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Humanity

If all human beings acted humanly

there would be less hate and fighting on this earth

If all of them talked to each other

we might understand many things better

If you didn't care were another comes from

or what faith he follows

you'd offer help seeing it is needed

And here we already think of humanity - just for this little politeness.

And when there tolerance to boot, people can love whom they like

and if someone feels stuck in the wrong body

and changes this accordingly

you shall not sneer but show respect

for this heroic and courageous act.

But if you see violence or right-wing slogans blaring,

don't look away but go get help. Humanity needs even more.

Stand up for freedom and for peace

don't draw distinctions between poor and rich

the color of another's skin

another's lover or their friend

Beware who needs your help and offer it

don't let anyone harass a wheelchair user

or leave helpless people in despair

Then you might say of yourself

"I carried a small part of humanity"

humanity is more than needed

so let us speak to each other and build a strong chain

with all those who want to live in peace

if poor or rich, disabled or in the wrong body,

if black or white, or any color,

no matter what language someone speaks

important is only the human warmth with which we surround each other to stand for rights, equality, freedom and peace

For with humanity that is both commanded and lived we can change so much more

Open wide the doors to your hearts

let warmth flow where the "other" feels a cold wind then you, too, shall feel what humanity feels like.

Dear guests and comrades, let us now commemorate the murdered comrades in a minute's silence.