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A Poem by Romeo P. Marquez

P rologue: Reading your respective comments and love(less) letters while I sipped instant coffee, I am moved to write some lines and tried to put them in verse. The falling snow that I could see from the window helped me come up with 12 stanzas that I would turn into a poem.

I gave my verse a title, thus, ***Twelve Stanzas for Peace – A Celebration of Friends and Friendships*** , heartily dedicated to you, Jesse Jose, and your mortal friend, oops, enemy, Don Azarias, since the two of you are fine gentlemen who, with blazing guns at the ready, are both impervious to fear.

I also dedicate this to all my friends, among them, Bobby Reyes, Joseph Lariosa, Lourdes Ceballos, Ting Joven, Bart and Yoly Tubalinal.

H ere goes . . .

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In the name of peace

let's not tease, please, please.

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In the name of love

let's stop the blab, blab blab.

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In the name of community

let's all aspire for unity.

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In the name of our families

let's do our sacred homilies.

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If fighting, fighting is our thing

No one's left to do the planting.

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Foul mouths spew □ hate, insults and lies

Impacts all, friends, enemies and wise.

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Weapons of war like □ knives, guns, bombs

Kill, maim and make us all hateful dumbs.

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Nobody wants somebody's garbage

Dump, recycle them for cabbage.

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New year, new decade, time to be new

Banish hate, be honest 'ven for few.

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Friends we are, on earth, in cyberspace

Sharing good, bad, ugly □ thrown our face.

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We all suffer in times of war

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In times of peace we'll go far, far.

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Waste not the time, waste not the day

We can frolic in fun, wait for that day.

As I worked on the poem, I got the inspiration to put it on video, with my photographs of the falling snow this morning as my backdrop. The result is a YouTube video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3myEF-hauo&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

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