## **Financial Depression**

Finding out an answer to a question

Before you even had time to wake up

Now you don't want to get up

It's as gray and gloomy outside my window as it is in my mind

Depression caused by financial emptiness

I thought next month into the new year was going to be like a restart

I just found out I'm going to be broke before the new year even starts

The impending doom

This gray gloom outside my window doesn't even compare to what I feel Inside

I've been poor so many times

So many ways

I could make due with nothing

But it's a little different when you have 6 others depending on you

The tears I am hiding

This silent tears are going to follow me today

I'm trying not to let them fall

I don't have to cry like I used to

My daily life isn't filled with pain, abuse and despair like it was

No I'll try to hold these tears in

As I make my children's breakfast

Of spinach banana pancakes and eggs

Even though my body moves

My mind is still attached and anchored to the idea of the possibility of missing bills and payments

And cancellations - all because of something that came unexpected and I wasn't prepared for

There is so many ways to demean a human

This is one of them

How to make a mother feel less than

When she's already been halved and guartered

Everything hits differently to a single mother

Especially one who refuses to quit

Whose motherly instincts kick in

Her native dna matches it

F\*\*\* this capitalistic ideology

That you need money to live

My people were enslaved and this earth ravaged for profit

Times haven't changed

But I will Change the mindset and my body moves regardless My worth isn't measured in dollars

No, the systems in place were meant to be broken They already had cracks in them This life simulation created from the idea of assimilation is invalid And I will never succumb to it

This sadness I feel is momentarily My smile will resume It mirrors the one of my daughter's She looks just me My smile catches a ride along the silliness of my son My firstborn - the one who ignited this mother's heart The animals pure energy embodies the natural possibility of life A life worth fighting for The is just another detour meant to derail me But there is nothing stopping me from reaching my goals To have and build a home for me and my family I am on a path guided by soul and my ancestry This man made illness won't break me I've overcome worse than this I believe in myself I am not alone I'm going to keep going o matter what