

Hunger

for Hana Shalabi*

Because you had no voice
we should have been your voice

Because you couldn't reach
we should have been your arms,
your hands
Should have reached out to you

As of the moment you decided
to embrace your hunger
as your only friend
Food is moldering in our coolers
Spoiling in our freezers
Even the freshest of the crops
are rotting in our fields

As of that moment
No food is Kosher or Halal anymore

And if we let you lose
nothing will ever have a taste again
We will forever lose that sense
as our world seems to have lost
the sense of justice, long ago

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Ehab Lotayef
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** Released in October 2011 as a part of the Gilad Shalit prisoner swap deal, after 25 months in Administrative detention without charge, Hana Shalabi was rearrested into Administrative Detention, again, on Feb. 16. Right after her re-arrest she went into a hunger strike and is still on a hunger strike till today.*

More info: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hana_Shalabi