

Two Poems



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NO is Not Enough

Two percent of the population
In the state of Tennessee
A half million total in the USA
Living near you or me

We hear about them on television, we read about
them in the news
We wonder how anyone could commit this horrid
type of abuse

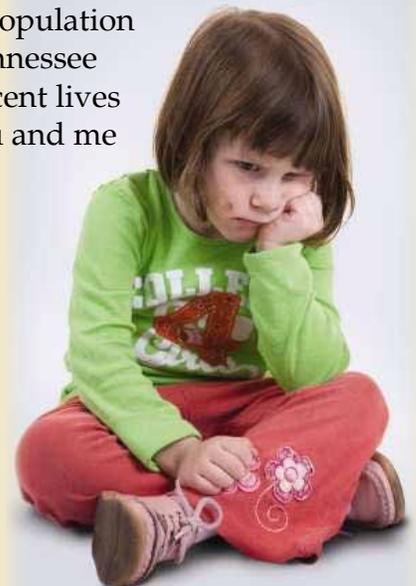
We wonder about the victims...about their scars
and pain
We wonder how to heal their hurts, and if they'll ever
feel safe again

We wonder what created these creatures ...what
drives them in their quest
We wonder if we would recognize them ...if ever they
were our guests...

We wish we had the answers ...could make our
children safe
We wish we knew the road to take...could reach
beyond our hate

But two percent of the population
In the state of Tennessee
Touches too many innocent lives
Connected to you and me

"NO" is not enough
for a child.





Jobless Men

Jobless Men Keep Going. We can't care for our own

Job wanted. Will work for food. Need to feed family.

Starving children. Please help. Dimes. Nickels. Pennies. Anything you can.

Mill Closed. No Jobs. No hand-outs. No help. Keep Moving.

Bank closed. Out of money. No one works here anymore.

You can't get fat on a fireside chat. We're hungry.

Pay us now. Give us cash or buy our tombstones.

We can't pay creditors with sympathy. It takes real dough.

Signs of pain. Signs of need. Signs of human strife.

Were these signs of long ago? Of a Depression life?

Or signs of what may be coming in our time?

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