

Dedication of Manchester Peace Park

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AN ACT OF DEDICATION

In this place
may trees and flowers bloom
and peace and tranquillity reign in every heart.
In this place
may children play and laughter fill the air.
In this place
may there be safety, security and hope.
May the cries and anguish
of past years be stilled.
May the cruel noise of battle
be silenced
and the painful, poisoned memories of the past
be purified and removed.
May our desire be fulfilled
for this park to be
an oasis of joy.
Here may beauty displace ugliness.
May curses be transformed into blessings.
May it be a park of dreams
a place of dancing
a place of rest
a place of recreation.
We commit this space
to be a sign of hope to all,
where all can come together as friends.
We dedicate this park
to all who yearn for peace
in every land
to all who yearn for an end
to hating and hurting,
brokenness and violence.
We dedicate this park
to all with a vision of a world
without sorrow and suffering
without hurting and hopelessness.
May there be an explosion of joy
and human happiness in this place.
May we walk together hand in hand
knowing our great value
and celebrating our common humanity.

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