

Seattle City Council

Culture, Civil Rights, Health, and Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 2:00 PM, February 27th, 2008

Words' Worth

The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **John Burgess**

Today's poet is **Cody Walker**

Cody Walker lives and teaches in Seattle. He has recent work in *Best American Poetry*, *Parnassus*, *Slate*, and *Subtropics*. In 2007 he was elected Seattle Poet Populist. His first book, *Shuffle and Breakdown*, will be published by Waywiser Press this fall.

**Update
by Cody Walker**

My latent superpowers, well, they're back:
obliterate a marriage with my mind;
bewitch the president, that lying sack
of—Cody! Take it slow. In time I'll find

—please note, I'm speaking as my therapist—
the equilibrium that time affords.
I've also rerouted (I have a list)
(1) my neural pathways and (2) some fjords.

America's a country for the lonely,
the loony. Whitman said it years ago.
Remember, he could fly and he was only
an editor, a wingéd bearded schmo.

My powers have increased a hundredfold
since you left. Maybe a thousand-, all told.

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