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by Miller Williams

Money is flesh and bone. Honestly got,
money is one's own toil, time, and thought
in tangible form. Money unfairly had
is somebody else's labor and should go bad
in any pocket or wallet or bank vault.
Should but doesn't. It isn't money's fault
if it doesn't care whose purse or pocket it fills.
It makes people agree and pays bills,
not knowing whether it was earned or won,
stolen or borrowed. It does what it's always done,
clamshells to plastic cards, a little better
for the creditor than for the debtor.

