

# POEMS NOT PRISONS OPEN MIC

Friday, December 28, 7pm

**The A-Space**  
**4722 Baltimore Ave**

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Featuring  
**CAConrad**



- Free— Donations Benefit Prisoners
- Free Vegetarian & Vegan Refreshments
- Hosted by Duiji Mshinda & Martin Wiley
- Kids Welcome
- Bring your poems, music, rants & announcements for the Open Mic
- Updates from Local Prison Activists
- Join us the Last Friday of Each Month

**For Fear of  
Being Called**

**Marilyn Buck**

In Peru a demon-  
stration  
against a rise in  
bread prices  
is stopped  
because of threats  
to denounce  
those who de-  
mand bread  
as terrorists.

How greatly we  
fear language  
an electric cattle  
prod  
to drive us into  
corners  
where we cower  
for fear of being  
called  
terrorists or com-  
munists or crimi-  
nals.

How did we allow  
those who don't  
give  
a damn about how  
we  
the 80% live or die  
to rob us of our  
language  
to intimidate us  
into cutting out  
our tongues  
and binding our  
limbs into lame-  
ness?

How can we be  
more afraid  
to be called terror-  
ists  
than to die in the  
dark  
with no one there  
to speak for us?



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