

INTRODUCTION- POETRY SECTION

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It was with smashing glee that I agreed to be the poetry editor of the Autumn issue of the well-known Asian literary journal, Lapis Lazuli! Reading poems by others and learning more about the poetic craft, the thematic focus of poets, the meanderings of their emotions, thoughts and words was an opportunity I could not let go! And then, the editorial team consisting of poets and professors...had been so good to me...publishing my musings for quite a few years! The combination of poets and professors...right up my alley! So, there it was then...I said a humble and enthusiastic, yes!

I enjoyed reading all the submissions which were varied and from diverse writers from different parts of the world! I am pulled towards new kinds of poetry...something I may not have thought of or written about, poems that give me an Aha ha moment!! And I was not disappointed. I hope you will also appreciate reading the poems. I thank the editors of Lapis Lazuli for their kind invitation to edit this issue and I thank the poets for the opportunity to read their unique poetic sensibilities.

Happy reading!

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BIO- NOTE

Anita Nahal, Ph.D., CDP is an Indian American poet, flash fictionist, children's writer, columnist, and professor. Anita has three books of poetry, one of flash fictions, four for children and three edited anthologies to her credit. Anita's third and latest poetry book, *What's wrong with us Kali women?* was nominated as his choice for the best poetry book of the year 2021 by celebrated Guyanese-Indian-Canadian poet and novelist, Cyril Dabydeen for the British Ars Notoria's annual nominations. Three of Anita's books are prescribed in a course on multiculturalism and immigration at the University of the Utrecht, The Netherlands. Anita's poems and flash fictions are found in journals in the US, UK, Asia and Australia and her poems are also housed at Stanford University's Digital Humanities Initiative. She is also a columnist with Aaduna, a New York based journal. Anita teaches at the University of the District of Columbia, Washington DC. She is the daughter of Sahitya Akademi award winning Indian novelist, Chaman Nahal and educationist, Sudarshna Nahal. Anita resides in the US with her son, daughter in law and golden doodle girl. More on her at: <https://anitanahal.wixsite.com/anitanahal>