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## Foreword & Response

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FOREWORD (I, Too by Langston Hughes)

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.  
They send me to eat in the kitchen  
When company comes,  
But I laugh,  
And eat well,  
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,  
I'll be at the table  
When company comes.  
Nobody'll dare  
Say to me,  
"Eat in the kitchen,"  
Then.

Besides,  
They'll see how beautiful I am  
And be ashamed—

I, too, am America.

RESPONSE (We are here by Charlene Browne)

We are here  
Through the storm and the rain  
We are here  
Despite the sweat and the pain

On our skin  
You see the bullseye for your hate  
With your mouth  
you shred our existence and condemn our fate

But our voices, yes our voices  
Break the bonds of your disgrace  
And our souls, oh our souls  
Grow stronger everyday

So we will sing  
until we die  
Let our stories  
lay us to rest

We are here  
We are here  
And you will listen,  
Oh you will listen.