

The Captured Heroes (A poem)

Your haunted pain made me shiver
with dark images circling around my head.

In dark memories, I saw hunger flog your
children's throat in recklessness devoid of sanity.

I saw a hope swallowed without dignity
in journeys of scraped identity.

Your exodus trek under the scorching sun without
a rest bent my soul in directions.

Your wobbling legs like dying soldiers in rusty chains
left me bowed at sorrow's feet.

Grief caught me in its grip stealing words
that formed within me.

Writhing in pain, consolation fled
without notice.

I wept without tears—a load of burden pounding
within me which a million apologies cannot sieve.

In quietude, I bore the flavour on my tongue—
a taste which my heart harbours in the dark.

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