

# Rwanda Genocide

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# Never

**Never a pin drop  
Never a rustle of grass  
Never a whisper  
Never a creak**

**Always a scream  
Always a cry  
Always a scar  
Always a slash  
Always misery**



# Artist Commentary

The Rwandan Genocide was a tragic event in the Spring of 1994. Before the genocide, the Hutus and Tutsis lived in the same towns. They both spoke Bantu. However, the Tutsi were always known to be more favored by their Belgian colonists. Tutsis had more wealth and more cattle than the Hutus. Then everything changed in April 1994. When the plane carrying the Hutu president was shot down the Hutus blamed the Tutsi and used it to justify the massacre of their neighbors. In 100 days, 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were brutally slaughtered. The main symbol of the this genocide is the machete because that was the main weapon in killing the Tutsi. The Hutus weren't always like this, just by one action it can change a person or even a whole tribe, as you already know. This genocide was a very tragic event that took place for the Tutsi, and we need to remember it for the many years to come, we need to remember all genocides, not just the Holocaust, this has happened throughout that world and we aren't paying enough attention to the many that happened. The poem was to show or give you an idea of what it was like for them and how you would feel if this was to happen to you or anybody you know.

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