**Blank 20**

**Stuck between two stages of life**

**I left my homeland behind**

**it was only a month ago**

**but it feels like it was lifetime ago**

**a lifetime ago when life was simpler**

**when life had songs, games, dances**

**and a whole lot of smiles and laughter**

**but that life feels so far away**

**now I feel like I am moving between two stages of life**

**stuck between the one I left behind**

**and not have yet entered the one in front of me**

**will we enter it?**

**or will this journey take the best of us?**

**the whole of us**

**I have left all my hopes and dreams on the other side**

**that other side, which feels so close and so far at the same time**

**that other side, where flowers can grow again**

**where there is color**

**where there is sun**

**where there is life**

**now in this grey world**

**there is no joy**

**only the worry of getting through the day**

**my hands are numb**

**my face, my legs**

**my body is numb**

**not knowing what my next move is**

**not knowing where I am headed for**

**not knowing where to turn to ask for help**

**I am moving numb**

**feeling like my senses are asleep**

**I can’t see the blue sky**

**I can’t smell the roses**

**I can’t taste the grapes**

**mostly I can’t hear the voices of my family**

**have I forgotten them?**

**the sense of guilt is freezing my face**

**is guilt the last feeling that I will experience?**

**will the journey of life end like that?**

**without seeing the clear blue sky once again**

**without hearing the sound of my brother’s laughter**

**without feeling the touch of my mother’s skin**

**I feel so numb**

**stuck between two stages of life**