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I need a reassuring true poem  
A "You're-not-alone" poem  
An "I-know-what-you're-going-through" poem...  
And "This-is-what-you-should-do" poem

How about a honest poem...a full of strife poem  
A "Tell-it-like-it-is" poem  
No sugarcoating and playing down life poem  
A "No-matter-the-vintage-point, life-is-just-unjust" poem

Not a "playing by the rules" poem  
But a "Do-what-it-takes-to-survive" poem  
A "bribe-to-stay-alive" poem

I need a "I-can-relate" poem  
"My daddy's a salesman...he sells cocaine" poem  
"Some indecent things help to create our fate" poem  
Forget the Brady Bunch, How about the Osbourne's? poem

"Don't lie to the youth, by hiding the truth" poem  
"Feed them the facts and all that matters on a silver platter" poem  
Cut out all the "everything-is fine" chatter and exterminate that everything-is-  
everything persona  
Because you could inhale once more only to find you've suffocated on your own  
repression...poem