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A NATION OF PRIDE

There is pride in a culture, beyond the life of comfort.  
There is pride in people, bringing with it unending hurt  
We the people stand mighty and tall, a nation proud and strong.  
We the people crush those below and stagger to right our wrongs.

But it's not me, it's not us, we are not the ones to blame.  
Still we chastise others, though their faults and ours are the same.  
I come from a prideful culture, had to live with it for years.  
Our father drilled it in our bones, often driving us to tears.

Our family railed on those without caution, who waved off the oncoming tide.  
We screamed at a government that, knowing the danger, consistently lied.

Yet in spite of the pandemic, our families sought to meet.  
"This disease won't reach us for we are a group of elites."  
I raised my voice, my concerns. For a week, I raised the alarm.  
My father dismissed it all, said "To us, there will come no harm."

Just because we were lucky does not mean that we were right.  
Of a bad situation, how can anyone make light?  
They're hypocrites, all of them. Why does everyone act so proud?  
Hurting all others surrounding, must these people shout so loud?

This is a nation born of pride, we bear this mark proudly though it's a sin.  
It's a disaster of our own making that, to this day, we still stand in.