Rape of the Black Earth

Violent clashes engulf the war torn black earth Political turmoil brings chaos and ruin upon the upper and lowe r kingdom heretics and Zealots rape the two lands Brazen rampant looting and wanton vandalism a bleak reality Destroying entire epochs of history In search of shiny bits of metal Dogs play with human bones Amongst hundreds of deep pits bug into exposed tombs Children scavenge for shards of pottery amongst grisly Debris The unwrapped and dismembered remnants of the mummified dead Ancient burial wrappings unravel in the desert wind Broken bits of wooden Sarcophagi Shriveled mummified hands bleached skulls spines arm and leq bo nes Scattered all around like the aftermath of a massacre The temples of the gods defiled Looters hack relics off sacred walls Laying bare hands upon the images of the gods themselves Unearthing what should not be unearthed Thieves ransack antiquities Cutting monuments and statues into small parts to sell upon the black market Manuscripts despoiled, Papyrii burned, inscriptions defaced The images of the gods defiled Statues stolen priceless coffin reliefs and stelae strewn in sa nd Thousands of Pharonic God objects melted down Inscriptions and wall paintings desecrated with knife and hamme r Limestone casings stripped from atop the lesser pyramids Entire temples disappear their foundations laid waste Their stones pulled down, taken away and sold To be reused in foreign and profane lands The dried and withered corpses of the preserved dead torched The bones of the Royal Dead from centuries past Ripped from their ancient slumber Left to be trampled kicked and faded in the sun As heretics and Zealots rape the two lands