

We Still Have a Dream

He had a dream
We still have a dream

We have made progress and evolved
There still enormous work to be done

He lead the way and opened up the path
But his dream is still not a reality
We still have a dream

Like an artist using their paint brush
Can not fall in love with their first sketches
Their painting takes many strokes and changes
To transform into the master piece they envision
The artist must be willing to do the work to make the changes
Sometimes they start all over again to reach their master piece

We too must continue to do the critical and necessary work
Until his dream is a reality

Until there is equality for all
Race and ethnicity
Until there is equality for all
Color, gender, sexuality, religion, ableism, age, and social status
We still have a dream

Like a writer using their pencil, pen, or laptop
Can not fall in love with their first draft
Their writing piece takes many words, some words get erased and modified
Until the writing piece achieves its final master piece.
The author must be willing to do the work to make the changes.
Sometimes they start all over again from scratch over and over again until they reach their final master piece

We the people of the United States of America
Must do the same
We must not fall in love with the original laws, the original governmental systems that started our nation. We
must recognize that there is work to be done. We must be willing to do the work to make the changes
We must remember that
All people have a heart
All people bleed red
All people deserve respect and dignity

He had a dream
We still have a dream
We will continue to hold onto that dream until his dream becomes a reality for all
We still have a dream

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