

MESSAGES OF PEACE

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AND TO PONDER...

Peace: noun. 1. A state of tranquility or quiet, such as a: freedom from civil disturbance; b.: a state of security of order within a community provided for by law or custom; 2. Freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions; 3. Harmony in personal relations; 4. a: A state of period of mutual concord between governments, b: a pact or agreement to end hostilities ...

Forgive: verb. 1. To grant pardon for or remission of (an offense, debt, etc.), absolve; 2. To give up all claim on account of; remit (a debt, obligation, etc.); 3. To grant pardon to (a person); 4. To cease to feel resentment against; 5. To cancel an indebtedness or liability of.

"He drew a circle that shut me out – Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that pulled him in!" - From **Outwitted**, by Edwin Markham

This is Just to Say - By William Carlos Williams

I have eaten
the plums
that were in
the ice box.

and which
you were probably
saving
for breakfast

Forgive me
they were delicious
so sweet
and so cold

"...In the evening Alice sat on her grandfather's knee and listened to his stories of faraway places. When he had finished Alice would say, "When I grow up, I too will go to faraway places, and when I grow old, I too will live beside the sea." "That is all very well, little Alice," said her grandfather, "but there is a third thing you must do." "What is that?" asked Alice. "You must do something to make the world more beautiful," said her grandfather..." From **Miss Rumphius**, by Barbara Cooney.