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A five dollar bill

A five dollar bill used to buy a lot  
I could eat for a day and even get some pot  
But Now my fiver barely buys a candy bar  
The Money that im making really doesn't go that far

Sometimes i wonder if i could have better planned my life  
What if i had the wisdom to marry a rich wife  
Or could i have had the tenacity to get a law degree  
At least then i'd have money and not look for things for free

The other day i was looking at my old tickets stubs  
\$6 for a trip to see the cardinals play the cubs  
\$10 to enjoy a concert by the grateful dead  
I could sell twenty stickers and i'd still end up well fed

But now a concert ticket costs near a weeks full pay  
Parkings \$40 and you can't stay there all day  
Grab a cup of coffee for another 5 or 6  
It's no wonder that the middle class can't buy those concert tix

I'm not sure if i'm whining or just pointing out a trend  
Inflation is a killer because it can never end  
But salaries have flatlined and the minimum is a crime  
And millions of americans are left begging for a dime

This is one more reason why i don't think we're ok  
I tend to keep it to myself because its bad form to say  
But 30 million children in poverty is pretty ill  
And not one of them can even find a five dollar bill