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Slavery's Price

Blacks wear their Blackness
as badge of fierce survival
strength under the whip

Whites wear their Whiteness
as badge of vain privilege
unearned advantage

fragile bridges burn
no sooner built than destroyed
by arsonists' hate

demagogues ignite
lighting the way to darkness
with torches blazing

America's shame
self-inflicted mortal wound
the toll of slavery



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