

For Our World

We need to stop.
Just stop.
Stop for a moment...
Before anybody
Says or does anything
That may hurt anyone else.
We need to be silent.
Just silent.
Silent for a moment...
Before we forever lose
The blessing of songs
That grow in our hearts.
We need to notice.
Just notice.
Notice for a moment...
Before the future slips away
Into ashes and dust of humility.
Stop, be silent, and notice...
In so many ways, we are the same.
Our differences are unique treasures.
We have, we are, a mosaic of gifts
To nurture, to offer, to accept.
We need to be.
Just be.
Be for a moment...
Kind and gentle, innocent and trusting,
Like children and lambs,
Never judging or vengeful
Like the judging and vengeful.
And now, let us pray,
Differently, yet together,
Before there is no earth, no life,
No chance for peace.

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Trebamo zastati
Jednostavno zastati
Zastati na trenutak...
Prije nego bilo tko
Kaže ili napravi nešto
Što može povrijediti drugoga.
Trebamo biti tiho
Jednostavno tiho
Tiho na trenutak...
Prije nego zauvijek zaboravimo
Blagoslov pjesama
Koji raste u našim srcima.
Trebamo primjetiti
Jednostavno primjetiti
Primjetiti na trenutak...
Prije nego budućnost nestane
U pepelu i prahu poniznosti.
Zastani, budi tiho i primijeti...
Na tako mnogo načina smo jednaki
Naše različitosti su jedinstvena blaga
Mi imamo, mi jesmo mozaik poklona
Da njegujemo, da nudimo, da prihvaćamo.
Trebamo biti
Jednostavno biti
Biti na trenutak...
Ljubazni i nježni, nevini i povjerljivi
Kao djeca i janjad
Nikad osuđujući i osvetoljubivi
Kao oni koji osuđuju i osvećuju se.
A sada se pomolimo,
Različito, a ipak zajedno
Prije nego nestane zemlja, život,
Prije nego nestane prilika za mir.

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