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Thirteen and one half billion years ago,

**Big Bang** – once there was nothing,

And then there was something.

**8:15 AM,** one Monday morning

The sun pokes its light through the clouds.

As a mother feeds her baby,

A grandmother tends her garden.

A little boy plays with his toys.

A little girl plays with her dolls,

A father is just starting work.

Other children are getting ready for school.

The train conductor picks up his schedule.

A farmer delivers his produce to market.

All unaware as how could they ever know it would be their last morning alive?

Everything appears normal until the clock strikes:

**8:16 AM**, that Monday morning

***“Enola Gay”*** and ***“Little Boy”*** are forever linked by changing their lives and our world!

**Big Bang** – Once there was something,

And then there was nothing.

Seventy-three years later, we mourn as we commemorate.

The lives that they never lived,

The children that never grew up,

The families that were vaporized in a flash,

An earth-shattering display of light and power, such as the world has never seen before.

Gone! A chemical experiment gone awry.

Back to the basic chemical elements that they were made from!

Lives wasted in an instant of time!

There was no **8:17 AM** on that Monday morning!

People argue for years, and decades, and give excuses as to why it was justified.

But, there are no good reasons why.

Where in any of our spiritual traditions does it call for the slaughter of innocents?

Where does it say, “Do unto others, *BEFORE* they do unto you?”

Where does it say, “Treat strangers as enemies?”

Where does it say that we are better than anyone else?

Whose side is God on in war?

Don’t we each have a way to God, though we may believe differently?

Can we search in our own hearts for the Peace that eludes us?

You and I,­ have we forgotten what our Holy Books have said about "doing unto others?"

Aren't the teachings of all of our faiths similar?

The way for Peace is not hard in theory, only in practice.

For any thoughts, actions and deeds against another:

Why is it so hard to say, I forgive you?

Will you forgive me?

Can I forgive myself?

Only then, will God forgive.

**Big Bang** – Once there was nothing,

And now We can make something.

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