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His children looked upon his hand and preened
with a malice that depleted His essence.
Their gangly limbs misshapen and
delicate mouths unhinged, only to sing
animosity at those who rebelled.
Rotting minds with disloyal actions.
A nimbus of love poured from His being,
a beam bright enough to blind his acolytes into
accidental submission.

The peccant ones who chose their own path met
their fate with adoring words that gave hope.
Hope His children tore with bared canines,
forming a sagacious owl
that screeched a warning.
His disciples forced silence by
grabbing the little girl-
owl.
By grabbing the owl, crying,
and placing it in a bedroom.
Open windows but polluted air.

His children taught with good intentions,
yet behaved as ones who believed
there was no other path to follow
but one of deceit,
masked with gentle smiles
who stored serrated blades.

A house of cards is destined to fall
the more layers of love
and grime is added,
hidden poorly behind syrupy
hugs and tampered intentions.

Her home's last brick
was set to crumble
next forenoon,
and no children were there
to help restore
her faith in
Him.

Only an owl
with dull talons
and a beak glued shut.

Author Statement

"I often hear of growing youth losing faith in religion due to how it was traumatically shown to them growing up, whether the adults realized it or not. I wanted to write a piece showing that despite the honest intentions, words and actions are shown differently through a child's eye."

