

## Are These Our Lives

Trial

Under the ruins of a paradise never to be known  
Crushed beneath the feet of gods who  
Reap what we have sown  
As the industrial neo-fascists slash and burn through flesh  
Endorse the individual but sacrifice the rest  
I want the truth to be told  
That we are more than the sum of what we're sold  
Social Darwinist manipulation  
Multilateral agreement for the devastation  
Of all but the hegemon while we as one  
Are sacrificed on the alter  
In the age of the refugee this era of death for profit  
Ideals alone will minimize the fringe  
Organization can enhance empowerment  
Against forced abortions and sterilizations  
Clitoridectomy aberrations  
Oil addiction inculcation while alternatives face negation  
By those who anesthetize the mind  
And invest in broken lives  
Disorganize overpower exploit and stratify  
The distorted promise of a free exchange haunts us through  
The debts we pay to the alliances which turn me against  
Those around me  
And against myself  
Generation after generation enduring apocalyptic visions  
In individual private hells with bodies weak  
And minds distorted with nothing left to sell  
While the masters of the new feudal age  
Drink to satisfy an unquenchable thirst  
Gulping our blood our sweat and spit back lies  
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