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**2024 Modern Slavery
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In shadows deep, where darkness creeps,
human trafficking, a secret it keeps.
A serious crime, a world betrayed,
where freedom's stolen, dignity swayed.

A global epidemic, hidden from sight.
Men, women, children, their dreams
are no longer in sight forced across borders,
into horrors they're torn.

In shadows they suffer, a world unaware,
silent cries echo, burdened by despair.
Lost in the chaos, their voices unheard,
seeking refuge, in a world so absurd.

Eyes that sparkled, now dimmed by despair,
Trapped in a web, no noise left to spare.
For every victim, is a story untold,
the money of the trade is a bitter stronghold.

Oh listen world to the echoes of pain,
the silent screams in the pouring rain.
Behind closed doors, where the shadows dance,
a fight for freedom, is a desperate chance.

Education, outreach, conversations bold,
myths dispelled, truth to unfold.
Communities armed with knowledge so vast
to take action and act fast.

Raise your voice, let compassion ignite,
against the darkness, let our love unite.
Break the chains, for awareness to shine bright,
for every soul lost, let us fiercely fight.

Empowerment begins with knowledge and grace,
understanding signs, a vital race.
In empathy's symphony, our melody unfolds

With strength we rise for lives
that were unjustly stole.
Let justice stand tall in evil's face,
compassion, love and hope leave its trace.



Echos of Compassion
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