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The young children cry silently in the night
Hope is but a small flame inside
They long for warm arms to hold them tight
Only hunger and fear are in sight

Hope is but a small flame inside
Tears are what embrace them through the sleepless nights
Only hunger and fear are in sight
Loud bangs and groans until broad daylight

Tears are what embrace them through the night
Broken bones and so many futures unknown
Loud bangs and groans until broad daylight
Dead bodies littered upon unmarked graves

Lost souls wander blood-stained streets
They long for warm arms to hold them tight
Gone is the will to be brave and strong
The young children cry silently in the night