

To Whom it May Concern

by Leo Rhodes

I see your pain
I hear your pain
I feel your pain
With winter just around the corner
And not enough safe secure places
Like
Shelters
Tent Cities
Rest Areas
The immediate need

You're promised affordable housing
We all know that's going to take at least a few years.
In that period
You have to seek a safe secure place.

Finding a safe secure spot
You're soon
Bullied by
Cops, rent-a-cops
Non-homeless
Business owners
Just to name a few
Asking you to leave
Or a sign is posted of a sweep
I know you are not looking forward to the sweep

Anger
Sadness
Confusion of where will I go
'Cause you know where ever you go it's illegal.

Remember never to show emotion
You have to be content
Showing emotion only gets you into trouble
Just pack down your emotions
Deep, deep, deep, down in your gut

The decision-makers are doing the sweep humanly
By storing your personal stuff
And your survival gear
Tents, tarps, blankets, sleeping bags
All inside, out of the elements
The cold
The heat
The rain
The snow
The decision-makers aren't leaving you out in the cold
They are giving you directions to shelters
With more homeless people then shelters
We all know they're full

The decision-makers are doing the sweep humanly
By giving you the phone number to the storage place
Sometimes they give you the wrong number
Other times nobody's there

Trying to retrieve your stuff
Can be a hassle

Instead of going through all of this
Life would be better
If there were more shelters
Until there's enough affordable housing
For everybody

Home

by Jacob Cordero

To live by oneself it doesn't matter where one may be.
There will always be a core issue.
That is, one person that will make life hell,
in a way that will make living where you live not good.
Although more times than none it's not solely on one person.
In most cases, it's many that make it like that.
In all honesty, yes, there is safety in numbers.
Yet there is a problem with the numbers as well.
Those of us who see the numbers as a con are few.
The counter to safety in numbers is this:
There are no numbers when they turn on one another.
It doesn't matter if the person is inside or living outdoors,
that hits both sides of the spectrum.

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