

to prune those kids

On a large canvas is a photograph of migrant kids at a makeshift school made out of tents. In the center of the photograph is the phrase “to prune those kids”

Out from that center box are 8 lines. Four lines move toward the top to four boxes aligned across the top and four lines move downward to four boxes aligned across the bottom. They indicate paths for reading.

The top reads as follows: bus them away from their home school | take them to a strange place and say it's safe | remove the dandelions bleeding through the cracks in the asphalt | explain how the drying grass of their school will spread to their feet

The center reads: to prune those kids

The bottom reads as follows: of their imagination | in the name (of) integration | and muffle their voices in the deep part of the cave next to your good intentions | and remember that blossoms cannot be undone