

# The Fifth Child

## The One Who Cannot Ask

On this night, we remember a fifth child.  
This is a child of the *Shoah* (Holocaust) who did not survive to ask.

Therefore, we ask for the child – Why?

We are like the simple child. We have no answer.

We answer that child's question with silence.

In silence, we remember that dark time.

In silence, we remember that Jews preserved their image of God in the struggle for life.

In silence, we remember the *seder* nights spent in the forests, ghettos, and camps;

We remember that *seder* night when the Warsaw Ghetto rose in revolt.

In silence, let us pass the cup of Elijah, the cup of the final redemption yet-to-be.

We remember our people's return to the land of Israel, the beginning of that redemption.

Let us each fill Elijah's cup with some of our wine, expressing the hope that through our efforts, we will help bring closer that redemption.