"The Power Within One’s Heart"
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One man came in the name of love
Without malice
No difference between rich or poor
Persecuted, betrayed
Coveted words ring forever
    He was a spiritual man.

One man dreamed of equality
Always peaceable
Civil disobedience aimed
Protested, preached
Stuck only as a paradoxical dream.
    He was an aspirant man.
One man initiated a war
Second to the world
Perfect and imperfect race
Cataclysm, death
Asylums of unfathomable suffering
    He was just another soldier

One man disregarded the oath
Heal and never kill
Fraternal, identical
Reduced to laboratory rats
“Angel of Death”
    He was only a physician

One girl’s writing bore witness to the genocide
Hiding in fear
Waiting, hoping, documenting
Caught and imprisoned
Pages left empty
    She was just a young girl

One woman saw herself above another race
A country divided amongst itself
Mansion of fear
Inferior, torture, end
The lightning whip never ceases
    She was a slaveholding woman

One man’s creativity changed the theatre
Something never done before
Inspiration through story and music
Aspiring, different
A million things yet to do
    He is an actor
One woman refuses to be silent
Child casualty
Mutilated, violated
Voice must be heard
Female mutilations must cease
She is only another victim

One man isolates his country from the rest
Lock and key
Unknown future
No one in, no one out
Shrouded with secrecy
He is just a man

One man and woman’s candidacy created unrest
Never a greater divide
Variant views and tactics
Uncertainty, uproar
Fear of nation’s future
They are just different people

One man’s organization strikes incessant fear
Traveling wildfire
Terror, attacks, loss
A questionable end
Agonizing wait for the next move
He is a ruthless man

One girl’s love never ceases
Lost and fractured relationships
Deception, lies, broken hearts
Love and forgiveness prevail
Someday to be heard
She is an aspiring writer

Power is found within any individual
From a child to an autocrat
There is no need to wait or waste a single moment
To diminish or improve the world in which we live
With the power within one’s heart