

Words...words ...words



By Samia Khoury

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WiP has asked me to update my alternative version of Julie Andrews' famous song "Show Me." Although I wrote those lyrics in April 2013, we still hear words that get us nowhere, and justice and peace are as elusive as ever. The situation is getting worse by the day, but we are still here, and our *sumud* (steadfastness) helps us to believe that justice and peace will eventually prevail.

Netanyahu threatening
And Abbas not condescending

The powerful dictating
While the weak refusing

Is that all you blighters can do?

Might making matters right
Cannot forever last

While words without action
Cannot liberate the land

And words without a strategy
Seem like words of flattery

Don't waste more lives
With drones and knives

Peace and security cannot function
Without the justice element in action

I feel like screaming when nothing
is working
Not even Fateh and Hamas
reconciling

With Trump's deal of the century
A united front is absolutely
necessary

Moving the American embassy
was the overture
For solving the century-old problem
by an amateur

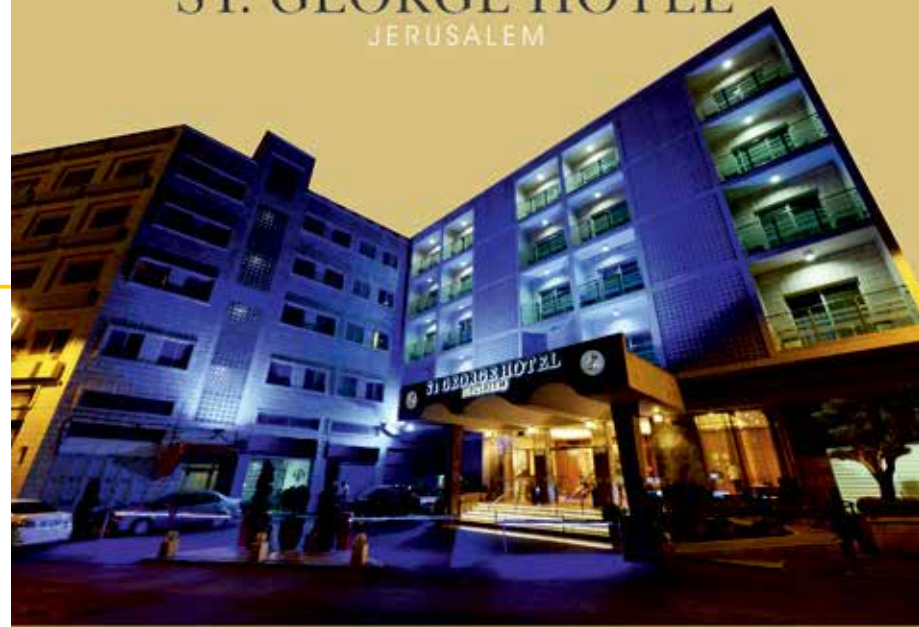
No more words can I take

The UN created the problem and
must find the solution
Without the American veto there'll be
no confusion

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