

A Revelation for Today

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1

The thought that love is lovely,
Helps not the cause of peace.
What lies in peace gets rusty,
For truth we look beneath.
Love must be polished daily;
Made active, offered gaily.
This we reveal today!

2

A living love will never
Lie waiting at the door.
Love must appear much braver.
To lag behind is poor!
Face life in all its fury
Don't flinch when there's a jury
Choose love that knows what's right.

3

To make a chain unbroken
Add link to link to link.
Take care what words are spoken
They spell out what we think.
So, fashion chains of daisies,
To crown what ever one chases
Each day renewed and dear.

4

Such crowns in daily measure
Linked day, to day, to day,
Create a wealth of treasure
Grown stronger come what may.
The more the love is given
The less it can be riven
And longer lives the peace.

5

Some say that love is lovely
And some say love is blind.
They've taken love too lightly.
They see not what's to find.
True love can see the problems
In spite of many goblins
And brings their love to light.

6

Throughout the ages earthly
The people long for peace
They think with a partner surely
That peace will never cease
But, love is linked much further,
Around the world, I gather,
Go out into the sun.

7

The sunlight shines around us
Revolves to field and cove;
It reaches those in Lagos;
Wherever one may rove.
The truth is peace and freedom
Depend upon a kingdom
With love a link between.

8

So, wrest the peace from hiding
And bring it into life
Embrace the power of loving
To solve the storms and strife.
Instead of staying silent
Choose love to light the advent
Of days with freedom's peace.

9

There are two kinds of lighting
From sun and from the storm
The storm sends bolts of lightning
And even sun can burn
So, choose what you require
The harmful ones retire.
Let love lead strife to life.