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Forty years  
Six days

Dreams and hopes  
Disappointment and despair  
Perplexity and bewilderment

In Six days God created the world  
In Forty  
He washed it away  
Hoping for better results

In Six days God created the world  
For Forty  
He stuck Moses on a mountaintop  
Frightened Israelites  
Danced about a golden calf

In Six days God created the world  
For Forty  
Years  
Israel wandered the wilderness  
The timid died off  
A new generation  
Entered the Promised Land

In Six days  
Israel conquered Sinai, Gaza, Jerusalem, Hebron, Shechem, Jericho, Bethlehem, Beit El  
For Forty  
Years  
Israel built settlements and roads  
Stole land and water  
Uprooted trees  
Established checkpoints  
Controlled Movement  
Livelihood  
Education  
Health  
Crushed lives

In Six days  
Israel conquered  
The Promised Land  
For Forty years it wandered  
The wilderness of politics  
Without Moses or Joshua  
With nightmares of Amalekites

Creation 6  
Flood 40  
Mt. Sinai 40  
Desert 40  
War 6  
Occupation 40

***Let my people go***

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