

## PHILISTINE

By Marlys Gallagher

Philistine, oh Philistine,  
Your breath they cannot smother.  
You inhaled the birth of Time.  
Its death exhaled by no other.

With Satan's knife they cut your name  
From maps, and signs, and lips of those  
Who die slow deaths, slain not in vain,  
Your heart beats within their souls.

They bled you from a thousand veins.  
Wet, hot, red waits beneath their shoes.  
Your loss shall never be their gain,  
Transfused now, with living Jews.

Oh Philistine you swell alive  
With silenced millions beneath your ground.  
Angels to Allah transcribe  
The debts due when His Day comes 'round.

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**Takween Studio in Ramallah is offering art educational lessons and workshops.**



Whether your interests lie in painting or drawing, the professional and friendly artists of Takween host regular classes and sessions to help beginners and experts alike hone their talents to unleash their inner artists. Our studio in Ramallah is happy to accept adults and children of all ages and give them an opportunity to pick up a new hobby or refine their artistic passion.

Takween painting classes focus on developing skills, techniques and methods in three main schools of painting oil, acrylic and watercolor. Classes are kept small, with no more than three students per session, allowing individual development and a one-on-one engagement. The studio also offers special sessions on other art mediums, including Photoshop skills, cartoon illustration, drawing, and more.

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