

fainting

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a struggle with reason, a room full of hate
the world divided – the chasm gets deeper
the masses rebel and roar out their rage
if this is justice, I think you can keep her

while the people in power spew their untruths
and the average human grows ever more panicked
because we all know you tightened the noose
watched by the wealthy the poorest grow famished

words spoken are empty and hollow
and nothing ever gets done
while you me and them are in sorrow
the world as we know it is gone

so I ask now: is this your endowment
to generations that are yet in line
your patrimony bears resentment
not once did we think it sublime

while the world gets smaller still
we keep taking till nothing is left
I call it humanity's greatest theft
torn nature is their greatest kill

I sit and write but am I serene
the state of the world is truly obscene
our innocence and childhood at cost
futures and dreams for us were lost

the leaders go forward blindfolded
on a road leading straight to the end

the led follow dutily, trusting

I'll reveal they were never your friend

their actions will leave us all dead

one's out of line but they made sure they caught her

we close our eyes as they lead us to slaughter