

Contributors

Faiz Ahmed Faiz (1911-1984) Born in Sialkot (Punjab), Pakistan, he has been acknowledged as one of the greatest Urdu poets of all time; a poet of the revolution, he is concerned, above all, with the experience of the individual human soul in the long and arduous journey of revolutionary struggle. And yet love is the leit motif of his poetry. He was editor of the English-language newspaper *The Pakistan Times*. Later, in Beirut, he edited *Lotus*, the journal of the Afro-Asian Writers' Association. He was twice a Nobel Prize nominee and was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize in 1962.

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Tonia León is a bilingual writer/educator. Since the age of 19 (many decades ago...), she has been enamored with Mexico. This love has manifested in all aspects of her life including her doctoral dissertation titled *Reflections of 17th Century Science in Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz's PRIMERO SUEÑO*. In a brief conversation with the Mexican poet, José Emilio Pacheco, Tonia learned that as a young child in the 1940's he overheard conversations about WWII and the holocaust on the bus he took to school in Colonia Condesa, in Mexico City. Thus the genesis of *Morirás lejos*.

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