



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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