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THE LAST PUNCH

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so
you think
we're only
joking?

you think
the only punch
comes
with the last line

you think
revolutions are
just
spinning words

you think
the fantasy
lies beyond
our reach

you think
you hide
truth
with your
flag-waving
speech

you think
we are deaf
to voices in
dreams
to visions of
the free
seen from bars
in darkened cells

well,
a dizzy hour has come.