

Poetry - Neko Smart

Welcome to Poetry, today we are pleased to offer a poem, 'Untitled', by Neko Smart, the 2020 Youth Poet Laureate for the City of Victoria.

Untitled

she writes me a poem
something about a sunbeam
or a seashell. or our

naked rumination
held in bounty. how
lovely this delirium

you, folded to
wingspan. how homely
a house fire in

espousal to the sea
the gentle *budum*
budum of the heart &

in chaos. or
communion / i think
of that time i vowed

never to use *heart*
in a poem. never to
martyr myself to

matter. yet she says
matter like *you matter* &
i am reminded of

fairy realm. how indi & i
made home of a
hollow in the drywall

declared that damage
can always be
redecorated. adorned

our dress-up in
dinner & deemed
it dashing. sasha is

born a wonder
teaches me to use
soundcloud. to wield

creativity like catalyst
like we are on the
skirt of something

sightly & i want to
spill over. to hold
a hand & know it is

not a shackle but
a promise i promise
to love beyond the

borders of love
& beyond the
boundaries of

borders & oceans
& you / the holiest
of horizons. i point

to land & there
is *always you*
wings wider than

the shoreline