

HOMELESS DEFINED

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How do I come back from where I've been?
Too broke to help myself;
not broke enough to get any help.
I work every day trying to provide my way.
A law-abiding citizen trying to add to civility but
What about my stability?

Denied credit only for them to say
I've fallen too far.
Denied an apartment only to
remind me that I'm homeless for sure.
Approved for stamps but denied full benefits
\$17 is what I get.
Just because I don't pay rent.
What part of "I'm homeless" do they not get?

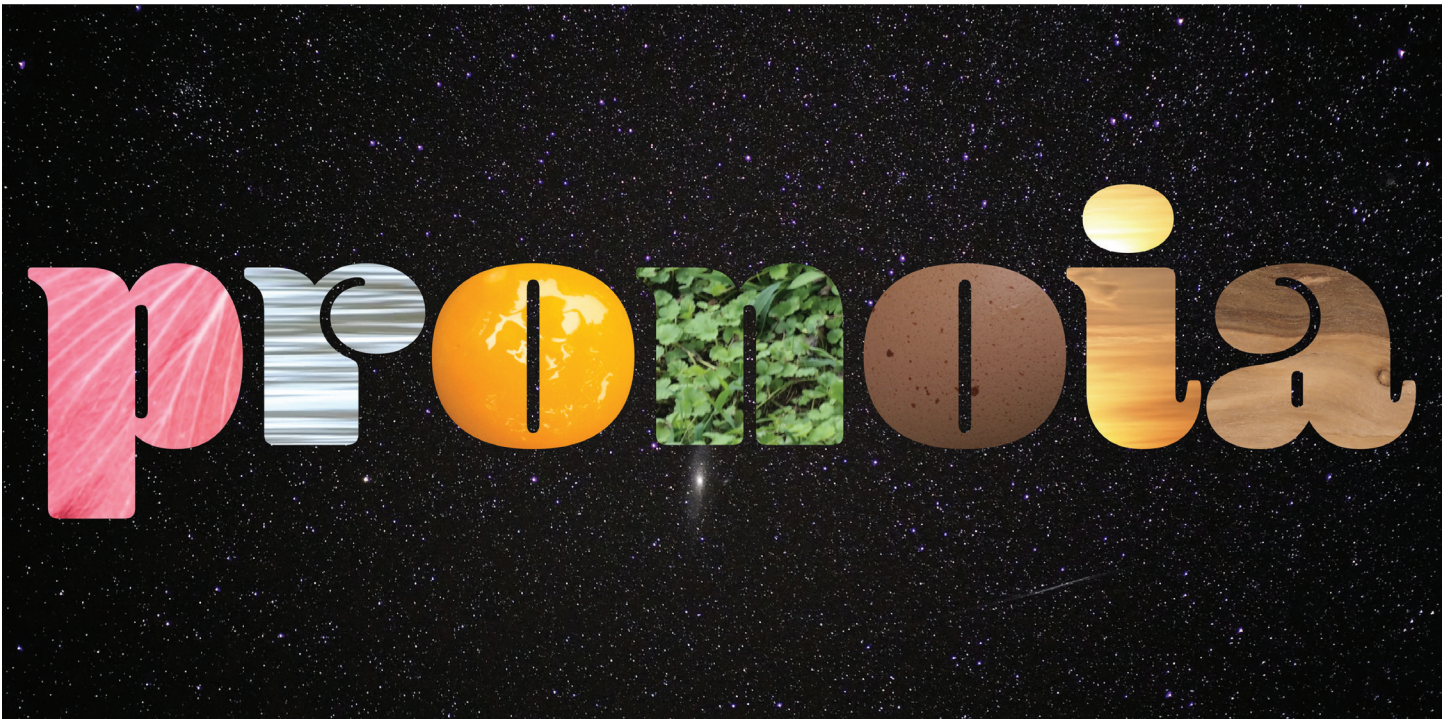
Where is all the money I paid into this country?
Why can't I get help after all I've added to this lot?
I'm not one to stand and beg for pennies with a cup
My self-respect and pride will not let me do that much.

Some days it seems as if God does not hear me.
Trying my best to stay in faith and
trust Him to deliver me from this place...
I'm not sure what I'm supposed to do
when I'm trusting and believing the best I can.

Be careful when you share your struggle with
those that have a form of godliness, but
deny the power thereof.
They rarely listen to what you have to say
cause really they've never been this way.
They quote scriptures just to get you out of their face.

It's a lonely place to be and sometimes I get really angry.
Feeling like I'm in a place of bondage
and wondering where is my God.
He knows what I have need of
before I ask but I was in this mess
long before I knew I would have to ask.
Some days I think that it would
be better to live in my car
but the cold blankets me and I miss what I need most,
a home.

Why was I chosen to go through this?
I know that it is always to bless someone else.
But there are days when I don't feel like enduring just
so someone else can be encouraged.
Trying hard not to complain but this
situation is absolutely insane.



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