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## **Lone Foreigner Hiking the Seoul City Walls**

a Lone foreign male hiker  
in the hills above the city  
Hiking along the ancient Seoul City walls

500 years after the founding  
Of the city in 1492

balancing his walk  
amid the boulders  
the winter is coming  
soon he thinks

and finishes his hike  
heading to a bar  
to sake his thirst

some soju, and bulgogi  
will do the trick  
he thinks to himself

just another day  
in the life

of an unknown nameless  
foreigner in the city  
of Seoul

part of the ten million  
naked stories  
in the big city

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### **The Rainbow Beckons**

One day a man  
Was walking down  
A nameless suburban street

He saw the rainbow  
And walked to the end  
Of the rainbow

There he saw a leprechaun  
Guarding the pot of gold

He rushed at him  
Shot him dead  
Stole the gold

Had had a massive heart attack  
The leprechaun came back

Said do not ya know  
The pot of gold  
At the end of the rainbow  
Is cursed

Death will overcome  
All who seek to possess it

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## **An Old Man Visits His Wife's Grave**

An Old man  
Goes to the grave  
Of his beloved wife

Carrying her favorite flowers  
And a guitar  
Playing her love songs  
As he remembers her life

Blaming it all  
On the damn coronavirus Pandemic  
Killing thousands every day  
As politicians play games

The dead remain dead  
he hears his wife's voice  
from beyond the grave

she is a corona ghost  
he wishes he were there with her  
as he plays his mournful love songs

he lays down for a moment  
and becomes another Corona ghost  
just another death that lonely day

**Dear Republicans in Congress – what is wrong with you? Open Letter**

Dear Republicans  
What the hell is wrong with you people?  
I mean seriously, what is wrong with you?

Hours after a mob inspired by the president  
Storms the capitol  
Looking to hurt you  
All of you

In an assault on democracy  
In scenes out of the beginnings  
Of the Nazi Era

What do you do  
What do you say  
Do you condemn the attack

Do you condemn the President  
And vote to kick his sorry ass  
Out of power?

No, you don't  
You cowards

This was one mob  
You found a way to excuse.  
Even as scores of President Trump's  
usually unfailing loyalists  
condemned him for moving too slowly  
to call off the swarm of demonstrators  
that stormed and ransacked the Capitol,

many of you still could not bring  
yourselves to fault the man  
he surreal and frightening  
attack carried out

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by people he had  
just urged to “fight like hell.”

You downplayed the violence  
as acts of desperation by people  
who felt lied to by the news media  
and ignored by their elected representatives.  
That means you too you know  
You deflected with false equivalencies  
about the Democratic Party’s  
embrace of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Some of you even tried  
to dispute the fact  
that Trump supporters  
were actually the perpetrators,  
suggesting that far-left activists  
had infiltrated the crowd  
and posed as fans of the president.

To any insincere, fake DC ‘patriots’ used as PLANTS —  
you will be found out,”  
[wrote](#) Sarah Palin,  
the Republican Party’s vice-presidential nominee in 2008,  
who demanded that the media  
look into the allegiances of the people  
who smashed their way into the Capitol.

Responses like these —  
full of misdirection, denial and specious comparisons —  
sounded almost like typical fare coming from stalwart defenders  
of a president who considers admitting fault to be a sign of weakness.

That they persisted in the face of such an extraordinary and unsettling strike  
on the seat of American government is a sign of how premature  
it may be to conclude  
that Mr. Trump’s iron grip on his followers

Before Donald Trump’s supporters stormed

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a session of Congress last Wednesday with plans to take hostages,  
the President himself whipped them into a frenzy.

Some will argue the 45th President  
did not directly incite the siege  
at the US Capitol in Washington DC.

But a close look at his remarks —  
both immediately preceding the attack  
and during his four years in office —  
suggests he very carefully  
guided his fanatical followers  
towards unlawful acts  
that resulted in the deaths of five people

and that will very likely  
see him impeached for a second time.

So Republicans how can you defend  
The President any more  
How can you defend  
The undefendable

What is wrong with you people

That is what we all want to know  
Please explain to us all

How can you still vote  
To not impeach him?

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## President Words Ring hollow found Poem

The president is clearly guilty  
Of instigating the insurrection  
Just listen to the words of your president

‘These people are not going to take it any longer.  
They’re not going to take it any longer ...  
They came from all over our country.  
I just really want to see what they do’.

If those tens of thousands of people  
would be allowed —  
the military, the Secret Service,  
the police, law enforcement,  
you’re doing a great job —

but I’d love it if they could be allowed  
to come up here with us.  
Is that possible?  
Can you just let them come up please?”

Before Trump spoke,  
his attorney, Rudy Giuliani  
called for "trial by combat."

And the president's son,  
Donald Trump, Jr.,  
warned those who are a "zero  
not a hero"  
that "we are coming for you."

"And after this,  
we're going to walk down there,  
and I'll be there with you,

we're going to walk down ...  
to the Capitol  
and we are going to cheer  
on our brave senators



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and congressmen and women,"

Trump told the crowd. "  
And we're probably not going  
to be cheering  
so much for some of them.

Because you'll never take back  
our country with weakness.  
You have to show strength  
and you have to be strong."

We will never give up.  
We will never concede.  
It doesn't happen.  
You don't concede  
when there's theft involved,"

Trump said.  
"Our country has had enough.  
We're not going to take it anymore.

His subsequence disavowal  
Of the violence  
Just ring hallow

Had enough yet  
America?