

NO TALKING!

By Ada Aharoni

The politicians decided
No talking with the enemy
Beat them because they attack us
Shed their blood and that of their leaders
But most of all -

NO TALKING!

In the meantime, in Israel
And in the heart of Gaza
Blood flows and legs are blown away
And little eight-year-old Twito from Sderot
And eight-year-old Mohamed from Gaza
Will not play football anymore
But -

NO TALKING!

How can we convince violent leaders
To talk and not to shoot?
I watch from the side
At the tragic hen and egg situation
And weep together with all the
Innocent people from both sides,
But still, first and foremost –

NO TALKING!

Eve's Defence

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You didn't have to accept
That shiny juicy apple
Did you Adam dear?

Please remove those
Musty fig leaves
From your memory and ears
And remember Adam dear,
You were created
From mere earth,
Whereas I was sculpted
From a much finer substance
Finer than ivory
Finer than gold.

In the rush of your
Heart's blood
In the throbbing of your temples
Remember Adam dear -
I was created
From pure human bone

Your strong rib-bone
Became me - Eve
Mother of Life.

Always remember
Dearest Adam
Free, independent Eve
Is - You.

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

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When you were here dear Haim,
One bright golden day I asked you
“What Is Happiness?”
You promptly responded
With a bright twinkle in your eye
“Happiness is being married to your best friend”
I laughed and hugged you my best friend.

Now that you have passed away my love
And we will not talk and laugh together anymore
I miss your kisses and warm hugs
I miss your caressing, gentle calm
with which you appeased all storms,
I admire your spirit that fights my sorrow
that sings “Be Happy” in spite of all –
for this is my legacy.

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