

“THE HOPE OF A DREAM COME TRUE”

Isaiah, the prophet, foretold the coming of the Messiah and held the vision of a hope and dream of a world of love and harmony. The prophecy of the coming of a Messiah was fulfilled. Jesus of Nazareth was born. *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6)

Yet, the hope and the dream of a world of love and harmony has yet to be fulfilled. Is it possible? Will it ever come true? What would a world of love and harmony be like? Is it possible for the human race to live without war? Is it possible for the human race to live joyously and harmoniously? Some of us do. But can the whole human race do this? It is a hope and a dream. A hope and a dream that can come true.....”*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me*” are the beckoning words of the Peace Song. Love, Peace, and Harmony begins within the heart of each of us. We ask of God to fulfill our hopes and dreams: A new home. A new car. A loving relationship. A job. Health. Freedom. But, are we, the people, willing to fulfill the hope and dream of a world of love and harmony?

YOU are the hope and the dream come true. It begins with YOU. Love your neighbor. Love yourself. Find a new way to be in harmony with your brothers and sisters of the world. Pause before you speak in anger and spew out words that bring about regret. Remember how it felt when this was done to you and decide to stop the vicious cycle of hurt and pain. Give instead, a word of compassion and understanding. Instead of intimidation, be creative and resourceful. Instead of malicious interrogation, develop the skills of an advocate, teacher, or counselor. Instead of being aloof and unavailable, let your intuitive resources bring forth wisdom and creativity and healing. Instead of whining and complaining, be a reformer and reach out and share of your gifts to help bring forth the love and harmony that resides within us all. **YOU CAN DO IT!** And one being at a time we can create the “ripple effect” that will bring the hope of a dream of a world of love and harmony to fruition.

SO LET IT BEGIN WITH YOU!