

Help

by Abraham Vinzant

I'm just a man, not a wo-man.
 Some we help most times we don't.
 But what is help?
 Kind word, some food, a place for the night,
 Or is it some change or maybe more?
 So here I stand by the door for my family who are my life.
 Will you help me live or just walk by?
 As you well know half, if not all, will go to help the family.

The Journey of Life

by Wyman Wilson

The journey of life can be free,
 but for obstacles left and right for us to see.
 The journey of life can be interesting to us,
 facing day to day the challenges without a fuss.
 When the darkened days show up without a warning,
 be with someone to carry or hold.
 The journey of life will be a challenge,
 for without each other life can be every cold.

Coffee Stained Sunlight

by Mike Vance

It isn't glamorous
 It isn't the sound of Chariots of Fire
 Blasting through the PA system
 It isn't the muscle-bound warrior
 dragging his victim by the neck down the street
 It isn't eternal bliss radiating through your pores
 Rather, it is the long sigh at the end of the day
 When hope has vanished yet you remain
 It is another glorious temper tantrum
 Withheld in self-preservation
 It is a rude awakening to get up
 And face another day of this shit
 And you show up for it anyway
 I am perseverance.

First they came for the immigrants,
 and I didn't speak out
 because I was born here.

Then they came for the Unions,
 and I didn't speak out
 because my job was secure.

Then they came for the sick,
 and I didn't speak out
 because I had health insurance.

Then they came to foreclose homes,
 and I didn't speak out
 because my mortgage was paid.

Then they came for me,
 and there was no one left
 to speak for me.

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