

you can't boycott body bags
If you mop up blood with the same hands

di·cho·tō·my /dī'kādəmē/ **noun.**

division into two mutually exclusive, opposed, or contradictory groups:
“1948 UN Genocide Convention; 1948 arab-israeli war”

38,000 bodies
layered in mass graves
the stench follows me as I eat
weeds and animal feed
while the west eats

prop·a·gan·da /,prəpə'gandə/ **noun.**

information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view.
“the world began on October 7th”

arteries clogged with military aid and mass media
enola gay clouded your eyes six-thousand miles away
the only color we see is blood red

i am sorry,
your ancestry is remembered in epitaphs and apologies

i am sorry,
for you were born in partition

netanyahu's brown bodies are jim crow and apartheid
invitations for the persecuted to be sterilized

but still I yearn,
for the open air markets of gaza to return
without the fear of air to surface missiles falling
into my daughters hands

for the bomb shelters to remain shelters
not cemeteries

for children to be born into hospitals not tents
watch arabic dubbed TV shows
not IDF soldiers through shattered windows
for the only gunshots i want to hear
are the ones shooting down parachutes
but the buzzing of israeli drones is a constant reminder that
bombs don't discriminate

I pray that one day my son's casket
will grow taller than our olive trees
but he remains a cold watermelon seed
in a nation of infertile soil
and american made graves