

## Child Labor Poem

Dedicated to the teachers of the world.

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The light only shines on what we want to see.  
The light only shows you and me.  
The light never shines on children around the world.  
The light never shows the children who make our clothes.  
They pick our coffee.  
They pick our tea.  
They pick the sugar  
consumed by you and me.  
They fight in our battles.  
They enter our wars.  
They're not but 13  
when they witness these horrors.  
The solution is not simple,  
but it's easy to start  
to inspire your children  
so they too can play a part.  
The light will shine  
and all will be exposed.  
The era of child labor  
Will be closed!  
For they'll all be in school  
with education as the rule.  
So let's put our heads together,  
you and me,  
to fight the good fight  
and set the kids free!