

## "Words' Worth" Poetry Readings

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

### **Empathy** By Nathaniel Seven

I can feel you  
I can feel the hum of your vibe  
I can hear the vibrations of your psyche  
And because I am open to you I can feel your seepage  
And it affects the way that I feel and the way that I touch  
And the way that I think.  
You're kind of like me, you burn bright and your burn inside out.  
Your emotions can be my anchor,  
Just like they can be my wings.  
I can feel your heart and I know you can feel me because you've got empathy.  
You can feel the way that I touch.  
You can feel the way that I feel.  
And the way that I think. Because you're kind of like me.

### **Use Friendly** By Nathaniel Seven

I'm a hard pill to swallow and I know I'm pretty shallow  
My words will strike you as hollow.  
You'll go through withdrawals if I leave you.  
Poisoned companionship.  
Symbiotic relationship.  
I'm like a callous prescription,  
A meth addiction.  
You want know why you're with me yet you continue to kiss me.

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