

## **We Are the New Colossus**

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Let us go forth awake, conscious.  
Freedom and justice we must now restore.  
Bound together as a community,  
The wretched cannot refuse us anymore.  
Producing thoughts and words, swirling wind with seed,  
A mounting wave the world cannot ignore.

Like an invisible giant without a name,  
With unity we shall free every mind:  
In *this* place walls, fences, borders, shall not bind.  
This being, born of ancient wisdom's flame,  
Whose ideas are repressed fire...and its name?  
We The People! From fists upraised, aligned,  
Glow world-wide solidarity defined.  
Now life, liberty, and justice we *claim*.

“Seek, within, the truth at the roots!” cry we,  
“Our other selves: awaken, we implore,  
Rise up, use your wings, fly in liberty!  
The wretched can control your mind no more:  
The game is in your hands. Eyes closed, you'll see:  
Truth, not illusion. Be free forevermore!”