

Editor's Note

Truly, we live in interesting times. The tensions of war, the poor economic status of most people on our planet, and the violent opposition of religious beliefs have provoked anxiety around the globe. It is comforting to know that literature is always available as an outlet of expression.

Literature is constant. People will always be drawn to the written word, their thoughts displayed poetically. Literature allows us to learn from each other and perhaps more importantly, from ourselves. It enables us to communicate on a higher level. Is it possible that we are more alike than we think we are? Do we share similar fears, hopes and desires? Perhaps in literature we are one world rather than many nations.

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Thank you,
Melanie Ferrara
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