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Poem Excerpt

Minimum wage,
what is the minimum you can pay me
when I got three kids,
and a college education from one of the most expensive schools?
But I still can't find a decent paying job,
one that helps to feed, clothe, and provide shelter for my children.
Who's to say the minimum is
enough in every city, every town, and county?
When will people see that something needs to be changed?
A national living wage is what's needed,
not a bare minimum wage that has our youth
and many adults mad as hell,
preferring to slang or hustle than make chump change
that can't put food on anyone's table let alone clothes on their backs.
This society must have forgotten the times in which we live
when more teenagers are becoming the head of their households
and/or have children they need to and should help to support.
As the forecasts predicted,
the rich are getting richer
and the poor are getting poorer,
lengthening the fine line walked
between the rich and the poor.
Soon I wonder, will the rich even
care that I get paid less than his or her child
for doing the same job more efficiently and effectively?

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