

poverty puzzle

(early 1990's)

living pieces
of a poverty puzzle
pushed together
randomly
with no theme
except maybe trouble
minus cohesiveness
uh huh
it's a mess
the atmosphere is rough
cold
and severe
hard to keep your hopes up
tough to persevere
but maybe
if we find
some ways
of joining forces
collectively
we'll come up with
a few more choices
of how to be fair
and just
to everyone here
a must
'cause there're so many
folks
in the street
with no home to sleep
asking for spare change
just trying to sustain
it's mean out there
harsh
and cold
and callous
we've gotta rethink
the policies
with less greed
and malice
gotta rework
the system

with a lot more
balance
of funds
education
opportunity
to attend
to the poor
and address
their needs
create jobs
with respect
and dignity
building to
secure
self-sufficiency
we've gotta
commit
together
to alternate strategies
provide food
homes
and medical care
for all those in need
we need to
create a climate
for our youth
to flourish
and unfold
with hopes
solid hopes
of a better life
with opportunities
fair chances
across the board
guaranteed
because it's not the people are bad
it's the system
is twisted
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and if we take a closer look
we'll definitely see
that the real enemy
is greed
and poverty
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is greed
and poverty

human pieces
of a poverty puzzle
pushed together
randomly
with no theme
except
neglect
but surely
if we find
some ways
of joining forces
collectively
we'll come up with
some life-saving choices