

The following poetry was created by students
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Greater Newark Conservancy Group

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These words were fashioned in to “Peace Flags,”
(inspired by Tibetan Prayer Flags) so that the words
and intentions of the students would be sent out into
the community by the wind.

Not About You

Your not the person I thought you where I thought would be different but you're the same spitting that weak a@\$ game thing you're the sh&% and treating girls the way you please and keep in mind this poem is not about you but if your feeling offended then maybe it is your just a grown a@\$ kid you say you're the adult but I don't think that's true your own child acts more grown then you and keep in mind this poem not about you but if your feeling offended then maybe it is you want to be grown and make grown decisions but when grown consequence come you don't want to face them and keep in mind this poem is not about you but if your feeling offended then maybe it is your not perfect but you can go around and talk about me people don't even ware them any more but who am I to judge and keep in mind this poem in not about you but if your feeling offended them maybe it is you like wars huh so take you a@\$ over there and fight and your friends with the enemy yeah I think I got that right and keep in mind this poem is not about you but if you feeling offended then maybe it is you think your god and can take life when you wish you may not want her but some one else may do no need to take her life boo and keep in mind this poem in not about you but if your feeling offended then maybe it is you must not remember how much our people had to fight it took years for black people could go to school to read and write now you dread going to school and keep in mind this poem is not about you but if you feeling offended then maybe it is you say you're a Christian but I seen you at the club last night and you went home with my dude yeah I think I got that right and despite what I said in this poem remember it's not about you

**By
Alisha Rogers**

**Peace, Peace, I'm tired of this killing
All the drug dealing people getting shot
Peace, Peace, I'm tired of this killing
All the drug dealing, people getting shot
Right around the block/people getting shot
Gangs still recruiting/Newark's getting bad,
Damn, it's so sad, I'm tired of all these
White people acting like they black, the streets is crazy,
Come on believe me. We need to join together
And make things better. Open clubs for basketball
And football players, so that's my time and that's my rhyme.
Peace!**

**By
Rahsan Jones**

**Peace Love Harmony Life Lust Freedom
Power Encouragement Equality Charity
Affection Courage Positivity Hope Voice
Serenity Generosity Faith Imani Unity
Community Self-Determination Miata Desire
Angel Mercy Grace Wisdom Choice
Inspiration Leaders Joy Creativity
Uniqueness Patience Respect Compassion
Beauty Laugh Care Calm Sympathy
Eternity Pray Promise Cupid Hero Karma
Romeo Cinderella Soul Music Rain Moment
Strength Temptation Wish Time Destiny
Dream Eve Fantasy Heart Legend Blue
Stars Valentine Emancipation Reflections
Luck Passion**

**By
Miata Lewis**

Starbuxx will help you get over it

I saw a drug dealer

He said, "Want some pot?"

I said, "No thank you"

He said, "Why not?"

I said, "Cuz I don't wanna get high, man!"

He said, "Okay"

I said, "wait how much is it?"

He said, "Okay"

"I got dimes, nicks, bali and piff."

I said, "That's cool"

He said, "Yeah, could I get some after school?"

He said, "You know what, I'm a little concerned. A minute ago you were a drug-free student. And now your pimpin' hoes and macking bitches. I don't know if I should do this."

So I said, "Dammit. I wanted weed."

He said "Sorry I can't help you out."

Then I took out my badge and said "Weeeoooh."

By

Shaquon Baker

I think....

To reduce crime the punishments should be more harsh. For example, if someone assaults another human or harasses somebody they should be fined \$20,000 or more, or get locked up for awhile. Punishments that are harsh and strict will help reduce crime because criminals wouldn't want to suffer the consequences. People will eventually stop the crimes because they can't handle the consequences.

**By
Juhair Khan**

Bullets don't kill one, Bullets kill all.

Arif Rahat

What upsets me the most is that it took 3 deaths and 1 serious injury for people to recognize how serious the crime in Newark has gotten. There are deaths happening pretty much weekly in this city and these deaths get no recognition. Why didn't officials enforce strict rules as soon as the first murder happened in Newark? People wait to see a tragic execution-style murder to being talking about crime awareness and violence prevention. I simply believe violence should've never gotten to this level.

Ariel Rivera

**I love my mom
She is the world to me
She is the best thing I have**

Kevin P.

**Crime is high in this so called city
Life is hard in this so called city
It's not safe in this so called city
It's hard to live in this so called city
People get shot and killed in this so called city
Parents are burying their kids in this so called city
Why do kids die in this so called city
It's getting worse in this so called city
Damn. Some time I wish I didn't live in this so called city**

Akeem C.

In my opinion, I would want all of the negative behavior to stop that's going on around the world. I feel it's not fair that these young children can't go outside their homes and play for a good amount of hours without some type of violence, wild driving people, or robbers coming around to their neighborhood. Those people who are committing these crime and action should be a more sensible and better role model to set leadership roles to these younger youth. So I suggest that these people should think about those young children who can't have a good enthusiastic childhood life just like they would want for their children if possible.

Naekena Green