

We Must Remove The Letter A - Phoenix Gosper

“A, A” everywhere “A”. All I can see is the letter “A”.

The smeared pastel, the mud, the paint, the fear entailed, the blood, the hate.

It all stems from that letter “A,” or at least it did, until one day,

When bureaucrats showed up to say “We must remove the letter A”

Let me return to where it commenced, July eighteenth, twenty twenty eight.

Where ministers of government strolled up then down the New York street.

In top skull covers, suits with ties, they led the city to its demise.

Or so told the group, from dingy inns, who would begin the big sit-in.

For seven weeks, they shouted "PIGS, They took our jobs, they killed our kids."

In the seventh week, they decide they need to keep something behind.

To remind those in the government of whom they need to represent.

The sign they chose with no regret is the letter we must now neglect.

They drew this symbol high, wide, on dumpsters, concrete, building sides.

By week eight, on every floor, on every bus, on every door.

From JFK to eighty sixth, everywhere, the symbol impressed.

The ministers, by week nine, knew the movement needed to be confined

The protesters, they must be fined, but on the whole, they need the sign.

The sign, the letter in every corner, must be removed to bring some order

Some sense of security, control, before uprisings could unfold.

This is why they chose to remove, the letter since this would include

The symbol of the revolt itself, thus no one else could be compelled

Even the title of the movement must be subject to government improvement

The movements title must be suppressed, so it is now known by “Bolshevik Unrest”

Without this symbol, without this word, the riots stopped, the movement purged

Until one night from the dingy inn, the second movement would begin

Mirror people, mirror politics, except now known by “ecoterrorists”

Without their title being suppressed, they rose once more, they progressed

But the ministers of government were frightened by the thought of it

So they showed up once more, they spoke quickly “We must remove the letter E”

I mouth “c*nsorship”, “fr**dom of sp**ch”. But nothing occurs, no sound, no pitch

I should go to its point of its unfolding

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Guys in suits go up plus down NYC

In top skull lids, this group, guys in suits brought our world to its ruin
So told this group from dingy inns, who would now go to sit-in
For VII VII's, this group shouts "PIGS, You took our jobs, you shot our kids"
By point VII this group opts to put its sign throughout NYC to show its conviction
This is now first cut symbol
By point VIII on most floors, on most bus, on most doors.
From JFK to LXXXVIth, this symbol is now found
Guys in suits fight this hitch by cutting this symbol
But *cot*rror soon grows from nothing
So guys in suits cut symbol V
Now guys in suits modify *cot*rror plus *n*rchy, now is "not good guys" now is "not
good guys"
But its gist did not go cold, now unknown groups would unfold
Guys in suits did not forbid words which would show up now, viz. "Communist"

Now guys in suits cut "C" "O" "U" "S" "T", "D" "G" "H" "J" "L" "P"
Brin* B**k "E", remove "B" "K" "N" "V" "Q" "U" "W" "X" "Y" "Z"
I'm free...
I'm free...
I'm free.