Call for Poems

**PURPLE SPARKS:**

*Poetry by Survivors of Sexual Violence*

2016 Anthology  | a fundraiser for youthSpark Voices

A culture of violence is held in place by a culture of silence.

SHAME too often silences the abused and shields the guilty or powerful. In *Purple Sparks: Poetry by Survivors of Sexual Violence*, we reclaim our voices by firing up our pens. We “talk back” to individual, social, cultural, and institutional perpetrators in order to ignite change.

This anthology will offer a creative curriculum for healing and justice.

**IF YOU ARE A SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE** (including rape, molestation, trafficking, or domestic abuse)
SEND YOUR POEMS TO contact@professorevans.net

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### DETAILS

**Length:** 40 lines or less (visit [http://www.utenzi.works/](http://www.utenzi.works/) for poetry resources)

**Number:** 3 poems per author (maximum). *Only unpublished poetry will be accepted*

**Deadline:** **Friday, July 31, 2015** (by 12:00 midnight). *Only electronic submissions accepted*

**Info:** Include a bio of 200 words (with full name, state/country). *Can be published anonymously*

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We seek poems from diverse populations—spanning age, gender, sexuality, race, nationality, religion, and experience. This collection illuminates the broad scope of sexual violence and draws together a wide group of survivors into a fierce chorus.

**Purple Pens.net** poetry workshops + **youthSpark VOICES** = **Purple Sparks!**

**Purple Sparks** will provide financial support for advocacy and direct service... like 2014 *Furies: A Poetry Anthology of Women Warriors* (which supports Rape Crisis England/Wales).

70% of all book sales (print and electronic) go directly to youthSpark VOICES, a local child sex-trafficking prevention and early intervention organization based in Atlanta, Georgia.

+ 10% will be donated (each) to state, national, and international non-profits that serve survivors.

= 100% of sales support the prevention, intervention, eradication, and healing of sexual violence.

**ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE CHORUS**  |  **SEND YOUR POEMS IN BEFORE JULY 31**

**sparks voices! sparks pens! sparks awareness! sparks justice!**

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