

For those refugees whose homes were destroyed by “the west” (see NATO, USA, UK, FRANCE)

I tried to figure out how
To find words, but there were never horrible
Enough words to describe
What it means, and meant, to mothers, children, fathers,
To feel the ground shake, their home explode around them, then
Fleeing in the night, struggling in the crowds to find a way
To get on a ship, to run from your home in Libya, Syria, Iraq, Somalia,
To see the flags of the jets as they screamed across the sky,
Sending sheets of sorrow, explosions everywhere, shattering
Our lives, chances for breath, losing our brothers,
Sisters, mothers, our children, in the darkness and
Blistering heat and steel flying everywhere through the air,
What could we do, we ran, we were lost, lost,
Lost
Crying all the night and into the days, never knowing
If and when death would come, or how, but
Nightmares of those planes and their rockets, bombs,
Bullets sprayed over all of us, huddled on top of one another,
And we,
We had done nothing
We did not attack anyone
We did not kill anyone
We were real Muslims, Christians, we were not ISIS,
We ran from the western and Israeli back Isis, we knew
They were there to kill us, to destroy
Our homes, our country, but we
Had nothing to fight back with, they had
Tanks, planes, high powered cannons and machine guns,
We had nothing, we were just poor citizens, just
Mothers, ,fathers, sons and daughters living our lives in peace in
Syria, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, we had nothing to do with politics or
Wars, we had our small farms, our jobs, our little shops in the bazaars,
We had our schools and our hospitals, all destroyed, like
Our lives, and now, we are

Lost, again, lost
And into the sea
So many of us drowned, shot at sea, and what was, and is
Worse, we were, and we are
Turned away by what we thought were other Christians and
Muslims, turned away or bussed to camps without shelter,
Food or water, left to die—and
What had we done?
What had we done?
What had we done to deserve such a fate?
We do not ask, God, we ask this of our fellow-man,
We asks this of those who profess Christian values, Islamic
Values,
What have we done to deserve such suffering?

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