White Dove

Unaware
Of human blunders,
A White dove
Flew into a war zone
And landed in the middle
Of a battlefield

It was so beautiful
And appealing
That the warring factions
Paused the battle
To admire
The white dove

They were so engrossed
In the white dove
That they forgot about the battle-
The white dove
Brought peace and harmony
And became the symbol of peace

Peace Map

A school student
Was asked
To draw
The peace map of the world

The student drew a circle
And handed it to the teacher
'Where is the peace map?' asked the teacher
'This is the peace map,' the student replied

Innocence
Is the soul of truth
And, child
Is the soul of innocence

How could a map
With numerous divisions
And political boundaries
Be a world map of peace?

The child
Could sense peace
Only when the whole world
Is without dividing lines…

Olive Branch

Olive oil
Is an expensive oil today
Because it comes
From the fruits
That grow on olive branches

Today,
We grow olive for food
But there was a time
When olive was revered
For the olive branch

There was a time
When peace was more important
Than everything else
And, one way of making peace
Was by offering an olive branch

Handshake

When we shake
Our hands with others
We accept them as our equals
We acknowledge them
As our friends

Handshake
Is an offering of peace
And, when it is accepted
It becomes a bond
Of peace and harmony

It is like the computer
And the printer
They may work independently
But, together,
They can work wonders

But a computer
Cannot work in tandem with a printer
Unless there is an interface…
Unless the two of them
Extend their hands for a handshake

Symbol of Peace

Three lines
That rise
And unite at the top,
Encircled by a hallow-
That is the symbol of peace

Where there is unity,
Peace and harmony
Will follow suit
And it will be crowned
By the circle of peace

When the Sun rises
Behind the Eiffel Tower
And forms a circle
Around the Eiffel Tower
It becomes the symbol of peace

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