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Poem

A child of twelve-looks-back quite dignified
Moderately sad dragging her cloth-sack
Across lands slanting upwards putrefied.
... Skies above filled with scavenging crows, glide
Sourcing a better livelihood or snack
In swooping, darting zigzags maniac.
While barefoot urchins search filth festering-
Dumps; sweet faces covered in oily-smears
Straight-backed, shoulders slouched go peppering
Obscenities of our wealth pig-swilling
Collecting plastics ankle deep in weirs
- Of rotting putrid waste like pioneers.
Staking out each square-yard for survival
Dalit survival is no easy task
Their castes bar them any land or title
Social leprosy is a life direful
Living hand to mouth with expressions blank
Feeding tribe's their clan's apathy mean track.

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