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What is Peace?

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Peace is wondrous, different to all,
Peace is unity, peace is cool.
Peace to me is time for calm and chill
A snowy day, sledging on a hill

To most today we think of calm
A quiet day, a lie in - no alarm
Maybe birds tweeting in the trees
Or a library silent while everyone reads

Years ago it felt much more
The end to bombs, killing and war
Friends returning still in shock
The scars of war never forgot

Flags and bands played their tune
Villages celebrated, friends home soon
Parties, singing, dancing in the street
We must not forget those we'll never meet

Have we forgotten the value of peace
Our lives softened without crease
No danger, no enemy no war to fight
It's hard to grasp that generation's plight

I think it's time for us to reflect
The privilege of peace we must protect
The ease with which war can start
And peace disappears in the beat of a heart

It feels like war was a long time ago
A long way away, a long way from home
But just ask the people of Ukraine
War has struck, once again

Our hearts are breaking for our European friends
We hope the invasion will come to an end
We hope Putin's anger soon will cease
And the fighting countries will live in peace

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Love thy neighbour as if they were you
A rule of old we must remember anew
Don't let us slip from peaceful days
To hating migrants or other shades

A world without war, a world without pain
A world without disease, no fighting in vain
Together we must focus on peace
Hate and destruction forever must cease