



# VOICE of the SOUL

A Compilation of Poems



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# Fore Word

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It has been my utmost pleasure to announce the first publication of a poetry book initiated and hosted by Akademi Pengajian Bahasa (APB), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kedah Branch. The original idea of the book has been proposed by the speaker of a webinar entitled Voice of the soul: Collection of Short Poems, Puan Hajjah Sharina Saad and later she set up an editorial team to realize the mission. As the head of department, I will always support initiative like this one and will be looking forward for the coming editions of more creative writing books in the future.

While we may live and work in different campuses and in different fields, we all share the same core giving philosophy. This book captures that philosophy and shows that it is more than a fable or a pipe dream. It is real, it is original words from all of you who have contributed your poems in the first edition of this poetry book. This is the real art of giving. A book of poems from academicians to academicians.

Congratulations to the editorial team and to all contributors.

**Azlan Abdul Rahman**



# Pre Face

It is our pleasure to introduce this first edition of the poetry book called Voice of The Soul: Collection of poems which originated from a webinar series entitled Voice of the Soul: Collection of Short Poems organized and hosted by Academy of Language Studies and ILD Universiti Teknologi Mara Kedah Branch. The major purpose of the workshop is to learn how language expresses feelings and emotions and to encourage lecturers to write creatively as a hobby or perhaps a therapy from stress at work. During the webinar, participants were introduced to poetry writing and were encouraged to submit their written poems to be published as a creative work. Alhamdulillah, we received a remarkable response from the participants, and we extended the invitation to interested lecturers from various campuses all over Malaysia. Within a month period, 150 poems have been successfully compiled from interested 118 lecturers and academicians from UiTM and other higher learning institutions.

The aim of the poetry book is to provide in one edition, a compilation of unpublished poems from academicians to unleash the potential in them to become better writers. To encourage the beginners to write their poems, the selections in the edition are free verse and the writers are given freedom to choose their own themes. The themes include love and life, family, happiness, experiences, positivity, hopes, spiritual, education and life during the pandemic. The poems reflect the poets' inner voices and their own perception on certain issues in life and their environment. It is hoped that readers of this book would benefit personally and professionally.

Finally, this book could not have come into reality without a great deal of assistance and encouragement from many sources. We must acknowledge the great efforts of the contributors of the poems who have penned down their creative juices and diligently wrote their masterpieces. Our hope is that they will continue to write poems in the future because Poetry has a power to inspire change like no other art form.

**Editor- in - Chief**  
**Hajjah Sharina Saad**

# Acknowledgement

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Inspired by the words from Friedrich Nietzsche,

“One must still have chaos in oneself to be able to give birth to a dancing star.”

I have always like to encourage others to write poems because I believe there is a little poet in you waiting to come to light. All you need to do is dig into yourself for deep answers to all your doubts and worries and let them be expressed into words that you have been keeping in your head for a long time. I suppose you must have felt relief and pleased after letting go your inner voices. You have just produced your masterpiece! I am delighted that you have finally poured your heart out and let your voices from the soul to come out to create wonderful poetries in this book.

Please be proud that now you can call yourself a poet.

I would like to personally thank the head of Akademi Pengajian Bahasa Encik Azlan Bin Rahman for the utmost support and to the diligent editorial team for the effort and dedication to the publication of the first edition of the poetry book. My heartfelt gratitude goes to each one of you who has contributed your poems. Keep up the good work and keep writing poems.

Voice of The Soul: A compilation of Poems is published today because of you. Congratulations and Thank You everyone.

**Chief Editor**  
**Sharina Saad**

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**Education**

## POEM ABOUT LIFE

By Fara Azwin Adam

We are just ordinary human beings,  
Walking step by step, across the enormous, beautiful surface of the earth,  
Don't feel that we are good enough,  
With the wealth, we have, as minuscule as an atom,  
Believe that we are exceptional with beauty and good looks,  
We are arrogant with knowledge as wide as a cubit,  
A scroll of degrees as long as a span,  
It's all just a loan,  
Temporary bliss,  
Don't be arrogant, don't be drunk on life's pleasure.

Regardless of the colour of the skin,  
The red blood that circulates in the temporary bodily vessel,  
Remains the same hue,  
Be it for the king, onto that of the pauper,  
Triggered by the appearance of grey hair, which started to appear slowly,  
Ignoring the signs, that age is getting nearer, to meet the ONE

Observe how the paddy bowed down further, as it fills up,  
To provide food and wealth to others,  
Unlike the weed, the taller it becomes, as each day passes,  
Without realizing its mere existence only repugnant

Jealousy that destroys the soul,  
Envy damages the mind,  
If faith were captivated by the splendours of life,  
The heart will always be restless, the soul is empty and tired,  
Distracted, thus being pushed further away from the GREAT CREATOR  
Make knowledge the shield of the soul,  
Don't be the king over wealth

When speaking becomes exhausting,  
Reminder to thyself who sometimes sleeps...



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