

EARS TO HEAR, EYES TO SEE

We Must Not Lose Hope

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My doctor told me to stop watching news about this war. My friends told me to take pro-Ukraine stuff off my Facebook page since I have immediate family in Russia. My family in Russia is brainwashed by propaganda. Both of my grandmothers had Ukrainian last names and were raised in Russia. My childhood friends in Siberia are Ukrainian and very proud of it. Phrases in Ukrainian from my favorite childhood book pop in my head. A Ukrainian song I sang in a play when I was fourteen is with me now.



I see beauty all around me but can't feel it anymore. War annihilates beauty in our hearts, leaving debris. We need not to lose hope and keep fighting against this war, so when peace is achieved we can begin to heal, rebuild, regrow, and celebrate the beauty of life again.



