

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!”