



CAPITAL DISTRICT
WRITING PROJECT



A WRITING INVITATION

WEEK OF MARCH 23

It Is I Who Must Begin

It is I who must begin.
Once I begin, once I try -- here and now,
right where I am,
not excusing myself by saying
things would be easier elsewhere,
without grand speeches and ostentatious
gestures, but all the more persistently --
to live in harmony with the "voice of Being,"
as I understand it within myself --
as soon as I begin that, I suddenly discover,
to my surprise,
that I am neither the only one, nor the first,
nor the most important one
to have set out upon that road.
Whether all is really lost or not
depends entirely on whether or not
I am lost.

~ Vaclav Havel ~

We invite you to write publicly or privately using Havel's poem as inspiration or one of the following prompts from our Mon. 03/23 Zoom Call:

- It is I who must begin to...
- I suddenly discover to my surprise....
- I am neither the only one....
- Or any line from Havel, or anything that resonates.