

## The Sound of Peace

In the vast array of sounds that fill our world—from a bird's melody to a river's splash, there is a special sound we often overlook, like the sound of laughter around us. If I had to choose one sound that truly embodies peace, it would be a child's laughter. Simple yet powerful, this sound captures the essence of peace perfectly. It's a reminder that sometimes, the most peaceful moments come from the simplest things.

It pains me to think that in the world we live in today, children have to grow up so quickly. They have to take the burden of caring for those around them and become an adult so suddenly they do not get to enjoy their childhood. We live in a world where laughing has become a luxury for some children, and this is a world with no peace. Children should never be forced to bear the weight of the world on their young shoulders, to navigate the complexities of life that rob them of their right to be children.

Some would think the sound of peace is silence. The serenity and calmness of silence is thought of as the epitome of peace, however, it is quite the opposite. Staying silent in the face of cruelty, corruption, and genocide is the opposite of peace. Peace can only be achieved by speaking up and not staying silent. We need to speak up so that all the kids around the world get to live their childhoods fully.

A mother should cry from the joy of having her children in her arms, not because she carries the dead body of her child away from the remains of a building that once used to be their home. She should weep only for moments of joy, for milestones celebrated, and for achievements acknowledged, not from the unbearable pain of loss. Her tears should be those of happiness when witnessing her child's first steps, first words, and the many firsts that mark the journey of growth.

A child is the purest form of society and must be protected and cherished. They should be able to grow up in a loving home with their parents. Today, all around the world kids have to become 'adults' for their livelihood. The laughter of a child is not just a sound. It is a testament to a life unburdened by the shadows of despair, a life where the innocence of youth is protected, not stolen by the harsh realities of adulthood before its time. It is an unbearable injustice when the laughter of a child is cut off by the necessity of maturity long before they're ready.

The sound of peace extends beyond the mere absence of conflict; it embodies an environment where the laughter of children fills the air, where their smiles light up the world, unshadowed by grief or fear. This sound of peace is a symbol of hope, a goal towards which humanity must strive to make sure that every child can live their childhood to the fullest.

In conclusion, the sound of peace is intertwined with the state of our children's lives. To hear the joy of a child's laughter as a common melody of our world is to witness true peace because in the world we live in today laughing has become a luxury for some kids. The sound of peace is a reminder of what we are fighting for – a world where every child's laughter is a testament to a society that values, protects, and nurtures kids no matter where they're from or who they are. The true essence of peace lies in the simplicity and purity of everyday moments, like the heartfelt laughter of a child.