

## Darfur" - The Darkness of the Night

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a single tear

a drop of blood

a frightened look

a shattered dream

a silent stare

an empty stomach

a cry for mercy

a painful reality

an untimely death

The enormity of the tragedy: too great to grasp

The numbers of impacted lives: too monumental to comprehend What  
are hundreds, or thousands, or hundreds of thousand of lives?

Numbers of such enormity can numb our senses;

Diminish our resolve and so we

Focus on the integrity of one

One innocent child plucked from parents

One young woman violated by dozens

One dejected person too weak to beg for food

Is not each life unique, precious, and worthy?

Is not each person entitled to a life of promise rather than fear?

Is not each human being created in the image of God?

Our voices and petitions serve as relentless reminders

Of the vulnerability and tragedy;

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Not enough perhaps....

. But better than an -averted eye~

A deaf ear,

A hardened heart,

An empty soul.

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