PEACE Poetry
A Collection of Modern Haikus in English

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PEACE Poetry is a unique collection of modern Haikus penned by Sri Lankan emerging Peace Activist and Peace Advocate, Janith Prabashwara Perera. The endeavor is supported by ‘100 Offerings for Peace’ campaign.
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01. The Delay

The taste
Of Peace
- Why stale?
02. Social Justice

The world old and silent
Desires a new born rebel
To turn old ways – afresh.
03. Gender Equality

A world of superior men!!!

Silenced and hushed women ... my friend?

Sorry, it’s a world of men and women!!!
04. LGBTQI Rights

A world of men and women!!!
Do you think it is so.. dear friend?
Sorry, it is a world of Humans!!!
05. Animal Exploitation

A world of Superior Humans!!!
Caged and abused, the poor animals
How come we all easily forget...
06. Environmental Justice

In Mother Nature’s kingdom
Weren’t we made mere guardians?
Power-hungry we’ve been: greedy and devouring ...
A Down Pour of Rain

A burning fire - 
A gush of down pouring rain - 
Ash in the wind.
08. Empathy

My heart is yours –
Your heart in mine –
Empathy builds Peace.
09. The Righteous Ruler
When will the emperor of peace
Return to claim his kingdom
From Satan, the prince of War?
10. Good versus Evil

The dull, the dun, the dark, the devil
Claiming lives of mankind in deadliest peril
Where art thou, Almighty Gracious?
11. Inner Greed

Inner peace, desire’st I –
Inner greed, thou murder’st why
My simple loving peace of mind?
12. Direct Violence

I raised the spear and the sword
You raise the gun and strike with bullet
Our kin – murdered at birth.
13. Cultural Violence
Ours and Theirs
Icebergs of Culture
Drowns the Titanic.
14. **Structural Violence**

A crumb of bread to this poor lad,
A penny for this hard laboring ox –
To this congressman – a goblet of old fine wine.
15. Liberty

Open the door for a caged bird
Let it fly and reach the clouds
High in the sky.
16. The Graduate

I want a job to earn my living
I had no signed MP’s letter, so ... The MP’s boy got my job.
17. Racism

The pot of race burns
On the stove of politics
You and I: always burn.
18. The Call

Stop the killing
Ring the peace bell aloud
Now, answer the call.
19. The DEW Drop

A dew drop from the sky
Fell down to earth with message:
Drop Evil Ways.
Imagine

Imagine the bliss of Peace
A world with only laughter and smile
Would you come to share with me?

20. Imagine
21. Shaping Peace Together

Every child, Every man
Every State, Every Nation
Shaping Peace Together.
22. R.I.P.

Rest in Peace –
Carved on the Tomb,
Live In Peace???
23. Mutual Understanding

Feel the pain of one another
Make thy mind the canvas
Open the eyes, face the reality.
24. Apology

I’m sorry for the tears
Falling from your eyes -
Forgiveness and Apology.
25. The Poor

There is love
In every drop of sweat
The Poor sheds under the sun.
26. A Child at War

A blossoming flower
Anguished by the grey winter
Yearns for a drop of rain.
27. Hope

Many today in hope stand
For a better tomorrow of progress
For new blood is in young veins.
28. Civil Society

Protest injustice – Demand justice
Call the masses to the streets
The government needs precaution.
29. Volunteer

They aren’t paid
For the work they do
Money can’t afford them.
30. Responsibility

Everyman should now
Wear the Olive Branch
In pride, as their crown.
Thank You
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