

### Democracy Grief

watching helplessly  
dying of wasting disease  
grief is in the room

if Donald Trump wins  
treating half as enemies  
jeering playground bully

Trumpist GOP  
their blood-and-soil nation stands  
a bottomless loss

a state of alarm  
psychic tax on populace  
a very dark place

choking back the tears  
despair leads to apathy  
democracy dies

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