

# "Lost Generation"

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I am part of a lost generation.  
And I refuse to believe that  
I can change the world.  
I realize this may be a shock, but  
"Happiness comes from within"  
Is a lie, and  
"Money will make me happy"  
So in thirty years, I will tell my children  
They are not the most important thing in my life.  
My employer will know that  
I have my priorities straight because  
Work  
Is more important than  
Family  
I tell you this:  
Once upon a time  
Families stayed together  
But this will not be true in my era.  
This is a quick fix society  
Experts tell me  
Thirty years from now, I will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of my  
divorce.  
I do not concede that  
I will live in a country of my own making.  
In the future,  
Environmental destruction will be the norm.  
No longer can it be said that  
My peers and I care about this Earth.  
It will be evident that  
My generation is apathetic and lethargic.  
It is foolish to presume that  
There is hope.