

Still

as they were fleeing
waves and waves
after the takeover
out of despair
chaos unfolding in a
heartbeat
thumping in their ears
running to get closer to the wings
clinging onto the plane about to take off
falling mid-air
the world stood still and watched

another plane
getting diverted
bomb scare they said
no explosives to be found
abrupt landing
worth of death penalty
muffling dissenting voices
arresting freedom
resisting truth
the world stood still and yes
just watched

like during those days when the forests caught fire
wild
raging uncontrolled
dying back? no chance
flames breathing out their heath
ripping through forest land
as far as the eye can see
blazing
ravaging
everything
the entire world watched

is that surprise I see on your face? the world's will did not bend in front of floods
of people taking to the streets forgotten and left behind it did not shed a tear for
families divided by a wall it did not even blink when that bill passed and turned
women into mothers against their will
it did not care
a silent witness the world stood still and watched its own immolation

but who am I to speak?
here I am
standing
still
watching

just like you