

1st July- Unleashed

They unleashed their dogs
To attack the elderly
To terrorise children
To inflict pain on the detained

They unleashed their evil
To destroy life
To break all laws
To stain humanity

They unleashed their hatred
To erase cities
To burn homes
To uproot trees

And with every unleashed horror
A child screams:
I used to have a family
What have you done?

2nd July- Stay

If you stay
And I go
Bear witness
Break the silence

If you stay
And I go
Tell the truth
Talk about Gaza

If you stay
And I go
Hold your tears
Have my courage

If you stay
And I go
Say my name
Stay with my legacy

3rd July- Safe zones

They declared some safe zones
Dropping leaflets of death maps
With colours and webs of lines

They declared some safe zones
Adding numbers to squares
With messages of death threats

Leave or else, they warn
Run or else, they threaten
Move or else, they abuse

Running to safe zones
Running in safe zones
Running from safe zones
Running out of safe zones

They engineered the death zones
People trapped between the lines
And bombs are dropping everywhere

4th July- To vote

When you cast your vote
Think of Gaza

It's not a single issue
It's the web of all issues

When you cast your vote
Think of Gaza

It's not a foreign issue
It's the issue that forces masks to drop

When you cast your vote
Think of Gaza

It's not a Muslim issue
It's the issue staining all humanity

5th July- Collective Grief

Men in suits
Shaking hands
Faking smiles
Bubbling words
Supporting a genocide

Cities in rubble
Thousands killed
Headless bodies
Blown up limbs
Endless screams

Flying kites
Large protests
Noisy world
Cruel hopes
Collective grief

Collective
G R I E F

6th July- Tears

Holding tears
Shedding tears
Sparkling with tears
Staring with no tears
Screaming without tears
Watching a genocide in tears
Horrors upon horrors beyond tears

Findings words to speak of the tears
Forcing smiles to replace the tears
Shaking heads and wiping tears
Telling tales and hiding tears
Talking and sharing tears
Cracking voice in tears
Trembling with tears

7th July- A child in pain

A child wakes up in pain
Screaming and can't explain
He drinks polluted water again and again
And lives on little food that cannot sustain

A child wakes up in pain
The doctors are trying in vein
No food or medicine, they maintain
And the mother wailing trying to stay sane

A child wakes up in pain
Help me, mom. Take away the pain
They cry as we protest and campaign
While many shamefully silent remain

8th July- Erasing a city

A city is being erased
O! The endless bombs

Bomb
Bomb

The horrifying impunity
The absence of all red lines

Bomb
Bomb

The killing silence
The deliberate erasure

Bomb
Bomb

And after each bomb
A mother shouts out names

Bomb
Bomb

No response
No response

9th July- The privilege

Beware the other
They are inconveniently here
They don't count in your sphere
Turn around
Look away

Beware the other
Don't mention their dead
Don't care about their end
Turn around
Look away

Beware the other
If challenged, call it neutrality
Don't worry about morality
Turn around
Look away

Beware the other
Let's stand firmly together
Protecting our privilege forever
Turn around
Look away