

It isn't fair by Rebecca Brennan

She is a mother of 3,
Living in a war-torn Afghanistan
Hungry and cold they sleep in an old shack,
She can't remember the last time she slept through the night,
Fearing that if she shuts her eyes,
She'll never wake up.

She was scared to leave her house,
For the danger of persecution was all too real,
There were rumours of a new life in Australia,
Trying to give her three children a better life,
She boarded a rickety old boat,
Packed to the brim and at danger of sinking,

She was desperate.

It isn't fair that after weeks of pain and anguish
Bad food and living in fear,
She arrived in the land of plenty,
Only, there wasn't plenty for her
And her family,
She was a soldier fighting an already lost battle,

The nation's gates were closed.

They were shoved into an immigration centre,
She was separated from her children,
Guards watched her like a hawk,
As if she was a criminal,
When really, she had done nothing wrong,
She was scared and alone.

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They lived in a four bedroom, two-bathroom house,
Their children went to school,
There was dinner on the table every night,
Money wasn't a worry for them.

Yet the children were upset,
Because they didn't have the latest technology,
Or they didn't get their own way,
And they always wanted more.

They didn't realise how lucky they were

The news showed the government,
They said Australia was becoming overcrowded,
They said that we would suffer because of it,
Soon the nation would be overrun by migrants.

Yet, this was not true,
It isn't fair that we were given an opinion before we could form our own,
And from then on, our minds were closed like a safe,
Unwilling to open.

How would you feel if you were on the other side?

People say 'life's unfair',
That may be true,
It isn't fair what happens,
But that doesn't mean we can't at least try to make it fair.

Australia calls itself a multicultural country,
Yet, when it comes to refugees,
Everyone seems to forget this,
And suddenly there is far less acceptance,

We need a nation less to do with racism,
And more to do with multiculturalism.