

Magic In My Words

by Elizabeth Eckstrom

Is there any magic
In my words
Magic that is white
And healing
Will the words I write
Ever help one in these steps
Into the light

Home

by Duane Wagner

As I reflect on my experiences of the past,
I often wonder what brought me to this great city, Portland.
Each day I see the beautiful flowers in people's yards
And the desire of people to reach new levels here.
Street Roots has been an instrumental piece to my daily survival.
It's not about holding a newspaper in your hand,
It's about reaching out to the hopeless, down and out, the alcoholic, the
drug addict
And with a kind word,
Helping them find the source that can help better their lives.
Words alone can never repay Street Roots
For the love, compassion and dignity
When I was homeless, living in a car for 18 months with two dogs.
Street Roots is second to none
And Portland, you have a great thing here
Called Street Roots.

Broke

by Tim

What will they chime
When they're finally right?
With their heads
To the sky
Like a clock
Stuck at midnight?
"Why didn't they open their eyes?"
Or will they finally figure out
That what is burnt
By whispers
Is vaporized
In a shout?
A heartbeat against mine,
Like gears
Turn time.
Like the hands on a clock
Before midnight,
They synchronize.
When the system's hands are tied
The rest will say,
"Same shit, new day."
'Cause they may not be broke,
But their hours are all the same.
The price of the same mistake
At the same time of day is the same,
But the cost of nothing doesn't change.

Receive

by Rachel D.

Advice from homeless:
Cease perpetual motion.
See. Stop. Give. Receive.



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