

## A Thrifty Working Class – © Kaufman & Perri 2014

Peter Bailey had no business being in business  
His starry-eyed ideals all missed the mark  
All this talk of greater good, all this talk of fellow men  
Is nothing more than simple drivel and hogwash

A businessman would know its folly to lend money  
To every brainless loser he has known  
Some poor boob with a taxi wanders in with an appeal  
And waltzes right back out the door clutching a loan!?

We need a thrifty working class  
Pinching pennies (yeah pennies) collecting cans (redemption value!)  
Foregoing thoughts of ownership unless they can pay cash  
A very thrifty, working class  
Not some rabble (unwashed) demanding more (always more)  
What's wanted is contentment and an awful lot less sass  
A very thrifty, working class  
Thrifty working, thrifty working, thrifty working class

My sage prescription for true fiscal health withstands the ultimate test of time  
The low working class should shift their paltry wealth from outfits like yours  
To outfits like mine, with less risk and more upside! (sotto voce: "for me!")

Now you've tried your strange experiment of noble charity  
And all your silly dreams have come to naught  
Instead of building up the poor with silly notions of grandeur  
The time has come to face the facts and finally cut the knot

We need a thrifty working class  
Pinching pennies (shinny pennies), collecting cans (or coupons)  
Foregoing thoughts of ownership unless they can pay cash  
A very thrifty, working class  
Not some rabble (low class), demanding more (slackers)  
What's wanted is contentment and an awful lot less sass  
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So, if it's not too much trouble Mr. Chairman,  
I'll have my motion put to a vote  
Now