

## Reflections on the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: Shall Peace Move Us?

Packed into European ghettos, hauled off to concentration camps,  
Lives snuffed out as easily as kerosene lamps.  
Six million sentenced with a death attainer,  
Murdered by the millions, shot, suffocated in gas chambers.  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

Escape from European annihilation,  
Repatriation to the ancestral place,  
Infiltration of occupants' space.  
Trace our pace to Palestine because  
The UN mandate states: "This land is mine!"  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

Victims of genocide, hated worldwide, We shall be Militant; We must be vigilant!  
Psychologically altered, we must not falter!---Trusting No Man, we vow : "Never  
Again! "  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

In the name of our Father and Mother  
Rescue the Land of our Father from our Brother  
In the name of God, we claim every path our forebears trod!  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

A nation insular surrounded by enemies in the region  
Demanding nuclear hegemony, Fears of nuclear attack legion.  
We will strike first, we have the tenacity  
to prevent you from attaining nuclear capacity!  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved.

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Once our home in Ancient Hebron  
now exiled, our daughters and sons.  
Conquered: homes turned into cages

Boarded up shops, livelihoods stopped in stages.  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

Occupied territory in the West Bank, patrolled by armed soldiers on foot and in tanks. By-passing the sterilised streets, of military separatist regulation, We climb the craggy terrain out of breath and in pain. Salve for the aching joint as we're delayed at the checkpoint. No balm to calm the intimidation and humiliation of segregation.

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We cannot vote for our Oppressors,  
We will not vote for our Municipal Assessors.  
We can't obtain permits to build new homes subject to demolition.  
We will vote for Hamas as our alternative coalition.  
The Nation denies us a digital signal, what an enigma! It hoards the water and blocks the illegal border!  
What Hypocrisy, This Democracy. You claim Prophecy. We claim Apostasy!  
peace: BE STILL. We shall not be moved.

Arrested without cause, unfairly tried,  
We shall defy those who occupy.  
We shall not renounce violence. We shall not be silenced.  
We shall resist, We shall not desist.  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

Built-up Anger, Hatred rages  
thousands of years, throughout the ages.  
Retaliation executed with self-righteous hostility.  
Thousands of Rockets splitting the air,  
Pride in claiming responsibility  
For taking Jewish life with no care.  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

We gave you Gaza, you gave us rockets. This indictment shall remain on the trial docket! You gave us Gaza and a land and sea blockade, we are rationed and quarantined in a 139 square mile, narrow stockade!  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

Two state solution calls for dissolution of settlements

for the betterment of all. Answer the Call to Divide the Land, Respect every Man. The dawn of Arab Spring persistence, a reminiscence of Martin Luther King's non-violent resistance speaks to peace's insistence to spawn.  
My Brother, come to the table of reconciliation. No, I am not able to share the table, it is time for your capitulation! ,  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

I sprawl on my prayer rug, I hug my Qur'an, I kneel to the South, fervent prayers in my mouth. I clutch my prayer book. I look up to the heavens, eat unleavened bread. I rap myself in my prayer shawl, on the Lord I call!

A Man of mystery, I recall my history and chant:  
peace: BE STILL, We shall not be moved!

A Man of Mystery, I recall my history and rant!:  
peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

Peace: BE QUIET! We shall not try it!

peace: BE STILL! We shall not be moved!

Jews and Arabs, Children of Abraham--Bow before the Great I AM! Follow the Jordan's course. Dare to share this sparse resource. Drink from the fresh water of the Jordan. There is no need for hoarding---Dare to divide. Remember, WHO provides. The Jordan trickles and flows with little to spare---and yet enough for all of God's children to share. Gather at the tributary Sea of Galilee. Let Hate subside before a high tide and contributory pulse of haughty fate flushes these slushing waters into a dead sea. Share this spate of rushing water before it's too

late! Quench your thirst; refresh your belief in humanity; redress the grief of insanity.

Wade in the water, children of Abraham. Bow before the Great I .AM!  
Bathe in the Eternal Spring of Family! Let Peace be your Homily!

BE STILL!: We shall be moved by Peace!  
BE MOVED BY PEACE!!

Aim High!