**Truth Once Programmed**

twist a rainbow

twist the truth

truth should reign

truth without color

color fades

color stains

stains are permanent

stains shaped like continents

continents that divide

continents on fire

fire spreads like hostility

fire steals peace

peace should have come

peace offered from above

above cumulus clouds

above infinity stars

stars that once sparkled

stars now extinguished

extinguished not like wild fires

extinguished like people

people who fought wars

people who sacrificed lives

lives lost in the twisted rainbow

lives now but souls in the wind

wind whooping

wind crying

crying without tears

crying a kaleidoscope of calamities

calamities that struck before ignorant eyes

calamities that should have been avoided

avoided like rancid meat

avoided so lush forests wouldn’t burn black

black behind a mask of flames

black as white turned evil

evil built on insanity

evil where peace once lived

lived far away from obsidian skies

lived in harmony

harmony played in tuneful chords

harmony no longer able to soothe wicked hearts

hearts thumping out of tune

hearts churning out lies

lies consisting of lost truths

lies born of sinful minds

minds corrupted

minds programmed

programmed for destruction

programmed by one another

another

destruction