

Beat 9 – Who is God
From the 2017 St. Louis Fringe Festival Play ‘Didn’t You See Us?’

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The god of the Jews brought us law ... and taught us vengeance.
The god of the Christians brought us love ... and taught us hypocrisy and indifference.
The god of the Muslims brought us peace ... and taught us intolerance.

Who is this God? This being who gives life ... who raises us up from dust and ash ... then strikes us down ... even those too young to have committed any crime?

We talked among ourselves ... lest our parents disapprove ... only wishing to understand.

Some said they didn’t know who God was ... some that He was real ... others said strong ...
Maryam said God was a woman – because only a mother could see such evil, and still love the doers of such deeds.

Many said God created all things but ... we found that too hard to believe – that God created all this ...

A neighbor boy, Peter, drew a picture – a man with large eyes, a huge smile ... his arms stretched out impossibly wide so he could “hug every one” ... we loved that image ...

[pause - sadness]

Me? I could only think God must be heartbroken ...