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TAKE BACK MOTHERS DAY

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## Mother's Day Proclamation

Julia Ward Howe, 1870



Arise, then, women of this day!

**Arise, all women who have hearts!**

Whether our baptism be of water or of tears..

**Say firmly:**

"We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies,  
Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.

**Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.**

We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country  
**to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."**

From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own.

It says: "Disarm! Disarm!"

**The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."**

**Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession.**

As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war,  
Let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel.

**Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.**

Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means

**Whereby the great human family can live in peace.**

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