

1. What does "home" mean to you?
2. What is homelessness?
3. What are some of the reasons people become homeless? List up as many reasons as you can.
4. When you think of a homeless person, what images and pictures come to your mind? Make a word web.
5. Why don't homeless people just get jobs and earn money to pay for a place to live?
6. Should we help the homeless? Why? Why not?

Homeless, But Not Speechless

I am homeless

Penniless,

So I ask for your pennies;

Countless

Are the times when I feel

Pointless

Useless

Powerless

to do anything

to/for/about/with

these heartless

see-me-nots,

who are clueless

to my

faceless existence.

One penny,

Your charity

is shameless;

My life...

worthless

My journey...

reckless

Don't worry:

My passing will be

painless.



COMPREHENSION AND DISCUSSION:

1. What does the title mean?
2. What feelings does the writer express about his or her homelessness?
3. What does the writer mean by "one penny; your charity is shameless"?
4. Explain the last line: "My passing will be painless."
5. How would you feel if suddenly you had nowhere to live?
6. What is done in your country to help homeless people?"
7. Describe a day in the life of a homeless.

LANGUAGE:

Write in a "-less" word from the poem with the definitions below:

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| 1. No money: | 6. Anonymous; unknown: |
| 2. Ignorant: | 7. Without purpose: |
| 3. Many: | 8. Without value: |
| 4. Unable to protect or defend yourself: | 9. It won't hurt: |
| 5. No care or feeling for others: | |

FOLLOW-UP:

Write a poem like the one above about: a beggar, a disabled person, a street child or a single mother.