

The Stones Cry Out For Justice

This idea is drawn from when Jesus is asked to stop his followers from sharing the good news and his reply is that even if they kept silent the stones would cry out! We wondered if the stones of our world could talk just what stories they might share.

In the beginning God fashioned the earth
hewed the shapes of the continents and seas
carved out the mountains and valleys
and breathed beauty into living things.

But we have ravaged and mined,
fought over and polluted the earth,
for the stones do not lie,
and the stones cry out for justice.

Wisdom present in, through and under the earth
Wisdom present yesterday, today and tomorrow
forgive us and melt our hearts
as we seek your wisdom
as to how we may tread gently upon the earth
and live in harmony with your creation.

In the mists of time God gave birth to the human race
with our ability to shape the world for better or worse
with our capacity for language and self-understanding
holding rational thought and the realm of mystery in tension.

But we have lied and cheated
and stolen lands for ourselves
for the stones do not lie,
and the stones cry out for justice.

Wisdom present in, through and under the earth
Wisdom present yesterday, today and tomorrow
forgive us and melt our hearts
as we seek your wisdom
as we move beyond the words of apology
to embracing your own, self-determining image in all people.

In our own times God delighted in our diversity
with our vibrant cultures and multitude of languages
with our strange customs and dearly held beliefs
with our complex religions and to-die-for national pride.

But blood oozes from the earth
and shallow graves reveal their deadly secrets
for the stones do not lie
and the stones cry out for justice.

Wisdom present in, through and under the earth
Wisdom present yesterday, today and tomorrow
forgive us and melt our hearts
as we seek your wisdom
to put an end to war and violence and abuse
and build a world community based on justice and peace.

In the future we dream of a time when God dances in delight
where children are born without fear or prejudice
valued for who they are and growing to fulfil their potential
where humanity lives in harmony with the earth.

For we are born from the earth with the instinct to survive
and we will return to the earth when life comes full circle
for the stones do not lie
and the stones cry out for justice

Wisdom present in, through and under the earth
Wisdom present yesterday, today and tomorrow
forgive us and melt our hearts
as we seek your wisdom
to live out our possibilities and our dreams
and to delight in the possibilities and dreams of each other.

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