

Homelessness

I'm all **alone**.
I often go without **food**.
I struggle to find a **home**.
I am often **subdued**.

Hungry, I look inside a stinky **bin**.
Hoping I will find some **leftovers**.
I pray that I will find a decently nutritious **tin**.
Inside the bin, I spot some hungry **decomposers**.

It's getting dark, so I seek **shelter**.
I walk with a limp as refreshing, yet hazardous rain pours **down**.
Oh, I just wish my battered and bruised body felt **swelter**.
But instead, I feel like I'm going to **drown**.

Uncomfortable, I sleep in a ravaged **tent**.
I watch families having a good **time**.
It's freezing cold, so I sleep under a warm heater **vent**.
Most people think I have committed a **crime**.

Curiously, I rest underneath the **stars**.
My eyes drift off to **sleep**.
I try to cancel out the noisy **cars**.
Luckily I have old earbuds that I **keep**.

I wake up to the bustling sounds of the **City**.
As often, it's jam-packed with **people**.
Desperately I beg for some change; luckily, some people have **pity**.
Crowds start to build as a lot of people gather around this **steeple**.

The smell of fresh street food around the corner is making my stomach **rumble**.
I pull out my dusty guitar and tip box and play a **tune**.
Soon enough, people start giving their loose change, even though I **mumble**.
Thankfully I gain enough money to eat in the **afternoon**.

I go to the local Maccas down the **road**.
With the money I have, I purchase a Hamburger and a **drink**.
\$3 was the amount I **owed**.
A young boy beside me exclaims that I "**stink**".

Every day is a constant struggle to **survive**.
I would not be here without the loose change people **gave**.
Perhaps I'm just lucky to be **alive**.
Although to have just one meal, I would have to carefully **save**.

Unfortunately, I was born into this **poverty**.
Sixty years is how long I have been in this **strife**.
I just wish, in this world, that there was more **equality**.
Oh well, I guess these imperfections are just normal, everyday **life**.

“Let's all work towards making the world a better place”.

By Joshua Jansen