This is Normal
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Out there, there is hatred.
Out there, there is fear.
There’s mistrust - not understanding.
But there’s peace and love in here.

Out there, people forget
that we should all live as one.
We’re meant to be one family
sharing one earth, one moon, one sun.

In here, this is normal:
no hate, no fear abounds.
Instead of cries of anger,
we hear happy, joyful sounds.

In here, we hear “Hello!”
And greetings of “Shalom.”
This simple celebration
assures us; this, this is our home.

And, yes, the world’s a good place.
We can be kind and moral.
As we celebrate together,
We know in here, this is normal.

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