These Legal Crimes

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Factory farm
Sounds nice
Sounds swell
Factory farm
Is the definition of hell
Take a step inside
And see for yourself

Packed in tight, less than a square foot each
Legs snap, beaks break
'Cause they're drug-fed for weight gain

Commodities
That's how they're seen
It's all for money
Not a being, what do you mean?
If they misbehave
They're sent to the grave
But there's always a stray
Among the decayed
Looking for a way
But there is no escape
Can't break free from all the chains

They get their babies ripped away
This happens every single day
Shot in the head they survive
Electrocuted in their ears, still alive
See their limbs cut off before their very own eyes

They scream and plead but we never cease
They say "please, please, please" in every case
But they don't have a voice that we can hear
All we hear are sounds above the fear
It's always noise, noise, noise in their ears

Let's back up
Hold on…
How did it all start?
Seems like someone just can't find their heart

Manipulation, exploitation, utilization
It's all their creation:
Cargill.
Tyson.
JBS.

Their favorite employees
Are the ones without papers
Undocumented - black & brown
It's perfect – they can't make a sound

"Come watch me work"
They'll never say
You won't step inside
And see their day

But if you did
And if you breathed
And heard
And smelled
And saw

You'd be poisoned by ammonia
Feel fecal rain upon you
Slip on waste and fall face to face
With the animal you are about to kill

BANG one
BANG two
BANG three
Lives down
You'd get the hang of it
Feel kind of numb to it
Not even think of it
Until

Joints ache
Nightmares haunt
And your brain is never the same

How have we come to this?
Why are we doing this?

How do we not realize?

It's our ignorance that makes us guilty of these legal crimes
It's our ignorance that makes us question these very lines

Look beyond what society has normalized.
If someone killed their own pet for meat, wouldn't that be criticized?

How is this right, or just, or plain old okay?
How can we go on with our lives supporting this every day?
Look into their eyes and see all their pain
Look into their eyes and see what needs to change
Because they need us
To do something
To help them
To live
A life

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