

Dismantling Democracy

Well, they're finally dismantling democracy
tearing it apart like an old junk car
for Pick and Pull.

Someone will come along
and need a little freedom filter –
some free speech
some civil rights
and maybe even avoid some religious persecution
from those god-fearing, gun-toting Christians
that would have stopped Christ at the border
or gunned him down for turning the other cheek.

Yes, they're dismantling democracy
by selling off the parts like cheap toothpaste and deodorant
at the Dollar Tree.

And while tea-party patriots advocate walling off the border
they're inside already –
like they rode the Trojan horse through the gates,
saddled and ready to dismantle democracy
selling it to the highest bidder
and leaving little else for us
besides the bitter and acrid taste of Rome's ruins
as Nero stood watching it burn.

So yes, they're dismantling democracy –
dumbing down education
by turning it into a number two pencil
by poisoning our air, water and minds

with filth that is finer than silica.

And yes, they're dismantling democracy

Not because the parts are worth much alone,

but just to prove they can do it.