

# Write power

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on the backs of your hands.  
fingers outspread, thrust into air  
a salvo,  
a talking-to,  
a million pieces-of-minds unfit for duty,

ask of goals.  
talk of success stories  
where you will go  
how will you get there  
why you cannot

Write power  
on walls and windows  
inside  
your home.  
and pick a closet to hide it all in.

whisper it into ears  
at  
the  
bus stop. Slide it into carts  
stopped for cereal at the store.

Watch it smolder in hearts and minds.

Write power  
on bricks and paper.  
toss to the waves and watch  
which turns to nothing  
first.

Do not think.  
Do not marvel.  
Do not hesitate.  
to pump here or there full of what  
you feel.

Write power  
like a purring kitten  
eyes wide  
without an idea of exactly  
how small he is.

Be who yearns to get out.  
the insignificant church  
choir.  
Be not afraid and  
be terrified.

Write power,  
and it will sting,  
infect  
you  
and others

or no one at all.

