

The firing of the heart

There's a flame that burns with shining zeal and patriotic pride
when the love of your own country means contempt for those outside.
It's a flame we'll have no part in, we will follow it no more,
choose the warmth of our humanity and not the heat of war.

And the flame that we would pass along to our daughters and our sons
is the firing of the heart against the firing of the guns.

There's a flame that warms the human heart when words of peace are said,
when we turn our backs on killing and we work for life instead.
We will raise a strong united voice that the world cannot ignore,
spread the warmth of our humanity and not the heat of war.

And the flame that we would pass along to our daughters and our sons
is the firing of the heart against the firing of the guns.

We refuse to hate each other: we'll not believe the lies
when our leaders tell us bloodshed is a noble enterprise.
Though each one alone feels powerless, yet each one can play a part,
building peace with love and courage by the firing of the heart.

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