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In her third book of poetry, Bianca Bowers explores the complexities of love and challenges the convention of monogamy.

***“I think of Anthony and Cleopatra...epic, fated, tragic lovers that drank from love’s cup but once. Only, I am no Cleopatra. I am Juliette, with her teenage desire; ambivalent about poison and war.”***

Ruminating the one-love-fits-all theory, and toying with the concept of polyamory, the poetic voice travels from a starting point in which forbidden love poses a dilemma worthy of a Shakespearean-tragedy to a more indignant ending in which “our brains are slaveowners and love was never meant to be imprisoned.”

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## REVIEWS

*“This is a book of vividly crafted imagery through words. If you are looking for poetry from the heart, that is both achingly beautiful and melancholic, that will make you feel many things on many levels...go no further. This one has it all, and I would highly recommend it to poetry warriors or newcomers alike.”*

*~ Amazon*

*“Love is a Song She Sang From a Cage (LSSFC) is the second book of poetry by Bianca Bowers that I’ve read and thoroughly enjoyed. The first was Death and Life. In LSSFC, Bowers speaks of love and loss and strength and resilience. Each reading brings out another layer, another shadow, another meaning. Her words are fulcrums upon which she balances emotions. Like Death and Life, LSSFC is a collection of poems I’ll read again and again.”*

*~ JP McLean, Author of ‘The Gift Legacy’.*

## Poetry Sample

### *Hummingbird Heart*

Clumps of words  
line my throat  
    like iridescent  
feathers  
    but they cannot escape  
    must remain silent  
says the cage  
says the songbird

This song in my heart  
cannot be heard  
for its lyrics  
could strip the gold  
lacquer  
adorning my aviary

### *And so I write*

This music that has no  
voice  
across my chest  
my lips  
my breasts  
wanting him to read  
them  
in his dreams

### *And so I write*

These lyrics  
that cannot be sung  
cannot be carried  
by the breath of my  
lungs  
lest they explode  
like diesel, kerosine,  
gasoline - lit

### *And so I write*

These words  
that cannot be  
justified  
cannot be scribbled  
over  
lest they kill the  
chorus  
of my heart  
my hummingbird  
heart  
that was born to  
sing.



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Bianca Bowers is a South African-born, Australian-based writer who has also lived in the UK and New Zealand. She holds a BA in English and Film/TV/Media Studies from the University of Auckland, and has authored five poetry books through her poetry imprint, Paperfields Press.

Her fifth poetry book, *Butterfly Voyage*, reached Number 1 in Amazon's Australian and Oceanian Poetry Category on its release, and Bianca's poems have appeared in film, print anthologies, and online journals.

Bianca's debut novel, *Cape of Storms*, was published in 2019 through her fiction imprint, Auteur Books. She is currently working on her second novel and her sixth poetry collection.

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