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PAVOL JANIK



## PAVOL JANIK

### FAMILY STUDY

Always when I think of you  
dawn breaks above Buenos Aires  
and the Atlantic has the inexplicable color of your eyes.

Exotic birds  
nest on out TV aerial  
until the announcer  
has a pearly hairdo  
and complete blonde smile.  
She claims that eternity has already lasted a whole year.  
The weather forecast  
announces in her place  
a rainbow parrot.

For our wedding route  
it wishes us little cloudiness  
and success at least as large as the discovery of America  
or the record flight of the ostrich from Australia  
to the zoological gardens of Europe.

Always when I think of you  
dawn breaks above Buenos Aires  
and the wind whirls the pamphlets  
of all the airlines in the world.

The Atlantic does not admit any other continent.  
It's clear as a stone of precious clarity.



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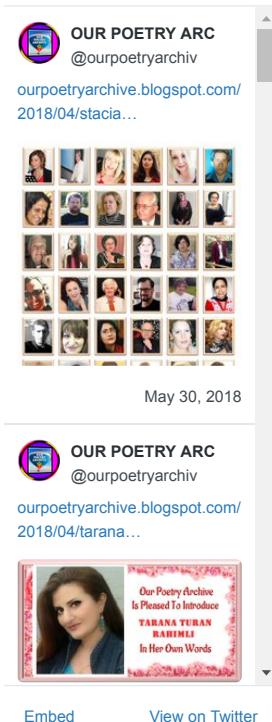
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Despite its twinkling depth it resembles a question  
which posed passionately by your body.

Children search tirelessly for an answer  
till now unwritten in books  
and cut out colorful pictures from it.

It happens at home  
behind whose windows fireworks blaze every evening.

Always when I think of you  
dawn breaks above Buenos Aires.  
And today, too, the Atlantic is completely upset.  
It's completely bashful  
as its accustomed only to invisible phenomena.

## ASTONISHMENT

I stretch out the water  
in which you are reflected.

With a shout to stop  
all possible outflows.

I address you by breath  
such release of speech.  
Until you are glassy with ice before me  
as before a draught.

Tirelessly you quiver under the numb surface  
and on the bottom for a moment gleam  
so that I glimpse the day,  
which will only light up in you.

## NAME

By just a point  
you surpass successful fortune.

By just a drop  
you outdo sparkle.

By sobbing  
you surmount aquarelle.

You spread pollen.

We put our faces to yours  
as to a flower's corolla  
weary of so much circumstance.

You'll gain a name from us,  
which you'll consider as your own.

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# PAVOL JANIK

Mgr. art. **Pavol Janik**, PhD., (magister artis et philosophiae doctor) was born in 1956 in Bratislava, where he also studied film and television dramaturgy and scriptwriting at the Drama Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts (VSMU). He has worked at the Ministry of Culture (1983–1987), in the media and in advertising. President of the Slovak Writers' Society (2003–2007), Secretary-General of the Slovak Writers' Society (1998–2003, 2007–2013), Editor-in-Chief of the Slovak literary weekly Literarny tyzdennik (2010–2013). Honorary Member of the Union of Czech Writers (from 2000), Member of the Editorial Board of the weekly of the UCW Obrys-Kmen (2004–2014), Member of the Editorial Board of the weekly of the UCW Literatura – Umeni – Kultura (from 2014). Member of the Writers Club International (from 2004). Member of the Poetas del Mundo (from 2015). Member of the World Poets Society (from 2016). Director of the Writers Capital International Foundation for Slovakia and the Czech Republic (2016–2017). Chief Representative of the World Nation Writers' Union in Slovakia (from 2016). Ambassador of the Worldwide Peace Organization (Organizacion Para la Paz Mundial) in Slovakia (from 2018). He has received a number of awards for his literary and advertising work both in his own country and abroad. This virtuoso of Slovak literature, Pavol Janik, is a poet, dramatist, prose writer, translator, publicist and copywriter. His literary activities focus mainly on poetry. Even his first book of poems Unconfirmed Reports (1981) attracted the attention of the leading authorities in Slovak literary circles. He presented himself as a plain-spoken poet with a spontaneous manner of poetic expression and an inclination for irony directed not only at others, but also at himself. This style has become typical of all his work, which in spite of its critical character has also acquired a humorous, even bizarre dimension. His manner of expression is becoming terse to the point of being aphoristic. It is thus perfectly natural that Pavol Janik's literary interests should come to embrace aphorisms founded on a shift of meaning in the form of puns. In his work he is gradually raising some very disturbing questions and pointing to serious problems concerning the further development of humankind, while all the time widening his range of themes and styles. Literary experts liken Janik's poetic virtuosity to that in the work of Miroslav Valek, while in the opinion of the Russian poet, translator and literary critic, Natalia Shvedova, Valek is more profound and Janik more inventive. He has translated in poetic form several collections of poetry and written works of drama with elements of the style of the Theatre of the Absurd. Pavol Janik's literary works have been published not only in Slovakia, but also in Albania, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Pakistan, Poland, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of China (Taiwan), Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, the United States of America and Venezuela.

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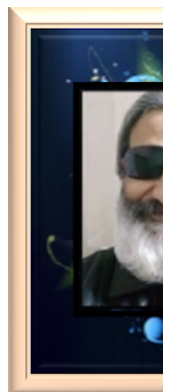
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