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a sound poem

to the memory of
d.a.levy who
took his own life
november 1968

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to the memory of
J. S. Levy who
was his son
November 1900

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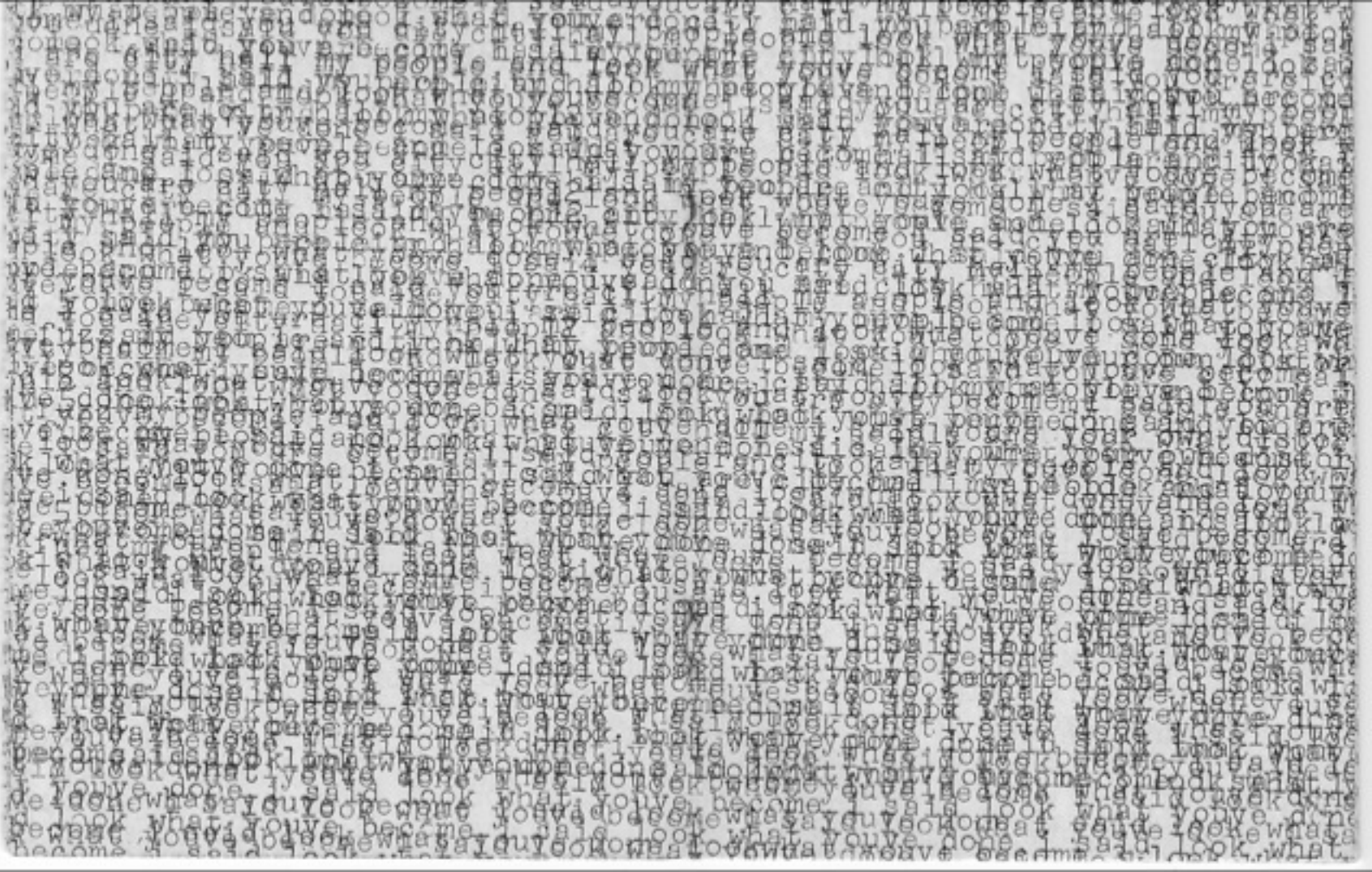
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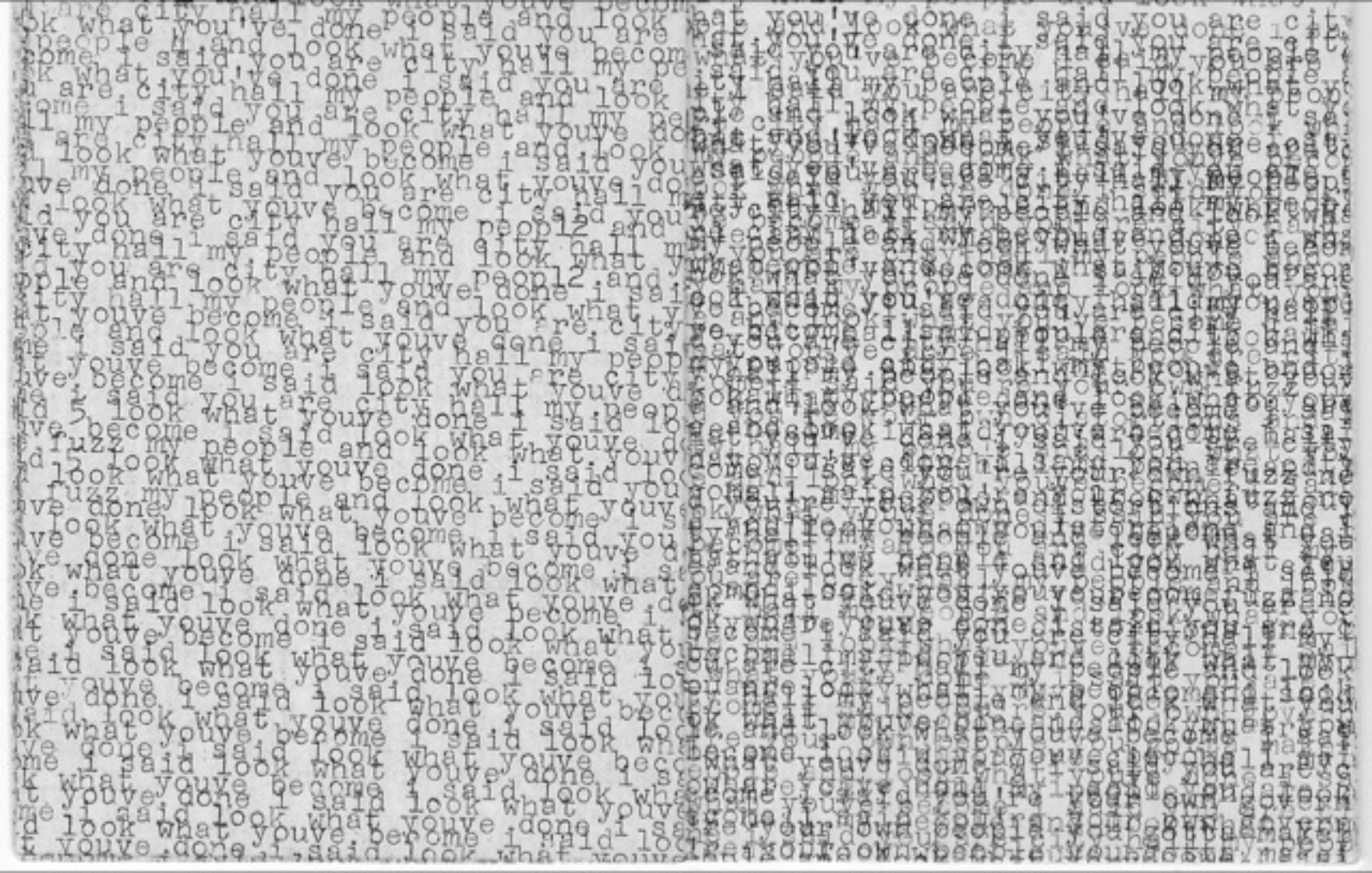
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The image contains a dense, repeating pattern of text. The text is oriented vertically and consists of a single sentence repeated over and over. The sentence is: "I have a dream that one day, down the road of life, every American citizen will be able to look at his fellow citizens without seeing in their faces the signs of poverty, despair, and hopelessness." The text is printed in a bold, sans-serif font, and the background is a light, textured color. The overall appearance is that of a document or poster where the text has been printed multiple times, creating a repetitive, almost hypnotic effect. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion, with lines of text running vertically across the page.





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