

The struggles and strife of the multiethnic life

Taken from a study with the Thomas Street Clinic of the Harris County Hospital District in Houston, Texas conducted in 2000.

Many of our problems occur through ignorance,
Hiding in the multi-communal shadowed bliss,
Not knowing or perceiving the importance of this,
It's time to pull ourselves out of this sheltered mist.

When our educational attainment is sub-par,
How could we have managed to live this far,
When over 54% are emotionally and physically scared,
And 49% have sampled in the HIV cookie jar.

How is one to understand where to go,
When learning about this is far too slow,
It's time to make a change so that we all know,
So if asked if you have AIDS can answer no.

Financial aid is light and far too vacant,
Making this struggle rather complacent,
We must discover truth uncovered fully naked,
To stand up and rejoice in utter celebration.

We must put away the drugs and alcohol,

Clean up ourselves for the unity of all,
March down in protest to our city halls,
And to demand to pass a new bill or law –
This is what the multiethnic community calls.

Information behind this poem is found at...

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