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Ignorance

Oh great statue, if only you could speak.
All I could learn, could learn of great hunts and grandiose dances
Abundant.

How you care now
could have saved us all.

Beads of turquoise, furs for warmth, food from the land.
How could you craft homes upon your back? Such
Freedom!

Enslaved
we were, banished to foreign lands.

Drums to beat along hearts, carrying life's pulse
in the wind. All of the Earth combined in one breath. What
Purity!

Neglected
is my heritage, my people.

Skin bronzed by years in the sun,
worshipping Mother Nature
in combined
Splendor.

Futile
were our efforts in self defense.

If only you were here, to regale me with
bygone tales of your past. What beautiful
Knowledge!

Ignorance
of your ancestors extinguished an entire race.