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# Amor Mundi

*by Olive DeWitt*

"Armor mundi,"  
For love of the world for which I was born,  
A citizen of the whole, a brother of all,  
How can I stand alone?

But I am alone, unique and depressed  
In a world of divisions and strife —  
White or black, Jew or Greek, rich or poor?  
I stand alone and cry, "But I belong to all,"  
For love of this world for which I was born,  
"Armor mundi."

We must be united standing together,  
Teaching our children, yours and mine,  
To feel at peace together.  
Let them mature through childhood years  
In the home, and member of all  
accepted by all with dignity.  
A member at school, one equal with all  
accepted by all with dignity.  
Politic bodies, the home and the school,  
a politic body of training of men  
to enter a greater world,  
For love of that world,  
"Amor mundi."

Of one world we are citizenry,  
shrinking, yes, and diversified,  
But we have learned to work together;  
Yes, you are rich and I am poor,  
But we have learned to accept another,  
standing together with dignity.  
We have learned to respect one another,  
standing tall with dignity all,  
Citizens of our world, for love of our world,  
"Amor mundi."

You stand with me though we do not agree,  
We learn to peaceably disagree  
for the best of all, this politic body;  
We raise a hand, we lift a load,  
We do not step on other's toes  
to gain our own success,  
For love of our world,  
"Amor mundi."

I raise my head, I speak my thoughts  
and you speak yours in turn.  
With respect I honor my brother,  
Together our differences disappear,  
We are a democracy, for love of this world.  
"Amor mundi."