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Inspired by Pablo Picasso's painting Guernica

Our leader betray us
with his bombs that dug
trenches in our land,
ripped the walls from
our houses,
left mothers without
babies to feed
because they lay dead in their broken
cribs.

Our leader destroyed us
with the bombs that slaughtered
our livestock,
broke our backs as we did in
the fields,
and left us in darkness and smoke.

Franco sent foreigners to do
his dirty work,
and he did not see our faces
and he did not hear our babies’
hearts stop
or the orphans cry for
their fathers
or the mothers cry for their sons.

But, Pablo heard our cries,
he saw our eyes when the bombs hit.

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