

REAL VALUE

*What is real value? What is true worth?
Many have great need here on this Earth
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*A baseball that once brought much joy - now sits in a glass box
Because it was one day signed by - a man who wore red socks
Fingers cannot touch its skin - although it's meant to be
Pitched and smashed out of the park - for all the crowd to see*

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Many have great need here on this Earth
But funds for the poor in Nepal - can't be hung on a wall.
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*Tyrannosaurus skull so rare - an Oligarch must buy it
While the starving protest in the streets - Police combat the riot
He bought an artwork of a face - whose eye was left behind.
'T'would surely feed a million mouths - if he was that way inclined.*

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Many have great need here on this Earth
But beds for the homeless to lay - cannot be put on display
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*That baseball it would love to once - again go out and play
But scarred by that one signature - the shelf's where it must stay
How will our future self reply - when one day we are asked
'Why did you forego a legacy - for a useless piece of your past?'*

*What is real value? What is true worth?
Many have great need here on this Earth
From ivory towers they can't see - an aged care volunteer pour tea
A surgeon is on a world trip - while a nurse is in the Gaza Strip
A corrupt MP's chauffeured in style - while a Crossing Lady gets paid in smiles
Funds for the poor in Nepal - can't be hung on a wall.*

*What is real value? What is true worth?
What is **our** value? What are **we** worth?*

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