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Committee for the Promotion of Virtue  
And the Prevention of Vice  
Oh, how we godly entice  
Nonreligious saints  
To become  
Depraved,  
Degenerate  
Like us.

Force life not yet born  
Massacre  
Once they can  
Hear, smell, taste, see  
Experience  
Unconscionable evil  
No Deity can ever  
“Make beautiful in its time.”

To profess 1791’s Amendment II  
To the Constitution of the  
White man’s U.S. of A.:  
The right to arm teens, or racists, or...  
With semi-automatics  
Maximizing gruesome  
Deaths per second with  
The Law

Tobacco products’ sale  
To under age 21  
Is a  
Crime.  
Purchase of guns  
At age 18  
Not only legal,  
But sublime.

Pro-Life, you have fought the good fight  
You have won  
The Right to abort  
The Living, Thinking, Loving lives of  
Children and adults  
In the false security of  
Schools, stores, theaters, no less  
Save the tools of mass murder;  
Collateral bloodshed  
Not our mess!

Victims identifiable  
Solely by DNA  
The human form  
Pulverized  
By your lawful  
Weapons  
Of Mass  
Destruction

Wasn’t that  
The justification  
For America  
Invading

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A sovereign nation? And yet  
 We aim  
 These same WMDs  
 At our child- and minority populations.

I do solemnly swear...  
 1) To support and defend  
 The Constitution  
 Against all enemies foreign  
 (Domestic be exempt)  
 2) That I will bear  
 True faith and allegiance  
 To the rights of man:

The Right of males  
 To impregnate, molest, rape  
 The assortment of females:  
 Adults, teens, or children  
 525 billion sperm cells per male  
 Populate—unrestricted—the accursed earth  
 Prosecution as likely  
 As governments structurally enforcing Female Worth

Pro-Life victorious in  
 The Right of males  
 To abandon  
 Inseminated females  
 And resulting offspring  
 Subjecting such to  
 Hardship, poverty, abuse  
 Unremitting generations of  
 Oppression  
 For the Man's Right to Choose

Abortion abolitionists?  
 Since when did being God-fearing  
 Become synonymous with  
 Sanctity  
 of Hate?  
 Eliminating women's autonomy and rights  
 Insufficient.  
 Men alone shall determine her fate.

Inconceivable conception  
 Audaciously absent:

National debate about  
 Accountability of  
 The Sperm  
 ...  
 Or did we women  
 Rape ourselves too?

Submission for scholarly admonition:  
 "Omit the profanity."  
*Then omit the profane!*  
*The unjust, the inhumane!*  
 How does protection of a  
 Blastocyte, embryo, or fetus  
 Nullify the protection of an  
 Impregnated woman or child?

Authorizing ownership of AR-15s and AK-47s  
 Pro-Life, how many more innocents  
 Must be sacrificed at your altar?  
 Authorizing State ownership of female bodies  
 Your stranglehold on women's and children's uteri  
 Does this prove you believe in God?  
 "Even demons believe that—and shudder!"

America! America!  
 God shed His grace on thee  
 Our founding fathers  
 Deaf to Native Americans' and Africans' plea  
 And crown thy good  
 With the likelihood  
 That minorities, targets of semi-auto slaughter  
 And females  
 Shall never truly be  
 Equal, autonomous and free.

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\*Note: this poem speaks of the coercion and abuse of females by males due to the potential for impregnation and abandonment that might occur, in order to comment on abortion rights being struck down in the United States. In no way do the authors infer that such force, coercion and abuse is solely carried out by males on females. We acknowledge that all genders are capable of abusing any gender.

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