

## The boy beneath the purple trees

by Avendor

The boy  
sat on his blue knees  
beneath the purple trees  
taking in the scenery

While the girl  
walked through the valleys  
singing in the green breeze  
pretty melodies

They met  
midnight in the forest  
she was a Taurus  
he was a castaway

They made love  
in a thesaurus  
that belonged to Horace  
on some ancient day

Then they slipped back  
into the sleepy town  
in the hazy gown  
of a windy morning

Only to part ways  
with cinnamon sweet frowns  
in the gentle comedown  
of love's re-mooring

## Letters from a Prophet

By William Cruz Smith

And how shall we dream  
Of this undreamt place  
The sun without its heat  
The moon without its simmering light

And what of the scholarly birds,  
The eagles soaring without  
The brevity of our sight  
Or blinded fish swimming  
In pools of silence  
Without our poles

We have all  
Become uncomfortable with this  
Murky world.  
One day our hearts  
Will fail us  
Our minds will demand  
Prayers

And what shall we do with  
Our final bronzed words  
Broken in our mouths  
Our minds deeply troubled  
With things that are  
And things that are not

Notice:

**Request for Proposals RFP No. 07/16-316  
Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)  
Project Based Vouchers**

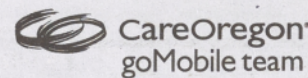
Home Forward is requesting proposals from housing providers to partner with Home Forward and the local Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for set-aside funding available for Project Based HUD-VASH Vouchers using a Housing First approach. VASH vouchers come with Section 8 voucher rent assistance as well as ongoing case management and supports for the veteran provided by the Veterans Affairs (VA). Selected properties will be included in joint applications for VASH vouchers to be project based pending an award from HUD. The award of Project Based Vouchers (PBV) to the selected property will be conditional, subject to the successful award of HUD funding and compliance with all federal requirements including the PBV VASH regulations, the Fair Housing Act, the Civil Rights Act and the American with Disabilities Act. In the event HUD does not award Project Based VASH Vouchers for the selected property, Home Forward may elect to award Project Based VASH Vouchers currently available to Home Forward to the selected properties.

Interested parties may access the RFP at the Home Forward website below.  
<http://www.homeforward.org/work-with-us/business-contracting/current-opportunities>

Proposals must be received by 2 p.m. on August 17, 2016. Proposals should be sent either electronically as pdf files or by other postal delivery method to the attention of:

RFP Contact:  
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Direct questions regarding this RFP to the RFP contact listed above.



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<b>City Team Portland</b> 526 SE Grand Ave July 13..... 8-10 a.m.	<b>Union Gospel Mission</b> 3 SW 3rd Ave July 19..... 2-4 p.m. July 26..... 2-4 p.m.
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