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In times gone by, man killed other people

Simply because they were different.

In times gone by, man bought and sold others

Because it was profitable.

In times gone by, man discriminated against others

On the basis of their race, religion or sex.

In times gone by, man beat his children

Because they didn`t listen.

In times gone by, man fought wars

That killed innocent men, women and children.

In times gone by, man believed might was right

And power was all-important.

But . . .

In my time, man learned all people are equal

Even when they are different.

In my time, man learned that it is wrong

To exploit another human being.

In my time, man learned all people have rights

And are entitled to the same opportunities.

In my time, man learned that there are

Better ways to discipline children.

In my time, man learned to stop fighting wars

And to cooperate and work out differences.

In my time, man learned the true meaning of love

And strove to make this Earth a better place.

I only wish. . . .