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Compose a [sestina](#), following the rules to a T, addressing the hope and despair of the current war in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran.

ChatGPT:
Sestina: Tides of Fire and Prayer

In lands where desert winds once whispered peace,
The sky is torn by smoke and shadowed cries.
The earth, now trembling under heavy war,
Knows no more silence, only grief and flame.
Yet hope, a fragile thread, still dares to rise,
Through broken hearts that clutch at distant stars.

The children, wide-eyed, gaze upon the stars,
Their innocence a prayer for fleeting peace.
Beneath the weight of sorrow, hope must rise,
Even as mothers hush their children's cries,
And cities crumble, swallowed up by flame—
The bitter legacy of endless war.

Across the borders, echoes of this war
Send shudders through the night, like fallen stars.
In Gaza's alleys, homes become the flame,
While Lebanon recalls a fragile peace.
And on the plains of Israel, the cries
Of fathers lost still linger, yet hearts rise.

In Iran's valleys, banners of revolt rise,
Unfolding histories shaped by blood and war.
The streets grow silent, save for whispered cries—
A yearning for a future free of stars
That burn too hot, consuming every peace,
Replacing dreams of light with smoke and flame.

But even in the darkest clouds of flame,
When ancient hatreds rise, and walls of fear rise,
There's still a pulse, a rhythm born of peace—
A hunger to unmake the chains of war.
The soul, though scarred, still searches for the stars,
Through fields of ash, it marches past the cries.

The mothers cradle hope between their cries,
Their tears, like rain, extinguish fleeting flame.
They teach their children songs beneath the stars,
To show them how, from grief, the soul can rise.
For one day will the world grow tired of war?
Will voices lift in unison for peace?

Until that day, when peace replaces cries,
We rise, though war may cast the land in flame,
And search for stars beyond the reach of war.