

**Poem Excerpt “I Heard You Cry Again”**

The cry of parents, siblings,  
grandparents, neighbors, and strangers,  
as innocents were silenced.

Evil prevailed again.

Once more, Heroes of the light  
were called on and reacted but  
not before the precious babes were  
taken. Left were only shadows,  
images of innocence,  
futures that would never be  
known, leaving an empty hole  
in space, as the laughter  
suddenly ceased, and the  
cry of a nation was heard again,  
throughout the world.

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