

Labor Day

Labor Day, a day we celebrate to close out the summer,

But why was it first created most wonder.

The industrial revolution was a volatile time,

Workers worked long hours and barely made a dime.

Even young children in factories and mills,

Worked for pennies and that gives me the chills.

So, labor unions were formed to give workers a voice,

Working 84-hour weeks, would not be their 1st choice.

Through protests and strikes and even parades,

The workers would not stop till they got more pay.

Some protests got violent, lives were lost,

It was a terrible time, at a terrible cost.

More than a decade of violent protests,

Finally made sense to the United States Congress.

A bill was passed, making the 1st Monday in September,

A worker's holiday that we all should remember.

So, enjoy this last holiday of the summer season,

Especially now that you know the actual reason.

Gather family and friends around for a barbeque,

You too have earned this holiday, by the work you do.