



We shall Overcome

Recite the given lines together with your teacher.

Hum honge kaamyaab,
Hum honge kaamyab,
Hum honge kaamyab ek din.
Ho ho mann mein hai vishwaas,
Poora hai vishwaas,
Hum honge kaamyaab ek din.

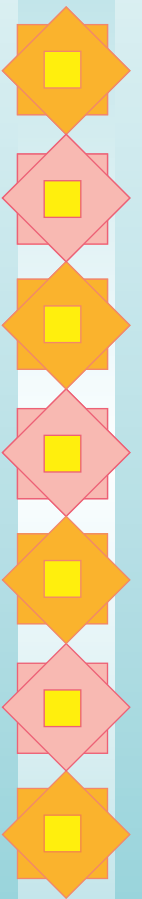
- Isn't it an inspiring song, children?
- Do you know it was translated into Hindi from English by a renowned poet, Girija Kumar Mathur?

Let's read and sing the English song here.

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We are not afraid today.





The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
The truth shall make us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace someday.

Charles Albert Tindley

Glossary

overcome : succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty; विजय पाना

afraid : feeling fear or anxiety, frightened;
भयभीत

hand in hand : holding each other's hand; एक दूसरे का हाथ थामे हुए

believe : to think that something is true, correct or real;
विश्वास करना

peace : a period of time when there is no war or violence and people live happily; शांति

Activity – I

A. Choose the correct alternative:

1. According to the poet what makes us free?

a. courage b. victory
c. peace d. truth ()

2. What does 'hand in hand' mean in the song?

a. walking down the street b. unitedly
c. a parade d. making a trip ()

3. What does 'deep in my heart' mean?
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| a. what I sometimes hope | b. what I strongly feel |
| c. what I think | d. what I like () |

B. Say whether the following statements are True or False.

1. We shall never overcome. ()
2. We'll walk separately. ()
3. The truth shall make us free someday. ()

C. Answer the following questions.

1. Why does the poet say, 'We are not afraid?'
2. Which line in the song tells you that the poet is not living peacefully at present?
3. How do you feel when you sing this song?

Activity – II

Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box.

overcome, afraid, truth, peace

1. I always speak the
2. In the 'Tricolour' white colour stands for
3. A thief is always of the police.
4. With confidence, we can our fears.

Activity – III

Stand in a circle holding your hands together and sing this song aloud.

We shall overcome
We shall overcome....



Activity IV

This poem, which is in the form of a song, inspires us to face a tough situation with courage. A number of such songs, slogans and poems were written to inspire our freedom fighters when they were fighting for the freedom of our motherland from the British rule. Make a list of any ten such songs or slogans. For example, 'Vande Mataram'.

You may take help of your parents or teachers to complete this project.