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Not a fairytale

Like the three little pigs with the house made of bricks,  
we are protected.

We decide who makes decisions that affect us.

No matter who we are, we must be treated equally.

We have the right to our security, dignity and privacy.

We can express creativity and our opinions.

The big bad wolf can huff and puff all he likes,  
we are human and these are our rights

Like the clever pig who built his house of bricks  
helps his brothers.

We need to look out for the needs of others.

If they are unable to make their lives secure  
in their houses of sticks and straw

and those who want to, can marry, start a family.

The big bad wolf can huff and puff all he likes.

We are human and these are our rights

Like the three little pigs with the house made of brick

We are protected,

We if choose to worship, we can do so freely

Whatever religion we believe in

We are equal, all different, that's cause for celebration

No matter what ethnicity, sexuality or gender,

The big bad wolf can huff and puff all he likes

We are human and these are our rights

Like the three little pigs with the house made of brick

We are protected,

Even houses made of brick need maintenance

we all have a duty to make sure rights are respected

even big bad wolf must receive a fair trial

before being punished for his crimes

and unlike the fairytale, won't be boiled

we are human, we have a right to life

Like the three little pigs with the house made of brick,  
we are protected.

When big bad wolves of greed, ignorance or hate,

try to blow our rights away, we must protest

and we should never be satisfied

until people everywhere are free from persecution.

We may not all live happily ever after

but the world will be a little better.