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everyone wants Love
but no one can compel someone else to feel it
Love can never be coerced
no one can force another to do the Loving thing

consider the eighteenth century economic and political changes
the revolutionary efforts to force the privileged
to share power with the majority
the age of reason driven movements to create liberal democracies
all People equal before the law

every claim, each demand for Human Rights
all down through the centuries
the abolition of slavery, universal suffrage
child labor laws, the forty hour work week, a living wage
desegregation
a Jewish Homeland with fairness for the Palestinians
a Woman's control over her own body
each met with fierce resistance
obstruction and violence at every step

and when concessions were made — but not given freely
efforts were underway even before justice was served
to take back what would have been gained
ensuring a future locked in conflict
we're actually better than this at solving problems

we've come a long way historically
scholars pour over the documents
we know what's keeping us from changing the Reality
creating a sustainable relationship with our Planet
living in Peace and Justice with One Another
what's holding us back from fulfilling our dreams
our possibility rests not outside us