

Stealing is Much Easier Than Working for It

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It seems to me that we have a lost generation
That have no regard for other people or things
Stealing is much easier than working for it
We ordered a brand new solar powered umbrella
The kind that has both colored and plain lights
They're LED type lights for our patio table set
It had arrived this past Friday but we were busy
So we set it up Sunday morning to let it charge
Sunday night we sat out back watching the lights
When it is set on plain clear lights it is bright
But when it is set on multi-color it changes colors
And it will display several different illuminations
It was windy on Sunday night so we had closed it up
There was an attached Velcro strap that secures it
Keeping the wind from getting under the umbrella
I had told my wife how it would shade us from the sun
It was a very nice early gift for Father's Day on Sunday
I knew everyone would really like it's solar lighting
But now we will never know as it was stolen yesterday
My home has a six foot tall privacy fence around it
And our gate was secured with a titanium master lock
When we arrived home from shopping and having lunch
I unlocked the gate and as we carried in groceries
We saw that our new solar powered umbrella was gone
Just our beautiful patio set sat there in the sun
Which begged the question where in the hell is it
Taken in broad daylight on a very busy main road
We live across from the township's fire department
They usually sit out front on the bright sunny days
Yet none of them saw anyone anywhere near our home
So whoever it was had to come through the backyard
Through my neighbor's yard and climbed over my fence
It was a very heavy duty and a very heavy umbrella
Whoever it was must have seen the lights Sunday night
And returned yesterday after we had left to steal it
So I guess stealing is much easier than working for it

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Now a day, people are so brazen and could care less if they are seen or not as they would most likely be long gone before the police could arrive to stop them. With the economy the way it is and with the cops and firemen being the first ones who are laid off during our towns budget cuts, is it any wonder with so many people out of work and no jobs really available for the teens now days that it is much easier to steal than working for the things you want to get in life. It does not matter to them that you are on disability retirement and have a fixed income and more than likely you won't be able to buy a replacement umbrella for the stolen one that was meant to be my Father's Day gift and that now my Father's Day has been ruined for me. I think things are just going to keep getting worse for everyone now, so tell me again how's that change you all voted for working out for you and your family?

PS: My poem was about my stolen Father's Day gift in 2011, it was found in a neighbor's yard two doors down from our house behind their garage the next day when they returned home from work and he was about to cut his lawn. Another neighbor who knew about it being stolen called us to let us know where it was and they returned it to us, whoever took it must have dumped it there after getting spooked by something or someone and didn't want to be seen carrying it off. So we figured that the person had planned to return later on to get it. After we got it back I had a friend of mine welded up a new base plate for it so we would be able to lock it up and keep it from being removed from the patio table again if the thief decided to return again to try and take it again.

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