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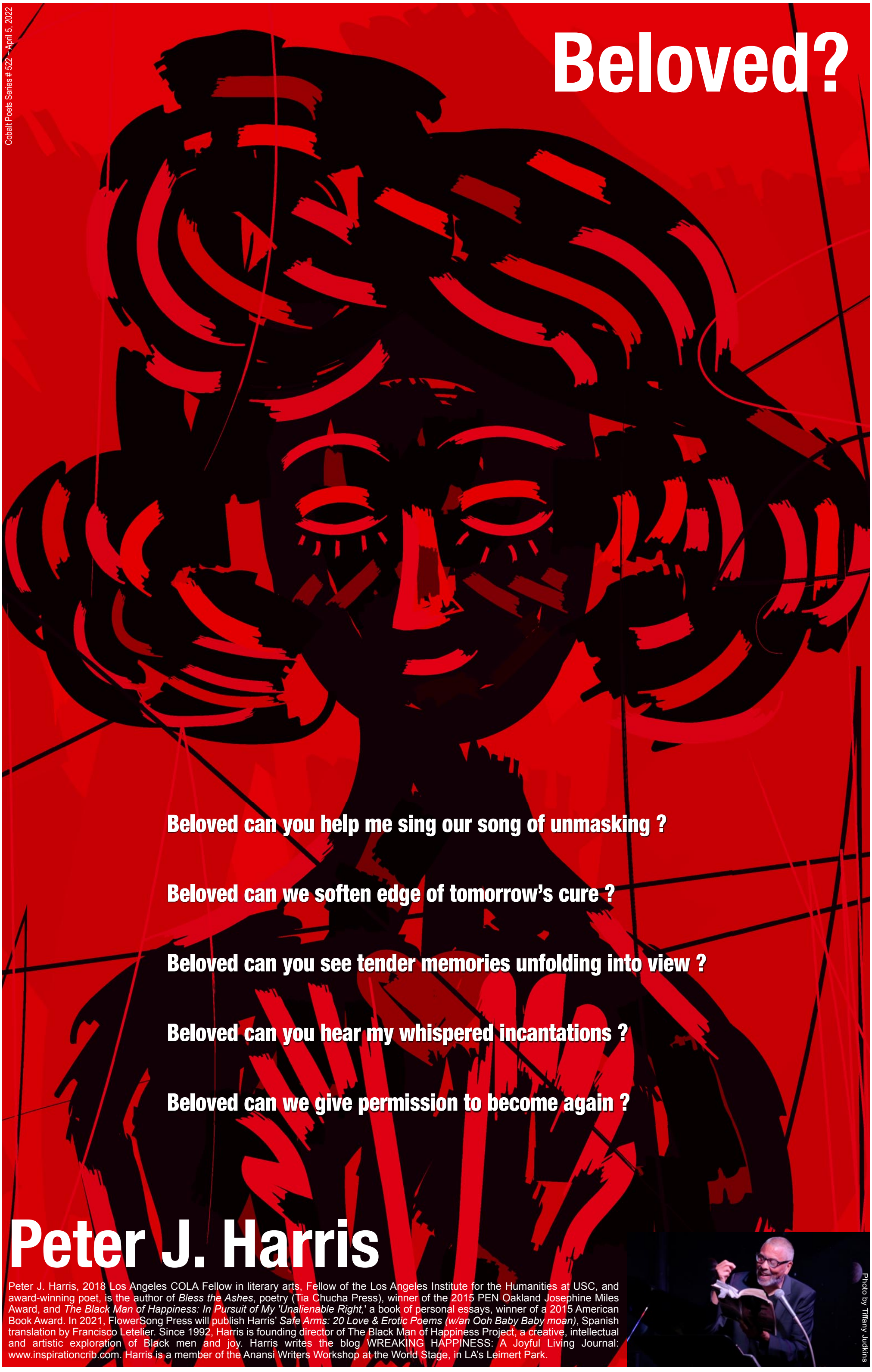
# Beloved?



Beloved can you help me sing our song of unmasking ?

Beloved can we soften edge of tomorrow's cure ?

Beloved can you see tender memories unfolding into view ?

Beloved can you hear my whispered incantations ?

Beloved can we give permission to become again ?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