Poetry is the only form of written art that needs no explanation. It's a stream of consciousness meticulously edited to be the best it can be, to explain intention is to ruin the fun of deciphering the puzzle yourself. Subtly has never been my strong suit but I hope you are able to take from these few frenzied lines a lesson, a phrase, or even a word that means something to you. Then again that's what all artists want at the end of the day, well that and lots and lots of money.

## *Liquid Fear*:

Drowning in what I thought was free the cost has never been so fresh faces murdered in their beds hold their progeny's corpse close to heart hoping the life given once could be again. Hoping, believing will save them everyone understands it won't, Happiness is a drug

A chemical cocktail created by your own weakness A hope that we were better But as the past will always tell us We cannot win a war on drugs

## Culture War:

Subtly is a tool

To convince To shame To reduce To turn a being into a beast A man to a machine A woman to a wretch The wait, the slow march toward progress The kicking and screaming The kicking and screaming The march on a treadmill, A few bad apples, picked from a rotting tree Grown in blood-soaked soil Fed with poison and trimmed by slaves Nothing will ever change, Unless we change it.

## Influence:

Stare, gawk, and cry My truth My moment My time That's what they keep shouting Our so-called contemporaries They flaunt Fast cars, face lifts, and premium drugs They show us what we could only ever inherit, and tell us Their charity knows no bounds Wealth was once a commodity Now it is a lifestyle Now it is a group It is a people a rat's nest, a hovel lined in gold Waiting to be crushed by their children's bootheels And from the ashes The meek will inherit the Earth Before the strong take it back again. Over and over till our little game runs out of pieces. Till we burn, drill, cut, and atomize everything we have left Then only meek rats shall remain