

**Katrina**  
*Res Ipse Sequitor*

Babies dying, people crying,  
Where is the help?

No water, no food, no insulin  
Where is the help?

Rivers flooding, homes collapsing,  
Where is the help?

Newspaper specials everywhere,  
Where is the help?

Lots of noise, signifying nothing,  
Where is the help?

Bodies flowing into the streets,  
No food for days,  
Where is the help?

Living people dying,  
Where is the help?

Will help always be a day away?  
Help delayed is help denied.

*Res ipse sequitor.*  
The whole world is watching.

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## ***Pax Terrae***

The earth will embrace peace,  
When Christians practice Christianity,  
When the Communists practice true Communism,  
When the Jews practice Judaism,  
When the Muslims practice their faith.

The earth will embrace peace  
When the believers in democracy  
Practice their beliefs instead of preaching them,  
When human beings practice their  
Faith rather than preaching it.

Then all the streams will flow into one river;  
Hindus will embrace Muslims;  
Muslims will embrace Hindus.  
Arabs will embrace Jews;  
Jews will embrace Arabs.

On that day,  
Their faith will bring them together,  
Not apart.

On that day,  
The lions will live with the lambs.  
Rivers will flow upstream;  
Then we shall have peace on earth.

## Thanksgiving

What does Thanksgiving mean for us?

We give thanks to the Africans  
Who survived the middle passage.

We give thanks to the slaves:  
Who survived their masters' rape,  
To the blackmen who survived  
Their masters' beatings.  
To the yellowmen who built your railroads.

We give thanks:  
To the redmen who survived your genocide,  
To the Jews who survived your ovens,  
To Crazyhorse who defended his people,  
To Harriet Tubman who drove her train to freedom.  
To the Colored man who resisted your back doors.

We give thanks:  
To the Colored soldiers who fought for a double victory,  
To the brave peasants in Chiapas,  
Fighting for land, food, and a better way of life,  
For Malcolm X who always spoke the truth.

We give thanks:  
For my mother who scrubbed Ms. Ann's floors,  
For my father who worked and worked,  
For my wife who put up with me for thirty years.  
For my children who are healthy, spiritually and physically,  
For all our friends who will break bread together.

We give thanks  
For all who carry on the fight against greed and racism,  
For those who fight for healthcare for all,  
For all who fight for good good education,  
For those who fight against unjust wars,  
For the day when all wars will be ancient history.

That is what thanksgiving means to us.

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