

STOP THE TERROR

Skulking in the shadows and whispering in the night
Extremist voices rise, all convinced that they are right
“We fight for all the victims” is their common rallying cry
“our innocents who’ve suffered and so many who’ve died”

It all sounds so convincing that some justice must be done
That here’s a fight worth fighting, and a fight that must be won.
Young men who know no better are so easily deployed
From those with little future living lives of little joy

Aggrieved at feeling helpless in the broader scheme of things,
Attracted by the glory that they think this struggle brings,
Hardened by the movies and by some computer games
They’re ready to be heroes and achieve a little fame.

So, as champions for those they feel so unjustly died,
They target other innocents - just on the other side
They take a gun or bomb into a busy public place
And commit another travesty to publicise their case

Forgetting all the rhetoric to face the simple facts
Killing unarmed innocents is such a cowardly act
Whatever made them headstrong and join in with this fight
No way can two so very wrongs ever make a right

But another hall of coffins isn’t all they’ll have achieved
Another faction’s grieving and so righteously aggrieved
And well before the families’ tears have all been shed and dried
Angry whispers of revenge rise from that other side

And so the cycle blunders on, each claiming higher cause
Planning cowardly genocide with hardly any pause
As militants from one side spur reaction from the other
And innocents must bear the cost of all that fuss and bother

It’s time for change we must agree and mobilise together
To end these pointless tragedies soon and please for ever
When people talk of Holy cause that should be a clear warning
It’s evil deeds they’re planning and evil thoughts they’re spawning

Report them to authorities before it gets too late
Protect all our communities from the evil at the gate
Help us live in peace and all our innocents survive
Break the code of secrecy that lets this evil thrive



Mucad Ibrahim, aged three, was one of the youngest victims of the terror attack



Brenton Tarrant, gestures as he is lead into the dock for his appearance for murder in the Christchurch District Court on March 16, 2019 credit: getty



Mourners leave flowers near the Al Noor mosque (image: Getty Images)



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Tributes left to the victims at Hagley Park South, down the road from Al Noor mosque where one attack took place. • CNN

United Nations Security Council condemns "heinous and cowardly" terrorist attack

