

The Baha'is of Dumfries held a poetry competition on "Peace". This beautiful poem was written by a girl in the 11-14 age group.

## INDIVIDUALS UNITED

by Maureen Catherine McIver

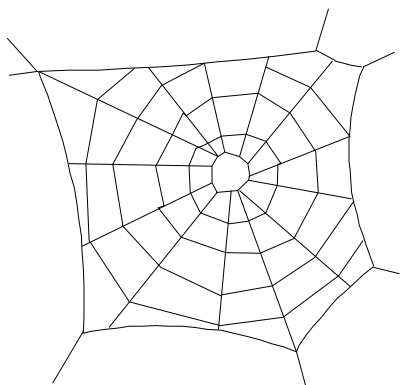
Imagine the world were like a rose,  
 And the people were the petals,  
 Each individually pleasant  
 Yet together, in unity,  
 Folding together perfectly  
 To produce the rose.  
 That would be peace.

Or if the world were like a rainbow  
 And the people were the droplets,  
 Each shining in its own right,  
 Coming together with joy,  
 Glittering like the sun on the sea,  
 An awesome arc of colour,  
 A perfect panorama.  
 That would be peace.

And if the world were the night sky  
 And the people were the stars,  
 Yes, beautiful on their own  
 But together, in harmony,  
 Forming their patterns  
 In the velvety darkness  
 To create a clear night's magic.  
 That would be peace.

But roses wither and die,  
 The rainbow fades away,  
 And the stormy clouds of war  
 Too often block the light,  
 For there is too much fighting  
 And we all need to love.  
 So get together, all in peace,  
 Individuals in unity.

The poems on this page were among those written by children aged between 7 and 10 years old.



### A SCENE OF PEACE

by Alex Rae

Walking up to school,  
Early in the morning,  
I see a lot of webs  
Hanging from the hedges,  
See the silver threads  
Spun by the cunning spider,  
Hanging like diamonds  
from a robe.

### PEACE

by Rachel Sinclair



Peace is quiet people.  
Peace is working in school.  
Peace is playing with dolls  
at home.  
Peace is being with my friend  
Sandra.  
Sometimes peace is being on  
my own.

