

## Spiraling Downward

I see it all around,  
Driven by anger  
Feeding hate  
Playing into fears  
Us vs them

Unleashed, by people with agendas  
Amplified, by some with good hearts  
Who don't realize  
Don't know  
Or don't care

Throwing fuel on a fire  
Making it grow  
Making it glow  
Making it worse  
Making the world hotter

I see people,  
Dancing around flames  
Grabbing sticks  
Lighting more fires  
Spreading anger, hate, fear

Burning to the ground our faith,  
In our country, people, the future

Making it difficult for growth  
To emerge from ashes  
For mercy and love to prevail  
Dousing flames, diminishing fires  
That will never fully extinguish  
But can — more easily — be contained

Who can reverse this downward spiral?  
Who can save us from ourselves?