**The Empire Strides Forward**

Everything has become

silent.

We must ignore our history;

facts are unequivocal,

upside down knowledge,

certainly, no skeletons.

Invasions, subjugations, exploitations,

all must be erased from Empire memories,

to a history that shows us as moral,

caring, benevolent,

always right.

Don’t refer to anti-establishment radicals,

even where their protest led us forward;

we gave women the vote because

it was the right thing to do.

History supports us in this.

We abolished slavery, had no part

in its development or trade.

The winds of change have always

been blown by Etonian whisperers,

far-seeing prophets of what our

country needs, this way, that.

Their drumbeat calls the right tune,

where righteousness crushes

the last flecks of truth from our memory.

Leaves us all

silent.