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How much does a dollar cost?

Crack fiend! Crack fiend!
I’m not a crack fiend. I just like the rhyme scheme.
A homeless guy asked me if I had a dollar.
Which left me thinking.
How much does a dollar really cost?

A dollar can cost you to be throwing it back in a nightclub, cause your family is suffering
A dollar can have you sittin at a table passing chips all night, cause you got a problem
A dollar can cost you to have a good time in an alley, with your pants down.
A dollar can have you wild ‘n’ out in the streets cause you’re hallucinating
A dollar can cost you a swelling face plus a black eye

Everybody talkin about put a mask on. It’s corona time!!
But what about all those people who lost their lives.
Bodies droppin like dead flies
Eight today, eleven tomorrow
Can’t even go to the nail salon

People scared to go outside,
A dollar can cost you a lot that why I sit down and I jot
This, not a poem, this is life
Are you alive or are you just living?
So I’m going to ask you again…How much does a dollar cost?