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## Declaration of Faith

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I shall not believe  
in the law of the jungle  
in the language of weapons  
in the power of the mighty  
but believe  
in human rights  
in open hands  
in the force of non-violence.  
I refuse to believe  
that I am not involved  
in distant events  
but believe  
that the world is my home.

I shall not believe  
that I can fight oppression far away  
while allowing injustice here  
but believe

that justice is one here and there  
that I am not free  
as long as one human being is kept in bonds.

I shall not believe  
that hunger and war are inevitable  
and peace beyond the horizon  
but believe  
in the small deed  
in seemingly powerless love  
in peace on earth.

Translated from the Dutch by Yvonne Haarsma

