

## **GROWING IN HARMONY**

*to all those involved in organising and taking part in  
the student conference Growing in Harmony, Sydney 2000*

We, you and I  
may be born at different hours  
on different days  
or in different months  
or even in different years

We, you and I  
may be born to different mothers  
to different fathers  
or into different families  
or even into different communities

We, you and I  
maybe at first  
belong to different ethnicities  
different races or countries  
or even to different continents

But these surface differences  
are no oceans  
that may keep our hands apart  
are no deserts  
that may burn our links

Look at our schools  
with our playgrounds holding our games  
with our teachers kneading our lessons

Look at our neighbourhoods  
waiting for our trains and buses

They are not that different

And above all you and I  
together we are learning in this peaceful country  
we are belonging to this continent of harmony

Let us cheer for our happiness  
let's share our commonness  
and enjoy our togetherness

*We grow and grow  
in the borderless harmony*

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