

**Dick and Pat
Make Peace**



Arthur Hoppe

LOOK. Look and see. See Dick. See Pat. Dick and Pat live in a house. They live in a white house. Pat is home. Pat is home from a trip.

"Look, Dick, Look and see. I am home. I am home from my trip."

"Yes, Pat, I see. Did you have a nice trip?"

"Yes, Dick. I had a nice trip. I had a very nice trip. I went to five nice colleges. I received many nice flowers. I shook many nice hands. I said many nice things."

"That's nice, Pat. What did you say?"

"I said America is a wonderful country."

"That's nice, Pat."

"I said American young people are wonderful, too."

"That's nice, Pat."

"I said peace in Vietnam is just around the corner."

"That's . . . You what!"

"It was a nice thing to say. It made everybody happy. I know everybody was happy. Everybody laughed."

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SEE DICK. See Dick frown. "Shades of Yo-Yo McNamara, Pat! You should not have said that."

"Oh, Dick. I am sorry. I am sorry I spoiled your surprise." See Pat. See Pat frown. "But peace is just around the corner, isn't it, Dick?"

See Dick. See Dick frown. Dick frowns sincerely. "I am glad, Pat. I am glad you asked that question."

"I am glad you are glad, Dick. What is the answer?"

"Let me be candid about this, Pat. Let me be very candid about this one thing."

"I am glad to let you be candid, Dick. I am always glad when you are candid about one thing."

"I am for peace, Pat. It is just my simple duty. Others may differ, but I think it is just my duty to be for peace."

"I am glad you are just for peace, Dick."

"I am not just for peace, Pat. I am for a just peace."

"I am just glad you are just for a just peace, Dick. Is it just around the corner?"

"Let me say this, Pat. Let me say this about that. A just peace is not just around any corner. A just peace is around a just corner. Let us not say that peace is just around the corner. Let us say that peace is around the just corner. That is my judgment on this. This is also my judgment on that."

"Oh, Dick, will we turn the just corner?"

"We just must, Pat. Or the most terrible thing of all will happen. We just must turn the corner."

"By when, Dick?"

"By 1972, Pat."

"Do you have hope, Dick?"

"Yes, Pat, I hope. I hope I've made myself perfectly clear."

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SEE PAT. See Pat frown. Pat wants to help. Pat wants to help Dick. See Pat smile. Pat has an idea.

"I will help you, Dick. I will help you make one thing perfectly clear. I will say that peace is not just around the corner. Then one thing will be perfectly clear."

See Dick. See Dick pick up the poker. Dick is going to strike a blow. Dick is going to strike a blow for peace. See Pat. See Pat run. Run, Pat, run.