

Untitled

by Joe M.

pain, torture and fear,
we hear about it here and there.
refugees from conflicted nations
houseless people who face starvation
people in countries we bomb for no reason
just because we could, and it was the right season...

but did you know
did you even consider
when you sit down to eat your delicious steak
your delicious dinner
if you are not in the same boat,
if you are not making the same mistake?

Do you understand
Do you comprehend
What your "food" has gone through beforehand?

the "thing" you just shoved in your mouth
was once a life
brought up in pain
lived in torture
and killed brutally,
just for your few moments of pleasure.

did you know,
did you ever reflect
they can all be a pet
just like your dog and cat.
do they deserve a life of torture and death?

can this reasonably be justified?

maybe you should give it some thought
maybe it should cross your mind:
"am I that kind?"

Talking

by Kareem Ali

On the bus now
everyone is drowning
in a tsunami of phones,
texting,
gaming,
emailing.

Words are gone
disappearing into mechanical
mouth pieces

All speak in sign language
As a Sahara of silence
cascades over us all.

Because our mouths
are securely locked
from the inside
our outside
is never in.

Non Stop Shop

by Kenneth T. Nickell

Grey stone walls meet cobbled walkway.
Silence of night; speckled with light.
Vacant of all that gives her rise and breath.
Littered in day, covered in death.

Comes the mourn where she lay
To lead the darkest shadows stray.
But still is she, and empty.
This market void of plenty.

Great Responsibilities

by Avendor

I'm just an Atlas
on a Dostoevskian couch
A Casanova
on a food stamp budget
A reformed Jesus
on a mission of mercy
An American forefather
during the onset of global warming
And a Romantic poet
waiting for the bus to come.
You see,
I'm just a nervous boy,
with great responsibilities



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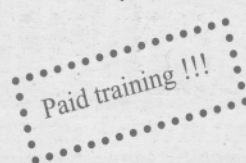
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