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Shots in the night Cries in the dark Pain and death in the air Innocence lost Blood runs in veins of ice

Stop the madness...
Stop the pain...
Stop the hate...

The flash of a knife Children cry in hunger The stench of rot and decay Soldiers and guns Souls are dead Stop the madness. Stop the pain. Stop the hate.

A grenade goes off Silence as thick as rock Children left as orphans Trained to kill The vicious cycle of hate

Stop the Madness! Stop the Pain! Stop the Hate! A bomb explodes
Tearing flesh and bone
Wails and screams of widows
Beating on lifeless bodies
Voices going silent

Stop the madness Stop the pain Stop the hate

-Erin Vought

