­­

**Stateless**

No passport; no visa,

I am a child of God.

No birth certificate; no parents,

I am a child of God.

No driver’s license; no ID,

I am a child of God.

No title; no deed,

I am a child of God.

I have lived here all my life,

But you do not claim me as your own.

I grew up here,

learned to read and write here;

I worked here,

and fell in love here.

I love this land and these people.

I am one with them,

But you do not claim me as your own.

Enter this in your computer; write this in your book:

God has claimed me:

I am a citizen of the Kingdom of God;

Grace is stamped on the passport of my struggle,

And I will forever be,

a child of God.

***Rev. Jack Amick, April 21, 2021***