

## Listen to the Voices of Children Born in Places at War



We hear angry voices, selfish voices, dogmatic unbending voices, and voices proclaiming the inevitability of political violence. We hear frightened voices, weary resigned voices, voices reluctantly expanding hostilities and voices of those who know no other way. Among all these loud voices, do we hear any who long for an end to war? Does no one believe that humanity can live in peace? Who speaks for such a future?

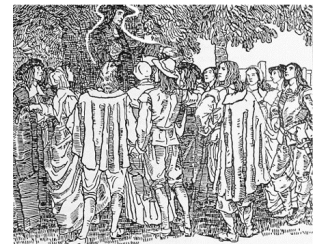
*We offer the voices of children*, children who must live in places where bombs and missiles fall, whose families suffer risk and loss from imprisonment, terrorism and denial of basic human rights. Such children have every right to use angry or frightened voices, yet we can hear something more in their words if we listen carefully. And if we listen and act carefully, perhaps we will deserve the faith they have in us that we will guide the world toward the future they hope for.

## Called in Hope of Peace: Music, Letters from Children & A Quaker Time of Silence\*

2:00 pm, Sunday, March 21  
Lytton Plaza, University Ave. at Emerson, Palo Alto

We will begin with singing, followed by reading of letters written by children of Palestine, Israel, Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Then we will settle into the silence of worship as practiced by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), wherein anyone moved by the Spirit may rise to speak. Silence follows each spoken message, to allow its full meaning to sink into our hearts. People from all spiritual backgrounds and walks of life are most welcome to join us.

*\*It is the silent waiting for the urging of the Spirit which is the foundation of all Friends' testimonies on Peace, Unity, Simplicity, Equality, Community, Integrity. Social action based on these testimonies is strengthened by arising from worshipful silence. This time of worship and witness for peace is open to everyone.*



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