Requiem for Dissent

Bad Religion

Oratory of hope and glory a whisper and a rhyme An effigy, a soldier out of time Citizen and patriot you can't be far behind The funeral is weighting heavy on your mind

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Dig around the cemetery a record of the day Friends and neighbors in stages of decay But the saddest thing of all eludes discovery The stimulus for this somber ceremony

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The sanctimonious minions how they grovel at the feet Authority is populist deceit
Pity yet another casualty's demoralized decline
Just a victim of irrational design

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