

## "Words' Worth" Poetry Readings

Poets at the Culture, Arts, and Parks Committee of the Seattle City Council.

### **Feeling citric** by Ryan Dunn

Orange bankruptcy  
Foiling plans into  
Creation of sweet  
Juices and kisses.  
Citrus burning  
heart and soul  
lips and veins.

### **Lost packages marked "handle with care"** by Ryan Dunn

Closest to heart and mouth  
Let Lethe take your place as  
my mistress.  
And pride in sacred judgments;  
Replaceable not for friends' fingertips-  
Secure its genuine.  
Went astray my Cupid-  
But straight goes the bow:  
And your ricochet-  
Keeps truth;  
For I as long as you,  
and parting would lend locks and petals.  
Sentiment's security is in touch  
And prolongation of injury is contained  
Without, without remembrance towards  
Infinite and the light  
at the end.  
There is fortitude  
Tunneling in the reason of a heart,  
and tossing refuse to the mind;  
Cornering injustice  
For pallid reverie by eye and heart  
Wench will only fully sustain  
When finalism and decision  
Come to incredible gravity,  
and do what particle physics cannot  
Predict  
the formation  
of the end  
of loneliness.

### **The struggle of life that is learning, and not knowledge** by Ryan Dunn

imprudent students,  
inside circles of better than  
and outside of letting be.  
the incorrigible determination  
of above.

narcotics feeding identity of  
and ego inside the generally  
pleasurable, and calm.  
argumentative beginnings  
only destroy possibility  
as pregnancy  
of pallettes of luscious  
courses course past  
and set simply on the table  
of others.  
the lost tonation which  
could have adjusted rigorous  
justification, bestowed upon  
the waiting and ready,  
is paused, maybe for yet  
another day. Eventually this,  
the parched lips,  
will forget the sandpaper,  
will forget the alcoholic  
dehydrator of intent,  
and bring forth the sweet juices  
the liquid water  
and pour almost libelously  
into a thirsting head.  
the discussion of something seemingly  
derivable, but intriguing  
of the unknown, but seen before  
the possible been dreamt of.  
it keeps out the jogging mind,  
speeding off to other places  
as quick as the almost obvious  
takes root in gluttonous feet.  
While the knowledge stores itself,  
it is still unobserved as the holidays  
like ones we call religious  
once sacred, and advising, now  
tasteless, arousing the fears  
of the passionate,  
and the love of

commonfolk.  
openended and guarded, the mind  
of the apprentice of self-  
believing interests, boring in  
between, as either not challenged  
or idiocy,

### **Junked** by Ryan Dunn

The skin of one man who sits commonly on the corner of the busy street,  
is becoming tough by  
the touch of a soft skinned woman. That touch which begins with a  
hand, a hold, and soon a  
caress falls into place in the monologue of her fingers.

**Saving risks of what component lost** by Ryan Dunn

Posit  
Anchor  
hold down  
advancement  
into forgetfulness  
by ignoring  
easy ways of ignoring  
truth  
in body and chemistry  
which accumulates  
to create  
personality

Sameness  
comes at a price  
which takes  
credit  
and otherness  
for later payment.  
While rapid signals  
or mix-ups  
occur  
until passed  
for forgetting  
supplementals

It is pain  
that lives here  
when chemicals are  
forbidden by  
self-choice, limiting  
acceptable narcotics  
something stable  
but still looming foreboding  
as in strong side-effect  
filled pills  
which cry-ignore.

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