

If Only For a Moment



Our world is a scary place today
Countries fighting countries
People killing people
Over politics
Over religious beliefs
Over fear of someone being different

I wish there was a magic wand
That could be waved over the world
That would teach kindness
And show tolerance
To encourage understanding

But WAIT
Doesn't such a magic wand already exist?
It's in our director's hand
In every director's and conductor's hand
In every corner of the world

And as the wand is waved
The music begins
Slowly rising
Filling the air with promise
Music written by people
From other nations
Who may look different from us
Or have different beliefs
Or different customs

But as the wand is waved
And the music continues
Somehow the world feels a little safer
We hear sounds of kindness
And tolerance
And understanding
We hear hope that our differences
Though they be many
Need not divide us
And we hear the possibility
That peace CAN exist in this world
A magic wand DOES exist
If only for a moment

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