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MARTIN LUTHER 'ZING'

Like a true peacemaker, you said,
"The question is no longer between violence and
Non-violence; it is between non-violence and
Non-existence."

Wise words, but ultimately untrue.

Violence has always existed

Violence will always exist

Violence builds nations

Violence terminates weakness

Violence dictates existence.

I can go on and on.

I wish I could be as hopeful as you were,

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

But the truth is that I'm a bit of a naysayer.

We can't exist without non-violence?

We seem to have been doing a decent job thus far.

You were a godsend, sir, and your words

Were the fuel for the advancement of equality.

(And trust me, it was a long time coming).

But a prophet you were not

As there are still extremists who burn daily-
Themselves and others-

Just to prove points that don't even matter to some.

I wish we could have a worldwide armistice

And hold hands together and live in a utopia

Where nobody is judged by their race

And there are no wars and we all believe in the same deity,

But it just isn't going to happen.

The best thing we can do, I guess,

Is dream. But...

Look where that gets us.

Look where it got you. BANG!

Don't say I didn't tell you so.

It seems the non-violent are always the ones to fall victim
To the very thing they preach against.



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