

When the Dead Return

<i>Israeli Deaths</i>	<i>Palestinian Deaths</i>
Most get deserved treatment, If not A kiss even But all rest In wooden beds, And whole In peace, Ready For their afterlives. The world and media keep virgil For their final judgement.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

¹ their eyes reaped
² out of their sockets,
³ hollowed-out kidneys and a hole
⁴ where the hearts should be.
⁵ on foreheads are slashed swastikas
⁶ where memories are grazed away
⁷ in bulldozed graves,
⁸ plastic bags strangling-blue
⁹ as the blindfolded, battered sky.
¹⁰ there is nothing
¹¹ for the land to remember by
¹² when olive trees are martyred
¹³ and not
¹⁴ a stump
¹⁵ or seedling
¹⁶ were spared.
¹⁷ while the sand takes what remains of them still,
¹⁸ and the winds scrounge for answers,
¹⁹ the righteous still pray for true peace to come. true silence after the red sea
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