

## **A Lesson For All**

Today we will learn  
About what has become  
Of those who did suffer  
The old and the young

For what I speak of my friend  
Is not very nice  
An extinction of race  
The end of a life

Souls that were captured  
And taunted all night  
Starved into weakness  
Too limp to fight

Grandparents stories, ready to be passed  
To young and waiting minds  
Were all destroyed so fast

Would you have been lucky  
If you managed to run?  
Or would you go mad  
Through what you had seen done?

To watch from the side  
But being all too near  
When you see your world fall apart  
Paralysed by fear

Can you imagine  
Seeing it all  
Watching the faces  
Waiting to fall

People you knew  
And people you didn't  
It mattered not  
As long as your family stayed hidden

The pain and the horror  
Of hearing your friend  
Being taken away  
No help to lend

The screams in the night  
That you have to ignore  
You hide behind the curtain  
Just in case they saw

But then one night  
When you have put your children to sleep  
A knock on the door

Which makes your hear skip a beat

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Not making a sound

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The blurred outline of a man  
Stood before the door  
I undid the latch  
And this is what I saw

A terrified stranger had  
Run away with his son  
Looking for safety  
For he could no longer run

I let them both in  
And they hid for the night  
But I'll never forget  
That horrible sight

So learn from the past  
For it's taught us all well  
Genocide is horrible  
It puts you through hell

So learn from this lesson  
And don't respect this error  
Don't destroy your world  
Don't let it be run by terror

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