END CHILD MARRIAGE AND INVEST IN GIRLS RIGHTS

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A girl is not a bride to be sold;
She is a precious story waiting to unfold,
A girl is neither a burden, nor a prize,
She is a shining star meant to rise.

A girl should never be bride before her time!
Give her education and let her dreams shine!
Protect her rights and let equality start!
Investing in her future will empower her heart!

Invest in her education and her dreams,
Give her the power to achieve great things,
Invest in her health and let her rights be known,
Give her freedom to choose her own road.

For when a girl learns, the whole community grows,
When a girl succeeds, a brighter future shows,
When a girl is safe, the whole world can thrive,
When a girl has rights, her dreams come alive.

Let no girl be forced to become a wife,
Before she is ready to handle her life,

Let no tradition stand in the way,

Of a girl who has something important to say,

The time for silence has passed away,

And the time for action is here to stay,

No more excuses or delays,

Let us end child marriage not tomorrow but today!

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