

**RUTH BERHANE ELIAS
A MILLION THOUGHTS FOR
MY BELOVED**



THE VERNAL POOL

ISSUE THREE, FALL 2015

A Million Thoughts for My Beloved

Did you know I thought of you a million times?

Did you think of my thoughts existing

a million times today?

There were 20 heartaches

30,000 kisses

40 hugs

and ninety-two hundred searches

soaring like arrows, intent, and hopeful

Did your heart cross thoughts with mine?

Were we intertwined

like golden strands of thrill

shimmering the lonely night?

As my million thoughts roam

I almost feel your thoughts;

your heart pounds with mine...

then come the 50 resolutions.

I resolve and I become
present to the moment

Our prayers thread together the distance
with hope

and here

united and distant

I have my one millionth thought--

Peace