

Tasos Livaditis
''If you want to be called human''

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Tasos Livaditis is one of the most important poets of the post-war generation. Livaditis led a life dedicated to humans, love and hope for a better world which celebrates timeless values. The poem "If you want to be called human" is a deeply anti-war poem that motivates us to fight for peace and for justice.



*If you want to be called human
you won't stop, not even for a minute, fighting for peace and for justice*



You will go out to the streets, you'll scream, your lips will bleed from the screams, your face will bleed from the bullets, but not even a step backwards.



Your every scream, a rock at the warmongers windows

Your every movement as if you knock down the injustice.



And be careful: don't forget even for a minute.



For a little while to remember your childhood years

You leave thousands of children to be broken apart while they are playing unsuspectingly in the states.



*If you look at the sunrise for a moment,
tomorrow people will be vanished in the night of war*



*So if you stop dreaming for a minute
millions of people's dreams will become dust
under the bomb shells*



You don't have time

You don't have time for yourself



if you want to be called human

Se vuoi chiamarti uomo



if you want to be called human - jeśli chcesz być nazywany człowiekiem



you might have to leave your mother, your beloved one, or your child.

You will not hesitate



*You will deny your lamp and your bread
you will deny the night rest at the homemade threshold
for a rough road that leads to tomorrow*



You will not be coward in front of anything and you will not be afraid



I know, it's beautiful to hear a harmonica at night, to look a star , to dream

it's beautiful, leaned up on the red mouth of your love

to hear her talk about her dreams about the future



But you have to say goodbye to all that and begin

because you are responsible for all the harmonicas of the world, for all the stars, for all the

lamps and all the dreams



if you want to be called human

ak chceš byť nazývaný človekom



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The End

se vuoi chiamarti uomo

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