

PEACE

Portal

Encouragement

Acceptance

Cooperation

Everlasting

Many cultures . . . beliefs

different yet similar

pursue same goal

PEACE

Longing to wake up hopeful

countries not at war . . . but at peace

Hope fleeing

many displaced globally

separated from homeland . . . heritage . . . loved ones

living in squalor

meals leaving one hungry

breathing stale, dusty lung-choking particles

law-abiding living in fear, real or imagined

Global citizens must

unite . . . request . . . demand

government leaders

be accountable for the

trust and authority we the people

have awarded them

to act on our behalf

Working collaboratively and strategically

toward win-win

not zero-sum

Global citizens . . . scholars . . . country leaders

Build . . . nourish . . . sustain

a Green World

with clean air . . . water

abundant life in air . . . land . . . oceans

Every human blossoms . . . reaching his/her potential

Dream of equality a reality

communities . . . no color, ethnic, religious disputes

Peaceful world absent of wars

gladly bestows to our children . . . grandchildren

or

a world spiraling out of control

countries thinking only of self-interest

wanting to have it all

lusting after what others have

even invading under disguise

and in the end

destroying humanity

Let the Road to PEACE

begin with me . . . you . . . they

Each of us takes the first step

and perhaps, yes, perhaps, by our examples, world leaders will follow

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