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He who doesn't concur with his
sept
In its mediocrity,
Is hated for
This non-conformity.

He who dares to be different
And doesn't follow
The Code of the clique
Is scorned and
Talked about for it.

He who attempts to rise
Above the normality
Of his coterie
Is derided and criticized
By his society

Those who will not rise
For fear of what others
May say,
Are not men, but Jellyfish,
Weak and pathetic
Without vertebrae.

—Norman W. Powell, Jr.