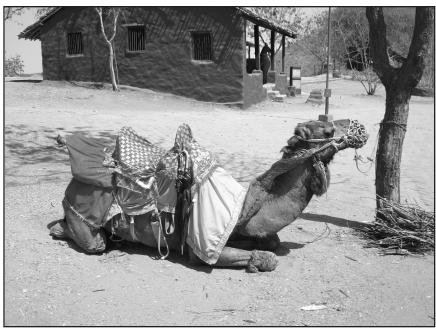
## Downfall

Ice covers the fire that once fueled a black heart the smoke drowns the innocence we once felt We cage animals, but in reality we cage ourselves The gods mock our dreadful thoughts Some say this is the end, but it is only the start.

The shrieks of angels are heard for miles their light shines like the dark of night the sun never rises, only setting in the west we keep the peace by declaring wars this is not new; it has been going on for a while.

We take comfort in the blisters we have Our strive for equality only diversifies us more Safety cannot be measured, only because it does not exist. There is never light at the end of this tunnel Instead of building, we only collapse.

## -Alan Bryan



-Benjamin James Ditmars, "Camel in Udaipur, India"