

# Children of War

Tune: The Sounds of Silence by Simon & Garfunkel

Lyrics: Sally-Alice Thompson, Marcy Matasick, Kay Augustine; slightly rev. by Madison WI Grannies

Pronunciation note: "hoe-lo-caust"

When I **think** of Gaza's **plight**, the children **haunt** me day and **night**  
All the **children** who are **crying**, all the **children** who are **dying**  
And the **things they've seen** that **no one** should **have** to bear, **happ**'ning there  
So filled with **fear**, they're silent

There was a holocaust **before**. Children **died** and **millions** more  
Then we **said** it should be **nevermore**, no **genocide**, no children **lost** to war  
But we **failed at peace** and **then**, the terrorists **came**, relit the flame  
When will we e-ver **le-arn**?

*Softly, building volume to last line of stanza:*

Children **should** be having **fun**, Safe place to **play**, safe place to run  
Wholesome **food** and good clean **water**, Safety for our sons and **daughters**  
They should **not** be **exposed** to the **violence** and the **gore**, that goes with war  
The roar of **bombs** // *Watch director*  
Then silence.

*Louder:*

Stop the **killing**, stop the **war**. It only **hardens** hearts yet **more**  
Don't we **hear** the children **crying**? Don't we **see** the people **dying**?  
We must **break** through this **immoral** complacency, stop tragedy  
We will **not** // *Watch director*  
Be **silent ...**