

## Introduction to The Bottle of Tears

Many archeological excavations of Anatolia has brought burial tombs to the day light. Most of these graves from antique times have a number of skeletons accompanied by some offerings.

Bottles of tears appear next to the bones of a beloved person. The tears of the morning relatives may have been put into the bottles of tears showing the sorrow that they feel for the dead.

An other interpretation is:

Psalm 56:8 New Living Translation (NLT)  
You keep track of all my sorrows. 8 [a]  
You have collected all my tears in your bottle.  
You have recorded each one in your book

Not to be missed is the 'Lacrimosa' section of the Requiem form.

An archeolog friend of mine told me of a different kind of tears. The few tears of an archeolog working at the base of the Istanbul Archeology Museum organizing the remains of burials.

I believe it was the few number of tears of my archeolog friend which inspired me to write this peace. I dedicate my piece to the 'tears of the archeolog' working on remains left from an immense past so distant but also so close to the shared human experience.