

## Kate Walsh

### "Yes We Can"

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It was a creed written into the founding documents  
That declared the destiny of a nation, yes we can  
It was whispered by slaves and abolitionists  
As they blazed a trail toward freedom, yes we can

It was sung by immigrants as they struck out  
From distant shores and pioneers who pushed  
westward  
Against an unforgiving wilderness, yes we can

It was the call of workers who organized  
Women who reached for the ballots  
A President who chose the moon as our new frontier  
And a King who took us to the mountaintop  
And pointed the way to the Promised Land

Yes we can to justice and equality  
Yes we can to opportunity and prosperity  
Yes we can heal this nation  
Yes we can repair this world  
Yes we can

We know the battle ahead will be long  
But always remember that no matter  
What obstacles stand in our way  
Nothing can stand in the way of the power  
Of millions of voices calling for change  
(We want change)

We have been told we cannot do this by a chorus of  
cynics  
They will only grow louder and more dissonant  
We've been asked to pause for a reality check  
We've been warned against offering  
The people of this nation false hope

But in the unlikely story that is America  
There has never been anything false about hope  
Now the hopes of the little girl who goes  
To a crumbling school in Dillon are the same  
As the dreams of the boy who learns on the streets of

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We will remember that there is something happening in  
America  
That we are not as divided as our politics suggests  
That we are one people, we are one nation  
And together, we will begin the next great chapter  
In the American story with three words that will ring  
From coast to coast, from sea to shining sea, yes we  
can

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