**DON'T STOP**

**Please, don't stop**

**Don't stop caring**

**Don't stop sharing**

**Don't stop thinking**

**Don't stop asking**

**Don't stop doubting**

**But also, don't be merely a follower**

**Don't accept alternative facts**

**Don't remain silent, silence is acceptance**

**What we do or do not do today**

**Reverberates into all our tomorrows**

**Like throwing a pebble in a still pond, the ripples continue**

**Challenge the obvious lies, fact check, research**

**It matters for all of us, for our children and grandchildren**

**For all humanity**

**To be neutral is to agree with the now moments**

**We are never too old nor too young to participate**

**To hope for a better world, to be involved**

**Doing nothing is doing something, it is complying**

**Complying with the status quo, it is quiet acceptance**

**Being a silent accomplice or a fearful coward**

**We reveal who we are through nonaction**

**Through our unspoken words and unuttered thoughts**

**And if we don't resist dysfunction and ignorance**

**Then we are saying we agree through our passivity**

**The two most powerful tools in our democracy**

**Are free speech and the right to vote**

**Both currently are at great peril**

**And when they are lost, we are lost as well**

**What our leaders say and do does matter**

**Does have influence, even if they are lies**

**The unchallenged lie has but one outcome**

**Inequality, injustice, and discrimination**

**It divides and never unites**

**Separates and never integrates**

**Be a person of kindness, compassion, and love**

**Become involved, even in the smallest manner**

**George G**