



This writing prompt was developed in conjunction with Lightbox interviews with Solmaz Sharif and Tyehimba Jess. For more information, please see [www.lightboxpoetry.com](http://www.lightboxpoetry.com).

### **Writing Prompt (courtesy of Solmaz Sharif)**

Sharon Olds once gave me this prompt and I like to pass it on: what does it mean to write with the knowledge you were born into?