  
Hussein Habasch \* Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients



### The Poetry Posse 2020

Gail Weston Shazor \* Albert Carasco \* Hülya N. Yilmaz  
Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
Aleja Maria Kuberska \* Teresa E. Gallion \* Joe Paire  
Kimberly Burnham \* Shareef Abdur - Rasheed  
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## The Year of the Poet VII

July 2020

### Featured Poets

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

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients



### The Poetry Posse 2020

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Jackie Davis Allen \* Caroline Nazareno \* Eliza Segiet  
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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



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients



### The Poetry Posse 2020

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

### Featured Poets

Racel Anis Al-Jishi • Šolikonović Snežana  
Dr. Brajesh Kumar Gupta • Umid Najari

Mikhail Sergejevich Gorbachev ~ 1990



The Year of Peace

Celebrating past Nobel Peace Prize Recipients

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## The Year of the Poet VII

October 2020

### Featured Poets

Mutawaf A. Shaheed • Galina Itlyanskaya  
Nadeem Fraz • Avril Tanya Meallm

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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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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December 2020

### Featured Poets

Ratan Ghosh • Ibtisam Ibrahim Al-Asady  
Brindha Vinodh • Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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January 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Banksy's *The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum*



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

February 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Emory Douglas : 1968 Olympics mural



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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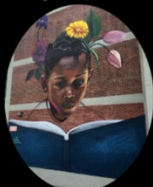
## The Year of the Poet VIII

March 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

April 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Pablo O'Higgins



### Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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

Diego Rivera



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

June 2021

### Featured Global Poets

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

Rayen Kang



Poetry ... Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet VIII

July 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Iram Jaan \* Vesna Mundishevska-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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Monsif Beroual \* Sandesh Ghimire

Sharmila Poudel \* Pavol Janik

Heather Jansch



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October 2021

### Featured Global Poets

C. E. Shy \* Saswata Ganguly

Suranjit Gain \* Hasiba Hilal

Dale Lamphere



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November 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Errol D. Bean \* Ibrahim Honjo

Tanja Ajtic \* Rajashree Mohapatra

Andy Goldsworthy



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## The Year of the Poet VIII

December 2021

### Featured Global Poets

Orbinda Ganga \* Fadairo Tesleem

Anthony Arnold \* Iyad Shamasnah

Fredric Edwin Church



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### Featured Global Poets

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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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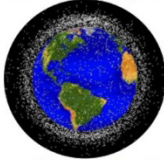
## The Year of the Poet IX

March 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Space Debris



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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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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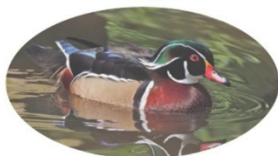
## The Year of the Poet IX

May 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Birds



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### The Poetry Posse 2021

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June 2022

### Featured Global Poets

Yuan Changming \* Azeizat Okunlola  
Tanja Ajtić \* Philip Chijioke 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



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## The Year of the Poet IX

August 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

### Climate Change and Agriculture



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change and Wind and Weather Patterns



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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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

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## The Year of the Poet IX November 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change: Time to Act



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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## The Year of the Poet IX December 2022

### Featured Global Poets

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

Climate Change Bees, Butterflies and Insect Life



Poetry . . . Ekphrastically Speaking

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

### 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 Martínez 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

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Kelvin Doe ~

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

Children : Difference Makers



~ Easton LaChappelle ~

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~ William Butler Yeats ~

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~ Pablo Neruda ~

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~ Li Bai ~

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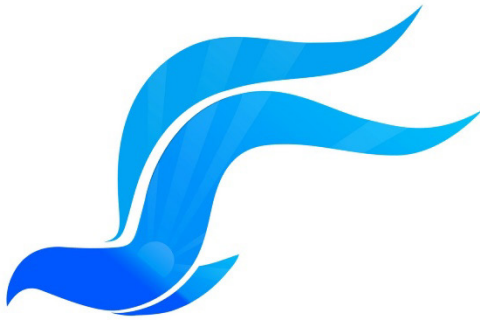
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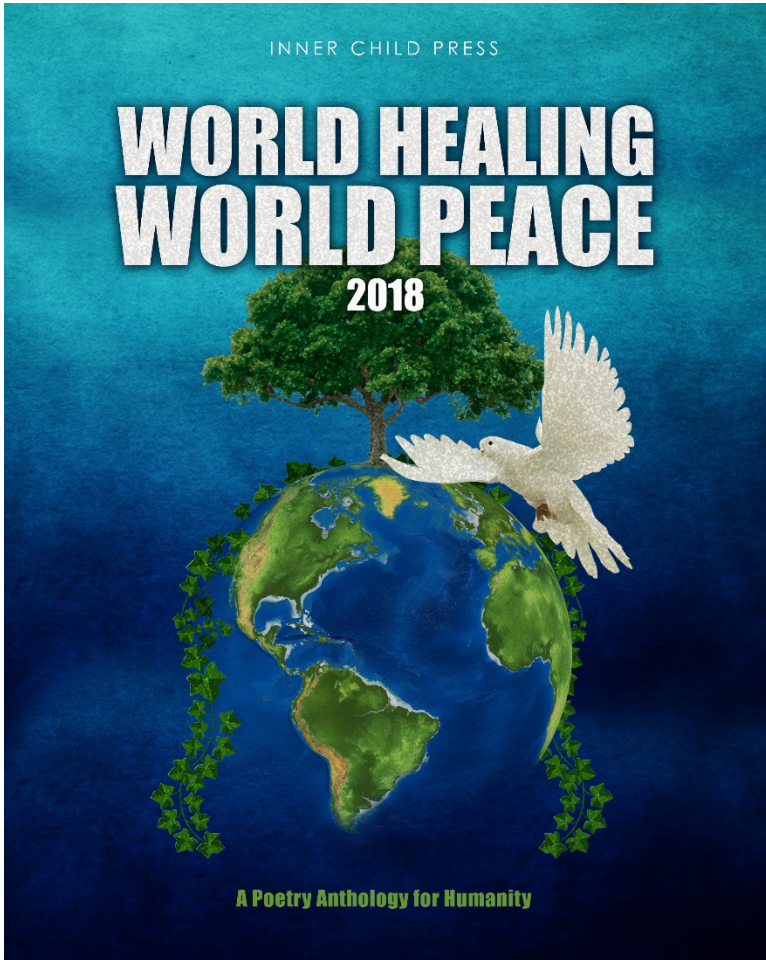
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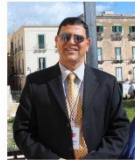
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