

Even Now

by Ralph Marston

There is serious conflict and trouble in the world today
Yet as serious as that trouble is,
it cannot reach all the way into your heart
The part of you that loves and desires peace
Is at peace even now
Even now, when there is so much violence and turmoil
Even now, when there is so much uncertainty
Even now, there is far more love than hatred
And there always will be
For hatred quickly consumes itself
While love just keeps on going and growing stronger in your heart
Even now
It is wise to be concerned
Yet keep this in mind
Your very concern is proof itself that love abounds
That peace is real and present
Even now
Let that peace live in you
And be expressed through you
Even now
Especially now
Not through anger or blame or retribution
But through love, compassion, and the strength to make a positive difference.
See yourself as moving the world positively forward
And you will
With your thoughts, with your actions, with your love
You feel the urgent need to do something
And indeed you can, even now
Give your love and understanding
Even now, even to those with whom you disagree
Although you have differences with others
There is much, much more that you have in common
Although there are plenty of excuses for hatred
There are many more reasons for love
Even now
Especially now
The need for love and the opportunity for peace
have never been greater than they are
Even now
For the more we see of the darker side of life,
the more we truly and sincerely
desire to live in the light,
and the more we appreciate the immense
and unfathomable love
that we've been given,
and that we are free to give
Even now