

CREATIVE SPACE

Sea of Galilee

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Written on the shore of the Sea of Galilee in Capernaum, Israel in May 2024, amidst the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict that turned into one of the greatest humanitarian crises of the 21st century

I knew
That you were not a real Sea.
And you did not send,
Unlike a Sea,
A sigh of waves to my feet.

But your fishes spoke to me
Of an endless quest,
A quest for home,
The home of their birth.
And they wanted to say more
But, the boats!
The boats drowned their voices
Fishermen hooked a few of them
Some got netted,
And I was asked
To say nothing to anyone...
But I was allowed to take photographs.

Of course, I knew
you were not a real Sea.
How is it then,
That a sighing wave
Still reached me
But not the fishes,
Quite like a Sea?

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