

The Year the Walls Fell

Those sturdy walls...
They cracked
They crumbled
One by one,

They fell
They tumbled
Hitting the ground as
Seismically,
The whole world rumbled
To the fall
Of these mighty walls!

Walls of iron
Of concrete
Strongholds that seemed
Beyond defeat
Eventually, all came toppling down
In many a brave resilient town!

Bucharest, Berlin,
And then Beirut
Each had its own wall of a kind
Visible,
Therefore vanquishable,
Unlike the walls in human minds
Which, built by prejudice,
Remain out of sight
And, secluded, they keep gaining height!

But *these*, once planted
Did strengthen and grow
But unloved and unwanted
They couldn't take root
In Bucharest, Berlin or Beirut

Apart they were thrown!
And blown away by the sighs and moans
Knocked down by a million heaves and groans
Swept away by determination... a flood
Replenished, renewed, by the flowing blood
Of an angry nation!

And, in summation,
Let us take down all walls
For they only serve to hide
Our weaknesses inside!

Let Prejudice fall to its knees
Let Intolerance be repealed

Let each individual preserve
His Dignity

Fulfilling the true definition
Of Integrity
And then,

With this personal sense
Of Security

There shall be Peace.