



John 16:33

"I've said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have distress. But be encouraged I have conquered the world."

"Do You Hear What I Hear " is a song written in October of 1962, with lyrics by Noel Regney and music by Gloria Shayne. The pair, married at the time, wrote it as a plea for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Regney was inspired to write the lyrics "Said the night wind to the little lamb, 'Do you see what I see?'" and "Pray for peace, people everywhere" after watching babies being pushed in strollers on the sidewalks of New York City. Shayne stated in an interview years later that neither could personally perform the entire song at the time they wrote it because of the emotions surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis. "Our little song broke us up. You must realize there was a threat of war at the time."

Hearing this really brought back memories for me. I was a sophomore at Ogallala High School and attending a weekend church camp at Camp Comica, south of Cozad, during the crisis. Being away from home, with such a frightening event happening, was very unnerving. But, of all places to be, a United Methodist Church Camp was probably the most appropriate.

"Pray for Peace, people everywhere..." is a fitting prayer for the current times as well.

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