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An eye for an eye
A tooth for a tooth
He who steals from the people
Let his hand that
Strangles the cry of just protest
Be severed
The teeth that feed on the flesh of the people
Be removed
The tongue that utters edicts of hypocrisy
Be cut out
The stony eyes that refuse to see reality
Useless they shall be plucked out
For the voiceless
The oppressed
The dismembered
Shall make a law unto themselves
And tyranny will fall unveiled.