

Seattle City Council

Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, July 14th, 2010

Words' Worth

The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **Priya Keefe**

Today's poet is **Priya Keefe**

Priya Keefe will, in 4 days, graduate with a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Goddard College. But she doesn't plan on taking herself too seriously.

October Morning Commute

by Priya Keefe

A purple sun winks in the rainy city. My raincoat swings from my waist. Gortex snickers to jogger rhythms. People walk, heads bent to digital fires. A man pulls the curtains back from his eyes and smiles at me.

Buses gobble and spit us into cubicles, warehouses. We blackstrap ooze across the bridge. Beavers check in and out of the lodge. The lake floats bufflehead, heron, cormorant, gadwall. Rainier presides over our coming and goings.

The bus driver announces stops in my native tongue. A young woman repeats: *it is difficult to meet people here.*

Iron clouds shadow snowy mountains and sun torches the water.

Light with dark is an aria, if we listen.

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