

# You too can make a

Dear Dayspring,

I am an 11 year old girl living in Northern Ireland. I think the problems in Ireland are terrible. I have written this poem for other people. I'm sure if you print it other people will be interested in it. Please print it. And people will understand what I feel. Thank you! Love from Granuaile Cecil.

Got to find an answer

I know that something's wrong,  
And I know that people are fighting.  
People are killing and destroying other lives.  
But why can't they find a solution to something so  
important?

I tell you what I say:  
"Agree to something right, don't fight!  
Work together, find an answer!"  
But nothing I can say will make any difference.  
We live on this world together,  
We live all together on just 'one world',  
Why can't we all get on together?

By Granuaile Cecil



# Difference!

Dear Granuaile,

It is very difficult for us to understand why there are such problems in Northern Ireland, as well as in other troubled places of the world. It is hard to see innocent people suffering. The Universal House of Justice tells us that although such terrible things are happening, there is a great plan for mankind, which will eventually lead to the unity of the whole human race.

While God's great plan for humanity is leading the world towards peace, there is a smaller plan which is just for the Bahá'ís. While all the troubles are going on, the Bahá'ís must try to teach people about Bahá'u'lláh. This is the most effective thing that anyone in the world can do. And this is something that children can do very well indeed - for other children and for adults. This is what will change hearts and bring peace in Ireland as well as the rest of the world. It will take time, but every one of us can do this and make a real difference.

You are not quite right in saying that 'nothing I can say will make any difference'. I'm sure you *are* already making a big difference, although you are not aware of it, by thinking these thoughts and saying prayers. I think your poem is super! Keep trying as hard as you can to do these things. Well done!

With love, Maggie.

P.S. Look at what 'Abdu'l-Bahá said in the 'Secret of Divine Civilisation':

**".....there are times when war becomes the powerful basis of peace, and ruin the very means of reconstruction."**

**"When a thought of war comes, oppose it with a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love...If you desire with all your heart, friendship with every race on earth, your thought, spiritual and positive will spread; it will become the desire of others, growing stronger and stronger, until it reaches the minds of all men."**

**'Abdu'l-Bahá**