

The Children of the World Have Names

Tune: no melody, spoken; 1.5 min.

Verse: Adapted by Audrey Robert and Linda Conte of The Raging Grannies ... and Their Friends of Westchester County NY, from the poem by David Krieger

ALL VOICES: The children of the world have names.
 The children of the earth have names.
 They must not be collateral damage.
 The children in a war have names.

ONE VOICE, ALTERNATING EACH LINE:

The children of Syria have beautiful faces. They are not the faceless ones.
The children of the Sudan have hearts that pound, when they run and dance and play
The children of Iraq have many dreams. They are not the dreamless ones
The children of Somalia have twinkling eyes. They are quick and lively with their laughter.

ALL VOICES: The children of the world have names.
 The children of the earth have names.
 They must not be collateral damage
 The children in wars have names

ONE VOICE, ALTERNATING EACH LINE:

The children of Nigeria have hopes and fears. They want to grow and live and love.
The children of Thailand have smiles and tears. Just like you and me.

ALL VOICES: The children of the world have names. (families)

ONE VOICE, ALTERNATING EACH LINE:

Call me Aabid
Call me Mohamed
Call me Sabina
Call me Marwa
Call me Fatima

ALL VOICES: Call us by our names
 But never call us statistics of war.
 The mothers of the world have names
 The fathers of the earth have names
 They must not be collateral damage
 The families in a war have names
 Call them by their names
 But never call them statistics of war.