

Peace Train

Cat Stevens

*Now I've been happy lately
Thinkin' bout the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun*

Now come and join the living,
It's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer,
Soon it will all be true

Oh, I've been smiling lately
Dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be
Someday it's going to come

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now Peace Train
Peace Train

'Cause I'm on the edge of darkness
There ride the Peace Train
Oh, Peace Train take this country
Come take me home again

Now I've been crying lately,
Thinkin' about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating,
Why can't we live in bliss

Now I've been smiling lately,
Thinkin' bout the good things to come
And I believe it could be,
Something good has begun

'Cause out on the edge of darkness,
There rides a Peace Train
Oh Peace Train take this country,
Come take me home again

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now Peace Train
Yes, Peace Train holy roller

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now, Peace Train
Yes, Peace Train holy roller

Everyone jump upon the Peace Train
Come on now, Peace Train
Get your bags together,
Go bring your good friends, too

Everyone jump upon the Peace Train
Come on, come on, come on
Yes, come on, peace train
Yes, it's the peace train

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Allow God to Fill You Up



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.

God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder:

The Time is Now by Joan Chittister

The prophets of every age and all ages dream dreams far beyond what the average person of that time declares possible. The prophets of our time, like the biblical prophets before us, know that peace is essential and join groups whose work is to move us toward that point. The prophet believes that justice is achievable, that despite all our differences, we can become community again. So the prophet refuses to divide people into white and black, Republicans and Democrats, Americans and foreigners. In the face of those who say that those goals are too high, that such hope is unreal, the prophet refuses to be silent. These carriers of prophetic spirituality now go on trying to change the ungodly opinions of any unseeing world. So, to the rank and file of humanity, prophets look mad. They look wild.

Prophetic spirituality is grounded by the vision of an unseen world where all things are in harmony and where the Will of God for creation is the energy that drives it. They are the saints of Holy Madness, these ones, who like the biblical prophets, like Jesus, see beyond the boundaries of the reasonable to the edges of the imperative.

Prophets come in every age announcing the Good news again: peace on earth, good will to all.



Reading:

Mairead Maguire,
Nobel Peace Prize Recipient,
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Take time to listen to the birds,
the waves,
the wind.

Take time to breathe in the air,
the earth,
the ocean.

Take time to be still,
to be silent,
to allow God to fill you up



Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...