

# **Voices of Tomorrow**

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## **Introduction to the Book**

Voices of Tomorrow is a re-released self published publication divided into four sections, 9-11, Anthrax, Sniper Shooting and War.

## **Professional Reviews**

### **Reviewed by Terry A O'Neal**

Voices of Tomorrow, poetry book by Afrika is a much intriguing volume filled with heartfelt emotions that stem from the tragedies that we as American's have been faced with in the world today.

Terry a O'Neal

Author of~ Motion Sickness, The Poet Speaks In Black, Ev'ry Little Soul, and Sweet Lavender (a novel)

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### **Reviewed by Rosalyn R.Smith**

Voices of Tomorrow is a brilliant write that voices the tragedies felt all over this land and asks you to set aside your fears, your indifference, to place them somewhere else so they are not in the way of our future. It voices universal words of living in harmony, finding peace for your fellow man and hope for tomorrow, calling on all American's to stand as one, and it asks for the world to pray and be as one for the future. Remembering the Freedom Fighters that fought so hard, it asks you to fight twice as hard. This is a book that all survivors of this tragedy should find the time read because we are all in this together.

Rosalyn R Smith

Poet/Author of I Am

### **Reviewed by Sylvia Dianne Beverly “Ladi Di”**

A young, talented and vibrant artist, she is a woman with a mission, wearing many hats. In her forthcoming poetry book “Voices of Tomorrow”, Afrika paints beautiful pictures with words, wrapping readers in melodic sounds and tones, presenting positive entities of life and living. Afrika speaks in a strong, caring voice, sensitive to the state of the world. Her poetry is filled with love, bringing a sweet comfort, even when dealing with harsh situations. She provides healing and strength, using the spoken word, in order to take action to make this a much better world for us to live. Through her poetry, she embraces important facets towards a righteous way of living. Look for other works by Afrika as she continues to lift the spoken word, elevating us to higher heights

Sylvia Dianne Beverly “Ladi Di”

Author, CEO of Golden Arts Publishing and Girls and Boys with Hearts, and Poet

**Reviewed by Brandy Durham aka B. Victoria**

Very few authors successfully provide not only thought provoking questions about the ills of our society but also hopeful and encouraging solutions. However, seasoned dancer, artist and poet, Afrika balances both tasks in her most recent collection of poetry, "Voices of Tomorrow." With a distinctive oratorical style, Abney uses repetition as her major literary device and effectively advises both present and future generations to work for peace, strength and ultimately change in American society. Touching upon such issues as war, terrorism, and political corruption to ancestor worship and seventies civil rights struggle, "Voices of Tomorrow" holds its own among the visionary texts of 2003.

Brandy Durham aka B. Victoria  
Poet/Photographer/Production Coordinator

**Reviewed by Christopher D. Sims**

Poet Afrika has brought forth a splended collection of heartfelt poems that show her concern and love for humanity and our world. Voices Of Tomorrow. Afrika's poetry flows with one poem after the next that addresses the state of America and our world as a whole. Each poem is laced with concern, love, and a deep passion for justice and equality for all of the world's people.

What Afrika has delivered in Voices Of Tomorrow is heavily needed from the new generation of poets that will carry on the legacy of the elder poets who have brought messages that aim to better and strengthen our world.

Poems such as "When" and "Wake Up America!" urge Americans to look at what's going on in America today and to wake up and realize all of the hurt, pain and tragedy that exists in our country today.

Afrika speaks passionately and wisely about the youth of America. She speaks from the bottom of her heart about our youth's plight in this ever changing nation of ours that has not slowed down to recognize the challenges and dangers that our youth face today.

Voices Of Tomorrow is revolutionary. Because it tackles social ills and the slow and steady destruction of America, Voices Of Tomorrow is a light shining in this dark, dark world of ours.

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## 911

The incident of the Pentagon collapsing, the crash of the airplane and lost of children, and many others have affected many of us during September 11, 2001. Although, I was not in New York to experience this incident, it still touched me in some form or another which is clearly highlighted in the expressions of words that I created around this incident.

### **Today I ask**

Today I ask  
The Voices of Tomorrow  
To speak to the world and gather in a sacred circle  
To spread a message for peace and hope

Today I ask  
The Voices of Tomorrow  
To reach to the world and elevate the minds of mankind  
To touch their soul with vibrations of rhythm and song

Today I ask  
The Voices of Tomorrow  
To heal the nation and remove the turmoil's from society's youth and teens

Today I ask  
The Voices of Tomorrow  
To shine their light and speak a voice for peace and unity

## **Wake Up America!**

Wake Up America!

America violence and war is corrupting mankind's thoughts, ideas, lifestyles, traditions and beliefs

I say Wake Up America!

terrorists and criminals are putting fears and tears in America's children, parents and homes

I say Wake Up America!

America is slowing falling down to the pitfalls of hatred and racism

I say Wake Up America!

America we need peace Now!

we need to STOP THE VIOLENCE NOW! and increase the PEACE!

PEACE of the mind

KNOWLEDGE of the soul

I say Wake Up America!

America can hear the turmoil's in the wall?

Can you sense the pain and fear in mankind?

I say Wake Up America!

America is no longer shining bright and beautiful because it is filled with too much hate and war

I say Wake Up America!

play rhythms for PEACE and JUSTICE

erase the WAR and VIOLENCE from the walls

it is time America

to WAKE UP AMERICA!

STOP THE WAR!

## **When**

When is the war going to stop?

When are we going to rise and face the nation with words of strength?  
messages for peace, solitude, hope and rhythm?

When are going to realize that living in war is causing too much misery?

When are going to open our eyes and see that this plantation is decreasing bit by bit?

When are we going to spread a message for peace?

When are we going to take the stand for what is right?

When are going to put our thoughts into action?

When are we going to voice of thoughts and facts?

When My People? When?

## **This is My America**

filled with passionate rhythms  
calling down the sage spirits and healers  
covered with peace and hope  
harmony and light  
inspirational passages and scriptures from the daily books of prayers

where honor is remarkable

music becomes a sacred healing tool  
for alleviating the wounds and trails of agony

where the arts become weaved in the spirit society's women and men  
children and the new born  
can all sing  
jubilee songs  
breaking the chains  
freeing the soul  
erasing the stereotypes  
what ifs  
from mind and soul

building fundamental

principles of standing firm within the grounds of civilization  
where spoken word is constituted in my law  
where movement and song  
are combined by stitches of time  
where bonds are not torn apart  
by unjust memories  
rapes soul

yet remains lost and cast upon shadows of illegal actions  
where feelings no longer become remorse

where we all can dance, paint  
speak messages of dreaming, loving, unifying and depicting  
scripts of life and love  
faith and patience  
joining souls and hands  
in sacred circle

colorful and essential to define nature  
of one's development

seeing and hoping for a colorful place  
palace to rest and build a foundation

filled with images of living and surviving  
on the grounds of beauty

for this is My America  
colorful and divine  
beautiful and peaceful

for I paint My America  
with colors filled with peace, prosperity, harmony  
love, definition and balance

for this is My America  
both mundane and profound

### **The Struggle for Peace Continues**

the struggle for peace continues to remain  
in today's nation and plantation  
as we continue to fight for peace  
peace of the mind  
we are still surrounded by turmoils of rage and hate  
as we struggle for peace  
peace of the soul  
we begin to chant mantras and yantras to wash away all of the rage  
that we are faced with today  
so that we can no longer struggle for peace  
but as long as we continue to struggle for peace  
peace of the heart  
unifying and purifying our spirits with a quest and passage for spiritual upliftment  
we will always struggle for peace  
'cause as long as we are in war and behave in war  
there will be no peace  
peace of the mind and soul  
there will be only pieces of mankind flooded across this plantation  
so I ask you Brothers and Sisters to assist me on my quest  
struggling for peace  
peace of the you and I coming together peacefully  
'cause Brothers and Sisters we have struggled for peace for too long  
wouldn't you agree that the struggle for peace still stop continuing?

## **Heal America**

Let Us Heal America  
with mantras and yantras that steep back to the roots of ancient civilization  
burn scents to wash away all of the frustrations, horror, terror, fears and tears from our  
eyes

Let Us Heal America  
with our vibrations of upliftment and contentment

Let Us Heal America  
with prayer for safety, peace, hope and prosperity  
freedom and justice for ALL

Let Us Heal America  
with crystals and rhythms that trace back to ancient tradition  
call upon the spirits to guide us in the right direction of peace and hope

Let Us Heal America  
with our energy of peace and light

Let Us Heal America  
with colors of the earth, wind and fire

Let Us Heal America  
with vibrant rays of the sun and allow the moon to soften our soul  
as we Heal America

## Why

why must you stab and murder our youth  
leave them in the pitfalls of the unknown  
slaughtered and left alone in the wilderness  
of the demons covered with puddles of blood  
clueless and lost with no remorse and shame  
no idea or words to say  
stole their sole left them to die  
have you no shame or mercy for our next generation of third world  
spirits and thoughts  
encompassed by sunlight, moon and elements of life, love, holiness, happiness and  
oneness  
now all of that has vanished into the heavens of the earth  
where candles are lit for the unborn children sailed away  
on that day of 9-11  
why must you continue to stab and murder our children  
have you no shame and mercy  
for the beauty that God has created in his eyes  
why must stab and murder our children  
who ultimately complete and fulfill our legacy and path  
why must you stab and murder our children who are fruits and eyes and ears  
why must you continue to stab and murder our children  
have you no shame, no feelings, no mercy  
if not trace back to the roots and pick up a passage  
say an affirmation  
cleanse your spirit  
plant and implant a seed of rejuvenation  
be still and ask God to guide you to a higher ground  
where there are spirits of holiness  
have mercy  
save the children  
before it is too late  
before there will be no children left  
but those that we procreate  
when that happens our wombs will ache  
just as you did when you stabbed and murdered our children  
who are our fruits  
so, please I ask you  
to have some mercy  
save the children  
so they can generate another third world nation  
can we do this together, please

## **Great Heroes**

I want to take the time to  
give honor to my great heroes  
who fought and stood for our rights as a nation  
removing apartheid, war, and slavery from our battlefields and abolishing slavery from  
the constitution

I want to take the time to give honor to those  
who walked barefoot and planted crops for us to be here today  
living, growing and understanding our life's mission and dreams

I want to take the time to give honor to those who have allowed us to be as one and  
understand being as one helps us to understand one's soul and spirit of living

I want to take the time to give honor to where it is due

I want to take the time to give honor to those who have allowed us to dance and move to  
the beats of our homeland and speak in the native tongues and rhythms

I want to take the time to give honor to the great heroes who names need not be  
mentioned

I want to take the time to give honor to you  
my great heroes who have allowed me to be the person that I am today!

Thank you, Great Heroes

## **Pray America**

Pray for yourself  
children  
family  
friends  
loved ones  
world, universe, soul  
unity in diversity

Pray for peace  
solitude  
love  
freedom  
hope for all to remove the unjust to just  
bringing back the justice

Pray for removal of terror, horror, slavery  
prejudice, hate, war, homicide

Pray for a righteous movement  
filled with rhythms  
jazz, blues, lyrics  
notes spread across the pages  
beyond the border lines

Pray for hands joined by reflections  
surrounded by colors of the universe

Pray America before it is too late  
Pray America NOW!

## **Voices of Tomorrow**

sending messages and passages for peace, love, light, hope and evolution of elevating and uplifting the divine mind, soul and spirit  
weaving principles and symbols for enduring voices for peace, justice and freedom for all where the soul is not corrupted by violence and prejudice  
but only seeded with thoughts for peace and hope  
free-flowing rhythms and colors that spreads across the path and border lines of unity

where the Voices for Tomorrow are not proclaimed by their voice but only their strength and message of elevating and uplifting the divine consciousness of mankind by touching millions with their voice for peace and equality

heightened by the perception of enduring life through a balanced mind and heart

where the Voices for Tomorrow generate a sacred temple of divine minds

the Voices of Tomorrow asks for your prayer in our journey for touching millions of souls with one true meaning and word

**PEACE!**

Voices of Tomorrow ask for PEACE!  
peace of mind and heart

Voices of Tomorrow  
Journey is never complete!

## 911

911 has put a hole in many hearts and souls  
leaving souls and spirits lost in the woods and buried  
with fear filled with tears  
bringing weary years to the end  
with countless hours to despair  
lose hope and concept of prayer  
believing that there is no hope left  
lost that when 911 destructed and sailed away children  
crashed and cried  
tumbled deep in the wilderness of fear  
bringing their parent flooded with tears  
hoping and praying that the 911  
terrorist attacks will cease and peace will return in the homes of society's generation  
instead  
911 has destroyed broken homes and safe haven  
shattered possibilities and countless efforts of dreams envisioning possibilities of only  
hope  
in the light of the evolution for peace there is war  
911 will never be forgotten  
as the clouds still appear across the paths that we face  
the sun and world turns before our eyes  
the stars no longer shine  
we constantly ponder and wonder when 911  
battlefields will cease so that we can  
dance in the wilderness of the wild  
without having the need to feel fearful

911 has crushed and destroyed many souls and spirits  
folks have lost the concept and principle of hope  
faith and wisdom  
belief and determination of standing for  
the deliverance for voices for peace and justice

because only these voices for peace, hope and justice can cause 911 to cease

if that does not work than the power of a joined circle  
filled with the power of peace, hope, justice, and faith can cease 911

so that the tears and fears can be erased from the clouds, pitfalls, and streets of the day  
souls and spirits will not be torn apart

we no longer have to live in fears  
only in peace, love, hope and harmony

911 has torn the world up side down

can we put 911 in a cage and put peace, love, hope and faith in a circle and temple  
filled with light and globes of wit and determination to stop the WAR  
cease the PAIN

bring back the revolution for PEACE AND JUSTICE

## **World Peace**

actively seeking peace  
throughout the world  
bathing and washing spirits  
in the fresh cologne waters  
washing away all dreadful  
feelings of remorse  
deception and hate  
find ways of communing  
with yin and yang

for souls reborn into a place  
where spirits  
are at peace  
where souls can rest

in a place of comfort and silence

listening and absorbing the sounds of inner peace  
lying still

like a mummy

thoughts mute  
mind restless  
clear and blue

as peace is the solution  
to the bureaucracy and the diagnosis  
is peace

a dose of air  
dash of healing  
prescription of prosperity and unity  
scoop of release

as this world is screaming and aching for peace

must find a way  
to store away the guns  
thugs, and dealers  
put a lock on it  
throw it far away in the ocean  
so that the medicine of peace

can begin  
the thunder can end  
the screams can stop

the fire can end

peace can begin  
so that the world can be filled with joy  
not sorrows of sadness  
tears of rage  
the sky can be clear and radiant  
can see the stars shine  
peace remains only  
in few souls  
leaving others in rage and violence  
must start asking ourselves

if we want World Peace

then we must ask ourselves  
is our world peaceful?

'cause with World Peace  
we can create, generate, procreate and recreate a passage and temple  
pyramid that is comprised of profound elements of World Peace

### **What I stand for**

I stand for  
peace, hope, justice, freedom, love, principles of truth  
positive outlooks and messages  
about building a nation and world  
comprised of peace, hope and freedom

I stand for  
liberty  
shining stars and sunshine  
brilliant rays of unity and diversity  
reflecting upon miracles and dreams of today, tomorrow and the future

I must stand for  
songs of peace, hope, love, and freedom

## **Mediate America**

Mediate America  
calm and relax your world  
surround it with silent sounds  
serence and fluid  
like the waters of the Nile Valley  
clear and blue  
fluid  
filled with rhythms of peace, tranquility and hope  
let your still waters run free and fluid  
wild and smooth  
beyond the limitation and dreams  
be jazz, peace, love and hope  
light a candle of purity and unity  
cleanse your world  
fill it with beautiful rhythms and sounds of peace and tranquilty  
mummify your spirit and submerge it deep in the waters of your world  
allow your spirit to be the moon and stars the reflects in the sky  
just Mediate America  
still your thoughts and allow them to be at peace, silent and still  
time to Mediate America  
this is the only solution to this drastic deteriment  
from our plantation  
Mediate America

## Questions America

How many times must we allow  
permit our environ to be under attack  
to be threatened by mankind's words  
diseases and pollutions  
killing our mind, body and soul

How many times must we hear  
the screams and echoes  
through the caves and walls

How many times must we hear and permit ourselves  
to listen to the cries and rage of  
our children who have no clue of  
what is going on in this environ  
wondering what to do  
how to live  
how to enjoy their livelihood

How many times must we  
repeatedly say to ourselves  
that we have done all we can  
to save our environ

How many times must we look at time  
change before our eyes  
just as our environ change in order to act

How many times are we going to sit down  
watch and explore the environ  
before we actually try to do something  
like stop time  
clean up the environ  
pray to the spirits in the heavens  
ask them for guidance

How many times do we have to walk in  
our own puddles  
before we act

How many times?

## Questions #2

When is America  
going to stop screaming  
shouting and crying  
out of rage and anger  
hate and negligence

Why is America  
changing by the hour, second and minute  
creating fear and implanting  
seeding questions in the minds of the citizens of America  
where they look at themselves  
creating fear  
in their minds  
that they would become victims of war

How is America  
going to rise  
through these vast situations and challenges  
creates and generates  
blocks and walls of rage and upon rage  
instead of peace upon hope

Why should we permit ourselves to watch  
America fall  
rapidly to the pitfalls of society  
walking blind-folded  
in the shadows of illusions  
darkness of rage and anger

What is America going to do about these ongoing  
disaster situations  
that puts so much hate  
in the souls of the Americans  
who are not motivated by what is going on  
by instead panicking and concerned about what is happening to America

When is this going to STOP  
so that America  
can be at peace and at ease

When is America going to let this storm pass

When? Huh? When?

because I want peace to return back home to America NOW!

## **Let Us Not Fight**

Let us not fight  
let us not fight  
with guns and fist  
instead

Let us use words filled with power, inspiration, strength, and messages for relying on the principle behind the story

Let us not fight  
let us not fight  
in war or combat  
only bringing pain, terror, and horror  
in the pitfalls of the nation and plantation  
instead  
let us join in a circle  
encompassed with colors of life and hope

Let us not fight  
let us not fight  
for the continuance of bloodshed  
spreading across the nation

Let us not fight in war but in peace

Let us fight for a righteous revolution  
encompassed by sacred rhythms and vibrations  
not in war

Let us fight for safety and protection  
for ourselves, families and loved ones  
not in war

Let us fight for the flowers to grow and spread its roots and wings wide open  
not in war

Let us not fight  
Let us not fight  
Let us not fight  
not in war no more  
'cause it is bringing too many clouds and thunder

Let us not fight  
just cause  
'cause it is better to fight in silence than to fight at all

or even through the power of the word

so let us not fight  
in war but in non-violence

Please America

it is time to STOP FIGHTING IN VIOLENCE!

TIME TO FIGHT FOR PEACE AND A RIGHTEOUS REVOLUTION!!!

## **Tribute to All Freedom Fighters**

Tribute to All Freedom Fighters

who fought for justice, equality, humanity, hope, honor, economics and peace

Tribute to All Freedom Fighters

who believed in the right for freedom and equality for all  
wanted to fight no matter what the cost or price

determined "by any means necessary" never to give up the principle and moral behind the  
reasons why they fought for freedom

To All Freedom Fighters who believed in the power of love and not hate  
peace and not war  
hope and not pain and terror

I bow and pay homage to All Freedom Fighters  
who take the stand and raised their flag against war and terror

I bow to ALL of You

your spirits and words still remain within my soul

## **How Long**

How long must I listen to the crime across the nation?

How long must I suffer and be locked up in the caves because of horror and terror across the plains and streets of this plantation?

How long must I listen to the cries of the children because they have lost another loved one?

How long must I ask for peace and hope to return in this plantation?

How long must I ask for your hands to join me in this circle and call for peace and justice in this nation?

How long is this misery going to last?

How long are we going to blast ourselves up in the past of fears and tears?

How long are we going to let our fears get in the way of our dreams?

How long are we going to imprison our dreams and mission in life?

How long are we going to allow demons to win?

How long is this going to last?

How long?

## **Let Us Pray**

Let Us Pray  
for peace and hope  
life and love  
harmony and unity

removal of pain and war  
removal of violence and hate  
removal of crime and corruption  
removal of demons and horror

embrace beauty and oneness  
justice and freedom

build upon a better way and message for affirming safety and peace throughout the  
environment and community

Let Us Pray  
for safety and harmony

Let Us Pray  
for free flowing rhythms of river that flows immensely through us

Let Us Pray  
for love instead of hate  
peace instead of war  
safety instead of pollution and pain

Let Us Pray  
for positive outcomes

Let Us Pray  
that peace and justice will return  
amongst our community

Let Us Pray  
together  
before this nation is gone  
to the pitfalls of WAR and COMBAT

## **Reflecting Back to September 11, 2001**

If I were to reflect back  
trace my footsteps back to the events of September 11, 2001

I would remember that the clouds and demons spread nothing but fear and horror in the  
minds of society

If I were to reflect back  
back to the events of September 11, 2001  
then I would remember

cries of the children  
pain of the parents  
the lost of loved ones with no where to turn

If I were to reflect back to September 11, 2001  
then I will first remember the importance of peace and hope

If I were to reflect back to September 11, 2001  
then I would tell society to remember the beauty of peace and hope

because PEACE AND HOPE still does exist

If I were to reflect back to September 11, 2001  
then I would ask the nation

to walk down this path with me  
spread PEACE AND HOPE in the minds of the children

## **Enough is Enough**

Enough is Enough

enough of this war, crime, drug pollution, racism, terrorism  
enough of us living in misery  
flooding ourselves in tears and living in fears

Enough of us stepping into our own puddles of hate and war  
living in fear and caves

Enough of this is Enough

Enough of us beating ourselves up because we could not and would not stop the war and  
crime from happening instead we should shut our eyes  
begin to pray  
'cause Enough is Enough

Enough of this is Enough

Enough is Enough

Enough of this war, gun violence, hatred, racism, terrorism

Enough of this is Enough

it is time for us to take a stand

And Say Enough is Enough

Enough of this war is Enough

did not 911 had enough effect and affect on us enough

I think it did

but yet those that keep committing these crimes do not think so

Would you tell them

Enough is Enough

wouldn't you agree?

## **Enough is Enough #2**

enough of this war  
enough of this pain  
enough of the children suffering  
enough of the parents crying  
enough of the children ever wondering when this war and corruption is enough

because 911 is gone  
sniper shootings have ended  
but the terrorists are still out on a mission  
countries are fighting in combat

and I say Enough is Enough  
why doesn't someone tell Iran and Iraq  
to stop fighting in war and to fight in peace

Why doesn't someone tell the President of United States of America that Enough is  
Enough

apparently it is not Enough because we are still at war

so I say once again, my people is Enough is Enough

because all I want us to do is to spread peace and hope

unity and love across the border and not war and violence

I had Enough of the attack and the children have had Enough suffering

so people Enough is Enough!

## **Save the children**

Save the children  
place them in your arms and heart  
before we lose them  
to dreadful disasters and crimes  
place them deligently against your soul

tell them to be at peace and remain at hope  
look at the stars and sun  
absorb the life forms  
that steepes from the moon

encompass breath of fire and light  
remove the pain from their soul

lets save our children  
place them in a safe haven away  
from war and hate  
violence and abuse

lets save our children  
before it is too late

before we can not turn the clocks

lets save our children  
bathe them in water

wash away the pain  
from their soul

lets lift our children up

let them listen to the rhythms  
of our homelands

lets save our children  
before we have none left

because our children of the universe  
are our future  
without them are circle would be broken

so please my people  
help me on this journey  
let us  
Save Our Children Now!  
before we have none left

## **Peace**

Peace flows like the water in the river clear and vivid  
full of life, hope, grace and inspiration searching to redefine life through the essence of  
peace and silence

Peace is essential to my human nature and daily journeys of life in all shapes of beauty  
and elegance

Peace allows me to reflect and look within the crystal globe to see what have  
accomplished and have to work on to assist me and aid me in becoming more grounded in  
my daily lessons of life and experiences

through the journeys, I know that I must turn to the sign of peace

because with the power of peace, I am able to understand my purpose and mission in life

Peace is like watching the moon and ocean waves glide and move around my soul

through living peace, I am able to be peace and live in peace

Vision a world that is filled with peace  
would not it be a beautiful America  
Would not we be able to change our concept of thinking and living in the world

We would be able to be peace as we face horrfying times, we must remember the power  
of Peace

'cause by living peace one would not be affected by the challenges, trials and tribulations  
because you are in the state of peace

with Peace, your soul is uplifted  
your heart is powerful  
your mind is bonded by the contexts of higher upliftment of stimulating the mind with  
elements and principles of and for Peace

'cause peace is the solution to anything, especially that of WAR!

Brothers and Sisters, I urge you to live in a state of peace  
surround your soul with the waters  
to heal your soul with peace

## **One by One**

one by one  
walk down the aisles  
looking over our shoulders hoping that  
we are not followed by the demons and shadows of society  
holding us back from our journeys and trails of oneness and unity  
sheltering our memories of unity, love, and hope  
without salving our souls and enslaving our spirits  
from the chaos and horror in society  
instead we walk one by one  
with smiles, misery, agony, sorrow  
forgetting about the beauty of love, peace, and hope  
hoping that we do not vanish one by one  
as 9-11 and war sill continue  
we are still struggling to find a way to break away from the agony and misery  
that has affected us all  
yet we still find some way to keep the bond  
going in a circle of light and hope  
while looking upon the stars and gazing over the moon  
we must sing to the spirits in the earth  
heal the plantation  
elevate the nation  
uplift the consciousness of societies people  
remove the burdens that has been afflicted upon us all  
one by one  
let's us come together and build a temple and foundation  
that constitutes elements of peace, love, and a spiritual revolution  
one by one we can do this and nothing can stop us  
for achieving our journey

## **Cross my arms**

cross my arms in front of my chest  
praying and asking for peace  
peace within the mind, hearts and souls  
lost during 9-11 of 2001  
that God aid them in their healing journey

asking for mankind to join hands  
commune and unite in a sacred space and circle  
sharing thoughts about how to bring back peace  
in this world

as we gather in the circle  
let's hear the rhythms and surround ourselves with biblical passages  
that will permit us to remain at peace

as I cross my arms in front of my chest  
I ask that America to reflect and restore  
peace, hope, and freedom NOW!  
before the tragedy continues to invade our world and America

## **Anthrax**

### **The Madness Continues**

As the madness continues to spread in America  
with the terrorist attacks, bomb threats and the anthrax  
I must continue to hold my head up high  
to the creator  
give praises and thanks for my safety and the safety of my loved ones  
for protecting us with your power and your strength through this horrifying situations  
that make us probe questions and ask ourselves  
questions about how we can create and procreate ways of coming together and unifying  
washing away all these deadly situations from our vehicles that prohibit us from living a  
peaceful and beautiful life surrounded by butterflies, flowers and the songs of the mother  
nature as mother nature cries for America's madness to end and for us as Americans to  
unite as one and build a revolution  
a revolution filled with power and strength  
filled with all nationalities and religions where we can discuss the affects that the  
madness has on us as citizens of America  
and why? Why  
the madness is continuing I ask myself  
I ask God  
Father, Mother God  
to Bless America and this madness so that these tears from my eyes could stop running  
and so that the children would not have to wonder when the madness will end  
so that the unborn children would not have to experience the madness that is continuing  
to flood America  
with clouds of unconcerned people destroying the beauty of America  
has now vanished with the attacks attacking us as citizens  
attacking our homes and the people within them planting and implanting within their  
minds fear  
we must end this fear to our minds  
and as we do that the Madness Will END!!

## **Sniper Shootings**

The Sniper Shootings has changed and put fear in many hearts. It has wounded innocent children and many youth and adults has been killed during the sniper shootings which took place in October 2002. For me, it is affected me because I reside in the Metropolitan area and I am a young adult who is concerned about the affects that these shootings has had on my peers and younger generation. I found it to be out of hand and a person who had no mercy or shame. Therefore as a result of the feelings and affect that these incidents had on me as a citizen of America and a person who felt that these sniper shootings were just another way of attacking someone who is not the solution to the problem. I also felt too many lives were at stake and that was not called for. These words and emotions are clearly displayed in the poems that were written during this unlawful incident.

### **One Week Later**

One week later  
the crime still is continuing  
wondering when is the shooting going to stop  
wondering when peace is going to return  
wondering when these folks are going to stop shooting our future generation

our future generation is slowing leaving us

wonder when they are going to stop killing our future generation which is apart of us  
our soul and spirit

wondering when this shooting is going to stop  
so that my eyes will not flood  
so that my eyes will not burn  
so that my heart will not ache  
so that I will not have to mourn for the parents of the children lost or in pain  
'cause of these shootings that are still continuing

one week later crime is still polluting our streets

when is this going to STOP  
when is peace going to return

so that my soul can breathe  
so that I can smile  
so that the sun can shine

so that the clouds can vanish  
so that the stars can shine

so that the parents will not have to mourn anymore

did we not have enough of crime  
did we not have enough of these shootings

I think so, I am tired of listening to these shootings NOW

I want peace to return

I no longer want to cry  
I want to breath and dance in the ocean

without having to feel that I might be the next victim

I want to pray for peace and hope

that someday these shootings will STOP

one week later  
it MUST STOP NOW!!!

this one week later madness must STOP NOW!!

let us pray for peace and hope

so that this one week later shootings can end

let us lock the guns away  
let us store violence miles away

let us bring back our AMERICA  
before it is filled with terror and horror

runs away citizens of AMERICA  
runs away the children of the universe

let us put an end to one week later shootings NOW!  
before it is too late

can we do that my AMERICANS?

**Stop The Violence America!**

Stop The Violence America!

time to lend your helping hands  
pray for generations and lift souls  
fly away into the heavens of the earth  
listen to the music and sounds that beat within

Stop The Violence America!

save your soul

embrace the joy and love for freedom and peace  
harvest the spirit within

Stop The Violence America!

unify the mind and heart with vibrant and inspirational musical melodies

for it is time to Stop The Violence America!

put an end to hate, war, crime, racism and immortality

time to reap what is owed for our America!

time to take a stand for freedom and justice for all

time for us to erase the violence

Stop The Violence America!

embrace peace and love

America it is time to stop the VIOLENCE!

put an end to this misery NOW!

Stop The Violence America!

**BEFORE THERE IS NO AMERICA LEFT!**

## **Watching the News**

Watching the news  
brings so much tears in my eyes  
wondering why the children have to suffer  
wondering why the parents have to suffer  
yet again  
wondering what happened to peace  
did it suddenly vanish from this plantation  
this earth  
I am wondering watch shall I do  
while watching the news  
should I hit the mute button  
should I just continue to pray and ask  
Father, Mother God for peace in this universe  
wash away these tears from eyes

erase the puddles of tears that flood  
from my eyes while watching the news

wondering why the children  
have to be locked down  
because of the random shootings  
inside

why must they suffer once again  
did not 911 put much stress on them enough

did not we had enough of this war

wondering why the children have the universe  
have to suffer again

ask myself to just be at peace

'cause peace is the only way out  
from this dreadful terror and horror  
that floods this universe yet once more

what in the world is going on today

I ask the people in the universe  
to protect our children in this universe  
before they vanish  
commit a crime of violence and war

our children in the universe are committing crimes and we must put an end to this misery

while watching the news  
I see our children committing crimes  
people committing crimes

these crimes are putting tears in my eyes  
wondering what should I do

should I fall down on my knees and pray  
ask for peace and hope amongst  
our children in this universe and the parents of the children  
so that they do not have to worry and cry the tears that I cry

while watching the news

wondering what should I do

should I hit the mute button  
or turn it off  
so that I do not have to cry the tears

wondering why I keep stepping in bloods of tears and rage

wondering what has happened to peace  
did it vanish

too much crime  
too much pain  
too much tears  
pours from my soul

while watching the news  
listening to yet another crime being committed

I thought 911 was enough

can someone tell peace to return  
can someone tell hope to appear

so that the sky can be clear  
so the sun can shine  
so the moon can circle around and through  
so we can dance and enjoy our lives without

listening to yet another crime being committed

watching the news  
is bringing too much tears in my eyes

I wish too stop crying  
I wish the people knew what peace  
felt like  
I wish that this crime could cease  
I wish the people could wake up and realize that that war must STOP NOW!!

so peace can smile and return to its home

and I do not have to listen to crime again  
when I watch the news

This poem came to me while I was listening to the reports about the 5 shootings in  
Montgomery on October 3, 2002 and the rest came to me while watching and listening to  
the report about the Georgia Avenue shooting today, October 4, 2002.

## **Sniper Shootings**

lost souls  
lost world  
lost thoughts and ideas  
lost peace and hope

too much fear and hate  
too much violence  
too much self-destruction

too much bloodshed  
too much convictions

simply too much  
sniper shootings

oh, my the sniper shootings  
were simply uncalled for

## **War**

I feel that war is not necessary and through this act of violence, I feel it is necessary for me to share my words of expression to the masses of the people so that they can know that war is not the solution to anything. This is clearly displayed in the poems that I created around War.

## **War**

Whose war are we walking into Brothers and Sisters?

What is the purpose and principle behind this war that is tearing and destroying our homes and souls apart?

Why must we permit and prohibit ourselves to walk into the rage of war, when the greatest service and war that can ever be fought during this time, is a war that is bonded and comprised of temples of pyramids of voices that stand for peace, equality and freedom for the masses of the people?

Where is this war going to take us?

Is it going to take us to a place that is comprised of voices that stand for justice and truth?

Is it going to take us to a place that will allow us to cherish and grow as a people?

if not, then why are we fighting in war brothers and sisters?, it is time for a war that is comprised of a righteous revolution

'cause Brothers and Sisters, with war that is filled with rage and hate there is no progress, but with a war that is filled with peace, revolution and movement that will take our souls to a higher level  
there is a globe of new third world vision

Brothers and Sisters, we must stop the war of rage and hate, give birth to a war that is filled with principle and power

## **Killings of Our Youth**

bodies flood on the ground  
puddles of blood merge together  
tears pour down

from our eyes  
as we watch

the killings of our youth  
increase

as we watch

our youth commit crimes

where are their parents  
what are they teaching  
their children

must find a way  
to save our children and lock up the guns

'cause otherwise  
our children  
would be lost souls  
missing forever

our eyes will flood with tears

can someone tell folks to STOP KILLING OUR YOUTH?

I ask that American stop killing the youth before we have no future generation left  
NOW!!! My people I ask you to assist me on this quest.

## **When Freedom Comes**

when freedom comes  
we would be able  
to walk down the streets  
with our eyes, arms, and legs wide open  
filled with such joy of liberation and justice for all

when freedom comes  
we would be able to hear the beats  
that beats and play on forever in the wilderness  
aching for us to release our self-expression

when freedom comes  
the clouds would submerge  
the stars will shine bright  
the sun will reflect against our skin  
the fire will not burn rapidly against  
our soul  
the moon will rotate against our soul and spirit

when freedom comes  
we would be able to hear  
the cries of the children  
feel the beauty that we have been missing from peace

when freedom comes  
we would not be entrapped in the darkness of the demons

when freedom comes  
we would be able to have a stronger grasp  
on our mission  
envisioning the possibilities of our future

when freedom comes  
we shall remain strong  
stand firm on the ground  
be able to speak our mind  
about the beauty of freedom

when freedom comes  
we shall not walk with the color red  
but in colors of brilliance and intelligence  
for gaining and seeking that which is freedom

when freedom comes  
we will not have to walk  
behind the dullness of life  
but in the brilliance of pleasant thoughts

when freedom comes  
we would be able to build  
a brighter temple of life and light

when freedom comes  
we would be able to know  
that in fact being free  
is divine and crucial to removing and freeing anything  
that obstructs the journey

when freedom comes  
we shall not fight in hate  
we shall fight for love and peace to remain  
where we can create freedom

'cause when freedom comes  
we would be a changed society, nation and race

when freedom comes

## **Too much war**

too much war  
too much war  
too much horror  
too much tears  
putting fears in the hearts and minds of America's children

for how many times  
must we experience these drastic changes  
watch the special reports  
about yet another misery  
taking another life of another child, not even born

how many times must we  
walk in the puddles of blood  
war  
corruption  
brutality  
walk with war in our minds  
instead of peace and love in our minds and hearts

how many times must we shoot to the heavens of the earth  
too much war is enough

when a war that we should fight for we are not even fighting for  
too much war is enough

my Brothers and Sisters  
it is time to stop these trials of war and rage that is destroying our nation

'cause too much war is causing and only subjecting us to live in fear  
instead of living in peace and revolution

too much war, my people is enough

## **To End The War**

To end the war  
we as a people  
must come together and heal ourselves  
remove the hate, fear, and terror  
from our spirits  
uplift our hearts with rhythms and messages  
that are filled with light,color, love, and hope  
freedom, justice and peace for all

To end the war  
we must salute and stand before the people  
define and depict our resolution and solution  
to end this mass war

To end the war  
we must paint a picture that is  
encompassed by colors that brings healing to the mind and soul

To end the war  
we must stand firm  
on visualizing the nation in peace and unity

To end the war  
we must stop destroying our soul and those around us

To end the war  
we must pour libation and pay homage  
to the creators in the universe  
ask them what is that  
we as a nation must do

To end the war  
we must stop harming our loved ones

To end the war  
we must do whatever it takes so that we will not be in war

To end the war  
we must stop giving into the war

To end the war  
we must think the opposite  
peace and freedom

## **Thy Shall Not Fight in War**

thy shall not fight in war  
the act of self-destruction  
uncivilization  
unjust with no concept, morals or values

thy shall not fight in war  
when there is no just service to use

thy shall not fight in war  
because the best war that can be fought is a war  
of conscious minds, spirits who are trying to build a ciphers of a revolutionaries

thy shall not fight in war  
because it will not bring gratification to your soul

thy shall not fight in war  
because it will only bring tears to the eyes of society

thy shall not fight in war

## **Voices for Peace**

voices for peace  
voices for peace  
voices for peace  
to stop the war

voices for peace  
voices for peace  
voices for peace  
to end the war

voices for peace  
voices for peace  
voices for peace  
let's build a temple of peace

voices for peace  
voices for peace  
voices for peace  
let's end the war

voices for peace  
voices for peace  
voices for peace  
let's burn candles to end the war

voices for peace  
voices for peace  
voices for peace  
time to stand for peace

## **“We Shall Overcome”**

Dedicated to Dr.Rev. King, Jr.

We shall overcome  
all sorrows, cries and burdens  
leave it in the wilderness for tomorrow  
capturing words of peace and prosperity  
solitude of convincing  
hapiness and tribulations for tomorrow's children yet unborn  
freeing our soul and spirit  
into the winds of peace and abundance of healing the cries and pain  
pressed upon us  
fly into the heavens of the earth  
capturing elements of dreams and hope  
of keeping hope alive  
fusing our thoughts with words of inspiration lead us  
into gentle pastures of legends and memories  
for yesterday's unborn child cripple and destroyed by judgements and injustice  
righteousness  
but we shall overcome these tears of sorrow  
rebuild a better temple for tomorrow  
filled with potions and notions of musical notes and sermons  
of truth and justice  
leading into gentle passage ways of balanced and powerful words  
but we shall overcome all fears  
leave our tears  
into the ocean and the caves  
hold hands and build upon a better tomorrow

## **When Peace Comes**

When Peace Comes  
our souls, spirits, minds, and hearts  
will be elevated to the rhythms and vibrations  
that moves through us like thunder  
powerful and vibrant  
like the colors we wear  
demonstrating the essence of our souls and spirits

When Peace Comes  
the world, society and nation  
will be purified and stronger  
determined to heal the children with words  
filled with love, hope and unity

When Peace Comes  
the clouds will fade away  
the puddles of blood vanish before our eyes  
the cries of the children will cease  
the pain within our womb and sacred ground  
will fade away

When Peace Comes  
the words will blend  
the images we generate throughout the day  
will increase  
the sun will reflect brighter upon our skin

When Peace Comes  
the anger and violence will no longer exist  
only the sounds and ripples in the water  
will appear

'cause peace is home again

When Peace Comes

## **A Prayer for Peace**

Brothers and Sisters, today  
I begin asking for  
A Prayer for Peace

Positive  
Everlasting  
Aspiring  
Constant Messages for Cosmic  
Energy to return throughout the world and nation  
healing those with  
A Prayer for Peace

on bended knees  
I ask the creators to join me in a quest  
I ask you Brothers and Sisters to join me  
in A Prayer for Peace  
because it with  
A Prayer for Peace  
that we can harness and balance our spirit  
our temples of life  
heal our children that stands before us  
watching our moves and listening to our words  
so, today, is  
A Prayer for Peace