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Remember These Words

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Blood pours out like a waterfall,
Guns fire without hesitation,
Shrieks for help call and call,
But silent is the nation.

The homeless child left on the street,
His father at war, his mother dead,
Begs at the feet of those whom he may meet,
But tonight he won't be fed.

Bodies cover the battlefield,
So that visible is no green,
Even the survivors will never be healed,
For the horrors they have seen.

Is this the world's fate that we wanted?
Is this the way we want things to be?
By these notions we will be forever haunted,
Unless we listen to Mahatma Gandhi.

"Peace will not come out of a clash of arms,"
This phenomenal leader did say,
So why do we continue to harm,
One another everyday?

"But out of justice lived and done,"
Gandhi further explained,
Peace is not found at the tip of a gun,
So this concept should not be entertained.

Gandhi finished, *"By unarmed nations
in the face of odds,"*
This simply means patience,
With other's customs, religions and gods.

We always have the choice,
To choose evil or to choose good,
We always have the voice,
To spread the values we should.

In this world of anger and hate,
It's hard to know what to do,
But remember the words of that man so great,
Because world peace starts with you.