

State of Mind

Poverty. The dictionary defines poverty, as the state of being extremely poor. But being in poverty and being poor, are not the same.

We classify people as "poor," based on the clothes on their backs, and by the shoes on their feet. By the location they live, and the money they possess. The money. The money.

But these are not the things that make a person poor.

These are the things that bring a person down to the ground.

But they do not keep them there. The things that make a person "poor" are the things that keep them at the bottom.

Being without a drive, a goal,
without a motivation,
without a desire, a purpose,
a passion.

Everywhere you go you'll find,
kids that think, adults that think,
people that think, a society, that thinks
that thinks.

Because somebody lives in a bad neighborhood,
under a bad roof that leaks,
and clothes with holes,
or talking sneaks,
They can't have as much talent.
They can't go as far.
They aren't as smart.
They don't have as much of a future.

But it is a fact,
that one of history's most successful athletes
in the world,
A three time world cup champion,
Athlete of the Century.
Came straight out of the slums of Sao Paulo.
The favelas. The shanty towns.

But you see,
He was successful because he had a passion.
Something to live for. A passion.
Not because of the money he didn't have.
But because of the drive,

the motivation, the passion,
so the point is,
regardless of your house,
or your clothes, or the money you own,
you can still be extremely talented.
You can still be extremely smart,
you can still do whatever you desire to do.

As long as you have a passion.
If you have that,
you are not poor, because
poor is not an adjective for a person,
lacking money.
It is a state of mind.
A state of mind that is without.