

If Not Now

I was born people
asking myself
What am I but me

Born into a family
asking myself
What is a family
A people

I am part of a nation
asking myself
What is a nation
More people

Make-believe groupings
fleshed out
with non-linear real
All people

If I fend not for myself
who will fend for me

If I fend not for my people
what kind of people am I

If I fend only for my people
what kind of people am I

If I do not do so for me now
will the people tell me when