Mercy's Tree

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white as a sheet you
can bleed til you dry
should we take and never ask why?
huddled in masses
we sit on out asses
and hold on to what we should let fly.
what good is the giving
of life for a lie?you say it's trouble enough to fight,
but I won't lay down and die
you can bury what's left
of me under mercy's treewe trade truth for the banner;
a slogan or two
underneath it we all look insane.
it's a broken umbrella
in a gathering storm
soon enough we will all wash away
and i will not be waiting
for the seasons to changeyou say it's trouble enough to fight,
but i won't lay down and die
you can bury what's left
of me under mercy's treewe hold our breath when
the winter comes
act as faith makes the
springtime bring sun
o, what have we done?you say it's trouble enough to fight,
but i won't lay down and die
you can bury what's left of me
under mercy's tree

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