

THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE III
ANKARA'S ARMENIANS SPEAK

EDITED BY FERDA BALANÇAR

WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY RAYMOND H. KÉVORKIAN
AND AN EPILOGUE BY ÖZGÜR BAL

CONTENTS

Preface, Ferda Balancar, 1

Introduction, Raymond H. Kévorkian, 5

“If you are Armenian you can only find yourself
a very restricted place in the system”, 19

“I am not a Turk but I am a citizen of Turkey
who loves her country”, 37

“We are very lucky to have a church in Ankara”, 49

“I am teaching my grandchildren Turkish in Austria”, 59

“The Armenians left, and all the abundance disappeared”, 73

“I explain my ties with my Armenian identity
through my love to my grandmother”, 81

“I was born Armenian but I made an effort to become a Christian”, 93

“I am proud to be from Ankara but
I would not want to live in Ankara”, 103

“It’s my mother’s will; let us never disappear,
let us never lose each other”, 115

“In Ankara, the city of bureaucrats, being an Armenian
means not being able to become a public servant”, 127

Afterword, Özgür Bal, 151

Index, 163