



PRAJNYA

invites YOU to

NOT SILENCE BUT VERSE

A call for poetry

Send us original, powerful,
evocative poems in English,
Hindi or Tamil
(Haikus or Tankas only!)
on the theme
'No Violence, No Silence'

Last date for submissions:
10 November 2012

Email us:
prajnya.16days@gmail.com



SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...

Who can submit a poem?

Absolutely anyone. Published poet? Aspiring poet? Never written a poem in your life but really want to? It doesn't matter!

Is there a specific theme?

Yes, there is and it is 'No Violence, No Silence'. All submissions must address or be related to this theme, either directly or indirectly, overtly or subtly. You are welcome to interpret the theme however you wish!

Why this theme? We believe that there is a deafening silence on the issue of gender and sexual violence and poetry offers us an opportunity to end this silence.

Gender violence: any form of violence - physical, mental, sexual, emotional, economic, verbal - directed at an individual on account of her/his gender. Includes domestic violence, street sexual harassment, rape, marital rape, workplace sexual harassment, female foeticide or infanticide, acid attacks, public humiliation, dowry-related violence, violence in cyber-space and honour killings, among others.

Can I submit poems of any length?

We are specifically looking for either [haikus](#) or [tankas](#). Please restrict your submissions to either or both of these forms.

Can I submit a poem in any language?

Unfortunately, for logistical reasons, we are accepting poems in only three languages - English, Hindi and Tamil.

Is this a competition?

No, it isn't. There are no prizes, no winners.

- All poems that meet the basic criteria (including relevance to the theme) will be featured on a dedicated blog.
- A selection of poems will be published in specially-made [Origami Poetry books](#), which we will print and distribute (in limited edition!).
- Finally, some Chennai-based poets will be invited to read their work at a public reading to be held in Chennai on 29 November.

SOME OTHER GUIDELINES

- We will accept a maximum of five submissions per person.
- Poems should be original works and preferably unpublished, excluding poems published on a personal blog. If you are sending us previously published poems, please make sure that there will be no copyright issues.
- Please include your name and contact information along with your submission.
- The last date for submission is **10 November 2012**.
- All submissions should be sent by email to prajnya.16days@gmail.com, with the subject line 'Not Silence but Verse'. Please include your poem in the body of the email.

