

## Ryan Harvey

# "Global Economy"

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One cup of coffee, \$1.50  
Guy who picked the coffee didn't get \$3.00  
He's stuck in the belly of industry  
That doesn't care about people

Working on the hills on stolen land  
Picking at the earth with his scuffed bare hands  
Sweating for the profits of some rich man  
That doesn't care about people

Buy a piece of fruit at the grocery store  
Shipped from Guatemala, Chile or El Salvador  
Grown by orphaned children of the civil war  
That was funded by fruit corporations

A global trade system riding on the backs  
Of family packed in wall-less shacks  
Living in the fear of death squad attacks  
That are funded by fruit corporations

One pack of t-shirts, \$4.50  
Girl who sewed the t-shirts didn't get \$3.00  
And she trying to survive in an industry  
That doesn't care about people

Bangladesh factory, 16 hour-shift  
No over-time, breaks or benefits  
And they'll fire her if she gets pregnant  
Cuz they don't care about people

New York banks watched the Thai Baht grow  
And they took huge amounts in That Baht loans  
Converted em' to dollars when they go back home  
And it put millions into poverty

They paid off their debts in U.S. cash  
Pocketed the profits in U.S. banks  
And the Southeast Asian markets crashed  
And it put millions into poverty

One diamond ring, a few grand

Kid who mined the diamonds lost his hand  
As a message from the soldiers who run land  
That are funded by diamond corporations

Wealth derived through poverty  
From the lingering cuts of slavery  
In the form of an export economy  
Controlled by diamond corporations

Imperialism in it's modern form  
Debt-locked, free-market economic reform  
Blowing through the Global South like a tropical storm  
Tearing at the seams of culture

From the cluster bomb to the rifle butt  
From the gold mine to the clearcut  
Capitalism's got the world locked up  
And it's tearing at the seams of culture

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