

A Warm Shalam

A warm "Shalam" and welcome to
Guests and members old and new
Our hearts open to all of you
Come join us and take a pew

We have little or nothing to lose
If we do meet as Arabs and Jews
We shall decide and we will choose
For we reject and we refuse

To carry on as deadly foes
Stoking fire trading blows
So let us bring this war to a close
Let's share the land, we share the nose!
For we're cousins as everyone knows

ED*

On your behalf, I welcome Ed
Of whom the news, has widely spread
In Ottawa Center, he keeps his bed
With human rights, the bride he wed

He fights for peace, for daily bread
For every one, till 's face is red
In honest Ed, there's not a shred
Of malice found, in his wise head

He's not so blue, nor is he red
He will speak out, and won't play dead
And this debate, by him is led
So come on Ed, go right ahead!

ED, The Honourable Ed Broadbent

Qais Ghanem
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