

POEMS

We Advance
By Michael Henniger, Seattle

Poised before the great mountain of the 21st century
Eyes burning bright beneath lion King crowns
Armoured by perseverance
Armed with the courageous pulse of life itself
We advance

Setting aside petty egoism, foolisheartedness and favored illusions
With the hope and trust of humanity in our hearts
We advance

We will never yield, never falter, never sacrifice a single, noble comrade

We, the youth of the SGI
Inheritors of the most noble mission imaginable
Raised in the tempest of mappo's hellish haze
Trained by the pioneers of a golden age
Will create an unprecedented jewel of society
Compassionate and just
Fulfilling each and every one of our precious mentor's dreams in our lifetimes
Cherishing the daily struggle, protecting the sanctity of life
While never begrudging the exhaustion in our limbs

Awakening justice worldwide with the truth of a mighty lion's roar
We advance!

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Wonderful Friends
By Christine Pinson, Fullerton, Calif.

*Wonderful friends
come join me now
let us talk about our dream
let us talk about our future.
Chanting for peace across the
nations spreading the word about
how to stop the violence
not just changing our lives
but touching those
who come in contact
with our electricity and power.
We are the future—
We are the students—
We are the youth of SGI.
Wonderful friends
come join me now
we have a lot of work to do
anything is possible
if we use our hearts.
We are the youth of SGI
making a difference today
for tomorrow.*