

(terre) me up

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rigidity conforms mindless souls,
mindless minds,
mindless bodies.

serving each other, serving a purpose
that is unquestionably noble?

noble is as noble does and nobility
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make strange bedfellows.

innocent bystander by-stands
the erosion of eroding corpses,
(living) corpses,
corporal punishment.

punishing hands handle it carelessly, less care than nobility commands.
commanding comrades who victimize the victim in the name of peace,

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Pieces like the once peaceful by stander, by-
standing the heavy feet (feat), fearfully gouging limbs,
limberly tearing roots from soil.

soiling themselves from
the careless tearing, tearfully joyous
in their demise;
diminishing

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