

***IN THE SHADOW AND OTHER POEMS***

**By Guy Farmer**

In the shadow of yet

Another imposing structure,

A small house struggles

To remain viable.

Until recently families

Lived here, sharing stories

With their neighbors,

A thriving community.

It had been that way since

Time immemorial

But it all changed

Forcefully, abruptly.

One person with more

Resources than the entire

Community deemed it

Expendable.

The cranes swing

Across the sky,

An expected

Knock on the door.

***HER REALITY***

Walking by the storefront

She sees bright, flashing

Images of all the things

She knows the people

Just a mile or two away

Enjoy but she can only

Watch flicker by on the

Screen of an object she

Cannot afford.

A sharp voice tells her to  
Stop daydreaming and  
Get back to work.  
She takes one quick last  
Look and goes back  
To her reality.

***REGARDED***

For no other reason than  
Being born to a certain family,  
In a particular place,  
At an arbitrary time,  
She is relegated to living life  
By the side of the road,  
Scouring through society's  
Refuse so she may feed  
Her family one meager  
Meal this indiscriminate day.  
Unrelenting dust batters

Everything in sight,

A coat of misery.

She shields her face,

Closes her eyes,

Dreams of another world

Where she is regarded

As a person.

**Bio**

**Guy Farmer's** poetry examines people's frailties, foibles, and triumphs and how they interact with themselves and others. He enjoys exploring hurt and brokenness, not to dwell in it, but because he believes human beings have the innate ability to heal and build a more compassionate world. Guy has a Bachelor in English and a Masters in Social Work. He worked in family services for ten years; as a consultant specializing in non-profit management; and as a coach and corporate trainer helping leaders and organizations build kinder workplaces.

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