

# YES WE CAN CAN

*by Allen Toussaint*

N.B. All **Bolded** lyrics are sung by the Chorus.  
All others are sung by Bill. ***Bolded and Italicized*** lyrics  
are sung by everyone.

*Bill:* Now is the time!

Now is the time for all good men to get together with one another,  
Iron out their problems, and iron out their quarrels, and try to live as brothers.  
And **try to find** a peace within, without stepping on one another,  
And do respect the women of the world, just remember we all had mothers.  
**Make this land a better land than the world in which we live,**  
And help each man be a better man with the kindness that you give.

And I know we can make it, (**I know that we can**)

I know darn well we can work it out.

**Oh yes we can, I know we can-can, yes we can-can,**

**Why can't we if we wanna? Yes we can-can.**

And I know we can make it work, (**I know that we can**)

I know we can make it if we try.

**Oh yes we can, I know we can-can, yes we can,**

**Great gosh almighty, yes we can, I know we can-can.**

*PIANO SOLO*

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They're our strongest hope for the future, the little bitty boys and girls.

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*PIANO AND GUITAR SOLO (Extended)*

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*(Repeat 4 times, last time slow down on last line)*