

# Pledge to Asylum Seekers

To those who come from *desperation* and *despair*,  
To those who have endured *violence* and *unrest*.  
To those who have no *place of safety*,  
Who come to our shores seeking *sanctuary*:

You are welcome here.

We pledge to the *mothers* and to the *fathers*,  
We pledge to the *children* and *pregnant women*,  
We pledge to those *tortured*, *broken* and *dispossessed*,  
We will acknowledge you with *kindness* and *compassion*;

You are welcome here.

We pledge as *part of the human family*;  
We pledge as *members of a global community*;  
We pledge as *people who have sought and found*  
*A peace and safety such as that you seek*,

You are welcome here.

As the *children* and *grandchildren* of *displaced persons*,  
We will not *shirk* our *responsibilities*.  
We will not stand by while you are *hidden offshore*.  
We will *insist on change* to the *current system*.

You are welcome here.

If you *dream of your children* living in *safety*,  
Of *sharing the hard work* and the *rewards*;  
If you *long to contribute* to a *caring and just society*  
And *subscribe to a 'fair go for all'*,

You are welcome here.

Bring *respect, fellowship* and *goodwill*.  
Bring your *heart, your courage* and your *aspirations*.  
We are *fair, honest, open-minded* and *generous*,  
We *greet you in friendship*.

And you are welcome here.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_