

The Sites- Inspired by the author's sights and thoughts at the Rwandan Genocide sites and her parents' sights and thoughts at the Holocaust sites in Poland which they visited concurrently with the author's trip.

I am the place

I am the place built with a sinister purpose, brick and stone and wire

I am the place built with destiny unknown, soon filled with blood and fire

I am the destination

I am the destination at the end of the line, the cold in the woods, the slow cruel time

I am the destination chosen for mercy, the quick desperate run, the crawl through slime

I am the memories

I am the snow, the shoes, the eye glasses, the hair

I am the sun, the clothes, the rosaries, the prayer

I am the future

I am the future of my religion, my land, my pain

I am the future of my people, my children, my strain

I am the title

I am the Holocaust

I am the Rwandan Genocide

I am the sites that define me