

WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

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E G C
We can change the world.
D A
We can build a new tomorrow.
E G C
We can change the world,
D A
Working with the time we borrowed.
C D
Teaching lessons we're still learning
Am7 D
Out there where the fires are burning,
E G A
We can change the world.

E G A
Forty years of war,
C D
Of Conelrad and sirens blaring.
E G A
If the missiles soar,
C D
Just duck and cover, no despairing.
C D
Fingers on the button
Bm Am
Waiting for the call.
C D
Praying it was nothing
Bm
So the fire won't take us all.
Am7/G
But I saw an empire crumble
C/G
And I saw an empire fall
D/G G/D Dm C D
And I watched the Germans dance upon the wall.

What does time demand
Of a superpower, the last man standing?
Fortunate, the land
In liberty set free, expanding.
Lessons for all seasons.
Lessons learned in war.
Searching for the reasons
And hoping that there's more.
And I'm praying now for justice.
And I pray we fight for right.
And I pray that we can drive away the night.

Look across the lands
That still rise up to kill the stranger.
Wait for the demands
In a world that's still there filled with danger.
Tyrants taking power.

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Madmen in control
Waiting for the hour
When they can burn away our soul.
But I see a billion people
And they look a lot like me
And I need to find a way to set them free.

Is freedom just a word
That's good for me but not for others?
Have you never heard
Of tolerance and love for brothers?
Listen to the music
We've heard through all our years,
Of peace and love and freedom
And put away your fears
'Cause I know we're less than perfect,
But it's up to you and me
To try to teach the world how to be free.

(Chorus twice)

E **G** **A**
We can change the world.
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We can change the world.

I spent some time trying to write this, working with various melodies on the guitar. No luck. Then the chorus came to me while driving to work as I beat out the rhythm on the steering wheel of my car.

The song didn't belong to the guitar. It belonged to a drum.