

Seattle City Council

Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, June 12th, 2013

Words' Worth

The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **Jourdan Keith**

Today's poet is **AK Mimi Allin**

AK Mimi Allin has twice crossed the Pacific Ocean by sailboat, has worked as a climbing ranger on Mt. Rainier and has served in the Peace Corps. She holds an MA from City College of New York. In 2012, Mimi wrote all of Shakespeare's sonnets in the sand at low tide out at Kalaloch Beach on the Pacific Coast and let the surf wash them away. That took 10 days. This winter, she performed a 49-work/rest cycle in collaboration with performance artist Haruko Nishimura at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Read more at: www.akmimiallin.weebly.com.

Surrogate Letter #16

by AK Mimi Allin

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it might have been about freedom
the blustery weather and the sailing
your minimalism appealed
we raced off with bicycles and blankets what is it about not having
that makes us happy the beginning all beginnings the beginning of the
beginning is about nothing having nothing knowing nothing nothing is
necessary for love to breed omm the knowing the things the named
spaces herein lies the problem those little hooks and barbs let go let
go let nothing be a comfort no we did not make it you wanted something
i wanted nothing

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