

Poems to Turkey, by Matthaipoulou Anthi

1.

We are not murderers
Nor thieves
We are people with families
Hoping to find a new home
In this journey of death

2.

I had a lot of dreams
When I left the warzone
To arrive at the land that redeems.
Find a job and a hobby
But instead, i watch my soul
Leave my lifeless body

3.

There is no choice.
Staying there and die
Or leave and again, risk my life?

We gave up everything,
we battled the sea,
we were treated with no care
So as to be called, the people of nowhere?

4.

We once had a neighbourhood
Just like you
We once had a family
Just like you
We are humans
Just like you
Stop treating us like monsters
We only long for peace

5.

He lost everything
And now he finds himself
In this scavanger hunt.
He searches for a new life
And a new heart.

6.

Searching in the ruins of the house
For her dad
And in the ruins of her heart
For courage
To continue fighting