

COBIS Poetry Competition 2021 Connections

Category B: 11-14 years Winner

The Light Giver's Jeremiad

What has happened to you? Have you really,
Revolutionised? Are you really what you used to be?
Inhabiting you, maniacs shrouded in anger, mindless murderers, I witness
Them spoiling society; to them, death and torture is
Revolutionary, and humanity is now a myth.

Where has all the peace gone?
Is that peace now done?
Like an earthworm splitting but not surviving,
Like a phoenix burning, but never rising.
No man is an island 'tis said, but you now are: I will have my uprising.

I am dubious of your action to get rid of it all:
Your perfect happiness, your pristine hopefulness, it was your call.
Your link to what is left, and of nature
Is now hanging on the edge – was this what you pictured?
Once the envy of all planets. Once major of all celestials – You have denatured.

What about all the life in you-
The living, the dead and those yet to come through?
With you, they too shall perish,
You, like your sister, shall become a hellish
Place. You could've come back, you've had time to replenish.

Your systems are crumbling, your connections destroyed – its remnants are few.
I need not engulf you. You will destroy yourself before that is due.

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