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Long ago before our time,
Before our planets had aligned,
One in each other, we shared the same race.
Love and peace we had it all,
Before politics and the Berlin wall,
One in each other, we shared the same race.
In America or the Middle East,
We still mourn the deaths of our deceased,
One in each other, we share the same race.

But a little child hides away in Africa,
Hoping to learn to read before he dies.
The cost to save his life would not have robbed us,
But importance is not his life in our eyes

Into the shadows fades away the answer,
To the end of war, or the elusive cure for cancer.
A child's life lost at whose expense,
Aside from his mere innocence,
He wanted one thing, he wanted not to die.
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