

Seattle City Council

Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Arts Committee

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Words' Worth

The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **Terrilynn Towns**

Today's Words' Worth poet is **Juanita Kirkland**

Juanita Kirkland, though not a formal poet, delights in making up rhymes for special occasions and special people in her life. For this reading the subject of her poem will sit upon her lap. Juanita is a former teacher both in the Seattle public school district and in the state of California. One of the lights of her life is here to help illustrate her piece, just by being.

Kasey at 3 1/2

By Juanita Kirkland

Introspective Kasey
Sensitive little soul
Beautiful little one
With a smile of gold.

Amazing is her mind,
Her thought processes clear
Her sharing sometimes rare
Which makes it oh so dear.

Her wondrous grasp of words
Flow at her discretion.
Her hugs made more special
Given at her direction.

However her lovely eyes
With love and wisdom shine
To share her secrets
A special gift of mine.

To risk a new adventure
Is hard for her to do
But she accepts the challenge

Then her pride shows through.

Oh Kasey Mae, our Kasey
What a special girl
God grant you strength and joy
As you face the world.

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