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The seeds were planted by a past generation, 
   But it is us who allow their continued germination. 
It springs from the earth, 
   And like a weed, has no worth. 
Its only purpose is to set people apart, 
   Instilling hate and alienating the heart. 
Today it grows at an accelerated pace, 
   Preventing us from recognizing our brother's true face. 
Nations encourage us to let it breed, 
   But I say we must kill the seed. 
Around society's neck comes another vine, 
   Cutting off our breath as it starts to bind. 
If the plant ever does mature, 
   Our world's lost, there is no cure.

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Sector

One special trait that each possess to share 
Construct the notes that flow as harmony 
Their perfect style and a fabulous flair 
Combine to emanate an energy.

Rehearse the image they must all reflect 
Blending each other's talents, strengths and flaws 
Over, over, again, once more, perfect 
Release the sound, the lights, extract applause.

The air disturbed does shake with their delight 
Upon their lips the feelings they outpour 
Now lost inside a gaze without respite 
Senses become reality no more.

The twilight leaves the stage a silent peace 
Within our hearts the melody shan't cease.

Kim Tomczak