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A poem Against Violence.

Title; My voice against Violence.

Violence, Oh violence!

Is there any harm you have not inflicted?

Is there any fear you have not instilled?

Is there any chaos you have not caused?

Oh Violence, the evil destroyer of peace and harmony in our society!

Look at the streets and see.

See the mess you have created.

What happened to that woman selling Corn on the street?

See how she's weeping.

And why? Because of the violence happening around her.

Why choose Violence? Why not choose peace?

Why choose to die? Why not choose to live in a peaceful society?

Why do we choose to be silent about these ills?

The question is always going to be why?

Ponder, ponder and ponder this.

Hearing about a thousand people's death everyday feels like regular news.

Hearing about that girl who hawks pure water being raped sounds normal.

Hearing about that school child being kidnapped on their way to school feels like everyday news.

Why do we choose to normalise these abnormalities?

Because violence now sounds like regular news on the television.



Teenagers and women, raped.

Boys and men, slaves.

Children and Babies, deported.

And it feels normal to us who hear them.

It feels normal to us who see them.

I looked around me, and what did I see?

Violence, Violence and Violence roaming freely.

I looked around once again, and what did I hear?

I heard that woman who held me at birth was killed.

Killed from violence and the sounds of a gun!

When such things become normal to the sight of citizens,

When such things become normal to the ears of the listeners,

Every body wants to turn a blind eye towards this ill,

No one wants to stand for what is right

Because of timidity, fear and intimidation.

Oh you hearer! Of this great message!

Oh your reader! Of this great song!

What action have you taken against this vice?

What thing have you done to stop this menace?

This menace is ravaging our society today!

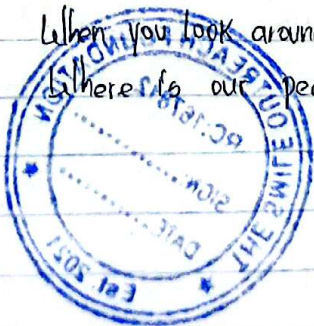
When you look around you, destruction.

When you look around you, cries of those innocent people.

When you look around you, violence, violence and more violence.

When you look around you, agony, chaos and anarchy.

Where is our peace? Where is that lost peace our ancestors built and founded for us?



It's not just about the dangers.

It's about taking action.

Moving forward for a better tomorrow.

It's not just about the talk.

It's about the walk, the walk of a brave soldier.

Let's take a bold step towards peace.

Let's take a giant step towards a better tomorrow.

Take a stand against violence!

Take a fight for what's right!

Make the society peaceful for tomorrow's generation.

When we sit and laze around, allowing the times and seasons to pass

Who will stand up bravely to say no?

It is like what the Chinese meant when they said

"Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results? That's madness".

Sitting constantly without doing anything, that's illogical.

Fight against the physical: Rape, Assault, Arson.

Fight against the verbal: Name calling, Insult.

Be the violence physical or verbal

Spiritual or psychological.

Violence is violence and all is violence.

I always like to quote what John F. Kennedy said.

This time not about depending on our country,

But about violence itself — a paraphrase.

"Think not who will stand for violence, but what you can do about it"

Never wait because a stitch in time saves nine.

What do we teach the younger generation?

Peace, progress, Love and more.

What do we kick against?

Violence at its core.

Just so you know, we kick against it like a football.

When even living feels dangerous.

And walking on the street feels like a suicide mission.

The children can't even go out to play.

You can see that this not only affects adults and children.

It affects the country as a whole.

Oh hearers of this poem!

Oh seers of this message!

Will you choose to carry on the good fight?

Will you choose to keep supporting what's good?

Will you choose to make our society peaceful?

Let us the people be anti-violent not anti-peaceful.

Lets choose to be non-violent.

And choose peace over conflict.

Lets be tolerant and patient.

For it is intolerance and impatience that leads to violence.

Violence, you evil killer!

Just wait and see what my hearers will do to you!

Just wait and see how they will conquer you.

They will clean up your mess.

And make our society "Anti-violent"