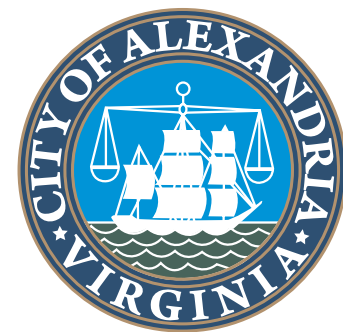


PRIORITY SEATING

Aged, bent woman
pulls herself up onto the bus.
Young man seated in side seat
stands, doesn't ask. Knows she'll say no.
Doesn't want to be a taker... to be old.
He says, *I believe this is your seat.*
She sits slowly.

- Renee Adams



ICE BROKEN

Fingers clutched in gloves
Scarves artfully tied
Standing in the cold
We DASHED for a ride.

Eyes shuffles, no high fives
Suddenly a baby cries
Ice broken
I said hello.

- Jillinda Jill Glenn



JUST TODAY

Just today,
remove earbuds,
ignore newsfeeds.

Just this ride,
listen to the street sounds,
see riders around you,
watch what passes by.

Commitment -
not required.

Just today.

Just this ride.

- Robin Holzhauer

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IN THE SAME DIRECTION

Ethiopian dark eyes
Scottish freckled hands
Chestnut brown ears
Smooth skin, wrinkled
Curly hair, bald

All started somewhere different
But we move now
Keep moving
All in the same direction

- Hunter Hyland



POETS ALL

Find the possible,
improbable,
Be unstoppable.

Surf the words that slide
on the tongue,
Sail the roads on this bus,
Have fun!

Find the phenomenal
in the ordinary and implausible.
Write the possibly impossible.

- Wendi R. Kaplan



“Untitled”

brisk Alexandria night
“King” of streets
lit trees, store fronts

delicious dinner
view of river

mile trek home
windy, cold
but our ride awaits

Old Town Trolley
takes us home

- Linda Thorla



There is no greater way
to travel
than to be carried
on the wings
of a stranger's smile.

{compassion}

- **Michelle Wells**



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