**Echoes from a Palestine Playground. /** My God is bigger than your God.

Two sons of Abram are at war.

The battle ground a patch of land

Where Asia meets the European Sea,

And lines are written in the sand.

For over several thousand years

Their fortunes sure have waxed and waned;

Occupation forces come and go,

But still, that early prize remained.

One thing in common, though, they have -

A weapon each will never hide;

However grim the prospects are,

They’re sure that God is on their side.

Truth, that first casualty of war,

 is replaced by propaganda;

For press reporters on the ground

The challenges could not be bolder.

Is this anything to do with us?

In a shrinking world, the answer’s “Yes.”

Our population’s such an ethnic mix -

It is a problem *we* must address.

The opening salvo sets the tone -

By surprise, heinous and disgusting;

Hostages, of all ages, seized.

This war is going to be far reaching.

Difficult to know which is worse,

When they start to break the rules

Clinical assassination /Human shields at nursery schools.

Backers - America and Iran

Continue, but deep down, they feel,

Someday or someway or somehow,

There will have to be a deal.

Now, here’s the rub - this war could last for ever

It’s fuelled, not by diesel in some fiendish engines,

Not guns nor drones, or even sweat and tears;

It’s fuelled by a chilling word called **vengeance**.

Vengeance : “There’s only one thing they understand –

They’ll pay a heavy price for this!”

Ethnic inferiors, Women, children

Forced to look into the abyss

Meanwhile, we all must play our part

To search for better words to use:

Pause, fair, quiet, moderate, heart,

Comfort, concession, home, de-fuse,

Temporary, willing, teaching, brave

Re-think, enjoy, progress, tone,

Worship, trader, farmer, save,

Hope, redemption , forgiveness, home.

When each side knows it cannot win

The hostages restored to kith and kin.

The world can take a little spin

And negotiations can begin.

But as for God, we must make sure

We obey Commandment number Three;

As well as Might, God is also

Big in Justice, Mercy and in Charity.

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