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Your judgeship was stolen
but no one can deprive you
of the title “Honorable”

Your stand before us
and claim justice
as the characteristic
that has driven your life

This enobles you
nurtured by repression
to preach to US
the dogmas of democracy

You do not speak
about responsibility being
the handmaiden of human rights
but your life suffices for that

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