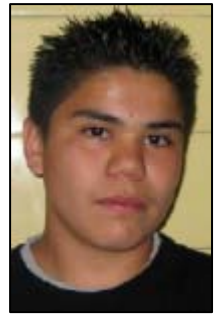


## Homeless vs. Businessman

by Miguel, 9<sup>th</sup> grade poet



Have you got some spare change?

No, go get a job.

Well then, hook me up.

Not even if you took a shower.

Come on man, you're rich.

Look, man, I'm a businessman,  
not a charity helper.

You're going to tell me you can't  
give me any spare change?

No, it's for my wife and children.

You're a jerk; you can't share your wealth.

Look man I got to do my work.

You can't give me spare change in your pocket?

No, I'm not your dad.

So you're not going to give any money?

Fine, man, here's a penny - get  
yourself something.

## The City and the Country

by Jessica, 9<sup>th</sup> grade poet



The city can be full of chaos.

The country can be  
the place to relax.

I never sleep.

I wake up every morning  
to a lovely sunset.

I love the nightlife.

A day in the great outdoors  
is amazing.

There's nothing like the  
view of city lights.

There's nothing like the view of  
the stars in the midnight sky.

I live the high life.

I live everyday like it's my last.

## Whose Job would you Want?

by Nick, 9<sup>th</sup> grade poet



Being a player is super hard  
is super hard.

I have to work really hard just  
to play in a game.

I have to run  
around all day.

I have to get in very good shape.

I sweat blood because my job  
is so hard.

I have to eat good so I don't cramp up.

Being a player  
is a hard job.

Being a coach  
is really fun.

I get to boss my players  
around.

I get to sit down and tell my kids  
what to do.

I don't have to be in shape; I  
just get to relax.

I don't have to diet.

I am not playing

Being a coach  
is fun.

## Instruments

by Sean, 9<sup>th</sup> grade poet



Being a guitar

is a rough job

I have six strings

I am constantly hit with a  
piece of plastic.

My neck is very long.

Tuning is very tedious.

My sound is awesome

A guitar rocks.

Being a violin

is a luxury

I have four strings

I have a soft bow glide  
over me.

My neck is a tad small.

Tuning is a simple task.

My sound is majestic

A violin soothes.