

News at Ten

I wish I could say that this is so much based on one week's particular news stories that it would be totally unusable in any other context. Sadly, though we may be able to occasionally interchange the place names (and with Israel Palestine we wouldn't even need to do that) many of the images described here seem to be stuck on a depressingly endless loop. I have included it here as a poetic reflection on the News at Ten.

The Lebanon cease-fire holds its breath and waits
For the next bomb exploded with hate
To rip already battered lives to shreds
A future faced with dread

Political upheaval in Israel Palestine
Beleaguered people cross barbed wire lines
The never-ending rebuilding ploughs ahead
A future faced with dread

The scarce wasteland of Niger's harvest
Swollen bellies of children hit the hardest
Disease ridden people take to their beds
A future faced with dread.

Desmond Tutu's proclamation
Calling South Africa to a deeper freedom
A journey towards a promised land
A crumb of Hope

A glimmer of light from a tomb
The pulse of life in the womb
A weak smile once fear of death has passed
Crumbs of hope

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