

Genocide Site 1: Nyamata Church

Nyamata

means *place of milk*.

In this room, piles of clothes.
Bullet holes in the ceiling and walls.

Blood on the altar,

a glass box of rosaries,
preserved like the priests
who chose safety and fled.

The niche for the Host
is open, empty; God,

nowhere to be found.

Rows of fractured bones,
form a mute congregation
in this place of milk
and horror.

Broken bodies, shed blood,
but not those of a Savior—

not in this Golgotha, this God-
forsaken
place of the skull.