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everyone wants Love  
but no one can compel someone else to feel it  
Love can never be coerced  
no one can force another to do the Loving thing

consider the eighteenth century economic and political changes  
the revolutionary efforts to force the privileged  
to share power with the majority  
the age of reason driven movements to create liberal democracies  
all People equal before the law

every claim, each demand for Human Rights  
all down through the centuries  
the abolition of slavery, universal suffrage  
child labor laws, the forty hour work week, a living wage  
desegregation  
a Jewish Homeland with fairness for the Palestinians  
a Woman's control over her own body  
each met with fierce resistance  
obstruction and violence at every step

and when concessions were made — but not given freely  
efforts were underway even before justice was served  
to take back what would have been gained  
ensuring a future locked in conflict  
we're actually better than this at solving problems

we've come a long way historically  
scholars pour over the documents  
we know what's keeping us from changing the Reality  
creating a sustainable relationship with our Planet  
living in Peace and Justice with One Another  
what's holding us back from fulfilling our dreams  
our possibility rests not outside us