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How can I breathe, how can I live
It took my life my love away
For comfort protection and warmth to give
These walls this roof together we had built
Will I carry on; there is so much guilt

I screamed so loud, and shouted to tell
The ground was shaking, come out I said
Could I have pulled them out as well?
Or stayed with them to hold their hand
But down it went, every house on the land

Please God let this be a scary nightmare
Someone wake me up there is so much fear
My head is bleeding and I can't see very well
There was so much noise, and now all quiet here
My arm is broken, and no loved one near.

I can hear them calling "mama come for us now"
My daughters were running never made it somehow
Why did I come out, why was I so quick
He was in the doorway asking our son to run
For them I lived, if they are not here, who will call me, mum

I can still hear them, screaming and crying out
There's no one to help, there's no one about
There's rubble here, which was my home just now
Everywhere I look it's all the same
It's holding my world, my life, and my name

What if I'm injured, I'll rescue you, and I'll be strong
Keep talking, I'll listen, it will keep me going on
Don't you dare give up don't you leave me alone
Dear Lord forgive if I have done wrong
For these people who are stuck, without them I'm gone

Brick by brick I picked up and threw away
Kept calling for help for someone may come
God give me a chance let there be another day
I never told him how much I loved him, all my life
Being the mother of his children and his dear wife

I see some people coming along now
Two villagers who survived, glad to see me alive
It has gone so cold and so dark somehow
I can't hear them all from under that load
It's been three days I sat here so I'm told

These pure white sheets, wrapped around them all
It's autumn indeed for I feel bare
My fruit my leaves have all left me
I sit as a stone, all I do is stare
This earthquake it shook and took ALL it could dare.