

### **For Our World**

**We need to stop.**

**Just stop.**

**Stop for a moment...**

**Before anybody**

**Says or does anything**

**That may hurt anyone else.**

**We need to be silent.**

**Just silent.**

**Silent for a moment...**

**Before we forever lose**

**The blessing of songs**

**That grow in our hearts.**

**We need to notice.**

**Just notice.**

**Notice for a moment...**

**Before the future slips away**

**Into ashes and dust of humility.**

**Stop, be silent, and notice...**

**In so many ways, we are the same.**

**Our differences are unique treasures.**

**We have, we are, a mosaic of gifts**

**To nurture, to offer, to accept.**

**We need to be.**

**Just be.**

**Be for a moment...**

**Kind and gentle, innocent and trusting,**

**Like children and lambs,**

**Never judging or vengeful**

**Like the judging and vengeful.**

**And now, let us pray,**

**Differently, yet together,**

**Before there is no earth, no life,**

**No chance for peace.**

**Mattie J.T. Stepanek ©**

**September 11, 2001**

*Hope Through Heartsongs*

Hyperion, 2002

*Just Peace: A Message of Hope*

Andrews McMeel, 2006

English Original [www.mattieonline.com](http://www.mattieonline.com)

### **Para Sa Ating Daigdig**

**Tumigil, tigil**

**Kahit sa isang sandali**

**Bago umakma o magsalita**

**Ng makakasakit sa kapwa**

**Kailangang tumahimik, tahimik lang**

**Kahit sa isang sandali**

**Bago tuluyang mawala magpakailanman**

**Ang biyaya ng mga awiting**

**Sa ating puso'y sumibol**

**Kailangan mapansin, pansinin lamang**

**Kahit sa isang sandali**

**Bago ang kinabukasan ay tuluyang pumiglas**

**Sa abo at lupa ng pagpapakumbaba.**

**Tumigil, tumahimik at magmasid**

**Sa maraming bagay, tayo ay pareho lang.**

**Ating pagkakaiba ay natatanging yaman**

**Mayroon iba't ibang katangian**

**Pagyamanin, ipamigay, tanggapin**

**Kailangan sa sandaling ito**

**Maging mabuti at maamo,**

**Walang malay at mapagtiwala**

**Katulad ng mga musmos at tupa**

**Hindi nagagalit o' humuhusga**

**Kagaya ng mga dilang sanga-sanga**

**At ngayon lahat ay manalangin**

**Kahit iba't iba, subali't magkakasama**

**Kung walang mundo, walang buhay**

**Walang pagkakataon ang kapayapaan.**

**Mattie J.T. Stepanek**

**September 11, 2001**

© Matthew Joseph Thaddeus Stepanek

*Hope Through Heartsongs*

Hyperion, 2002

*Just Peace: A Message of Hope*

Andrews McMeel, 2006

Tagalog (Philippines) Translation contributed by Florecita Flores  
An EWTN "The World Over" viewer from Waxhaw, NC  
[www.mattieonline.com](http://www.mattieonline.com)