

# Peace On Earth

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Peace on Earth, what blessed tidings  
Still we can't ignore the findings  
That such a thing has never occurred  
At any one time upon this world.

It seems a state of war is constant  
There's one on almost every continent  
If not a full blown war in session  
There's ethnic strife or civil oppression.

Religion, race, culture, politics  
Ideologies, economics  
All seem good reasons to take up arms  
And seek to do unto others harm.

And yet, despite all of this hate and violence  
There is a need that burns inside us  
A true desire to live in peace  
And see the suffering of others cease.

The greatest teachers throughout our history  
Have shown us ways, there's no big mystery.  
Jesus, Buddha, Ghandi, King  
Have shown us paths to understanding.

Treat every person fair and kind  
Approach all with an open mind  
Don't dwell on ways in which you differ  
But seek the common threads we live for.

Extend the open hand as friend  
And then, just maybe in the end  
Peace on Earth could be for real  
May we greet it with the self-same zeal.