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DARFUR

China Speak – Rabbi Zoë Klein
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Who knows silence?

The people of Darfur know silence:
Their daughters raped,
Beat and tortured,
Their waters poisoned
By slaughtered corpses
Sick with starvation,
Their land stolen,
An exiled nation
Of widows and orphans...

Who knows silence,

The women of Darfur know silence:
Their babies hurled against the stones,
Their children barely flesh and bones
Their husbands murdered by the million...

Who knows silence,

Darfur's children:
Witness to the fiercest horrors
militia, horsemen, blood-drenched swords.

Who knows silence?

Darfur knows,
Where no rescue chopper cuts the sky,
Where children haven't the strength to cry, Where
there's no hope of delivery of supplies, Where the
world's most powerful turn blind eyes, Break the silence!

China speak!

Your voice is rich with experience.
Speak up! For the Darfur Peace Agreement.
China speak!
To end the needless killing,
Speak to end the reign of villains,
China speak,
And break the silence.
Speak against atrocious crimes,
Speak for sactions
Against the Sudanese,
Speak for action
Against the Khartoum leaders
Who pave the way for Janjaweed.

China speak!

Speak up for the victims,
For the survivors who dwell in a desert of death, For the
survivors in whom every thin breath Is a nightmare
relived, China give!
And send what the people
Desperately need,
Helicopters for transport and security,
Humanitarian aid:
Food, water, safety, only this!

China insist!

On an immediate ceasefire,
Stop the bloodbath of babies,
The hollwing hunger...
China desist!
Selling weapons and arms
Used to tear
Through families with nothing.
China speak!
Your voice is mighty,
Your strength is great,
China speak,
Before it's too late.

Never again:

The slaughter of millions
While the world stands idly by.
Never again:
Turning away
While governments commit genocide,

China speak,

And break the silence.
China speak
And end the violence.
Who knows silence?
You and I,
And as long as the mighty continue
To massacre the weak,
The terror of silence condemns us all,
Until China speaks.