

Stop the Violence in This World

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Have you ever, throughout your life, had a time
When you were getting ready to go dream,
Blocking out the world and all of its crime
In the midst of night, out of random, heard a scream?

Did you or did you not get out?
Did you or did you not run to the phone?
Did you or did you not open your window and shout?
Did you or did you not get a shiver down your bone?

In all honesty, out of truth, who does?
In this city, all we do is ignore malicious schemes
We ignore their merciful pleas be'cuzz
All we hear on the streets are playful screams
And because of that, in our dreams
We think they were just playing, why intervene?
Why interrupt a few kid's joyful scene?
Picture a kid with another kid in a choke
What if, what if it isn't a joke?
Or, when a person is choking
you don't want to end up provoking
And what if, that too, wasn't joking?

Once, a woman parked her car at the end of her street
It was past midnight, no one was there except for some malicious thief
He jumped out of the dark and stabbed her a few time
Did anyone respond to such a crime?

She screamed and yelled like a siren as she bled out
And one man even decided to give a shout
"Hey, SHUT UP!" I think was his word
This was probably the last words she heard

Because the killer drove back, stabbed her again
By now the blood was running out in her vein
And not only that but he raped her
When he was done, he made sure
That she was dead
She was red like a rose from toe to head

Then someone decides to call
Which just so happens, was just right after her fall
The Police come, and they find her all covered in red
It doesn't matter now, she's dead

To a total count, there were 38 men and women
Who had a chance to call even when
She screamed the first time
But at that time, no one even decided to give a mind

This was a true story, all of it true
This could happen, to anyone, any-who
And wouldn't you wish that one person could call 911 for you?
Let's change this world, be that person for someone else, get out
Look out your window and if you must, give a shout
And most importantly call 911.
So you can save someone.