This Past

Who are these people who came in the name of all that is good and kind?
they say to follow God's teachings
yet, that is all they do
they bargain and sell us like Jude to Christ
they see us like cattle
and treat us like mules
who are these people who in the name of all that is good and kind arrive?
They violate our lands like our forests and deprive us and themselves of their wisdom
these brutal beasts these malevolent animals.
Why do they see us as inferiors to them?
Can they not see the blood they have spilled?
Must they burn down our memories and tear away our pasts?
this burnt and scarred past bathed in ashes which they have left behind
which they say will only leave behind what is good and kind
but one day both our kin will melt together
and will be together linked to this past

our present

and their future

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