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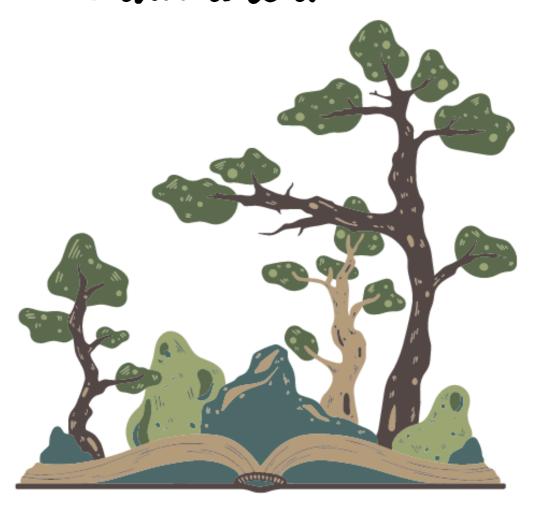
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#### **Preface**

This poetry anthology consists mostly of reflections on a country between Thailand and Singapore, Brunei and Indonesia often referred to as 'Bolehland'. It is a country like most countries with its fair share of ups and downs, hopes and dreams, and sometimes odd situations that occur. This anthology will cover five diverse themes in relation to 'Bolehland', which are Nature and Environment, Culture and Heritage, Community and Society, Lifestyle and Development. These categories capture the essence of living in a country, encompassing its natural, cultural, social, and personal dimensions.



# Nature & Environment



#### **Nature**

In days of old, when earth was young and bright, The creatures of the land and sea did take flight. The forests stood tall, the rivers did flow, And all was well, in this world of glow.

But then, the humans came, with their machines and might, And they did bring, a terrible sight.

They dug and drilled, they cut and cleared,
And the land was scarred, the seas were feared.

The skies did darken, the winds did howl, As the humans' greed, did take its toll. The creatures of the land and sea, did cry, As their homes were destroyed, and they did die.

The trees did fall, the mountains did crack, And the earth did shake, with a terrible quake. The seas did rise, the storms did rage, And the world did change, in a terrible age.

The humans looked on, with hearts of stone, As the destruction, did leave its throne. They took and took, until there was nothing left, And the world was barren, and forever bereft.