

Common Ground

I invite you with open arms
To come into the friendly
World of my heart
I don't know your name
I don't understand your tongue
You may be from a nearby place
Or a distant corner of the earth
It doesn't matter.

There is no need to act like a stranger
Nor any reason for you to hedge
Or feel suspicious about my feelings
Toward you
Let's get to know
And embrace one another
Without any introduction
As kids do when they play together
Yet let's ponder
Our fate guided by the best of our wisdom
We have cultivated over the years.

The small details about
Skin color
The texture of hair
Linguistic differences
Ethnic or religious particularities
Must not stand between us
No matter how proudly we feel about them.
For there are supreme challenges ahead of us
Calling our attention to an unprecedented need
For a global common ground.

In the immensity of the universe
Our mother planet is pitifully
No bigger than a speck
Though sustaining billions of us
It is like a boat
In the vast expanse of an ocean
Which can't afford to ignore
A hole in any part of it
Otherwise even a fool could tell
It would go down
With all its passengers sooner or later.

We only have one another
In this small home we call earth
We have no other choice
No doubt we have so much to gain by standing together
No matter what kind of ignorance clouds our vision
One thing is simply clear
We are inescapably bound together
By our common humanity.

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