

"HOW DO YOU LOOK AT A MONUMENT"

How do we look at a monument?
It's so big, and so tall, and so important.
Will it last for all time or get covered with cement?
How do we look at a monument?

Why is this thing here blocking my way?
Can I climb to the top to take in a parade?
What do the words say? How 'bout the pose?
What can I learn from these weird metal clothes?

Should it last for all time or get covered with cement?
How do we look at a monument?

Does it tell a story of long ago?
A version of history someone thought we should know?
But who chose to honor this person this way?
Is this how we picture our heroes today?

Were they heroes or villains or some other group?
Or just a perfect place for these pigeons to poop?
And if they changed history why can't we change it too?
Monuments! For me and for you.

How do we look at a monument?
It's so big and tall
and right in my way.
How do we look at a monument?
Should it rise or fall
at the end of the day?

Should it last for all time or get covered with cement?