

Pain and suffering do not disappear.
They are the stakes rooted.
They are the indefinite fixture
in lifeblood
in history
in people themselves.

Liberation tells us that there is
a moment of possibility
when people come together.
When people unite
there is a new way
of celebration
of representation
of hope.

Together,
a door is bound to be flung open.
Together, there is bound to be
a recognition that
people are people.
Individuals who make up
and build up a nation.

The power of human connection,
the power in the recognition
that what disappears
and what stays the same
does not have to limit
what can surface
and what can come out of
moving forward.

We want to be together
because we've been scared
of losing
of fading away
of all things vanished.

We must remember our humanity,
we cannot let that disappear too.

FORCED DISAPPEARANCES

Since 1980. Over 55,000 disappeared. 107 countries.
Documented by the United Nations.

the deprivation of liberty against the will of the person
the involvement of government officials in the action
the refusal to reveal the fate,
the refusal to reveal the location,
the refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of the person

a crime against humanity
an implication of murder
of degradation of torture
with electrocution
with overcrowding
with forcing to stand
with forcing into cells
with forcing lack of sleep
with extraction of nails
with mock executions
with food deprivation
with dehumanization
with blindfolds
with handcuffs
with beatings
with burnings
with rape
with death

with a vanished body
with no evidence

disappearances have been used as a tool
to silence voices
to intimidate people
to demobilize opposition
to brew fear
to create uncertainty
to create false hope
that the victim is still alive
in order to maintain leverage
to ensure complacency
to stop resistance