

PASCALLE BURTON

each one asks in fear, "will it be me?"

(an internet performance of Michael Dransfield's all the great presidents)

I

"fair and sustainable"
plunged back into poverty

forced to choose
between basics

rebasing reducing
insidious

docked and locked out
the adequacy of

\$3.57 per day

II

little pr stunt
something in it for him

golden opportunity
to speak

curious timing
use the mute button

incompetence distraction
sounds maybe like you're still

in hostage mode

III

fires (hawaii)
freezes (cancun)

power outage
sparked outrage

infrastructure plagued
anger brewed

a catastrophic storm

IV

sidelining women
snow white's hymen and

well-dressed prostitutes
rejected as totally false

people look up
to their leaders

V

this should not shock that
media outlets ran

with the narrative
it failed

it repeatedly failed
deployed a strategy

of silence
and denial

VI

the reason
we are going down

we heard “crazy things” on social media
“stand back and stand by”

#StopTheSteal
we stopped the steal

we stopped the steal
we took our country back

history being made right
in front of your (eyes

VII

substantial improprieties
wasteful spending

cut voted blocked gave
hid loosened committed paid

appointed cancelled set-up lied
tried merged prevented forged

extended failed refused bought
red-tape free-market pork-barrelling

kept secret
deleted records

voted violated
spent spent spent spent spent

VIII

the police officer entered
a not guilty plea again

deaths death death
death death death death

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shockwaves spread the
version of events

remain here and bear witness

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