

**WE ALL
NEED
PEACE**

ARTWORK BY SAMIA BAROUD, AGED 14, GAZA

Art and poems from the children
of Edinburgh in response to the
children of Gaza

WE ALL NEED PEACE

The illustrated poetry collection *We All Need Peace* features works by Primary 6 pupils from the Royal Mile Primary School, Edinburgh. The art and poems in this collection were created following a series of workshops led by the Scottish Palestinian poet Iyad Hayatleh in response to the exhibition *Moon Tell Me Truth* featuring art and poems from the children of Gaza, held at the The Scottish Poetry Library 28 May - 20 June 2024.

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The Milkyway

A beautiful night
Stars in the SKY
galaxies far away
billions of Stars burst into flames
our world is getting bigger in the
Milkyway
our Big world is only miles away
Appreciate what we have today
this is only the beggining
Not the end

By-Ari
age-10yrs

Red is the colour of Power

Light Green is the colour
of Fear

black and white is the colour
of Respect and hope
is colour that give to my
colourful Imagination

By Aron



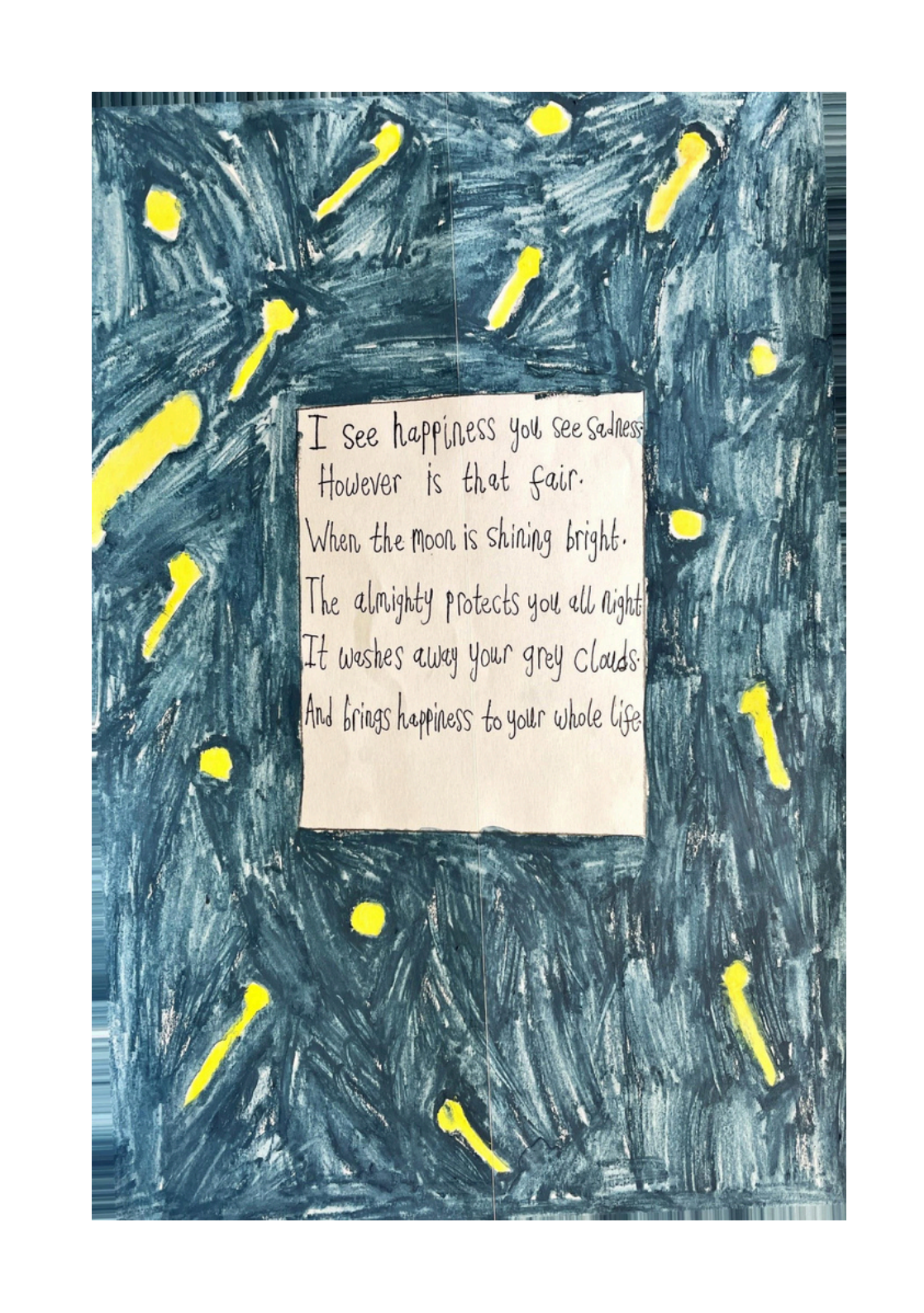
Moon

Staring

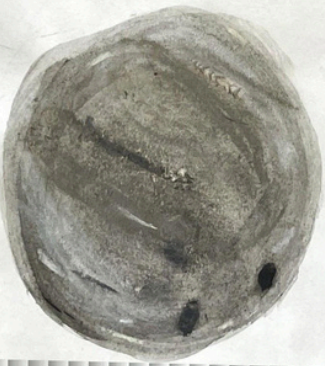
At Me

Shining bright in the
moon I wish I was up there
g in the moon people
dying, flying, trying to live
All our time trying to live
to the moon I tryin' to give

stare I wonder if you'r
scared I hope, Love, and peace

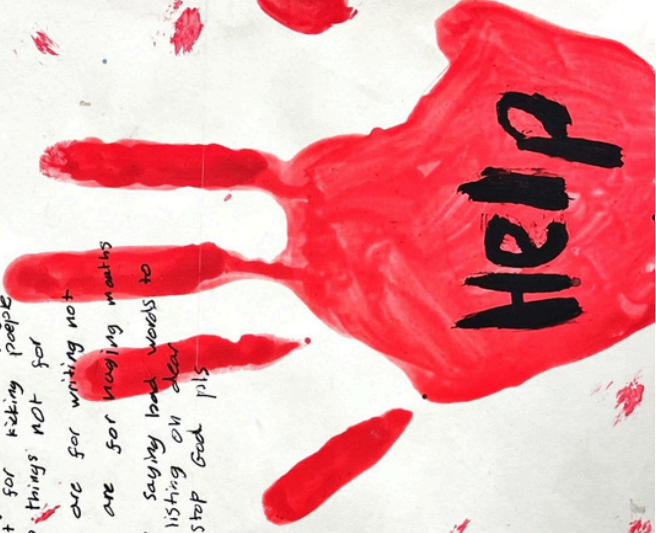


I see happiness you see sadness
However is that fair.
When the moon is shining bright.
The almighty protects you all night
It washes away your grey clouds
And brings happiness to your whole life




E408

Eyes are for looking and seeing the
mean Tongues are for greivly and saying fun
legs are for walking not for kicking people
singers are for picking up things not for
leading a gun Harolds are for writing not
for shooting guns Arms are for hugging manhs
are for talking not for saying bad words to
each other ears are for listening on when
when is war gannke stop Good pls
Help the people



by: gumore



Eyes are for looking
at the plants
Legs are for greating not
for shooting guns
tongs are for ~~tail~~ fingers
are for writing arms
are for horging friends
mouths are for biting

by Jasmin



By: Inaya
11 yrs
old

Peace in palestine

Oh bright moon will this war in
palestine ever stop?

Parents have lost their kids

kids have lost their parents

It is a very sorrowful sight

to see the people of palestine
fight for their peoples rights

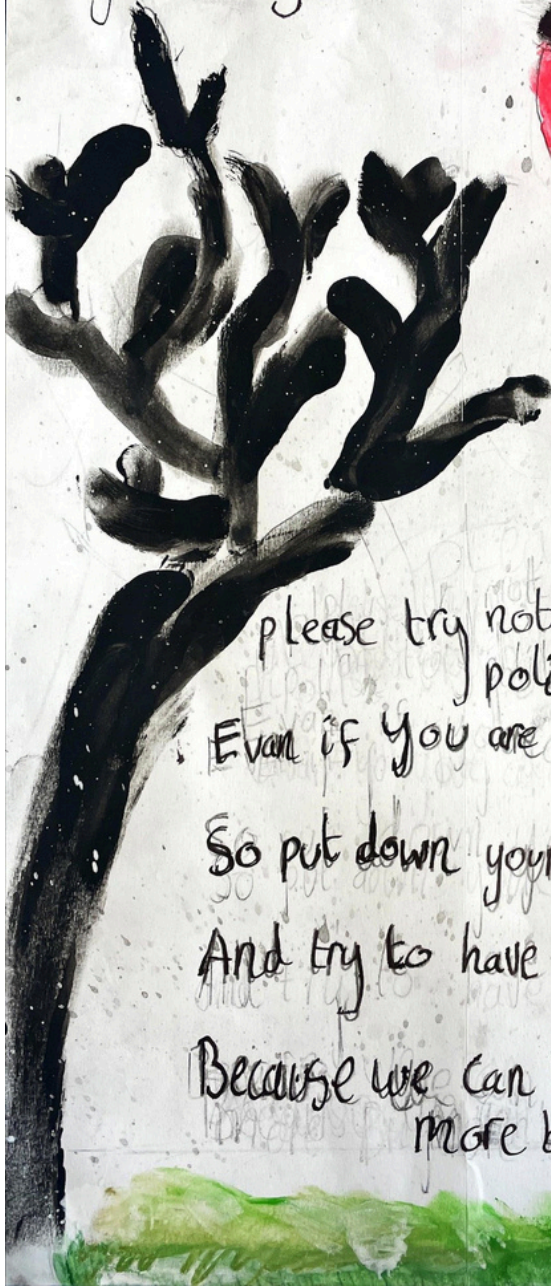
There is a river of blood in the city

All the ppl are in a deep hole of pity

Palestine we pray for you



By Istabrag



please try not to fight and be
polite,
Even if you are a fighting kite,
So put down your gun,
And try to have fun,
Because we can make the world
more bright -



Asking for the truth

I'm all alone with no
one but the moon

whishing someone would
tell me the truth

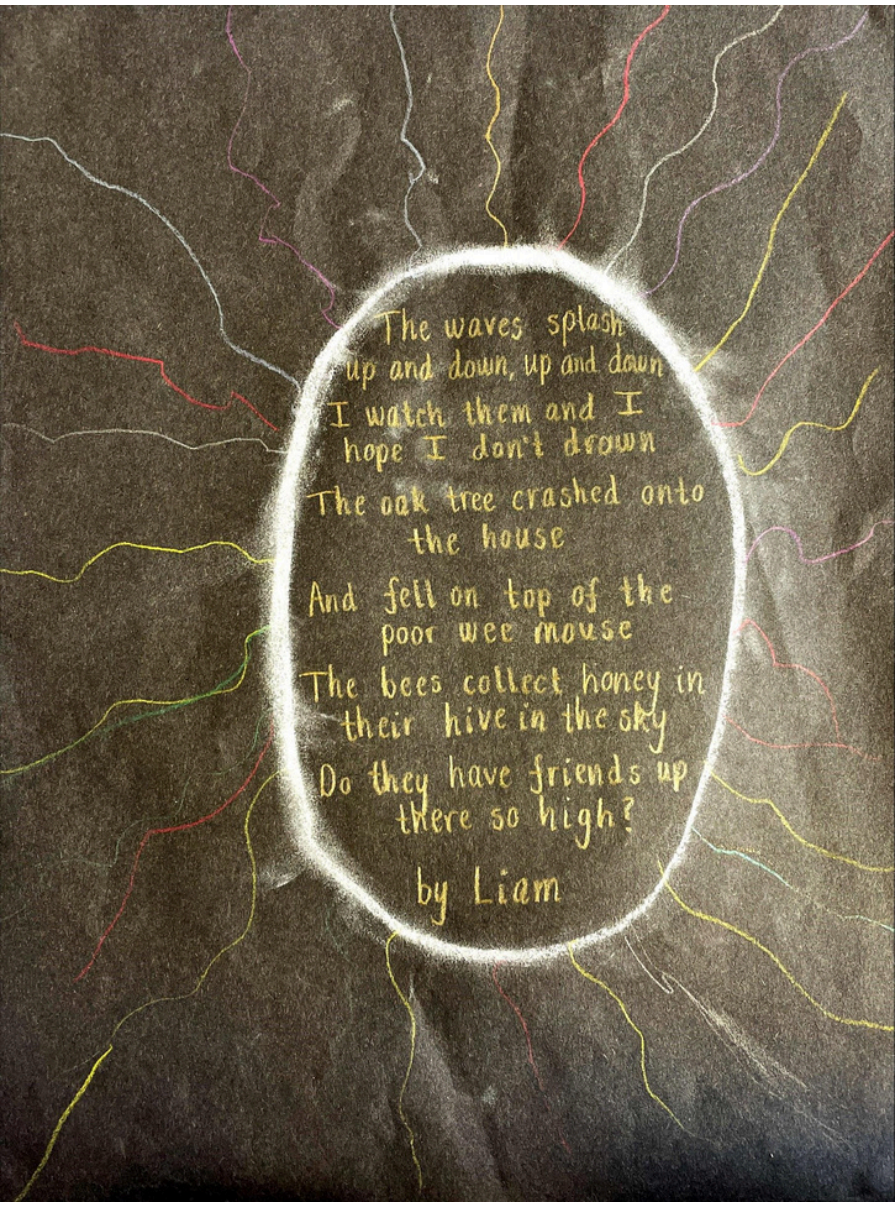
so from
my point
of view
you

have
to tell me
the truth
so please
do




by: Kamil

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The waves splash
up and down, up and down
I watch them and I
hope I don't drown
The oak tree crashed onto
the house
And fell on top of the
poor wee mouse
The bees collect honey in
their hive in the sky
Do they have friends up
there so high?

by Liam



The full moon sparkles on
the lights this blue night
As beautiful as life we still die,
And the stars are like little hearts
of life.
I can see the sadness of the
silent strangers around me
who are trapped in the dark
bleak night.

By: Lorina



I hear you and I understand
When I see your country I really
I really support you but how can I help
I know your suffering & I feel like I can
but later on the world will grow out
and then the diseases will grow out

by Lynda

ears are for listening

and hearing birds



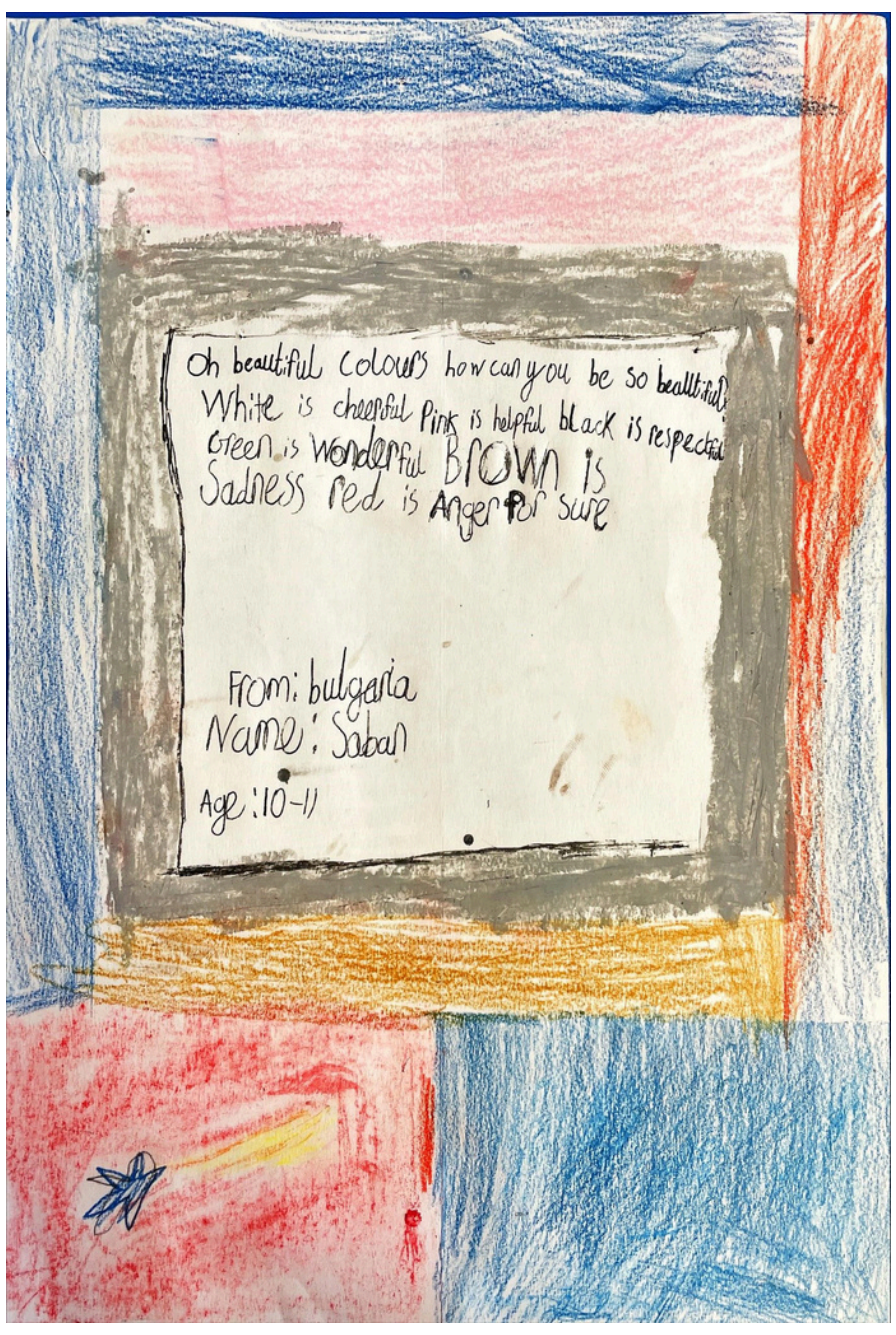
Mouths are for speaking
and eating dessert

Fists are for bumping

not trying to hurt
feet are for jumping and
kicking kerbs

by MUSTARD





Oh beautiful colours how can you be so beautiful
White is cheerful Pink is helpful black is respectful
Green is wonderful BROWN is
Sadness Red is Anger for sure

From: bulgaria
Name: Saban
Age: 10-11

Feelings of Colours

Blue is the colour of sadness
Green is the colour of anxiety
Grey is tired, pink is happy, brown
is cozy

and yellow is for sure fear

by Theo

Primary 6



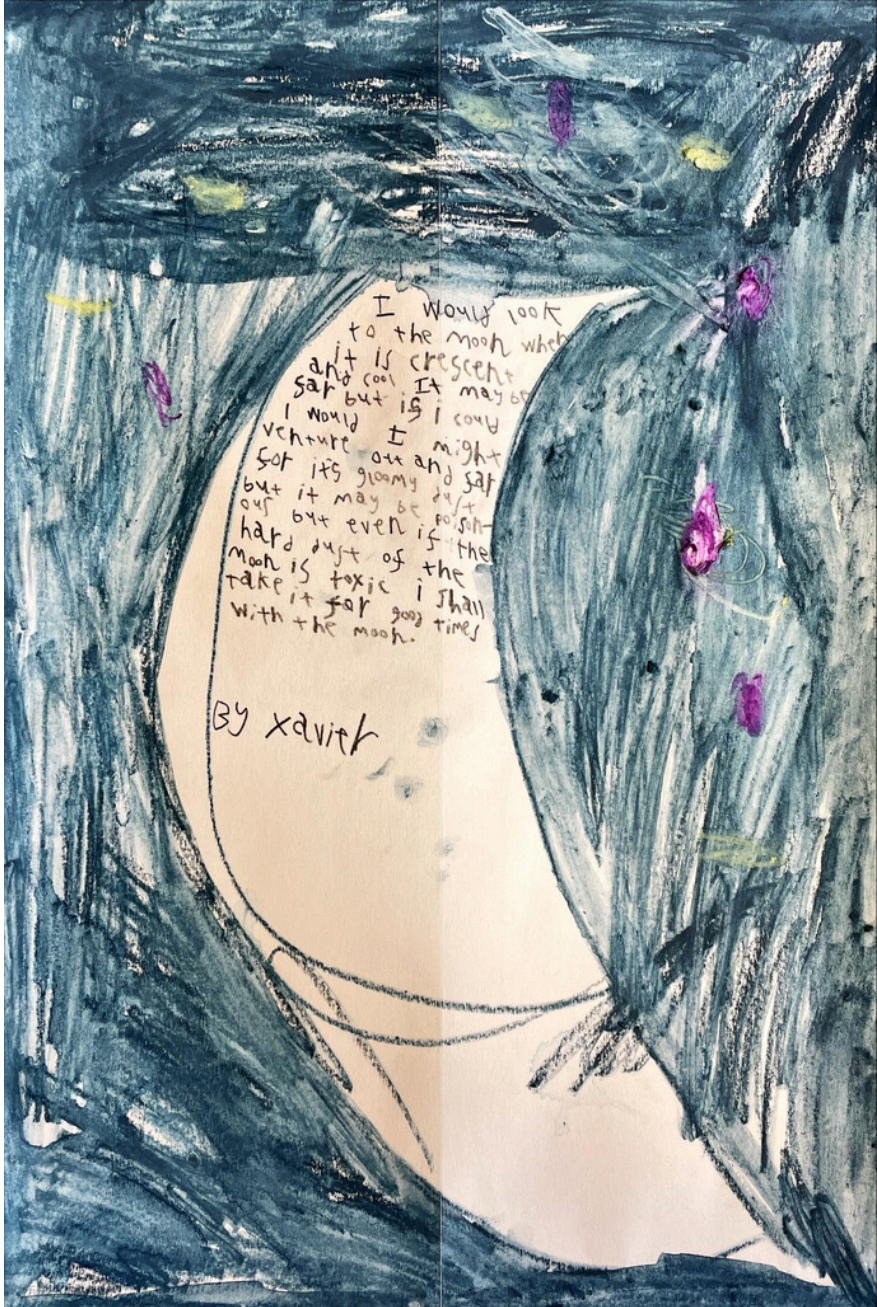
free

Sadness in her
eyes as no one survives
guns are firing live
are flying but we need
to realize that palestine
deserves life

Sister palestine

by: Victoria
age: 11
P6

Palestine



I would look
to the moon which
and is crescent
and cool. It may be
far but is i could
venture to might
for its gloomy and far
but it may be dust
out but even if the
hard dust of the
moon is toxic i shall
take it far 1000 times
with the moon.

By xavith

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Wow! What a powerful collection of poems and illustrations by young people in Edinburgh, inspired by the poetry of the young people of Gaza.

Your words jump out at the reader from the vibrant colours of your artworks. My favourite line: 'I can see the sadness of the silent strangers around me'.

Thank you all for writing these words and helping us all to feel a little less like strangers and a little more connected to the world and to each other.

Nick Bilbrough

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