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## 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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