

For Our World

We need to stop.

Just stop.

Stop for a moment...

Before anybody

Says or does anything

That may hurt anyone else.

We need to be silent.

Just silent.

Silent for a moment...

Before we forever lose

The blessing of songs

That grow in our hearts.

We need to notice.

Just notice.

Notice for a moment...

Before the future slips away

Into ashes and dust of humility.

Stop, be silent, and notice...

In so many ways, we are the same.

Our differences are unique treasures.

We have, we are, a mosaic of gifts

To nurture, to offer, to accept.

We need to be.

Just be.

Be for a moment...

Kind and gentle, innocent and trusting,

Like children and lambs,

Never judging or vengeful

Like the judging and vengeful.

And now, let us pray,

Differently, yet together,

Before there is no earth, no life,

No chance for peace.

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Dagno wara bayi

Bayi rek

Bayi touti

Bala keineu

Wakh wala def leine

Lou meuneu gagn keineu

Dagno wara nopi

Nopi rek

Nopi touti

Bala gno gnakeu ba faw

Mbekteiwou way

Bouy djoudou sougnou khol

Dagno wara setlou

Setlou rek

Setlou touti

Bala sougnou soubeu

Gnoul kouk ni keurign

Bayi, nopi ak setlou...

Gnounge gneup gno niro si lou beuri

Sugnu wouteii moy sugnu beineu alal.

Amnagn tei neikeunagn lou rafet sougnou bolo

Nagn Boleii, djokhei ak nangou.

Dagno wara am khol bou rafet

Neikeu nit you gnou wolou

Ni khaleii ak mboteii

Neikeu nit you doul mousseu fayou

Leiguii nagnlen gnan

Gnounge gneup ak nougnou meuneu woutei

Bala dou amati souf ak doundou

Nagn len gnane

Bala dou amati djamb.

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