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Inspecting you.  
Dissecting you.  
Connecting you. 
Disrespecting you. 

No account for you.  
No accountin' for you.  
Just a count of you.  
Discounted. You. 

Systemized.  
Perspective.  
Context. 
Collective. 

The global weight.  
Locked in place. 
The global reach.  
Chains ‘round our feet. 

Abject poverty.  
Rejected lobbying.  
Victims. 
Mobbing. 
Urban quandary.
Myriad causes.
Nobody’s fault.
Never pauses.
This mental assault.
Outta breath.
Still in debt.
Our blood.
Let, in death.

What did you hear of us?
Violence.
Silence.
Too impolite to discuss?

Meaningless.
You judge us.
Existence, begrudged us.

Join us!
See us!
Hear us!
Fear us!

You pry.
You draw; you write.
We try.
We comply.
Still.

Yet you obscure us.
Feed off us.
Forgotten.
You are us.

We gonna die.
By you.
By us.
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