

Seattle City Council

Public Safety, Government Relations, and Arts Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 2:00 PM, April 17, 2007

Words' Worth

The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **Brian McGuigan**

Today's poet is **Chris Dusterhoff**

Chris Dusterhoff was born and raised in the land of John Waters, Divine, row homes and big hair. He moved to the beautiful Pacific Northwest and began Spankstra Press in 1998. He has published chapbooks by Todd Moore, Harvey Goldner, Maged Zaher, Brian McGuigan, Larry Coffin, Eli Richardson, David La Terre, Ira Parnes and Arne Pihl and is working on a book by Loraine Campbell.

A long time ago

By Chris Dusterhoff

A long time ago
 when the graveyard was full
 of our graves
 and the can wanted to be kicked
 into sarcasm
 and spastic night
the whole lot of us
 would go into the yard
 between bedtimes
 and fireflies
 and the two streams we called
hello and goodbye
 because of their
 prophecies
 usually about ten altogether
and hide & run & kick
 & breath & love the sky
 & those who breathed it w/ us
 then the seven of us
would feed the bats
 w/ pebbles
 and play badminton
 w/ the lightning bugs

