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THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT NOTHING

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The meek shall inherit nothing  
except the sweat and pain  
and a lack of rain when  
their thirst for knowledge  
is outweighed and outdone  
by the thirst of their crops  
wasting upon the earth  
that they will never inherit.

The meek shall inherit nothing  
to speak of, nothing  
but the whispers and sighs  
as they suffer in silence  
the parasitic paradise of those  
who have never been meek and  
who shall leave nothing  
for the meek to inherit.

The meek shall inherit the promises  
of soothsayers and apologists,  
of experts trained to ask nothing  
to say nothing  
when there is too much to be said  
and everything to be done.  
And the meek shall sit and listen  
and await the inheritance  
that shall never come.

The meek shall inherit the past  
withered as the breasts  
of the starving mother,  
withered away with the crops  
from desolate fields  
of napalm volcanoes,  
withered away, and by the children forsaken  
rejects of the promised land  
torn from wombs too poor  
to bear the gift of birth  
for those with nothing to inherit.

The meek shall inherit nothing,  
NOTHING, not even their graves,  
not even their memories,  
washed away in drunken deaths,

like plague-paralysed rodents  
damned to forever bend before  
the hateful hedonist whims  
of those who would leave only  
the pestled bones of the meek  
for our children to inherit.  
The meek shall inherit nothing.