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billboards over houses  
advertisements in the fields  
where the lilies once grew  
commercials choking children  
as they finish digesting  
what the smiling capitalists  
shove down their swollen bellies  
mountains crumble  
before the gods of Wall Street  
and we all prostrate ourselves along wet sidewalks  
rooted to sign of the dollar  
the taste of greed burnt in our mouths  
intentions of rape flood our streets  
and course our veins  
cracking, weak, repenting voices  
cry and cry for more  
a life we must  
but never can achieve  
whose dream is this  
that you and I parade along  
whose ideas are these  
that we would kill just to cling to  
creations of syntax  
of grammar  
punctuation we adhere to  
a soiled rotten stream  
we are so proud to die for  
it makes me cringe when I say yes  
and conform and become  
it makes me ill to say no  
and fight and fight  
billboards instead of flowers  
politics in the playground