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We talk.
   You speak. The educated elite.
We know.
   You're wise.
Our death.
   Your demise.
Our job.
   Your art. This rends the heart.
Our misery and strife,
   Your Unfulfilled Life.
Our nightmares and screams,
   Your Ivory-towered Dreams.
Our crass insanities,
   Your Insignificant Eccentricities.
Our hopes, aspirations,
and prayers of nations,
   Reduced to Discourse and Dissertations,
Our terror and torture,
and all its machines,
   Methods, Madness, Tools, and Means.
Gifts from the Illustrious Beings.
Knowledge of Good,
Knowledge of Bad,
from the same bite of fruit,
both have been had.

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