



## ALMOST HERE!

Not Christmas or Kwanzaa, but the end of 2020 is almost here! What a year of CORRECTED VISION this has been! So many plans were postponed or cancelled because of COVID-19! Opportunities to interact in person with friends and family were limited and many resorted to virtual meetings, dinner dates, birthday celebrations, family reunions, etc. Thank goodness for technology! I cannot help but wonder how many of us will continue to meet virtually rather than driving all over town to attend meetings. I, for one, am open to continuing to periodically meet virtually, especially during the cold, dark winter months!

## WHAT'S NEW?

Maybe not new, but different! Usually, my quarterly newsletters magically appear in email boxes in the wee morning hours of the first day after the end of a quarter, **BUT** this is 2020 when nothing is usual or normal.

PLUS, I would not have been able to wish **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** to all if I scheduled delivery for January 1. **HOWEVER**, on January 1, 2021, I will hit the button to publish my seventh literary child, **LIVING WITH TEXTURE! Poems Woven From Love.**



The pandemic has proven to be a boon for creativity. For instance, I created my first

YouTube video, "[We are all LIVING WITH TEXTURE!](#)" and I finessed my website by adding an online [SHOP](#). You can also shop for Kindle versions on my author's page with [Amazon](#). NOTE: Books purchased directly from me will be signed.



7-BOOK SET - ~~\$106.00~~ \$101.00

There is a savings of \$5.00 and **FREE SHIPPING** when a [7-book set](#) is ordered through my website. The first six books will be mailed immediately and **LIVING WITH TEXTURE!** will be mailed in January.

## NOT IN THE BOOK, BUT ...

There were a couple of times, post election, when I was feeling kind of silly! I do not mask my feelings about "45," so neither of these should come as a surprise.

### **TIME TO GO!** (*post Nov. 3*)

Cinderella knew when the clock struck twelve  
She had overstayed her welcome, and ...  
It was time to go!

Jack Sparrow rotating over a fiery pit  
Was no longer welcomed and continued to spit  
It was time to go!

When the party lights blink  
And, the band plays no more  
Partygoers know, it's time to go!

No loss shoe, heat is on  
Lights have dimmed, and the band packed!  
It's time to go!



Like a cucaracha, "45" just won't go away and  
I keep coming back to this graphic ... sins,  
evil ... what's the diff?

LIVE a long life



Encounter EVIL  
LIVE a long life  
Encounter VILE  
LIVE a long life  
And, lift the VEIL  
You will encounter EVIL  
When you LIVE a long life!

## IN THE BOOK!

### EXHAUSTED

Exhausted by Confederate minds,  
Still unevolved  
Bound tight to a past  
Of hatred unresolved  
Exhausted by inhumane treatment  
Disregarding emancipation  
For entire communities,  
Which helped to build this nation  
Exhausted by second-class citizenship  
Crow-ism outlawed by legislation  
Striking down discriminatory acts  
Based solely on melanation  
Exhausted by gerrymandered laws  
Inequitably applied  
A justice system regulated  
By corrupt politicians and lies  
Exhausted by excuses for daily indignations  
Disrespect, contempt, needless frustrations  
Tired, drained, fatigued and worn  
Frazzled nerves  
But, we sojourn on  
Exhausted, but with strength of mind  
To continue valiant fights  
Not raising nor waving flags of retreat,  
Which are oddly white  
A knee on the neck  
May stop one but not all  
From rising and taking a stand

Because following laws and doing as told  
Will not absolve a good Black man

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