One Story

I forget the exact context in which Tim wrote this reflection but I am sure it was written in response to a latest outbreak of violence in Israel Palestine and on a Sunday when we looked at the story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac or Abrahim, Hagar and Ishmael as the story is told by my Muslim friends. As we reflected on the story we reflected on the other Abrahamic Faiths of Judaism and Islam and with sadness realised that of course we all share the same roots, the same story – we just all interpret it in rather different ways. We wondered whether God too shared our sadness?

One story

Two peoples

One humanity

Two histories

Divided

United

A people

Divided

A City

United

A City

Divided

A people

Divided

Split

Divided

Shattered

Divided

Smashed

Broken

One story

Two peoples

One humanity

Two histories

Two versions

One story

Two stories

One myth

One truth

Two stories

Two truths

Your truth

My truth

Both true

One story

Two peoples

One people

Two histories

One people

Divided

One people

Broken



One story

Two peoples

One humanity

Two histories

Two lives

Side by side

Two peoples

Side by side

Two peoples

On parallel lines

Two people

Together

Apart

Together

Never meeting

Together

Apart

Divided

Separated

Divided

Broken

One story

Two peoples

One divinity

Two stories

Divided

United

A people

Divided

A God

Divided

A City

United

A City

Disputed

A God

Disputed

A God

Divided

Shattered

Divided

Smashed

Broken

This is my body

This is my blood

Two stories One people



Two histories
One God
Two lives
One people
One God
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