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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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Ruby Bridges

A Symbol of Civil Rights Movement

February is chosen for a reason. February is National Black History Month. It serves as a commemoration of essential stories of America. These days, we not only celebrate the successful and notable black scientists, astronauts, scientists, inventors, artists, and activists of the past; we also remember them as great influencers in literature, arts and as history changers of all times.

The Poetry Posse Family unfolds evoking poetry anthology to the gem of Mississippi: **Ruby Bridges**. These concerted rhythmic literary creations traverse to uplift diversity in unity.

The history records that Ruby Bridges became a courageous little trailblazer. At the age of six she was the youngest of a group of African American students sent to all-white schools in order to integrate schools in the American South in response to a court order. She was the only black student to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. It was only Barbara Henry, a white Boston native, who willingly accepted Ruby; all alone in her class. It was also noted that Ruby have eaten lunch alone and sometimes played with her teacher

at recess, and she never missed a day of school that year.

According to Mati S., *Civil Rights Leader* e-magazine editor, “Ruby faced blatant racism every day while entering the school.” Many parents kept their children at home. People outside the school threw objects, police set up barricades. She was threatened and even “greeted” by a woman displaying a black doll in a wooden coffin.”

The web resources are also showing Bridges’s photographs of her going to school which inspired Norman Rockwell, an American painter and illustrator whose works have a broad popular appeal in the reflection of the country’s culture, to paint *The Problem We All Live With*. Bridges had also written a memoir, ‘*Through My Eyes*’, and a children’s book, *Ruby Bridges Goes to School*. Her real story, *Ruby Bridges*, written by Toni Ann Johnson was shown in a television film in 1998.

Ruby Bridges formed a foundation in 1999 of appreciation and respect for all differences. Ruby got a statue at William Frantz school in 2014.

Her story ignited a lifelong call to racial equality, girl and women empowerment and human rights. The Poetry Posse is celebrating her life, works and legacy to the world.

Caroline Nazareno-Gabis

Preface

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

We are so excited as we are now in our second month of our **10th** year of monthly publication of our enterprise, **The Year of the Poet**. 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. If you would like to know a bit more about this particular endeavor please stop by for a visit at :

www.innerchildpress.com/the-year-of-the-poet

Over the years, Inner Child Press has been socially active to bring awareness and catalog through literature the things that have an impact upon our

world and its inhabitants. We have solicited, produced, underwritten and published quite a few volumes to that end. For more insight you may wish to visit : www.innerchildpress.com/the-anthology-market. If you are a writer, poet, or activist, you would be advised to keep a eye out for upcoming volumes should you desire to participate. All readers are welcomed as well. Note, that there is a myriad of published volumes that are available as a FREE PDF download as well as available for purchase at affordable prices.

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

Bless Up

Bill

william s. peters, sr.

Poet, Writer, Activist, Humanitarian

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Children

Difference Makers

Ruby Bridges

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by Kimberly Burnham, Ph.D.



Just 63 years ago, not even a whole lifetime ago, in 1960, Ruby Bridges walked past hateful protesters to become the first Black child at a Louisiana school – and was then taught alone for a year. Look at the image of a child thrust into the limelight, a pioneer who will make life better for millions. Imagine yourself, the first to do something that was right but not popular, how would it have changed you. How would you change the world.

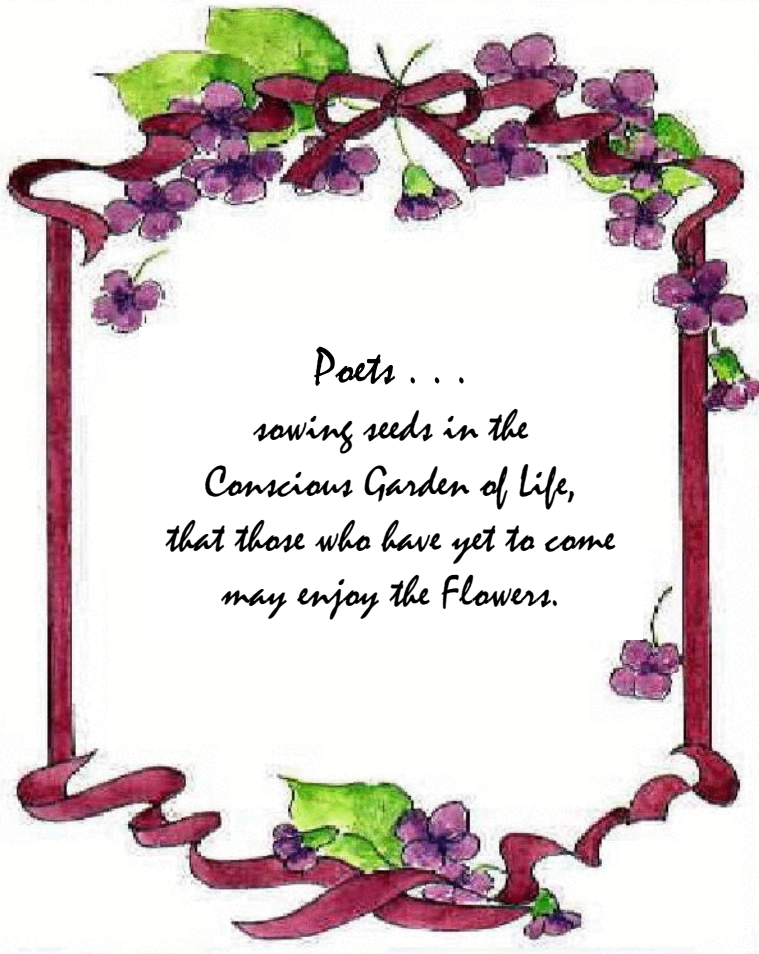
Bridges' first day at William Frantz elementary school in New Orleans is a study in vulnerability: a tiny girl in her smart new uniform, with white socks and white ribbons in her hair, flanked by four huge federal agents in suits. Hostile

protestors, parents, other children, and the media yelled names and racial slurs. One sign reads: "All I want for Christmas is a clean white school." One woman held up a miniature coffin with a black doll in it. A defining moment of the civil rights movement, popularised further by Norman Rockwell's recreation in his 1964 painting [The Problem We All Live With](#).

Before Ruby Bridges was born, the US supreme court issued its landmark [Brown v Board of Education ruling](#), outlawing segregation in schools nationwide. Six years later states in the south stubbornly refused to act. When nine African American children enrolled at the [Little Rock school in Arkansas in 1957](#), it had caused an uproar. President Eisenhower had to call in federal troops to escort the children through a mob gathered outside the school. Three years later it was Louisiana's turn. Bridges was one of six Black children to pass a test to gain access to formerly all-white schools. But two of the children dropped out and three went, on the same day, to a different school. So, Bridges was all on her own.

"Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail. When you start a new trail equipped with courage, strength and conviction, the only thing that can stop you is you!" ~Ruby Bridges

"Racism is a grown-up disease and we must stop using our children to spread it." ~Ruby Bridges

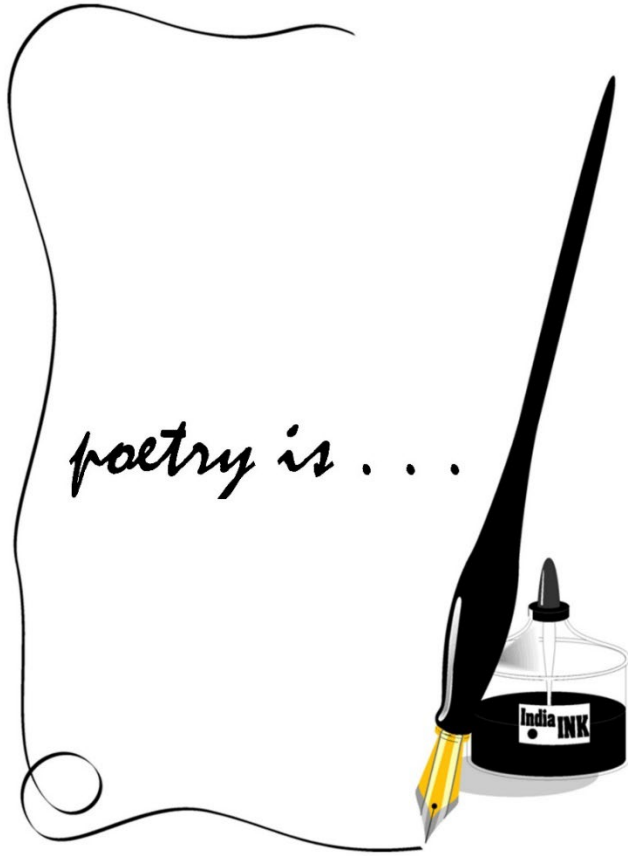




Poets, Writers . . . know that we are the enchanting magicians that nourishes the seeds of dreams and thoughts . . . it is our words that entice the hearts and minds of others to believe there is something grand about the possibilities that life has to offer and our words tease it forth into action .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

~ wsp





Poetry succeeds where instruction fails.

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Gail
Weston
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This is a creative promise ~ my pen will speak to and for the world. Enamored with letters and respectful of their power, I have been writing for most of my life. A mother, daughter, sister and grandmother I give what I have been given, greatfilledly.

Author of . . .

"An Overstanding of an Imperfect Love"

&

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little pieces

I want to write little pieces
Very few lines with very little imagination
And even less truth
I want to live in few words
So that when I speak such
I can't be taken seriously
Because who never finishes their thoughts
Much less their sentences
I want to dangle participles
And end my angles in prepositions
Allow me to be confused also
So the world can thrive on some
Half ideas and may bees
Buzzing around on horizons
Looking through windsouls to
Free a few imaginations to soar
I need to be inconcise and unclear
Use double negatives and liberally
Sprinkle nons all over the place
Reigning drops of crowns on paupers
And use only half my wit
It will only take some consonants
And a lot of vowels, maybe all of em
To change the books that have been written
I will tell lies wholeheartedly
While I sip on lemongrass tea
I promise to be outlandish
Somewhat entertaining, but only a bit
And want things no one can do
That no one has dreamed of yet
I will drop little notes in preschools

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And write snippets on playground walls
In every city's ghetto language
I will write little pieces
In very few words
With lots of spaces in between them
Room to grow child's ideas
And use crayon for lots of coloring
In or outside of lines, in or outside of rooms
Please Lord, allow my words to become less
So that someone else will have the needed
Space to change your world for the better

Ablution

I am anticipating how
I might feel upon awakening
These days are not always a day of ease
As I anticipate the time of peace
After a long week's work
I choose to reflect on other lands
As I worship the Creator of everywhere
William calls this "unbroken truths"
I know that he gets how I feel
When I am opportuned to awaken
With the warmth of the sun
Pending behind the sunrise
Any night is one we could have shared
Talking and often complaining about the day
I treasure the moments when we are silent
The companionable way we
Sit by side by side without touching
Understanding that the quiet is welcome
And in that space we are healed
Of the rigors of our separate lives
The energy you resonate solacifies
The edges of my raggedness
And I am beyond still and satisfied
In that space and at that time
I gift my devotions to the day
Understanding that I will always
Spend solitary time alone
And I would have it no other way
While my time with you is important
Even sacred
My time with me is primary
My time with God unconditional
And I don't think you would
Want it any other way

Caretaking

Sometimes you let go
When it is not your turn to
Be the one in charge
Trust in the tall faith
That everyone can show the love
That you yourself feel
Her hands move different than mine

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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).

Ruby Bridges

What colour is more beautiful?

White or black?

White socks and a white ribbon
in the hair of a little black girl
or black socks and a black bow
in the hair of a white child?

It was the adults who sorted pupils,
they built a wall
made of hatred and superstitions.
The coffin with the black doll
did not stop the changes.
Rust-like time has shattered
the iron rules of old order and prejudices.

Ruby Bridges survived,
she didn't yield
She walked boldly
across the rickety bridge
to the inaccessible world of white Louisiana
Alone - on her own
like a little black dot on a white background

She repeated the mantra every morning :
- leave fear and sadness at the door of your house
- defeat the wavering and hostile crowd with a smile
- step confidently into tomorrow
and fight for a better future for other children.

Letter to A

Dear friend

We were like foreigners
wandering the streets
and alleys of an unknown city
in an autumn downpour.

Similar to soaked sparrows
we took refuge in a roadside bar.
Rain tapped on the glass
stanzas from a Nosside's poem,
washed down the makeup from the face,
cheap gilding and tinsel of words.

The past added some bitter taste to our coffee.
It was an unexpected chance
to know the truth,
to put together a mosaic
from small gestures, deeds, facts.
New portraits emerged from the semi-darkness.
We pasted the next pictures into memory.

Thank you
- You let me find comfort
in the warmth of your memories, feelings.
We sailed away like sailing ships
into a dark night, an unknown future.
You will conquer more oceans,
I will look for a quiet haven.

Fall leaves

*The death of one man is a tragedy.
The death of millions of people is a statistic.*

Joseph Stalin

The autumn sky swelled with rain,
Thick clouds swallowed the sun
and the ground frozen with cold,
covered itself with a red quilt
woven from the dried grasses.

Foreigner

Don't go into the wood.
Every tree points in the wrong direction.
Will-o'-the-wisp leads to the swamp.
A dry twig will betray you
creaking underfoot.

You will not find a bridge
between yesterday's misery
and tomorrow's wealth
without touching today.

Don't trust smugglers of people.
Banknotes rustle in their words.
Promises are like leaves
- they will rot and turn to dust.

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Don't believe politicians
playing on the chessboard of the world.
You are an insignificant pawn.
They will sacrifice your life in this game.

The forest and the sea hum alike.
They engulf more lives
and they hide in their bowels
dreams and nameless graves.

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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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Finally

It was September, the first day of school.
In the halls of education, for her kind,
The doors were barred.
Education deemed, legally, unequal.
For some like her. But why?
She couldn't understand.

As if from clanging bells, aggressively,
Like dogs and mad-men barking,
Trouble was brewing, more than in her mind.
A six year old, beginning her first year.
She was standing, waiting for entry. On the steps.
Guarded, protected by right of recent law.

The doors sprang open! Accompanied by screams,
And shouts of those who were offended!
By those, who, would her entrance deny.
It mattered not, For, finally, Common Sense grafted
Onto a document granted her entrance,
The first ever of its kind.

How long had it taken? She knew not.
After all, she was but six years old.
Wearing a fancy new dress, shiny new shoes.
The bravery of her friends and family,
Cheered her on. Yet, much clamor, dissension
Filled the headlines. To her people's dismay.

"A little child shall lead them." So it is written.
And a little girl began education's journey.

History eventually opened more doors. And,
The headlines revealed the news. As if the world unaware
Of the most cruel and inhumane treatment, suffered,
By a people. The deprivation of fairness too long endured.

Good Samaritan

Sitting in her automobile,
The air conditioning humming.
In the parking lot she waits, fortunate
To have found a parking space.
She's waiting, watching the clock, waiting
For the moment when she must go inside.

The Hospital stands, historically,
As a comfort station, offering care.
It's a sheltering place,
For those ill, needing help.
For those seeking healing, a cure, hope.
Even for those who are unaware.

As a visitor, she's neither a stranger.
Nor is she family, or a patient.
She's weighing
The next few moments,
Wondering what to say.
Praying for guidance.

She's praying that she can come up
With some words, something
To soothe the fears. Of the lonely one,
The elderly man in Room 303.
He's had no visitors for at least a month.
Neither any family remaining.

His days are drawing close to the end.
She smiles, and enters his room.

Once Again

To bed he goes,
Perchance to sleep.
Alas, the cicadas chirp, incessantly.
Their song an annoying lullaby,
Not necessarily pleasant.
Nor to his liking.

His heart beats,
Intermingles, like always,
With the insect song.
A rhythm that paces
Frustratingly, it seems,
The whole night long.

Darkness drifts down,
Deeper, darker.
A dark blanket drifts, then falls
Over his weary, dog-eyes,
The stars, the moon smilingly,
Whisper goodnight.

Morning suddenly arrives,
And to his utter surprise,
It is the barnyard rooster's cry
That rouses him.
Much too early, he thinks.
It seems as if he'd only
Just closed his eyes.

Tzemin
Ition
Tsai

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

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

The Unintentional Cover-Up

I have no intention
Of dismantling
The clear truth
Hidden under black and white
One step of darkness and Sunshine
One step of blue mud with prints
Dust and the wind follow the horse's feet
How finally to
Overcome the trap lying in front of your eyes?
Keep watch over
How many ruthless sorrows are in the world?
Once you have extra thoughts
Why not let the beautiful dazzle bird sing a psalm

My heart takes care of itself
Silently allow
That thing must go through a roundabout way
Let float and sink alone
How many joys and sorrows wander the road?
White socks, new uniforms, and white ribbons in the hair
Vulnerable to fight
Let the hateful protesters cower behind
The goodness of the future
Placards are like frost in the cold
Black doll
Can little girl Bridges only rely on herself?

Under The Moon

Under the moon
The sun rises so late
The mountain mist hides the remnants of rosy clouds

There is a light boat floating in the pool
Like a flower boat in a painting
That piece of a white cloud on the shore is entrained with a
red glow, not light or scattered
The willow tree on the bank looks at the calm waves,
waiting for the mountain rain to come
Someone alone
Someone walking with someone

The west side of the bridge is in the north where the hookah
is full
There are customers everywhere
Spring comes quietly under the crowd and the shade of
flowers
The wisps of willows secretly fill those whispers
Not to the lake
Flowers don't laugh at my loneliness

Last time, the past with the lover is unforgettable
The pool water now becomes desolate
Doesn't the night moon feel cold when is soaked in it?

The Tree Shadows Are Deep And Heavy

The mountain god gently blows me a breath of wind
Blowing away the connected mountain peaks into sharp
vision

Light clouds and heavy trees are against the blue sky
Swaying the green plains shade all over the mountains

The car on the number six road is driving fast
The mountains are moving away quickly
How many times have I seen the gods descending?
Didn't even have time to leave words of gratitude.

The ninety-nine separate peaks of the ninety-nine peaks
Jumping flame
The pines on the cliffs by the Wuxi River are lush
Pebbles stretch all the way across the riverbed
Quietly hatched for millions of years
Just waiting for
The figure of the long mane sheep
A blue-bellied pheasant sings from the acacia tree

The clouds in summer show the steepness of Qiduo Peak
Colorful clouds don't know where to go down to Puli
Fog and a cool breeze poured through the open car
windows
The bamboo leaves and twigs in the distant mountains stir
the autumn wind
That unbelievably beautiful scenery of
A winding mountain purple path
The sun is gradually brightening in the east
West Ridge, Clouds are getting brighter
Going out or into the valley seems to find its own way
The lonely call of the ape
Shouting cut off the bottom stream of Wuxi Valley

Sharæf
Abdur
Rashæd

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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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Ruby

became diamond,
pearl
shines, sunshine
angels were escorts
in fire, troubled waters
shield of righteousness
from spears, arrows
attempting to stop
little 6-year-old from
going to school in
some dam nightmare
Louisiana was in 1960
demons were intimidated
this tiny still a baby was
David to Goliath 1960
land of African bodies
swinging in the breeze
from terror trees
a time when you were
supposed to be on
bended knees
little diamond Ruby
little 6-year-old
escorted by Federal
agents so she can
learn her ABC's
behind cotton curtain
didn't bend no knees
forgot to say please
forever precious gem
diamonds can't touch

race to bottom

humans are aliens
from outer space, concept disgrace
right down to its base, Rima facie on its face
peoples of earth what you've been taught is fake
simply put, there just isn't no such thing
if one researched with open mind one would find
the maker of human beings calls us all " Mankind "
and in his wahi (revelation)* says " Oh mankind i
made you into tribes and nations that you may
know one another not despise one another because
the best of you are those who are the pious,
with Taqwa (god fearing) obedient to the
Tawa from the
maker to who he made,
that being nations of his creations
* Oh mankind i made you from one single pair,
a man and a women(Adam wa Howa, aws) and
from them came many men and women
no talk of " Race " any place from the creator, architect
recognize due from me, you all me, you
the word " Race " in and of itself reeks of subliminal
evil to create the me and them, us and that " other "
always looking at that other them, us
never as a sister or a brother
designed by definition the face of evil the devil himself
the Shaitan (Satan) to hide the master lie to
mislead, divide mankind
that's why you will find even those with brilliant minds
way, way behind in correctly understanding this
monumental ((LIE)) of all time!

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this lie has been the reason why mankind has failed
to close the gap between tribes and nations because
when you call dem " Races " all attempts for lasting peace
has and continue to fall right on its face
futility all over the place trying to close " The Gap "
when you refer to human beings as this ' n ' that ' Race "

Dem

known as humanity
prone to exhibit insanity
exhibit vanity
plain to see inconsistencies
in dependability, upholding
moral responsibilities
behold the human frailties
ooh how much they say
woe unto the finger pointers
who point fingers disjointed
as though they were anointed
with oil, pass holy water in the
toilet
don't need erasers for mistakes
never made none for heaven's sake
sound sooo cleaver but fake
as dem flip ' n ' flip all over the place
dem known as human race
need much mercy, grace to overcome
dem traits before it's too late, before it's
much too late

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Kimberly
Burnham

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A brain health expert with a PhD in Integrative Medicine, Kimberly Burnham has lived in tropical Colombia; in Belgium during the Vietnam War; in Japan teaching businessmen English; in diverse international Toronto, Canada; and several places in the US. Now, she's in Spokane, WA with her wife, Elizabeth, two sets of twins (age 11 & 14) and three dogs. Her recent book, *Awakenings: Peace Dictionary, Language and the Mind, a Daily Brain Health Program* includes the word for peace in hundreds of languages. Her poetry weaves through 80+ volumes of *The Year of the Poet*, *Inspired by Gandhi*, *Women Building the World*, and *A Woman's Place in the Dictionary*. She is currently working on several ekphrastic writing projects. One is a novel, *Art Thief Cracks Healing Code for Parkinson's Disease* and the other is non-fiction, *Using Ekphrastic Fiction Writing and Poetry to Create Interest and Promote Artists, Writers, and Poets*.

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<https://healthy-brain.medium.com/bears-at-the-window-of-climate-change-d1fb403eeaf3>

When I Was Three

Just a little older than I
Ruby Bridges walked past hateful protesters
becoming the first
a Black child in a Louisiana school

I was three so I don't remember
when I was six no one barred my way
none to said stay away

I lived in Bogota, Colombia
all around me children barred from buying
uniforms and books needed to lift themselves
from poverty denied an education
not for the color of their skin
but the emptiness of their pockets

My parents taught me to give education
gift the ability to learn
to lift the other
to share my own luck always
for I have enjoyed the opportunities of education
and am responsible to extend it to all

Words Like Peace, Pax and Tho'da

We give words meaning
imbuing them with power
teaching others to love or hate

We give words sense in one language
“pax” or peace in Latin
but means to shoot and to thunder

In Atakapa, a language of Louisiana
where peace is “Tho'-da” as in "Tho'-da on-qi-tha i"
we are peaceful toward one another

Peace in a Good Southern City

In the language of the Alabama
spoken in the South
"Oola" means town, village or city
"kano" means to be good or pretty
to be good at doing
and to do well
as in "oolakano" literally city good
or village beautiful or settlement fine
also means to be at peace,
to be friendly and peaceful

There are many other good things
"Holtinaya chakanohchoolo"
I'm good at arithmetic
"oolimpalimáilok chakanofiinào"
I'm going to be fine if I sleep
"Kanolàha" it's going to be better

Together we can learn and grow
and do better

Elizabeth
E.
Castillo

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Child Heroine

Bridges-

She taught us to "never judge anyone from the outside"

For if you are being authentic to others,

There is no need for you to hide.

An innocent 6 year old girl that time

Bullied in school because of her skin color

But forgiveness and bravery was instilled in her heart.

A child heroine-

Born to be the voice of poor children of color,

Evil comes in different shades and hues

But Bridges showed us how it is to be true.

Kaleidoscope

I get lost in oblivion
Seeking myself in another dimension,
Before me a mystic kaleidoscope world appears
Inviting me to enter a different realm.
I hesitate at first, bewildered,
Then I heard a soft whisper
Telling me to give in
The facade seems alluring,
Tempting my soul to immerse in its world.
The mystic kaleidoscope lives in my whole being
Resurfaces at the crossroads of one's life
Leaving you confused if you would heed or not.

Law of Attraction

What I think of, I become

My words convey my thoughts

And thoughts can manifest in time,

Each one has his own perfect rhyme

Nothing in this world is a mere accident

For everything has a purpose even a small incident.

What your mind focuses on,

Will become reality as time draws near

This teaches us not to succumb in dire fear

It is written in the stars, in the Book of Life

Be mindful of your words and deeds.

Joø
Païrø

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Joseph L Paire' aka Joe DaVerbal Minddancer . . . is a quiet man, born in a time where civil liberties were a walk on thin ice. He's been a victim of his own shyness often sidelined in his own quest for love. He became the observer, charting life's path. Taking note of the why, people do what they do. His writings oft times strike a cord with the dormant strings of the reader. His pen the rosined bow drawn across the mind. He comes full-frontal or in the subtlest way, always expressing in a way that stimulate the senses.

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It Cost To Learn

What are we or where would we be
Without an education?
I question this nation about its segregations'
Equal among the people, as long as they're
By themselves

Enter Ruby Bridges, who was about to enter hell
a 6-year-old black girl on her way to school
escorted by federal marshals, despite court rules

It wasn't that long ago, not really!
denying a child an education,
because of her color.
It wasn't that long ago, not really
Ruby Bridges attended an empty class

It wasn't that long ago,
That I listened to Ruby Bridges speak on it.
It was at that moment I felt her *raison d'état*
She's not 6 anymore, or the subject in a painting.
She tells her story so that history remains intact
So that history, maintains the facts
So that eventually.
We can get past being white or black
Where a person's character is the only factor
It cost to learn, it easy to burn bridges
Ruby paid the price, now she helps build them.

A Toast To Love

Here's to the clinking of long stem glassware
Traces of red lipstick around the rim
It was a celebration of frustration
An accumulation of too many chances (if you will)
Love begins beautifully and often ends ugly
Not this time, this time love failed to fail

This time, love carried over into a new beginning
On a day set aside for candy and hearts
Flowers and cards, teddy bears with a flair
I'll toast to love, past and present,
future and beyond.

I'll pen a poem and coin a phrase
I'll raise my glass and sip the contents
For love is not a contest, tho often contested
At times a confession delivered too late
The compatibility factor rarely,
determines loves' fate
and there's nothing like a good bone.

There's nothing like a good phone, to place a call
To say hello and I love you all
In closing I'm toasting to you.
I'm thrilled you found love, I have too.

You Can't Take It With You

We leave behind things no one truly wanted but us, and
self-reflection comes at a heavy price.

There's hope in the future for those who remain

Words live on, and generations read the past.

What do we leave?

Books and diaries, journals, and pictures

An occasional quote or two, something to remember us by.

And as we say buy (sudden or expected)

The youth of the world may achieve our dreams

Making a difference as opposed to deference

How relevant will we be?

How prevalent are the things that we leave

If you can't take it with you,

do you here-by bequeath,

do you pray your soul to keep,

before you sleep, that final sleep?

Of all your worldly possessions,

How many could be a blessing?

How many could be a lesson

Sometimes we feel like less than

But listen! I believe the children are our future.

hülya
n.
gılmaz

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Professor Emerita, hülya n. yılmaz is a published author, literary translator, and Co-Chair and Director of Editing Services at Inner Child Press International. Her poetic work appeared in numerous anthologies of global endeavors and was presented at various literary events in the U.S. and abroad. In 2018, WIN honored yılmaz with an award of excellence. Since 2017, her two poems remain permanently installed in *Telepoem Booth* – a U.S.-wide poetic art exhibition. hülya finds it vital for everyone to seek a deeper sense of self, and writes creatively to attain a comprehensive awareness for and development of our humanity.

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

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steering a course

date: November 14, 1960

world region: Louisiana, U.S.A.

place: William Frantz Elementary School

defining moment: desegregation

societal labels: white; African-American

in the midst of a roaring crowd and
in plain view of faces – deformed by hatred,
a six-year-old girl chooses to steer
a path of her own

when she thus defines the moment,
history marks her bigger-than-life-presence:
no more the all-white nonsense!

A Motto Is Associated with . . .

Ruby *Nell* Bridges *Hall*,
the desegregationist six-year-old Ruby Bridges
of the 14th November of 1960:

“Racism is a grown-up disease and we must stop using our
children to spread it.”

1960-2023

What, exactly, has changed in 63 years?
. . . for the better, that is?

“A change is gonna come”,
Sam Cooke sang soulfully in 1964
1964-2023

What, exactly, has changed in 59 years?
. . . for the better, that is?

colorblind

those who study the medical phenomenon

claim that color blindness is mostly seen in “white boys”

hmmm . . .

many a “white boy” in AmeriKKKa

surely seems to be immune to it

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>

Remember Ruby

I want to say your name.
Ruby Bridges!
Fear, forbearance and fight.

Me at the tender age of ten
holding a clenched fist
in front of the black and white TV.
Cheering for a little colored sister.
Proud of you for walking
with so much boldness and valor.
Angry with the big people
trying to hurt you.

I want to say your name.
Ruby Bridges!
Mighty, brave and strong.

Every conscious soul awakened
must hold the banner of love.
Feel the determination of a child
who walks against the power
of an institution that could kill you
merely for the color of your skin.

I want to say your name.
Ruby Bridges!
Leader, visionary and warrior.

We forever owe you
honor and respect
for making a difference
at the tender age of six.

I want to say your name.
RUBY BRIDGES!

I Could Dance

I run in the river of peace.
Hear the angels sing in bubbles
caressing the rocks along the path.

My smile hovers at the edge
of the water with a strong desire
to leap into a cold melt.

God is not through with me.
Be patient, hold my hand
and linger in the magic
of the river's flow with me.

I could dance with God alone.
But I would prefer to have you
with me and we dance with God
together here beside the river.

High Notes

The mountain speaks to my soul.
Calls me to love with no distinction
between a blade of grass and a rose.

Each has a message
that rubs love notes
up the side of my leg.

I shout into the universe.
Thank you, friend.
A 360-degree view smiles,
sends kisses on the wind train.

Sometimes I must touch myself,
ask the body what the soul knows.
Am I really here with the Beloved?

For every low moment remembered,
the high notes always
whisper in the breeze.

Come to me,
Come to me
Beloved child of spirit.

You earned the gift
to stand on top of the mountain
and feel God's love
surround you with the light.

Ashok
K.
Bhargava

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

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

Fight for Equality

For Ruby Bridges

A tiny black angel
revealed herself with four messengers, under
the blooming Acacia and Elms in the school yard.

Braided hair with white ribbons,
her blackberry skin glowed
with indigo lined feathers.

Despite obscenities, threats and intimidations
she showed up every morning
with a smile.

Fearlessly, she kept on playing
the piano keys - ebony and ivory,
leveling social inequalities.

Walls of separation crumbled
under weight of her determination
giving birth to a new social order.

Without a Clue

early morning
hazy hours
between night and day
the chilled silence
waits on the sun
to burn the fog.

in the morning rush
the city streets are ruthless
to the clueless
wondering
how to figure out way
around them.

When asking
for directions
someone said
to see everything
you look at.

From that moment on
I fixed my eyes
onto every sign
and waited
for a miracle to happen.

Soulful Whispers

on a moonlit night
I hear
silent sounds of a sailboat
approaching my heart.

I wait for the gentle glides
of her landing.

it's so strange
I think she is leaving.

is it destiny or
a simple fantasy?

Caroline
'Ceri Naz'
Nazareno
Gabis

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

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

Links to her works:

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

https://apwriters.org/author/ceri_naz/

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

Ruby Bridges: Mississippi's Gem To Live With

Gem in your name: Ruby,
Your birth was a testimony
That no one is left behind,
You did not spell Fear in your heart,
There should be no segregation
Of human's rights,
Your tiny, fragile physique
Did not hinder your dreams;
Education to bridge beautiful opportunities
In your county;
Courage was your weapon,

Mirror of Bridges,
Bridges for so many reasons
To equal opportunities,
Equal rights and treatment,
You built more realizations
To a ONE-nation
Your lifelong legacy
For racial equality.

Querencia

(place of happiness)

you brought me
from the rustic countryside
to the city of lights,
i hugged your affable wide smile,
i felt lost in your charms,
the drowning passions
for mouth watering,
delectable orders
of chicken, pasta, wedges,
salad, and dirty ice cream,
reviewed the pontifical and royal statues
as i wandered the century old pavements,
i etched some crazy stories
on your walls,
your heart is a lifetime treasure,
my home for happiness
and vanquishing synergy.

In Your Name

(A birthday tribute to C N Ferrer)

you are the invincible Minerva,
dispensing wisdom,
as you equipoise the paladin's dissension;
your hourglass brings sand of synchronicity,
because you are a messenger of truth;
you are bulletproof,
undeniably, you mastered the art of war;
your novel dream is a wellspring of breakthroughs,
you galvanize great minds,
and recreate orchestrated temples
of undying hopes;
you have the eagle's' wings,
and as you soar the skies,
you lead more flocks
to find and reach their own heavens.

Swapna
Behera

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Ruby Bridge; the civil right activist at the age of six

Ruby Bridge goes to school
four federal agents escort the six-year-old girl
There were placards and slogans of racial slurs
The tiny girl of six years over comes the fear
The first African American child to desegregate
William Frantz Elementary School
goes school with new uniform of
white socks, white ribbons celebrate the moment
defeated the hatred and vengeance
Horrible protest outside the New Orleans School
Someone shouted
“All I want for Christmas is a clean white school”
Someone made a miniature coffin with a black doll in it
But Ruby Bridge, the youngest activist for civil rights
raised her voice, determined she was
Racism is a grown-up disease
It is horrible
and the disease is passed on to the next generation
Police set up barricades
Ruby was threatened. faced blatant racism
But she raised her bold voice
for equality and for education
She is an author who wrote “through my eyes “
Ruby was awarded
Presidential Citizens medal by Bill Clinton
Her slogan is not to follow the path
rather begin the trail where there is no path.
Dear Ruby, hats off to you and your valor
You are a visionary
Kudos to you...
Yes, beginning is difficult
but it creates Heaven on the Earth ...

That night with thinking disorder

I was flying with my wings to a land
where my father was sitting on a chair
he called me to take a dictation of a story
In the last phase of his life, he had cataract
and hazy vision
he was speedy and I was slow
I was in illusion not picking up his exact words
from his toothless mouth
But yes, we both were enjoying
He died before eight years
and recently I was with a seizure attack
admitted to a premium hospital
Words echoed from a far-off place
We both were celebrating with
words, verses, plots and themes
he was dead. i was struggling with life and death
but what a climax celebration!
Everything was topsy turvy
Fishes were hanging like birthday balloons
Glucose saline and drips were injected
My veins squeezed to give space to the needles
I can listen some whispers
while multiple pricks went on
I was sinking and sinking
My feet were collapsing
There was convulsion; loss of consciousness
Yet I can see a light from a far-off place
Is it a dream? I spread my hand to touch my father
Yes, he said "I am with you. Get up quickly.
you have to work a lot it was 4 am dawn.
The nurse was taking my temperature
Whole night my son was holding my palm
'good morningmaa'
Hence forth I am your father, no tension no worries"
I thank Lord

Passions

Passions

the perennial flow from eternity
bright illumination of the burning fire
Fathomed soil germinating civilisation of humanity

The allegory of passion is the parenthesis of life
Passions are the catastrophes
of a moment or of years
In a deep ocean or in a desert
A vibration in the existence
Fragrances of memory
Or frankincense in the monger

Passions are grouched mercers
and the metaphors of life
Who has measured the perimeters of passions?
Neither Adam's heart nor Judah's coins
Is the passion a holy sin or a red rose??

Passions

Are explicit scribbles of the soul
Sparrow's nests woven on the trees in the monsoon
At times passions may be fractured or forbidden
But a life line of all
The passionate love of mine
The eternal love of mine - - - -

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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Ruby Bridges

She's black, she's proud and she is strong. i can't imagine what she must've been feeling hearing the uproar of prejudice that was surrounding her, that was verbally attacking her and that was painting a horrible picture of hate, it was so wrong. It was Ruby Bridges first day of school at William Frantz, she was one of six African American students that took an access test to a formerly all-white school and passed, you see her leaving the school alone flanked by federal agents because the other five kids didn't last. Ruby didn't give up a chance to have the school integrated as she was designated, as a matter of fact, her bravery towards scrutiny would start a revolution for equal education, even though her first year of school was held in isolation. She stood ten toes down and by the second-year things turned around, William Frantz held blacker and browner to graduate with caps and gowns. Ruby Bridges got in the door and left it ajar, thirty-three years later William Frantz became an all-black school by far. it's amazing what this frightened child turned activist did. she got even against all odds. you can see how Ruby changed the future, when you study her history.

Reign

I want to thank all yall that got shook to hustle when hustln was all we had, for me there was no way out, im a bonafide hustler, one way or another word to my mother, im going to get that bag.

Infinite is a product of an environment that produced brick flippers, pussy sellers and killers. trial and tribulations led to trial and error which led to trial by juror, im from the birth circa, a crack baby, cocaine was my baby formula.

It all started with me out there dolo, it ended with me out there solo, coppn, chefn and pitchn rojo two for five, ya know bogo.

i know the streets well, the painful knowledge gained at times made mommas eyes swell, she dropped window pain tears

for my father, the man that made her a widow and for me because we both was caught up in the game one hundred percent on go.

RIP to the kings in heaven, i was tight at the quitters but as i got older those brothers are forgiven, since i just had to feed my family and not everyone around me, i went into seclusion,

i locked myself away in isolation as self-preservation,

i couldn't let all the deceased die in vain, i promised to ride or die so im never going to give up the life of murder, sniffn, bassn, pill poppn and taps on main veins.

i just went through reinvention, now my mouth is my gun my pyrex is my pen and i have every aspect of the trapped, trapped in my brain. just like the streets, when i write or speak, i reign

Fate

the nightmares ive lived through felt like bad dreams as they played out. i wish the reality of these moments were surreal not so real, why couldn't it have been red rain instead of the blood of my men filling city sidewalk squares like red grout? My adolescent peers and i ran around the bronx to make a million not just try, now most of my adolescent peers are "in" the bronx but their souls rest in the sky. Death wasn't in our blueprint to success, we thought we had the gift of immortality while building a monopoly of dirty money but we didn't so i had to edit the blue print and add fine print "this sort of building gets bloody and deadly". Have you ever had to tell a mother her son got killed? i did. Have you ever had to morgue I.D. a homie? i did. have you ever witnessed the plug pulling of life support? i did and i witnessed the grief set on an entire family. wakes, burials cerebral etched murals, it felt as if every other year someone got taken away, i still celebrate their life on their birth day and mourn on that death date its the ying and yang of a life of undetermined fate

Michelle
Joan
Barulich

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Hooray For Ruby

Dear Ruby thank you for your strength as a little girl and
now.

To make us see we are all one.

Bonding with children all kinds of races

Your courage leads others to be kind and learn from love.

Tell Me

Dying too young in this world
It's hard to breathe in the clouded air
I hold myself back
Need to reach you now
Some good hearts of men
May shed some hope
But why are the children crying?
still dying?

It's not right
It's not fair
When you hide the truth
Behind the Christmas lights
oh, tell me
How I've ever begun in this world
In this world?

Dying too young
In this world
It's hard to understand why
Refining your goals
Upon an empty line
With a question in hand

It's not right
It's not fair
For them to suffer
in the desert air
Enough damage has been done
From the desert sun

Oh, tell me
How I've ever begun in this world
In this world?
oh tell me, tell me.

Bittersweet

..and now your'e tellin me
that my love runs too deep
And then your'e tellin me
I'm coming on too strong

Isn't love funny?
And you spend all of my money
And call it bittersweet

..And then your'e tellin me
I'm not paying enough attention
to your needs
And then you say I can't be reached

What do you want me to do?
What are looking for in me?
I have a heart
that needs to be filled
With your kindness and love
But you turn it all around on me

..And now your'e tellin me
that I'm asking for too much
and then your'e tellin me
That you can't live without my touch

Isn't life funny?
and you take all of my money
and call it bittersweet
Isn't life funny?
how he calls it ,
so bittersweet..

Eliza
Sęgięt

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Laureate *Naji Naaman Literary Prize 2020, International Award Paragon of Hope* (2020),

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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.

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Award BHARAT RATNA RABINDRANATH TAGORE INTERNATIONAL AWARD (2022).

The Hardship of Creating New *for Ruby Bridges*

Ruby passed the exam to school
in which
the exam on humanity
had not been passed by the teachers,
the students or their parents.
Whole generations,
out of habit, had nurtured hatred
of those
on whom white shirts shone brighter than black ones.

The problem was not in the clothing;
it was in the belief that white was better.

Unaware of the danger,
an Afro-American girl
in the full daylight, protected by big men,
succeeded to create normality.

Only years later did she realize that

– *What you get at home, you will give to the world.*

Translated by Dorota Stępińska

Darkness

There,
where children
are hiding from the attacks of hatred
instead of playing hide and seal

taste is being lost
from colorful childhood.

Callings for help,
understanding and normalcy
is unheard of.

Silent blood
does not incite mercy,
albeit backdrop of ruins
its distinctive color
should holler:

*Everyone has just one,
one way journey into the darkness.*

Translated by Ula de B

Emptiness

She stacked the blocks of the future,
but she doesn't know why.

She built a house,
but inside it's cold and sad.

She hung the curtains,
but through the open window
blows emptiness.

In the greyness of life she has found doors,
but she does not have the key.

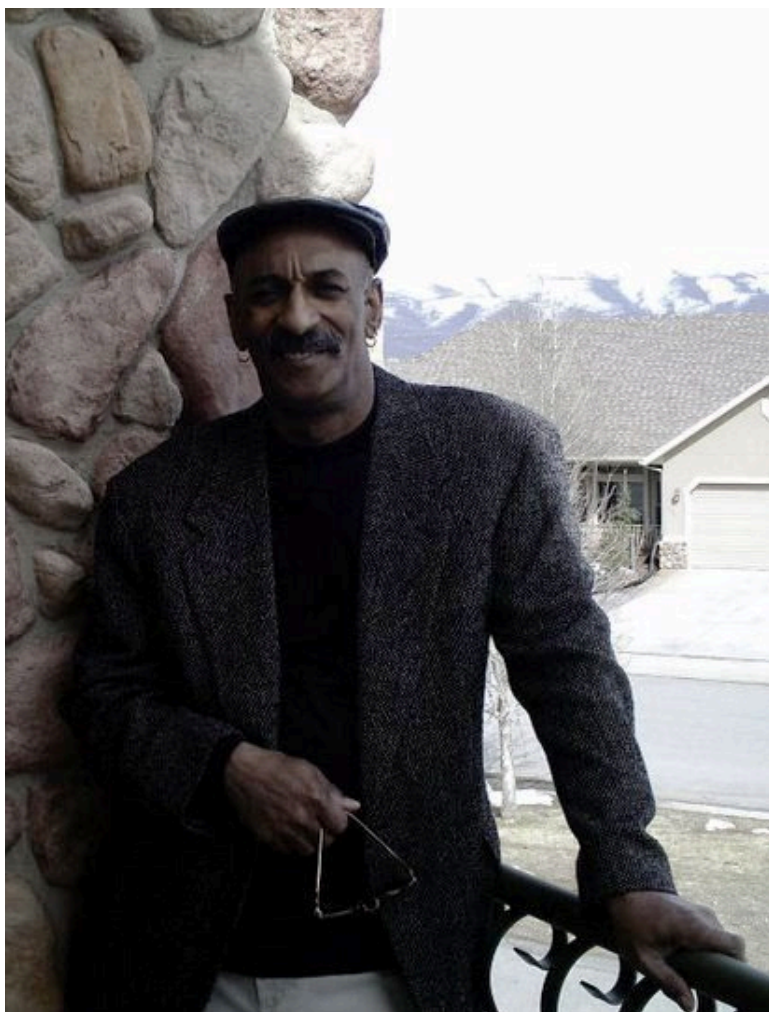
From the balcony, she saw a tall wall.

Will she jump over it?

Translated by Artur Komoter

William
S.
Peters Sr.

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Bill's writing career spans a period of 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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I just wanna learn

They told me no
But I said yes,
I just wanna learn

My pretty dress on
My socks and Easter shoes,
Dammit,
I just wanna learn,
My ancestors paid them dues,
And we keep paying
And paying,
And paying,
And paying,
And paying

People screamin' at me
To go back where I come from,.
And I thought,
Maybe if we all just go
Back to from whence we came ...
We may not be on the same boat,
But, perhaps we could understand
That this land
Belongs not to you
Nor me,
But since we are here
We need to get along

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You see, my people
Still yet sing that song
"We Shall Overcome"
..... why?
Why does it have to be this way?

I just wanna learn!

Even if it is in the basement!

Just-Us Justice

It most certainly does make us wonder
Just what does 'Justice' mean.
Is it a system of reconciliation
Or retribution for those
Who have affronted others?

We the poor,
We the disenfranchised
We who are without recognized power,
We the people of color,
Oft times
Never get to meet the 'Lady'
Who wields the scales
Of balance.

.....
We are often destined
To wait for her big sister,
'Karma'
To come along
And set things aright ...

.....
But in truth,
Most times for us,
We are not present
To see her gift to them
The present
Of equanimity
They deserve.

We spend our lifetime
Serving their intent

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Be it greed,
Be it power,
Be it any other thing
That excludes the providence
Of 'we the people'
Who make their 'cushy' experience
Possible ...

....

Is it possible for us,
'We the people'
To effectuate a change
That is deserving
Of every soul,
Of all of humanity?

Apparently,
Voting does not do it,
Nor does Protest,
Nor does abstinence
Or indifference

....

So, what exactly
Is the solution
To this pollution
That is eating away
At the last vestiges
Of our civility?
What ability do we need to active
To evacuate and purge
This rot
That is slowly eating away
At the whole bushel
Of those sacred apples?

....

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Should just wait
And make
Some wine
From the spoils
As we continue to toil
As we silently acquiesce
To that
Just-Us Justice?

Well there is always tomorrow

I summoned my Muse,
And she graced me with her presence.

I asked her for a few words,
And instantly she began to share

In the midst of her creative elucidations
And dictations,
She received a call
Or a text from an
Unknown place
Unbeknownst to me
And she apologized
As she began to flee

You see,
I knew that I would
See her again,
For I am her private fan,
And she is my Muse
Who shares with me
Ecstasy, Joys
Pains and Blues

From Tuesday to Tuesday
And back again
I pronounce,
I declare
I am but
A humble fan
Of
My Muse
....
Well there is always tomorrow.

The Butterfly Effect



"15" in effect

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~ * ~

Christena Williams

Hilda Graciela Kraft

Francesco Favetta

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Christena
Williams

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Christena Williams, better known by her stage name of Antonia Valaire is a Jamaican Poet, Spoken word artiste & performer, Youth leader, Christian, and award-winning Author of *Pearls among Stones*, *Black Gold* and *Out from Babylon System: Liberation of Mind*. As a spoken-word artist, she has been nominated for an International Reggae & World Music Award (IRAWMA). She has received the Prime Minister's National Youth Award in Arts and Culture, Honoured with a Sarabita Masters Award and twice International Spoken Word Artist by the People of Extraordinary Talent (P.O.E.T). Her social media links can be accessed via: [@Antoniavalair](#) | [Linktree](#)

Anarchy

If you do not like the ART
Then join the queue, join the critics guide
After you had your disgust and disdain
Move right along,
If it is true and applicable
Then it will be taken into consideration.

If you try to put fire to the ART
Get it burn, cause a public mischief
Then the youths will rebel
They will not sit and stay still,
but flight and fight
They will not be silence,
They will not play dead,
They will not allow their creativity to be maligned,
They will revolt when you vomit.

They are the so called snowflakes cry baby generation
challenging boomers,
What a boomerang! When generations clash over choice,
Choose to listen, watch, partake or move right along,
But No Mam or Sir, we got to ban these books, movies,
songs,
It is garbage at the highest, pilling up and overflowing,
Running in cesspools and air waves polluting
consciousness,
If you continue to compare, criticize and cause a raucous
And join the circus.
The youths have no choice but to yell,
And march in the streets for their voice
and creativity not to be stifled.

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It is like squeezing my throat, and life seems to have no
existence
The existential theory only plausible when life is lived,
Do not resuscitate!

My ART is my Oxygen,
It is my oxymoron
It is my way of life
My communication
My heart that speaks
My language
My culture
My way of making sense of my world,
It is some kind of freedom
It is my gift that my faith promised
to bring me before royalty,
It is every thing
It is my psalm to proverbs
It is my sadness and pain
Joy and happiness
My yin to yang,
It is my humanity
Then if you try to silence my ART,
My Heart will not stop,
Until we revolutionize the unbalance of power,
Stabilize freedom of expression with dignity.

Click Bait

Sometimes I feel angry,
It is like my truth is silenced
I feel like there is no way out for me,
Like my enemies are winning,
My hands and lips are bounded by righteous principles.
I am always at war with the Being,
Do I walk free or make a pact with devil or be?
I feel like my back is against the world,
Held back at all times,

My truth is what keeps my sanity
But it is what provokes my enemies,
How do I escape?
How do I escape the mental prison of a physical world?
I have Christ, but God knows it is hard,
No lies,
No pretention from me,
I am a broken soul seeking asylum in peace,
My heart is constantly pounded and tortured
by the metaphysical illusions of the world
It is a power play,
I do not have the master key
to unlock the rainbow and unicorn gate,
I am playing Queen Moves with a pawn position.

I am bound to hit a brick wall
And it terrifies me,
Whether or not I play the game of life,
It goes on without me. That's just life.

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The smokes and mirrors will turn a hero
Like Isaiah into a drug king pin and make it stick,
The evidence is so compelling, that the lie mirror truth
Truth never lies,
But it can be compromise,
Sold as commodity to highest bidder,
And the piper continues to play the revival tune,

I do not make the rule
But I have a choice every day,
Can right ever be wrong?
Is it black and white?
Or does it have grey areas?

Ain't I yellow?

Knees tightly held together
Bound by shivers and quivers
Rings formed around my Iris
Black and blue plaster
Know no better
Expect no better
Cutting wrist
Ready to quit.

Aint I yellow,
Cannot see the silver lining
Beneath cumulonimbus clouds
Eyes bloodshot
Feeling worthless,
Have no hope
People are clueless to the struggles
Of a lost, broken and bruised woman.

They think he is awesome!
A stallion and saviour to a Nubian Queen,
Many times wished upon a star
He would choke on a bone or have a stroke.
As he made me hopeless,
Almost no fight left
Only death awaits us
Can heaven open up and swallow me up?

Once had a dream,
Had visions
Was a woman of great worth and fortitude,
Now, was sold a dream that aint worth my life
Where can one go to rekindle the woman once was?
To be all can be which was told one could never be?
Why put your faith in man and chariots?

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When it's guaranteed failure
Why foolish women like me never learn?
Why do we become slaves to ideals?
Then it fails and we are still to be blamed
Tried to satisfy and be the flower that a bee will pollinate.

Instead I got baseball bats,
Hits upon hits like a classic record
But a tune despised,
A song never wants to listen again.
And they will think how yellow I was to stay
But they never understand a syndrome
Plague in doubt and PTSD.
Controlled by a master manipulator,
Free me, free me I tell you is a distant and frail cry,
A cry so hidden, so screaming, so echoing that is silent
To only who can discern.

Will any anyone hear me beneath my make up smile?
My chilling laughter,
Stunning starlet dresses,
My servant attitude to assist at all times.
Do they know I am dying inside?
Screaming through my ears like a ringing doorbell
Can I fight back and live for me?
Is a question that ponders my heart, constantly.
My mind is weary and degenerates perpetually,
But time and time again, it reboots and refresh
And feel a sense of belonging.
I was never yellow just broken.

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Ritual

En el rocío fugitivo de la aurora
hay un ritual sagrado que gira sobre un espejo de agua.
Hay nenúfares que danzan cual luciérnagas de luz
sobre verdes camalotes
con islas de asombro.

Entonces
nacen las semillas de Paz
en el huerto donde amanece un horizonte nuevo.
Un coloquio de pájaros
huele a viento y a sol,
como un abrazo tibio sobre un campanario de sueños.

Un vuelo de palomas circunda el Universo
y un trazo infinito de azul cielo
desprende la revelación del mensaje:
Hay puentes de luz que enseñan caminos de Paz
la semilla está en el alma.

Y YO MUJER

Con la mirada puesta al horizonte
teñido el ocaso celebro el espejismo de la hora,
las sombras emergen en siluetas verticales
con una mezcla de viento y sonidos
y la Paz, la Paz se asoma con ojos de álamos.
Ella está en altura de sol
y avanza en melodías de remolinos inquietos.
Entonces
me detengo en el instante mismo de la hora
y brego por los sueños con la oración del día.

Tal vez se fuguen los pájaros azules
de los campanarios sagrados de la noche
y el bosquejo de un follaje tenue
sea cómplice de esta bohemia.
Tal vez, el Amor nos enseñe el lugar
donde habitan los duendes de la infancia
esos que se visten de arlequines y van de fiesta
con el relato de los cuentos fantásticos,
como la silueta de estos álamos,
en este Universo de ocaso
mezcla rara de piel y de sueños,
de grito y asombro
como la vida misma.

Y yo mujer
testigo de la hora sublime
y de éste crepúsculo púrpura
descubro la Paz
entre las sombras de esta bohemia.

Yo te bendigo vida

Me detengo en la hora
que amanecen los lapachos
y el cielo unge al viento
la oración del día,
las hojas estrenan sus sepias radiantes
mientras el otoño asoma
con sus colores en la paleta.

Ojos amarillos destellan dorados
en filigranas de alquimias sagradas
y en efímeras pinceladas,
descubro los ocres festivos.
Entonces
canta en el aire
una melodía de musas
columpiando el híbrido cielo.
Intuyo secretos mensajes
en el velo de la hora
y la tinta se diluye desplegando su mágico vuelo.
Mientras
y en proyección de paz,
cual inquieta letra amada
yo te bendigo vida.

Francesco
Favetta

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Francesco Favetta was born in the land of Sicily in that of Sciacca, i have always loved poetry, writing verses, but above all culture, true culture, food for the soul! So far i have written more than 4000 poems, i also write philosophical reflections and thoughts. In 2018 i was awarded by the Academy of Sicily, Academic of Sicily. I don't like to participate in literary competitions, because culture, in my view: It is Freedom is Free Spirit, it is Soul in Motion, it must never be harnessed!

To date, my lyrics have been published on the international poetic scene: Revista Azahar who edited my first Silloge of Poems in Spanish: Encantamiento y Palabras como Plumas; some of my poems published in The Silk Road Anthology: Nano Poems for Africa; my other lyrics published on the official website of the "Galassia Poetica Atunis", including one in Russian; my other works published on the official WorldSmith International Editorial website; publication of my poems in OPA The Poetry Journal. I founded a theater company in Sciacca: Theatrum Socialis Sciacca. I also founded a Lions Club, Sciacca Terme. Finally, i believe that Poetry will be the weapon with which humanity will make its life free, and furthermore Beauty will always be a truth that will never be buried: from the times and events of daily human life.

Mother's courage

Evening falls in the fields
and the wind already calm
from the clear sky of black clouds
it landed smashing to the ground
the leaves yellowed by eternal silences
women dripping bitter drops
and love torn from the womb.
The thousand souls marched proudly
clenched fists tied hands
serene faces, never dull eyes
step firmly in the chest pain
of wounded women and humiliated mothers
singing the hymn of their only cry
they came united in sincere hearts.
Crowds cheering open arms
welcomed by embracing
lives broken by adverse winds
voices of freedom and songs of joy
the pure souls acclaimed
giving them true values
and the struggles of a thousand battles expected
at the crossing of the friendly fraternal paths.

Open your heart humanity

You open
your heart
humanity
don't skimp
do not spare yourself
believe in the common good
in happy thoughts
in freedom
of living
in love and harmony.
Rejoice
for your fellow man
brother or sister
drop the crosses
sink your eyes
deep inside
of your soul.
Drink at the source
of love
humanity
of this world
your caresses are fertile
always give them
to the humble
and the oppressed
children of this land
children of life
given by Heaven
in our days.

They are songs without words
the tides of forgetfulness
abysses so deep
that dwell in the bowels
and they teach how to live

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inside this life
shocked by the violence.
The victims of this world
are families and crosses
around death they dance
they are held by the hands
desperately they scream
the pain and anger of the wounds
inflicted by men without faith.

Dr. H.C.
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Poem To Lydia

You have just been born, my child.
Beautiful wishes at the start.
Unsurprising difficulties
In a whirlwind life.

You have two brothers and a sister.
Will rather be invaders.
They will love you all their life,
I assure you in poetry.

Grandpa "REGGY" to watch.
He looks at you, amazed.
Your little hands in his,
He will want you to remember...

A thought for his love.
Come to him for help.
Deliver your heart and your secrets,
He promises to be discreet.

I offer you my friendship here.
We will talk in a path.
A walk in pairs,
Decrease your chaos.

You see, life is not easy
Despite a very nice home.
Much effort from your parents,
A good help when getting started.

Good luck Lydia!
We are all here for you, for your sister, for your brothers.
You have wonderful parents.

What Is Important

After study and experience, here are the criteria:

Sweetness and tenderness in love,
Respect despite your sense of humor,
The generosity of your heart,
Frankness even for an actor.

The depth of your good feelings
And your optimism in expressing yourself.
Your presence always available
Especially during a tough ordeal.

A communication between us,
Our equality too, I admit.
No superiority for a man
Who behaves well, like a gentleman.

Religion or skin color,
The capitals or the name of the flag,
Nothing is important except the inside,
Especially not the outward appearance...

Write In 2022

Writing, my daily passion.
As soon as I get up, I say hello to you.
Communicate, my reason for living
And with my words, I intoxicate you.

My pen darkens my white page.
Observation and everything starts.
To promote my French language,
I create a text that soothes you.

Of course, not perfection.
Finding fault: disappointment.
I seek quality in all respects
By working for equality.

Advocate respect and wisdom,
Keeping peace, a wealth.
I never run out of topics
And amaze many with my projects.

I wish I could live a long time,
Braving disease and time.
Dedicate myself to those who appreciate,
With tact and diplomacy.

WILL ONE OF MY CURRENT DREAMS BE
REALIZED?

Remembering

our fallen soldiers of verse



Janet Perkins Caldwell

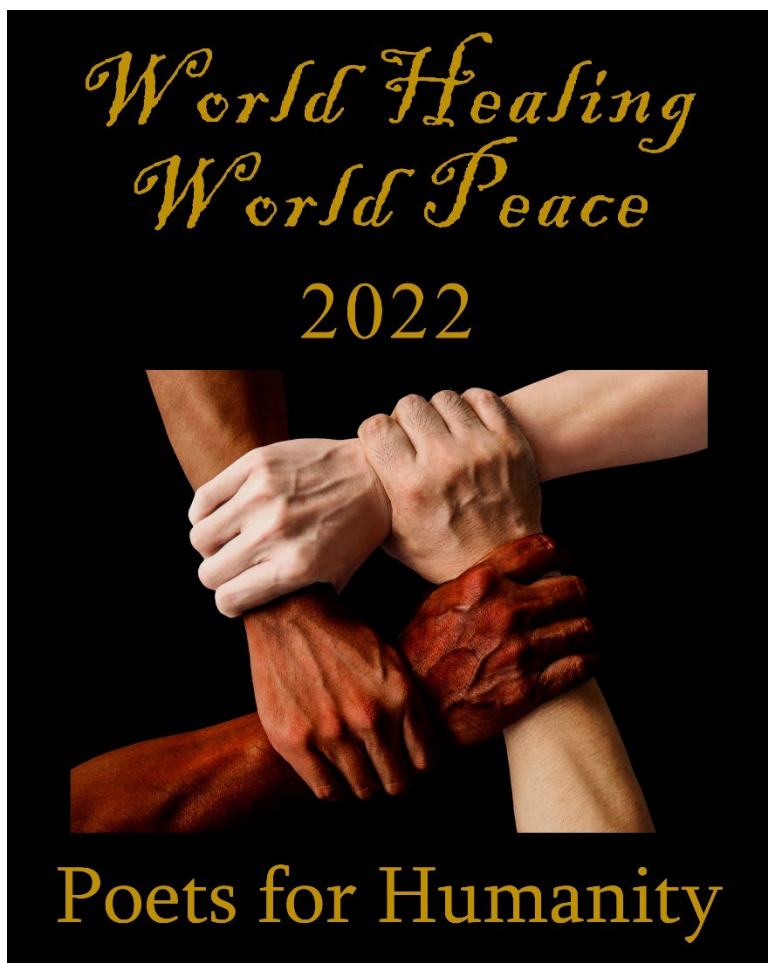
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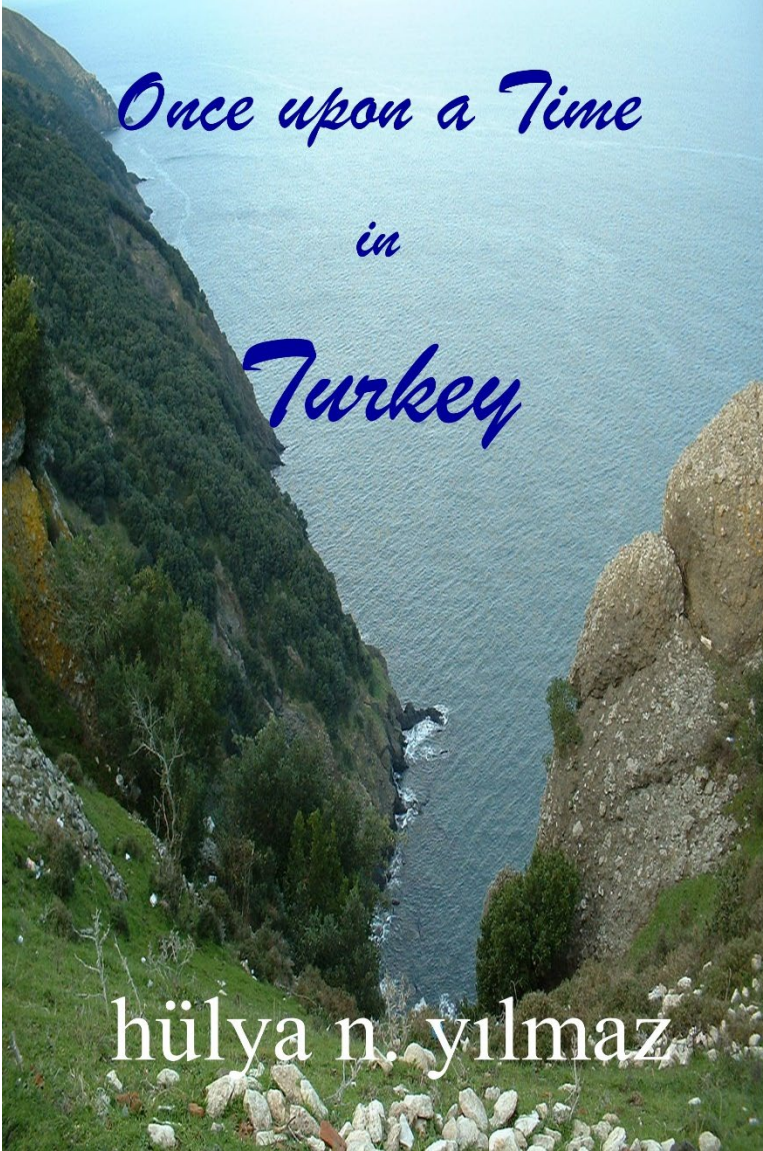
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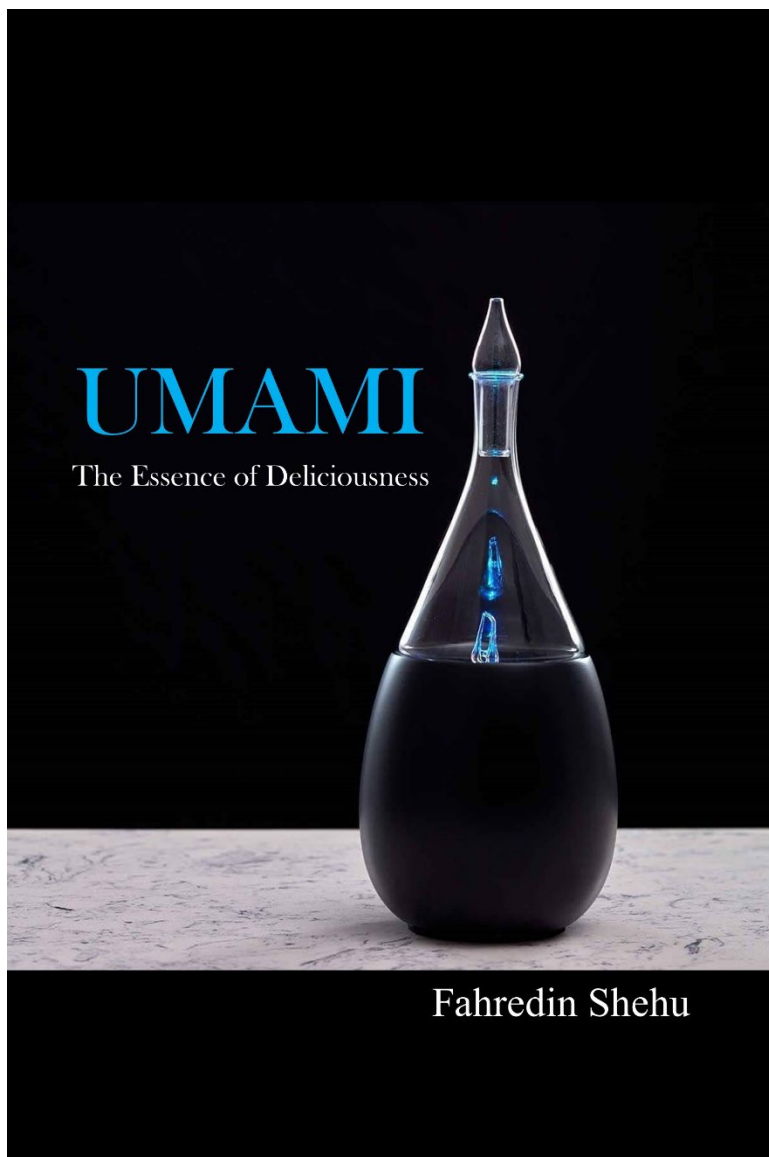
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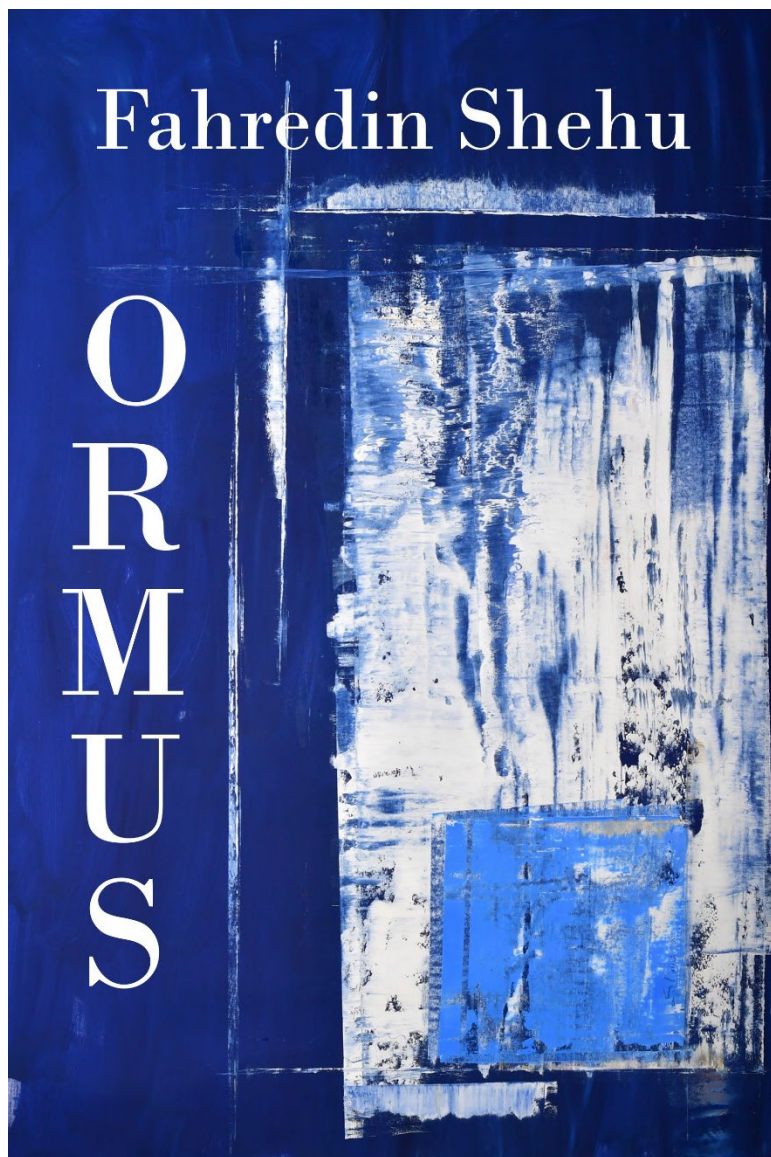
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... from the Streets to the Stages



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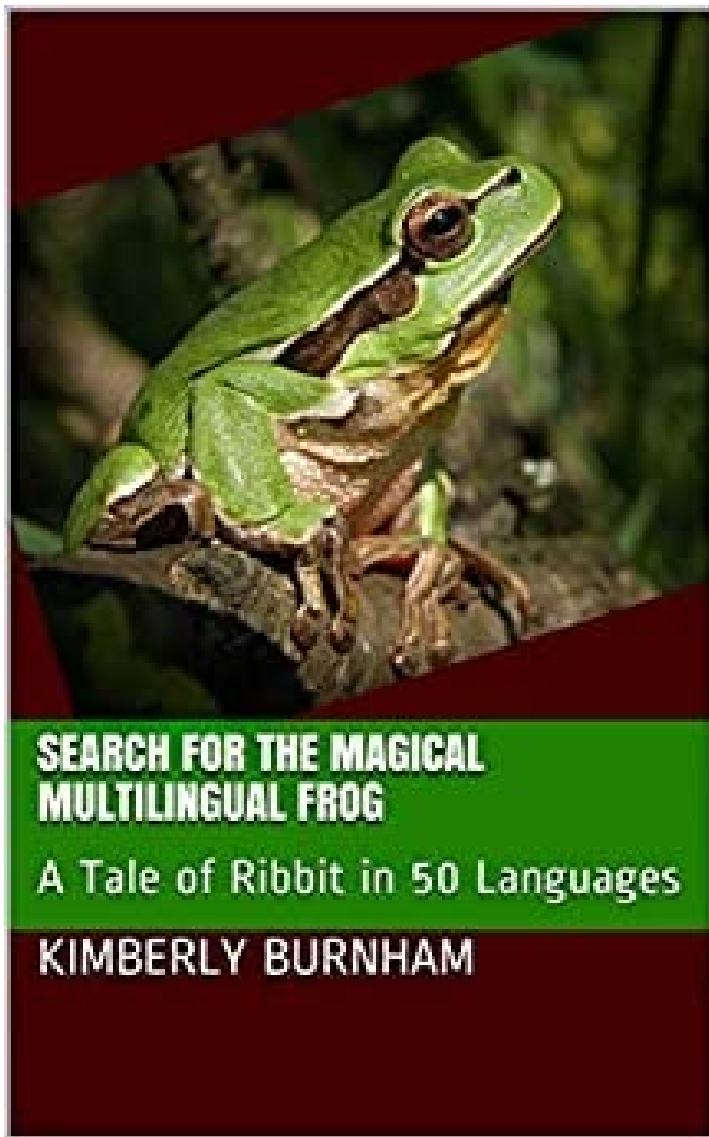


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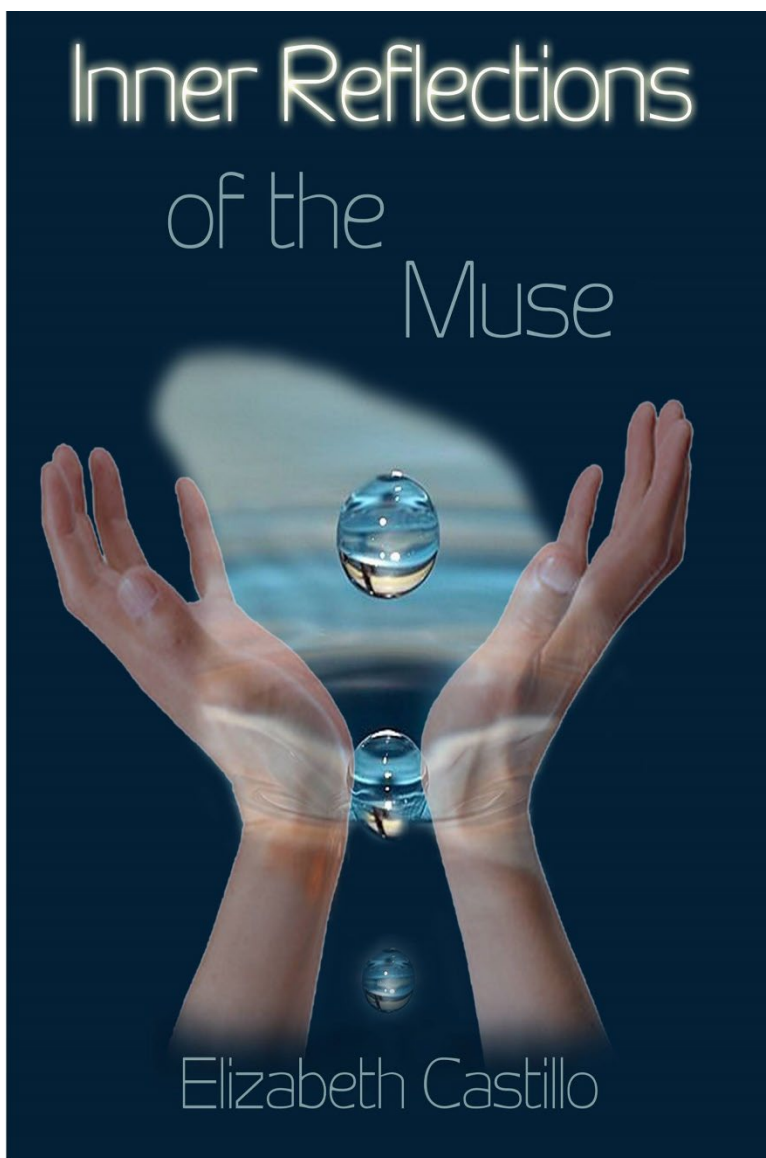
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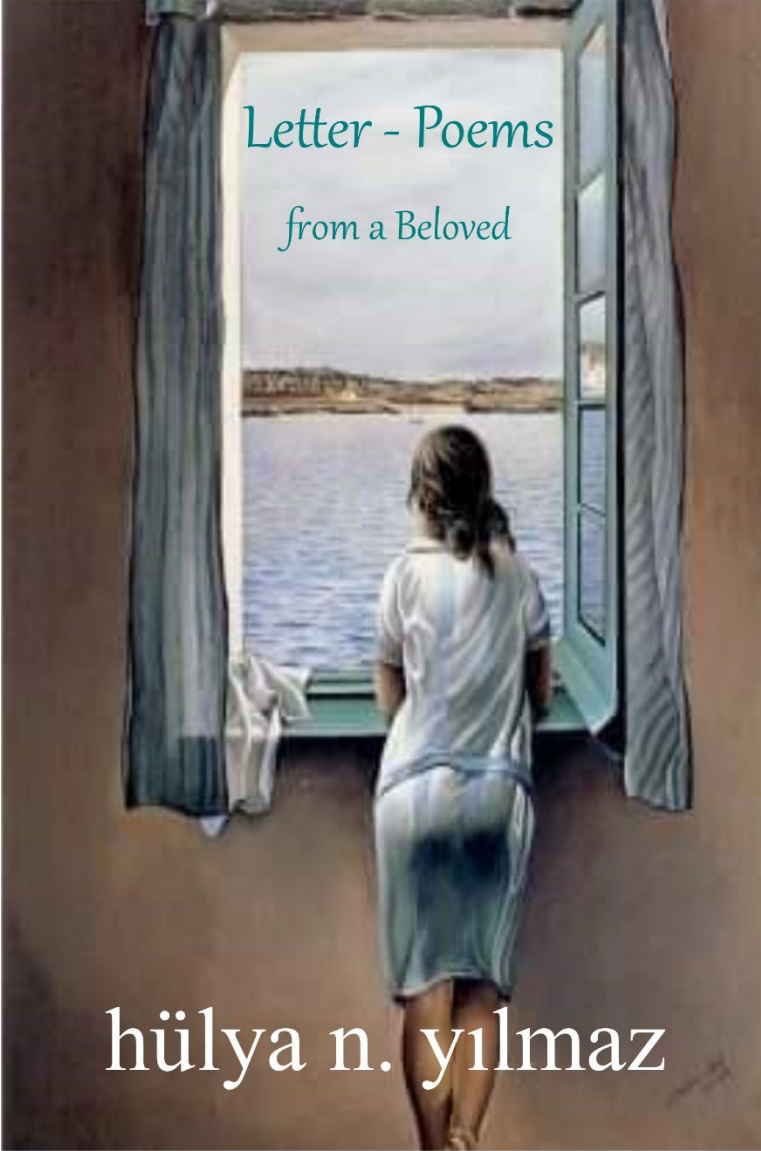
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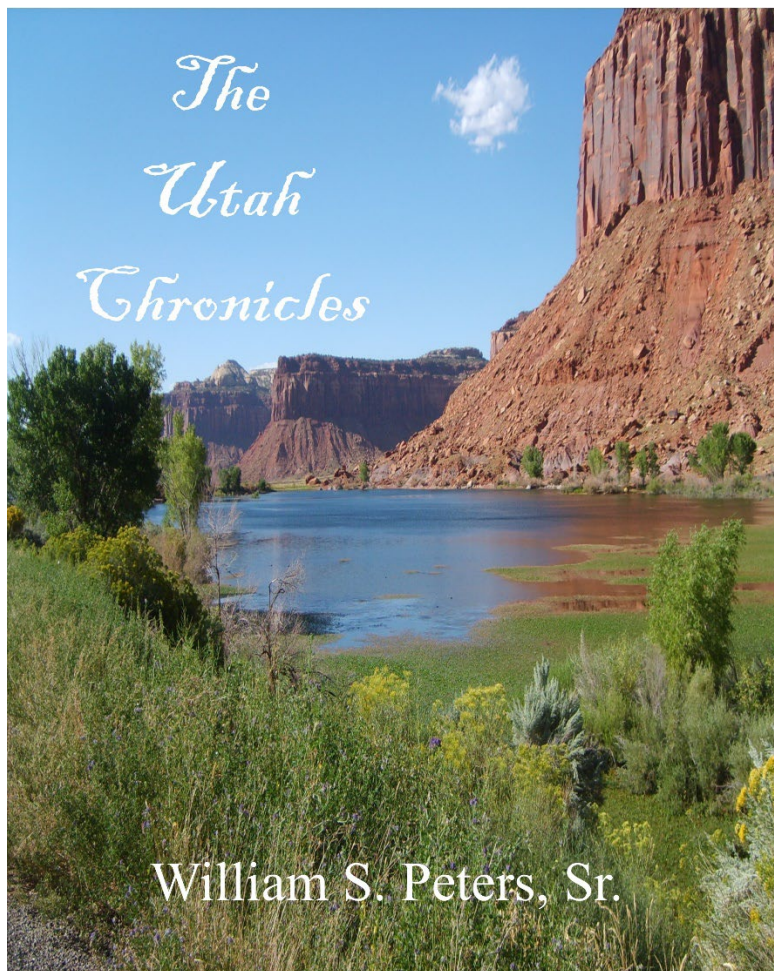
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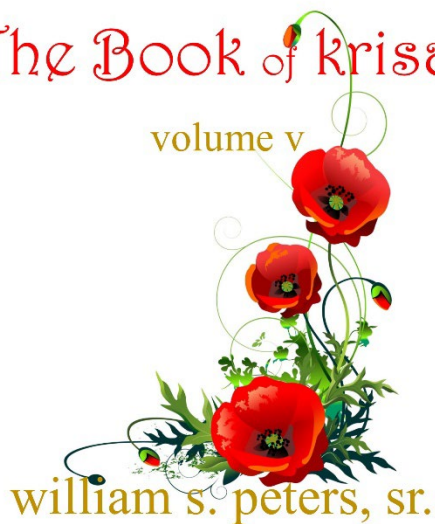
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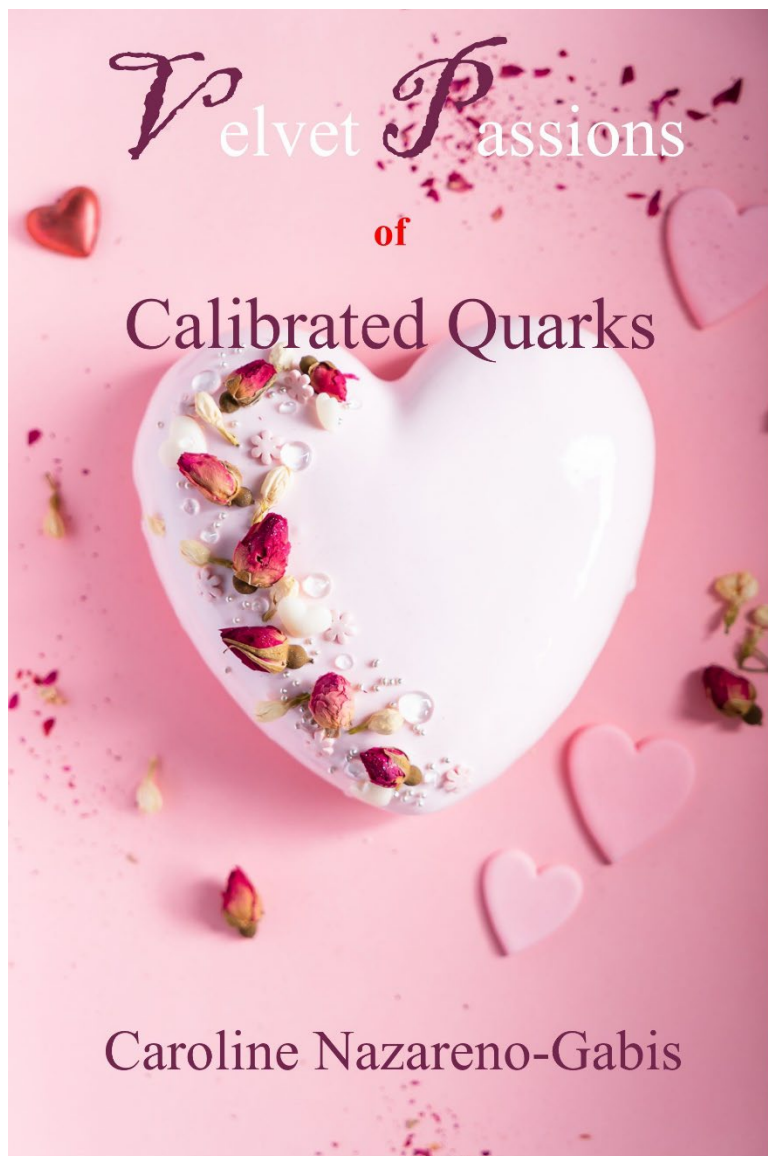


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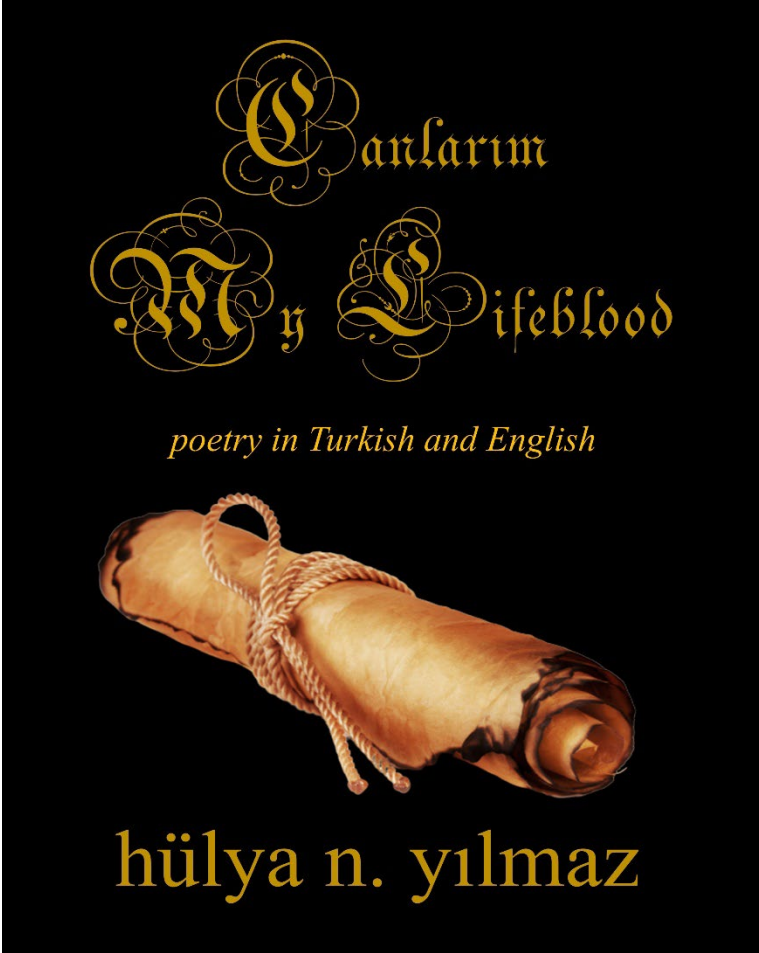
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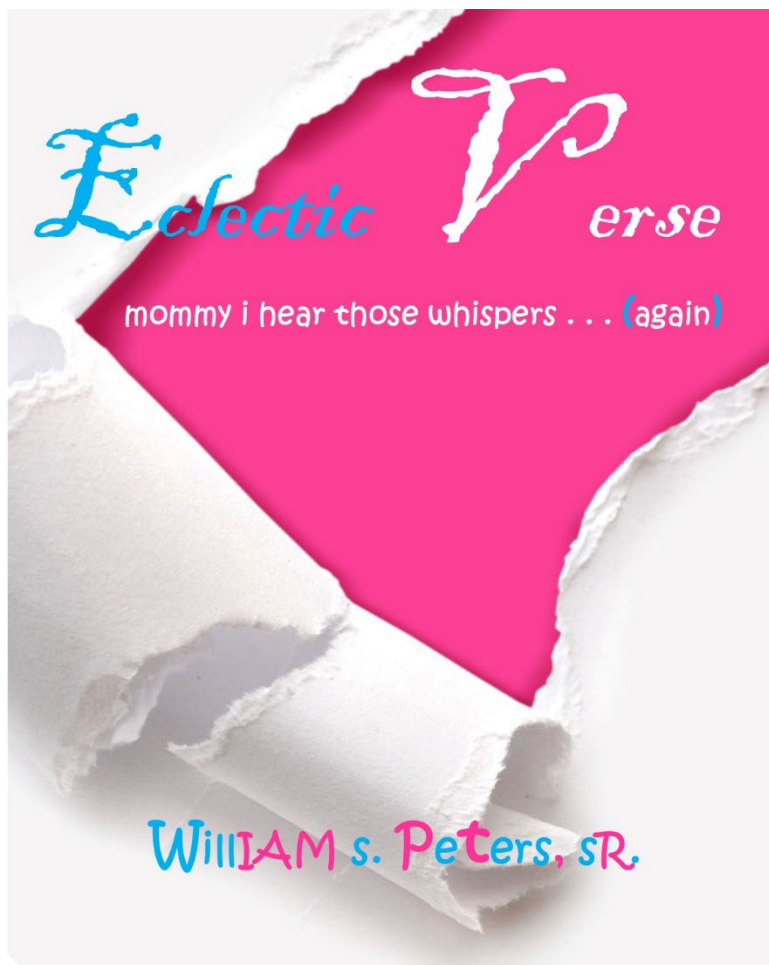
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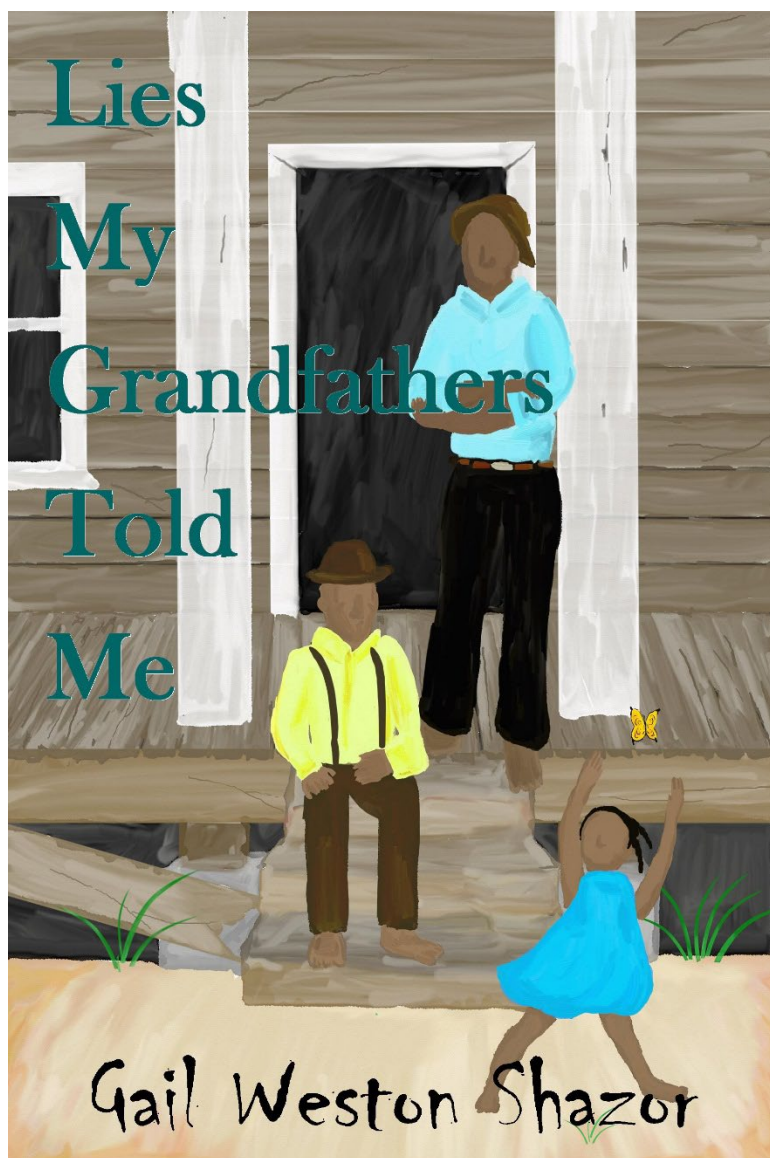
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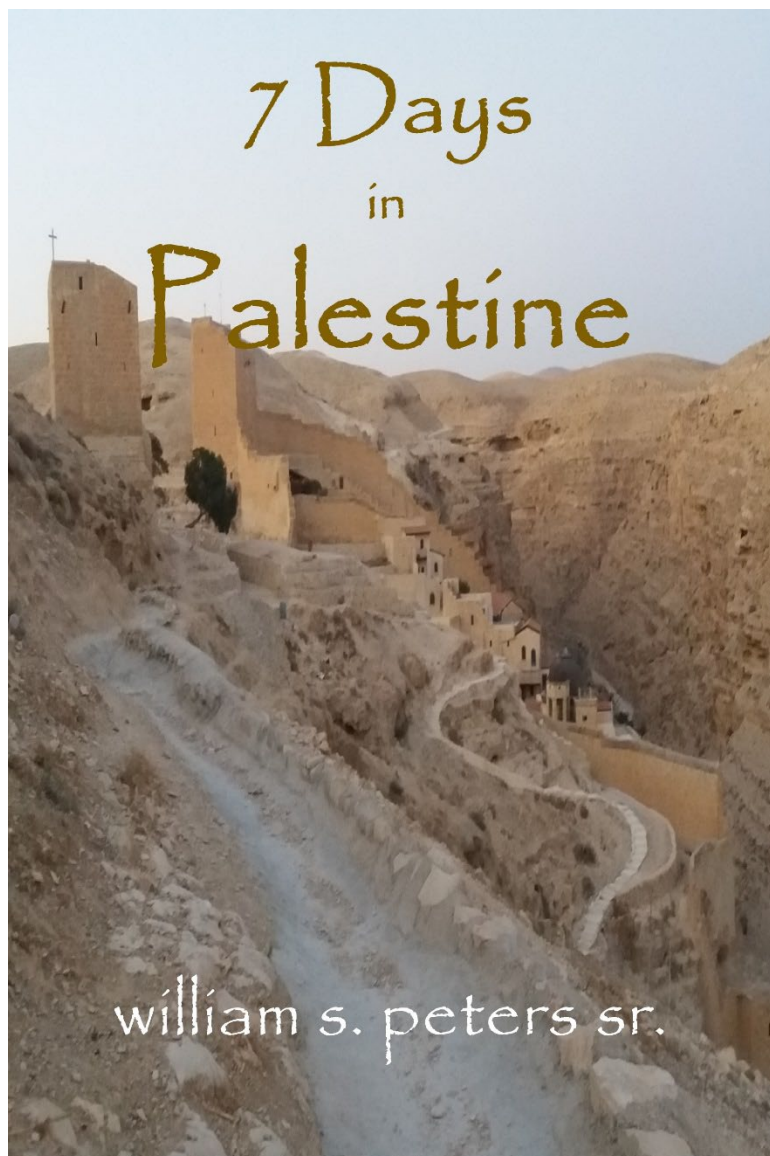
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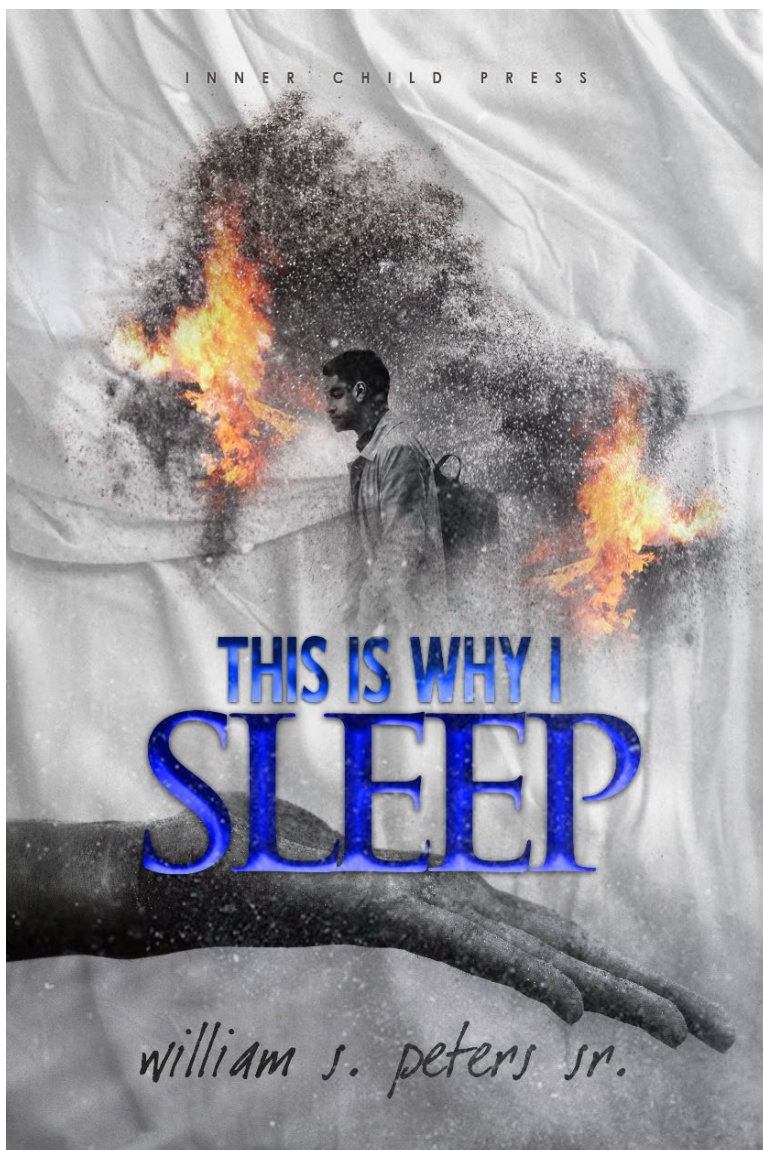
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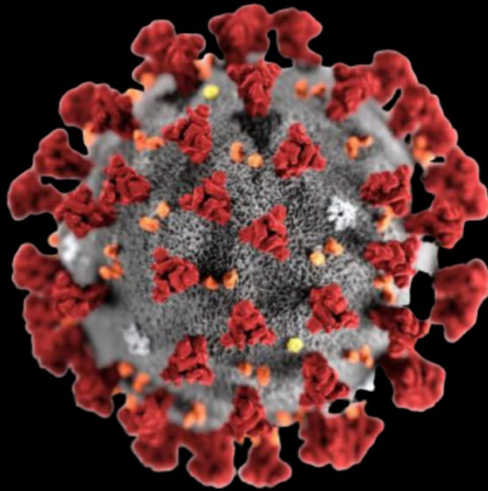
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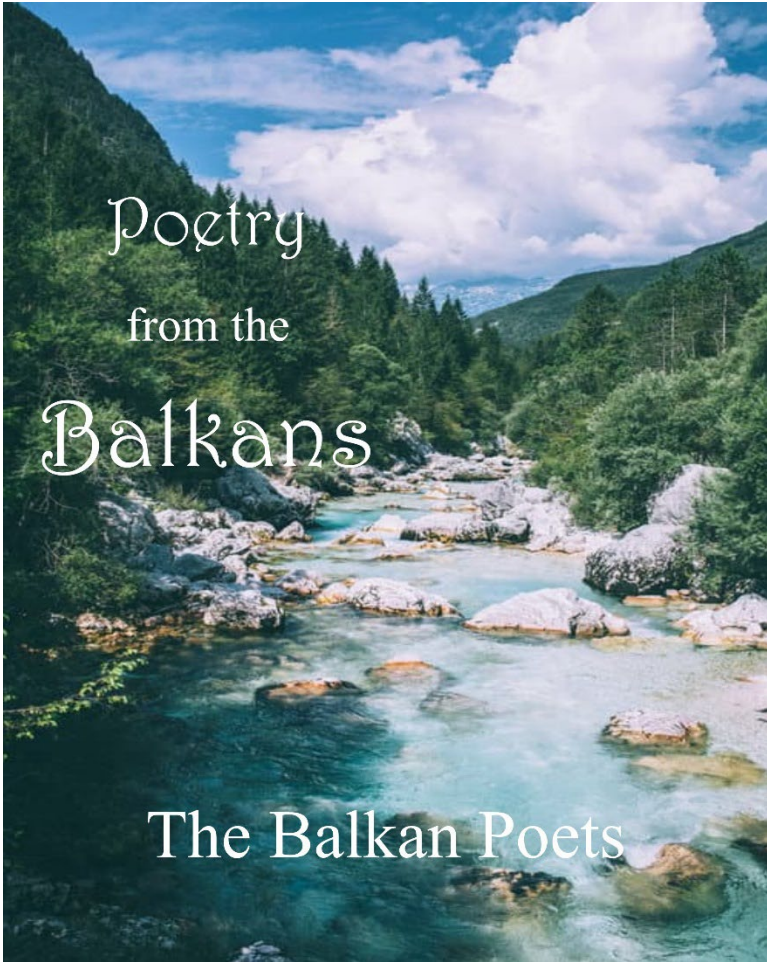
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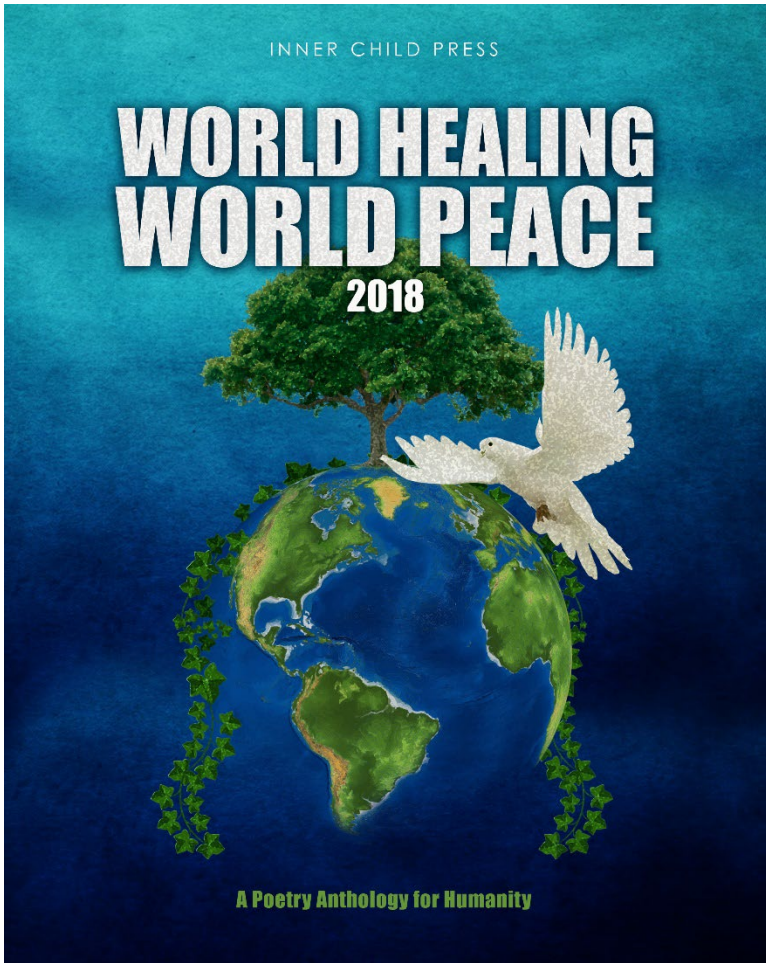
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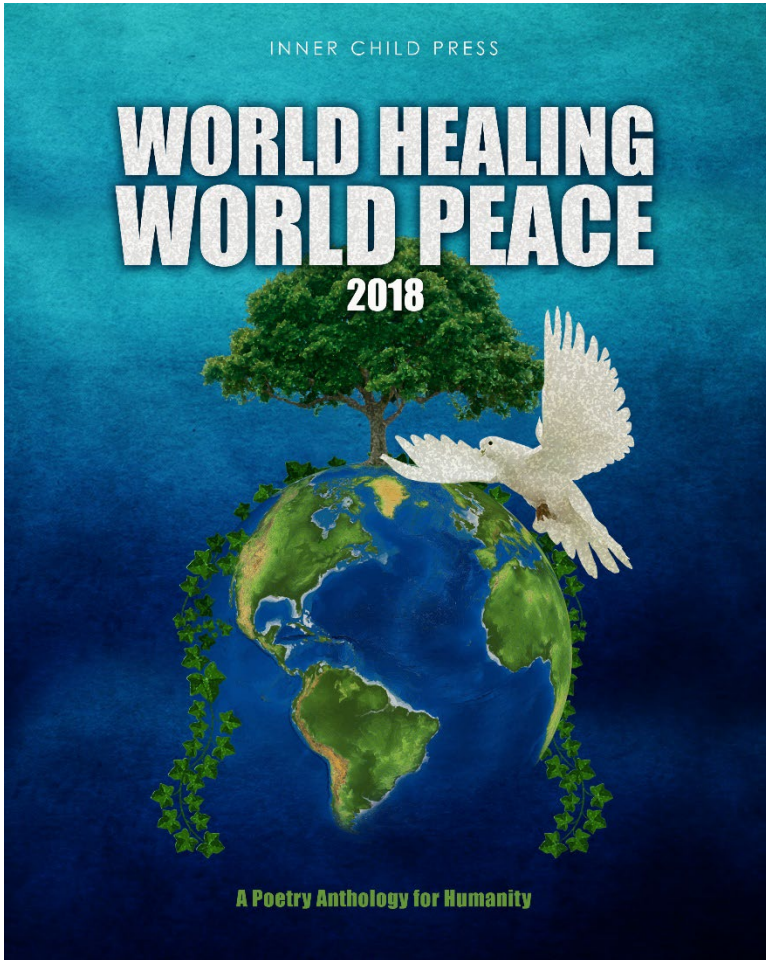


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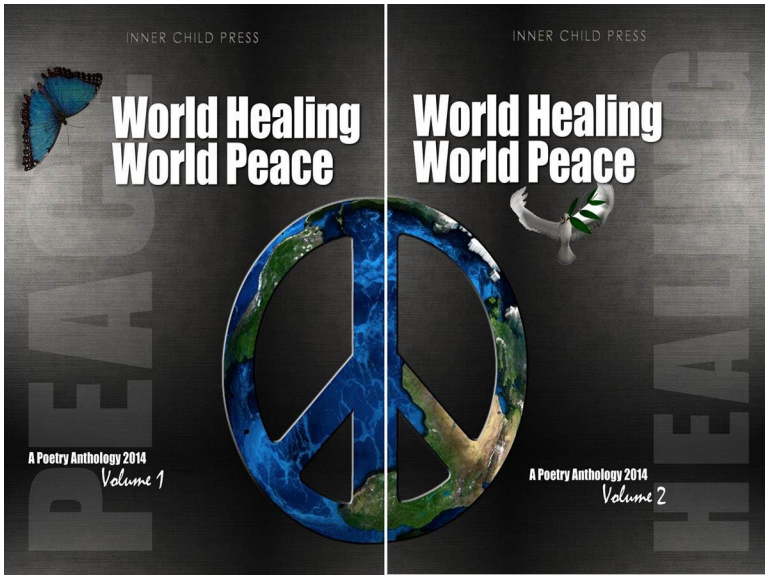
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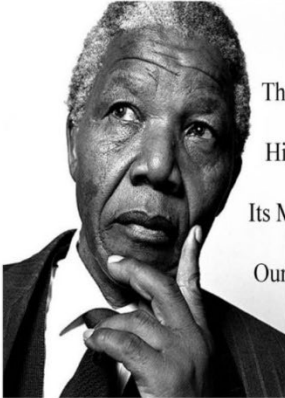
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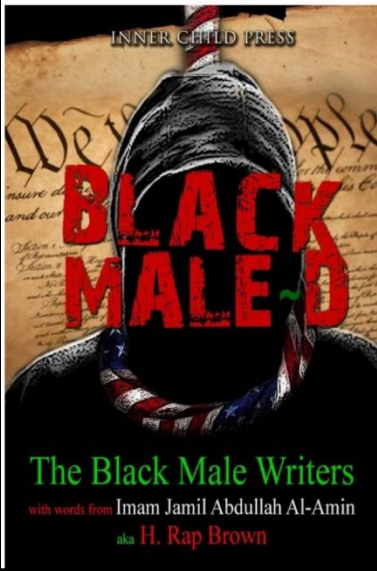
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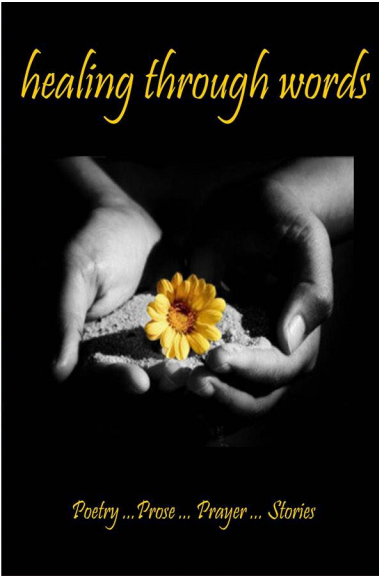
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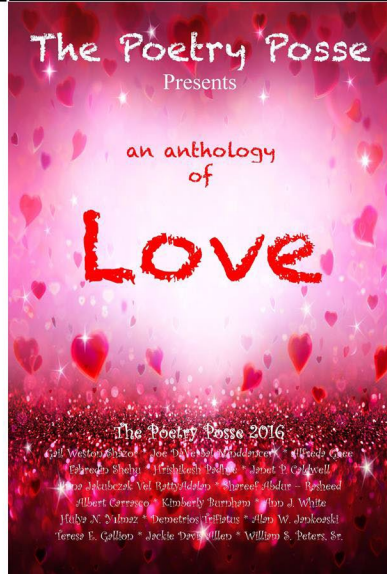
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Sweet Pea

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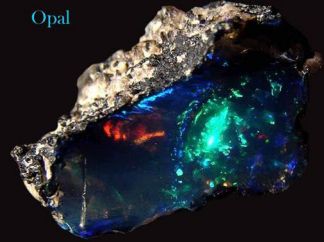
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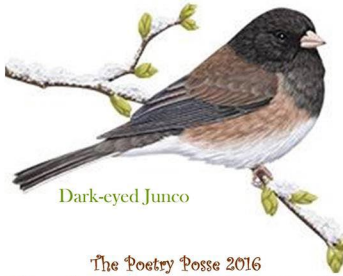
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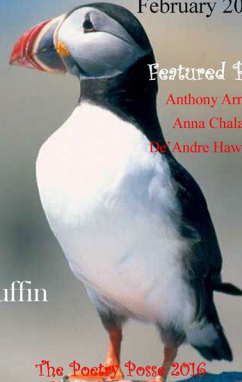
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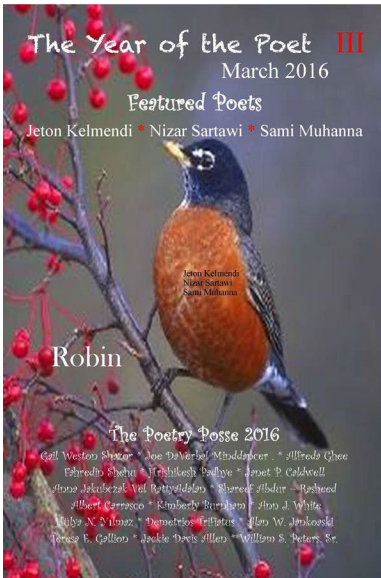
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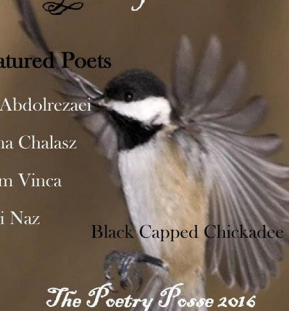
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Ali Abdolrezaei
Anna Chalas
Agim Vinca
Ceri Naz



Black Capped Chickadee

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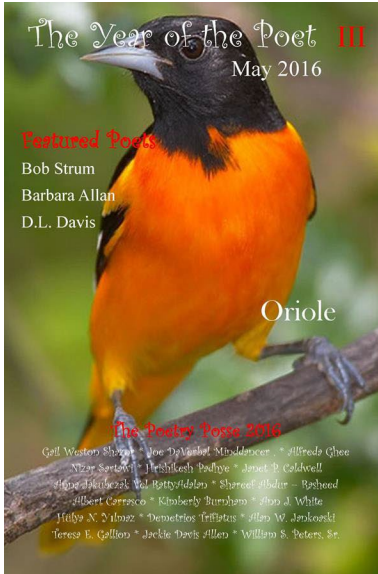
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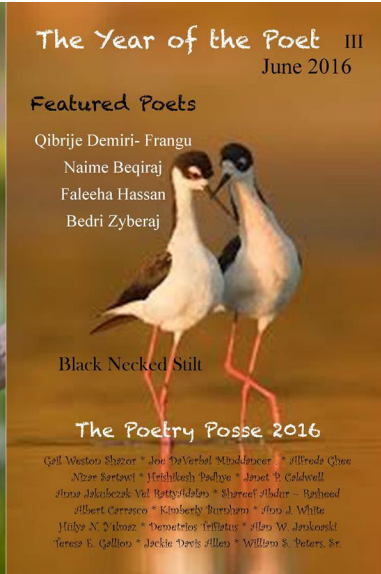


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May 2016

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Bob Strum
Barbara Allan
D.L. Davis

Oriole

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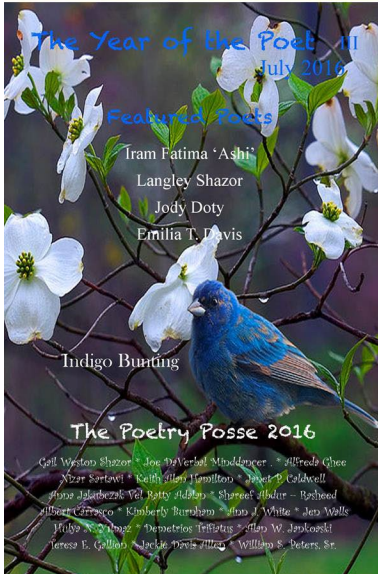


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Qibrije Demiri- Frangu
Naime Beqiraj
Faleeha Hassan
Bedri Zyberaj

Black Necked Stilt

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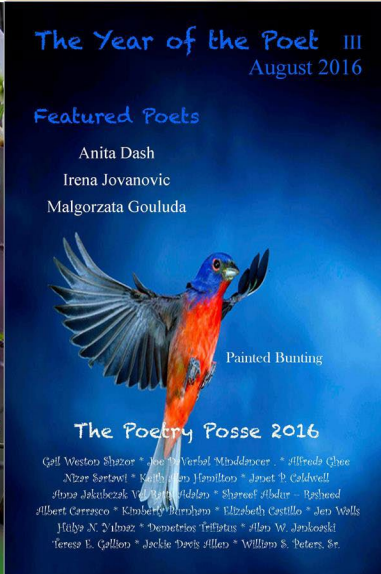


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Iram Fatima 'Ashi
Langley Shazor
Jody Doty
Emilia T. Davis

Indigo Bunting

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August 2016

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Irena Jovanovic
Malgorzata Gouluda

Painted Bunting

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Long Billed Curlew

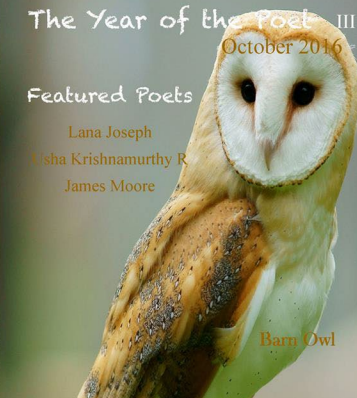
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Featured Poets

Lana Joseph
Visha Krishnamurthy R
James Moore



Barn Owl

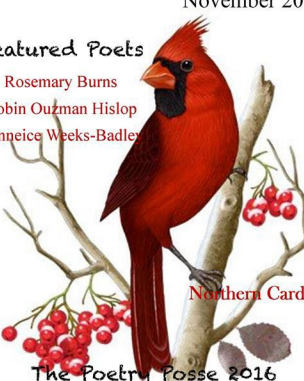
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Robin Ouzman Hislop
Lonneice Weeks-Badle



Northern Cardinal


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Featured Poets

Samih Masoud
Mountassir Aziz Bien
Abdulkadir Musa



Rough Legged Hawk

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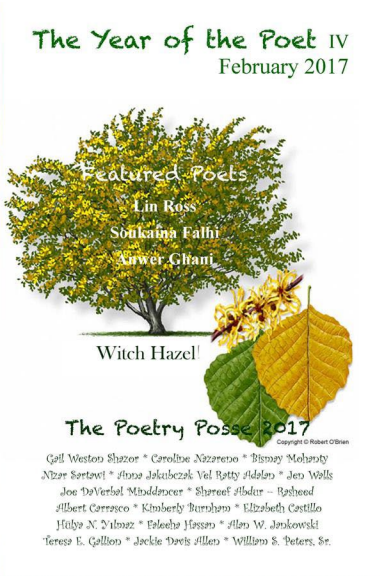


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Natale Shields
Iram Fatima Ashi

Quaking Aspen

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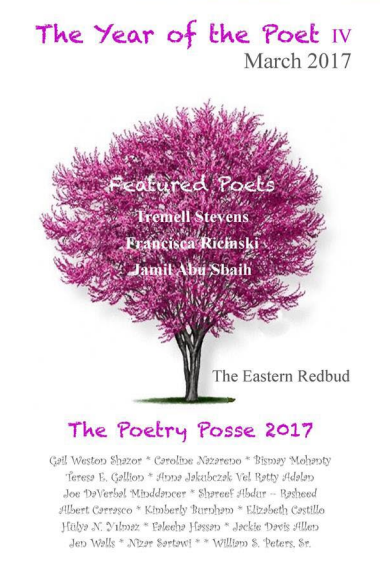


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Sohkaina Falhi
Anwer Ghani

Witch Hazel

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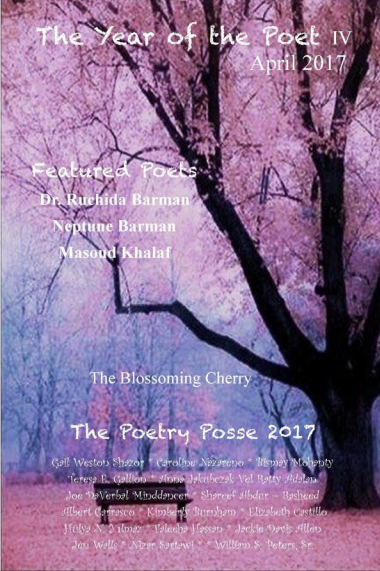


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Francisca Ricinski
Jamil Abu Shaib

The Eastern Redbud

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Neptune Barman
Masoud Khalaf

The Blossoming Cherry

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree



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Fethi Sassi

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Eliza Seglet
Tze-Min Tsai
Abdulla Issa

The Linden Tree

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Ibaa Ismail
Zvonko Taneski

The Oak Moon

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Jonathan Aquino
Kitty Hsu
Langley Shazor

The Hazelnut Tree

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The Elm Tree

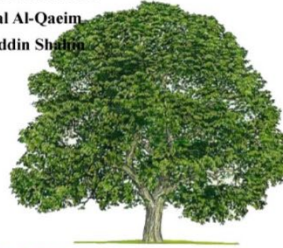
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Ahmed Abu Saleem
Nedal Al-Qaeim
Sadeddin Shahrin



The Black Walnut Tree

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Featured Poets

Kay Peters
Alfreda D. Ghee
Gabriella Garofalo
Rosemary Cappello



The Tree of Life

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Justice Clarke
Mariel M. Pabroa
Kiley Brown



The Fig Tree

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Ali Abdolrezaei



Aksum

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Sabeen



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Muhammad Azram

Anna Szawracka

Abhilipsa Kuanar

Aanika Aery

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Cassandra Swan
Jaleel Khazaal
Shazia Zaman

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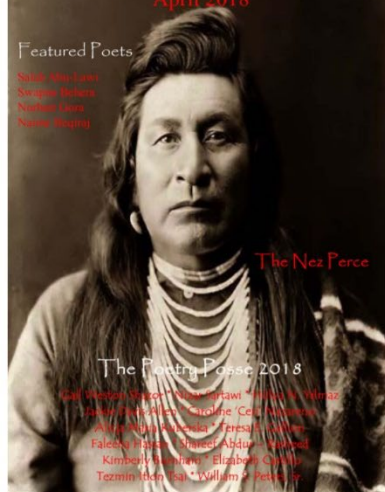
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Sonia Abu-Leneh
Swagata Bhattacharya
Nathan Dean
Nancy Wang



The Nez Perce

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Lindita Ahmeti
Ofelia Prodan

The Sumerians




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The Paleo Indians



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Patnaja Iyengar-Paddy
Mohammad Akbal Harb
Eliza Seget
Tom Higgins

Oceania




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August 2018

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

The Lapita



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Mazher Hussain Abdul Ghani
Lily Swann

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October 2018

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



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November 2018

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Michelle Joan Barulich * Monsif Beroual
Krystyna Konecka * Nassira Nezzar

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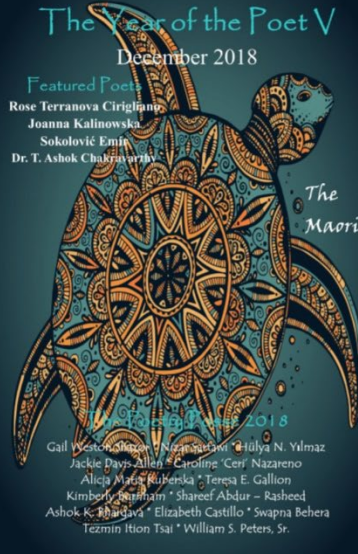
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December 2018

Featured Poets

Rose Terranova Cirigliano
Joanna Kalinowska
Sokolović Emily
Dr. T. Ashok Chakravarthy



The
Maori

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Iram Fatima 'Ashi'
Dr. K. K. Mathew

Dream Catcher

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February 2019

Featured Poets

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



Meso-America

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March 2019

Featured Poets

Enesa Mahmić * Sylwia K. Malinowska
Shurouk Hammoud * Anver Ghani



The Caribbean

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April 2019

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DL Davis * Michelle Joan Barulich
Lulëzim Haziri * Falecha Hassan



Central & West Africa

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The Horn of Africa



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Pankhuri Sinha * Christena AV Williams



The Mile Valley
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Bharati Nayak * Kapardeli Efthimia



Oceania
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Ibrahim Honjo * Claudia Piccinno

Henri La Fontaine ~ 1913



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Hannie Rouweler * Rozalia Aleksandrova

Aristide Briand ~ 1926 - Gustav Stresemann



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Monalisa Dash Dwibedy * NilavroNil Shoovro

Carlos Saavedra Lamas ~ 1936



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Hussein Habasch * Kosh K Mathew

Albert John Lutuli ~ 1960



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Roula Pollard * Karn Praktisha

Norman Ernest Borlaug ~ 1970



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Srinivas Vasudev * Ugwu Leonard Ifeanyi, Jr.

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel ~ 1980



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Nadeem Fraz • Avril Tanya Meallem

Kim Dae-jung ~ 2000



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Hatif Janabi • Ivan Gaćina

Liu Xiaobo ~ 2010



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Brindha Vinodh • Selma Kopic

Abiy Ahmed Ali ~ 2019



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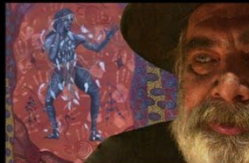
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Caroline Turunç * Tali Cohen Shabtai

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