

for those who don't know chocolate!

for those who don't know chocolate
the children of poverty
and the sleepers in the corners of ancient streets
for those who survived from famine but are still hungry
for those boys who never dream
because they never sleep
for those who don't know chocolate
and heard more news about its sweetness
the people with half soul
and lack food and an imaginary house

for those who crawled on sharp platforms in the mid-night of every day
seeking for the warmth of living
for those babies who never taste milk
with wide eyes looking for any help
for the hands of charity
and the sensitive hearts which cry and bleed
for those who gathered in the torn tents around the world
waiting for a long time
for those who don't know chocolate
and haven't the ability to imagine it

the innocent faces washed under the rain
the seekers of the smell of humanity in each alley, place, and continent
for those who kiss the sun through their contemplative glances
for those who write with heavy heart and smashed dreams

for the dancers with bare feet on the top of Everest
who do their best to bring joy and peace
for the sun of tolerance touching our bones

for the bloom of flowers
and the skies' gloom

for those who never taste chocolate
but they still hear about its magic
the crawlers on the earth with great desire
to make the difference between past and future

for those who draw on the sand
with belief in the friendship with the waves of the sea
for the killed persons in every battle
for the injured soldiers in every war
for those women who haven't the right to vote

for the fishermen in their ships
for the highest star in our sky
and for the rainbow
for those people with disabilities
and for those players with the wool ball
for the little boys who sell water
for the little girls who feed the roosters

for the nations which suffer from drought
for the victims of racism
for the dead from terrorism

i write this poem for those
who don't know chocolate



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