

The Way

by Bob Muncy

Her smile feels like sunshine
Her tears they flow like rain
Says darkness is all around her
She lives her life in pain

She tells me there's no good left
No light left to be found
She points to her surroundings
Says it's what holds her down

Sitting in an annex side yard
She claims there is no God
How could this happen to her
She's sure she plays no part

Hears voices in her head she says
They're starting to be clear
I see some hope in that smile now
As we walk away from here

She tells of how it started
And how it is here and now
I tell her of another way
I'll even show her how

Her smile it feels like sunshine
Her tears they flow like rain
That darkness all around her
Has turned into light again

Sitting in an annex side yard
No light left to be found
I see some hope in that smile now
For another way has now been found

Into the Arms of the Unknown

by Preeti Yadav

I intend to climb that mountain alone
Into the arms of the unknown
I know my faith is not your own
But it is the only armor I adorn
As I go, I will stop to lay the stones
To prove I am still going strong
I can feel your gaze, as I am about to be gone
Please don't follow me; I am not helpless or forlorn.

I want to disappear to clearly see
I want to play and laugh and just be
I want to run away and really be free
I want to live, not just breathe.
It's my life, not a game of hide and seek!
So, please don't pry and peep
Please don't try to find me
Or think I have fallen and am in need
Envision me rise, every time you conceive
Me stuck in deep sea
That is all the help I seek.

I am leaving now but may one day come around
Back to this very point tracing the stones I laid down
I shall share if you wish, the lessons I learn
But hoping you would have begun
Your own journey, by the time I return.

Join us for an Inclusive Housing Conversation

WHERE

Jade-APANO Multicultural Space
(JAMS) at the corner of 82nd and
SE Division: 8114 SE Division

WHEN

Thursday, July 28th
from 6-8pm



Expanding Housing Opportunities for All Portlanders

Too many of us struggle to find reasonably priced housing in safe, healthy, an accessible communities and more are being added to that rank every day. We know that there is a housing crisis in Portland today. The City of Portland can now use inclusionary zoning as one tool to help. Inclusionary zoning is a basic planning tool used in 500 jurisdictions across the country to ensure new developments offer housing options for people at all income levels. Join us for a discussion about inclusive housing and help inform the City of Portland's policy.

Child care, Spanish translation and dinner will be provided to participants at no cost. Participants will be able to share stories about the urgent need for inclusionary/affordable housing, learn about the inclusionary housing policy the City of Portland is working on to include affordable housing in new buildings, and learn about ways our communities are addressing the housing affordability crisis.

RSVP is highly encouraged. To RSVP and learn more visit:
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