



# SURREAL POETICS

The resolution of dream and reality into a kind of absolute reality  
... a surreality. (Andre Breton, Manifesto of Surrealism, 1924)

**In poetry, an image must . . .  
montage the mind with false cognates.  
~ Basilike Pappa**

## "POET'S OATH"

**I'm never going to author words that sound like music in a bag  
or grammar stones wrapped in newsletters.  
I'll cover me in paper leaves, lull me gently, ink my wires  
and either I'll become a microcosm of re-imagined senses  
or, I swear, I'll turn into a perfectly tuned clock.**

## ~ ABOUT THE POET ~

Basilike Pappa lives in Greece, where she doesn't work as a translator, a copy-editor or a historian. She likes to put words and phrases where they don't belong, to see what happens, and to make up her own words. She also draws inspiration from myopic astigmatism.