

# FREEDOM

to write



**Liberté by Paul Éluard**

[English translation]

On my notebooks from school  
On my desk and the trees  
On the sand on the snow  
I write your name

On every page read  
On all the white sheets  
Stone blood paper or ash  
I write your name

On the golden images  
On the soldier's weapons  
On the crowns of kings  
I write your name

On the jungle the desert  
The nests and the bushes  
On the echo of childhood  
I write your name

On the wonder of nights  
On the white bread of days  
On the seasons engaged  
I write your name

On all my blue rags  
On the pond mildewed sun  
On the lake living moon  
I write your name

On the fields the horizon  
The wings of the birds  
On the windmill of shadows  
I write your name

On every piece of dawn  
On the sea on the ships  
On the demented mountain  
I write your name

On the foam of the clouds  
On the sweat of the storm  
On dark insipid rain  
I write your name

On the glittering forms  
On the bells of colour  
On physical truth  
I write your name

On the wakened paths  
On the opened ways  
On the scattered places  
I write your name

On the lamp that gives light  
On the lamp that is drowned  
On my house reunited  
I write your name

On the bisected fruit  
Of my mirror and room  
On my bed's empty shell  
I write your name

On my dog greedy tender  
On his listening ears  
On his awkward paws  
I write your name

On the sill of my door  
On familiar things  
On the fire's sacred stream  
I write your name

On all flesh that's in tune  
On the brows of my friends

On each hand that extends  
I write your name

On the glass of surprises  
On lips that attend  
High over the silence  
I write your name

On my ravaged refuges  
On my fallen lighthouses  
On the walls of my boredom  
I write your name

On passionless absence  
On naked solitude  
On the marches of death  
I write your name

On health that's regained  
On danger that's past  
On hope without memories  
I write your name

By the power of the word  
I regain my life  
I was born to know you  
And to name you

Liberty.