How to Make Your Dream Come True

- Do your best every day.
- Read lots of books.
- Enjoy your friends.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Model good behavior.
What We Still Must Overcome

Martin Luther King was a brave man
Who believed the world could be free, in every land.

He had a dream of us being free,
To live our lives and truly be.

He said, “We shall overcome,”
Which meant to me, “Don’t ever run.”

We must be brothers and love one another,
For this is all we have, within each other.

Martin, Martin, where are you?
We need your love and preaching, too.

Time is running out, you see
For without your teaching, where are we?

I, too, have a dream.
That one day I will be a man,
To live my life and do what I can

To make this world a better place,
For I feel,
We all, like Martin, have to run the race!
What We Must Overcome

We must overcome violence.
If we don’t, nothing will be left but deadly silence.
Some people get put in jail for fighting.
You don’t want to spend your whole life in jail saying what you mean by writing.

We must overcome drugs.
If we don’t, our lives will go down the drain.
We will be foolish and slower than slugs.

We must overcome racism.
If whites hate blacks and blacks hate whites
This world will be nothing
Not even a dim light.

We must overcome terrorism.
If you make somebody scared of you and what you’re going to do to them
They will worry.
You’re going to make them get out of your life in a hurry.

We must overcome child abuse.
To hurt a child badly there is no excuse.

We must overcome lying.
Lying goes from stealing to hurting
And ends with a crowd of people at a funeral crying.

We must overcome stealing.
You will no longer have trust.
How much stuff that’s not legally yours can you lust?

The only person who can change yourself is you.
It feels good to be fully new.
To change is to be a breeze on Sunday morning.
You’ll be a bird up in the sky soaring.
If you thought something bad about the world in the past
As long as we love each other the world in the past won’t last.
What We Still Must Overcome

What we still must overcome is negativity and violence.  
We really need to get this out of our environment.  
I see this every day.  I know others do, too.  
Come on, people.  Show me the real you.

What we still must overcome is people judging each other  
By the color of their skin.  
I thought this was over.  
Please don’t bring it up again.

What we still must overcome is to find justice within our youth.  
Come on, kids.  Show us the real you.

What we still must overcome is all these things.  
We must help Dr. King’s dream become a reality.
What We Have Overcome

God has blessed this country so.
He gave us a President who is fair to each and every soul.

Did you ever imagine having a First Lady
Who would get down on her knees
To put plants in the White House garden
Though she has a Harvard degree,
And stand in line to feed the needy,
Because her heart gives to plenty?

Our President and First Lady have such big hearts,
That they are really giving our country a great new start.
President Obama’s journey in life
Has enabled him to be honored with the Nobel Peace Prize.
President Obama is so humane
That he’s going to make sure this country survives the recession that we’re in.

Right here I stand, happy as can be
Because the following leaders have made passages and history for me.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. marched for my rights so that I can be “me,”
No matter what the color of my skin may be.
Sojourner Truth escaped slavery and broke through with her “Ain’t I a Woman?” speech.
Rosa Parks was not afraid to fight for my right to sit where I please.
Michelle Obama-What can I say? Intelligent First Lady
For the United States, you and me.

Although passages have been made to set me free,
My dear Americans, the journey is by far not yet over for me!
On the day of the election my mother cried so.
I didn’t understand because I was too young to know!
She quietly whispered, “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we did it, yes sir!”
Our prayers have been answered from our Father above.
From this day forward I hope and pray
That each and every human being commits to uniting together
To make this world a better place.
This land needs peace, I must say,
But everyone must work together to make this a successful plan.
I Have Overcome!

Overcoming is the definition of a young black man.  
Try to walk in my shoes if you can.

I’m proud of where I have come from.

From slavery to the presidency

We made it clear for the world to see

The great and amazing people we can truly be.

I am built of resistance and resilience.

I bounce back from the wall created to tear me down and instead build a wall of pride and dignity.

With my wall I can conquer the unexpected and make this world mine.

I don’t know what the world taught others,

but as for me, my ancestors taught me that we have been tested beyond measure but even through all the trials and tribulations we still overcame.

So with that lesson in my heart I keep my head held high because a better tomorrow lies ahead for me. Why?

Because we can overcome!
How I Can Let Peace Fly High

I had to meet a man on the corner of Baker and West.
I was vexed, but hey, I had to do it for work.
It was a black man that walked up; I shook his hand with zest.
This is how I let peace fly high.
This act of peace should fly high in every kind.

I was in Arizona, the oh-so-dusty state.
I had to meet with a Navajo man.
I guess we had to relate.
It was charming,
Not the first thought of misunderstanding.
This act of peace should be acted every day,
And also night, whenever you can.

I was in Chicago the other day.
I didn’t know what to say.
I was with my girlfriend and looked back at her,
To see she was being called a little white cracker.
I kept on walking.
This is how I let peace fly high,
Even though it makes you want to sit down and cry.

I was in Oakwood a couple weeks ago.
I was at an all-time low.
They were discriminating, hating,
When to begin with, there was no debating.
I couldn’t believe it, so I proved them wrong.
I can’t believe I thought they were my friends all along.
This is how I let peace fly high,
Even though I want to overpower with might.

We always succeed with a powerful fight,
We are the victors.
You’ve always seen hate in us.
Justice? You just missed her.

When people decide they want change, they change.
Tragedies of Life: What We Must Overcome

The abuse and violence is what I see,
Selling drugs and drinking. As I walk down the street
I hear the cries of the ones who want to be saved
Their hearts are pure and want to be brave.
They look at me straight in the eyes,
Confessing their problems; then I realize
They need help trying to get free.

They want to be successful and follow their dreams.
They try but fail because of life’s troubles,
Which makes them turn against one another.
They hold their heads up trying to be proud,
But the sins they’ve done speak aloud.

Don’t let the tragedies of life entice you towards failure
And keep your confidence from endeavoring through.
Let it be known that the lies will vanish
And the truth is within you.

So stand up and speak loudly against your unforgiving past,
Because your future is at hand with a light that will always last…. 
What We Still Must Overcome

As citizens of the United States and people of the world, we shall learn to put our differences aside for the common good, understand that where there’s an appositive there’s a negative, where there’s a will there’s a way, and that it takes time and hard work for change.

We as a united nation shall stand still, strong and as one to make progress in improving ourselves and society. Put our differences aside to help those who are in need of our help and be their backbone. Be supportive and realize when we’re not helping each other, we’re only hurting ourselves by eliminating the population on earth.

We need each other to push ourselves forward and become that one nation or community that rises to success and be the ones that people look up to, their role models. Nothing or nobody is perfect. Imperfection is what allows you to learn from your mistakes and improve what you can, while you can. Don’t be embarrassed by what others think. Be that leader to show that better path the way Martin Luther King, Jr. did.
Don’t Hate!

Don’t hate me
Because I am black.
Don’t hate me
Because of my skin color.
Hate me
For my actions.
But don’t hate me
For the way I look.
Judge me for my disposition,
Not for my complexion.

Our society
Is filled with inequality.
Be sure it’s about personality,
Instead of inequality.
Don’t be the one to practice
Segregation and discrimination.
Be the one to practice
A celebration of life.
“All men are created equal.”
That is true for all people.
What We Still Must Overcome

What are we, who call ourselves human?
Humans who have the ability to bleed,
Cry, hate, smile, laugh and love.

But what are we?
What have we become?
Emotionless bodies
afraid to accept the truth.

A wise man once had a dream
that one day we would live in a nation
where we would not be judged by
the color of our skin but by the
content of our character.

So why, oh why, aren’t my brothers
and sisters, both young and old,
living the dream?

Glory be to God
that our time is here,
but more and more of our
future I do fear.

We were shown
that anything is possible
and nothing is impossible.

What we have overcome
is greater than any achievement,
but what we still must overcome
is resorting to hatred.

We have taken three steps forward,
then five steps back.
on the news every night
races stab one another in the back.

Again, a wise man once said,
“It’s better to go through life
with a scarred-up body
than a scarred up soul.”
So why, brothers and sisters, do people
our violent actions still behold?

We have come from segregated schools
to integrated schools.
from black and white signs
to welcome all; we’re one of a kind.

We have overcome the most horrid
sights ever seen;
nothing could compare
to Mrs. Till’s agony.

We have overcome the
rule that forced us to the back of the bus.
Now we sit as a congregation…
he, she, they and us.
Look hard, brothers and sisters.
Look at all that we have overcome.

We have lost a great leader to gain a new.
Look, just look, at how we grew!

But what we still must learn is that
we have more to overcome.

We still must overcome our
Bitterness…
We still must overcome our
Temptations…
But not only that,
We still must overcome our
racial expectations.

And when this happens, brothers and sisters,
and we notice that we have been
on the back burner for way too long,
I will ask, “Can you believe
that was our nation
that we called home?”
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