

"I have a Dream".

"I Have a Dream" was a public speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28, 1963. In the speech he called for an end to racism in the United States.

I have a dream.

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation. [...] This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. [...]



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"I Have a Dream".

Deeply rooted in the American dream

that any four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character

that little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers



MARTIN LUTHER KING,
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In the period between 1957 and 1968, King spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest and action. He wrote five books and numerous articles. He directed the peaceful march on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C.: about 250,000 people were there. In that occasion King gave the famous speech "I Have a Dream".

"I HAVE A DREAM"

"We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence [...] We cannot be satisfied as long as⁽¹⁾ the Negro's basic nobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood⁽²⁾ and robbed of their dignity by signs starting "For Whites only". We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote [...]

I say to you today, my friends, even though we face⁽³⁾ the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream [...]

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners⁽⁴⁾ will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood⁽⁵⁾.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day down in Alabama little black boys and little black girls will join hands⁽⁶⁾ with little white boys and little white girls as sister and brothers...I have a dream today! We will work together, pray together, go to jail⁽⁷⁾ together knowing that we will be free one day...

That day all of God's children...will sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty⁽⁸⁾, we are free at last".

[From Martin Luther King Jr's speech in Washington DC on August 28, 1963]



- (1) as long as = finché;
- (2) stripped of their selfhood = spogliati della loro personalità;
- (3) affrontiamo;
- (4) proprietari di schiavi;
- (5) fratellanza;
- (6) will join hands = si prenderanno per mano;
- (7) go to jail = andremo in prigione;
- (8) Onnipotente.