

## Two Poems



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### *NO is Not Enough*

Two percent of the population  
In the state of Tennessee  
A half million total in the USA  
Living near you or me

We hear about them on television, we read about  
them in the news  
We wonder how anyone could commit this horrid  
type of abuse

We wonder about the victims...about their scars  
and pain  
We wonder how to heal their hurts, and if they'll ever  
feel safe again

We wonder what created these creatures ...what  
drives them in their quest  
We wonder if we would recognize them ...if ever they  
were our guests...

We wish we had the answers ...could make our  
children safe  
We wish we knew the road to take...could reach  
beyond our hate

But two percent of the population  
In the state of Tennessee  
Touches too many innocent lives  
Connected to you and me

"NO" is not enough  
for a child.





*Jobless Men*

*Jobless Men Keep Going. We can't care for our own*

*Job wanted. Will work for food. Need to feed family.*

*Starving children. Please help. Dimes. Nickels. Pennies. Anything you can.*

*Mill Closed. No Jobs. No hand-outs. No help. Keep Moving.*

*Bank closed. Out of money. No one works here anymore.*

*You can't get fat on a fireside chat. We're hungry.*

*Pay us now. Give us cash or buy our tombstones.*

*We can't pay creditors with sympathy. It takes real dough.*

*Signs of pain. Signs of need. Signs of human strife.*

*Were these signs of long ago? Of a Depression life?*

*Or signs of what may be coming in our time?*

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