

## Stockpiling Stones

It is in an un American culture  
some say, to let these strangers in –  
tantamount to original sin  
proclaim self-righteous prime time preachers  
whose unresolved pernicious heart wounds  
justify them stockpiling stones.

Jesus hasn't been around for a couple of  
millennia or more to weigh in on  
all these religious power plays -  
and contrary to the whole resurrection plan,  
the alchemical fog released In His name has  
embodied the worst qualities of human nature.

Some would have you believe that  
kindness and loving peace is for the weak  
but the weak have learned how to deceive  
evil – and shape something spiritual into  
the struggle of their ancestral lines –

They coax exotic antidotes from gardens  
with edges of perfumed scents  
and delicate monarchs hovering  
they cast spells into streams and tides  
where everyone can see them but no one does,  
they pray to open heart paths – for the  
sake of their children and to honor the  
brokenness of their elders,  
their kindness is their forcefield  
against the culture of stockpiling stones.

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