

Rich without money

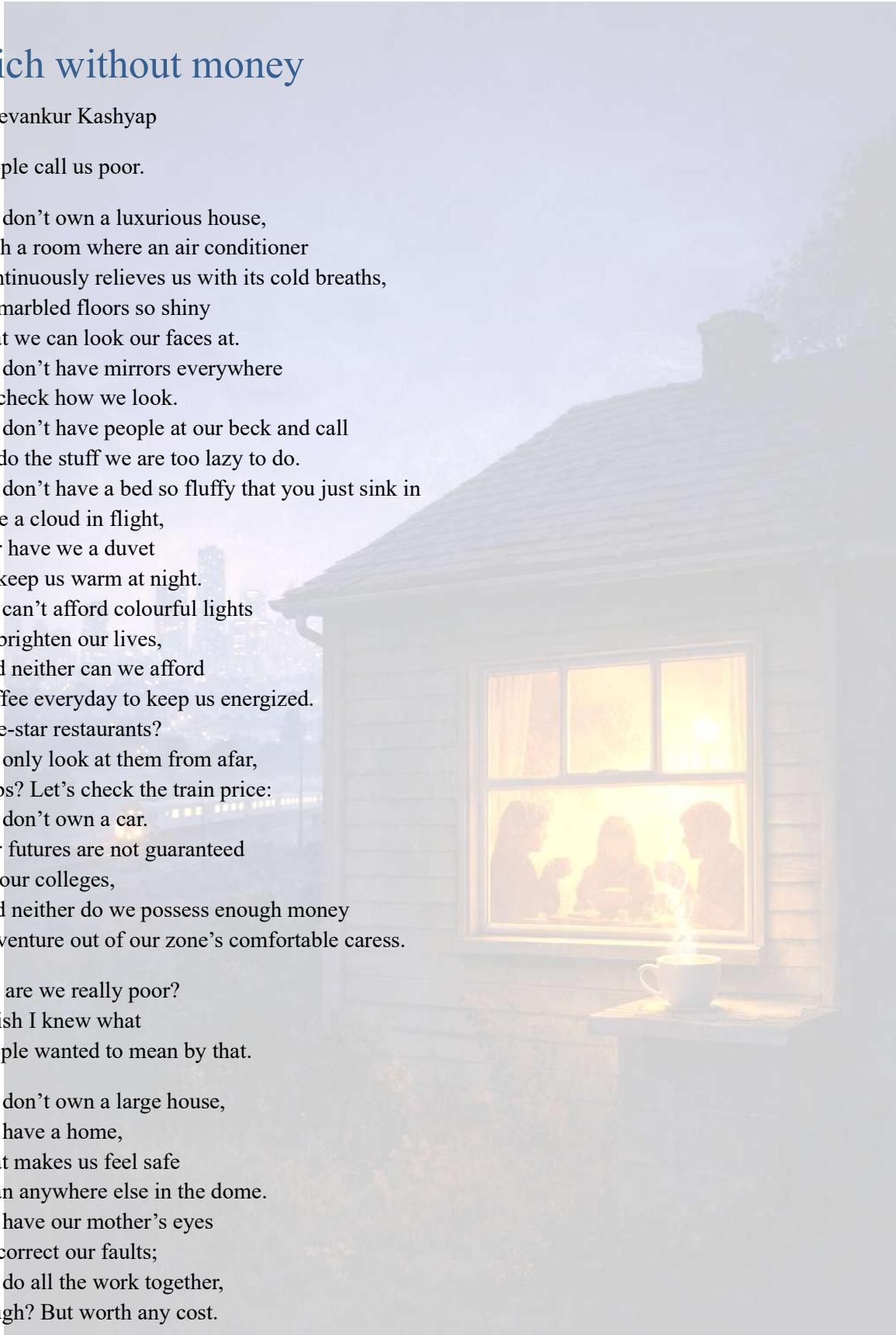
--Devankur Kashyap

People call us poor.

We don't own a luxurious house,
With a room where an air conditioner
Continuously relieves us with its cold breaths,
Or marbled floors so shiny
That we can look our faces at.
We don't have mirrors everywhere
To check how we look.
We don't have people at our beck and call
To do the stuff we are too lazy to do.
We don't have a bed so fluffy that you just sink in
Like a cloud in flight,
Nor have we a duvet
To keep us warm at night.
We can't afford colourful lights
To brighten our lives,
And neither can we afford
Coffee everyday to keep us energized.
Five-star restaurants?
We only look at them from afar,
Trips? Let's check the train price:
We don't own a car.
Our futures are not guaranteed
By our colleges,
And neither do we possess enough money
To venture out of our zone's comfortable caress.

But are we really poor?
I wish I knew what
People wanted to mean by that.

We don't own a large house,
We have a home,
That makes us feel safe
Than anywhere else in the dome.
We have our mother's eyes
To correct our faults;
We do all the work together,
Tough? But worth any cost.



We have our parents' laps to sleep in,
More comfortable than the fluffiest clouds,
Which sinks all our despairs,
And vanishes all the doubts.

We have ma's hugs to keep us
warm during the nights;
We use a lamp to light our home
Father can keep the path ahead bright.

Who needs coffee
When you can taste ma's handiwork
In the daily cups of tea?
The best food is made with love
Not exotic spice!
And the warning that comes with it:
“You better finish your meal!”
Can you get it anywhere else? So nice!

Maybe we don't own a car,
But who would miss
The gossip in the train for that;
The wind cooling us and the Sun's kiss.

Our futures are achieved
Solely by hard work
We take the risk to venture
In unknown waters,
Knowing the risk of falling.
We take the jump across the chasm
Without any rope attached.

We are not poor.

I think ‘poor’ is a very strong term,
which money is not enough to measure.
A person rich in money
May be poorer
Than one satisfied with a tea stall.
A person having nothing in store for a rainy day
May be rich, and enjoying life.

