

Minimum Wage

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Minimum Wage deserves a rage;
The Market has placed us in a cage.
We should muster our courage:
A Living Wage is needed for this age
And our solidarity is on the same page.

Minimum Wage doesn't pay the rent
But we are told to relent:
Eat grass, drink rain, live in a tent,
Work hard and be content.

While corporate masters drink champagne,
Contemplate mischief, celebrate their reign,
They are deaf to workers' cries, whose children get one meal,
They pay no Living Wage; from workers they steal.
They claim the Market decides workers' worth,
And their million dollar bonuses with mirth!

But the Market is a lawless entity,
Yet, in charge of nations' economic security!
It is manipulated by the same corporate nobility;
Without any due public accountability.

It's been proven again and again:
Corporations cheat and pay no taxes on gain
And they drive the system insane.
Corporations move on whims;
Laws are null or on freeze.
Corporations follow no rules;
The public is lied to and made fools.

Corporations buy politicians cheap;
They put the public in crisis deep.
Corporations write our laws to control;
Then, politicians are played like trolls.
These laws favor the rich,
By keeping Labor in a ditch.

A sage has said it well, "This game is rigged."
In absence of equity, our pockets are picked.
Workers are milked for capital to retain
Prosperity for rich, austerity for poor and workers in chains.

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