Bread and Circuses

Rome kept its citizens happy and ignorant by providing bread and circuses.

Bread kept their stomachs full,
Circuses gave entertainment.

They couldn’t care less what was happening in the world,
if they had these two things.

Their freedom was stripped from them, and they did not even realize it.

New gadgets come out constantly.
The give and take of classism in the palm of a hand.
A distraction of the world around you.
The convenience that absorbs a person’s life.
“Improving the standard of life.”

Bread and Circuses.

The Kardashians, Snooki, Miley Cyrus
A lifestyle so improbable it is laughable.
The discrimination and jokes about a human being.
So rich compassion is stripped from those watching.

A peak into another life, a fake life.

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The internet is full of lies.

Gossip drips from the text.

Friends become a number, a contest.

Politics and Culture infuse us with their ideas of what is correct, propaganda.

Tumbler, Facebook, Twitter: mind numbing searching for acquaintances.

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The partying that people glorify.

The mashing of bodies together, the pulsing of the music in a club.

Mind destroying poison being poured down the throat.

A needle inserted into the vein, dangerous recreation.

Escapism at its finest.

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The esthetics that makes a person worthy.

The twisting of hair, the application of chemicals onto face and follicles.
Metal dangling from neck, wrist, and ears, the finer the metal the better the person.

A label that brands the products and you.

The visuals that define the person.

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Cell phones that run people’s lives.

Vibration in the pocket that beckons you to retreat to your box.

A game designed for reaction consuming a person, the hobby.

Constantly touching the phone looking for friends, ignoring those around them.

A place of safety, that consumes.

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