

The Drivel

by Heath Cleaveland

When we speak, we convey our sense of the moment. What emerges is maybe torment, foment, or something meant to be a sum of what we see, lensless, not translucent, but transparent, like a glass blown from sand so worn that its air is just spent. Yet through that crystalline view shines the light of night or moon and stars or the reflection bright on clouds, although these be the blindest of the blind fumes, to pick one's way through turns just fine. These winding ways that say to the live one, "None of this is just one track." Complacency grows along with the increasing sum of bank notes; notes not unlike those of World War II aggressors, absolutist confessors, deviant transgressors, and maybe quiescent professors, aiming to speak their way into a Buddha bliss from a kiss that was ne'er so sweet as theirs.

Tranquil Lateral Perseverance

by Don Grubb

The power of influence always pulling one apart
Being one with nature is truly the best start
Love is the core holding all things together
May our words be soft and gentle like that of a dove's feather
We may not always see eye to eye
But never forget to try another try
Like a caterpillar turns into a butterfly
Destiny is achieved as she spreads her wings to the sky
So let us persevere likewise able to break forth
Living to love, Loving to live
That's what life's really worth.

Awaken

by Minnie Mariah Wilson

Coexisting with division is not existing at all
Multi colored multitudes must stand tall
Your little one's future depends on you
Your eyes can no longer refute what is true

Justice for all or justice for none
Actions are a must, let your voice be the gun
Do not fear as we enter this fight
It's not just about the black and the white

Wake up calls are ringing, do not ignore
We all have the key to unlock all these doors
These doors trying to hold us back and hide
The truth and the lies and ugliness inside

Come now, do not be afraid
Let us all join in and aid
We are the answer, and we will be heard
Time to break free, no longer caged birds

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:

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