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# Time Poverty

The Value of Women's Time and Work

Time is a valuable resource.

It can mean the opportunity for education, healthcare and, of course,

Time is money.

You'd think that it'd be the one resource that everyone,

Both men and women, have equal access to.

But in no country is that the case.

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For women in the world, a lack of time seals our fate.

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Same roles, same team, yeah that's the dream.

And if we came together in our world,

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Bottom line, women and men have the same time,

24 hours a day, but the days aren't weighed right.

Men's time is valued more, so they can take flight.

Women are more domestic, I'm not talking airlines.

Let's ride to India, where for 6 hours each day

You're working hard to make sure your family's OK.

That time is work, and if not done that day,

Your family would suffer, so you don't have a say.

Your work is unpaid, and so, in turn, it hurts,

The tables that are meant to be set, they should have been turned.

In the developing world, it's not how lives ought to be,  
So we developed two words, call it time poverty.  
700 billion dollars to India's GDP,  
Women could be earning for their country and family.  
It's about what is lost, the opportunity costs,  
And can she answer the door when opportunity knocks?

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Technology can save time, here's how you can tell,  
Pipes provide water, no more running to the well.  
With new technologies, you could save a couple hours.  
That's more time to get the money and the power.  
Like a washing machine you could run with your feet,  
No more walking four miles just to wash in a stream.  
They call it women's work, sexism is still a curse,  
We need to redefine what a woman is worth.  
There's a gender chore gap, we can't ignore facts,  
Women need more time, and men should support that.  
Like Yusuf in Zanzibar, waiting in line  
To get his son vaccinated, and that's taking his time.  
But he's the only man in the whole facility,  
He says that more husbands should take responsibility.  
We need innovations and to change our attitudes,  
That is true, and we need all you to see this vision through.

