

# *Where There Is Hope by Kalanni Gagne*

*The world has always known struggle  
people divided by color, belief, culture, and name.*

*History carries the weight of those who were blamed, cast aside, or nearly erased  
because someone feared what was different.*

*Too often, hands have risen to destroy  
instead of to understand.*

*Too often, voices have shouted hatred  
instead of speaking truth.*

*Yet still, something stronger survives*

*Hope.*

*Hope rises in the hearts of those who  
refuse to let bitterness to define them.*

*Hope lives in compassion  
when anger would be easier.*

*Hope breathes through forgiveness  
when pain runs deep.*

*Trials will come.*

*Trauma will scar.*

*The world will test the spirit again and again.*

*But as long as hope remains,  
life refuses to disappear.  
Because where there is love,  
where there is compassion,  
where there is understanding...  
there is hope.*

*And where there is hope...  
there is life.*