

The Beautiful Ending

by Leo Rhodes

Sometimes the mind gets lost
But
The heart
Deep, deep
Down
A seed
Was planted
And
Love blossoms

I will miss you
I will never forget you

Rest in Peace

At Joe's Cellar (for Phoenix)

by Avendor

If this pen could bleed
nay, if it could cry
could it give you what you need
or simply what you desire.
For I have walked through this city
outcast, and forlorn
but I saw a fire burning
where others had joy and warmth.
The marked tread of time
have sculpted my present face
I duck under my collar
lest your love run away.
If I can find a path
that leads me to your heart
then give me your vote of confidence
and I will make a start.

Holiday Gone By

by Daniel Cox

The holidays are over,
And so is the Christmas cheer
The once generous nation,
Now the routine of the dead
False hope
Is now replaced with apathy
till next year.

Public Libraries

by Shannon

As a homeless person, I have for years relied upon public libraries. When I was in college I used the library as a place to study, do research and to spend time when the college campus was closed. I have always used libraries as a source of reading materials.

Being homeless, the library is a fantastic place to shelter in inclement weather and to access restrooms without having to purchase anything.

I am aware that there seems to be a growing resentment toward the homeless population using public resources such as the library, but homeless people fund public spaces with the monies we pay in taxes.

Moreover, while I think we can all acknowledge that there are homeless people who can't seem to comport themselves in public, plenty of seemingly middle to upper-class teenagers can't either, yet I don't hear talk of banning them from the library. Public libraries are needed and utilized by many different populations, but to indigent people they are a lifeline.



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