

History Creative Response Poem

If not me...

Over 70 years ago

Munich University's disgrace,

Speak Out,

Spoke up

Distributed a leaflet

As a plea for justice

For lives she never knew

And never would.

Trying to save theirs made her lose hers.

No one had to do it.

But she thought:

If not me...

Who else?

Over 70 years ago

Hopeful Feet arrived

At the first stop en route to

Hell -

The Warsaw Ghetto.

She placed 2 500 babies in her bag

And turned from eyes

Wet with hope.

She could have lost her life.

No one had to do it.

But she thought:

If not me...

Who else?

Over 70 years ago

At Hell -

The Auschwitz Concentration Camp -

There was a Girl With No Name

Let's call her

Guardian Angel.

She had no

Power

Yet saved

A life she barely knew

When hers could be lost.

No one had to do it.

But she thought:

If not me...

Who else?

These were bad times of

Horrors

Not for the faint-hearted to

Hear.

Yet,

Over the past month

400 000 Rohingya Muslims

Have fled Myanmar in

Fear.

The

“Mother of all bombs”

Fell on Afghanistan.

Clearly there remains a

Deficiency of

Humanity.

But these aren't my problems,

You think.

They don't affect me,

You think.

Two days ago

Just next door a

Voice

Cried out for peace.

It wasn't the first time.

It unsettled you.

Still,

No one had to help.

So you thought:

Not me.

Someone else will help.

But,

What if over 70 years ago

These women, like you, cried:

"Not me"

Would Someone else have ever come?

