

The Lost Generation

By: Jonathan Reed

I am part of a lost generation.
And I refuse to believe that
I can change the world.
I realize this may be a shock, but
“Happiness comes from within”
Is a lie, and
“Money will make me happy”
So in thirty years, I will tell my children
They are not the most important thing in my life.
My employer will know that
I have my priorities straight because
Work
Is more important than
Family
I tell you this:
Once upon a time
Families stayed together
But this will not be true in my era.
This is a quick fix society
Experts tell me
Thirty years from now, I will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of my divorce.
I do not concede that
I will live in a country of my own making.
In the future,
Environmental destruction will be the norm.
No longer can it be said that
My peers and I care about this Earth.
It will be evident that
My generation is apathetic and lethargic.
It is foolish to presume that
There is hope.

And all of this will come true unless we reverse it.

Framing My Future
By Rebecca Bausan

My future is in ruins
Therefore I will discard the impression that
I will be able to achieve what others could not
This may be surprising to some but
Education is overrated
I will not accept the concept that
I can make a difference through my education
So I will let others know that
It is not worth it.
Many say
Hard work pays off but
I see things differently.
It is apparent that
Beauty and luxury are vastly more important than brains and wisdom
I am completely against the assumption that
Personal achievement will be able to thrive in a world so corrupted
I am certain that
In the future
There will be an increase in college dropouts
It cannot be said that
My peers and I will benefit from a higher education for
Our betterment comes from pleasures of selfishness
It is a false belief that
Success is an option.

All of this will stay a reality unless I choose to reverse it.