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#### Abstract

The book *Lalomanu* (2010), by Jorge Salavert, is a collection of poems in response to the death of the author's six-year-old daughter Celine during the tsunami which swept ashore in Samoa, American Samoa in 2009. *Lalomanu* is a deeply moving account of grief and mourning. The author knows it will be too painful for some to read. As Salavert says, most people he knows seem afraid of his grief; they are unable to acknowledge its intensity. And yet, in its expressions of grief,

poetry also has the potential to move readers in ways that are personal. From one perspective, this selection of poetry can be a substantial discourse of literary response to calamity and nature, following the tsunamis of 2004 that swept the Indian Ocean, and the tsunami that struck Japan following the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake. From this viewpoint, the poems are significant as migrant literature for their exploration of language and mourning. The majority of the collection consists of a number of the poems appear in bilingual form, either Spanish and English, and this multilingual format is especially important in the context of mourning. Also, I want to draw attention to the social actions of the poems, both the Salavert/Wykes family's loss of their daughter Clea and the loss of the ship. This essay, then, will be organised in three sections: the first section will explore mourning; the second, mourning and language; the third, the relationship between mourning and language, resulting from a literature of mourning.

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