

version for SSA chorus and piano composed for the San Francisco Girls Chorus, Susan McMane, conductor,  
and the San Francisco Boys Chorus, Ian Robertson, conductor  
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# An Exhortation

for TTBB Chorus unaccompanied

Barack Obama  
from his *Victory Speech*  
November 4, 2008

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**Moderately, not too slow** ♩ = 80

*mf*

Tenors

Basses

A - mer - i - ca, — we have come so far. — We have seen so much. —

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7

— But there is so much more to do. — Let us ask our-selves:

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12

If our chil - dren should live to see The next cen - tu - ry, — What

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**A bit faster** ♩ = 96

*f*

16

pro-gress will we have made? — This is our chance to an-swer that call. —

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22 re - af - firm that fun - da - men - tal

This is our time To re - af - firm that fun - da - men - tal truth That out of

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28 *rit.* **First tempo** ♩ = 80  
*mf espress.*

man - y, we are one; That while we breathe, we hope; And where we are

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34 *f*

met with doubt, We will res - pond with that time - less creed

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38 *broadening*

That sums up the spir - it of a peop - le:

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42 **Majestically, a bit broader** ♩ = 72  
*ff*

Yes, we can, yes, we can, yes, we can.

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