

WHY?

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We could be enemies,
 You and I.
 Historical prerogatives
 Buried in the Book.
 Eyes—slits glowing with fire,
 Mouth—spitting and hissing.
 Refute,
 condemn.
 damn.
 Righteous rhetoric —

I believe in
 my beliefs,
 You believe in
 your right
 to be
 right.

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You and I,

BUT WE'RE NOT.
 why?