

They Want Us To Be Afraid

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They want us to be afraid.

They want us to be afraid of leaving our homes.

5 They want us to barricade our doors

and hide our children.

Their aim is to make us fear life itself!

They want us to hate.

They want us to hate *the other*.

10 They want us to practice aggression

and perfect antagonism.

Their aim is to divide us all!

They want us to be inhuman.

They want us to throw out our kindness.

15 They want us to burn our love

and bury our hope.

Their aim is to take all our light!

They think their bricked walls

will separate us.

20 They think their damned bombs

will defeat us.

They are so ignorant they don't understand
that my soul and your soul are old friends.

They are so ignorant they don't understand
5 that when they cut you I bleed.

They are so ignorant they don't understand
that we will never be afraid,
we will never hate,
and we will never be silent.

10 Let life be ours!