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As I look outside of my window
Yellow tape, blue and white lights, illuminate my street
The lights leave a frightening glow
For they are bait for the sight which remains outside of my window. Hate!

It hurts me to see families torn apart by crime and pain But it still occurs
Families bound by the chains of love
Their visions of the future is blurred by loss
Pain is what I experienced

Sadness is what takes over me
Knowing this family can very well be my own
I wish this though can leave me be
This thought has plagued my mind. Strong as if stone
Fear is what I experienced

Violence by our youth
Took the life of people which I once knew
For this is the truth
I cry due to the pain the loss of those people who are parts of crews of love
A call to action has taken over me

I first must learn why our youth is called to violence Money, protection, brotherhood, fear The balance of survival and life and a mix of moral indolence Survival, society, death, hope, atmosphere The truth is what I experienced

What can be done
I call my brothers to arms
To fordone the causes
To support our youth through education to avoid the harm caused by being uneducated
Hope has arrived on our doorstep

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We all must join together as a community

To call our youth to place down the guns, knives, and drugs which render us helpless

There must be unity and responsibility

Only then we shall find splendor

What can I do to stop violence?

Use words instead of force
Think before acting
Reinforce the principles of my life
Use the affects of knowledge to affect our world
Only then violence shall be stopped

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