

Poem

Hope

מזה שבועות אני מדממת שירים

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I name the file "Suffering"
 I erase it and rename it
 "October"
 I change it to "The Seventh"
 I change it to "Abyss"
 I change it to "Multiple Abysses"
 I rename it "Hell"

I rename it "Hope"
 I tell the computer to remember the file
 The computer answers me
 "Holding on to hope."

אני קוראת לקבץ "יגון"
 מוחקת
 קוראת לו "אוקטובר"
 משנה ל"שבועה"
 מחליפה ל"תהום"
 משנה: "תהומות"
 קוראת לו "כשאל"

קוראת לו "תקוה"
 מורה למחשב שיזכר
 הוא עונה לי "שומר את תקוה"

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Discussion Questions:

1. How would you describe the emotional experience of the poet in your own words?
2. If you had a computer file where you kept your thoughts about the war, what would you name it?