

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 SATB Chorus unaccompanied

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

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Moderately, not too slow ♩ = 80

mf

Sopranos
Altos

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

Tenors
Basses

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

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 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.

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