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Children are considered mere property of their parents.

A possession which they are free to treat as they wish.

The power relationship between parent and child
Is often reinforced by violence whether it is physical or emotional.

Children must know their place, they must be taught
That they are subservient to their parents' wishes.

This is the first brutal step in the socialization process
Which teaches us all to become willing victims of exploitation.

The first lessons of tyranny and oppression are learned
in the home.

The authority of the parent manifests itself in assault.

The tradition of violence continues one generation
after another with pathetic
Justifications such as, "I was spanked, and I turned out
fine, so I'll spank my kid."

The cycle of violence must end somewhere.

We must take the first step to not enforce the power
relations
Between ourselves and others.

We must speak out against violence between parent
and child.

We must show other that their violence will not be
tolerated.

How can we create a world of equality when we adhere
to the power relationships
That have oppressed us in the past?

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