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# What Is Peace?

Mama, what is peace? I asked When we suffered World War II; Mama, why do we have to wear a star? My child, because you are a Jew.

Mama, will there again be a time When angry men will smile? I hope, my child, it will be soon; Be strong, hold on and trust awhile.

Trust in what and what is trust?
Trust in hope, my child, that is a must;
Hope in your Maker up above,
The only hope, abundant love.

The only way that there is peace,
When bombs and cruel men will cease
And groceries will fill the shelves,
When one can work and again believe in self.

When people without fear can go to the house of God; When cities will be rebuilt on every street and corner lot; When people learn again to smile and call each other sister, brother; When friends don't betray one's trust but reason with each other.

When hope is stirred to find a way And love is found in every heart, When parents raise children to obey And races are not kept apart.

And encouragement to help will be expressed, When all mankind can claim and seek togetherness; When all of us pray and praise our God upon our knees, Then, my child, and only then, will we experience peace.

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