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What Remains

A mother with wet cheeks
holds her child.
Her blood was his blood.
His tears were her tears.

The thunder of bombs
and storm of bullets
couldn't decimate prayers.
Heads to the floor
"Allah hu akbar"
echoes among
demolished columns of the mosque,
pale corpses, and stains.
A girl holds the bloody
hand of her best friend.

Death
shepherds any age.

Ten years old --
watching his mother with moist eyes
hold his younger brother --
the translucent child whispers,
*Let's move on
from this burning*

Palestine.