

The Butterfly Tree



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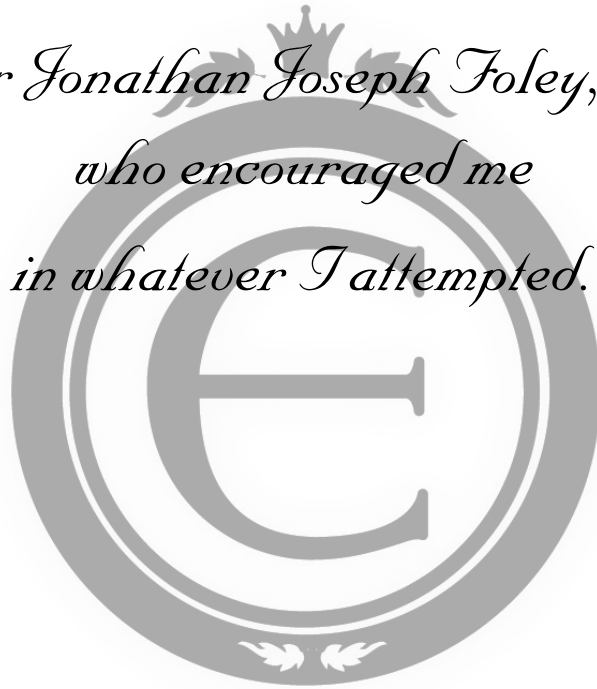
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~ Dedication ~

*For Jonathan Joseph Foley, Jr.
who encouraged me
in whatever I attempted.*



~ Preface ~

This book of “poetry” is being published for my daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Frank Wentworth, grandchildren Ashley and Ward Waltemath, Beth Waltemath and David Lewicki, Mary Margaret Waltemath, Jonathan “Jay” Foley IV and Mitchell Foley and a few close friends.

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Purple blossoms welcoming

Yellows darting, pausing,

Tasting, taking flight

With the beat of wings.

Returning for a sip,

Extending greetings to the King,

Robed in black and royal blue.

Small greys moving in obedience

Caressing each purple hue

With a fleeting touch.

There's not much time.

Before blooms turning brown

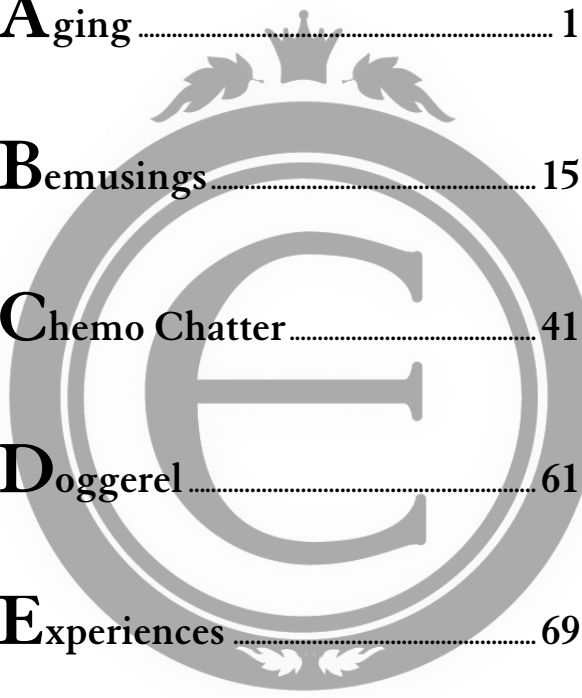
Foretelling chill replacing heat.

All moving onward

Their cycle to complete.

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