

Painful memories

**As present memories fade right away
Like dew absorbed in dry soils
The hard core of past events does stay
Stories of Holocaust and war spoils**

**While minutes away are fog covered
Distant past comes fresh and alive,
Far away events are clearly restored,
Rendering meaning to my father's life**

**Devotedly we preserve human dignity
Of the few remaining survivors
Give homage to those keeping testimony
On distant dark years of horrors**

**Seventy years to Kremenets' massacre
In the green nature, flowering summer
Houses, streams, hills and forests
Silently watched our families last moments**

**To the memory of the victims we pray together
The town, the villages, our families -
We shall remember them forever**

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