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America, what the fuck are you doing? America, you've changed...
You've convinced everyone that you are This crown jewel that all should
mine for That you are the epitome of freedom And liberty
And happiness
But you've changed, America
When you drill past your shiny exterior
Black tar pours from the center
We searched and we searched within the sludge But we could not find you
Or your freedom
Or your liberty
Or your happiness
Instead, we found your people
Being suffocated by your rotten innards
We found skeletons with their skin still on
Their eyes sunken and their ribcage begging to be let free
We found families huddled together in fear
As monsters with sharp teeth ripped them apart
They ripped arms from their sockets
They broke the chain their family struggled to maintain
We found those whose skin blended with the tar
Being harassed by those with lighter skin
Merely because they resembled the black void they lived in They reminded
them of the new America
But that was your own fault, wasn't it?
We found a prominent man in a suit
With your banner on his lapel
He scowled and hissed at those below him They were covered in filth, little
did he know He was just as dirty as they were

We found women being thrown into alleyways They leave these caves
With blood between their legs
And tears running down their face
We found men with the rainbow painted on their face Being spit on and
knocked over by thunderstorms Being called heinous names
That dull the rainbow
America, what have you done to your people?