

Then We Will Be Free

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Hundreds of thousands of faces gather together
all different but all unified by one monumental cause
some come from hundreds of miles away and some come from just a couple of miles away
together all the same
that day
that awe-inspiring day changed history
forever
he spoke and more people that were there listened
or heard
or read
even now in my classroom
we read aloud his speech
imagining that day
that's not the only speech we read
we read the speech of our new president
and we listen

Now I can sit and eat
beside my best friend
without worrying for either of our safety

Now I can bother kids in my class
and they can bother me back
and we won't get hurt by an adult inside or out

Now I an girls like me have the opportunity
to get a good education and excel in sports
and not be expected to stay at home all day cooking
and cleaning
and taking care of our children

Now my friends will not be shunned because they are different
because of who they are

Now my teacher
can express who she is
through how she teaches

Now great authors can use their real names
to take credit for their work

There were so many things we
a people couldn't do
together or alone

That is changing
the wall is breaking

But the wall still stands
it isn't yet broken

Maybe soon children just like me
will have a say in what their country decides

Maybe soon children will not be injected with drugs
so that the government of their country can send them to war

Maybe soon women will not be trodden upon
and looked down on in places
where they are just as important as any man

Maybe soon indigenous children will not be torn away
from their mothers because of their heritage

Maybe soon peace will be achieved
between two neighbors at war

Maybe soon everyone everywhere
will be granted the freedoms and rights I have

Hopefully soon but maybe longer
all this and more will be achieved

And not just by well know and worn out names
but by everyday people living everyday lives

We can all do something
anything could help our world

All we must do is thrive
to live by our fair and just principles
and share our insight with others

Then one day
The wall will shatter
And we will all be free