

## 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  
the real enemy  
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