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Matter of Time Until Violence

*Violence is bad and surrounding us all  
it follows around hoping to strike  
when you're at the mall  
or in that alley  
when you're lonely and plead*

*It is in those pills you take and take  
trying to kill your self  
not knowing at all  
because of those kids who laugh at you*

*It is in that rap you listen to daily  
about killing and about shooting daily  
But when this really happens we cry and cry  
but not knowing it was a matter of time until he strikes*

*It is in that video game  
with that gun  
that gun will change you and want to play with you*

*It in that guy who touch you  
seeming nice but thats the truth is in you  
you feel weird and all odd*

*It is in that comment you post to taught me  
inside hurting me and making think about my inside  
being sad and anger and taking a rope*

*Violence is cause because of that  
why is it happening we all say  
maybe because of a sibling or too  
or calling names at home or before you were called up to get hurt  
or her or his parents were drinking delor  
or with that bottle the bully is slapped  
the love might be fading or there was no to start  
or the man with the tattoos came to ask you to join  
when you said yes you started it all  
a big ball of violence*

*To stop it might be hard or just you and you  
but first you need to ask how stopping will work  
yes indeed it will work but how*

*That baseball team or any sport indeed will work  
making a club for the lonely or noticing  
stepping in when that push comes to shove  
not fighting but talking*

*stay active or use that time to look out  
for those hookers or drivers that come too hurt  
be a friend helpful and true  
that doesn't move away from that opening  
that opening to the violence trap*

*Being a friend is very helpful too  
think about that little devil in your head  
and don't join the violence  
be not a friend to him but everyone too*

*It is a matter of time till that bomb goes off  
but be a friend and see if it stops*