

We Can Be People of Peace

James Medary Cooper (1999)

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We can be the shepherds of hope and trust; we can be builders of bridges;
we can be people of peace; we can be people of peace.*

We can oppose violence with justice, without more violence and angry retribution;
We can have the courage to change our lives, and be more willing to share the earth more fairly;
we can be people of peace.

We can show respect for our enemies and not forget they are human souls like we are;
and we can choose words to shed light and truth, and not to try to make treachery seem normal;
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We can be a nation that listens; we can be known for seeking understanding;
we can seek to find why one hates us, and show we're willing to undo any wrong we've done;
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We can stand for peace of the nations, but also we must seek peace in everyday life,
and can send a message to all the world by seeking first to find peace within our own hearts;
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