
Unyielding Spirit

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Abstract

This poem serves as both a tribute and a powerful reminder of the enduring spirit of Palestinians, capturing their pain, their struggle, and, above all, their resilience in the face of oppression and loss. Through its verses, readers will look into the suffering and hope of Palestine, shedding light on the emotional and physical scars of a land torn apart by an apartheid state. It provides a clear picture of a place where pain, loss, and deferred dreams coexist with an unbreakable spirit. Amidst ongoing turmoil, this poem delivers a profound message of resilience, portraying the fight for freedom as an unstoppable force. Even as the world continues to turn a blind eye, the people of Palestine honor their martyrs, nurture their hope, and hold a steadfast belief that a brighter, stronger future will rise from the ashes of the past.

Keywords

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Beneath the sun, where shadows fall,
A land of tears, a silent call.
The olive trees still whisper tales,
Of children lost, of dreams derailed.

The streets are scarred, the hearts are torn,
From mothers' cries to graves unborn.
Yet in the dust, a fire remains
The hope of freedom, through the chains.

The world has turned a blinded eye,
As ancient skies watch spirits fly.
But every tear that stains the earth,
Gives birth to voices, claims their worth.

Palestine, you will not break,
Your soul is strong, you will awake.
Through endless night, through endless pain,
Your dawn will come, you'll rise again.

The martyrs' names in silence speak,
Their courage is loud, though their bodies are weak.
No tyrant's wall, no iron dome,
Can silence dreams that still exist.

One day, the flag will fly once more,
And open hearts will reach the shore.
No more will blood be spilled in vain,
For freedom calls, and breaks the chain.

We won't forget, we won't let go,
The seeds of justice, we will sow.
Palestine, your heart still beats,
A future free, where hope repeats.

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I want to acknowledge the people of Palestine, the people many of us will never stop fighting for, never stop advocating for. You have worked so hard to preserve your land, your culture, and your identity, and we will never forget that. I will never forget that. From the river to the sea.

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