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In the year 63 we heard a distant cry

Raging madness Helpless sadness And a voice choked with dismay Asking why

We stopped breathing
We were listening
And the walls they resonate
With deep silence forever
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Someone joined in Started singing With his fingers Sliding over his instrument

Took the grief in
With humility
At the sound of his horn
The room fell silent
He was breathing
We were listening
And the walls they resonate
With deep silence forever
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Whispered sighs in Broken phrases Stretching out The warming blanket of compassion

Wisps of scales in Broken melodies Sounds that rouse The minds of a new generation

And we're breathing
And we're listening
And the music lingers on
In deep silence forever
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