END CHILD MARRIAGE AND INVEST IN GIRLS RIGHTS

A Poem by Alice Koiman

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 a 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 own 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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