

Litany for Peace

We speak

We speak with our mouths

We speak with our minds

We speak with our bodies

We speak with the smallest cells in the human body

(our Granule/Golgi neurons in the granular layer (innermost layer of grey matter) of Cerebellum)

We speak with every fiber of our being

We speak

We speak to the trees

Long living here

Givers of oxygen

Cleansing the earth

Swaying in the wind

Roots run deep in this soil

Gashed and felled in this place

We speak to the trees

We speak

We speak to the earth

On which we stand

That supports our movements

And our resting everyday

Whose soils are land

Long stolen from

Those who tended these soils

And raised their families here

Desecrated then

Desecrated now

From ages and eons you

Have spun with the planets

And cradled people

We speak to the earth

We speak

We speak to the children

To the children of Gaza

Heads lifted as bombs

And smoke fly overhead

Fear palpable in the air

Death looms with every breath

Crying, crying, crying

Because they are no more

Funerals and destruction

Are their future

This ought not be

And so

We speak to the children

We speak

To the hearts of people

Workers constructing

Politicians decisioning

Company people "just doing"

Their jobs
Jobs we think we need so badly
That we allow killing for them
But we can create jobs a-plenty
Healers
Teachers
Deeply Affordable Home Builders
Public Transit Drivers
Solar and Wind Energy Creators
Gardeners and Chefs

**We speak
To the hearts of people**

**We speak to the people of Pratt and Whitney
Because it's not too late
To turn around**

**We speak to the people of Raytheon
Because it's not too late
To turn around**

**We speak to the people of Buncombe County
Because it's not too late
To turn around**

We speak to hearts today
Because it is not too late
It's not too late
It's not too late
To turn around
To make a new choice
To allow our hearts to beat
The rhythm of life
To heed the old spiritual
And study war no more!

**We speak to hearts
We speak
Because we must
We speak
Because we must
We speak
Because we must**

May our words **speak**
May our hearts **speak**
May our actions **speak**
Peace
Peace
Peace