

## A COLD CRUEL WORLD

Callous  
in a hostile world  
where humanity is trampled upon  
the timid are abused  
civility has no place  
the enraged are rewarded  
when they act as if they  
don't have any common sense  
no GOD given sense  
but that's the nature  
of the beast  
it only respect  
exposed teeth  
ready to sink  
into its next meal  
cannibalistic instincts  
aren't ignored  
though some do  
wield the pen  
a mighty sword  
that do grasp  
unwanted attention  
shining light  
where darkness hide  
seeking not to be sought  
play games with  
human lives  
that it treat undignified  
dabase at every turn  
no place to turn  
for a kind word  
for a weakness seen  
is a tool utilized  
by fraudulent allies  
who appear as sheep  
yet are ravenous wolves  
that prey on the meek  
so as to not be  
a meal for the pack  
one must act  
with a pack instinct  
prey on opportunity  
with the sword  
whether it be  
the one in their mouth  
which cut deep  
the one gripped in their fist  
that pierce flesh  
or the one in hand  
that tattoo wood

one choose  
how to best use  
this multipurpose weapon  
that most hone  
with such precision  
oft times they have  
injured themselves  
becoming food  
in a dog eat dog world  
where the next beast  
is quick to pounce on  
any error  
in lapse of judgment  
an opportunity  
most don't miss  
many do wish  
not to be preyed upon  
but in this cold world  
where many an heart hardened  
by the continuous encounters  
with hostility  
and its mate rudeness  
cruelty has become the norm  
in a abnormal society  
where humanity  
is often lost  
and replaced with  
CALLOUSNESS!

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