

Poetry in Place

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THE VISIT

The sun is drooping behind her house.
The bright spring day is warm and nice.
The evening's bathed in a pinkish glow.
Miss Grosvenor's voice is strong but low.
"How you doing? Come take a seat."
I sit down on her wooden steps.
The flowers in her yard are blooming.
Red and pink fluffy rhododendrons.
They make my eyes water and itch.
We both live in the Central District.
Miz Grosvenor's nearly 100 years old.
She's lived in this house since she was born
on some land her daddy bought.
Now she's the only Black family left on her block.

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Civic Poet Shin Yu Pai selected 5 poets from the local community for this public poetry project. Poems are installed in Belltown, Little Saigon, the Central District, South Lake Union, Greenwood, South Park, and downtown.

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