

A Reason for Living

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As you know English, is a "stressed" language. The stressed words or syllables in this poem are in bold. Guess the last word in each line—a stressed word. Half of the missing words are on the next page. Consult a rhyming dictionary, if you cannot find the other missing words.

We **do** our jobs, we **make** a **l** _____
 Some **simply** do their **tasks**, some **feel** they are **g** _____
 A **sense** to their **lives** and even **help** to **o** _____
 Since we **live** in a **world** where we **all** should be **b** _____

But there's **so** much **fighting**, war and **d** _____
When will this **turmoil** ever **r** _____?
 When will **people** make **peace** and **stop** all this **h** _____
 And **neighbors** **accept** one another's **f** _____?

Or **will** they forever continue to **s** _____
 Their **own** **belief** is the **only** **w** _____?
 That **their** God has **shown** us the **primary** **l** _____
 That **must** be respected whatever the **f** _____?

Will **business** rule **mankind** in the **years** to **c** _____?
 Then **to** the God of **profits** we **all** shall **s** _____
Some will be **richer**, have **computers** and **s** _____
Others will **dream**, steal, never **get** very **m** _____

So **couldn't** we **all** **decide** that we **s** _____
 Material **things**, but **also** love and **c** _____?
 Just **start** with a **smile**, reach **out** to those in **n** _____
 Make **fun** of the **people** who show **anger** and **g** _____

We're **all** very **different** in shape, **color**, and **t** _____
 Our **culture depends** on the **place** where we're **r** _____
 But we **all** have a **mind** and our **blood** is pure **r** _____
 So **let** us make a **life** that's worth **living** i _____!

Below are half of the missing words. When the words have more than one syllable, the stressed syllable is in bold. Mark it when you place the words in the poem above.

dis cont ent	living	share
flaw	others	succumb
greed	red	such
hate	say	taste

Finally, check your work against the key and then learn the poem by heart. You will be reciting it to a partner during the next class.