

May 20, 2020 Split This Rock Poetry Workshop

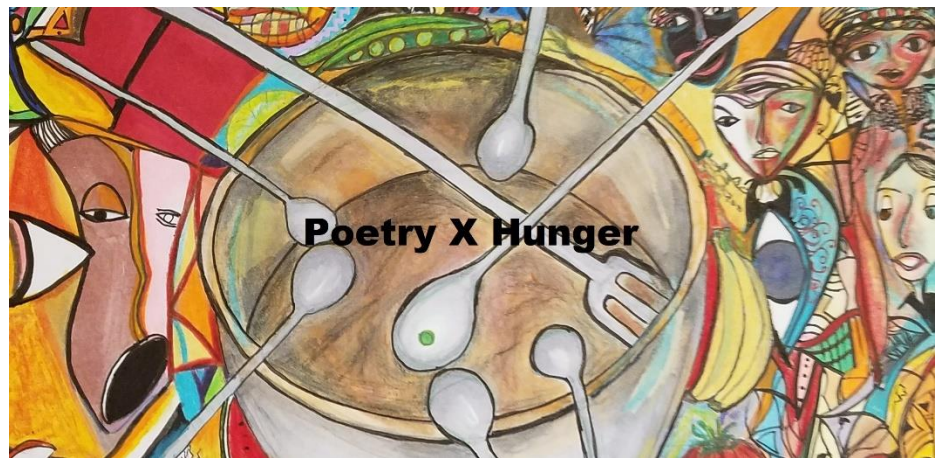
Speaking Back to Hunger

*For this lovely bowl
Let us arrange some flowers
Since we have no rice*

Matsuo Basho (1644 – 1694)

For as long as hunger has plighted the planet, there have been poets writing about the scourge. Basho, one of the foremost composers of haiku, offered his bittersweet take nearly four centuries ago. The inventory of such poetry, however, is small. This evening's Workshop will focus on adding to the limited number of poems that speak back to hunger.

If you have time before the Workshop, check out the *Poetry X Hunger* website (PoetryXHunger.com) where you'll find poems, prompts and other info – all with the intent of bringing



poetry more fully and intentionally to bear in our efforts to prevent and eliminate hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Artwork by Diane Wilbon Parks; used with permission.