

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?

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