

PEACE OR WAR?

**ROBBED IN THE DEEPEST BLACK,
WITH EVIL,MALICIOUS EYES
AND JAW HELD SLACK,
WITH FIRE INSTEAD OF BREATH
AND THE COUSIN OF DEATH
IS WAR.**

**THEN COMES PEACE.
SWATHED IN THE PUREST WHITE,
EYES BEAUTIFUL AND BRIGHT;
FULL OF HOPE AND LOVE
ON A SHOULDER-A WHITE DOVE.
SO SERENE.SO CALM.**

**BOTH WERE THERE
WHEN THE SUN WAS BORN.
THEY SAW THE FIRST
SWAYING FIELDS OF CORN.
IN 1945 HAD THEY LAST MET;
WAR HAPPENED FIRST
AND THE FATE OF HUMANITY WAS SET.
IT WAS THEN,
THAT PEACE HAD INTERVENED;
SO STOPPED THE WAR
TO THIS DAY SHE HAD REIGNED.**

**POOR WAR HAD FLED;
HIDING ONCE IN A PIGSTY
OR IN AN ABANDONED SHED.
HE LOATHED PEACE,
HE WANTED REVENGE;**

**ALL THE TIME HE
SCHEMED HOW TO AVENGE
HIS DEFEAT,
HIS RETREAT.**

**GATHERING POWER NOW;
WAR HAD BEEN.
AMONGST POLITICIANS;
HE WAS USUALLY SEEN.
POISONING THEIR MINDS;
HE HAD BEEN.**

***COME, SAID PEACE
LET US BE FRIENDS, PLEASE!
BAH! WAR SNARLED,
HOW CAN WE BE FRIENDS?
HE ASKED.***

***LIKE THE DAY AND THE NIGHT-
WE CAN, SAID PEACE.
BUT DEATH FROM MY REALM
I SHALL HAVE TO BAN.
YOU WILL BE TAUGHT TO RESPECT-
PEACE, AND EVERY OTHER ASPECT
OF HAPPINESS,
AND LOVE,
AND OF HOPE.***

**WAR RETORTED:
*'HAPPINESS AND LOVE AND HOPE'!
THEY ALL ARE TO ME
AS A GALLOW'S ROPE!
BEFRIEND YOU! OH NOPE!***

**SAID PEACE-
THE WORLD IS CONTENT IN PEACE,
THEREFORE,IT IS YOU WHO WILL HAVE TO CEASE
YOUR ETERNAL STRUGGLE
AGAINST ME.**

**WAR IN ANSWER SCREECHES:
HELL! THOSE MORAL SPEECHES!
THEY ARE TO ME
LIKE BLOOD-SUCKING LEECHES.
YOU HAVE NO WORTH HERE PEACE;
HUMANS THIRST TO FIGHT-
AND IT IS THROUGH ONLY MY MIGHT,
THAT THEY CAN QUENCH
THIS DEADLY THIRST.
AND BEHOLD THEN-
HUMANITY WILL HAVE AT LAST
COME TO ITS WORST!**

**SO BE IT ,THOUGHT PEACE;
LET US COMPETE.
LET HUMANS DECIDE-
FOR THE RIGHTFUL TRUTH NEVER DOES HIDE.
LET HUMANS BE THE JUDGE
FOR THE RIGHT OR WRONG.**

**AT THIS DECISION WAR'S DULL EYES TURNED BRIGHT.
AT LAST HIS GOAL WAS IN SIGHT.
ON HIS FACE A MALEVOLENT GRIN;
WITH DREAMS OF A TRIUMPHANT WIN;
WAR FADED INTO THE NIGHT.**

**INDEED,PEACE IS RIGHT
HUMANITY HAS TO DECIDE**

**WHAT DOES IT WANT?
PEACE OR WAR?
LIFE OR DEATH?
DELIVERANCE OR EXTINCTION?
DOES IT WANT TO DIMINISH IN FIRE?
OR DOES IT WANT COMPASSION INSTEAD OF IRE?**

**THE PURE,UNDENIABLE TRUTH
IS THAT HUMANS WANT PEACE,
UNDOUBTEDLY THEY DO!
SO NOW WAR HAS TO GO.**

**LO! BEHOLD!
WAR'S EFFECT SOON BEGAN TO WANE.
HIS BLOODLUST HAD BEEN HIS OWN BANE.
PEACE'S EFFECTS HAD NOT BEEN IN VAIN.
SHE AT LAS HAD WAR SLAIN.**

**PEACE IS NOW WHAT WE NEED.
TO HER PREACHINGS,
WE MUST PAY HEED.
NOT WAR-WHOME WE DETEST.
BUT NOW, THANKS TO PEACE
WAR IS AT LAST AT REST.**

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