

Holocaust Memorials as a Lens for Remembrance in South Africa - Poem

Remember to Remember

In South Africa's land, where history's scar
Bears witness to both darkness and the stars,
Amidst the echoes of a painful past,
The Holocaust Memorial stands steadfast.

A lens of remembrance, it guides our gaze,
To distant horrors, those lamenting days,
Where prejudice and hate unleashed their might,
A world engulfed in sorrow's endless night.

Within these walls, the stories are retold,
Of lives untold, of dreams and hopes foretold,
A somber space where tears and memories blend,
A sacred ground where healing hearts transcend.

Remembering the millions who once fell,
Their tragic fate, a poignant tale to tell,
The haunting cries, the anguish, and despair,
Their memories enshrined in solemn prayer.

But in this tribute, a deeper truth we find,
The lessons etched in hearts and in the mind,
That as we mourn the past's unyielding cost,
Together, we must strive to break hate's frost.

For South Africa's journey bears the weight,
Of past atrocities that suffocate,
Yet through the darkness, rays of hope still gleam,
A chance to mend, to build a brighter dream.

United we must stand, side by side,
To honor those who suffered, fought, and died,
To build a future founded on respect,
Embracing differences that intersect.

The Holocaust Memorial's solemn grace,
A timeless beacon in a troubled space,
A call to remember, to reconcile,
To build a world where empathy compiles.

As long as memory remains alive,
Let healing and forgiveness both revive,
In every heart, a pledge to strive for peace,
And in unity, let all hatred cease.
So, let us learn from history's past,

And cherish every soul, from first to last,
Through Holocaust Memorials, we see,
A world of hope, where love shall set us free.