

# Ahmed

Lowkey

His young life was as delicate as the wing of a butterfly  
And as fragile as a spider's web

For him we cry  
Because when he dies  
We all do  
Did Ahmed not deserve a life?  
Ahmed never hurt a fly  
Ahmed never knew the politicians he was murdered by  
Certain times Ahmed wished that he could be a bird and fly  
Beyond the sky  
Escape the curse of birth that he was burdened by  
Ahmed never grew to let your racism internalise  
Water poured from every pore in his corpse while the nurses cried  
Ahmed was a beautiful person like you or I  
But are we?

Ahmed could have been a doctor, lawyer or an engineer  
Could have been a superstar but his life ended here  
Guess he was a shooting star burn bright and disappear  
To some he seems to represent a menace in this hemisphere  
Let me here make the very essence of this message clear  
He was precious, many die like him every year  
Ahmed was a victim of resentment and relentless fear  
Now his soul surfs the waves I wish we could have kept him here

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Ahmed's ancestors introduced to Europe Greek philosophy  
Brought with them irrigation, mathematics and astronomy  
Symbolically, the irony of this horror isn't lost on me  
Trying to get to Europe via Greece where he's lost at sea  
Ahmed not Achmed, it's Ahmed  
He's that dead  
Toddler lying lifeless on the beach with his back bent  
Arms spread, reaching the direction that his dad went  
If he made it here would have been bullied for his accent  
He was captured by the ocean  
Paralysed and frozen  
While these parasites sat and typed, analysing clothing  
Now for resources we all compete  
Beyond the talk of war and peace  
And talk of porous border there is corpses on the shore of Greece  
They found a teddy next to where his body was found  
The sea swallowed him, politics has swallowed him now  
And those responsible, Ahmed's ghost will follow them now  
To the family all we can say is we are sorry he drowned  
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