**Let a New Earth Rise Call for Submissions**

"Let a new earth rise.  Let another world be born.  Let a bloody peace be written in the sky.  Let a second generation full of courage issue forth; let a people loving freedom come to growth.  Let a beauty full of healing and a strength of final clenching be the pulsing in our spirits and our blood.  Let the martial songs be written, let the dirges disappear.  Let a race of men now rise and take control."   Margaret Walker

The McAllen Poet Laureate invites submissions from students throughout the lower Rio Grande Valley for a new poetry anthology by and for youth:  **Let a New Earth Rise**.

We call on students in elementary, middle, and high school to submit poetry that reflects themes of renewal, rebirth, and emergence.  (This can be interpreted loosely.)  The anthology will be published in hardcopy, perfect-bound form and distributed widely.   The anticipated publication date for the anthology is May, 2019 by FlowerSong Books.

Selected contributors will receive one free copy of the anthology, with additional copies available for sale.  In addition, contributors will be invited to read at a book release reception along with the editors.

**Guidelines**
1.  Students under 18 years of age must submit with their parent's permission or parents may submit on behalf of their children.
2.  Only one submission per student.  A submission consists of a maximum of five poems.
3.  There is no guarantee of selection.  The number of entries selected for inclusion depends on space constraints and the number of submissions.
4.  Submission implies agreement with these guidelines.  Authors grant first publication rights to FlowerSong Books.

**Deadline:  December 20, 2018**
Selected contributors will be notified of their selection no later than January 31, 2019.

Submissions should be sent as a Word file attachment to:
mcallenpoetlaureate@gmail.com with the subject line:  Let A New Earth Rise Anthology.

**The submission email should include a short cover letter including the following information:**
1.)  Author Name
2.) Grade Level
3.) School
4.) Home city/ Town
5.) Email

Questions can be sent to mcallenpoetlaureate@gmail.com