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She Chose.....

She chose.....they said
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 One and all, they asserted:

It's the one who mothered
 Five girls, one boy
 Her first - a girl
 To a soldier she handed
 For marriage, for life
 For notice did she
 He raped, he raked
 But her family he spared
 Though like all his kind
 Gun and bullets he had.

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It's the one who wept
 As a secret she whispered
 A refugee I am called
 My children to live

I work, I earn
 After the sun has slept
 Men not man
 Each night replace
 Him I knew and lost
 "Missing" he is called
 This job I must keep
 My children must live.

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It's the one who related
 While tears she shed
 Her daughter of sixteen
 A man she knew not
 To marry she was given
 For a reason mom told
 Her education we desired
 But the family together
 Afford would never
 The school fees required
 The rules of the country
 The family chose not
 Forbade higher education
 For them refugees.

He - the man had said
 If the girl in marriage

You give me to keep
 Education I will give
 In England she will live.
 But word has come
 My daughter he took
 He beats, he kicks
 Two kids she keeps
 Alone she weeps.

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It's the one I met
 Five years ago she came
 To "Bulaya" for study
 Her dad had been
 The chief, the rich
 Her fees he sent
 Her pockets always full
 Until she heard
 Nay - I forget
 For a year ay two years
 Nil had been sent
 A cousin then wrote
 This you must learn
 Your father, your family
 All of them were killed.

All alone and lost

She searched and found
 He from her country
 He will help he will assist
 For a month he responded
 He loved - was it love?
 He phoned T. and inquired
 A woman here I have
 For a time would you take?
 After T. It was J.
 After J. came P.....
 The list grew long
 For none of them cared.

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I will tell what they chose
 Each of them has told
 The truth I will tell
 A choice was made
 The true choice was then
 My God, my lord
 The breath of death
 Now should thou send
 To me thy handmaid
 At this my time
 A happy person you receive.

She chose.....
 How did you say she chose?

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