

Power in the Blood

maybe i should paint my door
with the blood of the lamb?
maybe that will make the virus
go away

i watch my chromebook, like
its my bible
and pharoah only distorts the truth
and tries to keep panic at bay
with lies

but pull back the curtain
and it reveals a high school kid
playing dictator
i wonder does his bone spurs hurt?

people roam the streets and beaches
thinking they are immune against the disease
an atheist mocks, trying to sell me logic
as a way out, but i rebuke him

i get on my knees daily,
i pray for everyone, even
those who don't deserve it
hoping god's benevolence
will cover us

there is power in the blood!

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