

Hey You

by Eileen Vizenor

Hey, you in the mirror.
Do you see me?
Do I know you?
You look different.
Is it because you have changed?
I recognize your eyes.
And, the smile once in a while.
But who are you?
I'd like to know you better.
Hey you, I'd like to know you once again.

The Less in Being Homeless

by Douglas "Wookie" Marcks

The feeling that we are less than human
That we have little to no worth
In the eyes of the general public
Just because we are on the street
People stereotype you.
You're an addict
You're a thief
But they never actually ask
Why are you homeless?
It could be those reasons
But you might find it more
A corrupt legal system that pushes for pleas
A misunderstood mental health problem
Self-medicating because legal prescriptions are either too expensive
Or simply don't work
Or simply economic downturns
Outsourcing
Economic shift
Or simply greed in housing
I simply tell them by the grace of God
You aren't in my shoes
And by God's grace, I am
So I can understand
How to help others
And I am thankful for it.

Stripper's Delight

by Jasmine Rosado

Black cat
Black glitter Flutter
Silver Rainbow glitter Rainbird
Rainbird Rainbow dash lights on a regular
The following user name or email me back with you.
A street sign says it was just thinking.
That.
That says Oak Street Club Cabo San Francisco.
Black guy Ginger
White Guy Viva
Las Vegas Nevada USA
Pink Floyd Mayweather fight
Island NY USA terms
Pole lollipop dancing around and around and around
and around and around and around and around and
around and around. Spinning around and around and
around and around and around and around and see what
happens when you know now sundae cherry on top.

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