

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.

