

Labor Day Poem



Labor Day Lament, 2011

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**With bosses making millions,
And millions unemployed,
Hapless workers, by the millions,
Have seen their dreams destroyed.**

**America the beautiful,
America the strong,
New order of the ages,
Where oh where did you go wrong?**

**We look for Christian charity,
For pity toward the poor;
We find instead indifference
And the rich demanding more.**

**Pollution from their smokestacks
The breath of infants robs;
They say that regulations
Will only kill our jobs.**

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**Our politicians ponder
How to fool the average Joe
Into thinking every problem
Can be solved by saying “no”.**

**For wrecking our prosperity,
No bankers went to jail;
They’d rather crush the middle class
Than let a big bank fail.**

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**Corporations are just people
In somewhat different guise,
So judges gave them license
To feed us all their lies.**

**The unions are retreating;
Their time, it’s said, is gone;
Amidst our countless troubles,
Tell me, which side are you one?**

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