

who am I

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to question
my punishment
for crimes
I did not
now
or
ever

commit

much older
than
innocent
until proven guilty
is the tradition
of revenge
the ancient creed
of tribe and warrior
to wound or kill
the brother
father son
or uncle
when criminal
could not be
had

and so
in hardship blood
and anguish
each male victim
fought to survive
such unexpected fate
and then
embraced
it
with final
sacrificial love
of kin

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