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## **We Are Betrayed**

*And though our loved one is laid low in the grave,  
we must still praise... – words of a fool*

That's what we are  
A networking of fools caught in a program of idiocy  
Devoid of pride  
Devoid of reason

You must laugh at this circus scene  
Men with witless grins  
skipping in the ring  
who trip and fall  
but raise their red-tipped canes  
from the foul dust of the earth  
To Hail!

You make a mockery of our destined existence.  
But I will not be fooled  
I still have some pride  
I yell from the foundations of the earth  
to summon the knowledge of men

And then  
You ask me to look where I stand  
to consider the source of the knowledge of man  
to remember what I know of love and sacrifice.

I am betrayed.