

A Voice

six million souls lost

"Our futures stolen"

generations interrupted

"My bloodline annihilated"

"Our lives, your history"

deep wounds inflicted scourging the landscape

"We were human beings with feelings"

monuments, museums, memorial marches

"Our homes, our places, now ghosts"

the world heard their cries and grieved together

"You heard us, but couldn't help us"

geography playing a role in how it is remembered

The pins

bullets in the map, like the empty holes left in soldiers' chests

grappling questions about human nature

"We told you our stories,

"You wrote the books"

"We gave you our diaries"

"You made the films"

You gathered some of our shoes

teeth

hair

photographs

You built the museums

"We are the museums"

You talked about us in your schools

"You commemorated International Holocaust Remembrance day with us"

You read our names

Lit our candles

Learnt about our lives

Stood next to us

Defended us

Connected with us

Prayed for us

Our voices are fewer

Age has caught up

Our bodies grow weak

Like those of us who were there

Until we hear only echoes

Tell us our lives meant something

Tell us what happened won't be forgotten

Tell us our pain will always matter

80 years from now

Your stories are living memories

A preservation of your legacy

We still listen to your podcasts

Your voices

Re-issue books

Re-release films

Re-create memories

recordings

Displays

Return your freedom

Welcome you back to our schools

To our homes

Honour your lives

Together we can do more

80 years from now

In 2104 when I'm 92

I will commemorate the holocaust

"Holocaust"

A conversation to be remembered

A conversation to be continued