



Sleepless Nights, Tuition Fights

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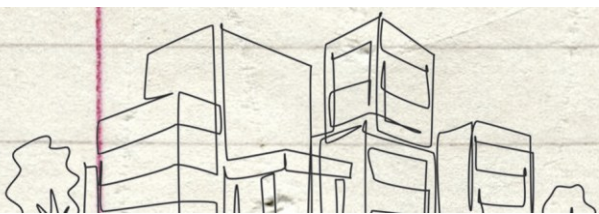
Midnight again and I'm still on my feet,
Folding uniforms, sweeping crumbs off seats.

The pay is small, the hours long,
But tuition is due and I must stay strong.
This is the life behind each passing grade.

I take the jeep with exact fare in hand,
Holding my bag while trying to stand.
My classmates talk about brands and style,
I walk behind them with a quiet smile.
Dreams don't choose who starts with less.

When enrollment came, I didn't know what to do,
We had no savings, no help, no clue.
They told me to ask the office for a chance,
But I stayed silent, afraid of the glance.
Pride is heavy when pockets are light.

During group work, I say "yes" to all,
Even when I can't afford the call.
They think I'm lazy, or always late,
Not knowing I'm working just to graduate.
Some battles are fought without a sound.





I've skipped meals to pay for books,
Sold old clothes and ignored strange looks.
No gadgets, no extras, no time to rest,
But I still show up and try my best.
Because I know my worth is not in things.

I may be tired, quiet, and unseen,
But I carry a hope that stays clean.
In every tear is a reason to stay,
In every hardship, a future on the way.
For every sleepless night—I'll find my day.

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