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For the noble of heart

This is for the noble of heart This is for the dreamers of dreams For everyone who understands how true love feels.

Brother nor sister

Never had a brother nor a sister and to be honest I never really missed it I joined families, declared new brotherhood lost loved ones, felt understood I've had my share of ups and downs lost the shame to talk about what makes me tick, what makes me shout Nothing to hide for fellow man we're all the same, we all began in mother's womb in unborn state till that day came we passed the gate The light of life shone on our face our little hearts were filled with grace.

Tutu

Yesterday I put on the TV and Desmond Tutu told me there is hope for us all though it may seem very small it will find its way through hardships and war there will be a day we can no longer ignore that we are all the same and have nothing but ourselves to blame for situations we create a solution is never late he said God has given us the right to choose and to decide to live the way we please though there is death and disease I hope to see the day we will all see the light I'm not talking 'bout death no heaven on my mind it's more like hippie love that of the quiet kind but when I switch the channel and get back in the mess of everyday life I do have to confess that there's too little beauty in this world to be seen but with people like Tutu life can become a dream and if dreamers will unite what if they really might? just imagine what they'd do or are you a cynic too?

Refugee

The fact that your parents grew up on this land Does not make it yours The fact that your ancestors fought for this land Does not make it yours Whether they suffered or they conquered Whether violent or peaceful We are all immigrants in this country We are all natives in this world With our own culture Our own traditions Our own families And our own wishes Sure, there are laws to obey Order should be or chaos will reign I won't ask you to give your property I won't ask you to give anything All I ask is for you to realize You were one of the lucky ones 'Cause where you live Can you sit in your house And go where you please? Can you speak your mind Without fearing the police? Where you live, are there bombs on hospitals? Is your government killing its citizens? If the answer is no You are one of the lucky ones Are you willing to see The world through different eyes And simply sympathize with everyone? Not just with that foreigner married to family Or that foreigner friend that you have But with everyone on the run For no one should be a refugee.