Kamal Nasir

Kamal Nassir was born in Birzeit in 1925. He studied at BirZeit School (now Birzeit University) then continued his education at the American Univeristy in Beirut.

At the age of thirteen, he won the first award in a poetry contest at Birzeit School.

He worked as a journalist then he was elected to represent Ramallah in the Jordanian Parliament in 1956. He was deported after Israel occupied the West Bank in 1967. He became a member of the PLO Executive Committee in 1969 and became the director of the information department in the committee. He was also editor in chief of *falasteen al-thawrah* magazine.

He was assassinated by the Israelis in Beirut on April 10, 1973.

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وسأَروي لكَ قصّة ..
ودموعٌ وأنينْ ..

قِصّةً عاشت بأَحلام الأَنامْ ..
وشَقَاءٍ وحنينْ ..

قِصّةً تَنْبُعُ من دنيا الخيامْ ..
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حاكها الجوعُ ، ووشّتها عشيّاتُ الظلامْ
إنها قصّةُ شَعبٍ ضلّلوه ،

في بلادي ، وبلادي حَفنةٌ من لاجئينْ ..
ورموهُ في متاهات السنينْ

كلُّ عشرين لهم رطلُ طحينْ ..
فتحدّى وصَمَدْ

ووعودٌ بالفرجْ .. وهدايا وبُقَجْ
وتعرّى وأتّحدْ

إنها قصّةُ آلامِ الجماعةْ
ومضى يُشعلُ ما بين الخيامْ

صمدوا عَشْرَ سنينَ في مَجاعةْ
ثورةَ العوْدةِ في دُنيا الظّلامْ

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