**First Money**

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the good tooth fairy

nickels and dimes

candy store sugar high

strawberry picker, raspberry picker,

 weed puller

Franklin's Five and Dime

firewood stacker, splitter, hauler

 for hearth and home

allowance saver, money maker

Washington rainy days

shoe shiner

Seattle's underbelly greasy fare

men shuffle Pioneer Square

school clothes and expenses another year

newspaper deliverer, lawn mower,

 dog grave digger

bowler of strikes and spares

school clothes, girls, the movies

another year

forest firefighter

barracks life and team player

*sharp tools are safe tools*

school clothes, girls and gas Doctor Zhivago, Tijuana Brass

another year

grocery bagger

did as told, didn't get canned

school expenses, Friday night dance

 Hawaiian Islands and beer

 another year

factory worker

conveyor belt juggernaut

pullin' double shifts

rent, new car and insurance

bank loan paid

change gears enlist