A DOVE

A dove, trapped within bars of war
Who will let it out; let it soar?
   You? Me?
   Who will set peace free?
The world aches for brighter skies
   With wings of love, we can fly

Sara Naylor, Grade 6
Advent Episcopal School
Birmingham, Alabama, USA

Dear MLK JR.

Montgomery Bus Boycott to March on Washington
Little by little, you changed our perception
Kindness renewed our history
Journey led to victory
Reverend, we salute you in admiration

Abigail Mekonnen, Grade 3
Atlanta International School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

FOLLOW THE LEGACY

Dr King fought for everyone
   who didn’t have a voice.
We as people also have that choice.
Don’t be scared to fight for what’s right.
   Let’s create a world
   that does not live in fright.

Mira Patel-Smyth, Grade 4
Atlanta International School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

USE YOUR DREAM

Use your Dream
Like Martin Luther King
You can help people your own way
You can show them the way
They’ll follow your footsteps
They’ll remember your words
Use your dream
Like Martin Luther King

Kaydon Jones, Grade 4
Alps Road Elementary School
Athens, Georgia, USA

A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN

Your words are an inspiration
   Your actions are peace
Your effort inspired others
   You treated people like family
Because of you, laws changed
Your actions and words spoke loud in others
Because of you, we are now free

Ma’Kari Wright, Grade 4
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Athens, Georgia, USA

GROWING WITH HATE

Fertilized with hate, there is no debate
Shameful, you don’t even know me
   But society has helped to grow me
In the face of hate, I choose my own fate
   Love, peace, and faith

Emily Gonzalez, Grade 5
Hope-Hill Elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
WE CAN TOGETHER MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Don't be afraid of the stormy nights,
Be like an eagle and soar high.
To shelter the disappearing peace,
Wake up! with a hope to change.
Alone I can't plant a sampling of peace,
And fight against violence and fear,
You and I make a perfect 'we'
To Bring a Difference

Srishti Kala, Class XI
Him Jyoti School
Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India

A DREAM

Once I dreamt of a world
Of strangers walking together,
Hand in hand.
Imagine how that world would look like!
Peace is not about doing big things,
But in little acts of kindness.
Wiping tears and spreading smiles,
As envisioned by the King.

Rupmaya Chettri, Class IX
Him Jyoti School
Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India

TO PEACE

You haunt my dreams
The world is surrounded by you
Your loving smile comforts millions
The messenger dove flies
Your gentle attitude makes nations prosper
"Peace, where are you?"
"My dear child, I am in your heart."

Qu Rui, Grade 10
Jinan Xinhang Experimental
Foreign Language School
Jinan City, Shandong Province, China

WE REMEMBER A KING!

We remember MLK and honor him on this special day.
He had a dream that we stand, united together in this land.
We strive to find a way, to live as friends in peace today

Desi Holloway, Grade 3
M. A. Jones Elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

A SEED OF PEACE

Peace is like a seed
That has been planted
In the garden of love
When it grows
It will spread joy and happiness
Throughout the world

June Baliros, Grade 5
Self-Realization Fellowship Sunday School
Pacific Palisades, California, USA

PEACE

Peace, a way for Darkness to turn to Light.
Peace, like a soft voice calming you down
or a horse galloping in a grassy field.
Peace, a warming hug filled with love.
Peace can be reached inside the darkness of one.
Thank you, peace

Avani Hawkins, Grade 5
Redan Elementary School
Lithonia, Georgia, USA
**A LETTER TO MY VOICE**

Dear Voice,

Say something worth remembering,

Cure the children who are trembling,

Bring peace; Make the hate cease.

Change the world. Let them know

That they might have killed the dreamer,

But they never killed the dream.

Samantha Fuentes-Horta, Grade 8

Riverdale Middle School

Riverdale, Georgia, USA

**STILL WE FIGHT**

Still we fight!

Coretta, Coretta you fought for what’s right.

Hoping and striving to make the days bright.

You suffered a loss but continued the fight

For change and equality.

Still we fight!

Samiyah Taylor, Kindergarten

D.L. Sims Elementary School

Conyers, Georgia, USA

**I DREAM, TOO**

Dreams of a land for all play in my head

Racism gone, there is peace instead

Everyone together, hand in hand

Away to peace in this land

Marching on, to our destination

Adja Samb, Grade 8

Riverdale Middle School

Riverdale, Georgia, USA

**HE WALKED**

Martin Luther King walked for us

Without using violence or hatred

He unites us as people of God

He showed what it meant to truly love

By walking for us he changed the world

He walked so that we could run

Imani Crowder, Grade 5

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School

Decatur, Georgia, USA

**THE BEST OF ME**

What would Dr. King see, if he saw me?

Would he see I’m kind, and not mean?

Or would he see the size of me?

Would he see my heart is warm?

Or would he think I mean him harm?

My differences, would he accept?

Or would he see threats

I have a dream, a dream I believe,

That when YOU see ME

You see the BEST of me.

Kareem Cobb, Grade 5

D.L. Sims Elementary School

Conyers, Georgia, USA

**JOINING HANDS**

Let’s join together,

A different color for a different rose

As wonderful fragrances dispel in the air

We join our hands to unite as one

Though our colors may be different

In the end, we’re all the same flower

With different names as petals.

Jaseng Nhkum, Grade 6

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ROSES OF PEACE

Roses
With tender hands we plant our seeds And with serene hearts, We reap our roses of peace. Roses.

Autumn K. Simonds, Grade 11
Georgia Cyber Academy
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

THE MESSAGE ABOUT FORGIVENESS

When you forgive you learn how to... Love; Care for others Respect one another; Teach one another Learn from your mistakes Be helpful...And be supportive When you forgive someone, You are also being forgiven

Jaila Tisdale, Grade 8
Hamilton Elementary School
Stockton, California, USA

PEACE!

Peace
I say please have PEACE! Fathers, uncles, cousins, brothers Aunts, grandparents, children and mothers! People please realize Peace is where the solution lies Now I say please, please Have some PEACE!!!!

Marshall Longshore, Grade 6
Georgia Cyber Academy
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

I WILL

I will bring peace I will not bring violence I will not hate; I will love Love always wins This is what Martin Luther King Jr. said He helped change the world And so can I

Azariah Jenkins, Grade 4
Pointe South Elementary School
Riverdale, Georgia, USA

I AM POSSIBLE

I have a dream To have the world beam At a young black woman Who’ll change the lives of all humans And this is possible Because Dr. King thought it possible That all people of any skin hue Could change the world for me and for you

Adedayo E. Adeleke, Grade 5
Lillie E. Suder Elementary School
Jonesboro, Georgia, USA

WHAT IS PEACE?

Peace is not an action. Peace is not anger. Peace is a great feeling, Because Peace gives everybody A feeling to be loved. Peace gives kindness And because you have Peace, You will always achieve.

Kevin King, Grade 5
Susie B. Atkinson Elementary School
Griffin, Georgia, USA
THE STATE OF BEING AT PEACE

Composure, Stillness, Serenity, Placidity, Motionless, Imperturbable, Tranquil, Sedateness.
These are all words that portray you as being even-tempered or being at peace.
Find yourself, know yourself, love yourself, and you shall find your peace.
Peace is you!

Nia Morgan, Grade 8
The Blackstone Academy
College Park, Georgia, USA

A LETTER TO MOTHER CORETTA KING

Good morning:
While I was trembling in fear last night, you put your hand on my heart to make it all go away. I woke up to find you a tear in a refugee’s eye and a smile on a child’s face. Thank you for your enlightenment, for the misery of the world is gone.

Nghm Sami Al-Yaziji, Grade 9
Beach Prep Girls School B, UNRWA
(A United Nations Relief & Works Agency School)
Gaza, State of Palestine

NEW MOON: MARTIN KING

He’s a person who lightened the night of the persecuted to let them be hopeful that there is a way to gain freedom and practice their human rights.
They just look at the sky whenever they get suppressed.

Lian Ahmed Al-Maghari, Grade 7
Nuseirat Prep Girls School A, UNRWA
(A United Nations Relief & Works Agency School)
Gaza, State of Palestine

THE GAME CHANGER

A civil rights leader never was a cheater.
Never was a liar, helped stop the fire.
He helped the losing team,
By standing up and saying, “I have a dream.”
When everyone was discouraged, He helped encourage.
We look at his grave and say, “You helped change the game.”

Anya Lilly, Grade 4
Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School
Washington, D.C., USA

PEACE

If you are peaceful you are calm Peace is sharing; Peace is love Peace is mindfulness Peace is inside of you and me Peace is learning to love yourself That is the greatest love of all And to never walk in anyone’s shadow If you have peace you have love

Alayah Garner, Grade 4
Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School

THE GOOD DEED EVERYONE SHOULD DO

Martin Luther King, the King of kindness The deeds he has done should be done every day The words he has spoken should be spoken every day His dreams of peace we should dream every day This generation will be the new Kings and Queens of kindness

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